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ACROSS

- 1 911, for one
- 6 "The Grapes of Wrath" surname
- 10 Org. that might support a 12-Down
- 15 Fiery felonies
- 17 Fit for the task
- 18 "___ but Psycho" (Ava Max hit)
- 19 Is intoxicated, idiomatically
- 21 Tickets
- 22 Drum's partner
- 23 The "Stuf" in Double Stuf Oreos
- 24 Ruckuses
- 25 End of a school president's address?
- **26** Wild Bill Hickok's last poker hand, purportedly
- 30 "India pale" brews
- 32 "___ the Damn Season" (Taylor Swift song)
- 33 Musical chairs goal
- 34 Emulate Spock, in a way
- **40** Something notably caught by a Coldplay kiss cam, for short
- **42** Org. that certified Miranda Lambert's album "Platinum" as platinum
- 43 "Baby's ___ Good at Goodbye" (#1 country hit of 1989)
- 44 "Eat ___ Chikin" (Chick-fil-A slogan)
- **45** Words that might accompany "tow away zone" on a street sign
- 48 Dir. from Mexico, NY, to Mexico, ME
- **49** How one's much-loved nephew might be treated
- 51 Singer Bryce with a song that "climbed" the Billboard charts in 2017
- **52** Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award winner Garfunkel
- 53 Stranded, metaphorically
- 57 Garment for Chappell Roan, perhaps
- 58 Mexico Mrs.
- 59 Vacuum cleaner filter acronym
- **62** Paris landmark in the center of a roundabout
- 68 Id checker?
- 70 Ends
- 71 Barely detectable amount
- 72 Egg on
- 73 Spasm
- **75** Minneapolis nightclub frequented by Prince, or a Manhattan thoroughfare
- 77 "Straight Up" singer Paula
- 78 Can of worms, perhaps
- 79 They might be red or white, but not blue
- 80 Martini's partner
- 81 Roadside crash sites?
- **82** ____.Arie (Stevie Wonder's duet partner on "The Christmas Song")

DOWN

- 1 Lead-in to latte or mocha
- 2 Crispy Crowns brand
- 3 Of value
- 4 Tool for Dutch canal jumping
- 5 Half an inning?
- 6 Mocks
- 7 President whose frequent walkout song was "City of Blinding Lights"
- 8 Unknown by

The meta for this puzzle is a famous singer.

- 9 Hibernaculum, often
- 10 System in which 65 receives an A?
- 11 Tries to hit, as a pitch
- 12 Place to find a toy, maybe
- 13 One of two letters making no valid twoletter words in North American Scrabble
- 14 Insta handle beginners
- 16 '60s civil rights gp.
- 20 Gray-colored Catan resource
- 24 Meant (for)
- 26 Blonde shade
- 27 "Follow?"
- 28 Knack
- 29 "Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!" composer Jule
- 31 H, to Herodotus
- 35 Swift and Twain, notably
- 36 Bit of bourbon
- 37 "The Jungle Book" python voiced by Scarlett Johansson
- 38 Caterpillar, for one
- 39 Turning tooth
- 40 Phony
- 41 A ban on burning them was upheld by the Supreme Court in United States v. O'Brien
- 44 The European Union's smallest member, by both area and population

- **45** Drama whose name comes from the Japanese for 28-Down
- 46 Fam, so to speak
- 47 Sen. Angus King, for one
- **50** Adjective for Hermione Granger of the "Harry Potter" universe
- 52 Admiral's assent
- 54 Weimaraner's warning
- 55 Like Wyclef Jean, by birth
- **56** MLB scoreboard letters
- 60 Anise-flavored liqueur
- **61** Rodent known for breaking open Brazil nut shells
- 63 "Next to Me" singer Sandé
- 64 Hatch succeeded by Romney
- 65 They're rigged
- **66** Long-distance hiking route through the Sierras and Cascades, for short
- 67 Jalopy
- 69 Ukrainian port, to locals
- 72 Erie place, for short?
- 73 2022 drama starring Cate Blanchett
- 74 "Deadwood" airer
- **75** Org. that hunted Al Capone and Bonnie and Clyde
- 76 Super Bowl in which the Miami Dolphins completed their historic perfect season