

"Not a Creature Was Stirring..."

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ACROSS

- 1 Operatic roles recorded by Callas (1953) and Moffo (1977)
- 7 Pricey ice chest
- 11 Baby billy
- 14 *Season when most Christmas shopping occurs
- 15 USPS info
- 16 Longoria or LaRue
- 17 Barbershop sharpeners
- 18 *Toymaking, for the Clauses, e.g.
- 20 Beavers leave them
- 21 Handheld console before Nintendo DS (hidden in "Pong ball")
- 22 Saint, to Kanye
- 23 With 51- Across, Christmas carol that is NOT the meta answer
- 25 Queen who courted Solomon
- 28 Buck, in retro slang
- 29 Way past the expiration date
- 31 Checked the box
- 32 Make like a mooch (or pooch)
- 34 Biloxi Shuckers, for one
- 35 *Holiday sparkler?
- 38 Words in a Twitter bio, perhaps

- 41 Birthplace of MLK
- 42 Like easy-to-get meds
- 45 Decathlete's many
- 47 Film crew assistant
- 50 Image consultants, for short
- 51 See 23-Across
- 53 Put to good ___
- 54 Place for a bud or stud
- 55 Untouchable Eliot
- 56 *"I've been good Santa, ___!"
- 59 Burst into flames
- 61 Helping hand
- 62 Loafer's bottom
- 63 *"Wait...are those reindeer hooves?"
- 64 "Jenny from the Block" singer, to fans
- 65 "___ queen!"
- 66 Didn't bolt

DOWN

- 1 Prof.'s helpers
- 2 Not to be ___ (phrase describing someone going the extra mile)
- 3 Wandered off
- 4 Brothers in 2021 headlines
- 5 Intensifies, informally
- 6 Atomic symbols for tin
- 7 Start of Flintstone's yell
- 8 Foreign minister Shevardnadze known as "the face of Perestroika"
- 9 Joe Burrow scores 'em
- 10 Biometric ID method seen in spy movies
- 11 Special quality for detail
- 12 ER drippers
- 13 County prosecutors, for short
- 19 Part of a protestor's chant
- 21 "___ while they're hot!"

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The meta answer is a Christmas carol.

- 23 Publish private info online
- 40 Major Madrid daily
- 42 Result of not eschewing the fat
- 43 One surrounded by raised glasses
- 44 Exotic dancer Lili St. ___
- 46 Bloats
- 48 Karaoke Night shout
- 49 Hush-hush org.
- 52 Funk icon Isaac (the other one)
- 56 The fifth pillar of Islam
- 57 Deep fryer liquid
- 58 Burnt-crisp link
- 59 They, in Calais
- 60 Fitting final entry
- 24 Capital of Tasmania
- 26 "Don't ___ jerk"
- 27 High USN rank
- 30 Bald baby
- 33 Honor roll stat
- 35 It's said to make you smile
- 36 Company that distills half the world's cognac
- 37 Being tried, in lawyerspeak
- 38 Gas treatment brand
- 39 Laugh syllable repeated after "hardy"