



- 23 Infomercial exhortation
- 24 "You left me no choice"
- 25 Starting score for a soccer team
- 28 Stimulate
- 29 "Broadway Joe"
- 30 And others, in other words
- 31 Cloud over
- 33 Bowl over
- 34 Small crawler
- 38 1985 Bruce Springsteen hit
- 39 Zodiac creature
- 42 Tummy tougheners
- 45 Stolen
- 47 Caramel candy
- 48 One in a pool
- 50 How dogs kiss
- 51 Mitigates
- 52 Noord-Holland town known for its cheese
- 53 First-century emperor
- 54 Singer Stefani
- 57 Tacit approval
- 59 Sgt., e.g.
- 60 Firm focus
- 61 Peyton's brother
- 62 Camel kin

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Across

- 1 Scarecrow filler
- 6 Use colorful language
- 10 Calf site
- 13 Like some stew and coffee
- 14 Handling the task
- 15 Differ
- 16 Pig on Nick Jr.
- 17 *Tedious talk
- 19 China-based online marketplace
- 21 "Hold your horses!"
- 22 *Fancy necktie
- 26 Pigeon sound
- 27 Confucian's "Book of Changes"
- 28 *Monopoly card
- 32 Hackneyed

- 33 Satirist Mort
- 35 Pollster's fodder
- 36 Close
- 37 *Heroine of a Hardy book
- 40 Spoil
- 41 Rehab candidates
- 43 Pound pick
- 44 Pool hall item
- 46 *Corrida creature
- 48 Classic bug-assembling game
- 49 Cargo measure
- 50 *Planet not named for a god
- 52 Inundate
- 55 Tombstone name
- 56 *Storehouses
- 58 Fjord, e.g.
- 63 Brother of Athena

- 64 Part
- 65 City about 35 miles from Gainesville
- 66 Second column heading, often
- 67 Brand in freezers
- 68 Kind of situation, and a hint to making sense of the starred answers

Down

- 1 Try the tea
- 2 Number in Napoli
- 3 Tear
- 4 Pharaoh's symbol
- 5 Party line?
- 6 Cranberry-flavored cocktail
- 7 Like some gems and movies
- 8 Address for the boss, perhaps
- 9 Sign maker's set
- 10 #1 hit for Kenny Rogers
- 11 Presque Isle's lake
- 12 Peer of theater
- 15 Rejected, in a way
- 18 Grant in the arts
- 20 Arrhythmia indicator, for short
- 22 Most judicious

Previous Puzzle's Solution

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