

ACROSS

- 1 Like Scrooge McDuck
 5 Ill-fated Biblical brother
 9 SoCal ballplayer
 10 Imitated a cow
 12 Nixon's Checkers, for one
 15 Rightsize, in euphemistic business jargon
 16 Monty Hall (or Wayne Brady) offerings
 17 Midwest college town
 19 Sports bar fixtures
 20 Household fixtures (that are an anagram for the poet who wrote "The Hollow Men")
 22 Word after poison or live
 23 Modern pagan religion
 25 Man told to "hop on the bus" in Paul Simon lyrics
 26 Edible whose production requires heating to the hard-crack stage
 28 Ladyfingers-and-Bavarian cream dessert (that may or may not be named for a queen)
 31 Value to the right of a decimal point, often

- 32 Sealy competitor
 33 Recurring "Top Chef" challenge whose teams create pop-up eateries in 24 hours
 37 Remove from a mood board, maybe
 38 "Don't Bring Me Down" band: init.
 39 Tickle
 41 Absolute mess
 42 "The usual"
 45 Uno e due
 46 Actress-inventor Lamarr
 48 Michaels who offered the Beatles \$3,000 to reunite
 49 Do some prewashing
 50 One who might be on the march
 53 Aired on Nick at Nite
 54 Foul moods
 55 Email folder
 56 Fit

DOWN

- 1 Timed contest
 2 "Beats me," via text
 3 System of beliefs
 4 Announcement before taking a risk
 5 Most abundant
 6 Trumpet
 7 The present is the Phanerozoic one
 8 1977 movie heroine with a distinctive hairdo



- 9 Its starting price is roughly \$164,000
 11 They might be on the march
 12 Multi-purpose arena
 13 Word that might go with Champagne, in Champagne
 14 Tempts from the straight and narrow
 15 Online initialism of victory
 18 Terrier named after a Scottish island
 20 Some family emblems
 21 Attached with a simple machine
 24 "Pleeeeeeeeeee ase?"
 27 Acoustic
 29 Baton Rouge sch.
 30 Superlative suffix
 33 Adrenaline surge
 34 Get right back on that horse!
 35 Watchful
 36 Around midday
 40 Cartoonish cry on seeing a mouse
 43 "Lenore" poet's middle name
 44 "Bleeding Love" singer Lewis
 47 First name in French couture
 49 More than meet a need
 51 It's in veins
 52 Low football score