

Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Diet-friendly marketing phrase
- 6 Verve
- 9 Back of the neck
- 13 Like Colin Farrell and Enya
- 14 Was the center of attention
- 16 Like an abrupt reply
- 17 Gross aspect
- 18 Dawn goddess
- 19 Places people go to be spotted?
- 21 Not quite secure
- 22 Sound system
- 24 Frames treasured by cartoon enthusiasts
- 26 Fantasy that's now a reality
- 31 The ___ & the Papas
- 32 Kitchen appliance over a range
- 33 Hosp. areas
- 34 Occupied, as a table
- 35 Reaction to a cockroach
- 36 Newton or Asimov
- 38 Scot's assent
- 39 Dorothy's last name in "The Wizard of Oz" (aptly)
- 41 Even a little
- 42 Breaks from ties?
- 45 Org. that may sponsor a school plant sale
- 46 Corrals, as cattle
- 48 Playlist parts
- 51 ___-pedi
- 52 Grumpy bar owner on "The Simpsons"
- 54 Lots of people catch bugs in them
- 57 Stared in wonder
- 59 Giveaways for attendees
- 60 Like the Scottish Highlands
- 61 Raggedy
- 62 "See ya!"
- 63 Lock of hair

DOWN

- 1 Alternative to 1-Across
- 2 Cookies with a "Twist, Lick, Dunk" slogan
- 3 Possible results of setups
- 4 Donkey
- 5 Fitzgerald novel narrated by Nick Carraway
- 6 Bench press targets, informally
- 7 Member of a fraternal order, or a deer
- 8 Common email attachment
- 9 Free of charge
- 10 Prefix with "mobile" or "pilot"
- 11 Cons' opposites
- 12 Raison d'___
- 14 Bleachers sign
- 15 Hit the hay
- 20 Votes in favor
- 23 Humorist Bombeck
- 24 One who follows a recipe
- 25 My Chemical Romance genre
- 27 Root (for)
- 28 Super easy
- 29 Russian river
- 30 Key that lets you exit but not enter
- 31 Angelou who wrote "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings"

- 34 Octopus's ink holder
- 35 Pointy-eared creature
- 37 Declares
- 40 ___ carte
- 41 Yemeni port
- 43 Overturn
- 44 "Skipping my turn"
- 47 Christmas carols
- 48 Costume that can be made from a sheet
- 49 Well-informed about
- 50 Bright type of light
- 51 Wizard
- 53 Breyers competitor
- 55 Diminish
- 56 Swift, to fans
- 58 Sign at a gas station

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