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HELP!

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ACROSS

- 1 It might end up in a sack
- 9 E neighbor
- 15 Nada
- 20 Robots
- 21 "Not exactly, but close ..."
- 22 Filmmaker Coen
- 23 Checkout devices
- 24 Tired tale
- 26 Seriously annoy
- 27 Roll out, as a flag
- 29 Stuff in a muffin, say?
- 30 Neighbor of Okla.
- 31 Exciting, in modern lingo
- 32 Rock, maybe
- 36 Danson's "Cheers" role
- 38 End of some hybrid dog breed names
- 39 N.Y.C. dance company
- 40 Hounds
- 42 Tidbits for aardvarks
- 43 Bearded beast
- 44 They go with potatoes in soup
- 46 Sting operator
- 49 Regarding
- 51 Vitamin stat
- 52 Hosts, in brief
- 55 Italian cheese
- 59 Peel place
- 61 Out at a library, say
- 63 "Yeah, why not"
- 64 Cyrus who sang the 2013 No. 1 hit "Wrecking Ball"

- 66 Once did
- 67 States, informally
- 68 Be prone
- 69 Radiated
- 70 Leafy salad ingredient
- 72 Didn't delay
- 74 Inexperienced
- 75 Fool
- 76 Something frequently found in pink lipstick
- 77 Pupil's location
- 78 Stabilizes with a heavy load
- 81 Lump in the throat
- 82 Geologic period
- 83 Get upset over
- 84 Lincoln-to-Madison dir.
- 85 Sunrise direction, in Stuttgart
- 87 River in a 1914 battle
- 90 Skim
- 92 Not a science, but _____
- 94 & 95 What often seems to disappear in a dryer
- 98 N.C. military installation
- 102 "____ Trois Mousquetaires"
- 103 Big do
- 104 Appealed to a higher authority?
- 107 Religious time in spring
- 109 Critical message that's a hint to the six longest entries in this puzzle
- 110 Circular components?
- 111 Cave dweller
- 113 Caruso and Pavarotti
- 114 It makes for a boring job
- 115 1973 Beach Boys song
- 119 "Three Stooges" insult
- 123 Sal of "Rebel Without a Cause"
- 124 Course of action
- 125 Stretched tight
- 126 Caribbean game fish
- 127 Changes back to 0000
- 128 Swollen

DOWN

- 1 Ballet step
- 2 They have lots for sale
- 3 Not exactly hit the ground running
- 4 PlayStation company
- 5 L.B.J. follower
- 6 Home of the Burj Khalifa: Abbr.
- 7 Showed 'em what we've got
- 8 "It _____ hit me yet"
- 9 State of abandonment
- 10 Traffic troubles
- 11 Where the phrase "To thine own self be true" comes from
- 12 What shocked people stand in
- 13 Raja _____, Indian author of "The Serpent and the Rope"
- 14 Ernie _____, Pulitzer-winning journalist of W.W. II
- 15 Keebler cracker brand
- 16 Member of TV's Addams Family
- 17 Something scientists make light of?
- 18 Rear
- 19 Some cameo stones
- 25 Obstacle for a fish
- 28 Dandies
- 31 Tour grp.
- 32 Bro
- 33 Cab alternative
- 34 Common Market org.
- 35 Starting point in logic
- 37 Swimmers' assignments
- 41 Slippery vendor
- 45 The Wildcats of the N.C.A.A.
- 47 Jason with the 2008 hit "I'm Yours"
- 48 Poet Lowell
- 50 Store window sign
- 52 Dress seller
- 53 Take root
- 54 Sweet summer treat
- 56 1978 Dire Straits hit

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- 57 The Ram
- 58 Doesn't just want
- 60 Word said in passing?
- 62 Headed up
- 64 "Morning Joe" aier
- 65 Rumor starter
- 71 Timecard abbr.
- 72 Prized pitcher
- 73 Please too much
- 75 "Unto us _____ is given"
- 79 Like a string bean
- 80 Blood-typing letters

- 86 Word with bay or family
- 88 Course registrant
- 89 Cars that disappeared during the Depression
- 91 "Don't know yet," on a schedule
- 92 Prefix with industry
- 93 Bit of shaming
- 95 Involuntary actions
- 96 Make official
- 97 House of cards?
- 99 "Wheel of Fortune" sextet
- 100 Eschewed home cooking

- 101 Mystery and romance, for two
- 105 Download for a tablet
- 106 Skilled judoist
- 108 Draft
- 112 Nicholas II was the last one
- 114 Big name in laptops
- 116 The Lion
- 117 "____, Imperator!"
- 118 "-y" pluralizer
- 120 Lrk
- 121 W.W. II arena: Abbr.
- 122 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Roush

It's Pretty Gritty on the Peninsula

LONG BEACH, Wash. — The Peninsula Arts Center presents Pretty Gritty at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 13. Pretty Gritty might be another duo emerging from a sea of female/male acts, but there is nothing typical about these two. Sarah and Blaine have cultivated a sound that is timeless and classic, yet succeeds in bringing something fresh to the table. With mesmerizing vocal harmonies and beautifully crafted songwriting,

they've carved out a reputation as a must-see live act. The Peninsula Arts Center is at 504 Pacific Ave. N., Long Beach. Wine, beer and other refreshments are available for purchase. Tickets are \$15 at the door or through Brown Paper Tickets, or call Bill Svendsen at 360-901-0962 or visit peninsulaartscenter.org/concerts. Concerts benefit the nonprofit Long Beach Peninsula Acoustic Music Foundation.



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