

**ACROSS**

- 1. Be frugal to a fault
- 6. "What's with this \_\_\_ motif?" (lyric from Car Seat Headrest's "Beach Life-In-Death", not that I needed to say which band this was)
- 9. Float trip floater for you, your friends, or a thirty rack of Miller High Life (the champagne of beers)
- 11. Kitchen appliance that doesn't rhyme with 21-Across, unless you're Nigella Lawson
- 12. Org. that probably can't hold bake sales over Zoom
- 13. Mononymous singer Zayn, in non-mononymous contexts
- 14. Covers, in a way (though hopefully not this year, between the pandemic and the Charmin shortage)
- 15. State that's entirely north of Canada's southernmost point (this is not a trick; it's located on Middle Island in Lake Erie)
- 18. Michael who would have added a bunch of CGI explosions to this clue if he wrote it
- 21. Gerardo hit of 1991 that doesn't rhyme with 11-Across, unless you're Nigella Lawson
- 23. 46, slangily
- 24. It was first released in Japan as the Family Computer, for short
- 25. Had a preference (toward)

**DOWN**

- 1. Show relentless adoration (for), in slang (clue stolen from Adam Nicolle, whose luckystreak xwords+ make an excellent gift for the holidays)
- 2. Emulate a Ravelry boycotter in one's spare time, say

- 3. "The Emperor's New Groove" empire
- 4. Prefix for people, in my AO3 fanfic featuring canon-compliant cameos from Ariel and Prince Eric)
- 5. High school group project whose result depends on one person?
- 6. Like a category and its opposite, in category theory (which is by far my least favorite part of mathematics)
- 7. "Well, duh!"
- 8. Go "squee!" over, perhaps, with "out"
- 10. It's before brillig
- 14. Namesake of an Iowa City-area running group with an annual Valhalla run
- 15. Country whose provinces include West Azerbaijan and East Azerbaijan (no, not Azerbaijan)
- 16. What a nickel ain't worth anymore, according to Yogi Berra
- 17. "Aida" quartet
- 18. Mountain Dew \_\_\_ Blast (Taco Bell® beverage)
- 19. Barksdale who went door to door to sell his drugs on "The Wire" (I'm just guessing here; I've never actually seen the show)
- 20. Kobe alternative, for people who enjoy shouting while chucking things at garbage cans
- 22. Instrument for Jake Shimabukuro's viral cover of "While My Guitar Gently Weeps", amusingly

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