

Dropping the Ball

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ACROSS

- 1 Yes, in Yakutsk
- 3 Place for a barbecue
- 8 Brittany or asparagi
- 14 Due to the fact that
- 15 Rear end alternative?
- 16 Kind of ancient poodle or local wager
- 17 Dystopian novel
- 18 Plucky
- 19 YouTube video button
- 20 One of the major leagues (abbr.)
- 22 Lowly worker
- 24 Boy did I drop the ball when a kid asked me what an ___ was and I told him it was a baby donkey
- 25 One broadcasting
- 27 Computers
- 29 Western Athletic Conference team
- 30 Halt
- 32 Lone Ranger's horse, or a precious metal
- 35 Black billiard ball
- 36 Nice hot time
- 37 I really dropped the ball when I called the ___ manufacturer a fizzyologist.
- 41 Old English letter
- 42 9
- 43 Eleven
- 44 Josh
- 45 Old Nick
- 47 Quick punch
- 49 Stop

- 51 Respectful greeting
- 53 Finish a Steven Spielberg horror film
- 54 State-Trait Anxiety Inventory, to friends
- 57 Papers
- 58 Golfer Palmer, to pals
- 60 Cease and desist
- 62 Buggy terrain
- 64 Txts (abbr.)
- 67 Technology for determining terrain using lasers
- 68 Cow catcher
- 70 Twitter handle constituent
- 71 "I don't think you old people will solve this meta", e.g.
- 73 Floral leaf
- 74 Pa partner
- 75 Bicycle built for two
- 76 Beasts of burden
- 77 Home phoner

DOWN

- 1 Sunrise
- 2 Not having yet solved the WSJCC
- 3 Don't perish
- 4 Natl. Humor Month
- 5 Josh
- 6 ?clue clever a such this isn't, blue are violets, red are Roses
- 7 Poet who sounds funky?
- 8 Antimony
- 9 He follows Oscar
- 10 Sign of a slip

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The answer to this meta is a message.

- 11 Not a hit
- 12 View anew
- 13 Editorial changes of heart
- 21 Imparted knowledge
- 23 Manicurist's tool
- 26 "__ rack" (set of very common letters in Scrabble)
- 28 Simple sort of dinner
- 30 Goes
- 31 Opera set in Egypt
- 33 What it did when it was sick of standing
- 34 I dropped the ball bigtime when I told my philosophy professor an ___ was a writing utensil that arises from and is not causally connected with the paper.
- 38 Goody-goodies
- 39 4/5 of a Muggle? Yes yes!
- 40 "I have no doubt"
- 46 "What I was talking about before being so rudely interrupted..."
- 47 Country music family name
- 48 Skullcaps
- 50 You and me and a mockingbird and a silverfish and a bonobo
- 52 Chinese unit of distance, about 1/3 mile
- 54 Soundly hit the floor
- 55 Siberian forest
- 56 Poet W. H. ___
- 59 Acts grimly
- 61 Gaelic language
- 63 ___ Major (constellation)
- 65 Othello, say
- 66 I dropped the ball so hard when the doctor said "___!" and I responded "There are 2.5 million rivets in the Eiffel Tower."
- 69 Menlo Park monogram
- 72 2k