

Universal Crossword

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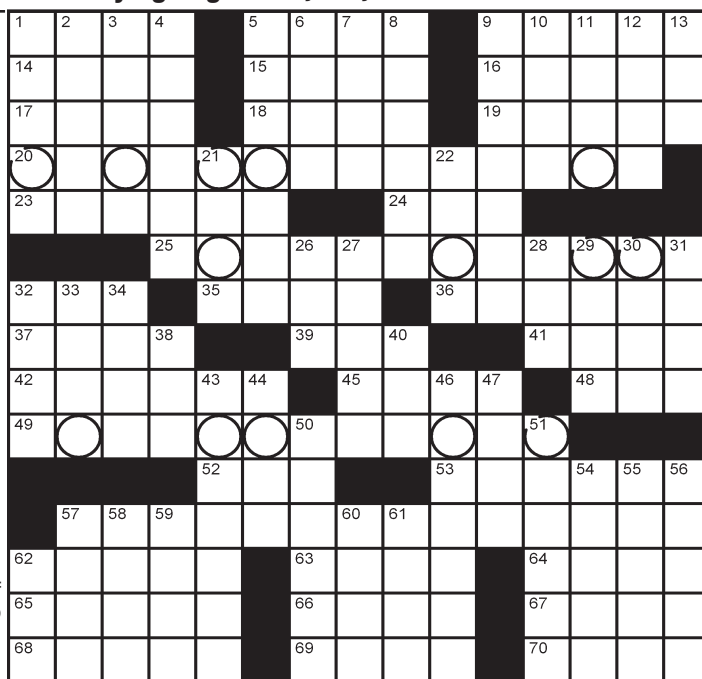
ACROSS

- 1 A-list
5 Squandered, as a big lead
9 Beach house elevator?
14 Alto
15 RGB's iconic collar material
16 Ciphers
17 Yard sale disclaimer
18 Name that's one letter short of a zodiac sign
19 Concert venue
20 Movies about rallying together in Louisiana (1989) and Alabama (2014) (In this answer, see letters 1, 3, 5, 6 and 13)
23 Oprah Winfrey, to Maya Angelou
24 34th POTUS
25 Movies about hardships in the Salinas Valley (1992) and at the High School of Performing Arts (1980) (Letters 2, 7, 10 and 11)
32 The "punch" in planter's punch
35 STEM part, for short
36 How birthdays are celebrated

- 37 Lots and lots
39 Someone the tooth fairy visits
41 1,760 yards
42 Elsa's was made of ice
45 Lark's lair
48 ACT alternative
49 Movies about extended stays at Barton Academy (2023) and Camp Green Lake (2003) (Letters 2, 5, 6, 10 and 12)
52 ___ of the land
53 Bean
57 Events offering two movies for one ... and a theme hint
62 Heart throb?
63 Stand up at the altar
64 "Cool!"
65 Fury
66 Thereabouts
67 Nirvana drummer
68 Slightest
69 Suds
70 Hook's sidekick
DOWN
1 Twitch
2 What you do with your buds?
3 ET
4 ___ the occasion (came through)
5 "It's my fault!"
6 Croft of video game fame

- 7 Vape pen, for short
8 Frankfurter
9 Type of triangle
10 Singer Amos
11 Notion
12 Fish-eye ___
13 SEA scanning group
21 Not right?
22 "Works for me!"
26 ___ factor (gross quality)
27 Khaki cousin
28 Beaver's barrier
29 Alternatives to CT scans
30 "First Lady of Song" Fitzgerald
31 Kremlin refusal
32 Engrossed
33 The Beehive State
34 Burrowing mammal
38 "No thanks"
40 Actor Patel

- 43 Letterman successor
44 Airline with a Hebrew name
46 One of 100 in Washington
47 Hot to ___
50 Way to handle gray areas?
51 Squeak and squawk
54 Nightmare, for one
55 Depart
56 Cosmetician
57 ___ buggy
58 Literature Nobel
59 Takes advantage of
60 Awesome, to Gen Z
61 Otherwise
62 Friend



PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

B	I	C	E	P		P	A	P	I		A	G	O
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