



“BEST OF 2023” – IT’S QUITE THE YEAR ANSWERS NEXT WEEK!

ACROSS

- 1. “Asteroid City” director Anderson
- 4. Calendar pages
- 8. Active sorts
- 13. “Yeah, right” laugh
- 14. “There oughta be ___ against that!”
- 15. Ibuprofen option
- 16. Game whose sequel was Time’s #1 best video game of 2023
- 18. Early parlor game (and nothing to do with drawing first blood)
- 19. Take an unfair share
- 20. His Best Supporting Actor Oscar win was part of CBC’s best pop culture moments of 2023
- 22. “University Challenge” airer, informally, with “the”
- 24. Be down
- 25. Monday, in France
- 26. “Fine with me”

- 28. Ice, in Germany
- 30. Part of a sword
- 31. Diane Morgan-starring British mockumentary series that landed on many U.S. “Best of 2023” lists
- 34. “___ the fields we go” (“Jingle Bells”)
- 35. Got an ___ effort
- 36. Word after even or odd when describing mammals with hooves
- 38. Actress Carrere of “Wayne’s World”
- 41. Highest-placing Taylor Swift song (at #19) on Rolling Stone’s “100 Best Songs of 2023”
- 46. Tonsillectomy docs
- 48. Ending for racket or rocket
- 49. Former Georgian president Shevardnadze
- 50. Consume

- 52. Custard fruit
- 54. Netflix stopped mailing them in 2023
- 55. With 59-Across, Hayao Miyazaki’s final film, which made many 2023 top ten lists
- 57. ___ Khan University (Karachi institution)
- 58. Dirty clothes basket
- 59. See 55-Across
- 63. East Coast toll-paying convenience
- 64. “Game of Thrones” actress Chaplin
- 65. Masseur’s specialty
- 66. Second effort
- 67. Basic training figs.
- 68. “Lord of the Rings” beast

- 4. “Deputy ___” (TV canine)
- 5. Chicken-king connector
- 6. Oldest of the “Animaniacs” siblings
- 7. “Popeye” kid whose name has an apostrophe
- 8. Actress Hannah of “Kill Bill”
- 9. Not-so-see-through
- 10. Major Spanish newspaper
- 11. Brand with a new label
- 12. More rocky
- 15. Hosp. heart ward
- 17. Like some cheesecakes
- 21. Beneficiary of, as an estate
- 22. Ballpoint brand
- 23. Ostrich kin
- 24. “Oh ___!” (Marcia Brady quote, in that episode with the football)
- 27. ___ Stadium (L.A.

- venue that hosted Super Bowl LVI)
- 29. Candy maker Russell
- 32. City near Buffalo, NY
- 33. Take advice from
- 37. Lackey
- 38. Cranky infant, perhaps
- 39. Befogged
- 40. Endeavor
- 42. Alphabetically last U.S. state capital
- 43. Former Red Hot Chili Peppers guitarist Dave
- 44. O’Hare’s airport code (abbr.)
- 47. Not quite good
- 51. Rhyming words
- 53. Like a specially formed committee
- 56. Many mos.
- 57. Shouts of discovery
- 60. Brian with the 2022 album “ForeverAndEverNoMore”
- 61. Not just my
- 62. “The Voice” network

DOWN

- 1. “Huh...?!”
- 2. Animal that goes for a long swim?
- 3. New Hampshire senator Jeanne with a rhyming surname

LAST WEEK’S ANSWERS TO WHOLE ‘NUTHER LEVEL

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