

WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL?

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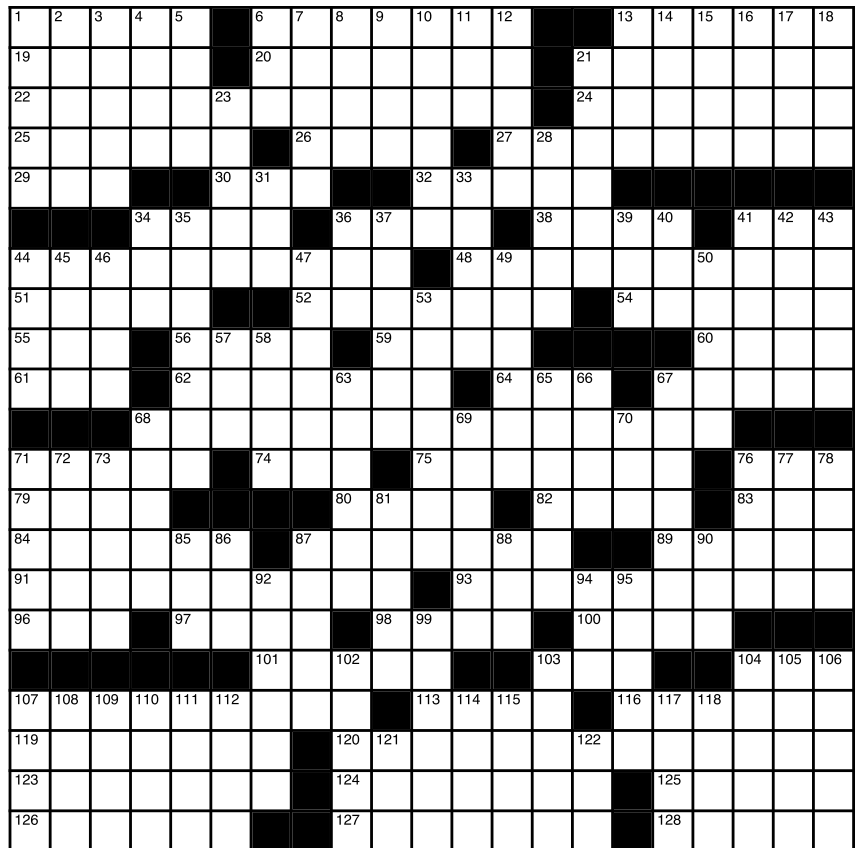
ACROSS

- 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?
- 29 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?
- 93 ... 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 "Groovy"
- 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 initialism
- 7 Woodshop tool
- 8 Dismal
- 9 Phonetic elision
- 10 "Little Women" author
- 11 General Tso'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
- 21 Treat with a pesticide
- 23 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 Menlo 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
- 53 Trig function
- 57 Like a cold, damp day
- 58 Court attention-getter
- 63 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
- 76 Play opener
- 77 Offender, in copspeak
- 78 Doublets
- 81 Cross the sill
- 85 "But then again..."
- 86 Dash letters
- 87 Heartbroken swain
- 88 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

- 104 Daytime TV operas
- 105 "Rubber Duckie" Muppet
- 106 Frederick's of Hollywood buy
- 107 Ballerina's footing
- 108 Apex
- 109 Look that may be accompanied by a smirk
- 110 Pop singer Fabian
- 111 Play starter
- 112 One on the floor?
- 114 Yearn
- 115 Done the crawl, e.g.
- 117 Violin section?
- 118 Puzzle piece
- 121 Crazy way to go?
- 122 Elizabeth Warren, e.g.: Abbr.

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