

AVCX+

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"A Little Black Comedy" (themeless)

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ACROSS

- 1 Espresso step
- **5** ____ Day (green observance)
- 10 Waste that can be upcycled
- 14 "What's the big ?!"
- 15 Irritant
- 16 Turner on a turntable
- 17 Lock pick?
- 18 The winged mule Buraq, for the prophet Muhammad
- 19 Surname that sounds like a hospital hookup
- 20 Dilemmas for a switch hitter?
- **23** French duchy with a namesake pear
- 24 Word that can precede or follow "green"
- **25** Any song by The Who, e.g.
- 26 "___: Miami" (CBS series filmed in California)
- **27** Pyramid part at a party
- **30** Florida city, familiarly
- 31 A-line lines
- 32 Pulls
- **34** Where to hone your chops
- **35** Carry-out sushi holder
- **37** Headwear for many a 19th-century feminist
- **39** Superfood from the Andes
- 41 Little black dress alternative popularized by a little black comedy

- 44 Alley's end?
- **45** They're treated with rest, ice, compression, and elevation
- 46 'Do for type 4 hair
- **47** Makeshift conveyance
- 49 Tolkien baddie
- 50 Rodent that, surprisingly, doesn't share etymology with a popular Pokémon
- **51** First state with a KFC, weirdly enough
- **52** Hangs around on 41-Down without posting
- 54 Scan target in the CLEAR airport security line
- **55** Source of unwanted feedback, maybe
- 56 April ___ ("Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" reporter)
- **57** Sibilant summons
- 58 "The owls are not what they ____"
 ("Twin Peaks" line)
- 59 Bottom feeder?
- **60** Amazon Handmade competitor

DOWN

- 1 Mint named after the sound of its box opening and closing
- 2 Puts Garfield angel ornaments on, say
- 3 iPhone avatar that may look like you, or a unicorn, or a pile of poop
- **4** "Ode to a Large Tuna in the Market" poet Neruda

- 5 Church area with a half-dome
- 6 Enters again, in a way
- 7 Hand-me-down for a medical student, maybe
- 8 Go ham?
- 9 Take two
- 10 Avoiding elimination in Red Light, Green Light, sav
- 11 Spinner at a bat mitzvah, perhaps
- 12 Reason to take B12 supplements
- 13 "Moonlight" feature
- 21 Greasy orders

- 22 Bubbly hits
- **28** Genre for Juice WRLD
- 29 Prime time for a Pumpkin Spice Latte
- 31 Host Kotb who ate an Oreo with mustard on national TV
- 33 Comic ____ (OpenDyslexic alternative)
- 34 Computermanipulated video used in some funny memes -- oh! and in hoaxes, scams, propaganda, fraud ...

- **36** Nervous skydiver's suggestion
- 37 Noodle, e.g.
- 38 Beached
- 39 Speed hump?
- **40** Socially distanced farewell
- **41** Boards with moderators
- 42 Suddenly disturbed
- 43 Not cool!
- **48** LGBTQ-focused online magazine
- 50 Puff piece?
- **52** Civil rights leader Fannie ____ Hamer
- **53** 35mm camera option, briefly

