

Debatable Strategy: Carry a Big Shtick

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ACROSS

1. Signal sent out by a foundering ship ... or ship-of-state?
4. These might be signaled by a big gesture from the conductor: Abbr.
7. Joltless joe
12. Met depravity?
14. Calculus calculation
15. State one's take during a debate
16. Apple symbol
17. Saint who checks Czechs at the Pearly Gates?
18. Like many of Teddy Roosevelt's epigrams, perhaps
19. With 33-, 47-, and 62-Across, what a modern American might say in response to Teddy Roosevelt's analysis of one's visibility in the White House
22. A little stick carries it (at the State Fair, e.g.)
23. What results when Mother Nature becomes exhausted?
26. See 26-Down
29. Abbr. for separation of Church and date?
30. The Big Apple: Abbr.
32. Dr. J's first pro league
33. See 19-Across
37. Reverse, e.g.
38. Word with credit or cheese
39. Apples picked for their bright colors
43. Diss
47. See 19-Across
53. Rage
54. Mr. Potato-Head's first name?
55. Windsurfer Fridman, the only Israeli gold medalist in Olympic history
56. What some right-wingers would like to do to abortion or same-sex marriage
57. Say too much
59. To such an extent (as)
62. See 19-Across

67. Organic functional group that is an anagram of that State of the Union where the sun shines first
69. Apple's least-appreciated component
70. Biden of Delaware
71. Jim (Nabors)'s private role
72. "Double, double, ___ and trouble" (witches' incantation in "Macbeth")
73. Like taking Big Bird from a young 'un or Medicare from an old one
74. Abrasive
75. 273 K and 1 atm., according to IUPAC
76. It melts at 75-Across

DOWN

1. Narrow aperture
2. "That must've sucked!"
3. Fruit used to flavor liqueur
4. Lamp used for theatrical back-lighting
5. Stinky
6. Stratified form of chalcedony that is appropriately a birthstone for comedian Dave Chappelle
7. When inserted into the grid, this answer will be self-descriptive
8. "Ben Hur" and "El Cid," for example
9. Representation of a slice of the Big Apple
10. It is the ___ of "syn"
11. She nailed Palin in 2008
13. Like many a pronouncement from Archie Bunker
14. Illuminating observation, like Teddy Roosevelt's "It is hard to fail, but it is worse never to have tried to succeed."
20. One-time Virginia Senator who shared a bottle of wine and a nude massage with a beauty queen
21. Land whose inhabitants were plagued in both Biblical and modern times

24. What Yum-Yum tied around her tum-tum
25. Piece in "Guys and Dolls"
26. With 26-Across, description of the way some politicians approach hot-button issues
27. Dug in
28. Govt. property overseer
31. 44-Down with issues, perhaps
34. Like much of Libya
35. In case
36. Playful "punishment" from a wet noodle
40. Hedonistic 60's Brit subculture
41. Be of use
42. A skillful debater does this to both the issues and the audience
44. Large, good-natured shorthand
45. One-time Mrs. Sinatra (the palindromic one)
46. Bishops and queens, e.g.
47. Accessory often adorned with a lobster
48. Net destination
49. Break in Prime Minister Cameron's agenda
50. Daily commute for The Donald?
51. Tennis star Nadal
52. Thick slice
58. "Welcome to Amercia," e.g.
60. Skedaddle
61. Hayseed
63. Weird, weirdly spelt
64. First name in jeans
65. Not of the cloth
66. Festive time in Merrie Olde England
67. What four years in the White House can do to one
68. Proverbial baker of American apple pie