

Universal Crossword

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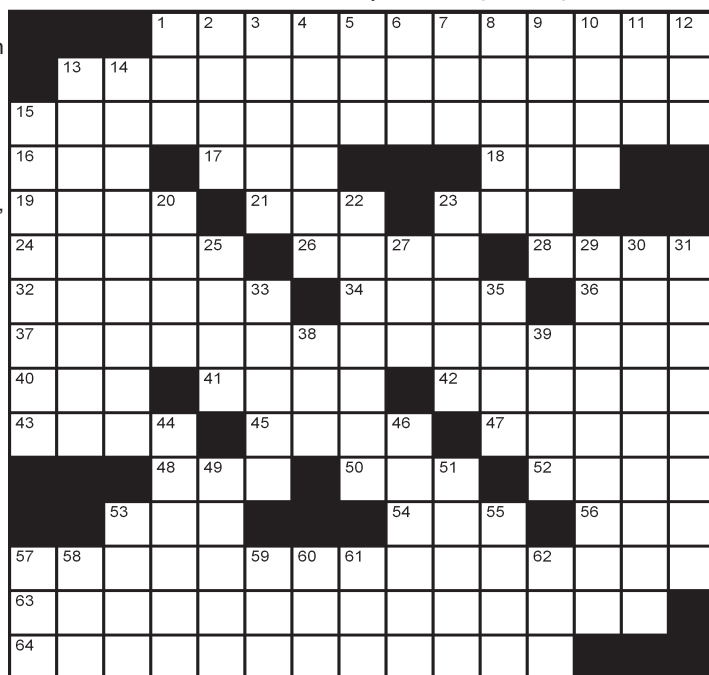
ACROSS

- 1 Facial treatments that may make you look like Shrek (temporarily!)
 13 Words of resignation?
 15 Organized mess
 16 Cone cousin
 17 ___ canto
 18 Pic taker
 19 One of two in an oxygen molecule
 21 Droop
 23 Attracted to all genders, for short
 24 Open up, as a flower
 26 Red, in Spain
 28 100-meter ___
 32 Garment similar to a bodice
 34 "The Temptation of St. Anthony" painter Salvador
 36 Salt Lake City athlete
 37 Sea serpent of Scottish superstition
 40 "I wandered lonely ___ cloud" (Wordsworth)
 41 Deceptive hockey move
 42 Ice cream amounts
 43 Moistens
 45 The whole ___ yards

- 47 Emerge from an egg
 48 JFK alternative
 50 23andMe sample
 52 "No jumping on the bed," for one
 53 Overly
 54 Second-busiest airport in Florida, after MCO (Orlando)
 56 Aye's opposite
 57 "I have no idea"
 63 National park off the coast of Southern California
 64 On occasion
 DOWN
 1 Insect with ghost and fire varieties
 2 Sink or swim?
 3 Woodwinds higher than bassoons
 4 Place to store wine
 5 "I'm ___ done!"
 6 Roll with it!
 7 Green-lighted
 8 City that only Muslims can visit
 9 Readily accessible
 10 Phony
 11 "CSI" actor Archie
 12 Ave. crossers
 13 1984 Kenny Loggins hit from a film of the same name

- 14 Animal curled up on a heating vent, perhaps
 15 Certain crustacean appendage
 20 ___ pit
 22 Extremely helpful boon
 23 Collared tops
 25 Fix, as metaphoric fences
 27 Word after "Space" or "traffic"
 29 Like digitally enhanced notes?
 30 Group workout with elevated platforms
 31 ___ Kisses (chocolates produced at a rate of 80 million per day)
 33 Singer ___ Marie

- 35 Ruler division
 38 Go downhill fast?
 39 Get high?
 44 Tennis star Stephens
 46 Tangle up
 49 "Never ___ Give You Up"
 51 What a bride walks down
 53 Resident of Russia's Alexander Palace, until 1917
 55 Petri dish gel
 57 German pronoun
 58 More of ___ same
 59 Currency in Kobe
 60 From back in the day
 61 Quibble
 62 A, in France



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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