Net Diffusion - November 24, 2017 by Erik Agard / Edited by Brad Wilber

ACROSS
1. Marine thriller set on Amity Island
5. Sullen
9. Drained of color
14. Like some reports or thermometers
15. ___ 67 (world’s fair held in Montreal)
16. Spacious
17. It may put you in a difficult position
18. *Prone to interfering
20. *Piano-practice beat keeper
22. ___ Ashley (Elizabeth I’s governess)
23. Environ
24. Hartford-based insurance giant
27. Big shrimp
31. Bring back to full health
34. *When to eat
38. Not a non-starter
39. Michigan liberal-arts college
40. Chart-topping Usher-Alicia Keys duet of 2004
42. Stretched to the limit
43. Octet in many pizza boxes
45. *Crooner nicknamed "The Velvet Fog"
47. Palindromic principle
48. Augment
49. Letter between November and Papa
51. Like lots of eBay purchases
55. "13th" documentarian DuVernay
57. *Million-digit number divisible only by itself and 1
61. *Japanese subgenre with battling robots
64. Abbr. on school-zone signs
66. "Not the ___" (tag for outlandish-but-true news)
67. Empty ___ Hotel (recurring "Hee Haw" setting)
68. Dip in "Swan Lake"?
69. Hit home?
70. Opening on a schedule
71. Viral trend that's being "spread" in the answers to the starred clues

3. Bit of casino action
4. Online mag with "Political Gabfest"
5. Pollster's subgroup, informally
6. Hauling pair, perhaps
7. Neck-baring style
8. NBA star nicknamed "The Worm"
9. "___ you for real?!"
10. Under-the-sink brand
11. Lounge whose patrons share communal bowls
12. Jane Austen's Miss Woodhouse
13. Vladimir's veto
19. Buddy ___ (jeans mascot)
21. Enthralled
22. Vladmir's veto
23. "La ___ Humaine" (Zola novel)
34. Place for a topgallant
35. Couture monthly
36. Protein building block
37. Corset tighteners
38. Electric Chevy
41. Ref. that has included "crowdfunding" and "photobomb" since 2015
44. Ellipsis alternative, often
46. Series of gigs
48. Venues on a 46 Down, maybe
50. Gp. once headed by Charles Mayo
52. Halfway between noon and midnight
53. Hero of a Rousseau treatise on education
54. Material in Daisy Dukes
55. Danny Thomas's first name at birth
56. Opening third of a Latin boast
58. "___ Meets World" (Disney Channel sequel series)
59. Bandoleer contents
60. Nuisance
62. Long-handled earth mover
63. Hockey's Ducks, on ESPN crawls
65. "Fancy that!"

DOWN
1. Elation
2. Wafting enticement