

COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING -- as compared to what? ©2009 BEQ

Across

- 1 Reacts wildly to, as a joke
- 8 "The Devil's Dictionary" author Bierce
- 15 Not freelance
- 16 Bit of cocoa?
- 17 1972 David Bowie hit
- 18 With 21-Across, Lowell, Massachusetts sporting/concert venue named after a former senator
- 19 Where most downloaded files go
- 21 See 18-Across
- 23 Dueling 'souvenir'
- 24 The second Mrs. Sinatra
- 25 "La Débâcle" novelist Emile
- 26 Company that owns StubHub and Skype
- 27 Bars on wheels
- 29 Lean-___ (shacks)
- 30 Type of song
- 31 Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 5 ___ minor

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- 32 Hissy fit
- 37 Part of ENT
- 38 Internet cafe service
- 39 Writing tool
- 41 "Hot" winter drink
- 44 Poi, basically
- 45 W.W. II battle site
- 46 It gets dotted with a 39-Across
- 47 Telephone conversations on the web technology, for short
- 48 Geologist's division
- 49 Buffered during a strong blow at sea
- 53 "Bon ___!"
- 54 They may come in packets with buffalo wings
- 57 Potpourri

- 58 ___ Set (toy for a brainy kid)
 - 59 Cork locale
 - 60 Assigns a new ranking to, for the playoffs
- Down**
- 1 Quaint coffee mug word
 - 2 Mich. neighbor
 - 3 "You guessed it!"
 - 4 Golfer Ochoa
 - 5 Like some college honors
 - 6 Pronto: Abbr.
 - 7 Handles some screwdrivers, say
 - 8 Off
 - 9 Someone least likely to pick up the tab
 - 10 Like-minded group

- 11 Monthly expense
- 12 Accurate, as a slap shot
- 13 Feel a strong desire
- 14 Classes you barely have to attend
- 20 "Let's do this, NOW!"
- 21 Zidovudine, familiarly
- 22 Carrot or turnip
- 26 Fancy pourer
- 27 One side in a debate
- 28 One who crosses out
- 30 Alter kitty
- 31 Dope but not a dolt
- 33 Type of school for docs-to-be
- 34 Military strength in the sky
- 35 With it
- 36 Sporty Spice
- 40 Tokyo stage show

- 41 Teahouse floor covering
- 42 "___ customer"
- 43 Feature of a baby face
- 44 Added (up)
- 45 Moby Grape guitarist Skip ___
- 47 Proud gesture
- 48 ___ Park, CO
- 50 Laughter's sound
- 51 Sight a sightseer sees in Sicily
- 52 Bone-dry
- 55 Group of whales or seals
- 56 Some prom goers: Abbr.