

## RIGHT ON CLUE

### A crossword featuring the nominees for the 2017 Bob Klahn Award for Best Clue

Crossword by Samuel A. Donaldson

**ACROSS**

- 1 Finished up
- 9 Org. for Texans
- 12 Sci-fi award
- 16 Ancestor
- 17 Actress Larter
- 18 First step
- 19 Leaves in a coffee cup, say
- 20 Take a shortcut
- 22 Free, as a horse or trailer
- 23 It may help remove a curse
- 24 Mil. aides
- 25 Mil. no-show
- 27 Embiggens
- 28 What sometimes follows a pair of hips?
- 31 Where some bosses work
- 32 Maple flower
- 35 Breaks down
- 36 "Ran" director
- 41 Support staff?
- 43 Drag to court
- 45 It's a crock
- 46 Capital \_\_\_\_
- 47 Source of many conspiracies
- 48 Fountainhead

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- 51 It has a top and a bottom with nothing in between
- 53 Con man's remedy
- 54 Root of nearly every luau
- 56 School gp.
- 57 Hosp. worker
- 58 Actor who sucked in his most famous film role
- 60 Saint who founded Scholasticism
- 64 "No food for me, thanks"
- 65 Looming
- 69 Clocks with no hands
- 71 "Skyfall" sequel
- 74 Kuala Lumpur's home
- 75 One on standby (act now!)
- 76 I, O, or U
- 77 Sick and tired?
- 78 Quickly-developed image
- 79 Blue group, informally
- 80 Dodgers legend Ron
- 81 Components of ranch dressing?

**DOWN**

- 1 Jo Ann of '70s TV
- 2 Chestnut alternatives
- 3 Big name in weed control
- 4 A thing for feet, maybe
- 5 "Pfft! Right!"
- 6 Sound system brand
- 7 Swank role in a 2009 film
- 8 Gere role in a 2000 film
- 9 \_\_\_\_ cavity
- 10 Doggy door, essentially
- 11 Firecracker
- 12 Word used three times in the title of a Roger Ebert book
- 13 Worth having around
- 14 Hippie's exhortation to move
- 15 Follows the leader
- 21 One whose job involves many paper cuts
- 23 Happy Meal component kids rarely eat
- 26 Christmas toast

- 29 Tolkien creature (it's either the tree or the monster, so you'll just have to get it from the crossings)
- 30 "Color me impressed"
- 31 Litter you want to pick up, possibly
- 32 Garbage vessels
- 33 Fictional Texas town in "King of the Hill"
- 34 \_\_\_\_ fast one
- 36 Ruler whose reign began at age nine
- 37 Shucker's debris
- 38 From the top
- 39 Carp carp carp
- 40 House features rock-throwers should avoid
- 42 Colloquium feature
- 44 Procure
- 46 :)
- 49 Words on milk cartons
- 50 Soft rock with hooks

- 51 Dog
- 52 Apple platform
- 55 Miracle cream target
- 58 Vegas opener
- 59 "Comedians \_\_\_\_ Getting Coffee"
- 60 Best associated with Jar Jar Binks
- 61 Football Hall-of-Famer "Greasy"
- 62 Western capital nee Chemeketa
- 63 Coated Dutch wheels
- 64 Land of Po folk?
- 66 Have your cake and eat \_\_\_\_
- 67 Target of some knees
- 68 They're rounded up
- 70 It may be glazed
- 72 Edson Arantes do Nascimento, to fans
- 73 Part of a proof's conclusion
- 75 Dark \_\_\_\_

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#### Solution

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#### **2017 Bob Klahn Award for Best Clue Nominees**

- 19-A: [Leaves in a coffee cup, say] for LATTE ART, "Transfers" by Erik Agard & Paolo Pasco (Glutton for Pun, April 26)
- 23-A: [It may remove a curse] for TAPE DELAY, "Anchors Away!" by Patrick Berry (ed. Will Shortz) (NYT, August 6)
- 28-A: [What sometimes follows a pair of hips?] for HOORAY, "Fitting In With" by Doug Peterson (ed. Peter Gordon) (Fireball Crosswords, January 10)
- 41-A: [Support staff?] for CRUTCH, "Outside the Box Year 2 Rows Garden #29" by Joon Pahk (Outside the Box Puzzles, March 28)
- 43-A: [Drag to court] for SWIPE RIGHT, "Themeless 81" by Paolo Pasco & Erik Agard (Glutton for Pun, December 14)
- 51-A: [It has a top and a bottom with nothing in between] for BIKINI, Untitled by Ross Trudeau (ed. Will Shortz) (NYT, February 9)
- 58-A: [Actor who sucked in his most famous film role] for LUGOSI, "Several Names" by Randall J. Hartman (ed. Peter Gordon) (Fireball Crosswords, March 8)
- 69-A: [Clocks with no hands] for HEADBUTTS, "Tiebreaker" by Erik Agard (ed. Neville Fogarty) (Glutton for Pun, June 8)
- 81-A: [Components of ranch dressing?] for STETSONS, "A Higher Power" by "Marie Kelly" (ed. Mike Shenk) (WSJ, September 8)