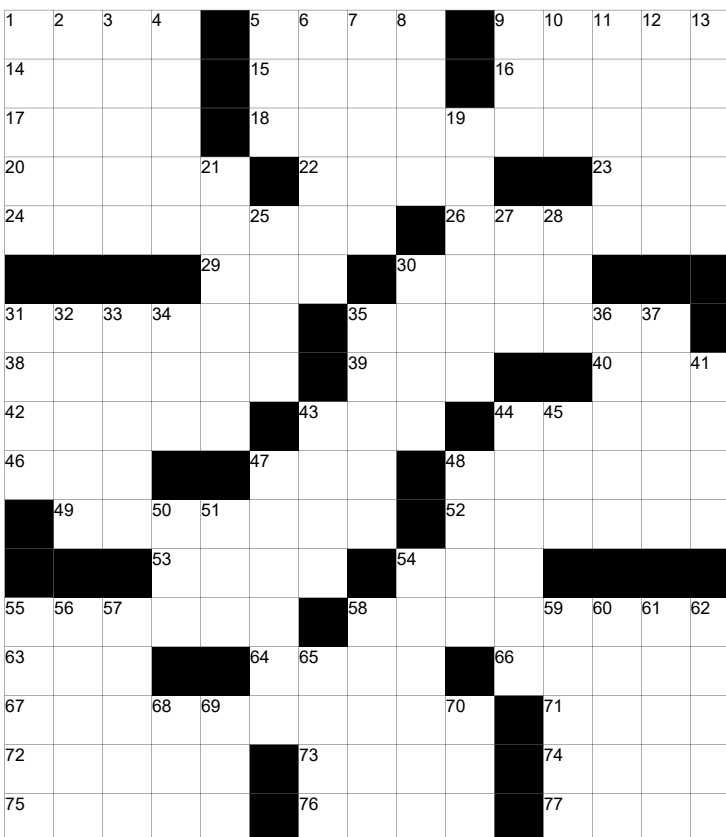


ACROSS

1. *Be overprotective toward
5. *Confront
9. *Suffix for some musical instruments
14. Thus
15. Inkstain, e.g.
16. One with a building named after them on a college campus, probably
17. Desertlike
18. Common teenage complaint
20. Had the nerve
22. Endothermic fish
23. Sancho Panza's mount in "Don Quixote"
24. It might be checked for guidance
26. All worked up
29. "Confessions of a Tax Collector: One Man's Tour of Duty Inside the ____" (2004 memoir by Rick Yancey)
30. Growl
31. Actress Miller of "Stardust"
35. Hint at
38. Alaska and Hawaii on most US maps
39. Owns
40. Food for livestock
42. Out of practice
43. *Big ____ (fast food option)
44. One of twenty-eight in "Macbeth"
46. "Rosemary's Baby" author Levin
47. Bull's-eye in "Oliver Twist," for example
48. NFL player Mack
49. Unit of Visine
52. Word whose meaning doesn't change if you add an F in the middle
53. Place for a guard in soccer
54. Totally chill, colloquially
55. Reeks
58. Social networking site
63. Dolores, to American Girl doll Josefina
64. Like the mask in an Alexandre Dumas title
66. Replay feature
67. A parent may look at one nostalgically
71. Manage a company's image, e.g.
72. Control, symbolically



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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 73. Unlucky number in Rome? 74. Barely gets, with "out" 75. *What the sock you just pulled out of the dryer is probably missing 76. *Once around the sun 77. *Dominate | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 12. "All the ____, ____, ____, ____!" (the Grinch's main complaint about Christmas) 13. Physicist Mach 19. "The Design of Everyday ____" (book by Don Norman with an improbable-looking teapot on the cover) 21. Like a lace handkerchief 25. Some lingerie purchases 27. Bother repeatedly 28. "____ we there yet?" 30. Salsa alternative, for short 31. Apple creation 32. Get used (to) 33. Certain end-of-semester output 34. "Under the ____" (Iris Murdoch's first published novel) 35. A follower, musically? 36. A visitor may take one as a souvenir 37. Actress Raymonde who played Alex Rousseau in "Lost" | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 41. Resource where you might find a local business 43. Elementary particle named for a Greek letter 44. Beef cuts 45. The Batmobile or Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang 47. Dire situation 48. Eager 50. Night school subj. 51. UPS rival 54. Flower that may be last on the list? 55. ____ und Drang 56. ____ minute (fast talker's pace?) 57. Take a spill 58. Brother of Huey and Dewey 59. Church leader 60. Count portrayed by Christopher Lee in the "Star Wars" franchise 61. Drive forward 62. See 69-Down 65. Classic theater name 68. GOP grp. 69. Type of tree that Yggdrasil is depicted as in 62-Down mythology 70. Board member: Abbr. |
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DOWN

1. Components of some handmade jewelry
2. Assemblage
3. Potential Olympic athlete, in 2024, for short
4. Call like a Swiss goatherd
5. Org. in a best-selling book series by Catherine Coulter
6. "Brave New World" author Huxley
7. Hen homes
8. Location of Hephaestus's forge, in Greek mythology
9. Common format for an email attachment
10. ____ polloi
11. Like draft beer