

- and Goliath story
- 54 With Cat or Cone, a brand name
- 57 Neologism meaning sexy geeks, according to the *Urban Dictionary*
- 58 Popular outboard, for short
- 60 Dulles, on a baggage tag
- 62 *Into the ___*; popular book about thermodynamics by Schneider and Sagan
- 64 Horseshoes-like game
- 66 Words after or before “deal”
- 68 Magic and Dr. J, e.g., briefly
- 69 Band Jethro
- 71 Ray source
- 73 Australian boots
- 74 1952 Russell/Mitchum film
- 76 Actress Loretta
- 77 Presumed customer for many self-help books
- 79 Measure of CPU spd.
- 80 List shortener (abbrev.)
- 83 Certain IOD
- 86 Small island
- 88 Semiotician and author Umberto
- 91 Ferrets and sprites
- 93 Barcelona bear
- 95 Record
- 97 Joe’s *South Pacific* love
- 98 Sly
- 99 Some shirts
- 102 Citizen Kane’s dying word
- 104 Nobel laureate Paul
- 105 ___ chairs; juvenile game, presumably, though played in deadly earnest on a larger scale (learn, my children, learn very well...)
- 107 Greek god of merchants, bankers, and thieves (verily, I am *not* making this up; is there a message here...?)
- 108 Tel ____, overlooking the Sea of Galilee
- 109 Common soccer score
- 111 You might often start up with this
- 113 Races (ironically enough)
- 114 Really bother
- 115 Phone greeting in Padua
- 116 A lot of paper
- 117 “Older ____, maybe, but...”
- 119 *Tout de ___*
- 120 Dumbledore’s killer
- 122 Coot’s self-realization
- 131 Stitch
- 132 Giant star Manning
- 133 MBA, e.g.

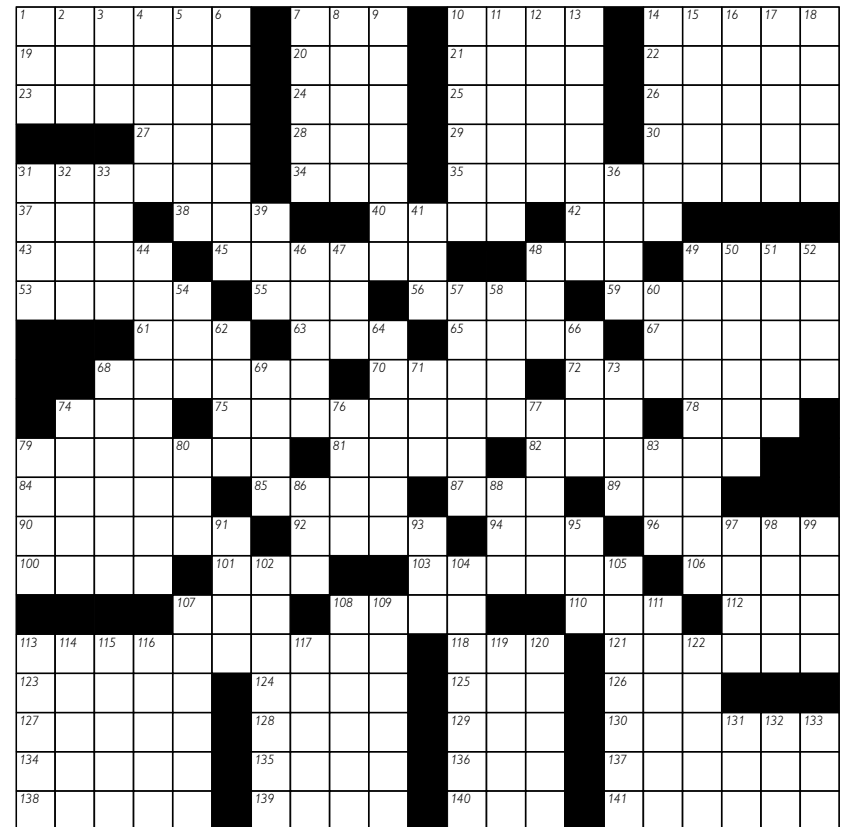
Fellow citizens, we cannot escape history. We... will be remembered in spite of ourselves. No personal significance, or insignificance, will spare one or another of us... The occasion is piled high with difficulty, and we must rise with the occasion. As our case is new, we must think anew, and act anew.

Abraham Lincoln, 1862

But today we have involved ourselves in a colossal muddle, having blundered in the control of a delicate machine, the workings of which we do not understand.

—John Maynard Keynes, 1930

Doubling Down: “ ’Tis Time, ’Tis Time” Toil and Trouble Bursting Through the Lush Desolation



Are lunches free? Economists say no. But this isn’t quite right: They *are* free, to those not picking up the tab. So...who gets stuck? This is not a usual topic in economics. Yet it is important. In the biggest possible picture, we are, of course, all provisioned by the energy harvested from the Big Bang. It trickles down to us via sunlight, mostly, but also from tidal action and the heat left over from the earth’s creation. It’s *all* “free”, then (after shelling out for the relevant “user fees”), if we can just use the stuff—and grab fast. Energy is necessary—we know that. Many economists, though, seem to have it backward: *Money* doesn’t *buy* oil; oil, or its equivalent, *makes money possible*. How, then, to keep the carnival castle, the wealth, of our existence from deflating? Toss it back up and let it hit us on the head? Is that the “pump”? Sure, but there is a thin line indeed between “trickle down” and “shove it up” (aka “suck it up”). Anyway, the metaphors may be themselves upside down: The richest among us are, truly, the biggest suckers of all. The real question is, to be sure, whether, given our assets and abilities to exploit them, can

we support 6 billion and more humans (not to mention a far greater biomass of other deserving, useful biota) in the manner to which we would love to become accustomed...without despoiling our habitats? Probably—possibly—the right materials exist, if we could only exploit them. We just need Hope...and Faith...even a sense of Wonder Anything else? Well, consider the driver about to set off across the desert. He or she needs to expect—to *hope*, to have *faith*—that the filling station halfway (and most of a tankful) across will be open. But note that it is also necessary that, upon arrival, the station actually has a supply of fuel for sale (or at least to beg, borrow, or steal). Perhaps, then, we also need actual resources...plus a hose and compressor, maybe a pick and shovel, the skill to use them...and a few good, equally desperate friends....

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Across

- 1 "Fire burn, and cauldron ____."
 7 "Hi ____!"
 10 Children's literature favorite Silverstein
 14 Ivan, Peter, et al.
 19 ... ____ *los tiempos del colera*; novel by Gabriel Garcia Márquez
 20 Where Scheherazade hung
 21 Slangy foul mood
 22 *Loving Frank* author Nancy
 23 Lasso
 24 ____ Hammadi codices
 25 Leave undone
 26 Island greeting (or farewell)
 27 Initially, home of "All Things Considered"
 28 Directional suffix
 29 Atlanta arena name
 30 Biblically, Ruth's mother-in-law
 31 Serenaded, one way
 34 Haw predecessor
 35 One kind of heat pump
 37 "____ certified mechanic"
 38 Special ____
 40 Hierarchical grade
 42 Kind of burner or giant
 43 Swing dance type
 45 "Who's your favorite woman, dear?" "It's ____!"
 48 Monster guy Chaney
- 49 Participatory need for many passages
 53 A kind of quest
 55 Hive name of *Star Wars*' Killikis
 56 "You're not nearly so buff ____," said the stud, ungrammatically
 59 Efficient engine type
 61 LTD or SA equiv.
 63 Website section, for short
 65 Captain in a 1954 film
 67 Poster biggie Tadashi
 68 ____ness; 100A is a contemporary synonym
 70 Employer
 72 Physicist Clausius (if you don't like my spelling, used by at least one of Clausius's biographers, here's an alternate clue: Song hero who produced illumination from baleage)
 74 Cold war fighter
 75 Business tactic for reducing costs in the short term, but ultimately eviscerating the customer base upon which it needs to feed
 78 ____ Patuxent River or Whidbey Island
 79 Mathematician James Clerk ____; he with a famous demon

- 81 Natural energy storage and transmission system
 82 "The ____ of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present." —A. Lincoln
 84 Put (the game) away
 85 *Café au ____*
 87 Six in Siena
 89 Sound in Nantes
 90 Composer and inventor Harry
 92 "Make ____!"
 94 Pass
 96 Brilliant success
 100 Stuck-up one, in modern slang
 101 Scrap
 103 Blind spot in Berlin
 106 Local Old Sod name
 107 "Entourage" home
 108 Othello, for one
 110 *Milk* director Van Sant
 112 Great hole holding
 113 Zoloff target
 118 ____ Enterprise
 121 Iron workers
 123 Less usual
 124 Aquinas's *De ____ et Essentia*
 125 Rev
 126 "Sam ____"
 127 Varsity
 128 ____-marie (water bath)
 129 Farrow or Hamm
 130 Like some options
 134 "____ with a spoon!"
 135 With fruit, Jamaican tangelo
 136 Mitochondrial output (cellular "currency"), for short
 137 Gene variant
 138 Late Gothic sculptor Veit
 139 Word before and after "or no"
 140 Once named
 141 Physicist Boltzmann, he with the famous constant

Down

- 1 ____ Harbor, Florida
 2 Ms. Thurman
 3 Serbian copper mining center
 4 Word with up, down, in, out, and charges
 5 Arrive at, as a conclusion
 6 A song by Bad Religion
 7 Much of it is funny, though that's no laughing matter
 8 "Danny ____", poem by 10A
 9 Old starting mechanism
 10 Joke butt
 11 It's been sold by GM since 1998
 12 Brazilian composer Krieger
 13 "Drop the subject"
 14 Feudal lords (ya think this might be a theme word?)
 15 Kind of eclipse or plexus
 16 "Get ____!"; advice to publically amorous couples
 17 Hadith of mercy
 18 Kind of mail
 31 Obi
 32 North Carolina Blue Ridge county
 33 Kind of death experience
 36 Hat in ____; how to politely ask for a bailout
 39 Amount bailout hopefuls never ask for
 41 Words with flash or nutshell
 44 Dating
 46 Definitely not buff
 47 Mao's successor, ____ Guofeng
 48 *Solaris* writer Stanislaw
 49 Positive feedback result
 50 Lago Maggiore's Madre e Pescatore, *per esempio*
 51 Some contract workers
 52 Valley of ____, in the David