

Universal Crossword

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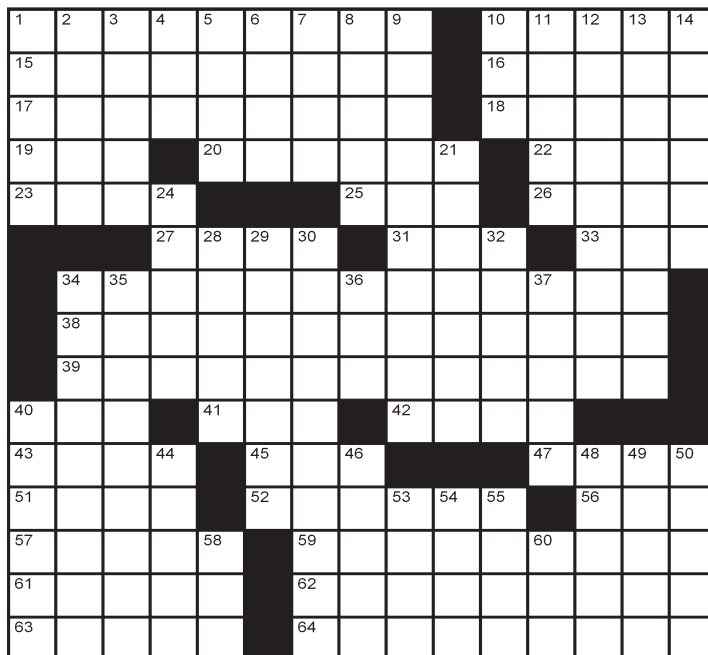
ACROSS

- 1 Ease into it
10 Singer who dropped the \$ from her moniker in 2014
15 Head honcho
16 Marine apex predators
17 Took a night course?
18 Emanation from a bakery
19 Japanese garden descriptor
20 Prefix meaning "fake"
22 Cupid's Greek counterpart
23 Stage name of "Clarity"
DJ Anton Zaslavski
25 Bygone Sony console, for short
26 Ten-cent coin
27 "Nice to ____ Other" (Olivia Dean song)
31 Serpentine fish
33 Understand
34 Party item that's subject to inflation?
38 Cartoon about Finn and his magical dog Jake
39 Way out if crisis strikes
40 Poli-____
41 No. in an email signature
42 "Present!"

- 43 Campbell's soup containers
45 Tax Day's month: Abbr.
47 Baseball card datum
51 Spanish word hidden in "chariot race"
52 Find on Google
56 "Gross!"
57 Uncivil uprisings
59 Disclaimer before a mean remark?
61 "Genuinely!"
62 Person likely to sleep through breakfast
63 Evil smile
64 Glimpse of what's to come
DOWN
1 Flashiness
2 Student receiving one-on-one instruction
3 Formally revise
4 Color that, ironically, bulls can't see
5 Voyage
6 Ares and Apollo, to Zeus
7 Debussy's "Clair de ____"
8 Do better than
9 Puzzle made of letters in a grid (wait a minute ...)

- 10 Hawaiian tree that's an anagram of a tree with acorns
11 Miscalculated
12 Artistic portmanteau for unique NFL final tallies
13 Brunch dish that Sam-I-Am would probably enjoy
14 How cutlery is usually sold
21 Symbol of watchfulness
24 Dig deeply (into)
28 Watchful
29 Solidify, like cold gravy
30 Places to swim away?
32 1.06 quarts
34 Romantic getaway, colloquially

- 35 Something taken in moderation?
36 Convent figure
37 Shakes, as cocktails
40 Treats with disdain
44 "Gymnopedies" composer Erik
46 Saoirse of "Lady Bird"
48 Poke fun at
49 "Shucks, thanks!"
50 Dance move associated with bounce music
53 LA hoopster Martin
54 Eyeball layer that includes the iris
55 Extra job benefit
58 To be, in Tulum
60 Tear



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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