

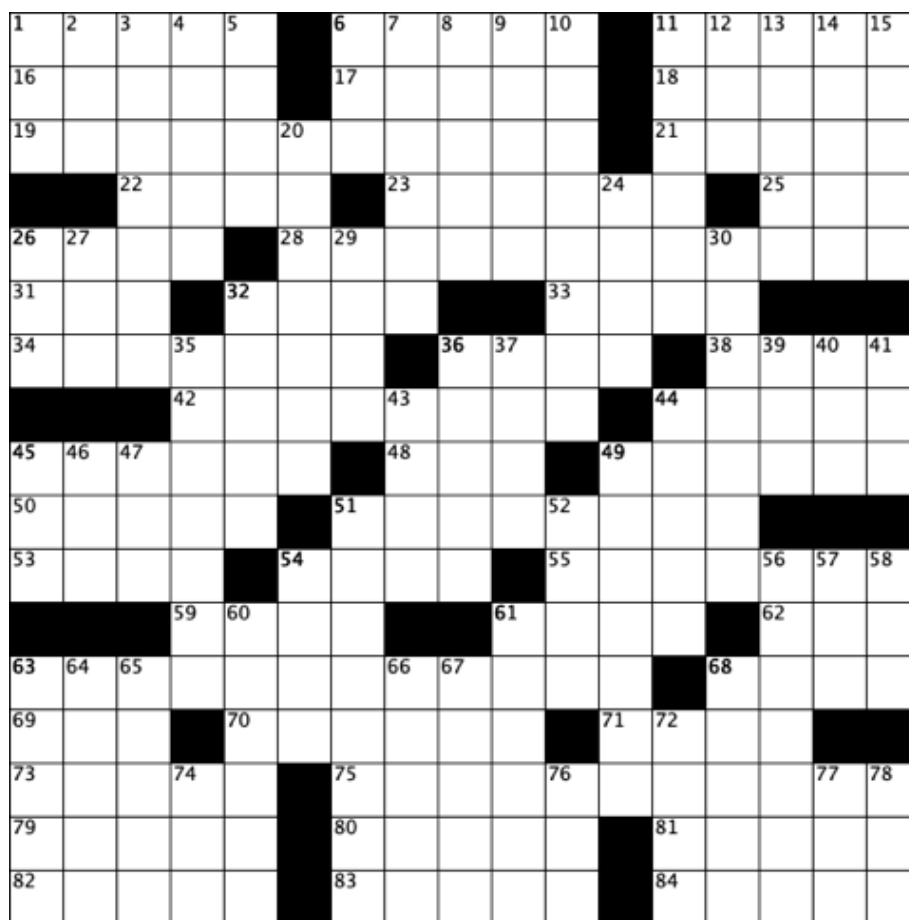


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Its launch on August 1, 1981, forever changed the world of entertainment.

It wasn't without struggle in those early years, as both producers and consumers adapted to the new landscape...



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ACROSS

1 Patient person?
6 Cashless deals
11 Rivers and Crawford
16 Afternoon hr.
17 Pie chart dividers, geometrically
18 German steel city
19 *With 28-Across, it was the first thing seen and heard on 48-Across*
21 Mint family herb
22 "Now, where ___?"
23 Dissuades
25 Wide shoe size
26 Recipe direction
28 See 19-Across
31 Actor McKellen or Holm
32 Lots and lots
33 All: prefix
34 *With "The," they recorded 19/28-Across*
36 "Famous" cookie maker
38 Lounge around
42 Enterprise enterprise?
44 Serious criminal
45 Knocks for a loop
48 *It debuted on August 1, 1981*
49 Had a hunch
50 Gently splash against
51 Singles or doubles, say
53 Yoked pair
54 It's smaller than micro-
55 *Pat __, whose "You Better Run" was the second thing on 48-Across*
59 Daring Knievel
61 Karate skill award
62 Dryly humorous

63 *Longest-running program in 48-Across's history*
68 Say "nay," say
69 Trailblazing ISP
70 Chafing dish warmer
71 Lofty verses
73 "Fine" or "floral" follower
75 *Words that launched 48-Across: "Ladies and gentlemen, __"*
79 Autumn blossom
80 Fjord or cove, e.g.
81 Confess to
82 Like a fleabag motel
83 Contract negotiator
84 Traffic directive
DOWN
1 Turkey Day mo.
2 Cycle opener?
3 Detroit NHL player
4 Primitive weapon
5 Angsty teens, perhaps
6 __ Lanka
7 Thoreau's pond
8 "Inferiority complex" coiner Alfred
9 Michelangelo's marble masterpiece
10 Alternate entrance
11 Spacely Space Sprockets employee
12 __ Kosh B'gosh
13 Until now
14 Whence the lion slain by Hercules
15 Scornful look
20 Persian litter?
24 Salty parts of margarita glasses
26 Sis or bro
27 Letter after sigma
29 Party thrower
30 Aisle's head?
32 Emergency notification

35 Awful pun
36 A hard __ follow
37 Dallas b-ball team
39 Pacino and Gore
40 Actress Kravitz or Kazan
41 Wrap up
43 "Right on!"
44 Fighter's fake
45 Progressive spokeswoman
46 Too lenient
47 Unlock, to
Shakespeare
49 Jim's role on "The Big Bang Theory"
51 Indoor shopping court
52 First homicide victim
54 Undiluted, in mixology
56 Small group on the links
57 Curator's concern
58 Pastrami go-with
60 Priests' changing room
61 On the blink
63 Cantina appetizers
64 Half of a centaur
65 Select group
66 Erroneous
67 Le frère d'un père
68 "Aida" composer
72 WWII turning point
74 Father of TV's Rod and Todd Flanders
76 QB's passing stat: abbr.
77 Small, in hip-hop names
78 Inc., in England

