

# Short Statement; Bestly Large Charge

# whimsy & Cap'n Rick

The meta answer is a big announcement at the zoo. (Total of 18 letters)

## ACROSS

- 1 'Honest Abe'
- 8 Friendly ghost
- 14 Temporary-address phrase
- 16 Take too far
- 17 Bad mark for Hester Prynne
- 18 Most mature
- 19 Stage
- 20 Largest spruce tree
- 22 Floral wreath
- 23 Vodka from Latvia
- 25 Spills the beans
- 27 "Good grief!"
- 31 "Jurassic Park" carnivore
- 33 "Oh Lord, stuck in \_\_\_\_\_ again..."
- 34 Verdi aria
- 37 Duds to don
- 41 Landed
- 42 Places to get water in New England
- 43 Coup d'\_\_\_
- 44 "Little Women" woman
- 45 "Now I get it!"
- 46 1916 Felix Arndt ragtime tune written for his fiancée
- 47 Raison d'\_\_\_
- 49 Make beloved
- 51 Harry's book, maybe written after a bad night in the alley?
- 54 "We \_\_\_ please!"
- 57 Light brown
- 58 "Oh the Wells \_\_\_\_\_ wagon is a-comin down the street..."
- 60 '60s stereos
- 65 Palindromic 1976 album that included "Evil Woman"
- 67 Never
- 69 Gilligan's Island feature
- 70 Nursed
- 71 Playwright O'Neill or socialist Debs
- 72 Explorer dubbed "The Pathfinder"

## DOWN

- 1 Speak like Sylvester
- 2 Foot part
- 3 March Madness org.

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- 4 Disney movie with Lightning McQueen
- 5 More \_\_\_ (somewhat)
- 6 Director Spike
- 7 "Au contraire!"
- 8 Stopper
- 9 Fly
- 10 Back-to-school mo.
- 11 Green shampoo brand
- 12 Short-lived '50s Ford
- 13 Indian flatbreads
- 15 Go belly up
- 21 Former quarterback Y. A.
- 24 2007 Ken Burns documentary
- 26 Stretch out
- 27 Thick slice
- 28 Golfer's target
- 29 Blue-pencil
- 30 Choice word
- 32 Reddish brown
- 35 Try again
- 36 Affectionate letters in ASL
- 38 Plains tribe
- 39 Fancy party (to welcome arrivals, for example)
- 40 Headliner
- 48 Nonstick coating
- 50 Zero chance
- 51 Pilfered
- 52 Pacific island nation
- 53 Lay \_\_\_ (flop)
- 55 Some grocery stores
- 56 Recurring theme
- 59 Top-notch
- 61 Tabloid twosome
- 62 Generic dog name
- 63 "That's my cue!"
- 64 Shipped
- 66 Fair-hiring letters
- 68 "All Things Considered" network