

“Center Piece” -no theme, big middle.

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- 1 Dungeons & Dragons game runners, for short
- 4 Donkey's ancestors
- 13 Gets ready
- 15 Enter nonchalantly
- 17 Amassed, as a bar tab
- 18 Offshore company, financially speaking
- 19 Old Roman local levy (not derived from "eight")
- 21 Court request to the press
- 22 Springy sound effect in comics
- 24 Marlin searched for him
- 25 "I'll take that as ___"
- 26 Filled in for an author
- 32 Bulk food aisle container
- 33 March 28, 2009 event that made many homes go dark
- 34 Back muscle, for short
- 35 Least likely to rain
- 36 Mean Amin
- 39 "No Line on the Horizon" coproducer Brian
- 40 Copy down to the last detail
- 41 "Hey ___" (recurring "In Living Color" skit)
- 42 Literal translation of "Adirondack" that evokes trees
- 43 Peruvian singer Sumac
- 44 Journalists who write heart-tugging stories, slangily
- 45 Sue Grafton's "___ for Outlaw"
- 46 Sam & Dave's longtime record label
- 48 Home of the Great Dark Spot
- 50 That Suzanne Vega song with the "doo doo doo doo" chorus
- 56 "The Wrestler" director Aronofsky
- 57 Stadium section with cheaper tickets, usually
- 59 Kennel structures
- 60 Mississippi university that's home to the Fighting Okra
- 61 Accustom
- 62 Cleaned up a microscopic specimen, e.g.
- 63 Part of CBS: abbr.

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▼ DOWN

- 1 Overly harsh
- 2 Pass along a bit of info
- 3 Reject
- 4 Pro league sometimes called the "Dream Tour of Surfing"
- 5 Nation with a Supreme Leader
- 6 "___ Jr." (Pixar's first film whose lamps are used in their logo)
- 7 Frisbee, e.g.
- 8 "Brimful of ___" (Connershop hit of 1997)
- 9 Come across as
- 10 What February might have, depending on the region
- 11 Biggest section of a TV dinner
- 12 Prepare cauliflower, say
- 13 Like some causes
- 14 Crustacean that fashions homes from a porous animal
- 16 "___ it seems"
- 20 Asthma sufferers' needs
- 23 Contemporary classical composer Henryk
- 27 Rubbernecks
- 28 Intent to harm, for one
- 29 Soft-Coated ___ Terrier (breed named for its grainlike color)
- 30 On a list, in olden times
- 31 Star's locale
- 36 Friend-in-need's helpful response
- 37 Acts like a control freak
- 38 Somehow
- 42 CD anthologies, often
- 44 Store handout
- 46 Poker variety
- 47 Drank until stinking drunk
- 49 Fat introduction?
- 51 "Curses!"
- 52 Rick's "Casablanca" love
- 53 ___ pot (sinus-cleaning apparatus)
- 54 Politico Bayh
- 55 Anatomical nerve network
- 58 Had the most points

