

Four Letter Words Brian MacDonald

ACROSS

- 1. Andrews or Vandenberg (abbr.)
- 4. 13-digit pub. codes
- 9. Back's partner
- 14. Saving option, in brief
- 15. Poker-faced
- 16. Made introductions
- 18. * What an April shower might elicit
- 20. "Seriously?"
- 21. Not as newsworthy
- 22. Samovar
- 24. Bar choice
- 25. Wear down
- 26. * Exodus commemoration
- 29. One of four for an ostrich
- 30. Take by force
- 33. Special effort
- 34. Sign of boredom
- 37. Vim
- 38. * Water vehicle also known as a thunderboat

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- 41. Munchkin
- 43. Setter or retriever
- 46. Reagan's attorney general
- 47. "Can't you get someone else?"
- 49. Blanched
- 51. * Ease, as tension between parties
- 53. Comparable with
- 56. Cacophony
- 57. "___ get it!" (hopefully what you say upon solving the meta)
- 58. Ainer of Neil deGrasse Tyson's "StarTalk"
- 59. Comparable, with "with"
- 62. * Patriot's score maybe
- 65. Crunches
- 66. Dizzy

- 67. Some batteries and baseball league
- 68. Held in reserve
- 69. Authority
- 70. ___ St. James, first female Indy 500 Rookie of the Year

DOWN

- 1. Draws a bead on
- 2. Stereotypical college partier
- 3. Home of Contra Costa County
- 4. Marooned
- 5. Sale description
- 6. Show respect, in a way
- 7. Munich-to-Berlin dir.
- 8. Corn, maple and others
- 9. Hilarious online Zach Galifianakis mock talk show, "Between Two ___"

- 10. Where 'enry 'iggins 'angs 'is 'at
- 11. Elvis' record label
- 12. Mediterranean metropolis
- 13. Greek
- 17. Many kids around Easter
- 19. Jupiter's locale (abbr.)
- 23. Sing
- 27. Cash output
- 28. Like galleys
- 31. G.I. time off, informally
- 32. One of a clashing pair, perhaps
- 35. Ever open?
- 36. Teammate of the "Say-Hey Kid," the "Franchise" or "Dr. K"
- 37. Zoning board requests
- 39. "Viewers Like You" network

- 40. Three sheets to the wind
- 41. Quick-witted types, it's said
- 42. Infant
- 44. Embarassing feat
- 45. Portal
- 46. Old operating syst.
- 47. So-so
- 48. Hall of Fame Colts quarterback
- 50. Political columnist Peggy
- 52. Dad, at times
- 54. Mexican artist Frida
- 55. "___ be my pleasure!"
- 60. Delayed, with "off"
- 61. Police alert
- 63. Man-mouse connector
- 64. Something frequently hung in violation of law