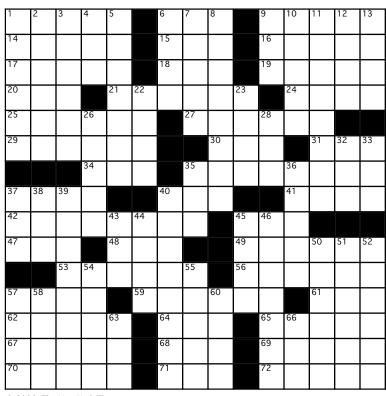
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ACROSS

- 1 Cheese choice
- 6 It's no free ride
- 9 Gangster gals
- 14 Like a Hitchcock audience, typically
- 15 Grant opponent
- 16 Poet T. S. ____
- 17 Hitchhikers' needs
- 18 Turkish chief
- 19 Not completely white anymore
- 20 "Where did ___ wrong?"
- 21 Testing, as one's patience
- 24 S-shaped molding
- 25 Fear
- 27 Scant
- 29 Like 90 proof liquor
- 30 Non-Rx
- 31 Four Monopoly properties: Abbr.
- 34 European carrier
- 35 Bad winner's behavior
- 37 "Who's the ___?"
- 40 Peking or Siam suffix
- 41 Direction for a wagon train
- 42 Large turnip
- 45 ____ good clip
- 47 Valuable rock
- 48 Spying device
- 49 Reviewer
- 53 Outsiders may not get it
- 56 Put a new handle on
- 57 Ticklish muppet
- 59 Thick-skinned critters
- 61 33 1/3 r.p.m. spinners
- 62 Many a pope
- 64 Before, in poetry
- 65 California team [and 18 letters in the grid to circle ... and then connect using three lines]
- 67 Lightly burn
- 68 N.Y.C. ave. between Park and Third
- 69 Red Square notable
- 70 Gang's slanguage
- 71 Allow
- 72 Newsboy's shout of old



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DOWN

- 1 Comic page offerings
- 2 Scale reading
- 3 Not outside
- 4 Memphis-to-Mobile dir.
- 5 Troubadour's six-stanza verse
- 6 Pot composition
- 7 Sponsorship
- 8 Gardener's vine support
- 9 Dr.'s field
- 10 Stews
- 11 Common Valentine's Day gift
- 12 Theater section
- 13 Eye ailment
- 22 Lively piano pieces
- 23 Córdoba cat
- 26 ___ nova (1960's dance)
- 28 Zenith competitor
- 32 Surgical assts.
- 33 ___ Snorkel
- 35 Fed. purchasing org.

- 36 Wit who wrote "When in doubt, tell the truth"
- 37 Sis's sib
- 38 Your and my
- 39 Hot under the collar
- 40 Shade of white
- 43 U.K. radio and TV inits.
- 44 Violinist Leopold
- 45 Prefix with 25-Across
- 46 Railroad support
- 50 Skill
- 51 Damage
- 52 Business jet maker
- 54 Zaire, now
- 55 "Yes ___, Bob!"
- 57 She, in Roma
- 58 Bandit's refuge
- 60 Call in a bakery
- 63 Holiday in Vietnam
- 66 Bewitch