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ACROSS

- 1. Secretive sibilant summons
- 5. "She didn't ___ an eye!"
- 8. Travels in a leisurely fashion
- 14. Name found in sweet talk
- 15. Org. that searches for secret weapons
- 16. Beginning of a hall-decker's refrain
- 17. Expressway phenomenon?
- 19. Suited (to)
- 20. City on the Arkansas that is neither in Kansas nor Arkansas
- 21. "Impressive!"
- 23. Year in which the emperor Diocletian (unsuccessfuly) tried to control inflation with the Edict on Maximum Prices
- 24. Ending for imp or poll
- 25. Revving engines, and clopping hooves, and slapping sneakers?
- 29. Free from pain
- 31. Santa ___ wind
- 32. Acrobat catcher
- 33. ___ Mawr
- 34. Not even
- 36. Republican president whose election resulted in widespread allegations of fraud (in 1876)
- 38. Consumption of ball-park hotdogs, or movie-theater popcorn?
- 42. Seraglio
- 45. Cannabinoid intoxicant, abbr.
- 46. Ladder part
- 50. Suffix with "orange" or "lime"
- 51. Org. that searches for secret weapons
- 54. Misty spray
- 56. Ferris wheel with unlimited drinks?
- 59. "How was ___ know?"
- 60. Leaping pest
- 61. Winning tic-tac-toe line
- 62. Chinese bear
- 64. Go astray
- 66. "Should auld acquaintance ____" also a homophonic hint to this puzzle's theme
- 69. Certify
- 70. Go astray
- 71. Melody
- 72. Words of consent

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- 73. Put into words
- 74. Went fast

DOWN

- 1. Vex
- 2. More solid
- 3. In a trite manner
- 4. Little bits
- 5. AC measure
- 6. Donkey
- 7. Deep western lake
- 8. Coverlet
- 9. Wisecracking West of cinema
- 10. Without cream or sugar
- 11. "Grand" crime
- 12. Office-holder in a democracy
- 13. Creators of extremely difficult puzzles, jocularly
- 18. Hard to find
- 22. ___ pro nobis
- 26. Assert a claim to
- 27. Abandon a claim to
- 28. Sammy who wrote "The weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful"
- 30. Memo heading meaning "as to"

- 35. It's over dere
- 37. Farming prefix
- 39. Beginning of everything?
- 40. Bangkok native
- 41. Frosted
- 42. Where compromisers might meet
- 43. Not just revere
- 44. Does not tolerate
- 47. Exhausting
- 48. Contrary to unquestioned standards
- 49. Attempted to arouse envy
- 52. Dismissive nasal noises
- 53. In the past
- 55. Towed car, maybe
- 57. Styx site
- 58. Choir garb
- 63. Painting and sculpture
- 65. Suffix that turns a place into a language
- 67. Significant period
- 68. Cook in oil