

Level Up #12

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4 *-entries are 'level up'-related idioms

ACROSS

- 1 Famous fable writer
- 6 Baggins of "The Hobbit"
- 11 Mandela's former org.; very old (abbr.)
- 14 Locked in conflict
- 15 Birdlike
- 16 One of Pooh's pals
- 17 *Heighten the goal, esp. for a pole vaulter
- 19 EMT's forte
- 20 Medford winter hrs.
- 21 Big brother in "Bonanza"
- 22 Seated at the Elizabethan, slangily
- 24 Fix a seam
- 25 Diner grub; # tag
- 27 *Take many small bites to tackle a large problem, like a pachyderm
- 33 Musical key; a tire problem
- 34 Actor's part
- 35 In ___ of (replacing)
- 37 "Once more into the _____. Into the last good fight I'll ever know." ~"The Grey" movie (mirroring Henry V's famous speech with "breach")
- 38 Analog clock arrows
- 39 Couple that's split
- 40 Verne's voyager
- 41 Frozen waffle choice
- 42 "Lorna ___" (1869 novel)
- 43 *Accomplish the near impossible, e.g., relocate the Cascades
- 46 Sports fan's channel
- 47 GA airport code
- 48 Isle in the Bay of Naples
- 51 Classical opera redone by Elton John
- 53 Top-rated bond
- 56 "Honest" Pres.
- 57 *Start on right away, e.g., dine on Dungeness, shell hazelnuts, or decode a message
- 61 ___ Newton (fruit cookie)
- 62 Model Campbell or singer Judd
- 63 Crucial artery
- 64 Ewoks or Klingons, in brief
- 65 Apt. managers, casually
- 66 Check signer

DOWN

- 1 Grp. for those 50+
- 2 MFR postings; Greek letters

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- 3 "M*A*S*H" costar Loretta
- 4 Western alliance since 1948
- 5 Get the oven ready
- 6 Scrooge's outbursts
- 7 Singer Burl or composer Charles
- 8 Ad ___ or Women's ___
- 9 Pasture cry
- 10 Sudden surge
- 11 Image on Utah license plates
- 12 Slangy refusal; Jordan Peele sci-fi film
- 13 Parachute pull; firewood measure
- 18 Village
- 23 Product of fracking
- 24 Spend the night
- 25 Hung in there
- 26 "Planet of the ___"
- 27 Actor ___ Zimbalist, Jr.
- 28 "Remember the ___"; Avis alternative
- 29 Fantasy novel by Christopher Paolini about a dragon rider
- 30 "Cute" vowel sound
- 31 President Richard or actress Cynthia
- 32 Cold weather temps
- 33 Spectrum internet access alternative for users in OSF-land
- 36 Function
- 38 Cannabis product
- 42 Internet usage limit
- 44 Endorses online, say
- 45 "Look, I did it!"
- 48 Bloomsbury Blends or Hard Rock, e.g.
- 49 "It won't hurt ___"
- 50 Coatrack parts
- 51 Highest point
- 52 Showy flower; eye part
- 53 Like a souffle
- 54 Chip in
- 55 Culture medium in a lab
- 58 Agua, in Arles
- 59 Summit
- 60 Hawaiian tree; "Kampgrounds" chain