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ACROSS

- 1 Each
- 5 ___ Shapiro of NPR
- 8 Hard work
- **12** Commercial, in Australia
- 18 One-named artist who sang, "Do you believe in life after love?"
- 19 State of matter
- 20 9th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 21 Expert's advice
- 22 Assistant
- 23 Place where you use a PIN
- 24 Those living in a particular country . (like Botswana, say)
- 26 Conflict involving Nazis, for short
- 28 Manufactured in Detroit, for example
- 29 Wearing clothes
- 30 B flat and F sharp, for example
- 33 Sparkly headgear
- 35 Endorse a romantic relationship
- 36 Desert refuge
- 39 Became waterless
- 43 Dress rehearsal
- 46 Sound of shock
- 49 Without face value, as stocks
- 50 Casual top
- 51 Sightseeing trip
- 52 West of Paris
- 54 Attorneys' degs.
- 55 Actress, Issa ___
- **56** Boyfriend

- 58 Stewed and liquified cow stomach, widely considered to be a hangover remedy (although having to eat this might act as a getting drunk remedy!)
- 60 QB's gains
- 61 Fashionable
- 63 Golfer Norman and actor Kinnear
- 64 Tried and true method of tracking down malfeasance in government (and a hint for finding the answer to the meta)
- 70 "My Big Fat Greek Wedding" protagonist, ___ Portokalos
- 71 Epic space opera/fantasy comic book series written by Brian K. Vaughan and illustrated by Fiona Staples
- 72 Dept. head
- 75 Someone with an abnormally sensitive nervous system
- 78 "It's either you ___"
- 81 Material that's mined
- 82 77th and 85th attorney general of the US, William ___
- 83 Manic ___ dream girl
- 84 Showed up
- 86 By way of
- 87 "Sk8er Boi" singer, 123 Units of mass ___ Lavigne
- 89 Visionary
- 90 Small bush
- 92 Characteristic of a hyena
- 94 Japanese alternative healing practice

- 96 "A grain, which in England is generally given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people"
- 97 "You could ___ pin drop!"

(Johnson)

- 100 Righteous Babe Records founder, Ani
- 103 Madonna song, "La ___ Bonita"
- 106 Reasonably close
- 109 Singer whose song "Book of Days" was featured in the Ron Howard film "Far And Away"
- 110 Excessively thin (like you got lost in the highlands of PNG and had to survive by eating whatever you could find but you weren't very successful)
- 112 Animal associated with Bruce Wayne
- 113 "You ___ what you sow"
- 117 Suspect in the first season of "Only Murders In The Building", ___ Guy
- 118 Opera about an Ethiopian princess
- 119 "Paper Girls" actress, ___ Wong
- 120 Canvas shelter
- 121 Major artistic works
- 122 Polite rural assent, to a schoolmarm perhaps
- 124 Breakfast fare

DOWN

- 1 US federal health law
- 2 21st letter of the Greek alphabet

- 3 British ref. work
- 4 Period before 26 across, for short
- 5 Once more
- 6 Like pi, for example
- 7 Ideology
- 8 "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt" actor, ___ Burgess
- **9** ___ and aahs
- 10 Result of a successful 35 across, perhaps
- 11 Wash gently against
- 12 Materialize
- 13 Gru's twin brother (cf. "Despicable Me 3")
- 14 The study of Krakatoa, Mauna Loa, Eyjafjallajokull, etc.
- 15 List-ending abbr.
- 16 Costa ___
- 17 Committed a Halloween prank, informally
- 25 Amo : I love :: ___ : I hate
- 27 "Dukes of Hazzard" star, Tom
- 30 What bad things may come in, supposedly
- 31 African crested bird (var.)
- 32 Caesar suffix
- 34 Sprinted
- 35 Place
- __ nose!" (what a grownup says while playing a game that must be absolutely terrifying to the poor toddler)

- 38 The "lizard" part of the word Sir Richard Owen came up with in 1841 to describe
- 40 Grade below C

the fossils of

extinct reptiles

- 41 Inclined plane
- 42 12-mo. periods
- 44 Overhead tennis shot
- 45 Feel bad about
- 47 "Meinst du, ich ___ ein Kind, oder wahnsinnig?" (Goethe)
- 48 Version of Sony's handheld gamé console released in 2009
- **50** Score by grounding the ball in rugby
- 53 Fork-tailed seabird
- 57 University Hospital of Wales (abbr.)
- 59 Visualize
- 62 "My parcel has arrived!"
- 64 Neckties tied in a loose knot with two hanging ends that was popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries
- 65 Lord's Prayer start
- 66 Forklift that doesn't get very high off the ground (abbr.)
- _ lazuli (blue 67 mineral)
- 68 "Guardians of the Galaxy 2" antagonist
- 69 "February's no good, but I can do _ that still works for you'
- 70 French potato: pomme de _
- 72 Relocate in

73 Southern breakfast dish that I have not vet had the opportunity to sample

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- 74 "The Crying Game" actor, Stephen _
- 75 Village People song, "In the ___
- 76 Dwarf's weapon of choice
- 77 Wedding cake layer
- 79 Damage
- 80 Aussie bird that I see in crosswords far more than in real life
- 82 "___ humbug!"
- 85 Wood from a Paul McCartney and Stevie Wonder duet
- 88 Tell an untruth
- 90 Compete in a slalom
- **91** A ___ (by the menu)
- 93 Famous French film festival
- 95 "___ of Jeannie"
- 98 Curtain holder
- 99 Cornered
- 101 Royal's domain
- 102 Those against
- 103 Comparative phrase
- 104 Leave out
- ___ of (instead 105 In
- 107 Pate de ___ gras
- 108 "No ifs, ___ or buts!"
- 111 Assent at sea
- 112 Tote, for example
- 114 Brain scan, for short
- 115 "Life of Pi" director, ___ Lee
- 116 TDs are worth six