

# OCrossword

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## Guidelines to submit a puzzle

The Orange County Register welcomes crossword submissions from both new and established constructors. Puzzles should be top-quality 15 x 15 crosswords that have never been published, including on the Web.

### BASIC GUIDELINES

Puzzles submitted to the Orange County Register must be thematic 15 x 15 crosswords and adhere to all of the standard grid rules. The maximum word count is 78, and the maximum block count is 42.

### THEMES

Puzzles must be consistent and have at least three theme entries. Your query should list the theme entries with clues and include a brief description of the puzzle.

### NONTHEMATIC FILL

Please do not include any references to death, drugs, sex or diseases in your theme, fill or clues. Use moderation with edgy pop-culture references – in general, try to stick with familiar words, phrases and names.

### CLUES

Make the clues at about a Monday to Wednesday New York Times difficulty level.

### SUBMISSION

Only email submissions will be considered. Please send your puzzle to David Steinberg at [crosswords@ocregister.com](mailto:crosswords@ocregister.com) as a Crossword Compiler file.

### PAYMENT

A payment of \$50 will be made upon publication.

### MORE ONLINE

To read the complete guidelines for submitting a puzzle to the Orange County Register, go to [ocregister.com/crossword](http://ocregister.com/crossword).

### Across

1. Choreography bit
5. Courvoisier bottle letters
9. Word repeated before "in" and "out"
12. Vehicle sometimes equipped with a storage area called Mom's Attic
14. \_\_\_ facto
15. Fat from a fatback
16. Break down, in a way
17. Souped-up wheels
19. Largest Sri Lankan ethnic group, or its language
21. Whence St. Teresa
22. Pirouetting
23. Channel
24. Like Dolly
27. Big test
29. Fooled, with "in"
30. Battle, for one
31. Forms a union
35. Improves over time
36. Rough-and-tumble
37. Make a long story short
38. Birth, but not death
39. Elevator safety device
40. Eleventh hour follower
41. Twin in the Torah
42. Shades shade
43. Easily bamboozled
44. It makes tracks
46. Thingamajig
47. "Just as you said"
50. Clod on the links
52. Flamboyant neckwear
53. Tall order at a parlor
57. San Francisco section
59. "The Jungle Book" wolf
60. Certain male dolls
61. Loretta who sang "You Ain't Woman Enough"
62. Instruments with keys
63. Succumb to pressure
64. Frat party purchase
65. "Aren't I the best?"

### Down

1. Takes an evening course?
2. Peanut sauce cuisine
3. Deserve
4. Drive crazy, elevator-style?
5. YouTube alternative
6. Biographical vicissitudes, elevator-style?
7. Petro-Canada competitor
8. Pilfer
9. Battery acronym
10. Santa \_\_\_
11. Frank or Joe of mystery
13. Had a list
15. Improve immensely, elevator-style?
18. It's shrinking in Asia
20. Roentgen relative
23. Not coincidental
24. Passionately desire
25. Seating sections
26. "The Death of Klinghoffer," e.g.
28. Euro-filled Italian landmark
30. Novelist Ephron
32. Rectifier, familiarly
33. Duck
34. Bad impressions?
36. Down Under buds
43. Gin joint
45. Lovely girl of song
46. Letters on drawers
47. Gridiron highlights
48. Irish-born character actor Milo
49. Cupcake finisher
51. Listless sensation
53. 1977 Electric Light Orchestra hit
54. Emulated a feller
55. Where to nosh on a knish
56. Quickly, quickly
58. "Cake Boss" network

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➤➤ This puzzle's theme may well drive you up the wall! The difficulty level is CRANIUM-CRUSHING, but finishing should lift your spirits!

## Solution to last week's puzzle

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## Today's puzzle constructors

George Barany, a New York Times-published constructor, is a Distinguished McKnight University Professor of Chemistry at the University of Minnesota. David Steinberg, also a Times constructor, is the crossword editor of the Register's weekly newspapers and will attend Stanford University this fall.

## Found a problem?

If you think you have found an error or have a problem with today's puzzle, please contact Steve Green at [sgreen@ocregister.com](mailto:sgreen@ocregister.com).