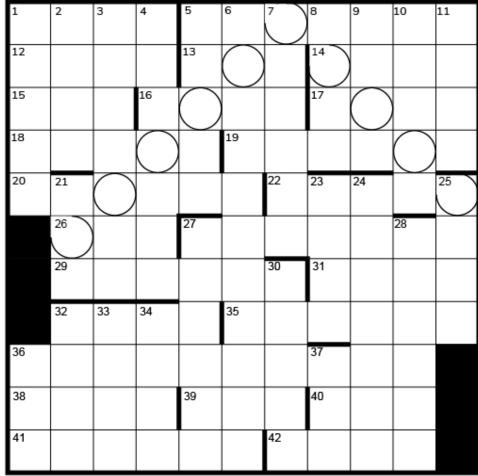
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ACROSS

- 1 Video game depicted in this grid
- 5 Lover
- 12 Olympic sticker?
- 13 Start of the work week, for short
- 14 Political research on one's adversary, slangily
- 15 Container that can be tapped
- 16 Bell, host of Netflix's "Drink Masters"
- 17 Word after trap or screen
- **18** Energy company known for its fraudulent accounting
- 19 Attached, in a way
- **20** ___ candy (Buffalonian snack known for its porous center)
- 22 LEGO brand for young builders
- 26 Ogre in Japanese mythology
- **27** Drama-ridden show that's so bad you can't stop watching, e.g.
- 29 Gives ten?
- 31 With 25-Down, message when the final circled square meets the edge of the grid
- 32 One of sixteen in a chess set
- **35** Affirmative response to 4-Down, perhaps
- **36** Actress who played Claire Dunphy on "Modern Family"
- 38 "___ Chef: Quest for an ___ Legend" (show hosted by Kristen Kish and Alton Brown)
- 39 Filler of the French Riviera
- **40** Agnes, Edith, and Margo's dad in "Despicable Me"
- **41** Alliterative Fender known for "Before the Next Teardrop Falls"
- 42 Young Scot

DOWN

- 1 Pups that, unlike me, thrive in the cold
- 2 Amenable (to)
- 3 What happens when gin, vermouth, and campari walk into a bar...
- 4 "I need this ASAP"



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- 5 "____ Us" (game Benoit Blanc casually played in "Glass Onion" with Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Stephen Sondheim, Angela Lansbury, and Natasha Lyonne)
- **6** Californian body of water known for the aquarium on its shore
- 7 Indigenous nation known as the "people of the standing stone"
- 8 Hopped on the MTA
- **9** Music player on which you could play Brick and Solitaire
- 10 Thread bobbin
- 11 Ripped
- 21 Kettle's partner
- 23 Virginia-based org. that detects earthquakes
- 24 Sci-fi stunners

- 25 See 31-Across
- 27 "A-fine-something-that-all-people need," per "The Lorax's"
 Once-Ler
- 28 Words beginning a launch countdown
- 30 Korean city visited in "Crying in H Mart"
- **32** "This is the height of luxury" in catspeak, probably
- 33 Burn balm
- **34** Go set a watch?
- 36 Peanut butter brand whose jars sported cute kangaroos in 1958
- **37** Labor org. whose 2007-2008 strike affected many TV programs