

ACROSS

- 1 "Kapow!"
 4 Makes a choice
 8 Release money
 12 Actress Merkel
 13 Boyfriend
 14 Celestial bear
 15 MSNBC rival
 16 Lawman Wyatt
 17 Some HDTVs
 18 James Caan's role in "The Godfather"
 21 Shoe width
 22 Aachen article
 23 Tire pattern
 26 LBJ's successor
 27 Faux —
 30 Shower bar?
 31 Chart format
 32 Shed
 33 Cauldron
 34 Hit show letters
 35 Symbol of freshness

DOWN

- 1 Tampa Bay team, for short
 2 —
 3 "Death in Venice" author
 4 Heeded
 5 Quiet partner?
 6 Tropical tuber
 7 Paramount
 8 President Martin Van —
 9 Not pizzicato
 10 "This — outrage!"
 11 Zap with a beam
 19 Tide variety

- 20 Author Yutang
 23 Recipe abbr.
 24 Kanga's kid
 25 Have dinner
 26 Carnival city
 27 Luau dish
 28 Gore and Pacino
 29 Farm pen
 31 "Continue!"
 32 Prepare potatoes
 34 Bashful
 35 Truck fuel
 36 Marsh bird
 37 Lower-case
 38 Bag
 39 Pac-12 team
 40 Hammer target
 41 Woody's son
 42 Rice-shaped pasta
 43 Vegan's no-no
 44 Big fair, for short

Solution time: 26 mins.

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