Unblemished

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Some clues are wordplay only; these lead to synonyms of the actual entries rather than the entries themselves. The unclued central entry will help determine the proper synonyms.

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Across

- 1 Distribute Kleenex, first off
- 5 Chooses zero points
- 9 William Morris provides lead, perhaps
- **13** Act involving lamp
- **15** Loud as radical author Huxley
- 17 Norm, sneaky, swallows last of olive garnish
- 18 Sandra has pull, an overwhelming amount
- 19 Duck, striking head with garden implement
- 20 Ongoing story of breakfast food recited
- 21 Overweight soul, within limits, embraced by our group
- 22 Fool's places back East
- 25 Rewrite my clue for "hall"
- **26** See instructions
- **29** In pain, eating one donut after another?
- 31 One led by former President in dance
- 33 Breeds asses
- **34** Revamping robust engine enhancers
- **36** Lawmen admitting running pool
- 37 One with interest in railroad schedule
- **40** As husband enters party, two females hurry away (2 wds)
- **42** Alien pursuing foreign menu is inappropriate
- 43 Inexperienced resident has no time
- 44 Youngster's top number
- **45** Backing up, taxi hit composer
- 46 Ring contains red gem

Down

- 1 Skybound tree's sap mixture secretes something sticky?
- 2 Phase out form
- **3** Uttered apology for attire
- 4 Boosts delivery company
- **6** Snoop is up your alley, ultimately
- 7 Brown, green and orange drink
- **8** Bananas, not lemons
- **10** Mushroom stuffed with, yes, fish (2 wds)
- **11** Australian flyer and Greek character use a straw around disheartened kid (2 *wds*)
- 12 Willow looking better after middle of March
- **14** Cowardly, you initially lie low
- 16 Register I'd returned to clergyman's home
- **18** Mistakenly deepen lid of early magnetometer (2 wds)
- 21 Eats and puts on weight in the middle
- 23 Long odds for Daniel, ditching British behind camp shelter (3 wds)
- 24 Variable menus are something required for computer access
- 27 Wife leaves poet Walt for murderer (2 wds)
- **28** Band holds up ceremony
- **30** Wild zebra consumes bit of grass in European capital
- **32** Declaim with small pained expression
- 35 Present strongbox missing \$100
- **38** List is nonsense, first of all
- 39 Star of "River Rising"
- 40 Shiny cap I crushed
- 41 Employ no Republican, Rush