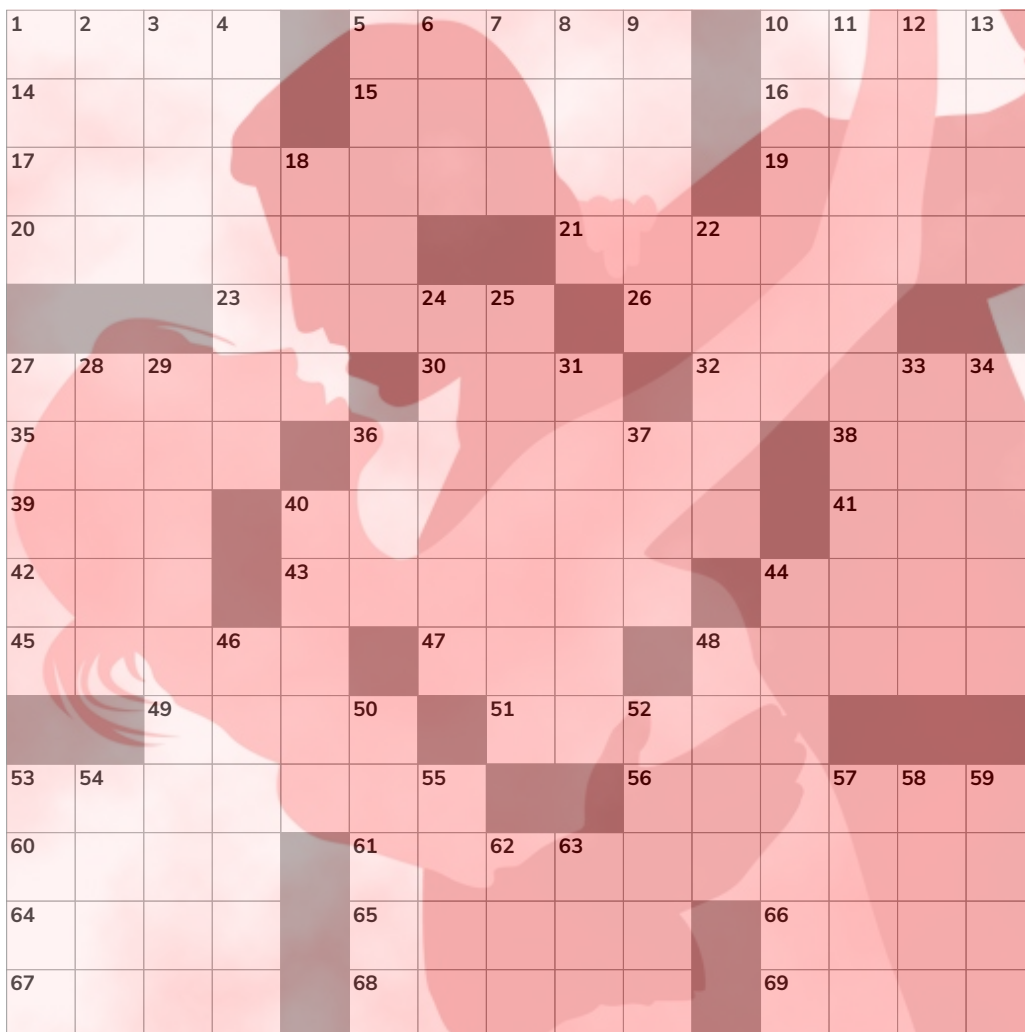


ACROSS

- 1 Result of a mite bite
- 5 Less on-the-edge
- 10 Commits a hockey violation
- 14 Berry of puzzledom (but not Patrick)
- 15 Many gave him "Thanks"
- 16 Binary choice for NASA
- 17 Pinkish crystal
- 19 Org. where women go clubbing?
- 20 Skirt folds
- 21 Drink from a fountain
- 23 Roll with onion flakes
- 26 Descartes who didn't overthink it
- 27 Writer with morals
- 30 Alley-___
- 32 Elba who played Stringer and Nelson
- 35 Straw man target
- 36 The Keebler Elves, e.g.
- 38 Words before binge or diet
- 39 Weapon in "The Talented Mr. Ripley"
- 40 Apply this to another Across entry to get part of the meta answer
- 41 Pump the gas pedal
- 42 Lyft line: Abbr.



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DOWN

- 1 Get bent
- 2 Earth Science subj.
- 3 Zap medically
- 4 To do this, start with making "bunny ears"
- 5 Composer name-checked in "Seventy-Six Trombones"
- 6 Where lawyers pay their dues
- 7 Partner of wide
- 8 CPR pros
- 9 Venus, e.g.
- 10 Away from the shore
- 11 Malachite and Chalcocite, for example
- 12 "Leggo my ___!"
- 13 It's pumped at the sink
- 18 Drum stick?
- 22 Jefferson's rational faith in God
- 24 Body shop amenity
- 25 Artist who said "You can't do something really intelligent in a crossword puzzle"
- 27 What a squirrel squirrels away
- 28 Muse for Coleridge
- 29 Aftereffect of a filibuster, perhaps
- 31 Nittany Lions sch., variantly
- 33 Like krypton and xenon
- 34 "Stompin' at the ___" (1930s jazz/big band classic)
- 36 Short sign-off
- 37 Dense bread
- 40 French to English translation for épée
- 44 Nighttime phenomena
- 46 Team likely to throw a Hail Mary?
- 48 Rock's Kings of ___
- 50 Apt rhyme for "infests"
- 52 Asian ethnic group featured in Clint Eastwood's "Gran Torino"
- 53 \$0.01
- 54 Egyptian queen, informally
- 55 Flight support
- 57 Go to great heights
- 58 Edible submarine
- 59 "Snail mail" org.
- 62 Clover field
- 63 Twins, on a scoreboard

- 64 Spick-and-span
- 65 Advertising link
- 66 Halle Berry rocked the cover of this magazine in 2022
- 67 Cafeteria side
- 68 Informal nonstandard vocabulary composed typically of coinages, arbitrarily changed words, and extravagant, forced, or facetious figures of speech
- 69 Little guy who takes a bow on Valentine's Day