

Forethoughts

ACROSS

- 1 "We can stay on the east coast of Florida or the ____; as long as I don't have to spend another winter up north!"
- 5 Cleo's downfall
- 8 Fred Mertz is neighbor and friend to Lucy and ____ Ricardo
- 13 Abhor
- 14 Deer mom
- 15 Adjective in cardiology
- 17 Greek H's
- 18 Super pilot
- 19 Paul or Ringo
- 20 "How on ____ will I be able to support myself if I wind up getting fired by my boss?!"
- 22 Crank
- 24 With "The", biblical inheritors
- 25 Only a number
- 27 Sibilant difficulty
- 29 Pet who acts up
- 33 Hid
- 37 "J" _____ " (Emile Zola newspaper article)
- 38 At sea
- 39 Actress Gardner
- 40 When she refused his diamond ring it was as if she took a club and broke his ____
- 41 Vim
- 42 "Why, that rotten guy is just below dirt! And he's not above paying _____ the table!"
- 44 Picnic pest
- 45 Abnormal breathing
- 47 Hooky player
- 48 "Evil Ways" band
- 50 Rats!
- 51 Larger-than-life
- 52 de Armas of "Knives Out"
- 53 Malone who played Johanna Mason in "Mockingjay"
- 56 Bobbing up from behind the bushes in their backyard, little Flossie and Freddie startled their big brother, ____
- 58 Egg centers
- 63 Built beforehand, briefly
- 65 Broadcast band
- 67 Eat
- 68 Join the club
- 69 Born
- 70 Foundation providing many college building names
- 71 Several years ago, the president visited the British royals; a photographer took his picture saying goodnight to little Prince ____ who was in his jammies, and maybe holding Tom, his teddy too
- 72 Despicable character
- 73 "Mark my words; if we stand way over here in this event theater lobby, we'll probably catch sight of ____ Damon coming out of the john"

The answer to the meta is an apt 8-letter word.

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DOWN

- 1 "This is fun!"
- 2 Allman Brother's album " _____ Peach"
- 3 Twinkler
- 4 Exam
- 5 Littlest Gaffney
- 6 Futbol
- 7 One on a jury
- 8 English Spot, and Holland Lop
- 9 Follower of pol or favor
- 10 Charley horses
- 11 Toy with a tail
- 12 New Haven university
- 16 Albanian currency
- 21 Ribbon under the chin
- 23 Joe the journalist or Marin the conductor
- 26 " _____ whiz!"
- 28 Day in the park, probably the Fourth of July
- 29 Deceptive landscaping features (or jokes)
- 30 Association for Conductive Education in North America (gimme of the day, constructor as well as solver!)
- 31 (Sorry for this.) Fourteenth section of future physician's test (after Parts A, B, C.....)
- 32 " _____ le pont D'Avignon...."
- 34 Used one's standing; _____ in
- 35 Happening
- 36 Pub game
- 38 Robert E. _____
- 41 Come in second
- 43 Naked Frenchman (ooh la la!)
- 46 "No dessert for me! Well, maybe just _____"
- 47 Heavy weight
- 49 " _____ two, and two....."
- 50 Prefer
- 53 Format for containing compressed image data
- 54 Sea eagle
- 55 Infamous Roman emperor
- 57 Ladder step
- 59 Leslie playing Burr
- 60 Third book in Marilynne Robinson's "Gilead" series
- 61 Done before purl
- 62 Mailed
- 64 Math subj.
- 66 Pot-au-____ (French stew)