

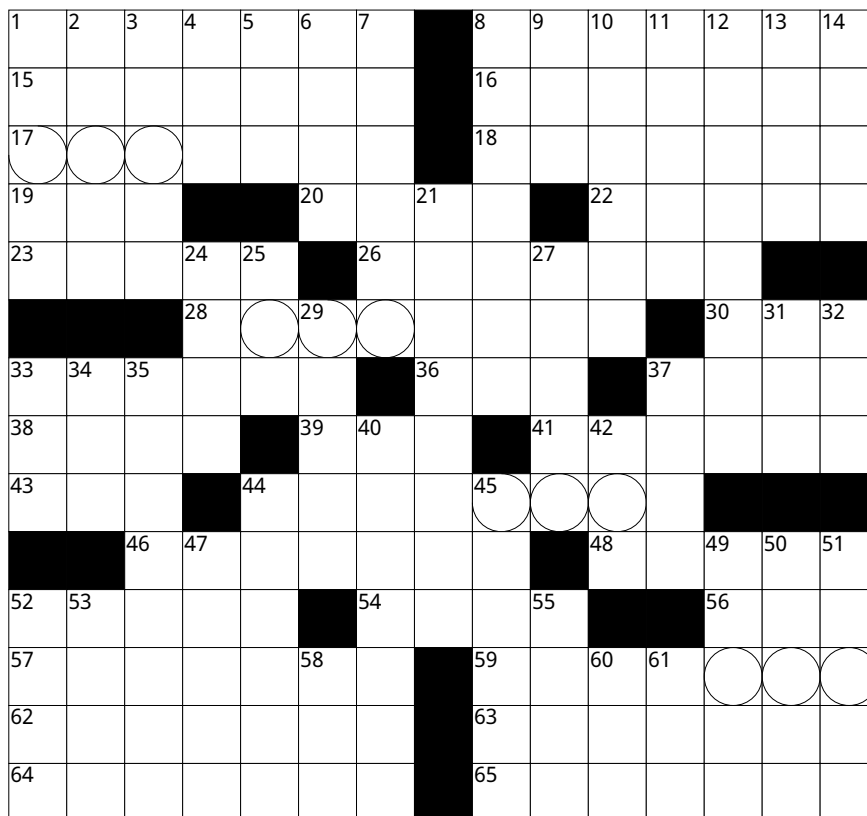
ACROSS

- 1 Color-changing item in a smart house, shortly
 8 Spotlight
 15 Australia and New Zealand's region
 16 Country with a double-headed eagle on their flag
 17 Attractive people, slangily
 18 Wallop
 19 ___ Ng (They Might Be Giants song)
 20 Old soda brand
 22 Many ___ (a long time)
 23 Scrubbed missions
 26 Something to orate from
 28 Cuts down to size, in a way
 30 LLC relative
 33 Moved like Sebastian from "The Little Mermaid", say
 36 Abbr. in a recipe
 37 Some images, to a computer nerd
 38 "Pocket rockets", in poker lingo
 39 Crush-resistant, shortly?
 41 Tap
 43 Chest muscle, shortly
 44 Street name for nitrous oxide
 46 Cookies and cream-flavored dessert
 48 Hand-on-the-Bible declarations
 52 Building courtyards
 54 Sudden turnoffs
 56 "___-haw!" (Southern cry)

- 57 Author Carl of "Hoot" and countless other books that my mom has read
 59 Kind of medal or rings
 62 "Image not loading" description
 63 Like Monday crosswords, in comparison to the rest of the week
 64 "For more information," in a dictionary
 65 Lays like a corgi, in modern parlance

DOWN

- 1 "Freaky Friday" actress Lindsey
 2 ___ Lodge (motel chain infamous in my family for being TERRIBLE!)
 3 Remove the price from a gift, say
 4 Nocturnal flier
 5 Where one might have a flatmate
 6 Property claim
 7 Most immoral
 8 Exfoliating treatments
 9 Shape of a desk or a sofa
 10 Enola Gay and Bockscar payloads, familiarly
 11 Prohibited by society
 12 Opening clip?
 13 Nothing, in Nice
 14 Units of corn
 21 Trendy store name that, when parsed differently, describes the word ladder created by the circled letters
 24 Burrowing ___ (subjects of "Hoot" by 57-Across)
 25 "If ___ Knew What ___ Wants" (Bangles hit)
 27 Drink brand with an unfortunate 2017 Kendall Jenner ad
 29 State that borders Montana along the Bitterroot Mountain range
 31 World Central Kitchen, e.g.
 32 Hrs. for the Wichita Lineman, say
 33 Exhaust, as morale
 34 Curling surface
 35 Prepare for Christmas, say
 37 European city tourists might be leaning to visit?
 40 Go at hard
 42 Vacation hrs.



- 44 Smallest carnivorous mammal
 45 Sri Lankan teas
 47 Cowboy's lasso
 49 Blood variety most preferable to mosquitos, studies have shown
 50 "Dog Day Afternoon" operation
 51 Religious factions
 52 Lightbulb moments, say
 53 One of 100, in a Scrabble set
 55 Hit with an open palm
 58 "___ & Oh's" (Elle King hit)
 60 High-fashion monogram
 61 Brand of water enhancer sold in teardrop-shaped containers