Dynamic Range Compression ACROSS

1. An informal description of the beginnings of three answers in the lower part of this puzzle
2. Gold, frankincense, and myrrh givers
3. Pulverize
4. Very soft register missing from three answers in the lower part of this puzzle
5. Zeal
6. Fancy parties
7. Old photograph color
8. " $\qquad$ note to follow sew" ("Sound of Music" line)
9. Untrusting
10. Gamely continues an outdoor theater production even though the stage has collapsed?
11. Pottage-loving Biblical twin
12. Foamy brewed beverage
13. Debt-funded business purchase, briefly (hidden in "jewel box")
14. Fez-wearing conventioneer
15. Mediocre
16. Slice sources
17. Unwed
18. Cosmetic ad agency's subspecialty?
19. _out (barely makes)
20. Period of time
21. Put a new label on
22. Knightly equipment
23. Irks
24. Sophisticate's foil
25. A group in which the state is not involved, briefly (hidden in "hang out")
26. "I _ Man of Constant Sorrow"
27. Acute
28. Placatory offering?
29. In an uninspired manner
30. Dog-catcher's quarry
31. Unoccupied
32. Like a planetary path
33. Great Lake that borders Michigan but doesn't share its name
34. Celestial horse
35. Approaches energetically
36. Fabric fragment
37. Seer's card
38. What one hopes the microphone will do, in a megachurch?
39. Primitive dwellings
40. Superlative suffix
41. Fair-hiring ideal, briefly
42. Sidon's sister city in ancient Phoenicia
43. Big street
44. Tasteless
45. Physicist and chemist Marie
46. Like Beethoven's 7th
47. Electrify, in a bad way
48. Statue detail?
49. Remove, as dishwasher build-up
50. Musical speeds
51. Sassy

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103. Corresponded with
105. Non-Rx
106. Transit provider
107. Deck quartet
111. Struggles among shoemakers, tallow chandlers, and the like?
115. Part of a deli order
116. Spanish river
117. "Old MacDonald" refrain
118. Pound part
119. Sky-blue
120. Very loud register missing from three answers in the upper part of this puzzle
121. Name of an Irish county and a Maryland creek
122. Merlot and Cabernet
123. An informal description of the beginnings of three answers in the upper part of this puzzle

## DOWN

1. Relatively colorless
2. Belligerent Olympian
3. Notion
4. "We've got time"
5. Conduct, as a lawsuit
6. Knightly equipment
7. Prefix applied to cultural products outside the mainstream
8. Fireproof fireplace fixture
9. Weathermap line
10. Very fast plane that may be returning, abbr.
11. "I wasn't impressed"
12. You and I, phylogenetically speaking
13. Expressive exhalations
14. Badly bothered
15. Go way down
16. Puts up pine planks, maybe
17. Priest's title
18. Lummox
19. Brightening stars
20. Imitates a pig
21. Cigar leavings
22. Grand Ole
23. Follower of "pro" or "mono"
24. N.T. book (hidden in "peephole")
25. Climb perpendicularly
26. Possible hole consequence
27. "Rule Britannia" composer Thomas
28. Not crazy
29. Fail to hasten
30. Safecracker in old slang
31. Door slat
32. Like stored data, often
33. Lack all doubt
34. Remove with difficulty
35. Exclamations of discovery
36. Restaurant handout
37. They can be fine or liberal
38. Ailing
39. Victor's acquisition
40. Scottish John
41. Othello's advisor
42. Harm
43. Great Salt Lake state
44. Coffeeshop purchases
45. Fairy tale antagonist
46. Egg masses
47. Outperform
48. FDR's predecessor
49. Golfer's goal
50. "I'II $\qquad$ nothing!"
51. Restrain with rope
52. French "eye"
53. Killer whales
54. Specified quantity
55. Common sandwich fish
56. Barking sea-creature
57. Helpers
58. Zig or zag
59. Last Supper query, per Matthew
60. Arch enemies
61. Bar supply
62. Beelzebub or

Mephistopheles
91. Public stature
93. Fab
94. Much
96. Choose
97. ...
98. Poem part
99. Be much taller than
100. Online commerce
104. What a cyclops would have, if only it were spelled "ciclops"
106. Secretly includes, briefly
108. Gist
109. Fictional Victorian governess Jane
110. Acorn, for an oak
112. What a smoker may bum
113. Tic-tac-toe success
114. Neither Rep. nor Dem.
115. Lummox

