

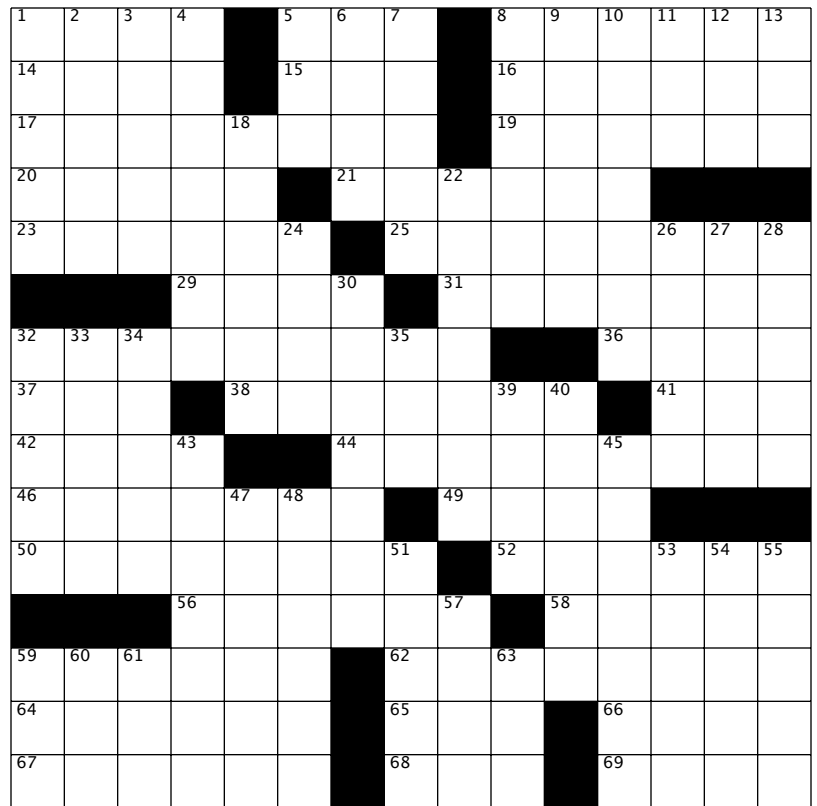
Oscar Gets Saucier Beyond Wordplay

ACROSS

1. Magazine that declared the best album of 2000 to be "your hard drive"
5. Invitation to be self-serving?
8. "Word on the street is..."
14. Brazil's first minister of sports
15. All US vice presidents until 2021, e.g.
16. Mythical creature beheaded by Perseus in "Clash of the Titans" (spoiler)
17. Occupation for the title character of "Ulee's Gold"
19. Butterfly McQueen's "Gone with the Wind" role
20. Try not to blink, in a contest
21. Crafted from
23. Like Swift's satirical proposal
25. Go overboard, as with compliments or criticism
29. "Stop bothering me!"
31. Sponsor of the Black Women in Hollywood Awards
32. Doled (out)
36. Pics like "Word Wars" and "Wordplay"
37. Common reaction to a grievance
38. Alternate two players at the same position, say
41. Boy king whom Steve Martin dubbed "funky"
42. Milli-, micro-, nano-, ___, ...
44. Customized cars with diminished ground clearance
46. "Wicky Poo", for one (if you're Hemingway's first wife)
49. Self-lacing-shoe brand featured in "Back to the Future II"
50. Moisturizer ingredient
52. Moniker in a famous "Knute Rockne: All American" speech
56. Didn't beat
58. Sacred scroll often found in an ark
59. Moves in judo or jiu-jitsu
62. Flea on a dog, for example
64. TV host John who voiced Zazu in 2019's "The Lion King"
65. Norwegian synth-pop group behind the theme to "The Living Daylights"
66. "Cop Killer" vocalist who plays Det. Fin Tutuola on "Law & Order: SVU"
67. Taking antibiotics, perhaps
68. Potent potable in "Pirates of the Caribbean"
69. "M*A*S*H" setting

DOWN

1. Workout woe
2. Stomachache soother, for short
3. Literary source for the blockbuster "Troy"
4. ___ and dearest
5. Stat calculated by many fitness apps
6. Quaint reply, as Tom Sawyer to Aunt Polly
7. Like many brewpub offerings
8. Spurs to action
9. Wonder Woman and Black Panther, e.g.
10. Provided enlightenment
11. Map abbr. that might follow Salzburg or Sydney
12. Blog feed format
13. Stewart costar in "The Man Who Knew Too Much"
18. Send again
22. Taper off



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24. Band whose album "Fear Inoculum" was their third chart-topper
26. Government issue that generates interest?
27. Come to pass or come to mind
28. Sticky situations?
30. Prepared for action
32. Younger sister of Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge
33. Oxford college named for a bay window
34. Right-hand page
35. WWII-command initials for Ike
39. Etymology abbr.
40. Titular assassin in a 1990 French thriller
43. 1999 concert film subtitled "The Bob Marley All-Star Tribute"
45. Calculus problem?
47. Gave one's solemn word
48. Trad. way to address a group of guys
51. How 26-Down might be trading
53. Star of "House of Wax", "House on Haunted Hill", and "House of Usher"
54. Cleared from one's plate
55. Speaker of the #1 line on AFI's list of 100 greatest movie quotes
57. Setting for "Forgetting Sarah Marshall" and "From Here to Eternity"
59. "... and your little dog, ___!"
60. "News" channel now dominated by true-crime shows
61. "Above the ___" (1994 basketball drama)
63. SoCal NFC player who calls SoFi Stadium home