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Beyond Wordplay Crossword Contest https://beyondwordplay.com

ACROSS

- 1. Some Zappos.com offerings
- 5. Type of rock or candy
- 9. "Dinner Music for People Who ____ Very Hungry" (Spike Jones album)
- 14. What might help in getting out of a bunker
- 15. "The First Time ____ I Saw Your Face" (Roberta Flack hit)
- 16. "Beavis and Butt-Head" spin-off, which is getting its own spin-off called "Jodie"
- 17. *Direct style of combat
- 19. Activity for Jazzy Jeff or Jam Master Jay
- 20. Where Joy gives "The ReidOut"
- 21. Bonus for good service
- 23. 21-Across components at times
- 24. Approving answer
- 25. Green New Deal proponent, initially
- 28. Pulitzer-winning Kendrick Lamar album
- 30. Try to win at 73-Across, perhaps
- 32. Present-day birthplace of Novak

Djokovic and Monica Seles

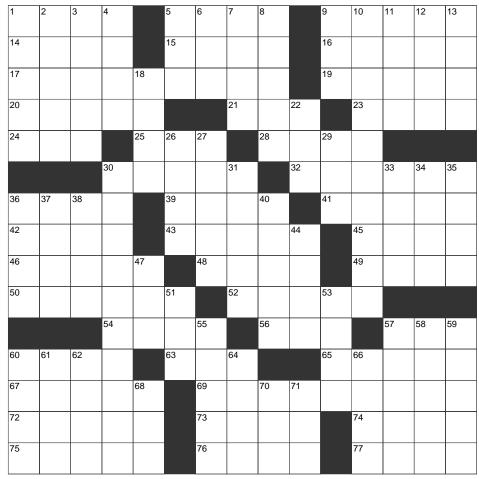
- 36. Prep, for a pugilist
- 39. Sultanate ruled by Qaboos bin Said from 1970 to 2020
- 41. What might be shot at the gym
- 42. Ineffable vibe
- 43. Make an impression?
- 45. Hubble operator
- 46. Seize, with a struggle
- 48. "Mitochondria is the powerhouse of the
- 49. Mic
- 50. 60 games of baseball, in 2020
- 52. Brand that means "exquisite" in Japanese
- 54. Spectacular, slangily
- 56. Place for a mani-pedi
- 57. Spit rhymes
- 60. Inappropriate stare
- 63. What some pros try to break
- 65. Video-game character whose surname is Mario
- 67. Grunge-era tune today, e.g.
- 69. *Keeping under control
- 72. "The Frying Pan of the World"
- 73. See 30-Across
- 74. Not the sharpest tool in the shed
- 75. Stereotypically silly creatures
- 76. Mentally sound
- 77. Cruciverbalist's favorite snack?

DOWN

- 1. Resilient Schmidt played by Ellie Kemper
- 2. Use one end of a pencil
- 3. Summer of song

- 4. Patronizing type
- 5. Sewer line?
- 6. "A Wrinkle in Time" director DuVernay
- 7. "525,600 minutes" musical
- 8. R2-D2 or C-3PO, e.g.
- 9. " It Up" (Violent Femmes song)
- 10. *Point guard who won championship rings with the Celtics and Lakers
- 11. Brockovich portrayed by supervocalic Oscar winner Julia Roberts
- 12. Number for Mia Hamm or Ted Williams
- 13. Facebook identifiers
- 18. Ingredient in some healthy bowls
- 22. Nice way to say "not"?
- 26. Tony-winning Burr portrayer
- 27. Ali Wong or John Mulaney, for example
- 29. Tepid response
- 30. *Relaxed restaurants
- 31. With 31-Down, sells out
- 33. Potential swine-fever victim
- 34. ___ facto
- 35. Impatient initialism
- 36. Serrated shop tools

- 37. Kind of math that's not applied
- 38. ____ 51
- 40. Frasier's fastidious brother
- 44. Short YouTube offering, perhaps
- 47. "___ Gun: Maverick" (sequel due 35 vears after the original)
- 51. Wee bit of liquor
- 53. Four-armed consort of Shiva
- 55. "Who ?"
- 57. Extreme precision
- 58. Gymnastically graceful
- 59. Burrito option
- 60. Like binge-watching sessions
- 61. Peace activist Wiesel
- 62. Straight ____ (puritanical punk genre)
- 64. Country-music star who had an eponymous sitcom
- 66. Revert an errant cut and paste, say
- 68. Central word in a Napoleonic palindrome
- 70. Joy Division singer Curtis
- 71. Science Guy Bill



This month's contest answer is a country that should be in the grid, but isn't. Submit your answer to puzzles@beyondwordplay.com by November 22nd.