

Universal Crossword

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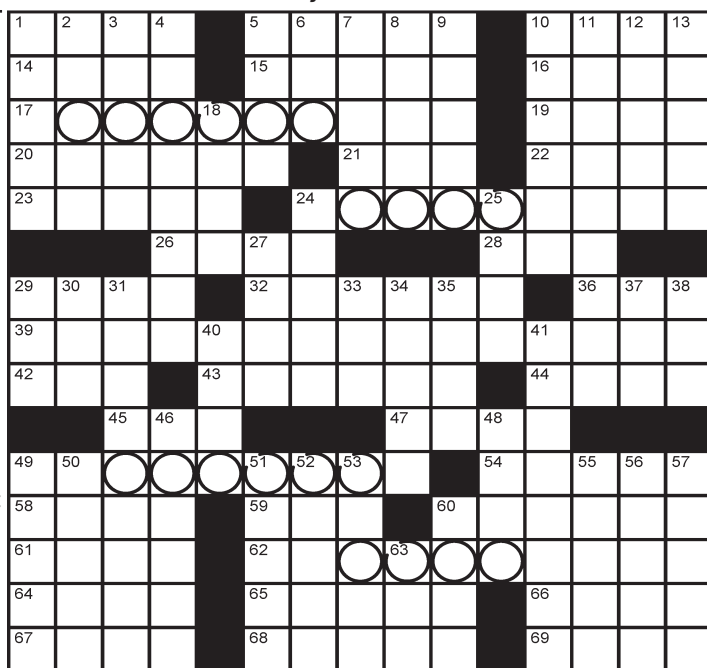
ACROSS

- 1 "Mad" run
5 Twitch
10 Make small talk
14 Dos x cuatro
15 Michelangelo masterwork
16 Bat mitzvah or baptism
17 "Get well!" (In this answer, see letters 2-7)
19 Sephora rival
20 Stretched the truth
21 Pest ... or pester
22 "Je ne ____ pas" (French for "I don't know")
23 Vacant look
24 Like a mighty wind (... letters 2-5)
26 Fish in Hawaiian (not Greek!) cuisine
28 Nonurban outfitter
29 The lowdown
32 Pinpoint
36 Make up one's mind
39 Fixes glitches ... or unscrambles this puzzle's indicated letters?
42 Run a tab, say
43 Nancy who was the first madam speaker
44 "Right away!"
45 St. Louis-to-Chicago dir.

- 47 They might be loose or tight
49 Alternative to the Buick Enclave and Chevrolet Traverse (... letters 3-8)
54 Target
58 Pearl Harbor's island
59 ____-Magnon
60 Under Cupid's spell
61 Silent signals
62 Like some lemurs (... letters 3-6)
64 Canal opened in 1825
65 Cornell and Columbia
66 Part of a deck
67 Morning host Kelly
68 Wooden duck, say
69 Bohemian
DOWN
1 Removes, as a hat
2 Nail the midterm
3 Biblical queendom
4 Hal who won a Tony for "Mark Twain Tonight!"
5 Zoomed
6 Orchestra's place
7 Health insurance giant
8 Sweet bargain
9 TV mom whose blue hair makes her 8-foot-6

- 10 Fictional castaway Robinson
11 Sidesplitting
12 Spooky story?
13 Rib
18 (The light's green!)
24 Grave-robbing spirit
25 Unencumbered
27 Sunburn balm
29 ____ Jima
30 Presently
31 Roast beef sandwich served au jus
33 IT VIP
34 Befuddled
35 ____ Mints (Girl Scout cookies)
37 Org. fixated on eagles and birdies
38 Amt. of vanilla, maybe
40 Design deed

- 41 St. Peter's, for instance
46 Queasiness
48 Real first name of Queen Latifah
49 Lost cause
50 Indigenous New Zealander
51 Sharp-smelling
52 Take the wheel
53 Type of bond or column
55 Back biter
56 Prevent, as a crisis
57 Abe's Mount Rushmore neighbor
60 ____-bitsy
63 Logical beginning?



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

S	L	A	W		G	O	B	I		A	F	E	W
S	O	L	O		A	S	L	A	N		B	I	L
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F	I	R	S	T	R	A	T	E		P	O	L	K
A	S	I	S		C	R	O	U	C	H	D	O	W
V	I	C	E		A	N	O	R	A		D	R	A
A	S	K	S			S	N	O	B		Y	E	N

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