

Universal Crossword

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ACROSS

- 1 First section of a form
6 Texting tech
9 They may promise romance ... but don't fall for them!
14 Love, in Lille
15 Allow
16 Toss
17 *Old-timey hookup
19 Paul, in Italian
20 Show first hosted by George Carlin, for short
21 One hatches in an aerie
23 Bygone Russian ruler
24 "I'm frustrated!"
26 *Part of a Halloween display
28 Unfair pay differential
31 "Star Wars" heroine
32 Tehran resident
33 Certain Jamaican, religiously
36 Post-op dept.
39 "Please don't say any more"
40 *Handy person
43 Align
45 Irk
46 Tea accompaniment

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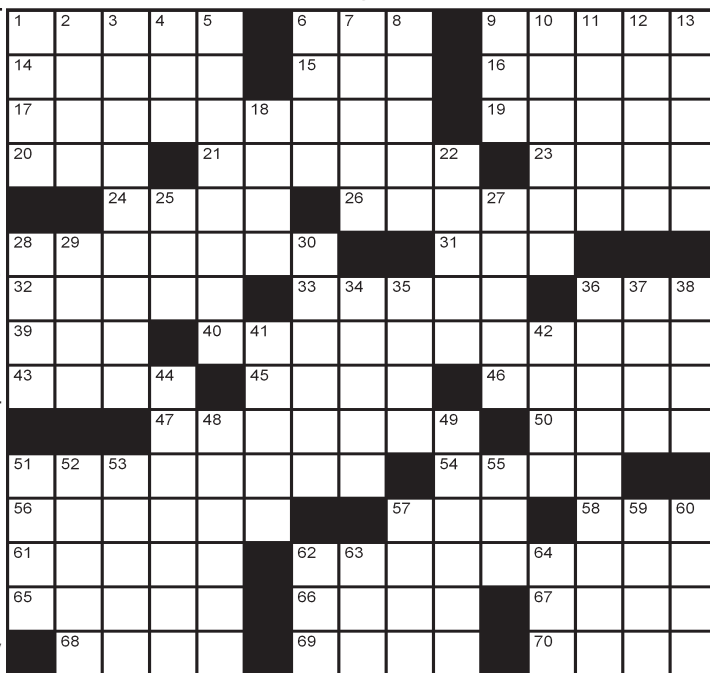
- 47 Cutting tools used for winter fishing
50 Farm laborers?
51 *Cheddar cousin
54 Annoying sort
56 Discomfort
57 Personal history, for short
58 Word after "cool" or "fat"
61 Is ahead
62 Classic casino game ... or one of four squares in this puzzle that's part of a starred clue's answer
65 Had a meal
66 Champagne bottle stopper
67 *Milk's favorite cookie"
68 Sloganeer
69 Titular woman in a 1970 Kinks hit
70 "Suite: Judy Blue Eyes" supergroup's initials
71 Flowers grow in them

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- 5 Broken chord
6 Arduous process
7 ___ Park, California
8 Alloy of iron and carbon
9 Longtime NASCAR sponsor
10 Talkative
11 Got up
12 Food grinder
13 Like some enemies
18 "Good joke!"
22 "The Goldfinch" author
25 Stimpy's cartoon pal
27 Closes in on
28 Battle of ___
29 Private organization?
30 Extol
34 Calm, as fears
35 Ton
36 "Whichever you prefer"

DOWN

- 37 "Red" coin
38 Purposes
41 Brother: Fr.
42 Smoothie berry
44 Fortress
48 Brand of private planes
49 Like tree sap
51 Moscow ___ (drink often served in a copper mug)
52 Basketball Hall of Famer Shaquille
53 "Groovy!"
55 Chinese frying pan
57 Farm structure
59 Scored 100% on
60 Boxing refs' calls
62 Clandestinely loop in
63 ___ Angeles
64 Occupation



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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