

# Making the Cut

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*I had my Sunday debut yesterday in the L.A. Times! If you want to check it out, it's still available here. Two clues/answers in this mini are identical to the full-size grid (if you need a head start \*winky face\*).*

## ACROSS

1. Brand that received blowback from American conservatives in 2022 because some of its formerly feminine-presenting "spokescandies" had adopted more gender-neutral appearances and personas (constructor's note: yes – this really happened)
7. Give the cold shoulder
8. With "the," sandwich ingredient that's idiomatically "cut"
9. Gas additive brand
10. Political candidate's TV buy
13. Suckerfish
14. "Strange, huh?"

## DOWN

1. \_\_\_ drop (triumphant post-speech maneuver)
2. Distressed Deutschlander's call
3. Hailey Bieber \_\_\_ Baldwin
4. Childish retort

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5. With "the," sandwich ingredient that's idiomatically "cut"
6. Member of a blended family
10. \_\_\_ Lanka
11. Tinkerbell, Peter Pan, Diamond Baby, Marilyn Monroe, Harajuku Bitch, Slivington, Princess Paris Jr., Prince Hilton, The Pom, Prince Baby Bear, Crypto Hilton, or Ether Reum, to Paris Hilton
12. Meditative syllables