

*The answer to this metapuzzle is a gemstone.*

## ACROSS

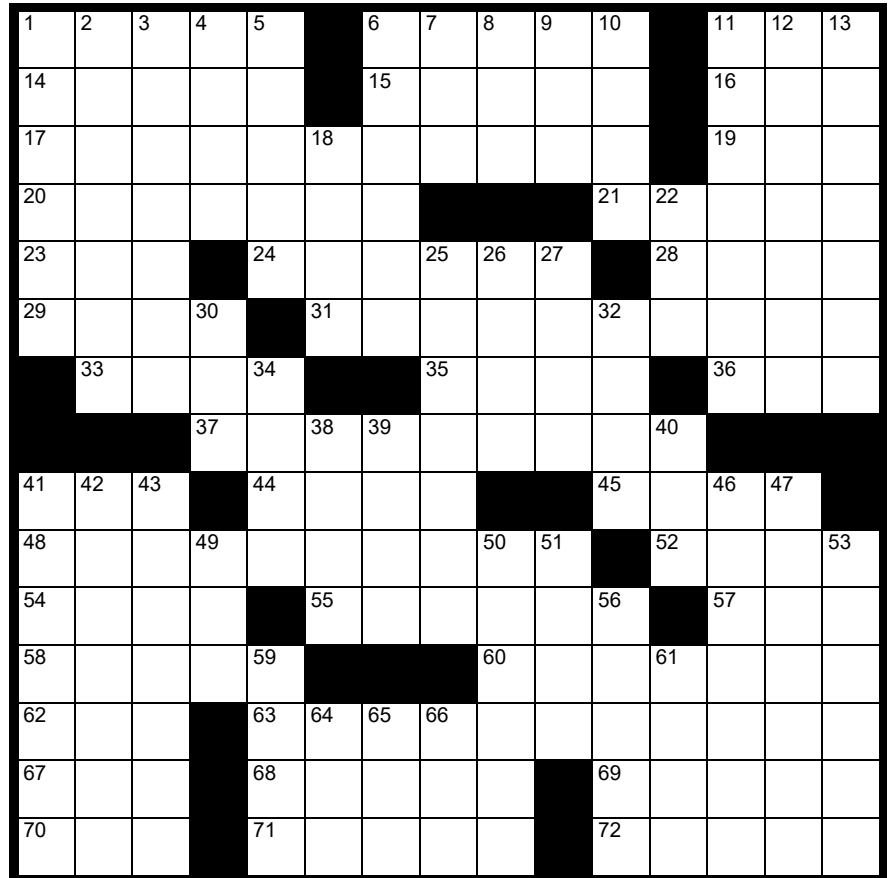
- 1 President who wrote "Liberty, once lost, is lost forever"
- 6 Actor Gillen of "Game of Thrones" and "The Wire"
- 11 Returns home, briefly?
- 14 Silently acknowledge
- 15 Accustom
- 16 Cartoon dog who once got a pectoral implant from his roommate's butt fat
- 17 \*Fictional detective who, in a 1973 book, goes to Hawaii to help his old friend Pidge
- 19 Pablo Neruda's "\_\_\_ to the Artichoke"
- 20 Who Bill Murray played in "Zombieland"
- 21 Boxer turned TV star of "Who's the Boss"
- 23 Greek vowel that rhymes with 34-Down
- 24 Mushroomlike creature that's the first enemy that Mario encounters in "Super Mario Bros."
- 28 "It didn't hurt at all"
- 29 \_\_\_ Blanc
- 31 \*Creator of the comic strip "Pickles"
- 33 Wild guess
- 35 Mysterious letter
- 36 Rod and Todd's TV dad
- 37 \*Bassist on the album "Vitalogy"
- 41 One with a backstage pass, maybe
- 44 White powder in a locker room

- 45 Reid of "Sharknado"
- 48 \*Stage name of the "Black Widow" rapper
- 52 EarthBound protagonist who's also one of the playable characters in the "Super Smash Bros." series
- 54 Person who spends an entire first date talking about the weather, because that's how exciting he is
- 55 Lens cover?
- 57 Be a contender
- 58 Colorful mounts
- 60 "Sweet" girl of an Elliott Smith song (and an old barbershop tune, too)

- 62 Sternward
- 63 \*\*"Spaceballs" actress whose character calls President Skroob at inconvenient times
- 67 Driver's spot?
- 68 "Guardians of the Galaxy" extra
- 69 "\_\_\_ Carter" (Marvel TV series about a secret operative)
- 70 Like 2015, e.g.
- 71 Mischievous prankster
- 72 Event involving big bucks?

## DOWN

- 1 Pre-game ritual
- 2 Snack chip brand behind a "Crash the Super Bowl" ad contest



- 3 Uncompromising
- 4 They beat the Heat in 2011, briefly
- 5 "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest" author Larsson
- 6 Have as a target
- 7 Publication read by execs, presumably
- 8 Really got into ... or down into
- 9 John Legend's "Who Do We Think We \_\_\_"
- 10 Financial aid consideration
- 11 Superhero who graduated from MIT at the age of 17
- 12 Area of a football field that isn't far from the goal line
- 13 Moved furtively
- 18 Disorderly sort
- 22 Classical element associated with Gemini, Libra, and Aquarius
- 25 Seemingly impossible thing
- 26 Author who inspired the musical "Wicked"
- 27 Hathaway of "Brokeback Mountain"
- 30 \_\_\_ Mahal
- 32 It's a small price to pay (like, really really small)
- 34 Greek consonant that rhymes with 23-Across
- 38 Disconcert
- 39 Excoriate
- 40 M&M's color discontinued in 1995
- 41 Opera star's effect
- 42 "Whoops!"
- 43 Unlike any movie directed by horror film legend George A. Romero
- 46 Brought back to life
- 47 Totally idiotic
- 49 Kawasaki cash
- 50 "Seinfeld" character who worked at Pendant Publishing
- 51 Hill staffer
- 53 Deals with
- 56 Prohibit
- 59 Whack job?
- 61 Big name in small construction
- 64 Manning who beat Tom Brady in two Super Bowls
- 65 Number of NBA championships that Michael Jordan won as a player
- 66 Oahu keepsake