

# February 2023 - For a 28-day Month

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## ACROSS

1	Change gear
6	Ran, as colours in the wash
10	Surfing need
14	Land that can be firma
15	Totaled, arithmetically
17	Something in a shopping cart
18	Minimum purchase of socks
19	Plumps up, as a feather pillow
21	Alternate spelling for former US First Lady (2001-2009) Bush's given name
22	With 24-Across, the two most critical phases of a flight: _____ and _____
24	See 22-Across
26	Escargots
29	Skin lotion ingredient
30	Country bordering Yukon and Russia (Abbr.)
33	Entered, as data into a computer
35	Hen's one job
38	Anything composed of atoms
41	High-end camera type initials
42	The ties that _____
43	Host city of the 1996 summer Olympics
45	____ two and two together (figure it out)
47	Garb for the lower half of the body, or how a hot dog breathes
48	"Bout du bâton" in English
51	The House of Commons of Canada has 338 of them
53	Greek equivalent to the letter "T"
54	Beat generation poet and author of "On the Road", Jack _____
57	Relax, as restrictions
58	PHDs or MDs
60	Type of bowling
61	Axeman or barber's job
62	Attacker, sounds like a seaman
66	Cell phone texting method (initials)
67	Burt Bacharach song: "Whoever You _____, _ Love You"
68	_____ soon to a theatre near you
71	Hired employees for a company
74	Be in a state of anger with, e.g.: "She _____ me for being late"
78	Teens' prom night car rental, briefly
79	Skin related
83	Caribbean isle that sounds like a submarine's diving alarm
84	Cruciverbalist's favourite cookie
85	Tale
86	One broke the camel's back, proverbially
87	My getup'n-go got up and _____
88	Paramedics (Init.)
89	Word that can be used with any of the 11 circled Across answers

**DOWN**

1	Now! in an ER
2	Filter that removes 99.97% of airborne particles 0.3 micron or greater
3	Le pays de Baghdad'
4	Poutine base ingredient
5	One way to patch a leaking roof shingle is to smear ____ it
6	Part of Nunavut, _____ Island is Canada's largest
7	The "bad" cholesterol letters
8	URL ending for many schools in the US: dot ____
9	The D in HDTV (abbr.)
10	Oscar who said "I don't want to go to heaven. None of my friends are there"
11	Your's in French (2 words)
12	Given name that sounds like the "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas" author Jules' surname
13	Online periodical pub.
16	Musical note equivalent to C sharp
20	Black Friday or Boxing Day retail event
23	_____ middling (not great, just so-so)
25	Nonverbal approval
27	Predecessors of CDs
28	H2SO4, _____ acid (Commonwealth, not US spelling)
30	Actress Thurman
31	Used a chair
32	As a minimum (2 words)
34	Not false
35	Connections
36	Carpenter insect
37	CFL measures of forward progress
39	Soeur d'un parent
40	The _____ justify the means, according to Machiavelli
42	Lord Chancellor of England 1617-1621 and "father of empiricism" Sir Francis _____
44	Towards the back of a boat
46	Sound of disapproval made with the tongue
47	It's worse in Quebec
49	Magician's "voila!" (with a hyphen)
50	Vintage video game with falling blocks
51	1/60th of a min
52	L'Ile de Montréal is surrounded by it
55	Prepare to shoot
56	Brain + spinal chord (init.)
59	____-MO video replay
62	Fido's favourite word
63	Plant germ, or bit of bird feed
64	An octagon has eight of them
65	Wuthering Heights author Bronte and poet Dickinson, for two
67	Sherlock Holmes: "The game is _____"
69	Region upstate from Boston (abbr.)
70	Country singer Brooks
71	Like 26-Across, speedwise
72	One of 4 on a car
73	Prayer ending
75	Former "hard" currency coin of Spain
76	Quintessential joke opening: <Someone> walks into _ ____...
77	Tweety Bird: "I _____ I taw a puddy tat"
80	US highway, such as 66 (abbr.)
81	Dad's wife
82	Singer Garfunkel