

A More Perfect Union

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The answer is a 12-letter phrase you might promise in a wedding vow.

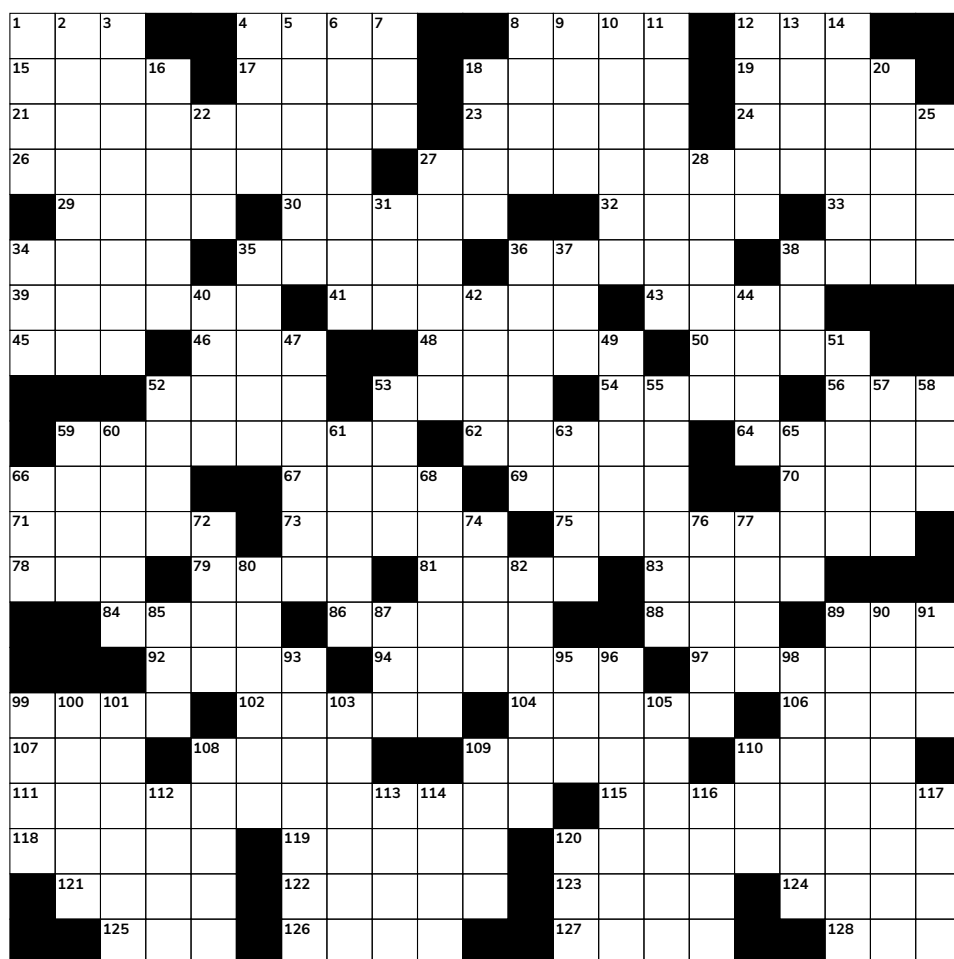
ACROSS

- 1 Response to an oversharer
4 Inquires
8 Malek who played Mercury
12 Crown, in Persian
15 Hon
17 Like much of Iran
18 Host of 2026 Olympics
19 "I know ____ who knows ____"
21 Way to check if leftovers are spoiled
23 In progress
24 Sire, Bible-style
26 Comedically spoofs, like in "Tropic Thunder"
27 Nickname for literary criminal Jack Dawkins
29 Prejudice that might make you take sides... like you need to do at the end of this puzzle (in grid order)
30 Some hospital work
32 Dynamic leader?
33 Phone standard, for short
34 Bean on TV
35 It used to be called Orchard Field
36 Opposite of veracious
38 Hall of food?
39 Dorothy was one
41 Home to Sauron, in "Lord of the Rings"
43 Brontë heroine
45 Jr. and sr.
46 ____ Kids on the Block
48 Sign of late summer
50 Flotsam and Jetsam, for two
52 Trickster god
53 Witty remark
54 Hop, skip or jump, e.g.
56 Bo Derek movie
59 Superhero with 58-Across rings
62 Appropriately-named '50s bandleader Bill ____, who fronted His Comets
64 "Hello" singer
66 Email folder
67 Provide for free, informally
69 Certain

- 70 Annoys
71 Dark brown shade
73 Like 60% of the world's population
75 Tenses up
78 Place to spend the night
79 Small change
81 Mo. for some 48-Acrosses
83 Zeros, in soccer
84 Hit the road
86 Former Nebraska senator Ben
88 Sticky stuff
89 One before juin
92 Negative votes
94 Checked for accuracy
97 Well-known reference book, familiarly
99 Knee parts: Abbr.
102 Middleton and Moss, for two
104 Strength in an interview
106 Emanuel of Chicago politics
107 Asian honorific
108 1974 Peace Nobel from Japan
109 Rock group ____ Boingo
110 Pickle flavoring
111 With 115-Across, a certain proclamation that you need to make six times in this puzzle
115 See 111-Across
118 Coarse wheat variety
119 In unison
120 Unofficial poll
121 Of untarnished character
122 Ditties
123 Schlep
124 Ireland, poetically
125 Easy mark
126 Protestant denom.
127 Butter substitute
128 Toastmasters

DOWN

- 1 Shortening for a chef?
2 Protective parent
3 People from Spain and Portugal
4 Sweet Italian bubbly
5 "Jeez!"



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- 6 What covers first base at a ball game?
7 Plopped down
8 Pandemonium
9 First letter of the Arabic alphabet
10 Handbook
11 Language of the Stati Uniti d'America
12 Not allowed; also a party game by Hasbro
13 Like some cheese
14 Multitask
16 Modern-day cash advances
18 Dept. store supervisors
20 Throws, as a Zoomer might
22 Mormon Church inits.
25 Uno y dos
27 Strike ____
28 Edy's partner in ice cream

- 31 Not prone to crushes, for short
34 Chicago's WNBA team
35 Weight of a liter of water (abbr.)
36 '60s Supreme Court justice Abe
37 Buenos Aires' country: Abbr.
38 Blanc who was Bugs
40 In the near future
42 Menu selection
44 Country singer McEntire
47 Certain neopagan
49 Obvious
51 Unsmiling
52 Home for a djinn
53 Rock legend Hendrix
55 Watching
57 They fill a lodge
58 Switch ancestor, for short
59 Length of time

- 60 Emulate a ghost
61 Toastmasters
63 One of the deadly sins
65 Hits 0% battery
66 Bad thing to catch (abbr.)
68 Doesn't flunk
72 ____dor, country whose name literally means "equator"
74 Branch headquarters?
76 Flower, in Florence
77 ____ Powder (teleportation substance in "Harry Potter")
80 Neo-soul singer Badu
82 How Farmer Hoggett might refer to 15-Across
85 Wimbledon runner-up Jabeur, first African woman to appear in a major singles final

- 87 Hail, to Caesar
89 Larva used in some science projects
90 One "A" in NCAA
91 Suffix with social or skeptic
93 Fill to capacity
95 Long time
96 Handy?
98 Lament
99 "Even ____ speak..."
100 Pinch, as pie crust
101 Type of test
103 Fifty-fifty chance
105 "Amen to that!"
108 Throat affliction
109 Singles
110 Drops on the ground?
112 Queen of Mount Olympus
113 Rice-A-____
114 Agnes, in Argentina
116 Angelic aura
117 Lions' lairs
120 HBO rival