

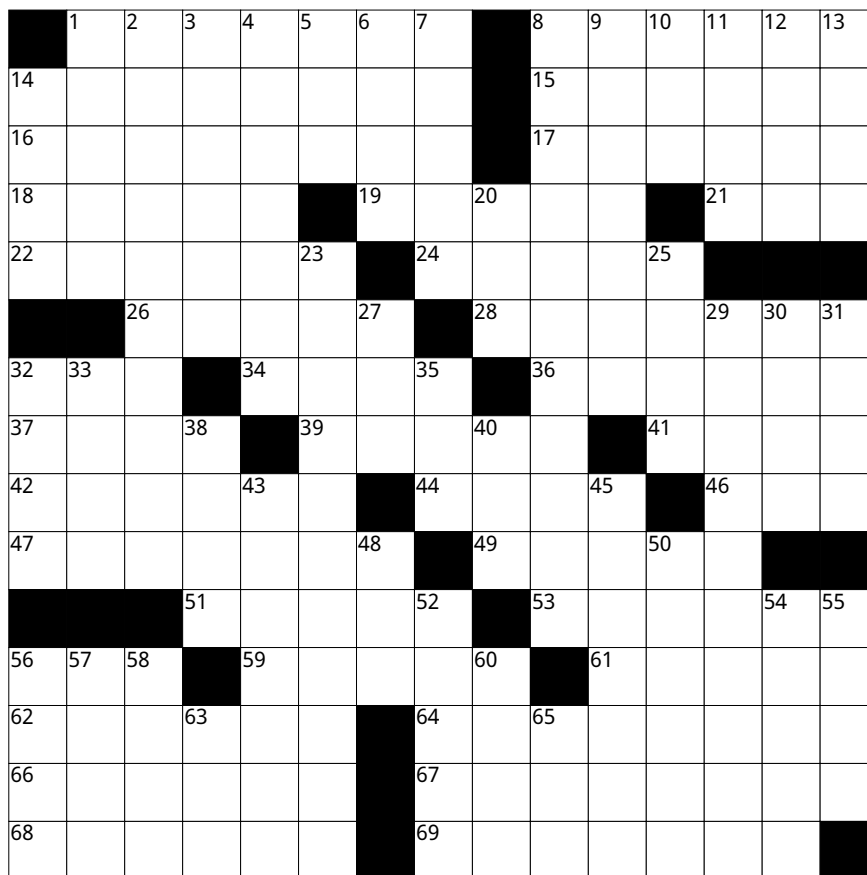
ACROSS

- 1 Russian empress
8 Don't drop the ball?
14 Artisan who works with metal
15 Social outcast
16 "The Great" and "The Terrible," e.g.
17 "Yeah, su-u-ure"
18 Counting rhyme start
19 Get the feeling
21 Switch positions?
22 Adjust one's grip, say
24 Indian instrument
26 "Dragonwyck" writer Anya
28 Landlocked African country
32 Angry Birds explosive, shortly
34 Word proceeding launch, to a social media influencer
36 Like 30-Down
37 Tolerate
39 Stuck together, in a way
41 Unagi and anago, for two
42 Zen enlightenment
44 Ship part
46 "On The Floor" singer, familiarly

- 47 Many a middle schooler
49 Boredom
51 G.I. Joe foe
53 Sacred Indian river
56 Embargo
59 Celebrity chef DiSpirito
61 Trombone part
62 Landlocked African country
64 What quotation marks are often incorrectly used for
66 Big name in baby food
67 Fed reductions
68 Storage for a DSLR, maybe
69 Dude

DOWN

- 1 Conical shelter
2 Purple territory on some maps
3 Threads
4 Nukes, say
5 Anger
6 Safety equipment
7 British bottoms
8 Narrative curveball
9 Put in theaters
10 Afflict
11 Airbnb competitor
12 Utopia
13 Things to draw
14 Jury member
20 Nada
23 Lightweight wave rider
25 Learning by repetition
27 Eagles' org.



- 29 "Caught you!" ... or a hint to 2-, 8- and 23-Down
30 Hot spot
31 About
32 Recipe amt.
33 Warm, in a game
35 Bathroom fixture
38 Campus military gp.
40 Before, poetically
43 Shuffle, in a way
45 Grinds, as teeth
48 AEC successor
50 Loosen, as a corset
52 Bitter
54 Singer Piaf
55 Cong. meeting
56 Elmer's nemesis

- 57 Like relics
58 Drug agent
60 "House" actor Epps
63 76ers' org.
65 Vacation and sick leave policy, for short