7/20/25 OFF THE GROUND: By various means

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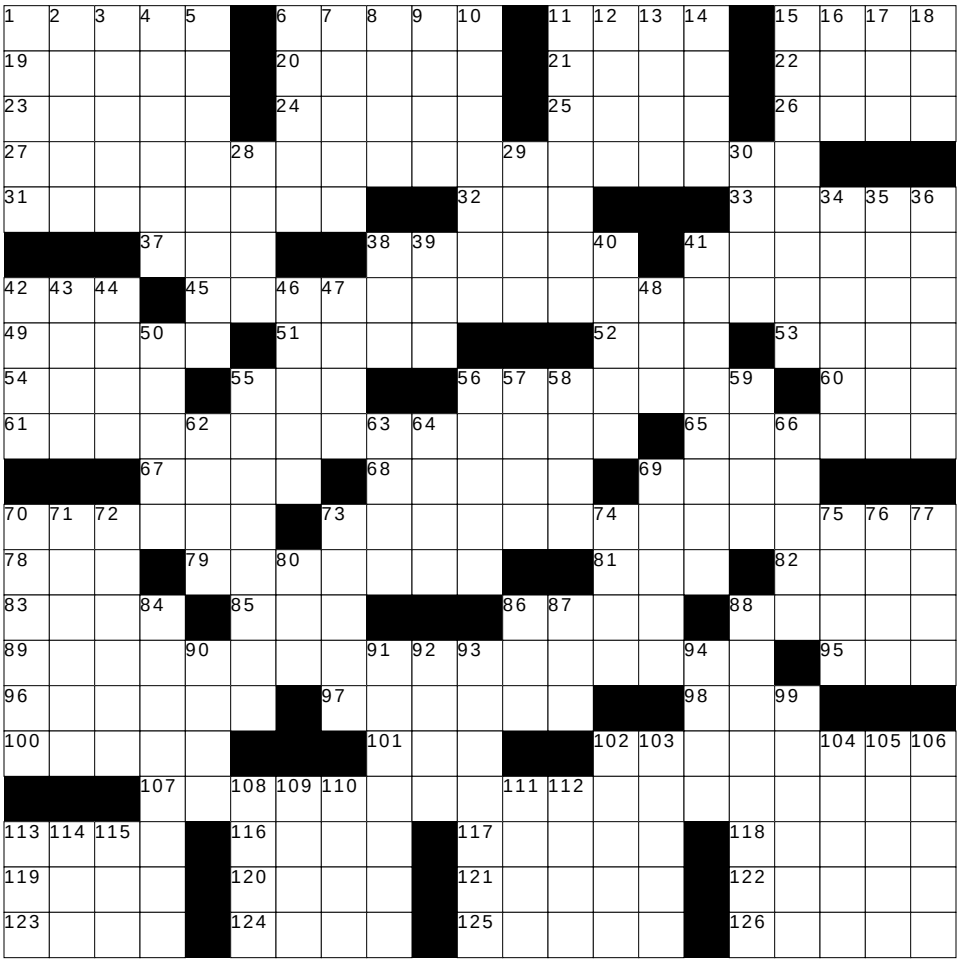

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Across

1 Sour-tasting
6 Longstocking of kid lit
11 Way of walking
15 Fake quarter
19 Part of USNA
20 Colloquial phrase
21 In the remote past
22 Light fog
23 Climate activist Thunberg
24 Attribute to, as blame
25 Strong smell
26 Off-ramp
27 Treating to supper out
31 Experiment analysis input
32 __ Mahal
33 Contemporary witchcraft
37 "Yuck!"
38 With slots for quarters
41 Half a "You're excused" phrase
42 Air Force decoration: Abbr.
45 Leaving for work without eating
49 Gone with the Wind guy
51 Banister
52 __ Baba
53 Abbr. like mlle.
54 Top-rated
55 Moral misstep
56 Steam iron's target
60 Sun. speech
61 Refusing payment due to insufficient funds
65 Impostors
67 Common Russian female name
68 Bath sponge
69 Bring on board
70 On __ (fleeing)
73 Berating
78 Harry Potter pal
79 Anesthetizes
81 Deploy
82 Bestow upon
83 Mine: Fr.
85 Faulty firecracker
86 No longer fizzy
88 Still to come
89 Overcoming obstacles
95 __-cone (icy treat)
96 Incites
97 Quick trip to the store
98 Faux __
100 Operetta composer Franz
101 Make public
102 Varsity rowers
107 Accepting an offer eagerly
113 Boyfriend
116 Okra portions
117 Jazz (up)
118 Synthetic fiber
119 Amenable (to)
120 Creme-filled cookie
121 Freddy Krueger's addr.
122 Some corporate jets
123 Rhymester
124 Stitched line
125 Les __-Unis
126 Minneapolis suburb

Down

1 Fearful feeling
2 __ diem (seize the day: Lat.)
3 Civil rights leader Medgar
4 Ostrich or kiwi, to zoologists
5 Least spicy
6 Small songbird
7 Menzel of Frozen
8 Sonar sound
9 "And it's gone!"
10 Voicemail phrase
11 "Well done!"
12 Me, myself __
13 Much-admired figure
14 Gull cousin
15 Old West officers
16 Hardly attentive
17 Commando film weapon
18 Figure out
28 Rubberneck
29 Pressed a doorbell
30 Star Wars series creature
34 Rough-textured
35 "Last Stand" general
36 Wedding vow venues
38 Cost-of-living no.
39 Dressing ingredient
40 Practical joke
41 Manicurist's tool
42 Nondescript
43 Wave off
44 List of choices
46 Common Russian female name
47 Regretful feeling
48 Antlered beast
50 Operatic voice
55 Registered as a guest
56 Defeats soundly
57 Modified mortgage, for short
58 Optimistic assertion
59 Countess' husband
62 Dues recipient
63 Grad
64 Grooming tool
66 IRA alternative
69 Reckless speed
70 See the world
71 Public tribute
72 Sufficient
73 Dog show official
74 Green dip, briefly
75 Is a contender
76 Welsh John
77 Overhaul
80 Habit wearer
84 Casablanca heroine
86 Enjoyable
87 TV display
88 All things considered
90 Pulled apart
91 Window over a door
92 Etymology abbr.
93 Frozen dessert brand
94 Proposal detail
99 Rubbernecked
102 Pirate's repository
103 Monopoly payments
104 Mao associate Zhou __
105 Oak, formerly
106 Brainy group
108 GI addresses
109 Study, with "over"
110 Creative thought
111 Incline a bit
112 Game of Thrones rating
113 Short haircut
114 MPG rating agency
115 Prefix like atmo-