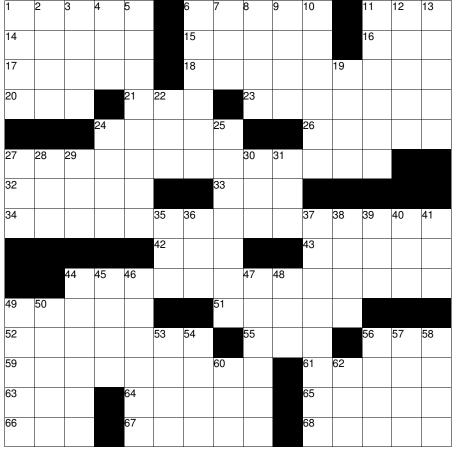
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ACROSS

- 1. Atwitter, with "up"
- 6. Uncertain
- 11. Application datum: Abbr.
- 14. A point ahead
- 15. Bring to life
- 16. Part of a giggle
- 17. À la king?
- 18. Buttons with the director of "Blue Velvet" on them?
- 20. Cozy drink?
- 21. Kid's cry
- 23. Last song on "OK Computer," with "The"
- 24. Daybreaks
- 26. Acts feeble-minded
- 27. Blast one has watching "Annie Hall?"
- 32. Brute
- 33. Ted ____ & the Pharmacists
- 34. Shortest route to "Almost Famous" director's house?
- 42. Chat feature from 48-Down
- 43. Gofers
- 44. Length of a "Godfather" marathon, perhaps?
- 49. "Alice in Wonderland" cat
- 51. Bright hues of 80s outfits
- 52. Historic town of Connecticut
- 55. Addition
- 56. Spread out on the table
- 59. Lose one's temper while watching "127 Hours"?
- 61. "You killed me"
- 63. Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir
- 64. Mountain crest
- 65. Summer rental locations in Scotland



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 - 66. Throw back a fish?
 - 67. Put an edge on
 - 68. Couples

DOWN

- 1. Nirvana achiever?
- 2. Blunted blade
- 3. Eastern discipline
- 4. "Bambi" character
- 5. Big name in pineapples
- 6. Presidential middle name
- 7. Brown, e.g.
- 8. "But wait, there's more": Abbr.
- 9. Bakeware brand
- 10. Violinist Menuhin
- 11. Certain Muslim
- 12. "Stop Making ____"
 (Talking Heads
 concert movie)
- 13. Rats' homes
- 19. Annual May event

- 22. 1978 World Cup champs: Abbr.
- 24. Trucker hat material
- 25. Biblical king
- 27. Denver Nuggets' orig. league
- 28. CBS chairman Moonves
- 29. Back muscle, familiarly
- 30. Drops on blades
- 31. Turf ____ (sports injury)
- 35. Ceiling
- 36. Copy a CD
- 37. Dogtooth violet with creamy white flowers
- 38. "Hogwash!"
- 39. Chemical ending
- 40. React to a creepy-crawly
- 41. Leak sound
- 44. "Despite that ..."

- 45. "Curtain ____"
 (Eminem's greatest hits album)
- 46. "Dude, killer!"
- 47. Looked lecherously
- 48. See 42-Across
- 49. "Romper Room" role model
- 50. Massey of "Balalaika"
- 53. '60s-'70s Italian prime minister Aldo
- 54. 20-20, e.g.
- 56. Type of itch
- 57. Arthur ___ Courage Award (ESPY)
- 58. Ugly situation
- 60. Tour de France season
- 62. Where the pissed piss