

Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 Skirt cut
5 Symptoms before a period
8 State of neglect
14 Delicate material
15 Just swell
16 Venues that might have Zambonis
17 *Teeny Apple music player of the 2000s
19 Replied "Nuh-uh"
20 Web portal that once promoted Hotmail and Bing
21 Dutch cheese
22 Vietnamese holiday that's a palindrome
23 Polite assent
25 Gem unit
27 *India's first female prime minister
31 Diminutive diminutive
33 Trick-or-treating score
34 America's national tree
35 "Let a person fantasize, will ya?!"
40 Tik____
41 Layer of fur
42 "____ Miz"
43 *What lets you connect to the cloud while in the clouds
48 Mayhem

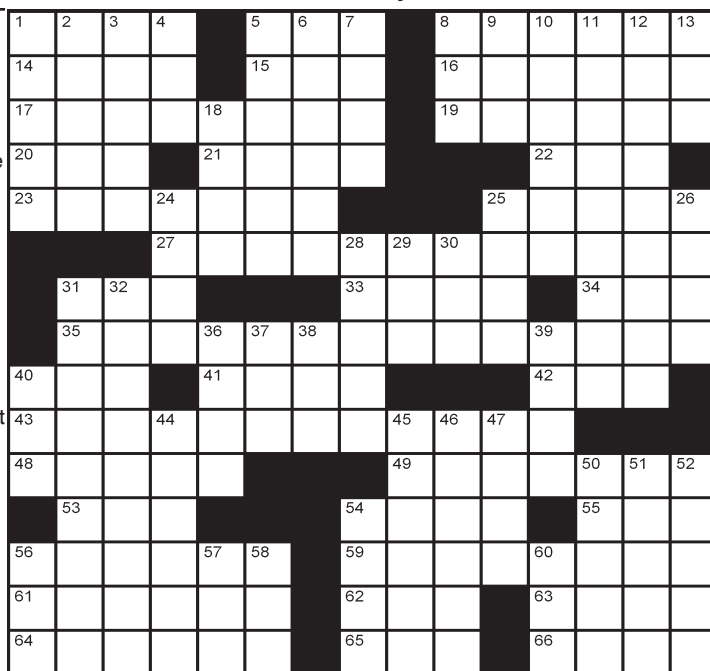
- 49 The whole package
53 Green prefix
54 Hot rod rod
55 Sense of self
56 Quick snooze
59 Judge glances ... or, phonetically, features of the starred clues' answers
61 Cooks with high heat from above
62 ____ Lingus
63 Match up
64 "Can you tell me how to get to Sesame ____?"
65 Be a snoop
66 "Toodle-oo!"

DOWN

- 1 Like natto or okra
2 Temporary slip
3 Clickable images
4 "Bill & ____ Face the Music" (2020 film sequel)
5 Sponsored podcast interruption, for example
6 "My friend," in Montreal
7 Quickly read
8 Court figs.
9 Roth ____
10 Meat substitute made from gluten
11 Needing to be cooked more

- 12 They're worn with red suits
13 That, in Spanish
18 Intend
24 Actress Kunis
25 Trig follower
26 Polynesian figure
28 Link's "Good Mythical Morning" co-host
29 Itty-bitty battery
30 It gets chewed up and spat out
31 Feline nickname for Richard I
32 Major turnoff triggered by cringey behavior
36 Procedural drama on 56-Down
37 ____ days of summer
38 Pep rally holler

- 39 Landed
40 ____-tac-toe
44 Canadian \$1 coin
45 Like Madame Tussauds figures, compared to the real celebs
46 "Let me help with the dishes"
47 Make like a banana and split
50 2003 Outkast hit
51 Actor's rep
52 Puccini opera
54 "Stat!"
56 "Survivor" network
57 Brewpub brew
58 Winter hrs. in LA
60 Winter hrs. in NYC



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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