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ACROSS

- 1 [Hah!]
6 Something that might be packed with juice, informally
12 Home of Velázquez’s “Las Meninas”
17 Forerunners of MP3s
20 “Do ____!” (emphatic agreement)
21 1958 No. 1 hit in a foreign language
22 Concern for a samurai
23 One situp, e.g.
24 Who has trouble reaching a windshield to place a ticket? [1989, 1982]
27 Who once boasted, “I’m so mean, I make medicine sick!”
28 Enthusiastic Spanish cry
29 Lao-____
30 Smack
31 Protest any involvement
33 Former Wisconsin senator Feingold
34 Sore
36 Bill ____, “Oliver Twist” thief
38 Shout at a pool
39 Major leagues
42 Talk show host Johnny’s children? [2015, 2006]
45 “There’s the catch!”
47 Moist towelette
49 Flavorer of much black candy
50 Vietnamese New Year
52 Traitor who gets on one’s nerves? [2006, 2002]
55 Noir weapon
56 Catches flies
58 Detox
59 The planets, before 2006
61 Item that may accompany chopsticks and a ramen bowl
63 Baghdad’s ____ City
64 TV ad
66 Long building project, in a cliché
69 Montezuma’s foe
70 Small screen superimposed on a large screen . . . or a hint to this puzzle’s shaded squares
75 Venomously biting
78 Forked over
79 Med. plans
80 “____ first you don’t succeed . . .”
84 Cheetah mascot of Cheetos
86 Chinese greeting

- 88 Still not caught
91 Line often in Latin
92 Big ____ (praise, slangily)
95 Prepares for guests who don’t like their coffee black? [2017, 1996]
97 Lead-in to Pen
98 Seat in the classic photograph “Lunch Atop a Skyscraper”
100 Preceder of “And that’s final!”
101 Laddie’s refusal
102 Initiated global conflicts? [1977, 2012]
106 Visits during a vacation
108 Bendy blades
109 Huffs
111 Singer Sumac
112 Spill something
115 Sister of Moses
117 School-cafeteria food, pejoratively
118 Chart
120 Broad Australian accent, informally
122 Unexplained ability
123 Selection of billfolds for medical professionals? [2016, 2008]
127 Chicken ____ king
128 Let float, as a currency
129 Ticker lines?
130 That is
131 “Dragons’ ____” (British equivalent to “Shark Tank”)
132 Ones picked out of lineups
133 Slobbery kiss
134 Flies in the face of someone?

DOWN

- 1 Its name means “three strings,” but it can have up to 21
2 ____ jacket
3 Blew out of proportion
4 Enjoy
5 Chicago paper, informally
6 Beetle Bailey’s rank: Abbr.
7 Eat quickly
8 Draft picks
9 Demand from a police interrogator
10 “Black-ish” father
11 “Boatercycle”
12 That of this clue is awkward
13 Blowout
14 Santa ____ winds
15 “Is the risk worth it?”
16 Carnivora and Rodentia
17 Good manners in kindergarten drawing? [1997, 2004]
18 Supermarket section
19 Command from a dentist
25 Meddles (with)
26 Justice Kagan
32 Superior to a 6-Down
35 Most bohemian

- 37 “Uh, that is to say . . .”
38 A brigantine has two
40 Actor Bremner of “Wonder Woman”
41 Mona Lisa, for one
43 Org. based in Langley, Va.
44 “That reminds me . . .” is one
45 Fundamentals
46 Spanish greeting
48 Muscle builder
51 Recipe amts.
53 Plucky sort?
54 “Leave no ____ unstoned” (jocular phrase)
56 Hershey toffee bar

- 57 “Yoo-hoo!”
60 Accompaniers of canes
62 Prefix with puncture
65 Young seal
67 Popular brunch options
68 Prefix with terrorism
71 :
72 “Weekend Update” co-anchor beginning in 2014
73 “Sounds good!”
74 Russia, once
75 Fictional company behind earthquake pills and dehydrated boulders
76 Outlets, of a sort

- 77 Smaller piece of cookware? [1953, 2017]
81 Where the action is
82 Contents of the Rio Grande
83 Head to France?
85 Unsophisticated sorts
87 Bank job
89 50 before
90 Where to be among Hmong
93 ____ Xing
94 Snores
96 Urban layout
98 Agenda topper
99 Stately residence
103 Bee: Prefix

- 104 Do research (on)
105 It cuts along the grain
107 Wear down
110 “Good thinking!”
113 Bad feeling
114 Borscht base
115 Drink at Valhalla
116 Catalina, e.g.
117 Flight part before a landing
119 Lead-in to stratus or cumulus
121 Take a fall
124 Nurse’s training, for short
125 “____ is me!”
126 Suffix with legal

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