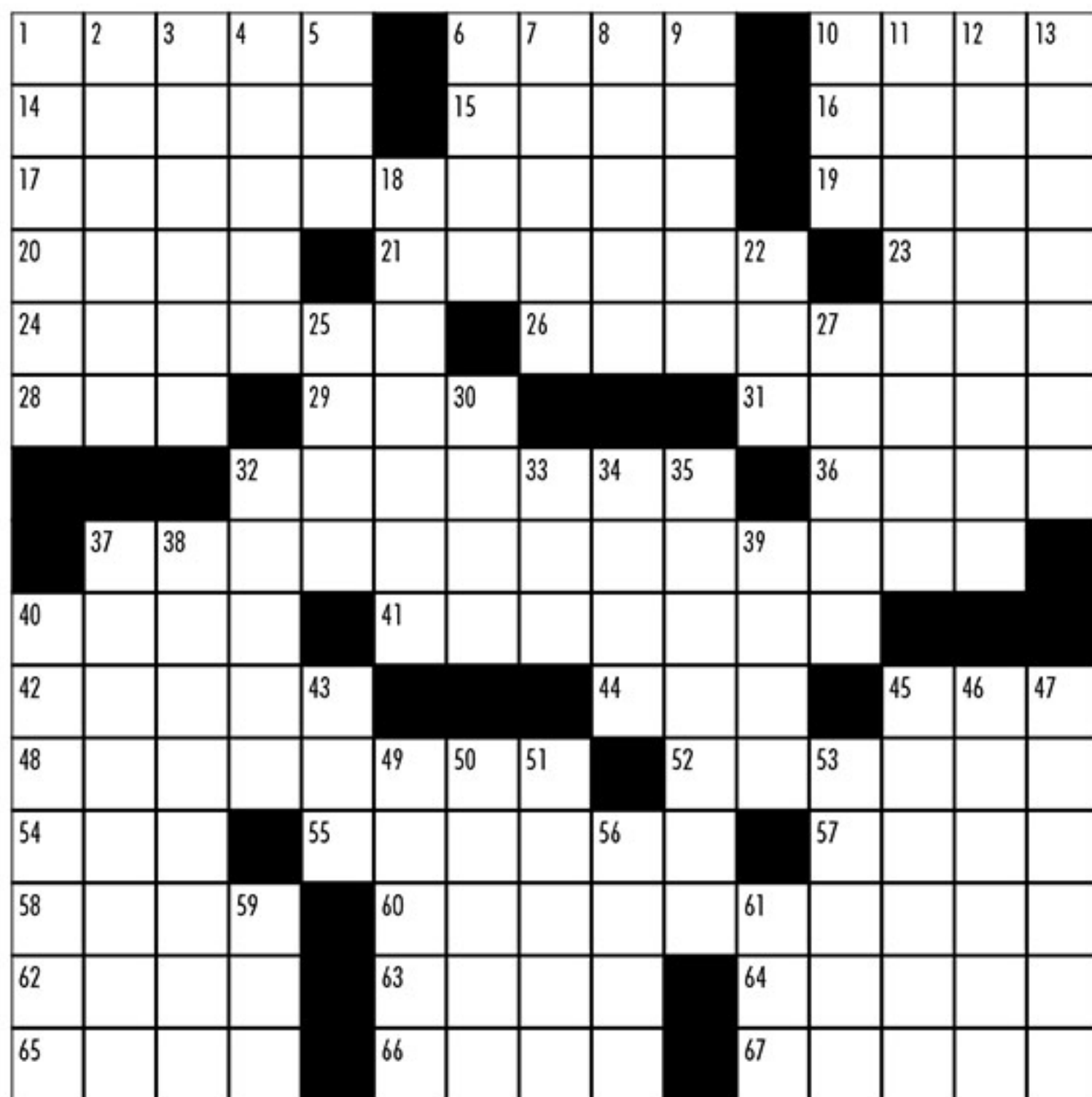


This puzzle's contest answer is a show nominated for several Emmys later this month.

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### Across

- 1 The N in "NCIS"  
6 Moranis or Steves  
10 Makes a decision  
14 Become a topic of conversation  
15 Neighborhood  
16 Where an R.A. is in charge  
17 Piece of sports equipment

(old answer: hockey puck)

- 19 Morales of "NYPD Blue"  
20 Clarinet's cousin  
21 Don of the Eagles  
23 Talking Tolkien tree  
24 One under par  
26 Swimmer often held in captivity (old answer: orca)

- 28 Airline to Stockholm  
29 1980s icon with a Mohawk  
31 "Sexy —" (Beatles song)  
32 63-Across's country  
36 Cast a ballot  
37 Scary things at Halloween (old answer: vampire bats)  
40 Showgirl in "Copacabana"  
41 Barber's city, in a Rossini opera  
42 Cost — and a leg  
44 Bill at the bar  
45 Reagan National's airport code  
48 Famous cartoon cat (old answer: Felix)  
52 "Fast Food —"  
54 It has plenty of twenties  
55 With full force  
57 WordPress thing  
58 Big boat  
60 Sweet food (old answer: licorice)  
62 Not nuts  
63 Model from Mogadishu  
64 Computer key  
65 MIT subj.  
66 Hank's "King of the Hill" buddy  
67 Show whose theme song was "Little Boxes"

### Down

- 1 Bigwigs  
2 Lawrence's land  
3 Golf-cap parts  
4 Made inquiries  
5 Spike of "Crooklyn"  
6 Broccoli —

- 7 "— the bell with my heart in my mouth" (Genesis lyric)  
8 Ma's medium  
9 Superman's real name  
10 Poem that praises  
11 "The — Adventure"  
12 People-moving systems  
13 Alan — (pseudonym once used by unhappy film directors)  
18 Coffee holder  
22 NFL stat  
25 "Everything's fine"  
27 11-time Pro Bowl quarterback  
30 Story  
32 It protects the neck  
33 Bathroom, casually  
34 Competing for top honors  
35 "Designing Women" setting  
37 Novelist Franzen  
38 Scary  
39 Island where Napoleon was exiled  
40 Eminent Emeril  
43 Ronan's mom  
45 Weaken, as a drink  
46 — up (kept in the house)  
47 Makes mad  
49 Loren-Heston classic  
50 Spitting animal  
51 Actor — Logue  
53 Singer Burnett  
56 "— Reader" (magazine since 1984)  
59 Apiece  
61 Ayres of the Dr. Kildare movies

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