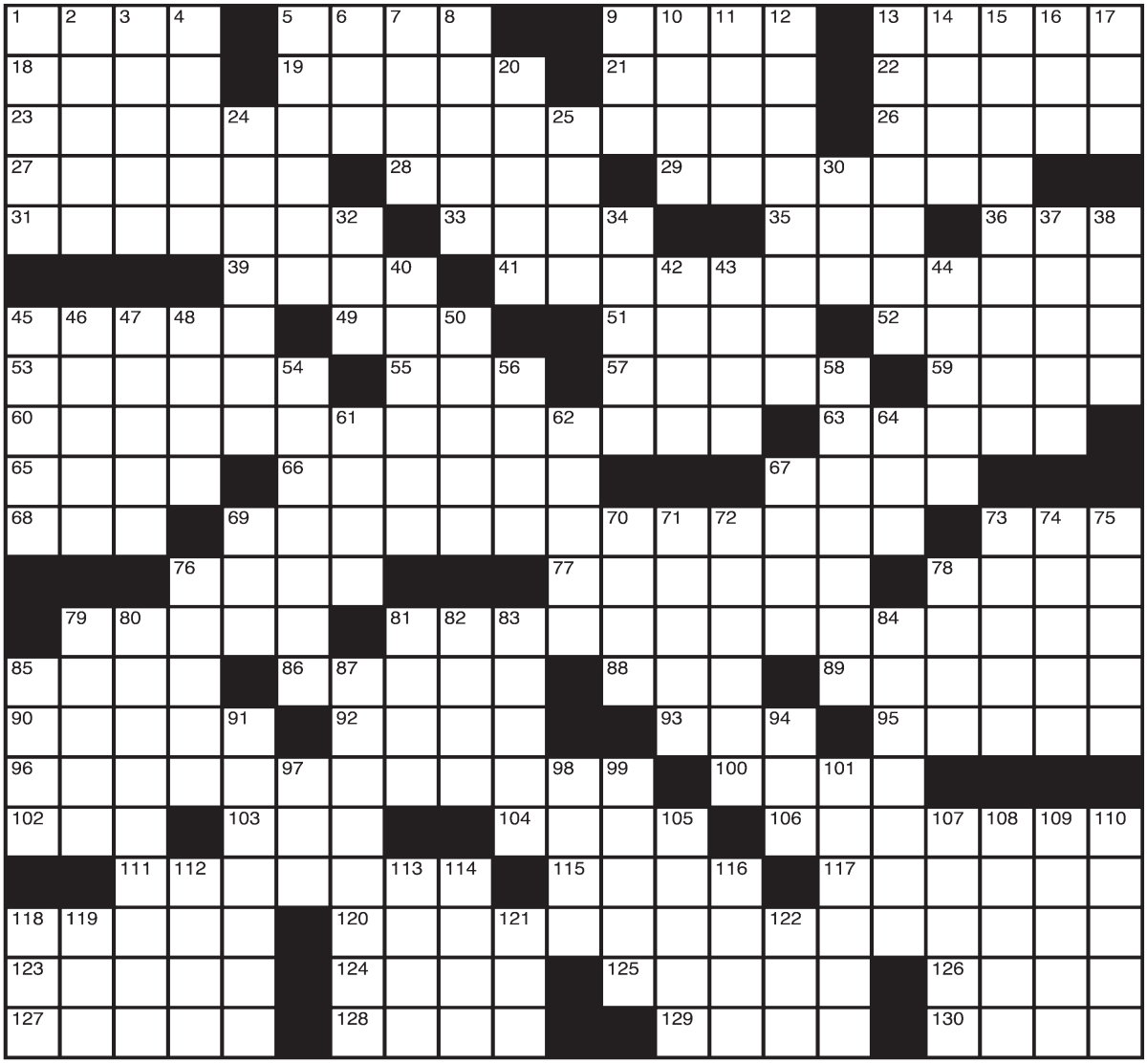
"FIVE STARS" BY RICKY J. SIROIS

ACROSS

1 Boxer's attire
5 Cries and cries
9 Stretched to the limit
13 Implant
18 Took a hatchet to
19 Freckles, e.g.
21 Sch. in Sin City
22 Disney film with the song "Shiny"
23 Glowing review for a groundskeeper's work?
26 Nickname for the NFL's Chargers
27 Like modern microchips vis-à-vis those of the past
28 "Physician, __ thyself"
29 Digital painting?
31 Mooched
33 Oil barrel
35 Repeated word in the unofficial USPS motto
36 Owned
39 Tennis great Björn
41 Glowing review for a preprandial prayer?
45 Hasbro's "game of unspeakable fun"
49 Stretch that may be named for a music genre
51 Ready to serve
52 Moves like lava
53 Grande of "Wicked: For Good"
55 Show stoppers?
57 Tangle
59 Chocolate confection
60 Glowing review for a wrestling team?
63 Arab rulers
65 Odds and __
66 Star on a Christmas tree, often
67 French bread
68 Dorm VIPs
69 Glowing review for a cheerleading squad?
73 Loops in via email
76 Caustic cleaners
77 Far from rude
78 Solo at the Met
79 Decorative pillow covers
81 Glowing review for a purchase from a vintage music store?
85 Garage
86 Welcome at the door
88 Result of a foul bunt with two strikes
89 World's largest subtropical desert
90 Become overwhelmed
92 Bouquet holder
93 Rooibos, for one
95 "Does that make sense?"
96 Glowing review for a bootlegger?
100 Money in Oman
102 Tricksy
103 Coq au __
104 Nespresso inserts
106 Library receipt info
111 "Just be calm ... "
115 Younger Gallagher brother
117 Sugar substitute
118 Indigenous people of Nunavut
120 Glowing review for a chairmaker?
123 Metaphorical spot for the undecided
124 "This can't be good ... "
125 George of the original "Star Trek"
126 Highway sign unit
127 "What a pity"
128 Ditch
129 Nod off
130 Vehicle pulled by huskies

DOWN

1 Simple flotation devices
2 Primrose variety
3 Digestive aid brand
4 Gold medal hurdler Moses
5 Playing both sides?
6 Med. theaters
7 Wingding
8 Stood (with)
9 Tot's belly
10 By and by, quaintly
11 Radius neighbor
12 Heat-and-serve option
13 Targeted trade ban
14 Tie up to a pier
15 One of the Magi
16 Sinus specialist, briefly
17 Court figs.
20 Prom queen's headgear
24 Femur, for one
25 Last year's sr.
30 Run-of-the-mill object?
32 Famous "Dr." from Compton
34 Wetland
37 Some Taiwanese laptops
38 Home office need
40 Pop's pop
42 Fan pub
43 Some high-ABV brews
44 Williams of "Good Will Hunting"
45 Narrow
46 Sports center
47 Aviary inhabitants
48 Lummoxes
50 Take from page to screen
54 Word on some Oscars
56 One foot forward
58 Chairs
61 Turning points for ballerinas?
62 Underground vault
64 Start to behave?
67 Avocado centers
69 Press room?
70 Candy wrapped in gold foil
71 Language from which "Alaska" is derived
72 Houseplant sprayer
73 Zagreb resident
74 Wispy clouds
75 Nobel Peace Prize honoree Anwar
76 __ lazuli
78 Yearn (for)
79 Wrapped garment
80 Glazed treats from Hostess or Little Debbie
81 Vast expanses
82 Fibonacci's birthplace
83 Get the better of
84 Aerie newborns
85 Pampering places
87 Action-packed
91 Highly sought-after
94 Succor
97 "Mamma __!"
98 Young horse
99 Order from on high
101 Bluey, for one
105 Light meal
107 Regards
108 Be of use to
109 Library receipt info
110 Simplified
112 Costa __
113 Chipper greeting
114 Greek god of love
116 Fast shark
118 Stipulations
119 Prefix with classical
121 Her partner, sometimes
122 "Oh yeah? __ who?"



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