Why Switch? - December 8, 2017 by Mark McClain / Edited by Brad Wilber

ACROSS
1. Briefcase fastener
5. Hold dear
10. Feud faction
14. Natural soother
15. Choir attire
16. Palette feature
17. Candle-factory safety rule?
20. Not much
21. Superlative for Wally in "Dilbert"
22. "___ a Song Go Out of My Heart" (Duke Ellington classic)
23. Low-ranking GIs
24. Results of a vote on weapon preference by medieval warriors?
29. Craving
30. Be under the weather
31. Shortly, in Shakespeare
33. Famous flood refuge
34. "That's show ___!"
35. Noted flag-raising site, for short
36. "Childhood Is the Kingdom Where Nobody Dies," e.g.
38. Co. that bought The Huffington Post in 2011
39. Zeniths
42. Generic liquor-cabinet item?
45. Baby marsupial
46. Slices of history
47. Makeover-show denouement
50. Curled-up Angora kitten, e.g.
54. Couple leaving divorce court?
56. Inanimate feathered flier
57. Think of suddenly, as a solution
58. Part of an Adirondack chair
59. Not split
60. Nonsensical
61. Diving-meet coups

DOWN
1. Muslim pilgrimage
2. Member of a Dominican baseball fraternity
3. Issue, perhaps
4. More picayune
5. Deceptive excuse
6. Change places, as in a volleyball game
7. "In the same place," in footnotes
8. School of Buddhism
9. Like long, hot days
10. Arsenal foe
11. Hollywood family name in an A&E paranormal reality show
12. "It was too good to be true" lead-in, maybe
13. Day-of-the-week modifier, at times
14. Arsenal foe
15. Hollywood family name in an A&E paranormal reality show
16. Conclusion after a difficult decision
17. "Childhood Is the Kingdom Where Nobody Dies," e.g.
18. School of Buddhism
19. Like long, hot days
20. Arsenal foe
21. Hollywood family name in an A&E paranormal reality show
22. "It was too good to be true" lead-in, maybe
23. Day-of-the-week modifier, at times
24. Black-tie affairs
25. Home-theater centerpiece
26. Pseudonymous Dickens illustrator
27. Drum
28. Gorp consumer
29. Encounters no resistance
30. How fish may be packed
31. Outlying postal rtes.
32. "Doctor Zhivago" director David
33. 33 Across builder
34. "It was too good to be true" lead-in, maybe
35. Day-of-the-week modifier, at times
36. "Childhood Is the Kingdom Where Nobody Dies," e.g.
37. Grandeur
38. University in Nassau County, New York
39. Verizon's onetime in-flight calling aid
40. Big name in sewing machines since 1862
41. Conclusion after a difficult decision
42. Generic liquor-cabinet item?
43. 33 Across builder
44. Big name in sewing machines since 1862
45. Conclusion after a difficult decision
46. Big name in sewing machines since 1862
47. Outlying postal rtes.
48. The "E" in QED
49. Co-worker of Alice and Flo at Mel's Diner
50. Gyro bread
51. Wheel turner
52. "Doctor Zhivago" director David
53. D-Day fleet
54. Conclusion after a difficult decision
55. Department or river of eastern France
56. Inanimate feathered flier
57. Think of suddenly, as a solution
58. Part of an Adirondack chair
59. Not split
60. Nonsensical
61. Diving-meet coups