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ACROSS

- 1 Close platonic pair, for short
5 Buckwheat porridge
10 Cat's tongue-out expression, cutesily
11 Carbonated drinks with a polar bear mascot
12 Some vital mentors, trailblazers, role models, storytellers, and community members
15 Chore lessened by replacing grass with native plants
16 Shapes created by packers
18 Aflame, like a candle
19 Coats strawberries in chocolate, say
20 De facto national IDs, in the U.S.
21 Systems running at cooling centers during heat waves: Abbr.
22 Blanket thief
25 "Don't regret it at all"
27 Freedoms that ultimately benefit people of all gender identities
31 Playful act
32 Aged tea that can be ripe or raw
33 Offerings to a certain fairy
34 Red wine also known as shiraz

DOWN

- 1 Dish like bulgogi, sate, or lechon, casually
2 Annual vaccine target
3 Court cost to file a name change, for example
4 Competes in a certain bee
5 Brick ovens, or ovens for bricks
6 "Electrifying" rock band
7 "For more..."

