

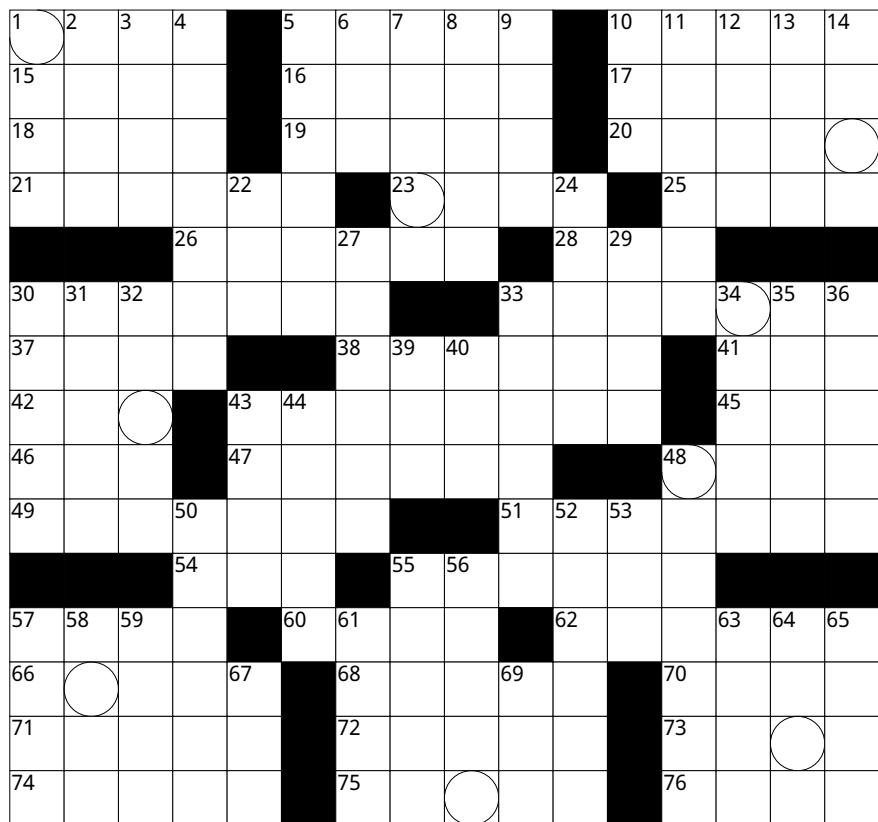
ACROSS

1 Like some vows
 5 They go after ticks
 10 Native living in 5-Down
 15 Lotion ingredient, often
 16 Cross off
 17 Scouting trip
 18 Coagulate, as blood
 19 Civic designer
 20 Kind of can
 21 Day with a hunt
 23 Wise lawgivers
 25 Pop singer Rexha
 26 Uses the non-pointy side of a pencil, say
 28 Annual esports tournament with fighting games, shortly
 30 It's needed for a search
 33 Unlikely to change
 37 Mars' Greek counterpart
 38 PBS show with a 2019 episode being banned in Alabama and Arkansas for featuring a gay aardvark wedding
 41 Egg cells
 42 Big name in wet wipes
 43 2024 action-platformer developed by RedCandleGames ... and a hint to this puzzle's theme
 45 Gaping mouth
 46 "Dog Man" author Pilkey
 47 Like most of my post-Covid meetings, annoyingly
 48 "See ya!"
 49 The ti-i-iniest little bit
 51 Donkey Kong Country collectables
 54 Fort Myers-to-Orlando dir.
 55 Two-cents offerer

57 Red carpet crowd, shortly
 60 Turkish currency
 62 Prescribed amount
 66 Quarantine
 68 "Flight of the Concords" actor Rhys
 70 King of the gods, in Egyptian myth
 71 Lawn tool for border trimming
 72 Overjoy
 73 "You don't have to convince me further!"
 74 Turns on the water works
 75 Big name in vodka
 76 British thrones?

DOWN

1 Comfort
 2 __ Enchanted (2004 fantasy with Anne Hathaway)
 3 Speaks bullishly?
 4 Web surfers, in extremely outdated slang
 5 City where a 10-Across might live
 6 Kitchenware brand that looks like a losing tic-tac-toe line
 7 PlayStation 5, for example
 8 "Good on you!"
 9 "Grunkle" in Gravity Falls
 10 401(k) alternative
 11 Company name printed on the bottom of a Bob-omb's feet in the 1993 "Super Mario Bros." film, surprisingly
 12 Farmland unit
 13 Pro's opposite
 14 It's often underfoot
 22 Period of time, to a historian or a Swiftie
 24 World capital where Aero K flies into
 27 Poem part



29 Blockbuster devices, familiarly
 30 Character found in children's books?
 31 Indo-European
 32 Work out, as an issue
 33 Diamonds, for example
 34 Biblical king
 35 Former Mrs. Trump
 36 Homeys
 39 __ Speedwagon ("Keep On Loving You" band)
 40 General name on a menu?
 43 Lunchtime, for many
 44 Chip company with products containing no nutrition facts
 48 Sunlight-powered space propulsion device
 50 Arched foot part
 52 "Even still ... "
 53 Protagonist referred to as "Mr. Anderson" by Agent Smith

55 Hygiene brand who's last letter supposedly stands for "brush"
 56 Weapon for Princess Peach in "Super Smash Bros."
 57 Take a gander
 58 Tristan's love, in medieval legend
 59 It may be dog-eared
 61 Lightbulb moment
 63 Ink, in Splatoon
 64 Break off from the group, in a way
 65 Comes to a close
 67 Critical care ctrs.
 69 A/C measure