

Heart Of Gold

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The answer to the meta is an 8-letter word

ACROSS

- 1 ___ Inu
- 6 House of twigs
- 10 Self-satisfied
- 14 Spanish appetizers
- 15 Stink
- 16 Like a wolf or a star in Texas
- 17 Long period of time
- 18 Traveler's document
- 19 "Come ___, the water's fine!"
- 20 Hebrew poetic form, cf. Ps. 142 (7)
- 22 Roof edge (Hawaiian volcano)
- 24 Back of the boat
- 25 Jockey's strap (9)
- 27 Dawn French sitcom "The Vicar of ___" (Unable to be heard)
- 29 Chevrolet SUV (6)
- 33 Salty expanse (The feeling of being sick to your stomach)
- 34 Groucho Marx: "I refuse to join any ___ that would have me..."
- 35 Mob scene (6)
- 37 "Get Shorty" actress Rene ___ (Sign of a bull?)
- 41 &
- 42 "Friend ___?"
- 44 The H of the 5 Ws and 1 H
- 45 Speaks hoarsely (5)
- 48 California wine region (Finnish sweatbox)
- 49 City that wasn't built in a day, apparently
- 50 Acronym for Unified Modeling Language (6)

- 52 Like the decorated ladies of old sideshows (German vowel mark)
- 54 Essayist Susan ___ (5)
- 57 Nothing at all (Translucent fabric with a loose open weave)
- 58 Texter's "Very funny!"
- 59 "The Princess Bride" quote: "Life is ___, highness. Anyone who tells you differently is selling something." (10)
- 61 Allotted amount (The process of gilding with gold, which is related to the meta answer)
- 65 Disney princess who encouraged us to let it go
- 67 Past participle of "lie"
- 69 What "The Bible is the most shoplifted book of all time" is an example of
- 70 Word similar in meaning to "avow" which I always find annoying when either one crops up in a crossword
- 71 Part of A.D.
- 72 Home Depot competitor
- 73 Superman's alter ego
- 74 Ever so slightly
- 75 Garden plant support

DOWN

- 1 Flower stalk
- 2 Person of mixed ancestry, in Hawaii
- 3 Wall St. debuts

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- 4 Type of massage
- 5 More pale
- 6 11th mo.
- 7 Singer ___ Brickell
- 8 "What a pity!"
- 9 Scottish rock band whose song "Closer" is one of the most beautiful songs ever
- 10 ___-mo camera
- 11 "The Age of Pleasure" singer Janelle ___
- 12 Amalgamate
- 13 Lady's man
- 21 Spanish book
- 23 Ancestor of the Ishmaelites and the Israelites, cf. Gen. 10
- 26 Scottish town that rhymes with "cairn"
- 28 ___ Islands, also known as the Eastern Archipelago of Fiji
- 29 Disney baddie who encouraged us to be prepared
- 30 Radius neighbour
- 31 Jake and Charles: best ___
- 32 Jack Sprat's diet
- 36 Silicate mineral of aluminium and fluorine
- 38 "Buzz off!"
- 39 Unspecified amount
- 40 Had debts
- 43 "Peter, Peter, Pumpkin ___"
- 46 "A good ___ is its own reword!"
- 47 Acronym for Simple Mail Transfer Protocol
- 49 Pot-plant problem or, read another way, Kanga's gait
- 51 Companion of Tinky Winky, Dipsy and Po
- 53 Pathways in the woods
- 54 Complete, as a crossword
- 55 Mary-Kate, Ashley or Elizabeth
- 56 Gargantuan
- 58 Corporate security concern
- 60 1492 ship
- 62 The Hawkeye State
- 63 1000 m race
- 64 Wall St. institution
- 66 Paintings, et cetera
- 68 Agree silently