

ACROSS

- 1 **CITY** Now a tourist hot-spot, then in the 17 - 1800s, still a popular stop-over. The more famous of its inhabitants were the pirate brothers Pierre and Jean Lafitt. Nearby Isla Mujeres harbored plenty more.
- 8 Loss or penalty
- 9 **PIRATE** (with 115-Across) (1540 - 96) Best known for world circumnavigation in '77 - 80. Elizabeth I knighted in 1581, bestowed him "Golden Hind" -- wiped Armada in '88. Failed '96 raid on San Juan, PR.
- 12 **CITY** Original Mayan name restored in 1898, but during the pirate years was known as "Payo Obispo", with a strategic, large, elongated bay. Area north, Quintano Roo, sailed slave-trader Fermin Mundaca.
- 14 **CITY** Port - ___ - ___ : Today a major metropolis, then as now bestowed by a natural harbor. Founded in 1749 by the French, port useful for keeping foreign pirate ships at bay. Burned in "class" battle in '91.
- 20 Used for lifting sails and securing the galleon to docks
- 23 Comp. smarts
- 24 To catch in
- 27 "Yes" in Maracaibo
- 28 Make an indirect reference
- 29 Sea-mate's tool, when he's lowered from above
- 31 **CITY** Declared a municipality in 1877, port via river outlet. Pirates regularly pillaged Honduran coastal villages, this being the larger. Handful of off-shore islands housed ideal pirate havens. Buried treasure?
- 33 MI-6's designation for licensed-to-kill
- 34 Stage name for Filippo Neviani (1972 -), popular Italian songwriter and musician*
- 36 "___ the fires from Hell that forged you! Charge, me scallywags!"
- 39 Alpha-Soup for West Texas Intermediate -- one of the main global oil benchmarks
- 40 **CITY** Port ___ : Located on southern coast of St Kitts, now encased by the capital Basseterre. Port was bandied about by Spanish, French, and English. Pirates here operated as state-sanctioned mercenaries.
- 42 **PIRATE** (1682 - 20) English John Rackham, nickname due to clad in Indian plain-cloth. Remembered for two female crew: Mary Read and his lover 103-Down. Pardoned, stole BR sloop, hung in Port Royal.
- 43 Phonetically, awards show host*
- 44 **PIRATE** (1682 - 22) Welsh Bartholomew Roberts, Barbados pirate-raised, with more than 400 Prizes. Created his own "Pirate Code" and adopted an earlier version of the iconic "Skull and Crossbones" flag.
- 48 Country rd.
- 49 Manchester st.
- 50 **CITY** Located northwest coast of St Lucia, strategically pinched harbor was an entry port into the Basin. Originally a 1650 fort, the French East India Company bought it, seemingly pirates afterwards left it be.
- 53 **PIRATE** (with 55-Across) Scottish "___ ___" Greaves, so named after lower-class Barbados whites. Known for 1675 raid of Margarita Island off east Venezuela...escaped prison in earthquake. Official records slim.
- 54 Pirate close-quarters weapon
- 55 (see 53-Across)
- 56 Initials of eccentric artist (1928 - 87), known for silkscreens of '62 "Campbell's Soup Cans"*
- 57 Talk jocks' radio desig. of choice*
- 58 Switch designation allowing radio to transmit jock's shocks
- 59 Shreveport st.
- 60 **CITY** Puerto ___ : Harbor-less port only one due to village size, designated road, area's export needs. Like Honduras, the Nicaraguan coast was also frequently pillaged. Port's size a natural pirate magnet.
- 62 Informally converses
- 64 **PIRATE** (1654 - 01) Scottish William "___ ___". Mated by '89 FR-BR pirate crew captained by Jean Fantin, thrown overboard by new captain in mutiny. Tried and executed in London for murder, 1701.

- 68 Expelled apple-muncher
 70 Dog scrap
 71 Vienna co.
 72 Stroke that lands above ball's center, as in golf or tennis
 74 Initials of Olaudah Equiano (1745 - 97), writer, abolitionist, sold as Caribbean slave, freed in '66
 75 **CITY** Port St __ : Located northwest coast of Barbados, visited due to most easterly port into Basin. Many Dutch, English and French pirates re-supplied here after crossing long Atlantic...then pillaged.
 78 Initials of singer/actor (1899 - 87), widely considered greatest dancer in film history, '35 "Top Hat"*
 79 **ISLAND** Located off Nicaragua, though politically with Colombia. The town on the northeast coast of the same name hosted many pirates, with the port well-situated in the western Caribbean Sea.
 81 Sum. convenience
 83 Sidney Poitier in '67 "Heat of the Night": "What do they call you in Pittsburg?" "They call me __ Tibbs."
 84 Small, sharp penn.
 85 Woodstock st.
 87 Initials of Ian Thorpe (1982 -), in 2000 Olympics in hometown Sydney, nabbed 5 swimming medals!
 88 Alpha-Soup for Amarillo National Bank -- award-winning [They get awards?]
 90 According to civilized folks, what most pirates are in desperate need of
 93 **PIRATE** (with 119-Across) (1680 - 18) English Edward Teach, worked the West Indies north of Hispaniola. Captured FR slave ship, equipped with 40 guns, 300 crew, ran amok...till Lt Robert Maynard killed him.
 96 **PIRATE** (1635 - 88) Welsh privateer with Sir Myngs. From Port Royal, raided ships upon "Spanish Main". In 1668, he raided Maracaibo and Gibraltar. In '71 ransacked Panama City, to become Lt Gov of Jamaica.
 101 Providence st.
 102 __ Force and its new mission: "To fly, fight, and win...airpower anytime, anywhere" [Reassuring indeed]
 104 Period often more celebratory than the following holiday proper
 105 Spiritual know-it-all
 106 Cocktail term for "directly poured into a small glass", often for Brandy or Whiskey
 108 New pirates are usually __ - ho
 109 "Nah, ya wouldn't __ an old man a fister of rum now and then, wouldja?"*
 112 Dry
 115 (see 9-Across)
 117 "Now, Old Iron-Guts...he didn't mean nuttin' about your rusty hook. __ now and sits with yer rum."
 119 (see 93-Across)
 120 **CITY** Puerto __ : Located on Costa Rican coast, only 100 miles west to capital San Jose. Notorious pirate Edward Mansvelt invaded with his cutthroats in '66, pressed westward before locals tossed them.
 121 Property transaction
 125 **CITY** San __ : Located in southwest Trinidad, a naturally safe harbor and target. British Jamaican pirates captured the port in '66, which yielded to French forces in a year, then Dutch buccaneers.
 127 **PIRATE** (1689 - 17) Known as Captain "Black Sam" __ . Also known as wealthiest pirate, what with 53 ships in more than a year. Captured tricked-out slave ship "Whyda Gally" in '17, all sunk in Nor'easter.
 129 George Harrison's '70 "__ Sweet Lord", first #1 hit by a solo Beatle
 130 Also referred to as sabers, another pirate close-quarters weapon
 131 St. of Boston, from whose port many a laden pirate ship conducted "legal business"
 132 **CITY** Porto __ : Located 80 miles due north of 138-Across, now known by single condensed name. Port saw Drake buried at sea, raids by privateer William Parker, then Morgan, then pirate John Coxon, 1680.
 136 Potassium hydroxide, used for de-lousing pirates

137 **CITY** ___ City: Capital on the eastern Pacific, transit point of "Spain's" gold and silver through Isthmus.
So Morgan with 1400 seadogs marched from Colon in the west, raided the city...and then burned it.

DOWN

1 Alpha-Soup for Council for Opportunity in Education -- '81 non-profit into maximizing college experience
2 "___ World Turns", TV soap from 1956 - 2010. Longest run of *any* TV show.
3 Alpha-Soup for Nanyang Technological University -- '91 established center for robotics, engineering
4 Co. with just 4 percent of the world's population plundering more than 25 percent of its resources
5 Longest river in the world at more than 4000 miles, with Lake Tana in Ethiopia its main headwaters
6 "And they're ___ the races!"
7 **CITY** Located on northern-east point of Cuba, became Spain's springboard for Basin's conquest and
port for homeward booty. Target for pirates and French corsairs, like looting Jacques de Sores in 1555.
8 Kind of small seed, "incredibly rich in nutrients", evidently a staple of ancient Aztecs and Mayans
10 Prefix for "of equal standing"
11 "It is ___ Mr. Franklin that he's one "early to bed, early to rise, making him healthy, wealthy, and wise."
12 Short for the Golden State, and used as a prefix and suffix for a myriad of state programs
13 Not only wasn't "Mafia" mentioned in the Godfather I or II, doubtful its slang was mentioned either
15 Dressing type
16 Springfield st.
17 Alpha-Soup for MLB's division housing hot-rivals Giants and Dodgers
18 (with 55-Down) Short, broad saber, with a sharpened outer-curved blade, handle protected by a basket
19 Alterations
21 **CITY** Located bottom-center of Puerto Rico, named for great-grandson of Spanish conquistador de Leon.
Much piracy...last major pirate Roberto Cofresi in 1849 apprehended by two barricading Spanish sloops.
22 Absorb a cost
25 Zero duty
26 Piece of small shot, expelled by a musket's charge
30 Tyranno
32 Bird of the family *alcidae* which includes murres and puffins*
35 **CITY** Located on southeast coast of coveted island Jamaica -- given strategic Caribbean positioning.
1657 Brit Gov hired cattle-hunting "boucaniers" for defense, '92 Earthquake leveled nearby Port Royal.
37 Initials of 7th president (1767 - 45), lawyer, army general with '15 victory at "Battle of New Orleans"*
38 ___ o' ___ : Multi-masted cannon-laden frigate, all but made for pirating forages
40 Japanese WWII fighter
41 "Ooh...comes ___, forty-niner, and his daaarlin' Clementine..."
42 Hartford st.
44 Spoiled and ill-mannered one
45 Alpha-Soup for Legal Education Board -- Phillipine law school support outfit
46 Gator or lemon suffix
47 The puzzle-grid tries to depict the Caribbean ___
50 Marie-Antoinette in 1790: "Let them eat ___." Translated, "If they want a head, let them have mine."
51 "Pal" in Basseterre
52 Slumber
55 Lad mate
56 Initials for energy not so Direct*

60 Want, especially when pregnant
 61 Area for Drugging-Out*
 62 **CITY** On the Colombian coast, with two large defensible bays. In 1544, pirate Jean Roberval captured
 wall-less port. 1569, FR pirate Martin Cote with 1000 men ransacked it. 1586, Drake same with 3000.
 63 Shade
 65 **ISLAND** Isla La __ : Off the Venezuelan coast, value lay in the salt evaporation flats on east side. 1600s
 Dutch regularly harvested commodity, which '38 Span Gov Benito Montano put to a halt -- flooded pans.
 [Imperfect author mixed up islands, actually meant to include below iconic one, located at 11-GREY.]
 65 **ISLAND** North off Hispaniola, named as above. No salt flat this, this island was lively as a lit cannon ball.
 "The strongest and safest buccaneer's port", *the* place to sell plunder, here pirates twice repelled Spanish.
 66 Initials for American non-state should-be-state*
 67 Initials of David Hume (1711 - 76), '39 "Treatise of Human Nature", combining science and psychology
 69 Initials of Vladimir Lenin (1870 - 24), Russian politician
 70 1939 "Wizard __ Oz", with 124 dwarfs, most hired via MGM Leo Singer, he of "Singer's Midgets"
 73 (see 83-Down)
 76 Preposition for accentuating a particular style
 77 Rear-end of a galleon
 80 "X marks the spot! Now me laddies, we __ fer the treasure!"
 82 **CITY** Major center within 10 miles of Venezuelan coast, obvious pirate target, many in 16 - 1700s. With
 1595 pirates George Somers and Amyas Preston, 200 Brit scallywags used neglected path, pillaged, burned.
 83 (with 73-Down) "__ and __ Kettle" by Grant Wood in 1930 painting, housed in "Art Institute of Chicago"
 86 Initials of Yale-graduate actor (1969 -), '96 "Primal Fear", '99 "Fight Club", and '01 "The Score"*
 88 **ISLAND** Located 400 miles northwest of 82-Down, held by (unsurprisingly) diligent small Netherlands.
 Native "Caquetios" described as giants...evidently "plowed the path" for privateer Amerigo Vespucci.
 89 (see 103-Down) [Author used this spelling, then learned that many references also spelt without the "E"]
 91 Small meal
 92 College located in Arcata, California. Named after an Alexander of sorts, the Prince of Planetology*
 93 Part of "BMOC" (antiquated Alpha-Soup from high school/college)*
 94 Initials of Lou Reed (1942 - 13), principal singer for "Velvet Underground", with solo act over 5 decades
 95 **CITY** Off Venezuelan coast, at head of defensible harbor. Built 1521, Spanish fort and fleet protected
 nearby-harvested pearls from piracy. Several earthquakes leveled most 16th century architecture.
 96 Recover
 97 Accomplish again
 98 Alpha-Soup for Ohio Valley Region -- major training/recruiting district for USA Volleyball
 99 Unbelieving Teacher to truculent Student, "__ ? __ dog ate your homework?"
 100 Initials of Naoki Urasawa (1960 -), Japanese manga artist, at it since age four, many awards
 103 **PIRATE** (with 89-Down) (1697 - 21) Married in 1715, moved to Nassau, Bahamas -- a pirate sanctuary.
 A "hot-headed red-head", she fell for Calico Jack, and with Mary Read, pirated Basin...unknown death.
 107 Initials of Enrique Iglesias (1975 -), singer with "bestselling Spanish-language act" of the '90s
 109 A ship's width at its widest point
 110 Army fort on Monterey Bay, Calif, closed in 1994, now a National Monument*
 111 Fuss
 113 Carnival excursion
 114 "Or __ a monkey's uncle!"
 116 Vegetable of the mustard family, having curled or wrinkled leaves
 118 Deciduous sprawling flowering-tree of genus *Ulmus* , around for 20 million years, from Central Asia
 119 Initials of Bill Nighy (1949 -), English actor, portrayed Davy Jones in the "Pirates of Caribbean" series

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| 122 | Initials of singer/comedian (1917 - 95), Rat-Packer, paired with Jerry Lewis (1926 - 17) for TV and movies* |
| 123 | Initials of Sami Yusuf (1980 -), British multi-instrumentalist and composer, with '03 "Al-Mu'allim" |
| 124 | When tripled, a "Merry Christmas" lead-in exclaimed by an overweight man |
| 125 | Initials of our knighted pirate |
| 126 | Initials of Richie Incognito (1983 -), Las Vegas Raider Offensive Lineman, in high school a Long Snapper |
| 128 | "Nightmare on ___ Street", '84 slasher movie with Johnny Depp debut, later played Capt Jack Sparrow |
| 133 | Initials for "album", in earlier days* |
| 134 | Initials of trumpeteer/singer (1901 - 71), career spanned 5 decades, influencing many jazz eras* |
| 135 | At one's best, like Louis usually |

SUPPLIED ANSWERS*

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| 32 | Auk |
| 34 | Nek |
| 37 | Andrew Jackson |
| 43 | EM Cee (Master of Ceremonies) |
| 56 | Andy Warhol |
| 56 | Alternating Current |
| 57 | Amplitude Modulated |
| 61 | Zone Med |
| 66 | District of Columbia |
| 78 | Fred Astaire |
| 86 | Edward Norton |
| 92 | Humboldt State University |
| 93 | Big (Big Man On Campus) |
| 109 | B'moan (Bemoan) |
| 110 | Ord |
| 122 | Dean Martin |
| 133 | Long-Play |
| 134 | Louis Armstrong |