WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?
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ACROSS
1 Manischewitz product
6 Proverbs
13 Mil. alert state protocol
19 1979 Sigourney Weaver film
20 One-named boy in the children’s books by Christine L’Heureux
21 Begin a long-distance call
22 What’s the big idea for Mack?
24 Cinches
25 Sheep dish
26 Two-fisted sandwich
27 _ Prada?
28 Radio spots
30 Source of many metals
32 Govt. debt instrument
34 Messenger’s vehicle
36 _ noire
38 “Girls” creator Dunham
41 Boise’s st.
44 _ Redbox?
48 _ Bed Bath & Beyond’s bathroom division?
51 _ Mountains (Arkansas range)
52 Newspaper issue
54 Greeting words
55 Write (down)
56 Super Mario ___
59 Beach makeup
60 Military underling
61 Poem of homage
62 Flatter exaggeratedly
64 Grab a bite
67 Put the screws on
68 _ Dante?
71 Regatta entrant
74 26th letter
75 Supplicate
76 Keenly intelligent
79 “Was ___ harsh?”
80 Gmail button
82 Response to an explanation
83 Unopened in the box
84 Penn, vis-à-vis Pennsylvania
87 Noted Ottawa chief
89 It makes quite a bang
91 _ AllPosters.com?
92 _ StairMaster?
96 Med school grads
97 Bygone era
98 Sierra Club sci.
100 Has to pay back
101 Arrowsmith’s wife
103 With 50-Down, San Antonio memorial
104 Exercise series
107 _ Simon & Schuster?
113 Amigo’s assent
116 Curtain call cry
119 Big Brother’s “1984” superstate
120 _ T.S. Eliot?
123 Green gemstone
124 One who knows his food and drink
125 Valentine’s Day figure
126 It’s a wrap
127 “Grouf”
128 “One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest” novelist Ken

DOWN
1 Pappa’s spouse
2 Like an oral exam
3 Dyes
4 Lemon rind
5 Aware of, as a scam
6 Text-scanning initialization
7 Woodshop tool
8 Dismal
9 Phonetic elision
10 “Little Women” author
11 General Tao’s chicken maker
12 Bite-sized Japanese dish
13 (By) means (of)
14 “Piece of cake!”
15 Bungle, as a golf shot
16 Mrs. Dithers in “Blondie”
17 Universal donor’s blood type, for short: Hyph.
18 Capone fighter Eliot
20 Treat with a pesticide
21 Snow puff mushroom
28 Actress Page
31 ___ center (activity-filled place)
33 Launch
34 Candy in a wrapper
35 Rorschach image
36 Boxers’ letters?
37 Inventor of Memo Park
39 Most extreme degree
40 Lincoln moniker
41 Resort on Long Island
42 Two-element semiconductor
43 Adams of Yosemite
44 Axis villain
45 Classic shirt brand
46 London art angel
47 Really want
49 Marmot or mouse
50 See 103-Across
52 Trig function
53 Like a cold, damp clay
57 Court attention-getter
58 Attaches with rope
65 Lesotho locale
66 Ball-bearing gizmos
67 Acute
68 Bikini feature, sometimes
69 Spectrum component
70 “Norma ___”
71 Return on an investment
72 How some shares are sold
73 Banquet Beer brewer
75 “But then again…”
76 Dash letters
77 Heartbroken swain
78 Be out of sorts
90 “___ risky”
92 Get ready to shoot again
94 Japanese drama
95 Message to one’s followers?
99 Cinnamon-yielding tree
102 Kvetcher’s cry
103 Beauty queen’s topper

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