# **Cross WORD**

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### •••• 8 Tough and Tricky Themed Crosswords





Dear puzzler,

Puzzles are a good way to take your mind off the outside world. And each puzzle solved, no matter how hard or easy, is a small source of satisfaction in these hard times.

We hope these free puzzles will make a pleasant diversion to pass the time through the day.

Stanley Newman was so kind to contribute for free 8 special and hard Crossword puzzles. Stanley is a leading US-Crossword constructor and editor, and the 1982 American Crossword Tournament champion.

Have fun and take care,

~Peter

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1 NHL team, for short **6** Progressive Insurance spokesperson 9 Pointed ends 14 Suggestions 15 Polka band sound **17** Former New York Philharmonic conductor 18 "Great, thank you" 19 Rocky swashbuckler? 21 Obviously abashed 22 Hopeless case 23 Caravan components 26 Major Aussie airport, on tags 27 Wand **29** Not concerted **30** Just some 32 Relish 34 Was sore **38** Rocky British actress? 41 Upright 42 About 35 ounces 43 Zone 44 Centers of activity 46 Three-way plumbing joint **48** TiVo, for example 49 Loud and proud **52** Lady friend in Italy

# 54 Little shaver 55 Rocky gospel singer? 60 Ultra-devotion 63 Homeland of 17 Across 64 Chaplin's heyday 65 Legal attachments 66 Hoisted and carried 67 Lacrosse goal 68 Twill fabric

#### Down

1 Lawn treatment 2 Athlete's snack 3 Venus' equivalent 4 Typical dorm furniture 5 Not as innovative 6 Thwart 7 Like the earliest recordings 8 Eerie sign **9** "Southern" school **10** Former TV band **11** Pointy pinnacle **12** Advisory group 13 Casts off **16** Source of Siamese supplies 20 Didn't move 24 "Regrettably . . . " **25** Latte variety

- **26** Benefits
- 28 Liner levels

**29** Long-legged wader **31** Laptop experts **33** Snowmobile part **35** Juice with punch **36** Exalting **37** Kind person **39** Heat measures 40 Musical deficiency 45 "Babel Tower" author 47 Online exchange **49** Great time **50** Beach bring-along 51 Grown 53 Lint collector 56 Appearance **57** Times long past 58 Small flier **59** Unaffectedness **61** Common Korean surname

62 Elicitor's question

#### **ROCK STARS**

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#### WORKING WRITERS

#### Across

1 Fools 6 TR or JFK 10 Support, with "with" 14 Mitchell heroine **15** Barnyard sound **16** Pupil's surroundings 17 What's expected **18** Just **19** "All My " (Miller play) 20 "Kim" author **23** Poetic preposition 24 Costa Sol **25** Large quantity 26 End of Baylor's URL 28 Spectrum component **29** Sheep sound **31** Try to win at auction 33 Small battery **34** Gettysburg general 36 Prefix like uni-37 "Tom Jones" author **41** Palace protector 42 Remain unused **43** Yellowish brown 44 "Understood!" 46 Assembly-line worker **48** Singsong syllable 51 "Grey's Anatomy" roles **52** Land in the Seine

54 Live
55 5th-century invader
56 ''Lord of the Flies'' author
60 Flintstones' pet
61 Bit of kindling
62 2011 hurricane
63 Biblical preposition
64 Racer of fable
65 Feature of some oranges
66 ''Understood!''
67 Examined
68 Water pitchers

#### Down

1 More gloomy **2** Skeptical comment **3** Heaped praise on 4 Toolbox insert **5** Diner amenity 6 Canine named Claude, perhaps 7 Winter Olympics venue **8** Army volunteer 9 Microsoft's phone company 10 66 Across, for Alberto 11 Attached, as a patch 12 Bell sound

13 Feminine suffix

- 21 Passes along
- 22 Testing center
- 27 Family card game
- **30** Samuel of the Supreme Court
- 32 Poker declaration
- **33** Start for hero or body
- **35** Matador's opponent
- **37** Deceive
- 38 Chips away at
- **39** "Start asking your questions"
- 40 News story starter
- 41 "A Night at the Opera" studio
- 45 Up to, for short
- 47 Captured
- 48 Take illegally
- **49** Sled blade
- 50 Well-behaved kids
- 53 Easily bent
- **57** "Now see here . . . "
- 58 Deep mud
- **59** No-win result
- 60 Couple

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#### FEATHERED FELLOWS

#### Across

1 Study (for) 5 "Dark Shadows" star 9 Lyricist Cahn 14 At this point 15 Pastel shade 16 Degrade **17** Humid and chilly 18 Lily or onion 19 Nary a soul 20 Wading bird 22 Dieter's concern 23 Sincere 24 Largest bird **26** Seasonal bug 28 Takes the action **31** Facilitate **32** Barbecue add-on **33** Essential part 35 Cause of some blowups 38 "Thrilla in Manila" winner **39** Noisy bird **41** Make public **42** Loud laugh **43** It comes from the 33 Across 44 Snowmobile attachment 45 Pack animal 46 Word-of-mouth **49** Frat-party delivery

50 Barnyard bird
54 Tick off
56 Knight weapon
57 Largest-wingspan bird
62 ''My Fair Lady" locale
63 Egyptian port
64 ''Double Stuf" treat
65 Oldest of the Beatles
66 Equal to it
67 Close examination
68 Within easy reach
69 Slackens, with ''up"
70 Sawbucks

#### Down

1 Many profs. 2 Realize, as profits **3** Inventor from Budapest 4 Export from India **5** Putter around 6 Prefix like iso-7 Influence, so to speak 8 Literature Nobelist Neruda **9** Holiness 10 On the bus **11** Language that gave us ''kiwi'' 12 "Morning Joe" channel

**13** Exclamation of frustration **21** Put the collar on **25** Country singer Evans **26** Start to unravel **27** Pip **29** Calendar col. **30** Handle well **34** Open slightly 35 Ad-hoc committee **36** NFL uniform supplier **37** High school class **39** Summer camp activity 40 Fail to keep **45** Meeting of the minds 47 Bowls over 48 Opposite of "extinguished" 50 Conflict **51** Till, in Guayaquil **52** Pizarro opponent **53** Sounding congested 55 "Mending Wall" poet **58** Garage task **59** Elongated region 60 Combs of music **61** Mitt Romney quintet

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1 Cop's quarry **5** Lost ground **9** Piped up 14 October birthstone 15 Galileo's hometown 16 China-plate stand **17** Erudite 18 Act as lookout, perhaps **19** Plant tissue **20** Domino effect 23 Wasikowska of "Alice in Wonderland" 24 Blokes 25 Stir up 29 Horn sound 31 In favor of 34 Second man on the moon 36 Resell quickly **37** ''It's !'' (speakeasy cry) **38** Winning streak 39 Bring about **40** Seafarers 41 No Hemingway 43 Antlered animal 44 Big party 45 City near Denver **46** Timeline slice **47** Exploitation **48** Threatening talk

# 55 Missile housing 56 Prefix for distance 57 Ultimate cause 59 Used as a dining table 60 Seethe 61 Was up on 62 Little lizard 63 Vocalized 64 Not very good

SEESAW

#### Down

1 Sound of a smack 2 Majestic **3** Too quick 4 Arraignment statement 5 "Water" dog 6 First sign of fall 7 ''Got it'' 8 Researcher's collection 9 Jazz group 10 Ante up **11** Ibsen hangout **12** Enthusiastic 13 North Dakota state tree **21** Moper's musing 22 Encouraging word **25** Tone down

- **26** From the country
- 27 Mountainous Missouri county

**28** Commando weapons 29 Cease-fire **30** Sty cry 31 Dwarf planet since 2006 32 Stage platform **33** Wagner work 35 "Phooey!" **36** Not very good **39** Not very nice 41 Learn (of) 42 Frittering away 44 Western raisin center **46** Tablet reading 47 Full reversal 48 Location 49 Jack on "30 Rock" **50** Pickett's chargers 51 Tint like turquoise 52 Nettles **53** Off-limits thing 54 Gets lost 55 Sink under pressure 58 Seesaw quorum

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1 More than miffed 8 Country with fjords 15 Weaving material 16 North African nation 17 Lake's ever-pending nature? 19 Serpentine shape 20 Sales pitch **21** Unseen elements **22** Many Animal Planet subjects 24 Approximation, for short **25** Chevy sister make 26 Wasn't out there 28 Unwelcome guest **32** Determined to do **35** Festive occasion **37** Resembling **38** 'I'll see that lake eventually"? 42 Consists of 43 Multitude 44 Is great, to teens 45 Starts getting paid to play 48 Penn degree offering 49 Arctic bird 50 Ray preceder 52 Grp. that trains at Quantico **56** Firm understanding

# 59 Clamor 61 Seasoned campaigner 62 Fondly nostalgic for a lake? 65 Management level 66 African OPEC member 67 Must 68 Tennis wear

NOT SO GREAT

**1** Tough to climb **2** Succinct in speech 3 Be **4** Wore away 5 Young lady 6 Fled and wed 7 Supermarket departments 8 Tilted text, for short **9** Baby panda **10** Puzzling person **11** Purple flowers 12 Not guaranteed **13** Late hours, in ads 14 Work shift 18 Zoo employee 23 "Outta here!" **25** Gown renter **27** Place to stay 28 Satiate **29** Icy fall

**30** Of another sort

- **31** "Darn it!"
- **32** Layered hairdo
- 33 39 Down successor
- **34** Possum hangout
- **35** Lamb sandwich
- **36** Interbank network terminal
- **39** Former Frankfurt coin
- 40 Sphere
- **41** Party with poi
- **46** Accessorized, as some dresses
- 47 Study group
- 48 Sheet fabric
- 50 vivant
- **51** International service club
- 53 Hybrid utensil
- 54 Paramount product
- **55** Transparent
- 56 FBI agents
- 57 Asia's most important crop
- 58 Longing
- **59** iPod model
- 60 Outer limit
- 63 Seized
- 64 Grazing ground

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#### Across **1** Controversy **8** Visit briefly **15** Polynesia's place 16 Medal of Honor recipient **17** Bucolic folk song **19** First stage **20** Brogan bottom 21 Wee hour **22** Article written by Hugo **24** Hold tight 27 Take a chance **30** Puck shape 32 Chilean Literature Nobelist 36 Pivotal line 38 Essence 40 Capital on the Atlantic 41 With 43 Across, Oscar song for 1947 43 See 41 Across 45 Page of "Juno" **46** Edifying facts **48** Level-headed 49 NBA stats 51 With 72 Across, the King of Elevator Music?

#### **53** Homeland Security agcy.

# 54 Starling cousin 56 Turntable letters 58 Excessively 61 For one 63 Hard to explain 67 Oscar song for 1982 71 Keep one's promises 72 See 51 Across 73 Rapture 74 Major city of ancient Crete

#### Down

**1** Featherbrain 2 "Pop" favorite **3** Bastes, perhaps 4 Switchboard, e.g. 5 All together 6 Shortest-name element 7 Chow 8 "Oh, great!" 9 Allow to enter without ID 10 Roth plan 11 Org. with Jets and Sharks 12 Moola 13 Cook up 14 Vacillate 18 Gets fast money for **23** Astrological concern 25 Uncool one **26** Impolite acquisitions

- ELEVATOR MUSIC
- 27 Innocents
- 28 Walk on air
- **29** Sports championship
- 31 "Absolutamente!"
- **33** Battle of the Atlantic craft
- 34 Becomes clear
- 35 Confused
- 37 Heat source
- **39** 27th president
- 42 Nothing more than
- 44 Crime-drama genre
- 47 "When pigs fly!"
- **50** Entangles
- 52 USA Swimming sponsor
- 55 Mimicry
- 57 Blends together
- **58** Arrogance, informally
- **59** Vienna-based trade bloc
- 60 Rowling mail deliverers
- 62 Business benefit
- 64 French kings
- 65 time flat
- 66 Caviar, essentially
- 68 Come upon
- 69 Stowe girl
- 70 Economist Bernanke

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#### **BOOZE AND HISSES**

#### Across 1 Flutter, as an eyelash 4 Irritated 9 Square-mile fraction 13 Creative inspiration 14 Train **15** General Mills brand 16 John Wayne's birthplace **17** Personal preference 18 Tiny ravelings 19 What helps to take bad booze in stride? 22 Fax ancestor 23 Box score abbr. 24 Brink 25 "Good" cholesterol 26 What we have here **30** Sort of gutter blockage **32** Weather systems **34** Solemn observance 35 Complain about bad booze? **39** Energy measurements **40** Don't fold 41 Keystone St. city 44 Really moved 45 Loafer 48 Society girl 49 Elvis record label **51** High society

53 When had booze is served after hours? 58 Fisher of "Wedding Crashers" 59 "Uncle!" **60** Main attraction 61 Caribou kin 62 Potato, for one 63 Stoic philosopher **64** Failing that **65** Limited-choice question 66 Possible blowup cause Down 1 Raised, as spirits **2** Additionally **3** Irritate 4 "It's for," for short 5 Homophone of 3 Down 6 Mitigate

3 Down
6 Mitigate
7 One concerned with lines
8 Justice Department arm
9 First Amendment lobby
10 Added one's two cents
11 Make over

- 12 Immoderate
- 13 Happy feeling

- 20 Bonus 21 Here: Lat. 27 Trainee's question **28** Fills in, as ''Family Circus" **29** Numbers, backwards and forwards **31** CNN colleague of Wolf **32** Blend together 33 Break apart 35 Coffeecake topping 36 Minor objections **37** Turn green, maybe 38 Expand **39** Place for a night table 42 Old hand **43** Sharpness 45 Purdue, Indiana, etc. 46 '60s UN leader 47 Rapid transit system **50** Engage in debate 52 "Faust Symphony" composer
  - 54 Undisguised
- 55 Parts of overalls
- 56 Place for pizza
- **57** Grand-nephew of Claudius

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1 "Cake Boss" airer **4** Flow away 7 Man-cave music maker 14 Blade in the water **15** Mimicking **16** Utterly foolish 17 Student-focused org. 18 Cousteau craft **19** Annoyed **20** Typist's tap 23 Bit of gymwear 24 Eiffel Tower, essentially 25 Whole lot **26** Enthusiastic **29** Fountain fare **30** Isolate, due to a blizzard 32 Earth Day org. 33 Special skill **35** Bluetooth alternative 36 Slow pitch **37** Most considerate **41** Tablet software 44 Zilch 45 Driver's invitation 49 Dust-jacket feature 50 Seasoned sailor 53 Climbed 54 Spread out **56** Safari sighting

57 Bottle one's anger
58 Likewise
59 Out of whack
61 Heat-retaining
64 Paranormal sighting
65 Fabric feature
66 Lost it
67 Deflate some
68 \_\_ number on
69 Slow speed
70 Major rd.
71 Prefix for charge

CANINES

#### Down

1 First sergeant, informally **2** Subsequently 3 Silly Putty owner 4 Cardinal point **5** Says without thinking 6 Boor 7 Agatha sleuth 8 Try out 9 Coyly playful 10 Walk right in **11** Duplex descriptor 12 Till bill 13 Struck (out) **21** Light bite **22** Power, to Francis Bacon 26 "Spirit of '76" instrument

 NASDAQ debut Apply lightly 31 Nintendo game console 34 Niece or aunt 38 Carol Forensic ID Piece of statuary Muscles to crunch Extraordinary thing 43 Be an omen of Poker player's calculation Poker player's phrase Annual celebration Sudden surge Horselaugh Ventricle outlet Swiss abstractionist **60** Sluggish Erstwhile Pan Am rival Female octopus 63 Well-put

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