

BabyTalk by Patrick Blindauer

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ACROSS

- 1 Tangy
- 5 Ready, willing, and ____
- 9 Throw some balls down an alley
- 13 ____ vera
- 14 Purse fastener
- 16 Great Lake that sounds spooky
- 17 With 73-Across, "SNL" character played by Gilda Radner
- 18 Third-largest land mammal
- 19 "Anti-art" art movement
- 20 Snooty sort
- 21 Letters after ems
- 22 Withstood the test of time
- 24 Bambi's dad, for one
- 26 Sets of playing cards
- 28 Hospital areas where operators are standing by: Abbr.
- 29 "Bad Romance" singer Lady ____
- 31 Sound of laughter: Hyph.
- 33 Feathery scarf
- 36 "Wake Up Little ____" (Everly Brothers hit)
- 38 Actor Hawke
- 42 ____ Land (nickname for Los Angeles): Hyph.
- 44 Representative Pelosi
- 46 Family member that "Bohemian Rhapsody" is sung to
- 47 What's in vogue
- 49 Makes brownies, say
- 51 Dance like Gregory Hines
- 52 Sha ____ ("Blue Moon" group): 2 wds.
- 54 "____ Don't Preach" (Madonna hit)
- 56 Indian on "The Simpsons"
- 59 Sum
- 61 Author unknown: Abbr.
- 64 Container by a coffee shop register: 2 wds.
- 66 Spelling competition
- 68 Hit the mall
- 70 "See ya later!": 2 wds.
- 71 Time before tomorrow
- 73 See 17-Across
- 74 Part of, as a practical joke: 2 wds.
- 75 "Little ____ on the Prairie"
- 76 Chapters of history
- 77 Handle hardship
- 78 Hightailed it out of there
- 79 Sunbeams

DOWN

- 1 File folder flaps
- 2 Alda and Arkin
- 3 Artoo-Detoo, for one
- 4 Brewing invention of 1904
- 5 Feel sore
- 6 Simile about poor vision: 4 wds.
- 7 Time-____ photography
- 8 Clairvoyance, for example: Abbr.
- 9 What comforters cover
- 10 Do some public speaking
- 11 Less narrow
- 12 Principal parts in a play
- 15 "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow ____ Dot Bikini"
- 23 Tennis champ Arthur
- 25 Nitrogen or oxygen
- 27 Request to a waiter: 2 wds.
- 30 Rev, as an engine
- 32 ____ machine (machine whose final letter redundantly stands for Machine)
- 33 Crunchy sandwich letters
- 34 Kayak propeller
- 35 Pint at a pub, perhaps

- 37 Garten who writes the column "Entertaining is Fun!"
- 39 Fedora, for one
- 40 "I ____ Rock" (Simon and Garfunkel hit): 2 wds.
- 41 Quick snooze
- 43 Raggedy ____ (doll)
- 45 Positive vote in the Senate
- 48 Info
- 50 Place to relax
- 53 Magnetic ____ (where compass needles point)
- 55 Reply to
- 56 Room by the roof
- 57 Manilow's instrument
- 58 "High-five!": 2 wds.
- 60 Kareem ____-Jabbar
- 62 "Gone With the Wind" heroine Scarlett
- 63 "____, José!": 2 wds.
- 65 Author Austen
- 67 "Brown ____ Girl" (Van Morrison hit)
- 69 Quarterback's throw
- 72 Punch-to-the-gut response

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