

“BUT WHY THOUGH?” — ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

ACROSS

- 1. Morse code symbol
- 5. Suffix meaning “lover”
- 10. 1950s poem with the phrase “pingpong of the abyss”
- 14. Penne ___ vodka
- 15. ___-Leste (U.N. member since 2002)
- 16. Like some arguments
- 17. French businessman with a politically controversial namesake cosmetics company
- 19. Sextet halved
- 20. ___ Hawkins Dance
- 21. Historic Tampa neighborhood known for its cigar factories
- 23. Little nitwit
- 26. Came down
- 27. “Après ___ le deluge ...”
- 30. Succulent plant
- 31. “Danny and the Dinosaur” author

- ___ Hoff
- 32. Bronx-born member of Congress, familiarly
- 33. Pork ___ (convenience store snacks)
- 35. Therefore
- 39. NHL Hall of Famer Steve who led the Detroit Red Wings to three Stanley Cups and is now their general manager
- 41. Element #39 (one of four named after the same Swedish village)
- 44. Flying start?
- 45. Mario character hatched from an egg
- 47. Dr. behind Beats headphones
- 48. Consumed
- 51. Dramatist Coward
- 52. Japanese flag symbol
- 53. Sword-and-___ (period film genre)
- 56. Fencing swords
- 58. Peruvian-born

- 1950s singer with a Guinness-certified five-octave range
- 60. Car wash step
- 64. Decisive defeat
- 65. Tropical plant with oils used in perfume
- 68. Land area
- 69. Tougher to come by
- 70. Sacha Baron Cohen persona
- 71. 1/168th of a week
- 72. “___ it goes”
- 73. Drains energy

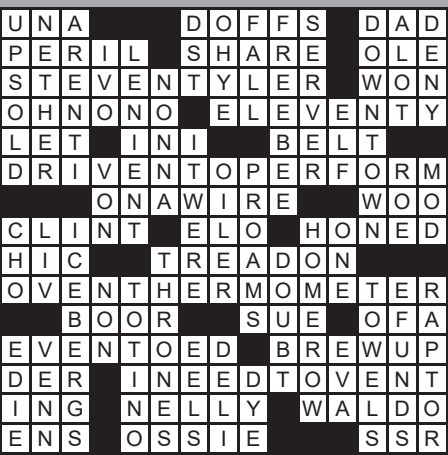
DOWN

- 1. Makeup of a week
- 2. Edison’s middle name
- 3. Winter transport
- 4. “Rumour ___” (hit song by Adele)
- 5. Hrs. accrued for vacation, in many workplaces
- 6. “Drank water too fast” sound
- 7. “Really looking forward

- to it!”
- 8. “Stay” singer Lisa
- 9. Baseball misplays
- 10. Drink popular with fall leaf-watchers
- 11. Former senator Hatch
- 12. Rider-___ (popular tarot deck)
- 13. Christopher who played Doc Brown
- 18. Prepare, as leftovers
- 22. Light beam
- 24. Film director Kazan
- 25. “The Daily Show” correspondent Chieng
- 27. Past and future portrayer of Kamala on “SNL”
- 28. Move like molasses
- 29. Cake decorator
- 34. Computer admin
- 36. Clears
- 37. Expert
- 38. Albatross, in some literary works
- 40. Open-top car

- 42. “From hell’s heart I stab at ___” (“Moby-Dick” quote)
- 43. Factory that makes mosaic pieces
- 46. Minimal poker draw
- 49. Letter after sigma
- 50. Pet-loving “Tiny Toon Adventures” character
- 53. Dark-skinned wine grape
- 54. Old Exxon competitor with a torch logo
- 55. Pacific island nation that had one sprinter in the 2024 Olympics
- 57. George Eliot’s “___ Marner”
- 59. Actor Alda
- 61. Disney feline
- 62. Tiny cut
- 63. Carton purchase
- 66. “Metroid” console
- 67. Miracle-___ (garden product)

LAST WEEK’S ANSWERS TO DUCT AND COVER



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