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ACROSS

- 1. Preschool things
- 5. 23-Across rival
- 10. Comfy slip-ons
- 14. Instrument that plays in the treble range
- 15. Funny feeling
- 16. Like some textbook publishing
- 17. Pope with a holysounding name
- 18. Tube steak that spent time under a Swingline?
- 20. Swimmer Torres
- 22. Resistance measurement
- 23. 5-Across rival
- 24. Things guaranteed to get a laugh during a slalom?
- 28. Motel with stuffed animals
- 29. Barely make (out)
- 30. Whiskey base
- 31. Morale-boosting org.
- 32. Trés avant-garde
- 34. Little cancer stick
- 36. Fresnel hidden behind a curtain?
- 42. Gastropub glassful
- 43. Seep through
- 44. "The Book Of Mormon" faith. briefly
- 45. Smiley, e.g.
- 47. Little man
- 48. 5-Down's home
- 50. "Whaddya know! It's empty!"?
- 54. Flub up
- 55. Brian with the 2017 album "Reflection"
- 56. Tank shockers
- 57. Single image of a 2016 Disney flick?
- 61. Jaguars owner Shad
- 64. Purplish shade
- 65. Payload carriers, for short
- 66. Zaragoza's river

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- 67. Slow Churned ice cream
- 68. Haunted house noises, for this puzzle at least
- 69. Two in a colon

DOWN

- 1. Do one better than
- 2. Japanese belt
- 3. "I thought it was just me!"
- 4. Bagel choice
- 5. Ba'ath Party biggie
- 6. Like me in, oh, I'm gonna say, 22 vears: Abbr.
- 7. Genetic substance, for short
- too soon"
- 9. India's secondlargest city
- 10. Little dose
- 11. One in an exclusive network

- 12. JFK prepped here 13. Semiotics subjects
- 19. Diplomat's res.
- 21. Engage in scalping
- 24. Tip jar contents
- 25. Safe worker?
- 26. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's trademark shot
- 27. H.S. clubs
- 28. Long way around town
- 33. Push up daisies
- 34. "No reason," briefly
- 35. Actually
- 37. Means partner
- 38. Attitude
- 39. Radio host Limbaugh's selfgiven nickname
- 40. Change, as the story
- 41. Govt. agency with four cryptologic centers

- 45. Turin cloth
- 46. Cyber crime
- 47. Burn badly
- 49. Double- (like some eggs)
- 50. City east of Phoenix
- 51. Huge quantity
- 52. Not able to serve
- 53. Chocolate cup maker
- 58. "Punch-Out!!" platform
- 59. Sexy Lincoln (Halloween costume for the history buffs)
- 60. "Su-u-u-uper tasty"
- 62. Collage, e.g.
- 63. KenKen fill: Abbr.