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ACROSS

- 1 Nuke deliverer
- 5 "Radio Friendly
 ___ Shifter"
 (Nirvana)
- Big Mac alternative, every so often
- Las Vegas resort with a musical name
- "Treme" town, for short
- Beast with a prominent horn
- 17 Ground zero on Black Friday
- Beast with two prominent horns
- Instant coffee brand
- 20 Like someone butting in about unlikely but necessary hypotheticals?
- 23 Rom-com, e.g.
- Pet Shop Boys' politely named debut album
- Vanna White, in her day?
- Shot from behind the arc

- Challenge
- Common video game milieu
- People of will?
- 38 Blood
- Device for losers?
- Campaign purchases
- Areas belonging to no country
- 43 Read (over)
- Where the office meets the bar?
- ____ Skip Day
- 49 Respectful refusal
- Kathie Lee's intellectual passion?
- Beantown hub
- It may be blown onstage
- 61 Spelunker's need
- 62 "Lord of the Rings" setting, with "the"
- One may be in a cast
- 64 Exile island
- Serve
- 66 Retained
- Big name in basketball magazines

DOWN

- 1 "Behold" or "arise" in poetry
- 2 "Skyfall" star
- 3 Bullshit
- Dodge work
- World Toilet Day org.
- Celebrity chef Matsuhisa
- He played Gandolfini's son
- 8 Ride at a stand
- Bones's bridgemate
- 10 Beer, often
- 11 "Oysters ____ season"
- 12 Tattoo artist's needleful
- Prop room neckpiece
- They come with a Happy Meal
- 22 Decides

- Sadat who signed a peace treaty with Israel (sigh)
- Black Panther Bobby
- Took a wrong turn, say
- **29** Only black child in "South Park"
- Computer built under the code name "Project PX"
- Kirsten of "Melancholia"
- "____ racist!" **33** Natural fence
- Mr. Mojo ____ (anagrammatic nickname of Jim Morrison)
- "This is Spiñal Tap," e.g.
- Wii U and others
- Search for the perfect wave, say

- Mozart opera, familiarly
- Enrollee
- Like many a college grad, nowadays
- "OK, let's see what's in your hand"
- "Dancing with the Stars" routine
- Mumford & Sons style
- Award won by the play "4000 Miles"
- Roll in the hay
- Tool used by phishers
- It greatly improves Animal Collective records
- "Sneaky little bugger"
- 59 Oxford American Dictionary's 2012 word of the year, and the key to this puzzle's theme

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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