

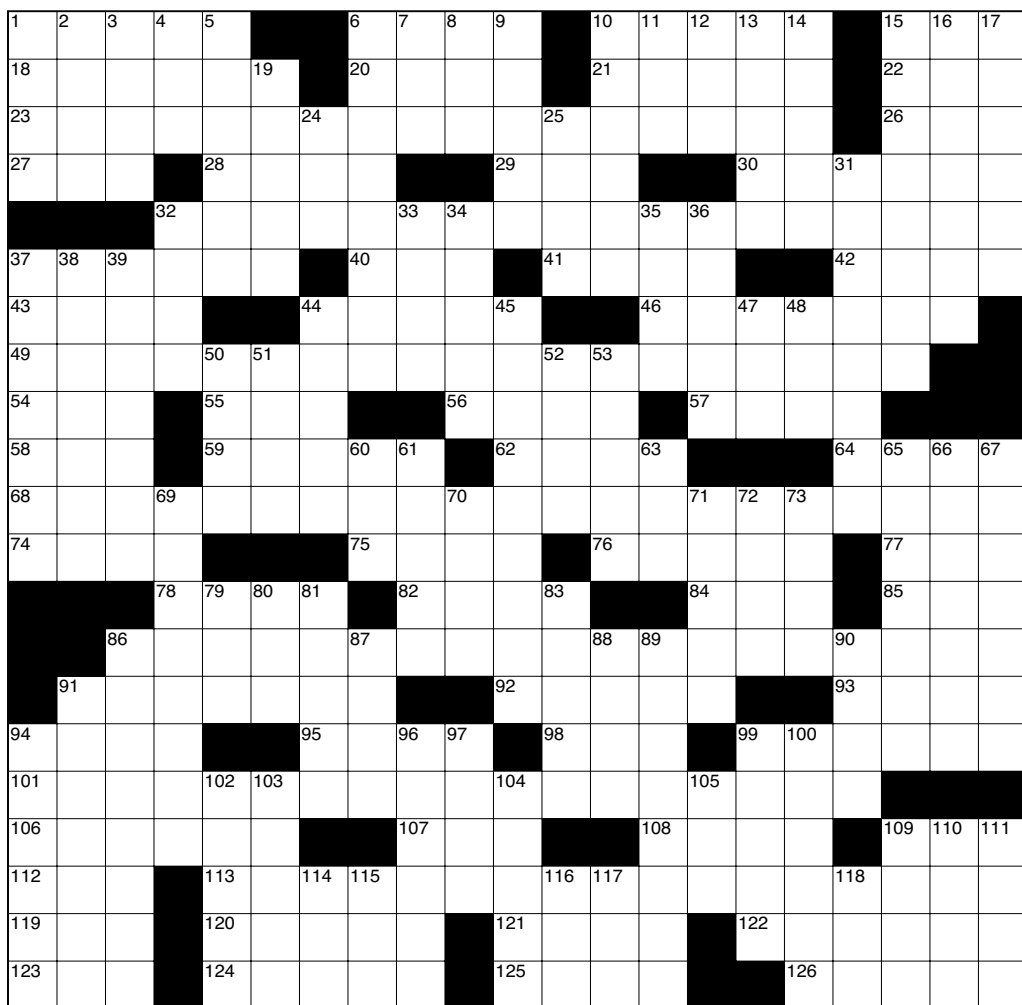
Initial Investment

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NOTE: The seven theme answers in this puzzle have an unusual property—the first letters of each one spell a common five-letter word (as in “Based On A True Story” and “BOATS”). In each case, both the long answer and the five-letter word are clued.

ACROSS

- 1 Susan’s Emmy role (finally)
- 6 Beauty pageant wear
- 10 *Shane* star and others
- 15 Pahrump’s st.
- 18 Mazda rival
- 20 TLC or ZZ Top, e.g.
- 21 Where Robert Louis Stevenson died
- 22 Tic-tac-toe loser
- 23 What often goes untold / Starting gaits?
- 26 MV ÷ V
- 27 Frame works?
- 28 Pack firmly
- 29 Raw tramful
- 30 Feinting, e.g.
- 32 Free-drink line / Cap’s place
- 37 Out of the office and then some
- 40 Veto
- 41 ___ witness
- 42 Rocky Lane did his voice
- 43 Wet bar?
- 44 Helpful tips
- 46 Area prone to flooding, perhaps
- 49 Arlen-Mercer classic / Water hazards?
- 54 Loss leader?
- 55 Pangolin’s treat
- 56 Sighed words
- 57 One and only
- 58 Homer’s neighbor
- 59 Babes in the woods
- 62 Under ___
- 64 Inter or non add-on
- 68 “Explain, please” / Aromatic oils
- 74 She, to a gondolier
- 75 Autobahn auto
- 76 Actor Keach
- 77 Org. of firing fame
- 78 Polish partner?
- 82 1950s teen idol
- 84 Color TV pioneer
- 85 Muesli morsel
- 86 1999 Pierce Brosnan film / A familiar cord?
- 91 Daylight Saving Time ignorer
- 92 Oil emirate Abu ___
- 93 “Very interesting”
- 94 Rte. thru El Paso
- 95 Self starter?
- 98 Instrument-tray locs.
- 99 More ___
- 101 “Oh, great!” / Corrupt
- 106 Update the machinery
- 107 Copier tray abbr.
- 108 High-priority
- 109 “Nuts, ___?”
- 112 Sequel’s sequel
- 113 “This is far as I go, kiddo” / Dingbats



- 119 Jargon ending
 - 120 Name in Indy lore
 - 121 Desktop choice
 - 122 1598 edict city
 - 123 Sot’s woe
 - 124 Citrus peels
 - 125 Homeward, to Lewis and Clark
 - 126 Baker’s need
- ## DOWN
- 1 Spanish 101 verb
 - 2 Essen’s valley
 - 3 Cynic’s comment
 - 4 Lot sight
 - 5 “Think” singer
 - 6 Visit a spell
 - 7 A word from Fido
 - 8 A word to Fido
 - 9 Hostess snacks
 - 10 Agree
 - 11 Not long.
 - 12 I love, to Ovid
 - 13 Up from México
 - 14 Exam instruction?
 - 15 Chopin work
 - 16 Snipped out
 - 17 Put into words
 - 19 American help, in headlines
 - 24 Logos and such: abbr.
 - 25 Boy with a bow
 - 31 First Olympic gymnast to receive a 10
 - 32 Drink to excess

- 33 Little hombre
- 34 Bit player
- 35 Grimm offering
- 36 ___ Perot
- 37 Common simile finish
- 38 Some babywear
- 39 Part of the hotel landscape
- 44 “Strike up the band!”
- 45 Pupil
- 47 Detective’s question
- 48 Short, shortened
- 50 Royal Indian
- 51 Aspiring MD’s course
- 52 Shortstop Vizquel
- 53 Deals (out)
- 60 Mel’s Diner waitress
- 61 Leaf of a calyx
- 63 Pres. who wintered in Key West
- 65 Worthless
- 66 Eye-fooling sights
- 67 Criticizes harshly
- 69 Criticize harshly
- 70 Repair
- 71 Start of a serial
- 72 Behold, to Brutus
- 73 Blue hue
- 79 Candy since 1927
- 80 ___ Jima
- 81 Like Mozart’s music
- 83 “For want of ___ ...”
- 86 Outcomes of some summits
- 87 Fidel’s brother
- 88 Olden ointment

- 89 Block
- 90 Like some fish
- 91 One who’s beyond belief?
- 94 Valiant-effort words
- 96 Flooring installers
- 97 Lock ___ (track)
- 99 Has way too much of, slangily
- 100 New Jersey city near a prison
- 102 Soviet space program
- 103 By yourself
- 104 Bert’s buddy
- 105 “Give them ___ best”
- 109 Canine on a case
- 110 Homer’s hangout
- 111 Caltech, for ex.
- 114 *Constitution* lead-in
- 115 Living in Fla., maybe
- 116 Singer Sumac
- 117 Intl. org. since ‘48
- 118 Storm’s dir., maybe

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