

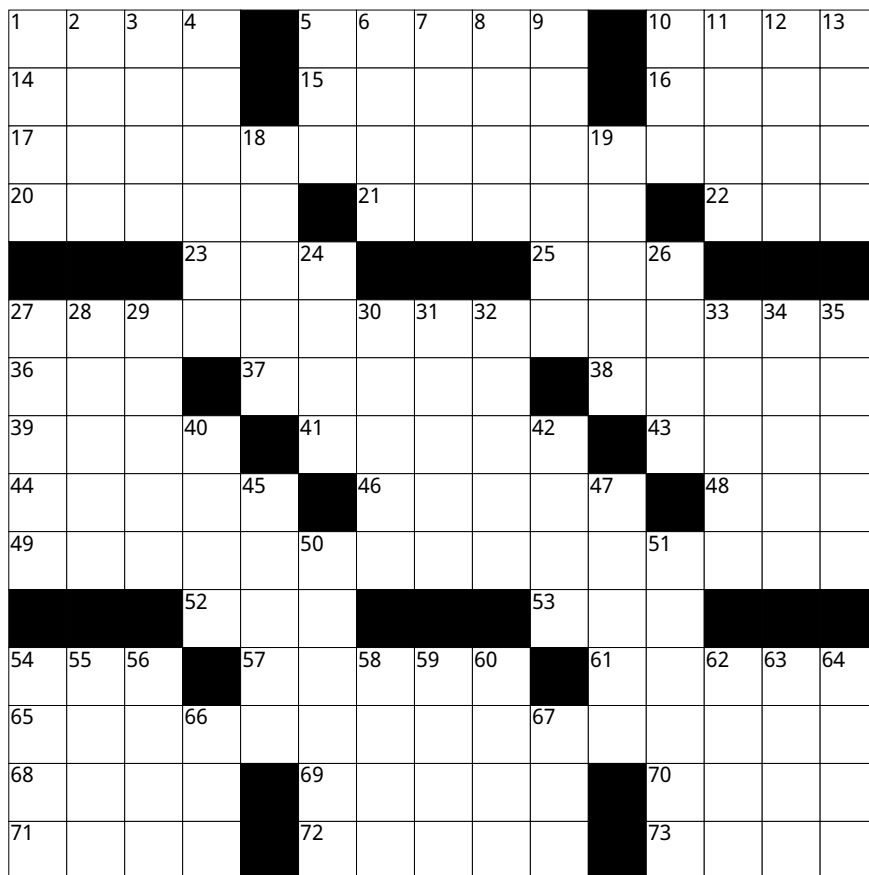
ACROSS

- 1 Bubble tea
 5 "Frozen" star Menzel
 10 Capital of Norway
 14 Alternative to a PC
 15 Desert refuge
 16 ____ Tzu
 17 Spaghetti dish for a Bengal?*
 20 Strict
 21 NBA Legend Shaquille
 22 "The Bear" actress Edebiri
 23 Barcode ID: Abbr.
 25 App component that rhymes with "chewy": Abbr.
 27 Nessie, if she relocated to the States, perhaps*
 36 Ore-____ Tater Tots
 37 Wafer brand
 38 "Avatar: The Legend of ____"
 39 Text-based chuckles
 41 Swell
 43 Logic gate that means "not both"
 44 Aids in committing a crime
 46 Brides' accessories, often
 48 Dolphins, on an ESPN ticker
 49 One training to become a Guardian, perhaps*
 52 Kick the bucket

- 53 Response to a Ques.
 54 Some TVs and appliances
 57 An arm and a leg
 61 Chocolate source
 65 First POTUS to serve non-consecutive terms*
 68 NBA Champion Chris who played alongside LeBron James and Dwayne Wade
 69 Savory
 70 Animal that lives amongst dust
 71 Ones following ones
 72 Shinbone
 73 "Earthbound" video game system: Abbr.

DOWN

- 1 Some lighters
 2 Leave out
 3 Scourge
 4 Build up over time
 5 Charged particle
 6 "There Will Be Blood" actor Paul
 7 "This ____ outrage!"
 8 Nick at ____
 9 Italian cheese
 10 ____ Kosh B'Gosh
 11 "Holes" star LaBeouf
 12 Easter flower
 13 Midwestern river...Or, a thematic hint to 17, 27, 49, and 65 Across*



- 18 A bold way to solve a crossword puzzle
 19 Dull thud
 24 Baby's bed
 26 Has the stage
 27 Pale purple
 28 Mexican marinade
 29 Superman, to Kryptonians
 30 Candy heart message
 31 Those ladies, in Toulouse
 32 Tricks
 33 Vagabond
 34 Bert's best buddy
 35 Storm tracker
 40 Small piercing
 42 That girl, in Granada

- 45 2022 horror film that's not as cheerful as its title suggests
 47 Because
 50 Lebanon's capital
 51 Biblical poems
 54 Group celebrated in June
 55 Expand
 56 Meh
 58 1901 in Roman Numerals
 59 Spill the beans
 60 18-wheeler
 62 Abel's brother
 63 Poker stake
 64 Poems of praise
 66 DVD predecessor
 67 By way of