

"Connect the Dots" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington with clues by Kate Washington

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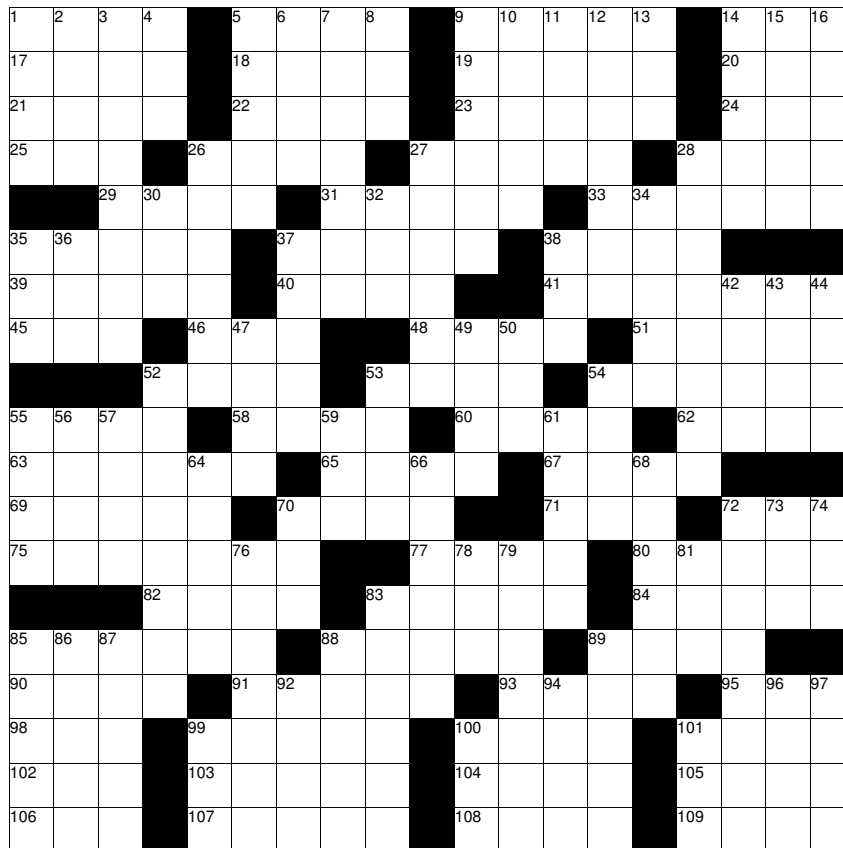
1. "Bravo" preceder
5. Lisa Loeb hit
9. That is, formally
14. HSN rival
17. Loretta Lynn hit, with "The"
18. Drama, in triplicate
19. Del ____ (uppermost California county)
20. Where many dirhams are spent
21. Czech distance-running champion Zatopek
22. Archaic word meaning "heed" that survives in a common combined form
23. Measured, in a way
24. ____ Wells (early black investigative reporter)
25. Kind of art or music
26. Wanda, famously
27. Whale or dolphin talent
28. Holy women, en Fr.
29. One-fourth of a certain relief
31. Hockey transgression
33. Words whisper-shouted to someone fleeing down an alleyway, maybe
35. Tread
37. Seed precursor
38. Possibly hot potato
39. Military rulers
40. See 52-across
41. Beach mentioned in "Surfin' USA"

45. Word with bar or nurse
46. Advanced assessment
48. Closes
51. "Pitfall!" platform
52. Look given by a 40-across
53. Vegan treat since 2014
54. Fruits that may be picked green or black
55. ____ Non Verba (Merchant Marine motto)
58. Obscure
60. Lately, they've been undeclared
62. Trading place
63. Shoe covering
65. ____ bowl
67. It's oft-broken on opening night
69. Coastal Indian village that was Gandhi's destination on the Salt March
70. Mad Max's Road
71. See 32-down
72. Sub's partner
75. "____ Sailing No More" (Randy Newman song from "Toy Story")
77. Payroll tax-funded benefit (abbr.)
80. Radiates
82. Terrible conspiracy theorist Jones
83. Canonized early pope
84. 1995 Brad Pitt thriller
85. Same-sex dating site named for a slangy kind of "sense"

88. Christopher of mockumentaries
89. Played-out scandall suffix
90. Grandma's oil, maybe
91. What bees do in spring
93. Adjectival suffix, from the Greek
95. Confession of prior ignorance, for the extremely online
98. Woozy
99. Map of old
100. Care-withholding orders (abbr.)
101. Sheet of a sort
102. Sometimes you feel like one, sometime's you don't
103. A well-known actress ain't got a motor in the back of hers, per Sir Mix-A-Lot
104. "Leave it"
105. Formerly Italian cité
106. College admissions stat
107. Catalogue, as of a 7-down
108. Albanian currency, pluralized clumsily
109. Trash bag brand

DOWN

1. Something that's good to have in your step
2. Smooth ride
3. Not so serious
4. Tide competition
5. Salvage
6. Little piggies
7. Set of records
8. Butter tea maker



The answer to the metapuzzle is a figure from Greek mythology.

9. Chant
10. "Whatcha ____?"
11. Funny Bombeck
12. Barren
13. Big talker
14. "Just so"
15. Nee Skywalker
16. Desist
26. Scrounge
27. Nevada resource
28. Working on set
30. Happening
32. A particularly mangy 71-across
34. Of a point in a network
35. Antiracist, in dismissive slang
36. Day planner heading
37. Freeware browser
38. ____ Technica
42. Kind of blue
43. Dr. and Mac, both of rap
44. River through France and Belgium
47. Old-time advice
49. A predecessor to Nancy
50. Toast (abbr.)
52. Deposit
53. Yet another Turkish basketball player - this one's named Mehmet
54. Chilly capital
55. Somali-American actor Barkhad
56. Sticking point
57. Mickey admirer Basil

59. Research triangle airport code
61. Word preceding silence
64. Word part following bride or God
66. Organization
68. Templeton helped Wilbur save Charlotte's
70. "Bombshell" network
72. Fit in
73. Be under obligation
74. Online portal
76. "Cocktail" actress Gina
78. Some Mercedes models
79. Easing up, in diplomacy
81. Net clipper
83. Double jeopardy, in revenue collection
85. Jennifer Hudson is telling you she isn't
86. How someone might get in your business
87. Crimean resort
88. ____-manger (kitchen job)
89. Main ideas
92. Magic stick
94. Competitor of Specialized or Diamondback
96. Ancient civilization
97. Eco certification
99. "Sweet Heart of Sigma ____"
100. Wired internet
101. Lower-profile (but higher quality) relative of .jpg and .gif