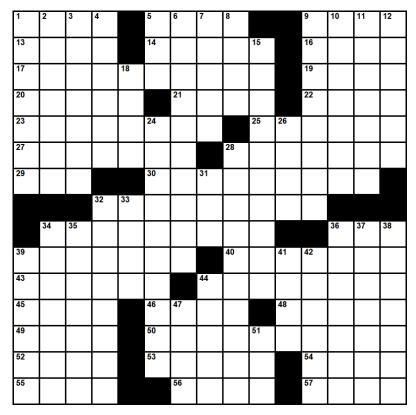
A Somewhat Topical Themeless

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Across

- 1. Greeting for Bad Bunny
- 5. "Boy!" or "girl!" starter
- 9. 2020 Disney-Pixar
- 13. Student likely to have at least two years left before sitting the
- 14. Dog breed that was Queen Elizabeth II's favorite
- 16. "Wicked ___ (reality show that recently ended a 13year run)
- 17. Like "this answer" or this answer
- 19. Classic Latin response to betrayal
- 20. Big Iraqi port
- 21. It won't leave you cold
- 22. Man's name found in meh, udon is just not what I'm hungry for
- 23. Gets into
- 25. Major hurricane of 2024
- 27. Go from a red paperclip to a house, for instance
- 28. Was on the fence
- 29. Old-school "cool"
- 30. Tracked, in a way
- 32. Olive stuffers
- 34. Sabrina with three mega-hit 2024 songs
- 36. ___ Lanka
- 39. Museum pieces
- 40. Phrase not heard at the end of a World Series from 1909 until 2016
- 43. Bear witness
- 44. Fill a stein way?
- 45. One saved the day at the end of the first "Jurassic Park"
- 46. " All Work Out" (Tom Petty song)
- 48. Demagnetize, as in a hard drive
- 49. Common name for a smaller version of this puzzle
- 50. Filed taxes: the old way (or alternatively, voted: the new way)



52. Heart lead singer Wilson and namesakes 53. Sir Edward who composed "Pomp and Circumstance" 54. Writing implements 55. The right way to order a single malt Scotch (i.e., no rocks, no water, no mixer) 56. Michael of "Arrested Development" 57. Guitarist David Evans' nickname (usually preceded by "the")

Down

- 1. Relaxing salvation after a physical day of work
- 2. A lot, perhaps
- 3. Rare accessory for a camera phone
- 4. Like the US map after the 1972 presidential election (except for Massachusetts, bless its nonconformity)

- 5. Play part
- 6. Pithy
- 7. "Fake Plastic _ (Radiohead song)
- 8. Home to the Taj
- 9. Football team with the most Super Bowl wins in the 1970's
- 10. Sign over a drainpipe, maybe
- 11. Like a woodblock or triangle
- 12. Praised
- 15. "Seriously?"
- 18. Relieve
- 24. Kind of blues there ain't no cure for, according to song
- 26. Cooking initialism coined by Rachael Ray
- 28. Location where you hope things age tastefully
- 31. It's not gross
- 32. Come before, like a condition
- 33. Brews that are nowhere as good as a nice lager
- 34. One of the two birthstones for

- November (the other is topaz)
- 35. It makes the signal stronger
- 36. Worried about
- 37. Necessary shower step after soaping, presumably
- 38. Profound
- 39. "Jake and the _ (1980's/90's TV series starring William Conrad)
- 41. Born's counterpart
- 42. Tiger marking
- 44. Emmy and
- Grammy winner Mary
- 47. Soft mineral, historically used in baby powder 51. "Red" or
- "Fearless", e.g.