

2/3 Decaf, 1/3 Caf

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NOTE: *There seems to be no official or even slangy—name for my favorite hot drink— “mostly decaf with a smidge of caf,” for those of us who want just a mini-boost in the morning. Hence, some suggestions to remedy this travesty.*

ACROSS

- 1 Notable no-show
6 *Banco de Mexico* concern
10 Over-50 org.
14 Alley org.
17 First name in *David Copperfield*
18 “... against ____ of troubles” (Shak.)
19 River through Berlin
20 Bro. or sis, e.g.
21 “Decaf with a bit of regular”
23 See 21 Across
25 Dave’s electronic problem
26 Fearsome fight
27 Coronets
29 Ill-mannered sort
30 King of Crete
32 See 21 Across
36 See 21 Across
38 Of insect wings
39 Dispenser candy
40 Nautical term
41 Nicosia’s island
44 Newton need
47 “Babalu” singer
49 See 21 Across
53 See 21 Across
56 Beach, in Baja
57 George W., e.g.
58 Crater output
59 Regret
60 El stop: abbr.
61 “You don’t know the half ____”
64 Believed
65 See 21 Across
69 Pricey ride
72 School with housemasters
73 Caesar’s first
74 Negative vote
75 *Bravo* or *Lobo* intro
78 Warrior constellation
80 Kingly
82 See 21 Across
84 See 21 Across
88 Bread boxes?
89 “We’re after the same rainbow’s ____” (“Moon River”)
90 1960s dance
91 Crunch, for one
94 Hyde’s creator: init.
95 Go on a tirade
96 See 21 Across
99 See 21 Across
105 Actor George
106 Trumpet, e.g.
107 Vaqueros’ ropes
109 Where a hurler hurts
110 Pose (as)
113 See 21 Across
117 See 21 Across
120 Old covert org.
121 Actor James
122 Concerning

DOWN

- 123 Perrier rival
124 After all this time
125 Staying power
126 Slick-road peril
127 Sugar ____
- 1 Talk effusively
2 Sea predator
3 Ivory rival
4 Pole for propulsion
5 Diana Ross musical
6 Employee list
7 Key to get out?
8 Driver’s ____
9 Loutlike
10 Imitative
11 Sandy’s assent
12 Play critic?
13 Site of sermon squirming
14 Previous
15 Make obscure
16 Actress Woodard
19 Type of beetle or party
22 See 112 Down
23 ____ Lanka
24 Girder type
28 Different: abbr.
30 Elevator sounds
31 Seven, in Seville
33 Wyndham Lewis novel
34 Muddy footprint, maybe
35 Attacks
36 Bus stop amenity
37 Metro maker
39 Yanks or Mets, e.g.
- 41 Dance piece?
42 Went up and down on a diet
43 Big name in sewing machines
44 Prix ____
45 Slanted, as writing: abbr.
46 Ibsen character
47 Coach Parseghian
48 Nothing
50 ____-date (current)
51 Of a word group, in grammar
52 Departed
54 It may get stuck in your head
55 Dry run
60 Source of strength
62 Region of S Morocco
63 Stool sitter?
65 Excellent, in a way
66 Greek island
67 Window feature
68 Toast choices
69 Ore source
70 Ore content
71 Balmy
75 NRA member?
76 Frosts
77 Green-lights
79 “Out of the question”
81 Moo goo ____ pan
82 Tiffs
83 Former Pope’s real name
85 Glass form
86 School bus driver on *The Simpsons*
- 87 Mo. in which Houdini died
92 Happy
93 Actress Pola
95 Actor Santoni
96 Allow
97 Gulf War side
98 Stuck, in a way
99 “Rapture!”
100 Hopeless
101 Painter Max
102 Gives the goad-ahead
103 Fish by the foot
104 Styron’s Turner
108 Doomed
110 ____ reflux
111 African nation
112 With 22 Down, *Taxi* costar
114 Night predator
115 Future trout
116 Park exercise
118 Jackie’s second
119 Blastoderm sites

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