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ACROSS

- 1 Sea the world?
- 5 Dietary no-no, for some
- 9 "Barracuda" band
- 14 "Strawberry ____" (Deana Carter hit)
- 15 Definitively declare
- 16 "A" in physics
- 18 Sicilian spewer
- 19 "Big" Red Sox player, once
- 20 1991 horror series ender subtitled "The Awakening"
- 21 "___ Rain" (2013 Alexis Jordan dance
- **22** Man o' War to War Admiral and Bold Ruler to Secretariat, say
- 24 "Goodnight, ___" (1950 Weavers hit)
- 25 Brevity, according to Polonius
- 28 Wheaton of "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
- **29** Running and sitting still at the same time?
- 30 "Symphony in Black" serigrapher
- 32 South Dakota memorial site
- 37 "I'm so ready for this week to be over!"
- 41 Puts up, in a way
- 42 Puts down, in a way
- 43 "My ____" (Foo Fighters single)
- 44 Major conclusion?
- 45 Bubbly brand, for short
- **47** Composer Franck or labor activist Chavez
- **48** Norse god with an eponymous radioactive element
- **49** Taking meds in a non-FDA-approved way
- **52** " Pop" (1998 Britney Spears tune)
- **54** Schoolteacher of yore
- 55 See 70-Across
- 58 Camel's place, maybe?
- 64 It's present for "presents"
- 66 Wield, as influence
- **67** Nevada city that's also a shorthand construction term
- 68 Sea in the "Iliad" and "Odyssey"
- 70 With 55-Across, sinister stare
- 71 Sweet libation
- **72** Camping fuel brand with a S'mores Heat line
- 73 Time co-founder Henry
- **74** Tolstoy's Karenina
- 75 Longtime Guns N' Roses guitarist
- 76 Places that rub you the right way?
- 77 Tolstoy's denial

DOWN

- 1 "Make me ____, make me hotter. Make me lose my breath, make me water" (lyric from "Water" by Tyla)
- 2 Opener for 9-Across?
- 3 Concave navel
- 4 Heads of Boston and Chicago, in a way
- 5 Word after time or space
- 6 Helped
- **7** Short copy?
- 8 Short

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The meta for this puzzle is a famous singer.

- 9 Word in a Chinese greeting
- 10 Smith with the most NFL career rushing yards
- 11 Copycat
- **12** Stay subscribed, say
- 13 Like Nicki Minaj, informally
- 17 First name in daredeviltry
- 23 "___ Touch of Love" (Allen Toussaint tune)
- 26 They're better when they're short
- 27 Angers
- 31 "Gypsy" star who allegedly kept her Christmas tree lit year-round
- 32 Sharpen
- 33 Bar line?
- 34 Golden rule word
- **35** Chief ___ (rapper with a rhyming name)
- 36 NCAA member, for short?
- 38 "___ Bambino" (Italian Christmas carol)
- 39 Some nest eggs, for short
- **40** Homophone of the number of homophonic three-letter entries in this grid

- 45 Indian prime minister Narendra
- 46 Able to take a shot, say
- **47** Breath mint discontinued in 2018, informally
- **50** "Sister Golden Hair" band that, despite its name, was actually founded in Britain
- **51** Stage between blind auditions and knockouts on "The Voice"
- 53 They cover over 70% of Earth
- **55** Greek letters that turn into Greek cheeses if you put an "F" in front?
- **56** Flings, to a Gen Zer
- **57** Georgia of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- **59** Quadruple ones were first landed in competition in 2022
- 60 Race, as an engine
- **61** Minuscule
- **62** Like much humor in "Dumb and Dumber"
- 63 Head towards?
- **65** Word repeated after "Que" in a Doris Day title
- 69 Masked Japanese drama