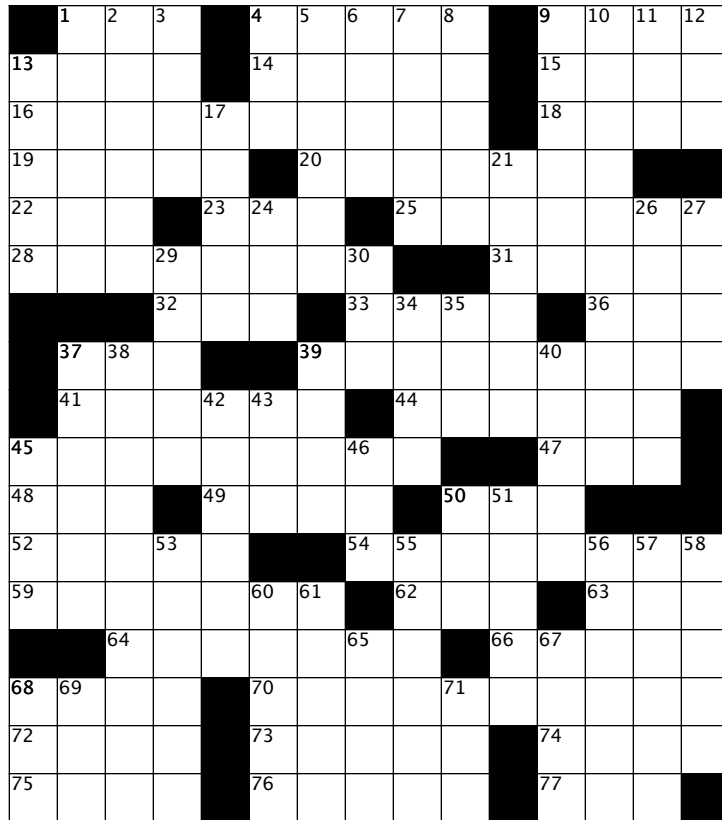


Well That's Dark...

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ACROSS

1. La-di-freaking-___!
4. Foster alternative
9. Like a situation that could go either way
13. "___ of Eden" (Steinbeck novel)
14. Word before vortex or bear
15. And then some, say
16. Vermouth-heavy cocktail
18. Some hospital scans: Abbr.
19. "I'll be!"
20. -
22. Specialized UN agency focused on radio and satellite infrastructure
23. ___ de plume (pen name)
25. Site for reselling tickets
28. "Never mind"
31. Davis of "Beetlejuice"
32. "New phone who ___?"
33. Name found in "mesmerize"
36. "Just letting you know..." in text
37. ___ aids (Tums competitor)
39. "This is sooo affordable!"
41. Primal attraction
44. -
45. Casino floor managers
47. Network bridge between 4G and 5G
48. Campfire residue
49. Arkin from "Going in Style"
50. It grows during a round of poker, usually
52. Usher through the door
54. Classic Pontiacs
59. Sales jargon
62. Direction from AR to VA
63. Its key is placed at the bottom, typically
64. Oldest general-interest monthly in America
66. -
68. Left in a hurry



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70. Users of it tend to curse a lot? And, a hint to three squares in this puzzle
72. Move for a job: Abbr.
73. Hot button ___
74. Buds
75. Clumsy types
76. Vocally admired the fireworks, maybe
77. Org. that assigns IDs

DOWN

1. ___ dream (have ambition)
2. Something sought by a refugee
3. Written code?
4. Orange stone fruits
5. Complete a sentence?
6. Lena of "Chocolat"
7. Window units
8. Country singer Travis with five #1 hits
9. Black Eyed Peas hit (that also sounds like an admission of being a stinging insect)
10. Good, in hindsight, or foresight

11. Part of a long weekend, sometimes, briefly
12. Word said with a nod
13. "I'll Be" singer McCain
17. "___ a Woman?" (Sojourner Truth speech)
21. Most gargantuan
24. -
26. Make wild
27. Sob
29. Go off-script
30. Reserved
34. No.'s provided by 77-Across
35. Whitman of "Good Girls"
37. Brought up
38. Where to find Santa's helper in a holiday tradition
39. "Dear Ava" author Madden-Mills
40. Anti-cheat mechanisms in modern pinball machines

42. One who might like some cheese with their whine?
43. Quiet method of communication, in brief
45. "Que ___?" (What's up?)
46. -
50. Alarmed
51. Hour for a night owl, maybe
53. Apple product manager?
55. Save, as from a fire
56. 74-Across, in Panama
57. "Thrilla in ___" (famous Ali/Fraizer boxing match)
58. Blueprints, casually
60. College-level sci. course
61. Role for Kutcher in "That 70's Show"
65. Sign of a run-in with poison ivy
67. Nukes, as a TV dinner
68. Iconic do for Diana Ross
69. Michele from "Glee"
71. -