

"This is British Broadcasting Corporation's Dexter Kent, reporting live from northwest Africa for the the festival-brimming beginning of the 1975 inaugural 'Great African Continental Sail Yacht Race'!

Two Teams -- with native crews representing countries from across Africa, roughly divided between the South and North -- will compete in 37 Legs, with the fastest combined-time circumnavigating the Continent crowned the victor. Sail crafts must pass through nearly 80 gates positioned close to major cities located around the Continent, enticing the world, the press to partake in this contest of sail daring.

The North sails the 1974 ***Courageous***, the winner of the 1974 'American Cup'. This yacht is captained by Aziz Becca with a crew of 10. Later, I'll be interviewing the Captains and both Teams throughout the race.

The South sails the 1970 ***Sorcery***, the winner of the 1974 'L.A. to Tahiti Race'. And this captained by Pierre Makuzo, also a crew of 10. Though both Teams' members -- two, women -- were drawn throughout Africa, from different countries, know that each and every Team member is a seasoned, qualified sailor.

Both gleaming 70-footers feature 85-foot single masts with headsail and mainsail, optional strut-rigged squared topsails for headwinds. Understand the global 12-meter Sail-Division encourages creative design, so other than the aforementioned dimensions, these two world-class yachts are indeed different yachts.

To keep the race competitive, a 3-hour maximum deficit will be added to second-place finisher in any one Leg. At least three full days of rest, repairs, and adjustments between Legs, though many of the Legs themselves are multiple back-to-backs. The victor wins a three million dollar purse, with the second-place finisher -- must finish -- awarded a two million dollar purse. Well Folks, that's most of the main particulars.

So check back later for the latest on the 'Great African Sail Race'. This is Dexter Kent, signing off for now."

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	To There	[Total]	[Total]	[Total]
"Dexter here and we're talking with Captain Aziz Bekka, born and raised right here in Tangier, with the race soon to start. Aziz?" "What a time for my great city! Around Africa, I will return first!" [Currently 5th largest African economy with 37 mil. Languages of Arabic and Berber. Capital is Rabat, largest city is Casablanca.]	1-Down	[0]	[00:00]	[00:00]
"Welcome Folks! We're in Oran, the <i>Courageous</i> just docked for night, and we're with the Helm, the driver, Fada Habre." "I sailed, learned on my country's Lake, next to biggest wetland in Africa." [With 200 ethnic groups amongst 16 mil, with 1/10 residing in the capital N'Djamena. Desert in the north, fertile savanna in the south.]	(3-Down)			
"What a first Leg! The winds were gusty and the waves combative. Though the Teams sailed into Oran at dark, they raced before day's break for 200-mile run to capital Algiers, finishing the first Leg." [Semi-arid, the largest in Africa by area, most 44 mil living in the fertile north. Arabic with some French language. Oil and natural gas exports.]	1	(295) (215) (510)	(17:51) (11:46) (29:37)	(16:45) (11:15) (28:00)
	4-Down	[510]	[29:37]	[28:00]

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"Dexter here, and after overnighing in Annaba, the Racers sailed at sun-up for the capital city of Tunis, to complete the second Leg. Despite a squall, both Teams posted fast times, South still ahead." [Arabic speaking with highest per capita incomes in Afr, with 11 mil. Atlas Mountains in the east, desert in the south, with long shoreline.]	2	(225)	(13:23)	(13:55)
		(170)	(9:28)	(10:03)
		(395)	(22:51)	(23:58)
	6-Down*	[905]	[52:28]	[51:58]
"BBC's Kent here in the capital of Tripoli and our Racers cruised through the gate at dusk under mild winds. Boy not like yesterday, winds blustered around the Point, for exciting race to Monastir." [With 90% desert, sunniest and driest in the world, though many oases. Third of the 9 mil live in the capital...world's 10th largest oil reserves.]	3	(140)	(8:23)	(9:05)
		(200)	(12:03)	(12:37)
		(340)	(20:26)	(21:42)
	7-Down	[1240]	[72:54]	[73:40]
"Folks, this is an absolutely grueling one-of-a-kind onslaught of extremes, compared to traditional Leg miles. Times up to 18 hours! Yet stalwart sailors I interviewed wouldn't have it any other way." [With Misrata -- country's 3rd largest -- across the bay to the west, this 2nd largest city is an ancient major seaport, around since 525 BC.]	4	(135)	(8:04)	(7:43)
		(275)	(16:50)	(16:51)
		(410)	(24:54)	(24:34)
	Benghazi	[1650]	[97:48]	[98:14]
"Dexter here, in nothing but awe over the grit, the super stamina! Speed boats with searchlights illuminated the route to Alexandria. From here, 4-days rest, festival in Cairo, a tow through the Canal." [With the longest history on <i>any</i> country, the "cradle of civilization". Diversified economy, 3rd most populous, most live on banks of Nile.]	5	(295)	(16:43)	(16:49)
		(355)	(20:58)	(19:11)
		(650)	(37:41)	(36:00)
	10-Down	[2300]	[135:29]	[134:14]
"BBC's Kent here in the seaport city of Suez for start of the 6th Leg. And we're speaking with Keita Traore, Bowman for Courageous." "Near the capital Bamako, I grew up kayaking on the Niger Rapids." [Most of 19 mil are under 25 years of age and live in Savanna South. Exporter of salt, 3rd largest African gold mining ops, large agriculture.]	(12-Down)			
"And Dexter also here with Makena el Hamra, North's Tactician." "Funny for me: a woman of the desert, of a nomadic Sahrani tribe. At 18, my father sent me to Alexandria for school. I <i>loved</i> to sail." [Desert is largest non-polar one in world, part of 11 countries. Dunes can tower to 600 ft, with the Central Zone going years without rain.]	(34-Across)			
"Dexter here with the latest. Week ago, Racers sailed to Hurghada, then to Berenice in south Egypt for Leg 6. 3-days and marathon to country's Port, now reveling in high spirits, complete with parade!" [With Khartoum as capital, 3rd largest by area, oil reliant, with 70% of 45 mil identifying as Arab. History with Pharaohs, Ottoman Turks.]	6	(505)	(30:35)	(29:55)
	7	(350)	(18:25)	(19:11)
		(855)	(49:00)	(49:06)
	36-Across	[3155]	[184:29]	[183:20]
"Dexter Kent...and with this down time, let's visit with Seyni, the North's Main Sheet, crew's strongman." "Pull heavy sail up fast as as I can! Worked brick factory in capital Niamey, sailed the River." [Named for its River (3rd longest), with most of 22 mil predominantly Muslims living in rural clusters in wet southwest. Exports uranium.]	(48-Across)			

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"While we're at it, let's talk with Tedros Zewadi, North's Spinner." "With a teammate, my job is to adjust the Head Sail, swap sheets. Home is Addis Ababa, capital...most modern. Learned in Djubouti." [World's 12th largest population with 117 mil and 80 various ethnics. In the 9th century, "Birthplace of Coffee"...major cattle beef exporter.]	(50-Across)			
"Dexter Kent from the port city of Mitsiwa, not 50 miles from the inland capital Asmara. The Sorcery , full 30 minutes ahead, brought about as a roguer knocked it off the gate track, had to tack back." [With outsized Red Sea coast, with fertile highlands at 1800 ft, with 9 recognized languages. Gold and silver mining, mostly agriculture.]	8			
		(285)	(16:59)	(17:37)
	Eritrea	[3440]	[201:28]	[200:57]
"Kent here after an exciting finish in the Capital, 20 minutes apart, Courageous nursing a damaged forestay -- it secure-ties the main. First the long Sub-Leg to Assab, then blustery, choppy sprint here." [Fr, Arabic speaking, multi-ethnic with 1 mil people, smallest in Africa. Refueling station for world's busiest shipping lanes, port for neighbor.]	9	(280)	(17:26)	(16:05)
		(155)	(9:11)	(8:51)
		(435)	(26:37)	(24:56)
	Djibouti	[3875]	[228:05]	[225:53]
"Now let's hear from Saye Kabore, the Bowman for the Sorcery ." "Yoh, I be first one on, last off. Stow all sheets proper for quick rigging. Home is Ouasa, I worked textiles. Sailing in Abidjan, Cote." [Officially Fr with 58 other languages, 20 mil with Mossi people the largest group. 4th largest gold producer, plus much other mining.]	(62-Across with 70-Across)			
"BBC's Dexter Kent here in very exuberant Aden on the Yemenian Coast, with locals excited to host what is now a world reknowned event." "Now we're in Bosaso for rest before rounding the Horn." [With longest Afr coast and mostly plateaus and highlands. 15 mil mostly Muslim, Africa's "most culturally homogeneous country".]	10	(160)	(8:55)	(9:49)
		(305)	(17:07)	(16:03)
		(465)	(26:02)	(26:52)
	67-Across	[4340]	[254:07]	[252:45]
"Dexter here with Okell Fuguta, the South's Spinner." "Can you believe I'm a bank exec in the capital Kampala, home to a fifth of my countrymen? I grew up sailing the family yacht on the Lake." [English and Swahili speaking, nation of 42 mil reside in a lush, equatorial habitat. Exports coffee and fish, with rights on half of Lake.]	(77-Across)			
"Folks, we finally made it around the Horn to the capital and all are exhausted. Brutal 3-day Sub-Leg to Bandarbeyla via Bargaal, then to Garacad. Rest and 3-day race for Hobyo, Adale, then here." [Capital of 67-Across, the modern international city of 2.4 mil served as the center of the Sultinate of same name in the 9th - 13th century.]	11	(530)	(31:16)	(30:34)
	12	(445)	(26:17)	(25:41)
		(975)	(57:33)	(56:15)
	Mogadishu	[5315]	[311:40]	[309:00]
"In Mombasa, the nation's oldest city, since 900 AD a major port. Under thundering skies and rough surf, our intrepid Racers got in at dark last night to Kismayo, for sunnier trek to Mombasa today." [With 48 mil and capital Nairobi in the south. From snow mountains to forests to desert. Exports in tea and coffee...and fresh flowers!]	13	(235)	(14:51)	(13:49)
		(275)	(15:17)	(14:52)
		(510)	(30:08)	(28:41)
	88-Across	[5825]	[341:48]	[337:41]

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"On a sunny morning, we're visiting with a smiling Kalisa Kesame, the Helm of the Sorcery ." "Ha...that title only lets me do what I'm told. I was raised in the capital Kigali and summered on Lake Kivu." [Elevated, "Land of a 1000 Hills", 2 dry and 2 rainy seasons per year. Globally, 5th in popn density and the youngest. Tea, coffee, mining.]	(76-Down)			
"And with her is Sorcery 's Captain, a one Pierre Makuzo. How you holding?" "Damnedest race I've ever been in -- I love it! My family from capital Gaborone, but I sailed, did university in Cape Town." [Flat, with 70% of it the Kalahari Desert, high per capita income, least popn. Tourism, exports mining, cattle. 200k yr old H. Sapien record.]	(91-Down with 116-Down)			
"Kent here, and it's fiesta time in Mombasa! We're drinking with a towering Jakeya Mkapo, the South's Main Sheet." "I lived in Mwanza on the south shore, did construction. Sailing was my joy." [Located at 82-Grey, this name-shortened water body encompasses 23,000 sq miles, with fish species found only here. "Named" in 1858.]	(98-Down with 97-Down)			
"And joining us now is Levin Banda, the Tactician for the Sorcery ." "My job is to tell Captain the cleanest lines...then he tells this ape. I hail from capital Lusaka...sailed with my uncle off of Madagascar." [Avg elevation of 3900 feet with moderate climate. With abundant resources, fast growing economy. Over 12,000 identified species!]	(101-Down)			
"BBC's Kent back with you. Yesterday, we were in Dar es Salaam, a modern metro of 6 million, known for fashion, film, and finance. Now in Mtwara, at the mouth of the Bay...and we can see them!" [Has African's tallest, Mount Kilimanjaro at 16,000 feet above plateau. 56 mil, 120 ethnics...capital is Dodoma. 6 mil yr old Hominid fossils.]	14	(190) (265) (455)	(12:04) (16:05) (28:09)	(11:09) (15:43) (26:52)
	100-Across	[6280]	[369:57]	[364:33]
"Folks, a harrowing two weeks! First, grueling 4-day back-to-back: the island of Comoros, Nacala, Angoche Island, finally Quelimane. 4-day rest, then 3-day backs: Beira, Tofo Beach, to here in capital." [Southern capital is Maputo, with its eclectic architecture. 29 mil are mostly Bantu, Portuguese official lang. Ag, manufacturing, tourism.]	15 16	(890) (535) (1425)	(52:35) (31:47) (84:22)	(53:04) (31:15) (84:19)
	120-Across	[7705]	[454:19]	[448:52]
"Dexter on the scene...we're now in Port St Johns, a quiet port city. But last night, a jubilant parade in Durban, at mouth of Mzimvupu River. I heard high-rollers go on about big gambling on this race." [World's most populous south of equator, with 11 official languages! Unique "biodiversity hotspot". Upper mid-power..."Rainbow Nation".]	17	(275) (160) (435)	(16:17) (9:41) (25:58)	(17:45) (10:03) (27:48)
	138-Across	[8140]	[480:17]	[476:40]
"Kent here aboard a Spotter speedboat. Overnighted in Gqeberha, then the 200 to Mossel Bay for Leg 18. As Sorcery rounded the Cape where Atlantic, Indian meet, gusts snapped her mast in two!" [The 3 branches are housed in 3 various capitals, this one Legislative. Oldest, 2nd largest after Johannesburg..."Mother City"..."best visit".]	18 19	(475) (285) (760)	(28:34) (17:16) (45:50)	(28:41) (20:16) (48:57)
	Cape Town	[8900]	[526:07]	[525:37]

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"Here in festive Cape Town for 4-day rest, with time for the South to make repairs." "Kent now here in beautiful Elizabeth Bay, after stops in Lambert's Bay, Port Nolloth. And the Racers tied the Leg!" [Driest in Sub-Sahara, with 2.5 mil -- 50% of that the Ovambo people. Capital Windhoek in center of country, geographically and culturally.]	20	(365) (210) (575)	(21:47) (12:35) (34:22)	(22:21) (12:01) (34:22)
	126-Across	[9475]	[560:29]	[559:59]
"Another torturous 4-day Leg, with the Racers safely into Namibe, after overnights in Walvis Bay and Torra Bay...and the swingest ado last night aboard the <i>Princess</i> cruise ship -- no ports nearby." [2nd only to Brazil for Portuguese speaking in size and popn. 31 mil with 1/4 in capital. Mineral, petro reserves. Inhabited since Paleo Age.]	21	(450) (350) (800)	(26:47) (20:58) (47:45)	(25:52) (19:31) (45:23)
	111-Across	[10275]	[608:14]	[605:22]
"Kent reporting from teeming capital of Luanda, tossing shots with North's Captain Becca." "I wagered mayor of Benguela last night \$5000 American I win! Now 2 easy Sub-Legs, 4-day rest...is good." [Port town of 50,000 on scant 25 miles of coast of Dem Rep of Congo. World's 2nd largest Fr speaking nation, capital Kinshasa. Raw matls.]	22	(155) (230) (190)	(8:45) (13:15) (10:45)	(9:11) (13:53) (11:17)
	Muanda			
"BBC's Dexter here in the lively port city of Point Noire, enjoying a 3-day break, a beer, and the company of the South's Banker Okell." "Ha, my nickname, but after I popped my arm-socket, who knows." [Also French speaking, also short coast. 5.2 mil spread out over the savanna plains to flooded forests...capital Brazzaville. Big oil exports.]		(95) (670)	(5:56) (38:41)	(5:58) (40:19)
	104-Across	[10945]	[646:55]	[645:41]
"The Racers dropped anchor outside of Gamba, where I am on the <i>Princess</i> once again, sipping champagne with Captain Makuzo." "This is life! And tomorrow, the magnificent port capital Libreville." [Fr official lang, 2.1 mil over coastal plains, mountains, and savanna. Abundant petro allows for relatively high GDP. Known for its masks!]	23	(175) (280) (455)	(10:29) (16:47) (27:16)	(10:02) (15:51) (25:53)
	93-Across	[11400]	[674:11]	[671:34]
"Here in Douala, region's largest port, international airport. And in a pub with some Racers, thirsty and feisty after exhilarating finish." "And <i>Sorcery</i> whipping <i>Courageous</i> !" "By 6 minutes, Blowhard!" [With all major climates and vegetation, nation of 25 mil and 250 languages. Mostly farming, export petro, cocoa. Noted music styles.]	24	 (205)	 (12:05)	 (11:59)
	83-Across	[11605]	[686:16]	[683:33]
"Dexter Kent live from Lagos, world's larger metro and busier port. Saye -- he's South's Bowman -- why the delay into Port Harcourt?" "Spotter-speeder from Porto-Novu hit a log, flipped. A man hurt." [With 211 mil, most populous, with 500 languages, with capital Aduja. One of world's larger economies, with 12% largest petroleum exports.]	25	(175) (285) (460)	(10:29) (16:54) (27:23)	(10:28) (17:59) (28:27)
	74-Across	[12065]	[713:39]	[712:00]
"In Porto-Novu on the Benin coast, Kent here with Yay! Tomekou, smiling despite a head-bandage." "A rush, man...spinning, crashing! M'mate Sinzou, not a mark. But I'm good for Lome run tomorrow." [Located at 73-Grey, with capital Lome as largest city by far...rural ag with suitable climate. World's narrowest, 70 miles. 4th in phosphate.]	26	(70) (85) (155)	(3:57) (4:49) (8:46)	(4:11) (5:12) (9:23)
	33-Across	[12220]	[722:25]	[721:23]

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"BBC's Dexter Kent reporting from the jumping capital of Accra, where 19th century colonialism faces down skyscraping modernity. And I say, I am heartily embracing this exciting, nomadic lifestyle." [Spanning from savannas to rain forests, nation of 31 mil is "one of the freest and most stable", with gold, cocoa, finance, and intl affairs.]	27	(120)	(7:01)	(6:53)
	47-Down	[12340]	[729:26]	[728:16]
"San Pedro tomorrow, but now bristling port city of Abidjan, on the pier with North's Main Sheet, Seyni." "Man, we led those devils by 35 at 50 miles out, then foresail line-rips and we hadda re-rig her." [French mostly, with the capital Yamoussoukro in center, though Adidjan is largest and econ center. World's largest cocoa exports, 3rd coffee.]	28	(275) (180) (455)	(16:17) (10:58) (27:13)	(15:37) (10:43) (26:20)
	Cote d'Ivoire	[12795]	[756:39]	[754:36]
"After the long haul yesterday to Greenville, we are in Monrovia... and dancing in the streets! Hey! It's North's Makena and Fada!" "Lookit you, Dex! Yeah...we forget sailing for now. Fiesta time!" ["First and oldest modern republic", the capital named after J. Monroe. Mangroves to grasslands to rain forests. Rubber, bananas, diamonds.]	29	(220) (155) (375)	(12:31) (8:54) (21:25)	(13:05) (9:11) (22:16)
	Liberia	[13170]	[778:04]	[776:52]
"BBC's Dexter Kent reporting live from capital Freetown and it's a wild ruckus on the waterfront! Incredibly, after storms, snapped masts and mainlines, injuries, Teams differ by a mere 30 minutes!" [With "high religious tolerance", nation of 7 mil with 2/3 at rural ag, mainly rice, grown in 2-season tropics. World's top 10 in diamonds.]	30	(225)	(12:41)	(13:23)
	Sierra Leone	[13395]	[790:45]	[790:15]
"In vibrant port city Conakry, Dexter on the wharf, in a rustic tavern with South's characters Jakeya and Levin." "Lost 40 when our Tact miss <i>widest</i> gate..." "As our Grunt bungled <i>simplest</i> sheet-pull." [Like neighbors, coast, highlands, forest. Fr speaking nation of 12 mil with 1/6 in capital Conakry. Wildlife, tobacco, 25% of world's bauxite.]	31	(105)	(6:39)	(6:47)
	69-Across	[13500]	[797:24]	[797:02]
"Kent reporting from the historic capital, a Portuguese port from back in 1687. While still steely determined, both Teams starting to show the wear and tear from this mammoth nautical undertaking." [Name derived from its capital, 1.7 mil mostly in poverty, with sub-sistence ag, fishing, some exports in cashew nuts. Low plains, swamps.]	32	(235)	(13:22)	(12:31)
	(following 69-Across) 30-Down	[13735]	[810:46]	[809:33]
"After overnighting in Gambia's capital Banjul, we're now in festive capital Dakar, Africa's most west, feasting on fish and wine with warring Spinners Tedro and Okell." "Hah...we have same grandma." [Surrounds Gambia along River's banks. 16 mil with most on coast, wide ethnic mix. Rural ag, tourism, exports phosphate, nuts, and fish.]	33	(225) (135) (360)	(14:38) (7:35) (22:13)	(14:08) (7:53) (22:01)
	46-Across	[14095]	[832:59]	[831:34]
"Dexter on board Red Baron , a 1975 30-foot offshore powerboat skippered by bruised Yayl. From mate Sinzou:" "Two Spot-boats each, we searchlight their waters, also ours. Many much danger." [90% area in Sahara, most 4.4 mil in temperate south, 1/3 in capital Nouakchott. Stem from 3rd cent Berbers. Half of exports in iron ore.]	34	(255)	(14:30)	(15:01)
	16-Across	[14350]	[847:29]	[846:35]

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"Kent here in picturesque El Marsa, after stops in La Guera, Dakhla, and Boujdour. Confounding belief, by race's end, 16,000 miles, with 80 racing days spread over 7 months! Folks...Herculean numbers." [Mostly desert flatlands, world's most sparse at half mil, 2/3 workforce in fishing, with 1/2 popn in capital Laayoune. Exports in phosphates.]	35	(465)	(26:31)	(27:12)
		(295)	(16:52)	(17:24)
		(760)	(43:23)	(44:36)
	West Sahara	[15110]	[890:52]	[891:11]
"Dexter here in Casablanca and I'm going to have to shout over this exuberant throng mobbing the waterfront. After overnights in El Oatia and Agadir, this movie-famous port city is chockful of sail enthusiasts from around the globe...and South with nominal lead." [Largest Afr financial center, world's largest artificial port, with 4 mil.]	36	(390)	(23:09)	(22:01)
		(290)	(16:41)	(17:05)
		(680)	(39:50)	(39:06)
	Casablanca	[15790]	[930:42]	[930:17]
"BBC's Dexter Kent with the final reporting of the 1975 inaugural 'Great African Continental Sail Yacht Race', and <i>what</i> a colossal contest! On board Red Baron , spotting Courageous ...and <i>what</i> ! She tacks behind Sorcery! " "And tacks back! Holds on for victory!" ["Cultural Nexis" and historic capital, first BC Berber, then Phoenician.]	37			
		(160)	(8:54)	(9:27)
	Tangier	[15950]	[939:36]	[939:44]

"Well Folks, the North won by a mere 8 minutes, but in fact, both African Sail Teams deservedly won, by delivering the raw grit and stamina required for such a monumental feat. I and the BBC crew convey our awe, congratulations to the North and South Teams for successfully circumnavigating the Great Continent, and entertaining the world with first-class excitement. So good Folks, till next Race...Dexter, signing off."

"But first, signing *on* for wild celebrations at the Crew Party! In the rollicking port city of Tangier! Fiesta!"

ACROSS

- 1 One would be handy for this Puzzle
 3 French farmhouse-style ski lodge
 7 Cereal, an epic undertaking, magazine, or game
 11 "You admit to stealing gold, go to jail?" "___."
 12 Short for one the "Three R's" of child education
 14 Inits of Rodolfo Usigli, "Father of Mexican Theater"
 15 "I'm such a bi***... ___ him all the time!"
 19 Daughter's newborn to 112 or 113-Down
 20 Birthstone of October, 14th wed anniversary
 21 Garfield's side-kick and kick-around
 23 "Una mas?" "___!"
 24 Album versions of 45s*
 26 Dexter Kent was on one; the Crews, not so much
 28 Mester prefix
 29 Backpacker's ice-bag: squeeze and ___ activate
 30 To exist in actuality
 31 CCCLXVII X III
 32 Casual greeting
 38 Gender subscribed to *Sorcery* or *Courageous*
 40 "___ of mine, buy a sailor another beer, yeah?"
 42 "Hey Mom, is Dad beating you at cards?" "___!"
 45 Springfield st.
 53 Apropro, when doubled plus "in"...killer
 54 Inits of Hikaru Nakamura, Grandmaster at 15
 55 Bangor st.
 56 Constitutional inclusive entity and its third word
 57 Env interior
 60 Alpha-Soup for "Guessed Minute to Pick You Up"
 66 "Cats" author Eliot's initial initials*
 71 Alpha for Thoroughbred Daily News...horse racing
 72 A queen probably can't feel this under a mattress
 80 Exist
 81 "Just-out Remington has a ___ carbine, shoots..."*
 89 Casual Mississippi college opener
 90 One or another selected at random
 91 Inits of Bob Newhart, show, voice in "Rescuers"
 92 Basketball player's number wasn't called
 95 Shoes
 97 Inits of Vivien Leigh, Academy with "Gone With..."
 99 Shop
 105 Ens preceeders
 107 "Mud made bilge pump run amok, and made ___."
 108 Turkish current currency, former Italian currency

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- 2 Sexist term for Homo Sapiens
 5 Periods marked by events
 8 "Be with you ___ sec."
 9 Story edifying a point, oft by animals
 11 Between mu and xi
 13 Suffix for transforming verb to noun
 16 Sinatra's '68 "I Did It ___ Way"
 17 Alpha-Soup for punchy brew
 18 Heard at wharf's parlor, "Can you ___ elephant fighting a lion on my back?"
 22 Target of active nails
 25 From featured Nation, single ethnic group most African expansive by area
 26 Montpellier st.
 27 "That drum set goes ___ I go!"
 31 Same before-featured Nation. In 1300, Afr's wealthiest empire, univ still exists
 32 Holds
 33 Become nervous
 34 Less madder
 35 Instruments with strings and bent neck
 36 Sends cargo of mallards (literally)
 37 "The proper way is to sandwich cheese between chips and ___ '___ in the salsa."
 39 "Ooh...for ___ a jolly good fellow..."
 41 Inits of Aus. actor, '01 "Knight's Tale"*
 43 60s "knowledgeable of"
 44 Head of gun, head of old Japan*
 49 Alphabet trio
 51 Double first letter, Chinese leaf drink
 52 Amount 4 Musketeers went on about
 55 Before 11-Down
 58 Turner the rocking queen
 59 Inits of Ray Allen, NBA 3-point hot-shot
 61 Men's accessory, doubling as a noose
 62 Official denial
 63 For ages, Krispy ___ : coffee, doughnuts
 64 Alpha -Soup for National Fisheries Inst.
 65 Backpacker's battery sz.
 68 Bug
 75 Law with no dice, cards, nor pool?*"Hick version of negative of "are"
 79 Alpha for what separates, connects us

ACROSS

110	Basement pump type
115	Alpha-Soup for Int'l Water Association
117	Symbolically lightest inert element*
119	Transmission position
122	___ jam
124	Alpha-Soup for Emergency Nurse Practitioner
125	"Dog Days of Summer" mo.
130	Pub refresher
132	Bond's deadly MI-6 designation
133	Eye slyly
134	Alpha-Soup for retired flier
136	Right direction on a map

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81	Units of actor (1941 -), '77 "The Deep"*
83	Merely a small, yet necessary part
84	Fort to remember
85	"Robber ___ gate at 70 mph, blasted it!"
86	Performing well
87	Either with a pearl or on the half-shell
94	Inst.
96	Unit of Solomon Northrup, "12-Yr Slave"
102	Unit of electric current
103	"___traSweet" -- '65 zero-cal sugar-sub
104	Harry (1942 - 81), folk, pop musician
106	Corn south of the border
109	Robin Williams's "Popeye", "___ what..."
110	Sees Candies assortment box, example
112	Italian moms' moms
113	Hillbilly dad's dad
114	"How am I? Well ...all considering."
117	After a Gernsback, sci-fi literary award*
118	Mother Board deg.*
121	Due share
123	One of a six-pack?
127	Text for "how you perceive it"*
128	Suffix for "proficient at it"
129	Volcanic ejection
131	Alpha-Soup for Electronic Arts Intermix
135	Helper to class CO
137	Charleston st.

SUPPLIED ANSWERS*

6	[Alas another misspelling, so add the "A" provided in Black Square.]
24	Long Plays
41	Heath Ledger
44	Sho (...gun)
66	Thomas Stearns (Eliot)
75	Game ban
81	New action
81	Nick Nolte
117	He (...lium)
117	Hugo (Gernsback...big-time mag editor)
118	Electrical Engineering
127	In Your Opinion