Hold It!

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Across

- 1. Blonde shade
- 4. Grads
- 9. Part of a spur
- 14. Doctor of sci-fi
- 15. Medium's medium
- 16. Decrease
- 17. Afflict
- 18. "Don't let go!"
- **20.** Film festival fare, often
- 22. Skewer
- **23.** One-time Russian government
- 26. Cease-fires
- **31.** O-ring, e.g.
- 33. Wise one
- 34. Sticker
- **36.** Church donation, perhaps
- 38. Fizzle, with "out"
- **39.** Heavy duty
- 41. Audacity
- **43.** Toon supply company
- 44. Befuddle
- **46.** Oozes
- **48.** Direction given a horse
- **49.** Sweet
- **51.** Pathetic one
- **53.** Crow's home?
- **54.** Fragrant garden flower
- **57.** Spanish sparkling wine
- **60.** Held sway
- **61.** Take charge, in a way
- **67.** Archaeological site
- 68. Safari sight

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- 69. "Bolero" composer
- **70.** "A Chorus Line" show-stopper
- 71. Attack ad, maybe
- **72.** Plucky
- 73. Agt. for Uncle Sam

Down

- 1. Anticipate
- 2. Places often kicked
- 3. Be resentful
- 4. Nonbeliever
- **5.** Film doctor with 7 faces
- 6. Modern address
- 7. Some '60s hipsters
- **8.** Metro station
- 9. Fleabag
- 10. It's a cinch in Japan

- **11.** Card
- **12.** Biblical verb ending
- 13. Lease
- 19. Baby buggies?
- **21.** Good investment, initially?
- **24.** Scrape, as the knee
- **25.** Allots, with "out"
- 27. Eye layer
- **28.** Grab onto
- 29. Vacation, of a sort
- 30. Scatter
- **32.** Cast
- **34.** Talk big
- **35.** Excessive
- **37.** Tennis great Chris
- 40. High-five, e.g.
- 42. Fencer's choice

- 45. Builder
- 47. Shake up
- 50. Slangy approval
- 52. French vineyard
- **55.** Angler's gear
- **56.** Barely beat
- **58.** Hop, skip or jump
- 59. Way, way off
- **61.** Store postings, for short
- **62.** Electrical unit
- 63. Golfer's concern
- **64.** Modern evidence
- **65.** Caesar's breakfast, perhaps
- 66. Pastor, for short