

IT'S NEWS TO ME

Your mission: 15-Across. Your methods: the other 7 unclued entries. *Constructed in 2010. A whole new set of theme entries would be appropriate today.*

Across

- 1 Symbolic representation of a word confused rubes (5)
- 5 The Spanish king hunted antlered animals (3)
- 8 Questions low-cut shoes (4)
- 12 Part of a neuron operating after split (4)
- 13 Nearly defunct Federal agency fighting illegal narcotics (3)
- 14 Ms. Angelou recalled a starchy veggie (4)
- 15 *See instructions (6,3,4)*
- 16 Bottle containing a bit of old wine (5)
- 17 Expensive violin Barb's brought back (5)
- 18 Raised moolah for the Speaker (4)
- 19 Employers of theater attendants letting third go (5)
- 22 Junk mail for a Peruvian tourist destination (4)
- 24 Wreaths covering the head of writer Carroll (5)
- 26 Mister Right's second diagnostic procedure (3)
- 27 Swift invasion captures Pakistan's capital (5)
- 29 Set off and visit cardinal maintaining mission (11)
- 30 Retro formal gown exhibiting 70s style associated with David Bowie (4)
- 32 Most preferred aluminum Corolla part (5)
- 34 Blue under plumage (4)
- 36 Military ceremony is banished from Heaven (6)
- 38 Comics-page moppet didn't behave the wrong way (6)
- 39 Mr. Redding is trailing a couple of others (4)
- 40 Clue for oddly neglected zodiac sign (3)
- 41 College Avenue grotto (4)
- 42 *See instructions (4,7)*
- 43 Aquatic bird spotted in afternoon (4)

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- 44 Endless respect for Ms. Lauder (5)
- 45 Animal doc acquires short sleeveless garment (4)

Down

- 1 First off, firmly hold woodworking file (4)
- 2 Framed by former spouses, Mr. Van Winkle up and dies (7)
- 3 Off-white coats earliest of retailers carried (5)
- 4 *See instructions (6,6)*
- 5 Current Christian Science Church leader (4)
- 6 *See instructions (6)*
- 7 Actress Madeline is a jailbird, reportedly (4)
- 8 *See instructions (5,7)*
- 9 Mario translated a Polynesian language (5)
- 10 Gripped by depression, Jesus's mother erected a tomb worthy of a pharaoh (7)
- 11 Pathetic-sounding org. for responsible teen motorists (4)
- 18 *See instructions (4,4)*
- 20 Capt. Hook's right-hand man is essential to this meeting (4)
- 21 Singer Coolidge resides in Britain (4)
- 23 *See instructions (2,6)*
- 25 More tired clothing that is left to recycle (7)
- 28 One-page abstract, "Servitude for Debts" (7)
- 31 Insincerely praise unwrapped Starbucks product (5)
- 33 *See instructions (5)*
- 35 Spouses work with Currier's partner (5)
- 37 Mel's ordered stately trees (4)
- 38 Prescribed quantity of salt fed to deer (4)