

Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Colbert's ex-network
4 Flop ____ (period of failure)
7 Inputs, as data
13 Expand
15 Bluish-purple
16 *Fictional Spanish playboy
17 Be in cahoots (with)
18 Sportage maker
19 *Shortstop nicknamed "Mr. November"
21 Artist Matisse
23 "Guilty," for one
24 Bygone "before"
25 Like an offline meetup, for short
26 Leaf through
29 Regarding
30 Radio silence
32 Outdo
34 *"The Smashing Machine" star
39 Drug in some psychotherapy
40 Instruments for Hawaii's Israel Kamakawiwo'ole and Jake Shimabukuro
42 Iconic plumber with a red hat
45 Young'un

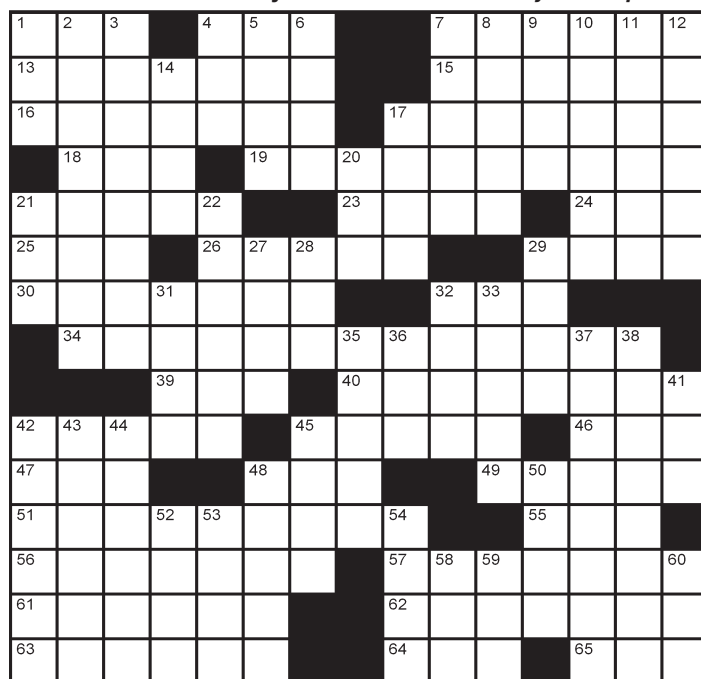
- 46 What the fish said after swimming into a wall?
47 Midwesterner's "Oops"
48 Pushup muscle, for short
49 Desires
51 *Mythic seafarer with a "locker"
55 "Or ____ thought"
56 Pastries from the French for "lightning"
57 Zhane hit about a party VIP ... or a casual hello to each starred clue's answer?
61 "Prove it"
62 Supervise
63 Court sport
64 Energy
65 Gobble up
DOWN
1 ____ oil (dispensary offering)
2 Negotiated, as a deal
3 Chris Pratt, vis-a-vis Arnold Schwarzenegger
4 Part of a prof's email
5 The "R" of TL;DR
6 Hathaway of "Mother Mary"
7 Awaken, as emotions
8 "American ____ Warrior"
9 Color or voice quality

- 10 Privileged groups
11 Go back
12 Dual-channel audio
14 Cracked open
17 Animation stills
20 LP speed
21 Didn't seek?
22 Exasperated parent's "reason"
27 Sort or type
28 It's all the rage!
29 Basilica nook
31 "Lobster Telephone" surrealist Salvador
32 Land hard
33 Like a stove, while caramelizing onions
35 Apple product ... or Apple power
36 Approved
37 Origin of "they"

- 38 "Good thought!"
41 No-frills texting initials
42 Like an "Aw, shucks" vibe
43 Geronimo's people
44 Super Lustrous Lipstick maker
45 Ryan, Simu, et al., in "Barbie"
48 Dermal openings
50 Tingling sensation initialism (I'm NOT entertained!)
52 Guitar hero
53 Hendrix
54 Boutique
58 All Hallows'
59 "Heard"
60 Jacuzzi feature

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PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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