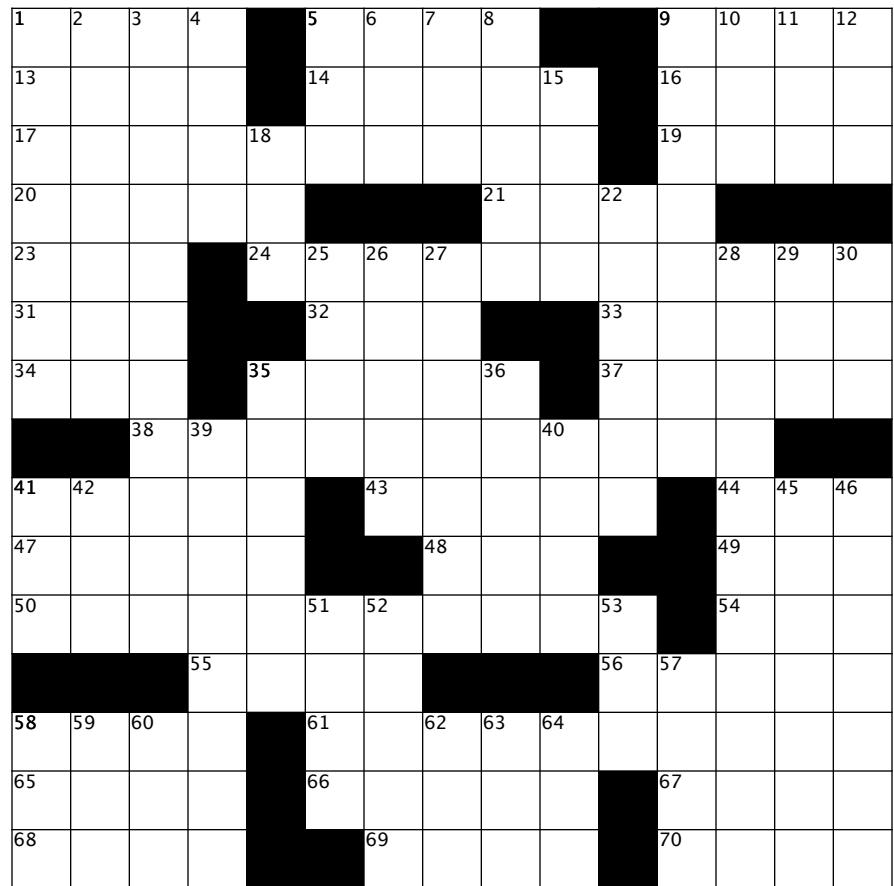


The Bitter End

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1. Long for
5. Beer ___ (drinking game)
9. Post-drinking game state
13. "If you ask me," briefly
14. Katherine of "Schitt's Creek"
16. Oregon Trail team
17. What you'll be after too many apres-ski beers?
19. Patch up
20. "In what way?"
21. Tiered dessert
23. Deli fixture that produces bread?
24. What you'll be after too many red carpet beers?
31. "The Force Awakens" pilot Dameron
32. Lines of credit?
33. Supermarket aisle
34. Reggae relative
35. Uncouth sorts
37. Love, love, LOVE
38. What you'll be after too many boat beers?
41. The Little Mermaid
43. Lavishes affection (on)
44. Triage sites, for short
47. Part of WASP
48. "Totally sick, brah!"
49. It's on the right: Abbr.
50. What you'll be after too many beach beers?
54. Regret big time
55. Stated
56. State loftily
58. "Well THAT was close!"
61. Like contracts where pay goes up over time, and a hint to 17-, 24-, 38-, and 50-Across
65. Coffee, informally
66. Spending ___
67. Roberts' "Pretty Woman" co-star
68. "___ queen!"
69. Playthings
70. Red state with a noted border wall?



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DOWN

1. Accidents
2. "Personally, 2021 has been really hard for me"
3. Words from one requesting guidance from above
4. Mamas of piglets
5. D.C. insider, for short
6. "Well, well, well, look what we have here!"
7. "Ain't happenin'"
8. El ___ (Spanish Renaissance painter)
9. Not store-bought
10. Fire
11. Path to enlightenment
12. Finish
15. Very little
18. Old man
22. Some classic cameras
25. Play bball, informally
26. Chris of "Bridesmaids"
27. Little brats
28. Gets broken down by bacteria over time
29. Screw up
30. Go blonde, say
35. Ginkgo ___ (tree also known as a maidenhair)
36. Went after
39. Ruled (over)
40. Return, as territory
41. Smallish batteries
42. m___ (type of vaccine)
45. WiFi devices
46. One taking things too fast?
51. Some on the left, informally
52. Change with the times
53. Scooby-___
57. Prego alternative
58. Onesies and nighties, say
59. "Infinite Jest" protagonist
60. Actress Mendes
62. ___-Magnon
63. Crucial
64. "___ Misérables"