

"First Name Basis" part 1 - "First Impressions"

a metapuzzle series by Peter Washington

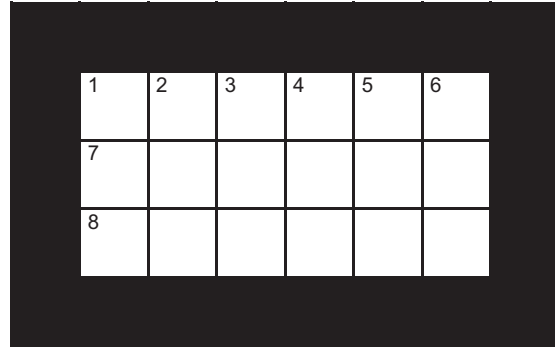
Across

- Backend service meant to boost social media content
- Lack doubt
- They needn't be gilded

Down

- Oil industry amt.
- Place frequented by climbers and paddlers
- Abbr. that might appear many times on a map of the Philippines
- Big mistake that can be avoided by calling a cab
- Ph.D. prerequisite, usually
- Signature call for Marv Albert

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"First Name Basis" part 2 - "15 Minutes"

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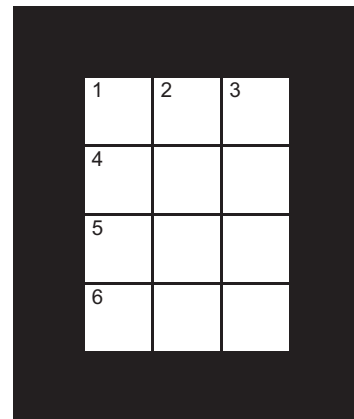
Across

- Draft Board agcy.
- [Castles queenside]
- Ticker symbol for a company at the center of a conspiracy theory involving radioactive material and the Clinton foundation
- Very, very quietly

Down

- Tom kha gai, e.g.
- Morass
- Nuts counterpart

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"First Name Basis" part 3 - "I Can't Put a Face to the Name"

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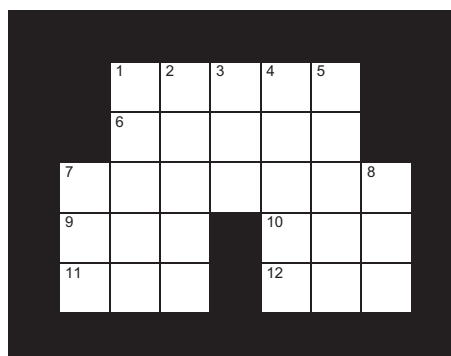
Across

- Kentucky ___
- Jobs creation
- LA naval museum
- HBO rival
- Physician-turned-funnyman Jeong
- "Better ___ than me"
- Anthropomorphic tree

Down

- Fish-based broth
- ___ salts
- Hudson Valley sch.
- Chap
- Consisting of a particular wood, somewhat fancifully
- Show in
- Leafcutter, for one

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"First Name Basis" part 4 - "A Room with a View"
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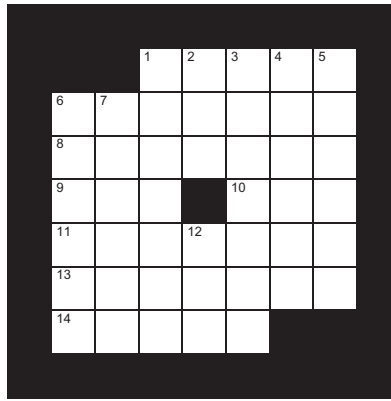
Across

1. Headliners
6. Glossy synthetic
8. Oven-ready
9. Expert evaluation of an injury claimant
10. Luxury SUV from Mercedes
11. Wear
13. Idiot's place?
14. B. A. Baracus's crew

Down

1. The index fingers, per a children's rhyme
2. Reporter Mak to whom Michael Cohen said "what I'm going to do to you is going to be [bleeping] disgusting."
3. Maranga, for 3-down
4. Cincinnati athlete, per his team's own requested renaming during the McCarthy era
5. Former RNC chairman Michael
6. Gathers intelligence, in Italia
7. Hellhole
12. ___ King

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"First Name Basis" part 5 - "A Different Scheme"
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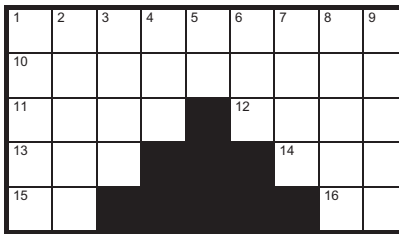
Across

1. World's most visited museum
10. Lieutenant colonel's unit
11. PRC ally of old
12. Maker of Thunder Beats bluetooth earphones
13. Chess scholar Lopez
14. Ubiquitous Iraq War hazard
15. Family doc
16. Handheld Nintendo after the Game Boy was phased out

Down

1. Village near Ithaca, for short
2. Hosts in one's penthouse
3. Place for modern-day crafters to hawk their wares
4. USPS item
5. Abbr. that appears often in the orthopedic records of the elderly
6. New ___, Minnesota
7. Consensus pick for worst Henry of all time
8. Wandered
9. An Oklahoma city and a Mississippi town

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"First Name Basis" part 6 - "Uncomfortable Truth"
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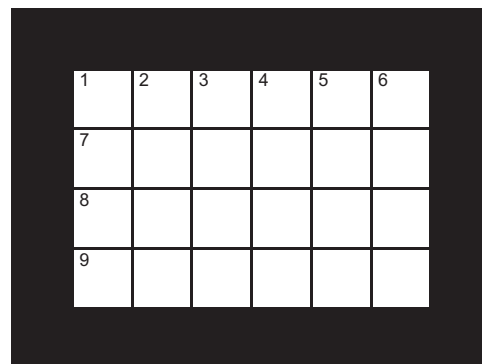
Across

1. Word I would never, ever put in a crossword if it weren't in service of a meta theme (and even then not without censoring it, as here)
7. Line that might follow "The name's Rick; and you are?" in a hypothetical classic movie prequel
8. To be delivered to as a proxy
9. Incorrect way of saying "except if" formed by conflating two similar-sounding synonyms

Down

1. Place for preemies
2. Bowie song featuring the couplet "Let the children lose it / Let the children use it"
3. Pharrell Williams album featuring the hit "Happy"
4. Choir show?
5. Those, in Toledo
6. Huck Finn conveyance

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"First Name Basis" part 7 - "Don't Laugh"

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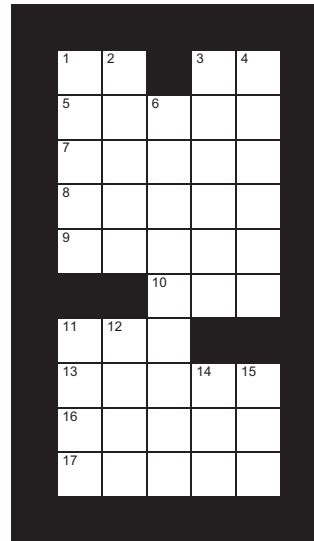
Across

1. Utterance often cooed
3. ___ Manchu
5. Up ___ (making the grade)
7. Punchable expression
8. Crude taunting expression
9. Physiologist Keys who linked saturated fat and heart disease
10. Slugger's stat
11. Zebra
13. Overact
16. "The Good Place" writer Megan
17. Identifies, as a tail

Down

1. Lost
2. "Black Magic ___"
3. Gentleman ___
4. Nerdy Steve's clan
6. Trident lookalike
11. Stack of sheets
12. Watson or Thompson of the Harry Potter films
14. ___ Bo
15. Paramedics

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"First Name Basis" part 8 - "Keep It Casual"

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Across

1. Tiebreaking procedure after 120 minutes
4. ___ Chaat Corner (Berkeley eatery)
8. "Impressive!"
9. "In the Valley of ___"
10. Treats coldly
13. Media buzzword since late 2016
14. Common oyster presentation

Down

1. Cook in water
2. Kauai town hom to Hawaii's first large-scale sugar operation
3. Peddle
4. Slowest spinner in the solar system
5. Cutesy name for a seller of extensions or mascara
6. One instructed to secure the exit?
7. Hebrew land of the dead
11. He may find himself on a shelf
12. Home of "White Like Me" and "Black Jeopardy"

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