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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..."

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- 8 Fish that can turn red when cured  
9 Advantages  
13 Reusable alternative to a paper towel  
14 Animal that sounds like a pronoun  
16 Double-pointed hat  
17 Region of New York whose boundaries depend on who you ask  
19 Custard tart, in Hong Kong  
20 Nominally bashful Mario enemy  
22 Appliance manufacturer which isn't named after a Dutch painter  
23 Misgender someone, for example  
24 Beads of water falling off an icicle  
26 Sulking mood  
28 "I am not free while any woman is unfree, even when \_\_\_\_\_ shackles are very different from my own": Audre Lorde  
29 \_\_\_\_-la-la  
30 "Quiet!"