

ACROSS

- 1) Put on the back burner
- 6) Find fault
- 11) "Top Gear" ainer
- 14) Clio's sister muse
- 15) Dress style with a flare
- 16) "Who ___ you kidding?"
- 17) Wet stopper
- 19) Little guy or little amount
- 20) Common grain unit
- 21) Display fallibility
- 22) Fasten with rope
- 23) "Family" member
- 27) Gets back in business
- 29) Roth plan
- 30) Like a dental school exam?
- 32) Definitely not a slacker
- 33) Do a portrayal
- 34) Bit of gossip
- 36) "You never know..."
- 39) Damon of films
- 41) Teapot part
- 43) Practice boxing
- 44) Muhammad's religion
- 46) Relative of "thud"
- 48) "Long ___ and far away ..."
- 49) Biblical birthright seller
- 51) Heat-cracked
- 52) Cape color in a big ring
- 53) Committing a computer crime
- 56) What champagnes do
- 58) Last name among Boston hockey legends
- 59) Majors worth \$6 million
- 60) Valuable rock
- 61) Form of flattering poetry
- 62) Place to take one's cuts
- 68) Unharden a garden
- 69) Autumn bloom
- 70) Sky supporter of myth
- 71) Ancient flood insurance
- 72) Crystal-lined cavity
- 73) Garden mix

DOWN

- 1) Cotillion star, informally
- 2) Period of history
- 3) Far from slim
- 4) Body of beliefs
- 5) Pitcher's "cuff"
- 6) Vehicle making pick-ups
- 7) Monte Rosa is one
- 8) More repulsive
- 9) Made tough by habitual exposure
- 10) What limos provide
- 11) Section of the Big Apple
- 12) Organ with ideas
- 13) Formally gives up
- 18) Where we all began
- 23) It's in Florida
- 24) Dangerous whales
- 25) City known for cereal
- 26) Some accessways
- 28) TV-dinner veggies
- 31) Some aerial maneuvers
- 35) Essentials for all sports
- 37) Bread roll
- 38) Crumble to the sea
- 40) Kind of force
- 42) Atlantic game fish
- 45) Postal worker's burden
- 47) Riot queller
- 50) Anxiety
- 53) Uproarious commotion
- 54) Intense passion
- 55) Affect
- 57) Right-hand page, in printing
- 63) Danson of TV shows
- 64) Feeling of anger
- 65) Surname among boxing legends
- 66) Square dance invitee
- 67) Feminizing suffix

LEAD-OFF HITTER

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