



July 1, 2024 - "Two-Eyed Empty Squares" - Kareem Ayas, edited by Will Eisenberg

ACROSS

- 1 "This is your brain on drugs," e.g.
- 4 Canadian fill-up station
- 8 Like some wipes
- 11 Web access company, briefly
- 14 "Nothing \_\_\_\_ Matters" (hit by Metallica)
- 16 Down

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- 17 Sprite that's a little saucy
- 18 Damage
- 19 Part of seawater, chemically
- 20 Spinners, e.g.
- 21 "We truly belong together!"
- 23 Burkini, e.g.
- 25 Early hrs.
- 26 Nights before

- 39 Inedible part of an apple
- 40 Features of Lollapuzzoola? (I'll see you there in August!)
- 41 Immature high score initials on an arcade game
- 42 "Cowboy"

- 10 Covers a house with squares, in a way
- 11 "Can't deal with this crap no more...," or a hint to this puzzle's theme
- 12 Use a microwave instead of an oven, perhaps
- 13 Lightning reports may come from here

DOWN

- 27 TV's hirsute cousin
- 28 Location of the body's protective cage
- 30 Helps in a bad way
- 31 "Mad as a March \_\_\_\_"
- 32 In neutral, maybe
- 34 Short end?
- 35 Side x side, for a square
- 36 \_\_\_\_ Von D ("Miami Ink" artist)
- 37 Ricotta source
- 38 Prelude to a texter's "two cents"

- 1 Drawers you can't wear?
- 2 Short side?
- 3 Character piece?
- 4 Cream-ish
- 5 Meaty mushroom commonly used in stir fry
- 6 Contents of an Excel cell that adds up all the cells in its column
- 7 Real ones
- 8 Game controllers that strap to the wrist
- 9 First responders, for short

- 15 Liner on Central Park's "Literary Walk"
- 22 Arab country whose unique landscape and climate lets you ski and swim on the same day: Abbr.
- 24 Iron product
- 25 Immature high score initials on an arcade game
- 29 Maze runners
- 30 High point
- 31 Gives birth to
- 33 Need to start a payment plan, maybe