

CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- 1** Thin-layered mineral
5 "Wouldn't that be great!"
10 Wise saying
12 Fad
13 Spider-Man's alter ego
15 — Vegas
16 Fellows
17 Belief, in brief
18 Draw out
20 Presidential power
21 Gem
22 Persia, today
23 Words of action
25 Whittle down
28 Recesses
31 Prayer finish
32 Long-plumed birds
34 Work wk. start
35 Favoring
36 At present
37 "My Favorite Year" star
40 Degrade
41 "Tiny Alice" playwright

42 Like

- seawater
43 Force

DOWN

- 1** Syrup source
2 Worthy aims
3 Keep tabs on a tabby
4 Historic time
5 "— Old Cowhand (From the Rio Grande)"
6 Fighting
7 More black
8 Midday break
9 Mark of "NCIS"

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Yesterday's answer

- 11** Royal fur
14 Grammy-winning pianist
19 Witch group
20 Cap feature
24 Colombia capital
25 Grassy plains
26 One-celled creature
27 Tourist's car
29 Obi-Wan —
30 Hot, in a way
33 Sugary
35 Hunted animal
38 Superlative suffix
39 Ancient

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