

# July 2023 - Famous Last Word

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A crossword puzzle grid with 114 numbered starting points for words. The grid is 15 columns wide and 15 rows high. Black squares are placed in a pattern that creates 114 starting points for words. The numbers are: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114.

**ACROSS**

1	Serling of "The Twilight Zone" or rock singer Stewart
4	On the _____ (free)
9	Half of a rhyming distress call
12	A state of matter that also means fun, as in "It's been _____!"
14	Good natured ridiculing
16	Grampa, especially to a lamb?
17	Banana or apple
19	Changed from wrong to right
21	Conrad who renounced his Canadian citizenship to become Lord of Crossharbour
22	Major river of Spain, once called the Iberus, with its delta in Tarragona, Catalonia
23	Year in Mexico
24	Toronto to Montreal direction (about 67 deg. on a compass)
25	Sleep stages when vivid dreams occur
26	Deposit in a bottle of old wine
29	The Ring, to Gollum
31	Venison source
32	Canadian whiskey, familiarly
34	Fictional Han of Star Wars
35	Newfoundland town that named Jimmy Kimmel as its honorary mayor after he repeatedly mocked the town's name on his late-night TV show
37	Clubs and spades
39	Jagmeet Singh and his fellow worshipers
42	Walks along a trail
43	The C in CD
45	Succulent plants used in skin lotions
47	It beats a rock, but not scissors
48	Door in the floor
49	Doneness that's red on the inside
51	Himalayan Bigfoots
53	Guac. ingredient, for short
54	Ice-cream servings
56	Title creature in the TV prequel to "Game of Thrones"
58	Wheel of Fortune contestant purchase when the E, I, O and U are already gone (2 words)
59	_____ dang it!
60	Written authorization to act on another's behalf (abbr.)
61	US gun lobby (abbr.)
62	Joke setting often walked into
63	Blackbird of the Cockoo family, or a variation of clue 58-Across when the A, E, O, and U are already gone
64	Churned milk product
67	Offsets to liabilities
70	Abbreviation after a corporation's name in Canada or the UK
71	Arabic name meaning the opposite Apex or Zenith
73	Hindu goddess and protagonist of the Hindu epic, Ramayana, AKA Janaki, Maithili, Vaidehi or Bhumiya
74	Minnow, worm or leach
75	Eye drops, in a way
77	19th century Kurdish poet whose penname is an anagram of Islam
79	It may be chequing, savings or credit
81	Italian savory pie
82	Apply, as pressure
84	Polo player's need
85	Daniel who wrote "Robinson Crusoe"
86	Rhyming opposite of hire
88	Mine output, smelter input
89	Actress Lucille who was married to Desi Arnaz
90	Intrude or break into a conversation with a metaphoric tool (2 words)
93	Makeshift dwellings
97	Not long from now
98	Relative
99	Part of a play
100	California wine region
102	Andrew of 102-Down News
103	Selfless loss incurred for the benefit of others
107	Gets larger
109	The concave curve on the right side of Apple's logo, not the homophonic unit of computer memory
110	Brightly and cheerfully, as opposed to gloomily
111	Don't _____ now but....
112	Part of the body consisting of the brain and spinal cord (abbr.)

<b>DOWN</b>	
1	British military aviation org.
2	Fairy-tale monster
3	Smears
4	Wading bird that sounds like Farquharson's portrayer
5	One of two in a rowboat
6	___ only as directed
7	Quote insert blaming a mistake on the original author
8	Break and _____ (burglarize)
9	Feminine counterparts to "Sirs"
10	The basics
11	Himlayan ox
13	Father a foal
14	Printer cartridge content
15	Sequences in DNA that control heredity
16	Ham & cheese-filled chicken recipe: Cordon _____
18	Young children still learning to walk
19	Fleeting appearance, as Hitchcock did in each film
20	1920-1935 was Art _____' heyday when it influenced architecture, fashion and industrial design
21	New York City borough with an eponymous bridge, home of the Dodgers until 1957
27	Homemade bombs (plural abbr.)
28	Donald, Melania and family
29	Small oldfashioned bomb, or French for firecracker
30	Plural of ilium (pelvic bone)
33	Sharp bark from a small dog
35	Taxonomical family of Jerboas (hopping desert rodents) - [sorry this is a tough one]
36	US President Eisenhower's nickname
37	Bath bar
38	Surgical souvenir
40	Weeding tool
41	Light on fire (2 words)
42	Cuban cigars
43	Zagreb and Split's country
44	One of the Ts in TTC
46	Frank who sang "My Way" and "New York, New York"
47	Wiccan, or solstice celebrant
48	Short horn blasts
50	Type of 4-Down, usually white during breeding season.
52	Fishes in tins, for short
55	A computer's most important chip (abbr.)
57	Bit of porridge cereal
64	Information-sharing session, that might not be as short as the word implies
65	Engrave
66	Mammal that looks like a "masked bandid"
67	Mistreats
68	Of sound mind
69	Oppressively hot and humid
72	Acura sedan that replaced the CSX
76	Pre-1869 name of the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido
78	Hospital scans that require one to remove anything metallic
80	Hockey great who's name sounds like 88-Across and 5-Down
81	Assail with snowballs, say
83	Synonyms of 42-across, perhaps more arduous
85	Devine Comedy poet
87	Montreal-born actor Koteas of "Ararat", "Some Kind of Wonderful", "Crash", "The Thin Red Line" and "The Curious Case of Benjamin Button"
89	British slang for tobacco
90	Layers of paint
91	Sharpen
92	Become liable for, such as expenses
94	Waves over a vacant taxi
95	___ Grey tea
96	Parody
97	Part of the leg below the knee
101	Soldier's unauthorized absence (abbr.)
102	102-Across' employer, a public broadcaster
104	Genetic material that can act as a messenger
105	Traveler's lodge that might have a bilingual (Fr/En) sign that reads a bit like a the French for eggplant