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This Week's Wisdom: STABILIZE YOUR GOVERNMENT

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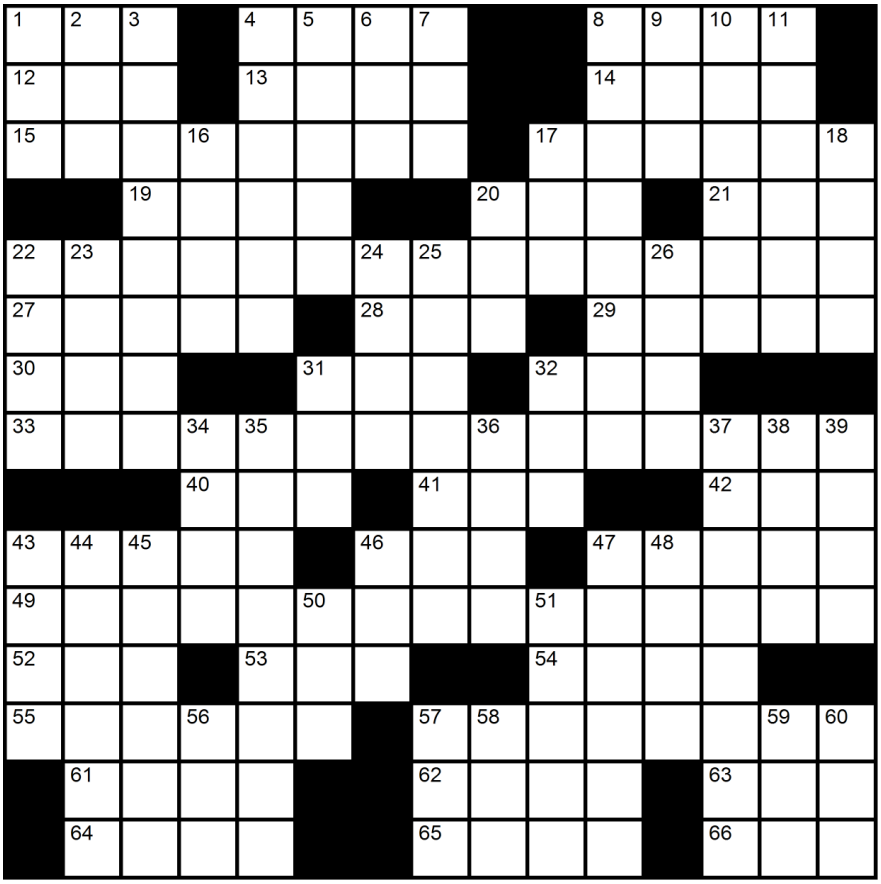
Eighteen centuries ago, the Pirkei Avot *coined the axiom "Pray for political stability, for if not for fear of the government, men would swallow each other alive." A functioning government seems crucial to societal progress, yet in recent weeks that has seemed quite elusive. This puzzle includes some pointedly punny barbs in the direction of those who turned off the lights.*



ACROSS

1 Republicans
4 Shine brightly
8 He inspired Kevin Clash's book *My Life as a Furry Red Monster*
12 Country that opposed 13-Across
13 WWII faction
14 Cook ahi, perhaps
15 What the Republicans reached a point of, or hoped to get from voting the way they do most of the time?
17 What some Oscars honor
19 Rent-___
20 *This American Life*'s Glass
21 Greek letter
22 Emulate the House since the Republicans gained a majority?
27 With "The," its 10/08/13 headline was "Congressional Aides Withholding Sex Until Budget Compromise Is Reached"
28 ___ *Day Now* (Alan Cumming film)
29 Alternative to Slurpees
30 Nonetheless
31 Least frequent NFL result
32 Noted hallucinogen
33 What the Republicans found the government impasse to be?
40 Hill occupant
41 DC Comics cowboy Jonah
42 Vote against
43 He-Man's sister
46 It was founded in 1983 as Control Video Corporation
47 Palmolive spokesperson who said "You're soaking in it!"
49 Emulated a Republican strategist on 10/01/13?
52 Path of a catapulted stone
53 "Blecch"
54 Type of saxophone
55 French Polynesian vacation site
57 Ex-House Majority Leader who last shuttered the government in 1995, suggesting his name was apt?
61 Mortgage option, slangily
62 Cain's brother
63 Caustic agent
64 House Majority Leader Cantor
65 Feel bad for
66 Use a needle

DOWN

1 Second Amendment concern
2 Disney Junior's spy bear series *Special Agent* ___
3 One who takes something and gives nothing
4 Death March origin
5 Town far from the city's core
6 Broadcast
7 Site with a Bing search button
8 One seeking mental diversion
9 Permit
10 ___ d'
11 Lavishly decorated
16 ___-1 (Ghostbusters' car)
17 Quest for Indy
18 With 37-Down, Detroit vehicle?
20 Unwelcoming
22 Train rider, perhaps
23 And higher, as in a cost
24 Placed
25 What My Son John had off, and also on
26 Hard rock band that released…
31 …this explosive single in 1976
32 Unit of illuminance
34 Drug buster
35 Skilled at thinking logically
36 Clutched
37 See 18-Down
38 Herb in a Simon & Garfunkel line
39 Looked at
43 2003 Samuel L. Jackson remake
44 Zimbabwe's capital
45 *Reptiles* lithographer
46 Query
47 One way to put it
48 Kick in, as chips
50 French assent
51 *Glengarry Glen Ross* author
56 "___ Fell" (Beatles tune)
57 Beer source
58 ___-Wan
59 Vote for
60 Tree used for making longbows

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