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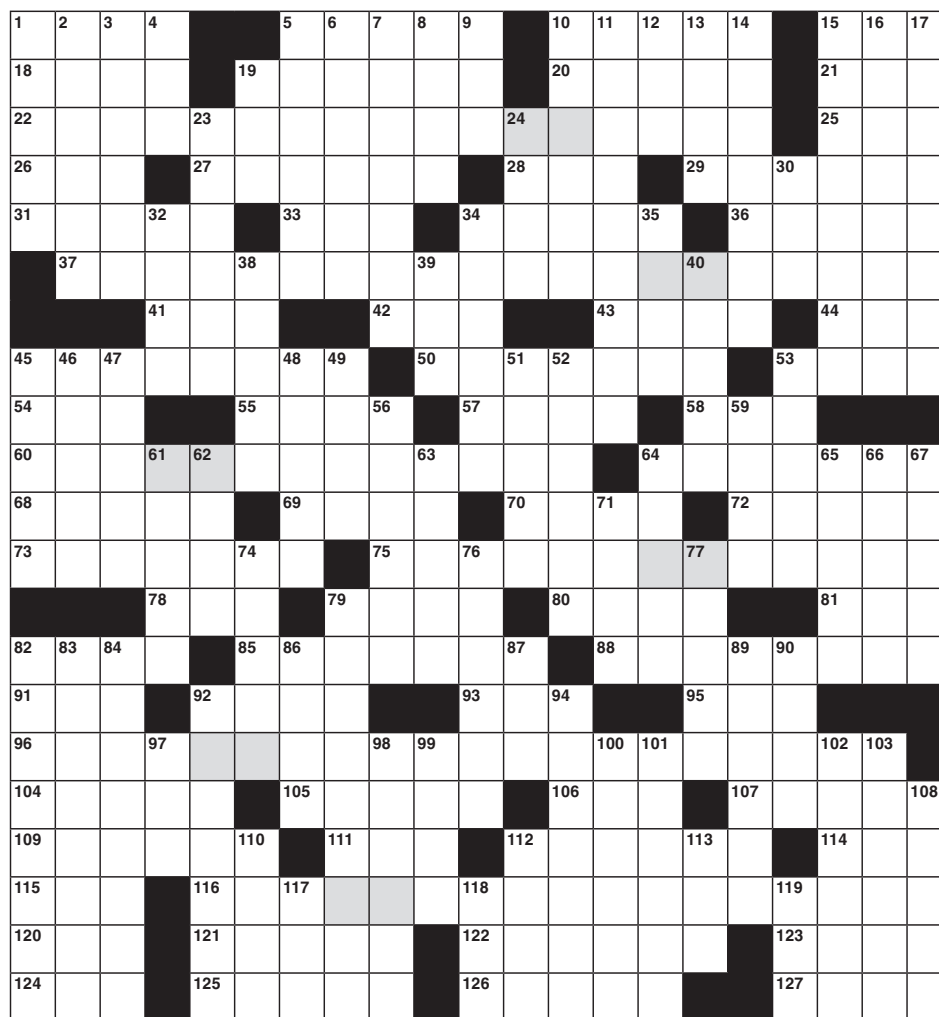
- 1 Leave a permanent mark on
5 Stows, as a banner
10 Ice carving?
15 Frequently
18 Romance writer Roberts
19 Ultimately succeed
20 Coin portraying Queen Victoria, once
21 Quaint cry of disapproval
22 Play by heart?
25 Monastery title
26 Sphere
27 Personal problems
28 Relay segment
29 Roman emblem of power adopted by Mussolini
31 Big name in grills
33 Toward the back
34 Gymnastics event
36 Means of death for Judas Iscariot
37 A plus average?
41 Tight-lipped
42 Took first
43 2007 Peace Prize recipient
44 Rio greeting
45 Makes minor observations?
50 Gum that comes in Fire and Ice varieties
53 Begot
54 Letterhead?
55 "Star Trek: T.N.G." counselor
57 Leeway
58 Life force in Eastern medicine
60 Handle with care?
64 Chart of the heavens
68 River more than 2,700 miles long that crosses the Equator twice
69 Two turtledoves, e.g.
70 Cry at a surprise party just before the honoree arrives
72 Get a groove on?
73 Drink Gatorade after a workout, say

- 75 Calm before the storm?
78 Blow it
79 Red-haired biblical twin
80 Marco Polo crossed it
81 "Gnarly!"
82 What a lead runner sets
85 Learns
88 Some Bavarian brews
91 Under the weather
92 "Pronto!"
93 Part of a film studio tour
95 Disney Channel's "_____ and Maddie"
96 Grab and go?
104 Land bordering Nepal
105 Errands, e.g.
106 A.T.M. expense
107 Provider of limited coverage?
109 Subject to a recall, maybe
111 Ginger _____
112 "You betcha!"
114 Middle X or O
115 Milne young 'un
116 Stay ahead of the curve?
120 Dec. 31, e.g.
121 _____ Hawkins dance
122 Glossy fabric
123 Baja's opposite
124 Setting for much of "Lord Jim"
125 Astrophysicist Neil deGrasse _____
126 Stuck-up sort
127 Spot for brooding

DOWN

- 1 Support, as a foundation
2 Dara who swam at five Olympics
3 Curmudgeonly
4 Common Christmas tree
5 Former Saudi king
6 Release from shackles
7 Way up a bunny slope
8 San _____ Obispo, Calif.

- 9 Thérèse, e.g.: Abbr.
10 Make available
11 Bars for swingers?
12 Go (for)
13 Coral bleaching locale
14 Drive mad
15 Salty or spicy
16 Event with steeply discounted prices
17 Interest piquer
19 Sports team tally: Abbr.
23 Boeing competitor
24 Dollar, in slang
30 Pittance
32 One of nine for Tina Fey
34 Swedish lake that's the largest in the European Union
35 Suffix with beta or cyclo-
38 Drops
39 Metaphor for punishment
40 Standing
45 Luau locale
46 Cupronickel, e.g.
47 Like some uncertain dates
48 Poppycock
49 1998 N.L. M.V.P.
51 Night at the museo?
52 _____ the line (obeying)
53 Canoe builder's bark source
56 "Quite true"
59 Padlock's place
61 Find common ground
62 What spirits can do
63 Toward the back
64 Kept for later
65 "A Visit From St. Nicholas" writer
66 Very loud
67 Isn't over yet
71 Maker of the fragrance Sauvage
74 Wreck, informally
76 Russian moolah
77 Triangular road sign



- 79 Big purveyor of sports talk
82 Imagines
83 Like a machine that prints, scans and faxes
84 Provider of the fizz in a gin fizz
86 Worm or fly
87 Blubber
89 Setting for some aerial maneuvers
90 "Well, Did You _____?" (Cole Porter

- tune)
92 "Hurry!"
94 Soy-based frozen- dessert brand
97 Flight attendant's offering
98 Fisher of fashion
99 Design feature
100 Hawks' hangouts
101 "John Wick" star
102 Mark with spots

- 103 Passes
108 Onetime alternative to Facebook Messenger
110 Website with a Watch list
112 Vigorously debate (with)
113 Man cave, maybe
117 Employee badges, e.g.
118 It's a "gift"
119 Name whose Italian equivalent is Giovanni

'Whatever' claims US title as most annoying word

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. (AP) — A poll has found that the most annoying

word or phrase used in casual conversation in America is "whatever."

The Marist College poll released Wednesday indicates the word irritates 38 percent of Americans.

The pollsters offered up five options for most annoying word or phrase: "Whatever," "No offense, but," "Ya know, right," "I can't even" and "huge."

"No offense, but" is second with 20 percent. In third place is, "You know, right," which is irksome

to 14 percent of people, tied with "I can't even." "Huge" grates on the nerves of 8 percent.

"Whatever" is losing some steam, though. Last year it topped the list at 43 percent.

Age matters. Among Americans under 30, "I can't even" takes top honors.

The Dec. 1-9 survey of 1,005 adults has a sampling error margin of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

Dad shares kid's visit downsides

CAPE ELIZABETH, Maine (AP) — Clothes all over the house, milk left out of the fridge, loud gatherings with friends. These are some of a Maine dad's complaints about his college daughter being home for Christmas.

Dan Howard, of Cape Elizabeth, posted a humorous two-minute video on Facebook in which he describes scenes that are likely familiar to any parent with a child home from college. It has more than 900,000 views after

Howard's daughter, Shannon, shared it on the Facebook page of High Point University, where she goes to school.

"It took off from there. She knows it's good natured," Howard said.

Howard has three children; Shannon is his second in college. He says he was inspired to create the video after tripping over one of Shannon's suitcases that she'd left in the living room for days after arriving home. Howard retreated upstairs,

where his family thought he was working. But he was actually recording the video.

"We call it Hurricane Shannon when she comes home," he said.

Howard's video describes what each day is like with a student home from college. On Day One, he explains, he has to carry a heavy, broken suitcase through the airport. Day Two, he says, is when Shannon has her friends over for late-night baking — which they don't clean up.

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