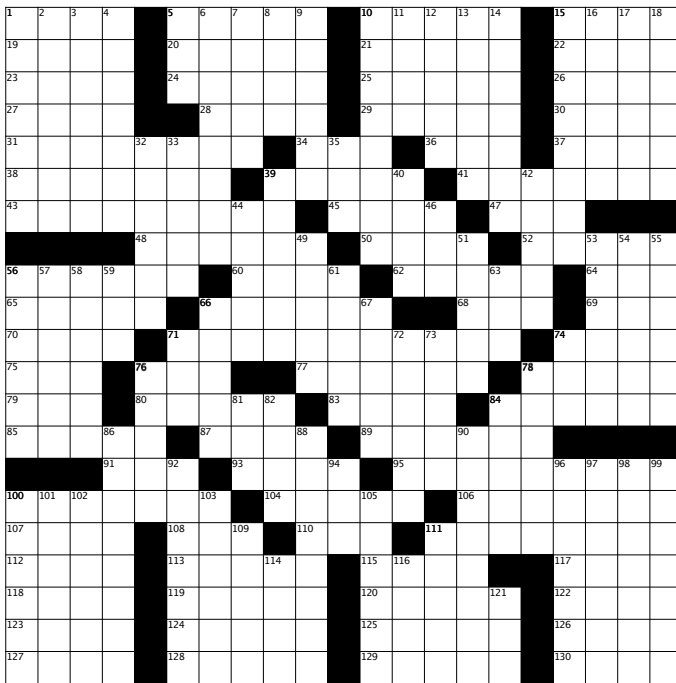




Crossword Puzzle: Zero

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Finding the solution to this issue's crossword puzzle will not only provide you with a fun and entertaining break from work, you'll also get your name mentioned in an upcoming issue of *Risks & Rewards!* The solution to this puzzle will be provided in an upcoming issue of *Risks & Rewards* along with the names of those who were able to successfully complete it. Submissions should be made to *sphillips@soa.org* by June 1, 2022.



Across

- 1 Lily plant
- 5 Elite squad
- 10 Assembler at 21 across
- 15 Wray subordinate
- 19 Bundle of nerves
- 20 Ism
- 21 Place of assembly for 10 across
- 22 Go on
- 23 Lincoln and others
- 24 Element #18
- 25 Micronesian island nation
- 26 "Iliad" character
- 27 Big times
- 28 Persian pixie
- 29 Primitive weapon
- 30 Belonging to a President
- 31 Figure Øut
- 34 "-di-dah"
- 36 "That hits the spot!"
- 37 Blend
- 38 Got some air
- 39 Capital of the Beaver State
- 41 Deletes
- 43 Maximally
- 45 Radiant look
- 47 "That said..."
- 48 China
- 50 Barber's offering
- 52 Bridge of ____, Venice
- 56 Transfer, in law
- 60 Engine stats
- 62 Within walking distance
- 64 "The Crying of ____ 49"
- 65 Nuance
- 66 Black holes?
- 68 The bottom line
- 69 Take off the shelf
- 70 Stag
- 71 Deli Ørder
- 74 Sharp quality
- 75 Log opening
- 76 Bireme equipment
- 77 Ancient Ionian kingdom
- 78 Advisory group
- 79 Ecu
- 80 What a hashtag can do
- 83 Cross
- 84 Bit of bling
- 85 Jerk
- 87 Cullen Skink, e.g.
- 89 Pink Floyd's "Empty ____"
- 91 Chopper kin
- 93 "Gone with the Wind" estate
- 95 Robin genus
- 100 Does cobbling
- 104 To get some sleep, idiomatically
- 106 Punctual
- 107 Dominant
- 108 @@@
- 110 Pai ____ ("Kill Bill" tutor)
- 111 VØided
- 112 Mah-jongg tiles
- 113 Osaka of tennis
- 115 State of Brazil
- 117 Radius neighbor
- 118 Magazine articles?
- 119 A brother of Prometheus
- 120 Hyde Park buggies
- 122 Messi's Danish teammate while at Barcelona
- 123 20-20, say
- 124 Clear for takeoff?
- 125 Poem postscript
- 126 Superior's inferior
- 127 Exclusively
- 128 Threw into the mix
- 129 Reddish-brown horses
- 130 Hi-speed connections

Down

- 1 Home of the god Pan
- 2 Litmus paper, e.g.
- 3 Netherlands city near Rotterdam
- 4 Delivery man
- 5 1969 Nabokov novel
- 6 Destroyers of destroyers
- 7 Type of moth
- 8 Cupid alias
- 9 Kind Øf paper
- 10 Prior listings?
- 11 Like some testimony
- 12 Species of deciduous tree
- 13 Pineapple in Paris
- 14 MischiefØus
- 15 The writing on the wall
- 16 The patron god of Babylon
- 17 Hostile
- 18 Promontories
- 32 Word of honor
- 33 Corner
- 35 Priest's vestment
- 39 Eurasian grassland
- 40 "The Flying Horse" painter Chagall
- 42 Return to Ø
- 44 Seem indifferent
- 46 G squared
- 49 "Cheesy" look?
- 51 Old hi-fi records
- 53 Bonding
- 54 Youth ____
- 55 Co-founder of "The Tatler"
- 56 "Liquid" or "frozen" things
- 57 Patronize
- 58 City north of Wichita
- 59 Terse promise
- 61 Cuffs
- 63 Actuarial datum
- 66 Downsizes
- 67 Sheet metal shears
- 71 Kind of code
- 72 They can be pulled
- 73 Like the Chinese and Hebrew calendars
- 74 Sure alternative
- 76 Holy Roman Empire founder
- 78 Afghan language
- 81 "As if!"
- 82 Citizenship type
- 84 Back with bread
- 86 "____ in Blue" (Gershwin)
- 88 Committed
- 90 French-toast topping
- 92 Alhambra lØcale
- 94 Actuarial datum
- 96 Made sly references
- 97 Visitors
- 98 Cookie cutter, e.g.
- 99 Puts out
- 100 Clerical collar
- 101 Brightest star in Draco
- 102 Saddle feature
- 103 Clearly specified
- 105 Invention of 1891
- 109 Geometric figure
- 111 ____ Valley, Israel-Jordan border
- 114 Truncheon
- 116 River in Florence
- 121 Bro's playmate

Solution to "The Big Four," September 2021.



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