

ACROSS

- 1 With 68-A, article in common to all of the starred entries
 4 Stereotypical name for a lab assistant
 8 Attends to, as gaps on the Tube
 13 Worker whose "kiss" inspired an emoji
 15 Cinematic clownfish
 16 Blazing
 17 Christmas gift for the naughty
 18 Hand or foot
 19 Get more of Us?
 20 *Kids' show host on Springfield's Channel 6
 23 Summer in France
 24 Compete (for)
 25 Chapel Hill sch.
 28 British singer Rita
 30 Attained
 34 *He says, "Mr. Ranger isn't gonna like this, Yogi"
 37 Thing a runner wants to break
 38 Car named for an executive's son
 39 Dad ___ (everyday guy's physique)
 40 Auspices
 41 Bacardi and Captain Morgan
 42 *Star of 1944's "The Three Caballeros"
 44 Third event of the Olympic decathlon
 46 "Norma ___" (Sally Field union drama)

- 47 Intro to screenwriting?
 48 Lager alternative
 49 Sole 3-word US state capital: init.
 51 *Character created as an alternative to didactic reading textbooks
 59 Like a good talk show guest
 60 "Ta-ta!"
 61 Soothing succulent
 63 En pointe, as in ballet
 64 Question implying betrayal
 65 Common carnation color
 66 Lead singer on "Octopus's Garden"
 67 Turing or Bechdel
 68 See 1-Across

DOWN

- 1 Loop in discretely
 2 "Ah, I understand now"
 3 Erode
 4 Last Nirvana studio album
 5 Born around 1985, say
 6 Fail to mention
 7 "American Pastoral" novelist Philip
 8 TV's eldest Brady daughter
 9 Campaign promise introduction
 10 Boy, in Bogota
 11 Played "Pictionary"
 12 Made stitches
 14 Chimney duct
 21 Pianist's perch

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- 22 Next-to-last word of some fairy tales
 25 Uses a certain rideshare app
 26 "Thanks, Captain Obvious!"
 27 Cocktail with cranberry, casually
 29 Monastic leader
 30 Where to see blips
 31 International court site, with "The"
 32 Many movies shown in Cinerama
 33 Seats for students
 35 Oscar won 3 times by Daniel Day-Lewis
 36 The present is the Phanerozoic one

- 40 Performer of 4 numerically-named albums
 42 "Stop Draggin' My Heart Around," for one
 43 Verbally attack
 45 "Ready ___ One"
 50 Get rough, as lips
 51 Noah's Ark quantities
 52 Bonus clue
 53 "At Last" singer James
 54 TV co-star of Mariska Hargitay
 55 Nick at ___
 56 Ink spots?
 57 Returned to earth
 58 "Beloved" Nobel Morrison
 62 Just make (out)