

Across

- 1. Hungarian for "snake"
- 6. 1980s singer ___ Zadora
- 9. Reporter who travels with military personnel
- 14. Deal-___ (Richard Simmons's weight-loss program)
- 15. Japanese pop pianist Hanako ___
- 16. Attractive, in Argentina
- 17. Fringe benefits
- 18. Badminton barrier
- 19. Poet Nash, or a city in Utah
- 20. 5, on longer golf holes
- 21. Barely defeat
- 24. Perfect score, sometimes
- 25. Whoever
- 27. S.F. clock setting
- 28. Optimistic
- 29. Org. for Venus Williams and John Isner
- 31. Before, in poems
- 33. Food on a fishhook
- 36. "Running on Faith" singer Clapton
- 39. Sailing far from shore
- 43. Inelegances that make a puzzle tough to solve (of which there are six herein)
- 46. Deer who are male
- 47. Be unable to tolerate
- 48. See 41-Down
- 49. Make a mistake
- 51. Place to adopt a kitty
- 53. Actresses Grier and Dawber, for two
- 56. Chess author Greengard
- 59. Crossword puzzle features
- 63. Palindromic coach Parseghian
- 64. Waldorf ___ (hotel name)
- 66. Mimic
- 67. India's first prime minister
- 69. Word before milk or latte
- 70. Second step of washing your hair
- 72. "Find ___ and fill it" (entrepreneur's motto)
- 73. Where most MGWCC solvers live
- 74. Ninth word of Dickens's "The Pickwick Papers"
- 75. Danish pole vaulter Rasmussen who competed in the 2000 Olympics
- 76. Be the author of
- 77. Deserves

Down

- 1. Letter after iota
- 2. "Let me put it another way..."
- 3. Australian fencer Adams who competed in the 2000 Olympics
- 4. Big animal in the Himalayas
- 5. Mary-Kate and Ashley, for two

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This week's contest answer is a familiar verb.

- 6. Half of Will Shortz's favorite sport
- 7. "Why do ___ doing that?"
- 8. Cars
- 9. Four-award entertainment achievement
- 10. Coffee holder
- 11. Go from ___ worse
- 12. Equipment for lungers
- 13. North Carolina state representative Lambeth
- 22. Scare off
- 23. Western tribe for whom a state is named
- 26. Breaks in electrical flow
- 28. Eye parts
- 30. St. Louis attraction
- 32. Dorm bosses
- 33. Vehicle on a route
- 34. Picnic-invading critter
- 35. "___ tree falls in the forest..."
- 37. Nest egg fund
- 38. Simple beds
- 40. ___-cone (frozen treat)
- 41. With 48-Across, December drinks
- 42. Numskull
- 44. Tel Aviv's nat.
- 45. Prefix between hexa- and octo-
- 50. Hotel offerings (abbr.)
- 52. Put on your Visa, say
- 53. Carrier seen in "Catch Me If You Can"
- 54. Chase Center, e.g.
- 55. "Real Time with Bill ___"
- 57. Football announcer's phrase during a field goal attempt
- 58. Animal that's "hanhi" in Finnish
- 60. Stately house and grounds
- 61. Printer maker
- 62. Gives the appearance of being
- 64. Limoux's river
- 65. Reynolds or Gosling
- 68. Store where you can buy a tent
- 71. Georgia town 18 miles north of Athens