

# The Optimist

The meta answer is a classic summer treat

**Across**

- 1. High point of a trip to Switzerland
- 4. Lyra's brightest star
- 8. Terra del \_\_\_
- 13. \_\_\_ Speedwagon
- 14. Bring home
- 15. GM driver's assistance amenity, especially helpful if your car breaks down a lot
- 16. Member of a Panama tribe of escaped, enslaved, Africans
- 18. Heart healthy, but boring, diet
- 19. Nothing left
- 21. GPS recs.
- 22. Municipal laws: Abbr.
- 25. London lout
- 26. What most everybody looks down on
- 27. Tamp down the hostilities
- 34. "Conning Tower" columnist's initials
- 35. Spilled the pintos
- 36. Beleagured heir to Henry's company
- 37. Burst of sonic ecstasy
- 39. Miami baserunners
- 41. Unstable dragster fuel
- 42. Quick, and now outdated, office correspondence

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- 43. "Gossip Girl" creator Anna
- 44. Gives a nudge
- 47. Training money
- 48. Make tracks
- 49. Quiet demands
- 50. 30's boxing champ Max
- 54. How time reportedly passes while having fun
- 58. Armed marine predators
- 60. Triple Crown winner: 1948
- 64. Lawrence of Arabis star Peter
- 65. Spotty type of horse
- 66. Sob
- 67. Like 65A but bigger spots (and probably less trustworthy)
- 68. Clumsy neckwear for a pair of Spanish oxes
- 69. "That said"

- 5. Count, now
- 6. Hot drink
- 7. Ticked off
- 8. Hereafter (in texting)
- 9. "Back in the \_\_\_"
- 10. Something ripe for a Coup
- 11. Battering wind
- 12. Crumbs
- 15. Turning point in ancient history
- 17. It holds a yard
- 20. Discouraging words
- 22. Cause affront to
- 23. Fix or \_\_\_ daily (acronym for a car)
- 24. Beloved by
- 27. Fancy hairstyles
- 28. Stately shade tree
- 29. Sleek, for short
- 30. "Bad" cholesterol
- 31. "Do \_\_\_" (parent's order)
- 32. Teaching goal
- 33. Famous cow and her namesakes
- 35. New Mexico art community

- 38. Assoc.
- 39. Blokes
- 40. Invoice abbr.
- 42. Apery
- 45. 1966 Michael Caine role
- 46. Acronymic computer of "2001"
- 47. NASCAR legend A.J.
- 50. Cartoon vamp, Betty \_\_\_
- 51. Broadway opening
- 52. Berkshire school
- 53. Carrot, e.g.
- 55. Headless vowel volley
- 56. Alone
- 57. Barcelona bathroom
- 59. Arafat's grp.
- 61. Aloof
- 62. Bauxite, e.g.
- 63. Publisher of WORDLE; Abbr.

**Down**

- 1. Parenthesis, essentially
- 2. Ring of Hawaiian Islands
- 3. Little dog, for short
- 4. Young beef