

A Strong Theme

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ACROSS

1. Microsoft MP3 player discontinued in 2012
5. U.S. measurement of lumber volume
9. Elevates, or a hint to the starts of 17-, 22-, 34-, 43-, and 54-Across
14. Highest point
15. Bank (on)
16. Tiny spot of land
17. Some urban dwellings
19. "The Princess and the Frog" princess
20. Type of workplace training
21. Some rockets, for short
22. Substitute player
24. Shield carried by Athena
27. Anita, "the Jezebel of Jazz"
28. H.S. junior's exam
29. Gemstone weight
31. Melancholy
34. Trespasser's claim, perhaps
38. Subj. for recent immigrants
39. Dickens title character
40. Martin who directed "Norma Rae"
41. Roberts' "Pretty Woman" co-star
42. It can provide a nice buzz?
43. Beardless
48. Gym wear
49. Unpublished 2007 O.J. Simpson book
53. Ancient Aleppo
54. Subject of a George Costanza retort to a coworker, on Seinfeld
55. "The Jungle Book" wolf
56. County name in New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania

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| 57. Expression of 31-Across | 10. '___ imagination or... ?' | 36. Goes sour |
| 58. What 41-Across has that 41-Down does not | 11. Erupt, as tempers | 37. Half-frozen Italian desserts |
| 59. Oodles and oodles | 12. Member of the choir | 41. 1970s White House name |
| 60. Shipped out | 13. Subway stops: Abbr. | 42. First mass-marketed sneakers |
| DOWN | 18. U.K. honours | 43. "I'm Every Woman" singer Khan |
| 1. Fast fashion company based in Spain | 21. Speed reader? | 44. One sending a laughing emoji |
| 2. Second word of a fairy tale, often | 23. Less desirable | 45. Prefix with -glyphics |
| 3. Colorful salamander | 24. Vaulted space | 46. Nasal spray brand |
| 4. Prosecutor's first piece of evidence | 25. Atty. honorifics | 47. Minneapolis pros, familiarly |
| 5. Boston or UCLA athlete | 26. Ancient land conquered by Caesar | 48. Onetime 51-Down ruler |
| 6. Cul-___: dead-end street | 29. Gives up | 50. Big name in pineapple |
| 7. Zombie fare | 30. Braz. neighbor | 51. Modern Persia |
| 8. Actor Burrell and rapper Dolla \$ign | 31. Brainiac | 52. Word repeated during a mic check |
| 9. Well-read ones | 32. Bus driver on "The Simpsons" | 54. Hot-tub feature |
| | 33. What this is in Madrid | |
| | 35. Dog trainer's pouch | |