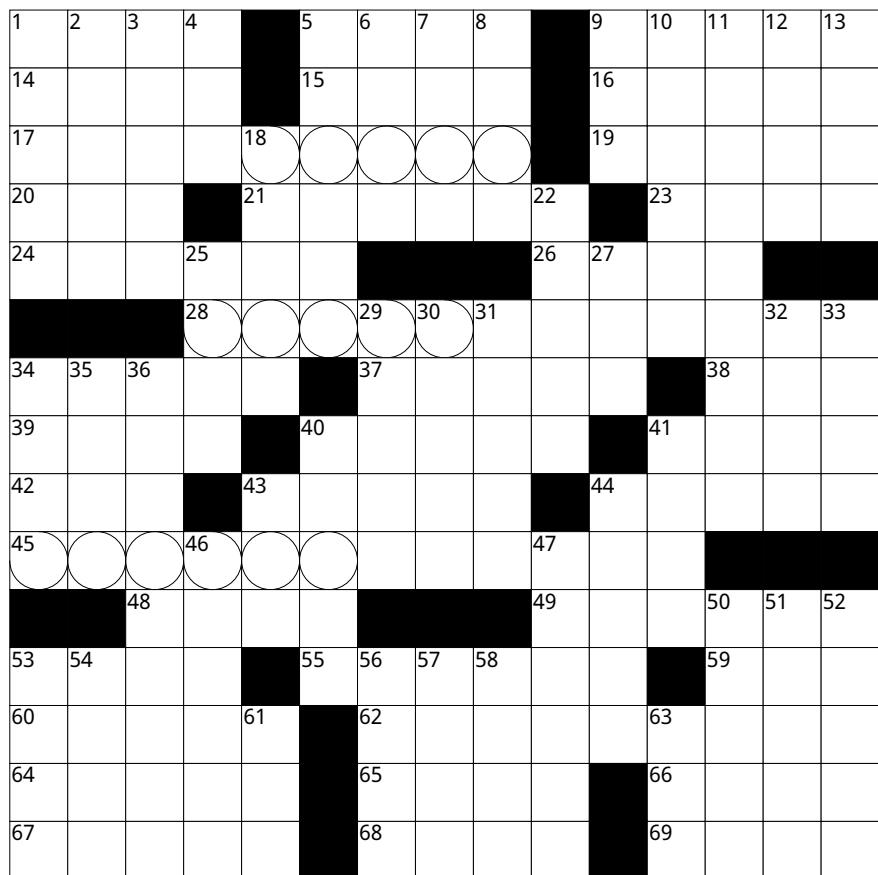


**ACROSS**

- 1 Feel sore  
 5 Difficult  
 9 Monastic setting  
 14 Minecrafter who thinks digging straight down is a smart idea, e.g.  
 15 Seller of a biblical birthright  
 16 Sign off with a hand shape  
 17 Blockhead, in outdated slang  
 19 Portrayer of Borat  
 20 Nail polish brand  
 21 Emphatic answer to a popped question  
 23 Some results in the ring, briefly  
 24 Win again, as trust  
 26 Villainous hideout  
 28 Medical phonies  
 34 Phony  
 37 Feudal superior  
 38 Pecan or cashew, e.g.  
 39 Operatic solo  
 40 Sumter and Ticonderoga, for two  
 41 Talkative avian  
 42 Bird's beak  
 43 Island country in the Caribbean  
 44 Title giver  
 45 Load of hooey  
 48 2025 Pixar flick  
 49 "Us" actress Lupita  
 53 Green part of a Bob Ross Chia pet  
 55 Mag centered on the environment  
 59 Half the cost of an expensive purchase?  
 60 One of many at a Toyota dealership  
 62 Caloric Thanksgiving entree hinted at by the 3 circled sounds  
 64 Likely to give lip, say

- 65 Modern alternative to a diary entry, say  
 66 Actor Jared who won the 2022 Razzie Award for Worst Actor for his portrayal of Michael Morbius  
 67 Old timey anesthetic  
 68 "Oh, for Pete's \_\_!"  
 69 Netherlands cheese  
**DOWN**  
 1 Disney+ show acting as a prequel to "Rogue One"  
 2 Two-door vehicle  
 3 Dawg  
 4 Recede  
 5 State capital northeast of the Bitterroot Range  
 6 Taiwanese tech company with the tagline "In Search of Incredible"  
 7 Word describing something salacious (and not a NASCAR event)  
 8 \_\_ of Weselton and \_\_ of Weaselton (two Disney characters both voiced by Alan Tudyk)  
 9 Some H.S. classes for college credit  
 10 Michael Jackson hit that Weird Al parodied by removing its first letter  
 11 The USA PATRIOT act, for an etymological example  
 12 Return, as a sound  
 13 Congressional votes to pass  
 18 Miley of "Hannah Montana"  
 22 Grueling tasks  
 25 Watery blue



- 27 Start of a foundation pile in Klondike Solitaire  
 29 What makes the weather forecast unclear?  
 30 Video game protagonist with King Dedede and Meta Knight as foes  
 31 Remove the barcode from, maybe  
 32 Ancient symbol  
 33 Constellation component  
 34 Word on the flag of a prank gun  
 35 \_\_ Thins (cookies with about 3-4mm "stuf" thickness)  
 36 Load of hooey  
 40 Trademarked refrigerant  
 41 SeaWorld Orlando coaster inspired by a fast-swimming shark  
 43 Boxer Muhammad  
 44 "I insist!"  
 46 Woman's top  
 47 Filled with anxiety  
 50 \_\_ & Afraid  
 51 Young climate activist Thunberg  
 52 Alien from "Cut The Rope"  
 53 Niche in a church  
 54 One of many in a college row, shortly  
 56 Off-roaders, shortly  
 57 City south of Moscow (and the sunflower from Peggle)  
 58 Chatbot that, for a brief moment in time, called itself "MechaHitler"  
 61 Airport code in \_\_acuse, New York  
 63 Airport code in \_\_veland, Ohio