## 'Vernal vexation'

## ACROSS

- 1. Ironic answer for the first clue
- 5. Quaff
- 9. Prepares for a spike 13. Vegas starter
- 14. Colossus island
- 16. It may be oral or rectal
- 17. Like many exiting the gym
- 18. Lambaste
- 19. 1980s epidemic
- 20. \*What spring might bring
- 23. "Ciao!"
- 25. "Elf" (2003) character based on Sam the Snowman
- **26.** Common name in Greek plays, aptly
- 29. Clan emblems
- 31. Parthenon patron
- 32. Scoreboard stats
- **33.** Camp accessory
- 35. Part of IOU
- **36.** "Do the \_\_\_\_" (ad slogan)
- **37.** \*What 20–Across might bring, in a saying
- 41. Skill at flirting, in modern parlance
- 44. Circum- sense
- 45. Finished, as a cake
- **49.** \_\_\_\_ rug **50.** Chooses
- 51. "Knight to H3," e.g.52. Political position
- 55. Elect
- 57. Obeys a red light
- **59.** Protrusion
- 60. Cause of many a sick day
- 62. \*What 37-Across might bring, in a joke **65.** Alternative to FedEx
- **68.** Half of a bag of potato chips
- 69. Ornithology and apiology 70. Where X marks the spot
- 71. Miss identification?
- 72. Barks, as a dog
- 73. Big time

## DOWN

1. Vegas starter

## "Feliz \_\_\_\_ nuevo" "Dire" passageways

- 4. Home of the brave?
- 5. corporation
- 6. Not bad?
- 7. Kind of potato
- 8. Are chummy
- 9. Scour
- **10.** Was
- **11.** A \_\_\_\_\_ (somewhat)
- 12. Txt
- 14. Slugger's stat.
- 15. Do some tailoring
- 21. A dance, not a vacuum
- 22. Follower of lotus or fire
- **23.** Biochemical energy source, for short
- **24.** \_\_\_\_\_-com
- 27. Nobody in particular
- 28. Rarer than rare
- **30.** Bean variety
- 31. Floored
- **34.** Hairstyle you might pick out?

- 35. Possesses
- 37. Intended
- 38. Whack (off)
- 39. Doc's door sign
- 40. The apostle Peter, by another name
- 41. Step on it!
- 42. Banksy work
- 43. "\_\_\_\_ óf a man"
- **46.** Masquerade necessity
- 47. WALL-E love interest
- 48. Lion's lair
- 53. Boys in blue
- 54. Heroic narratives
- 55. Approaches56. Snake's warning58. Take a tumble
- 59. Choose
- 60. Geisha's prop
- 61. Fudge 63. "Golly!"
- 64. Strand in a cell
- 66. Golfer's concern
- 67. Mud bath site

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