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ACROSS

- 1. Fall back from the beach
- 4. The mark "v" in string music
- 9. Trapper's catch
- 13. Shakespearean lament
- 15. Gas-X alternative
- 16. Role that Peter Fonda combed over
- 17. Young zebra
- 18. Become a contestant
- 19. Heavy base supporting a statue
- 20. Smug
- 23. Like students that still have naptime
- 24. Megan Boone's "The Blacklist" role
- 25. They're sometimes blocked online
- 28. "I Am the Walrus" persona
- 32. Knuckle to the head
- 34. Crunchy sandwich, for short
- 36. Sweet froyo topping
- 38. New, in Nicaragua
- 39. Expression of great approval, on-line
- 43. Gruesome
- 44. Sax object?
- 45. Cam Newton stat
- 46. Winking phrase
- 48. Massive impasse
- 51. Actor Bentley of "American Horror Story"
- 52. Concealed carry lobby
- 54. Gulf of Mexico, to many
- 56. Cold pressor test measurements
- 61. Golf's Aoki
- 64. BYU's location
- 65. Dog that appears to be 20% tongue
- 66. Funeral flames
- 67. Concentrated beam

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- 68. ___ Crossing
- 69. Key song?
- 70. Make, as an effort
- 71. Pre-barbecue application

DOWN

- 1. Per unit
- 2. Soft fly
- 3. They're found in between alleys
- 4. Company with a "Become a Driver" section on its website
- 5. Bottled (up)
- 6. Muddy spa treatment
- 7. "Inside The NBA" analyst
- 8. Weakened from overuse
- 9. ___ platter (Chinese appetizer)
- 10. Right-angled annex

- 11. Wreath in Waipahu
- 12. Tithing amount
- 14. "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" author Larsson
- 21. Cardiologist's machine
- 22. Layer with a hole
- 25. Sci-fi character who wants to believe
- 26. Flopped, likely
- 27. Theater count
- 29. May, say
- 30. Concentration focus
- 31. "Jurassic Park" costar
- 33. Common pronoun
- 34. Legally
- 35. Sitcom starring a comic with an identical-sounding first name
- 37. Well aware of
- 40. Humor
- 41. Singer Menzel

- 42. Get dressed, with "up"
- 47. Baseball rarity
- 49. God of reggae
- 50. Put in ____ word for
- 53. One of thrash metal's Big Four
- 55. Affected goodbye56. Valentine's text
- 57. Valentine's gift
- 58. For all time
- 59. Work with mail
- 60. Hungarian's neighbor
- 61. Hoppy brewpub selection
- 62. Moog product
- 63. Be another way?