



June 1, 2019

## **WELCOME, GLOBETROTTERS!**

We are thrilled to have you at The Indie 500. Today, you'll take a scenic tour of five crossword puzzles of various difficulties. Navigate them well, and you could punch your ticket into the finals, but be warned – you might encounter some turbulence along the way.

Of course, the most important thing today is to have fun – after all, the journey is more important than the destination! Plus, you don't have to be a member of the jet set to leave here today looking fly; awards for penmanship (both good and bad) and the best wrong answer are up for grabs.

For those of you who attended last year's Indie 500, the format of this year's event will be very familiar. For those who have competed in other crossword tournaments but not this one, some features of The Indie 500 will be familiar, while others will be a little different. The basics: everyone will race against the clock to solve the first five puzzles. Both speed and accuracy will be rewarded (see the Scoring section in this packet for more). The top three finishers on those five puzzles in both the Inside Track and the Outside Track will compete on a sixth puzzle to determine our champions.

Each puzzle will have a specified time limit. In addition, there will be a five-minute break between puzzles, as well as a 90-minute lunch break between Puzzles 3 and 4. If you finish a puzzle before the time limit has elapsed, please feel free to leave the room quietly, and please congregate as far from the room as possible so as not to disturb those who are still solving.

Make sure to write your name on the back of every puzzle for scoring purposes. Volunteers will be scoring your puzzles and entering them into an online database using an interface designed by The Indie 500's own Peter Broda. Throughout the day, you can check the standings and see your submitted puzzles at [www.theindie500.com/results](http://www.theindie500.com/results). If you believe we have made a scoring error on one of your puzzles, please write your name, the puzzle number, and the suspected error on a piece of paper and hand it to our scoring team, and we will check it as soon as possible.

After the tournament, we will email a complete set of the tournament puzzles to all participants. The final standings, along with a complete list of award winners, will be posted at [www.theindie500.com/tournaments/5](http://www.theindie500.com/tournaments/5) soon after the tournament.

Thanks to all of our test solvers, volunteers, supporters, and competitors for making this tournament possible. Have a good time!

The Indie 500 Team: Andy, Angela, Erik, Neville, and Peter

P.S. We hope you enjoy the warm-up puzzle included in this packet!



## THE PUZZLES

The tournament will feature six crossword puzzles. The difficulty of these puzzles ranges from easy to very challenging. Each of the first five puzzles is themed, and everyone will solve these five puzzles. The finalists in each division will solve the sixth and final puzzle on big boards to determine the winners. All other competitors will have a chance to solve the final puzzle under timed conditions, but it will not count toward their overall score. More details about the puzzles will be announced as they are distributed.

## SCHEDULE

10:00 – 11:00	Registration / General Schmoozing
11:00 – 4:00	Introduction and Puzzles 1–5 (including a 90-minute break for lunch)
4:15 – 4:45	Presentation of awards Announcement of finalists
4:45 – 5:45	Puzzle 6 (solved by finalists; all other guests welcome and encouraged to watch but attendance is not required)
5:45 – 6:00	Awards presented to finalists and champions Closing remarks

## RULES AND PROCEDURES

The tournament has two skill divisions: the Inside Track and the Outside Track. Any contestant who has finished in the top 25% of the field in a crossword tournament with published standings in the past five years (including previous Indies 500) will be placed on the Inside Track. All other contestants, including first-time crossword tournament competitors, will be placed on the Outside Track.

All contestants will compete on the same puzzles, begin rounds at the same time, and have the same amount of time to complete each puzzle. Puzzles will be handed out face down; on a tournament director's signal, the clock will start counting down, and contestants may turn their puzzles face up and begin solving. When a contestant completes their puzzle, they should, on the back of their puzzle, write down the time showing on the clock and then raise their hand. A tournament volunteer will come by to collect their puzzle, at which time the contestant may quietly leave the solving area if they so wish.

It is the solver's responsibility to check their puzzle before handing it in. Once a contestant has raised their hand, they may not make any changes to their puzzle grid, including erasing any letters or writing any additional letters. This does not apply to the contestant's name or solving time, which they may add later if missing.

Solvers may not talk in the solving area while a puzzle is being solved. Solvers also may not use any external solving aids, including phones or written materials, while a puzzle is being solved. If you do either of these things, we reserve the right to disqualify you from a puzzle or from the tournament.



Our full official set of rules can be found at [www.theindie500.com/rules](http://www.theindie500.com/rules). For additional queries, please ask a tournament official or write to [xwordtournament@gmail.com](mailto:xwordtournament@gmail.com).

## SCORING

A contestant's score for each puzzle consists of three parts:

- (a) The contestant's base score for each puzzle will be the number of seconds they take to complete the puzzle.
- (b) If a contestant's puzzle contains any incorrect squares, that contestant will be charged with a Travel Delay, which adds 500 seconds (8 minutes and 20 seconds) to a contestant's score for that puzzle.
- (c) In addition, for each incorrect square in a puzzle, 30 seconds are added to a contestant's score.

So, a contestant's final score for a puzzle equals:

*(# of seconds taken to complete the puzzle) + (# of incorrect squares \* 30) + (500, if there are any incorrect squares).*

The three contestants in each division with the *lowest* cumulative score after five puzzles will advance to the sixth and final playoff puzzle.

In the event of a tie between contestants for a spot (or spots) in the finals, there will be a tiebreaker puzzle given to all affected contestants. The first contestant(s) to solve the puzzle cleanly, or, if no contestant solves cleanly, the contestant(s) with the lower score using the scoring method described above, will advance.

If, after the fifth puzzle, an Outside Track contestant has one of the top three overall scores, they will qualify for the Inside Track finals. In that case, the next-lowest-scoring Outside Track contestant will be given that contestant's spot in the Outside Track finals. Inside Track contestants cannot qualify for the Outside Track finals.

## FINALS

The three contestants in each division with the lowest cumulative scores will compete on a sixth and final puzzle on big boards. All six finalists will be sequestered out of view and earshot of the solving room, and the rest of the contestants will get a chance to solve the final puzzle under timed conditions before the finals begin. Then, the Outside Track finals will take place, during which the Inside Track finalists will continue to be sequestered. Once the Outside Track finals are over and new boards have been set up, the Inside Track finalists will be brought back in, and the Inside Track finals will take place with color commentary from guest commentators.

The final puzzle for both the Inside Track and Outside Track will use the same answer grid, but each division will use a different set of clues. The Inside Track clues are intended to be more challenging than the Outside Track clues.

Contestants will have 20 minutes to solve the final puzzle. In both the Inside and Outside Track finals, all three contestants will begin solving the puzzle at the same time, regardless of their scores on Puzzles 1–5. A contestant will be judged to have completed their puzzle when they say the word "Done!" Once a contestant says "Done!," they may not make any changes to their puzzle.



The contestant with the fewest errors will be declared the winner. If two or more contestants have the same number of errors (e.g., the likely scenario that more than one contestant completes the puzzle perfectly), the contestants will be ranked in order of speed.

## AWARDS

Awards will be given to the top three solvers in both divisions based on order of finish on the final puzzle. In addition, several other awards will be given, including:

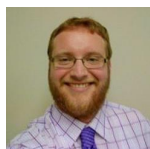
- The PuzzleGirl Prize for Rookie of the Year
- Titan of Tittling Award for Penmanship
- Joon Pakh award for worst handwriting
- FireballCrosswords.com Indie Spirit Award
- Yogi Berra Best Wrong Answer

## CODE OF CONDUCT

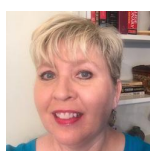
We are tremendously proud of our reputation as a fun, friendly, and accommodating crossword tournament. In order to ensure that The Indie 500 continues to be a safe and welcoming environment, we put forth the following Code of Conduct for all of our attendees:

1. **Harassment will not be tolerated.** This includes but is not limited to: any kind of physical, verbal, or psychological abuse; threats, intimidation, and bullying; discriminatory remarks of any kind; and unwanted romantic attention or sexual harassment.
2. **Please be respectful of the space.** Many of the furnishings belong to the venue, so please be sure to treat them with care. To ensure that we're invited back next year, please clean up after yourself, leave everything as you found it, and do not bring drugs or alcohol onto the premises.
3. **If you see or experience a violation of the code of conduct,** please find a director of the tournament (Angela Olson Halsted, Andy Kravis, Erik Agard, Neville Fogarty, Peter Broda). If you cannot find one of the five directors for whatever reason, talk to someone at the registration desk or a volunteer and have them find us.
4. **If you violate the code of conduct,** we reserve the right to eject you from this and future tournaments without a refund.
5. **Be kind!** The crossword community is made up of some of the nicest people on Earth. Many of us have a memory from our first crossword tournament of someone who made us feel welcome or at ease. If you're an old pro, do what you can to make The Indie 500 a welcoming environment for all solvers. If you're a rookie, welcome! To all competitors, we hope you have a great time, and we hope to see you at many future crossword events!

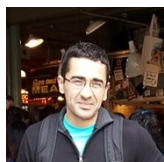
## OUR TEAM



**Andy Kravis (tournament co-director, constructor)** is a puzzlemaker, editor, and trivia writer living in Brooklyn, New York. In addition to constructing and editing crosswords for various publications, he also edits variety word puzzles for Joon Pahk's site Outside the Box Puzzles and co-teaches the JASA Crossword Class with Natan Last.



**Angela Olson Halsted (tournament co-director, constructor)** lives in Arlington, Virginia, in her almost empty nest. She pays the bills by working as a legal secretary. Angela's puzzles have appeared in the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *American Values Club*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. She also contributes puzzles to the new Daily POP crossword app. Angela obsessively follows the Washington Nationals and the University of Iowa wrestling team. She types faster than anyone you know and has excellent blood pressure.



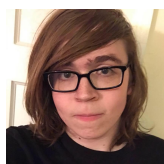
**Bryan Betancur (constructor)** is a professor of Spanish at Bronx Community College (City University of New York). He is relatively new to puzzle-making and created the bilingual (Spanish/English) puzzle blog Crucilingual to celebrate both his bicultural (Hispanic/US) heritage and his nerdy love of word puzzles.



**Erik Agard (tournament co-director)** is an American puzzlemaker who doesn't know how to drive.



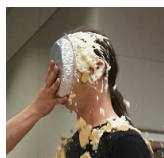
**Janie Smulyan (constructor)** was born and bred in Baltimore but now makes her home in NYC. Since 2011, her puzzles (collaborations and solo ventures) have been published by the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Fireball Crosswords*, The Unemployed Philosophers Guild, and the *Goucher Quarterly* (her college alumnae/-i mag). What a treat now to be tapped as a constructor for the Indie 500!



**Jenna LaFleur (puzzle wrangler)** once competed at a crossword tournament in her hometown of DC. She struck up a conversation with one of the organizers afterwards, and two years later, she's very excited to be joining the Indie 500 team! She's had puzzles published in *Queer Crosswords*, the *Puzzle Society Crossword*, and on various indie blogs, but she mainly considers herself a solver rather than a constructor. She's currently a linguistics major at UCLA and is a great enthusiast of fluffy cats, post-punk music, and terrible jokes.



**Neville Fogarty (tournament co-director, constructor)** is a math professor at Christopher Newport University in Newport News, Virginia.



**Peter Broda (tournament co-director)** is a father of three who does computer/puzzle/trivia stuff in Regina, SK. His travel highlights include visiting The Principality of Hutt River and enjoying an audience with Prince Leonard, eating stinky tofu at a Taipei night market, and successfully navigating NYC with a 6-month-old.



**Rebecca Falcon (constructor)** is so excited to be a part of this year's Indie 500! She is a lifelong New Yorker whose work in film festivals, theater, and museums has sent her around the world. Her love of crosswords started when her mom would construct puzzles out of her spelling words and has only grown since then. Her puzzles have been published with *The Inkubator* and the *American Values Club*.



**Yacob Yonas (constructor)** is so delighted to have a chance to construct one of the puzzles for this year's Indie 500! He considers himself a newer crossword since he only discovered puzzles in the past couple years, but since he started, he's fallen in pretty deep :) Last November, he made his NYT debut and also constructed a tournament puzzle with Erik Agard for Lollapuzzoola. He hopes you all enjoy his Indie puzzle and hopefully you'll see more puzzles from him in the future!

## And a big thank you to our incredible test-solvers:

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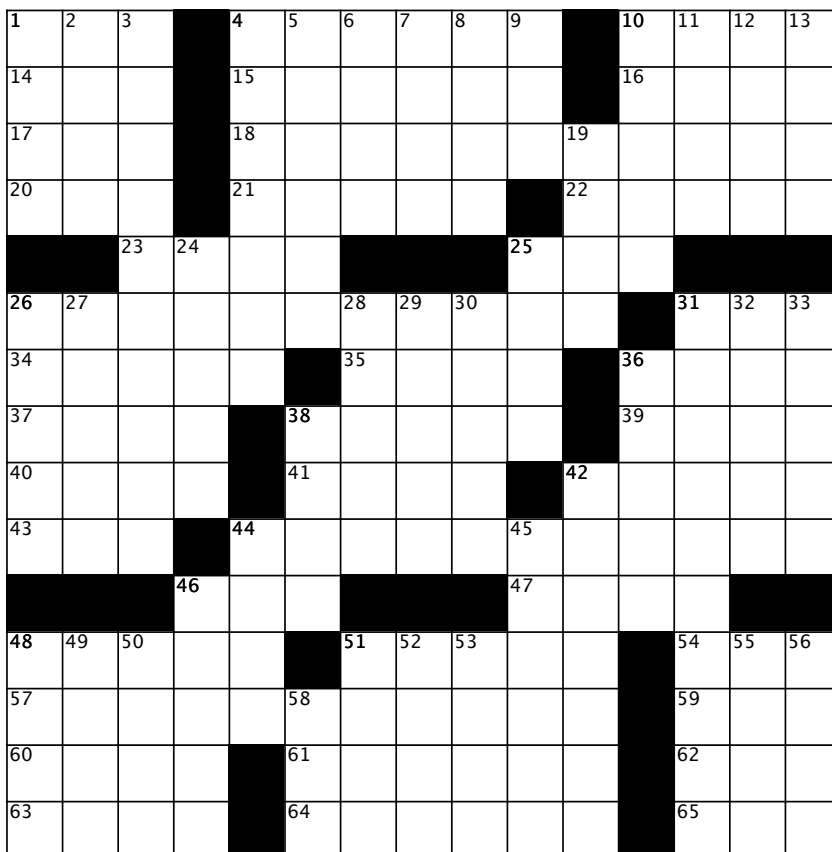
**ACROSS**

- 1 Eats
- 4 Result of guitar practice, probably
- 10 Coleslaw, for one
- 14 \_\_\_ blonde (grayish hair shade)
- 15 Bless, in a way
- 16 Apple tablet
- 17 Brazilian city in a Pablo Cruise song
- 18 A few years ago, I decided to go on a singles trip to South Korea. It was there I met ...
- 20 "Spider-\_\_\_: Far from Home"
- 21 Acronym for Jed Bartlet on "The West Wing"
- 22 *A Doll's House* playwright Henrik
- 23 Canadian diva Celine
- 25 Santa \_\_\_, California
- 26 Our first trip together was in the Czech Republic. We had a huge list of places we wanted to see, but our guide there kept us on a realistic schedule. I guess you could say she was pretty ...
- 31 Desi name akin to Rex
- 34 Started again, as a candle
- 35 Major for a future Fed employee
- 36 "Ciao!"
- 37 Royal name in Norway
- 38 "\_\_\_ you a little old for this?"
- 39 Gosling of the "Hey Girl" meme
- 40 Part of a window
- 41 Stitch's pal
- 42 "\_\_\_ bleu!"
- 43 Airport code on Australia's east coast
- 44 On our flight to Canada, he tried to skip the airline's safety presentation, but I told him we ...
- 46 How many it takes to tango
- 47 Information in a spreadsheet
- 48 Apt surname for a birder
- 51 Build a sun porch, e.g.
- 54 33⅓, for an LP
- 57 Sadly, our trip to Italy is where it all fell apart. He left me halfway through the vacation, so for the rest of the time I just cried and ...
- 59 Director Spike or bassist Geddy
- 60 "It's clear to me now"
- 61 "Bodak Yellow" rapper whose name comes from a rum brand

- 62 Manuscript readers: Abbr.
- 63 Like an axle needing repair
- 64 Sophisticated
- 65 One-named "Cheap Thrills" singer

**DOWN**

- 1 "First do no \_\_\_" (phrase frequently attributed to Hippocrates)
- 2 Continent home to most people
- 3 Rhimes's production company
- 4 Sleep in a tent, say
- 5 "Tennis, \_\_\_?"
- 6 In need of direction
- 7 "In \_\_\_ of flowers ..."
- 8 Some, in Spanish
- 9 Poker legend Ungar
- 10 The lion king in "The Lion King"
- 11 Potables actually first brewed in England, for short
- 12 June 1, 2019, for one
- 13 Genesis garden
- 19 Nickname that omits "oln"
- 24 "\_\_\_ up" ("It's no use")
- 25 BTO's "You \_\_\_ Seen Nothing Yet"
- 26 Kudos
- 27 Pass along
- 28 Consideration for some scholarships
- 29 Amtrak's East Coast express train
- 30 So far
- 31 Singer of "Georgia on My Mind" and "Hit the Road Jack"
- 32 Pioneering game company
- 33 Jackson inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2019
- 36 Parcel of land
- 38 Silicon Valley's Palo \_\_\_
- 42 What you might be on if your flight is overbooked
- 44 Had debts
- 45 Apollo Creed's son
- 46 Short message to one's followers
- 48 Item purchased by a parent-to-be
- 49 Ceremonial flower on "The Bachelor"
- 50 Sign of the future
- 51 Disappearing sea
- 52 Bilingual cartoon explorer
- 53 Flops
- 55 Mani's partner, in a spa
- 56 Arizona spring training home of the Cubs and the A's
- 58 UVA and UNC are in it



**1 Is There a Fee for Emotional Baggage?** Angela Olson Halsted

Warning: This puzzle may cause a Berning desire to travel to Switzerland.

15 x 15 / 78 words / 20 min.

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Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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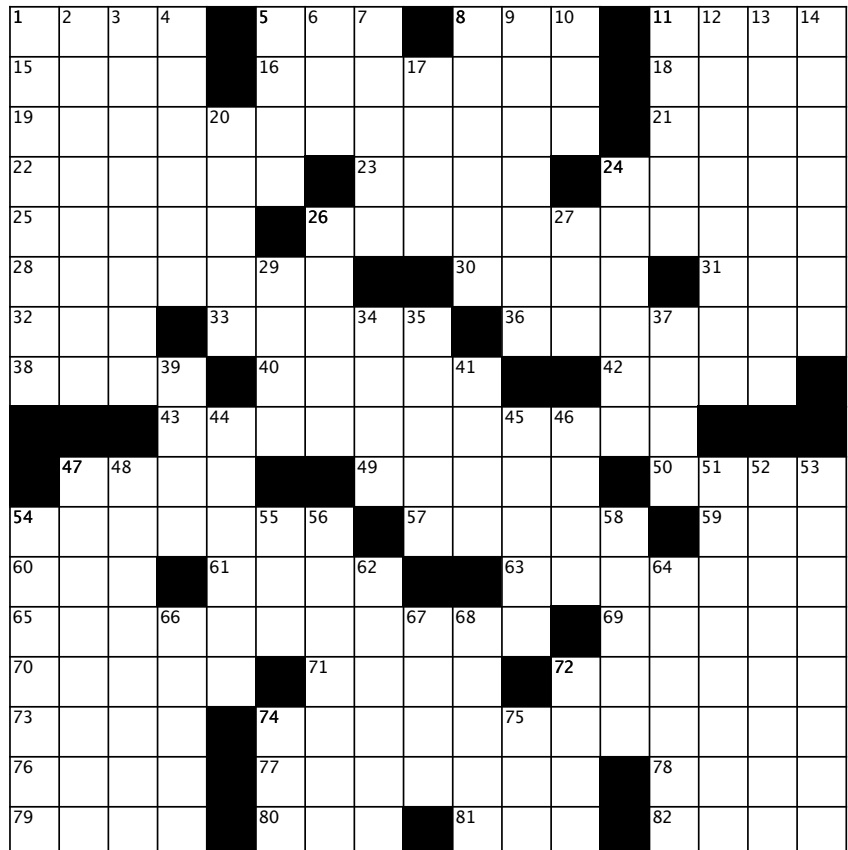
### ACROSS

- 1 One of the Greats?
- 5 Calif. hub
- 8 Legal org.
- 11 Court judges
- 15 Freestyles, say
- 16 Start-up desire
- 18 Let off
- 19 Way to disconnect, or a hint to parts of 26-, 43-, 65-, and 74-Across
- 21 Part of *un día*
- 22 One might cause a rude awakening
- 23 Malek of "Bohemian Rhapsody"
- 24 Discourage
- 25 Welcome
- 26 One passionate about wildlife preservation?
- 28 Like the Tube
- 30 Michael of "Superbad"
- 31 Lo-\_\_\_ (adjective that becomes an unrelated adjective without the hyphen)
- 32 \_\_\_ Pollos Hermanos ("Breaking Bad" restaurant)
- 33 Deal breaker?
- 36 Vest opening
- 38 Duel weapon
- 40 Shower sponge sometimes spelled with an "h"
- 42 Top-of-the-line
- 43 Mind
- 47 Posterior
- 49 Fabric used to make suits
- 50 Off the market
- 54 Displays of pride
- 57 Like some flushes
- 59 Contend
- 60 UFO passengers
- 61 Add injury to an insult?
- 63 Declare publicly
- 65 Sun ray, e.g.
- 69 \_\_\_ blanche
- 70 UCLA athlete
- 71 Nobel Peace Prize city
- 72 Eight-time Grammy winner Vandross
- 73 Young fellows
- 74 Like some bulbs
- 76 Mark up
- 77 Became too old to use one's parent's healthcare, say
- 78 Singer India. \_\_\_
- 79 Adjusts, as a clock

- 80 More, in Madrid
- 81 Pooh's marsupial pal
- 82 Look after

### DOWN

- 1 Like some pen ink
- 2 Bit of drizzle
- 3 "You have my word"
- 4 Lively wit
- 5 Permanent reminder
- 6 Alternative to air conditioning
- 7 Met offering
- 8 Concerning electrons and nuclei and such
- 9 Microwaving aluminum, e.g.
- 10 Ginger \_\_\_
- 11 Take up again, say
- 12 XD, e.g.
- 13 Everything must go in it
- 14 Catch off-guard
- 17 Large-screen film format
- 20 Welcome
- 24 Netflix category
- 26 Spasm
- 27 Goof
- 29 Polio vaccine creator
- 34 Bird sounds
- 35 Buy one, get one, e.g.
- 37 Gardening tools
- 39 Sicily's Mount \_\_\_
- 41 Hendrix hairdo
- 44 Appends
- 45 Nile Delta site
- 46 Close by
- 47 "Beverage" for the overly negative
- 48 Unwanted govt. check?
- 51 "Yoo-hoo!"
- 52 Eavesdrop
- 53 Like a ghost town
- 54 Cocoa \_\_\_
- 55 Dobby, e.g., in the *Harry Potter* books
- 56 Lea who was the original singing voice of both Mulan and Jasmine
- 58 Center of activity
- 62 Fishy sign?
- 64 Rich campaign donor, slangily
- 66 Waterfall features
- 67 Trash bag brand
- 68 Commemorate
- 72 Mother of Apollo and Artemis
- 74 "No, \_\_\_ your father" (Darth Vader quote)
- 75 Tegan and Sara, e.g.



Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Left on the Clock: \_\_\_\_\_



# 3 Currency Exchange Andy Kravis

Two kinds of jack in the boxes.

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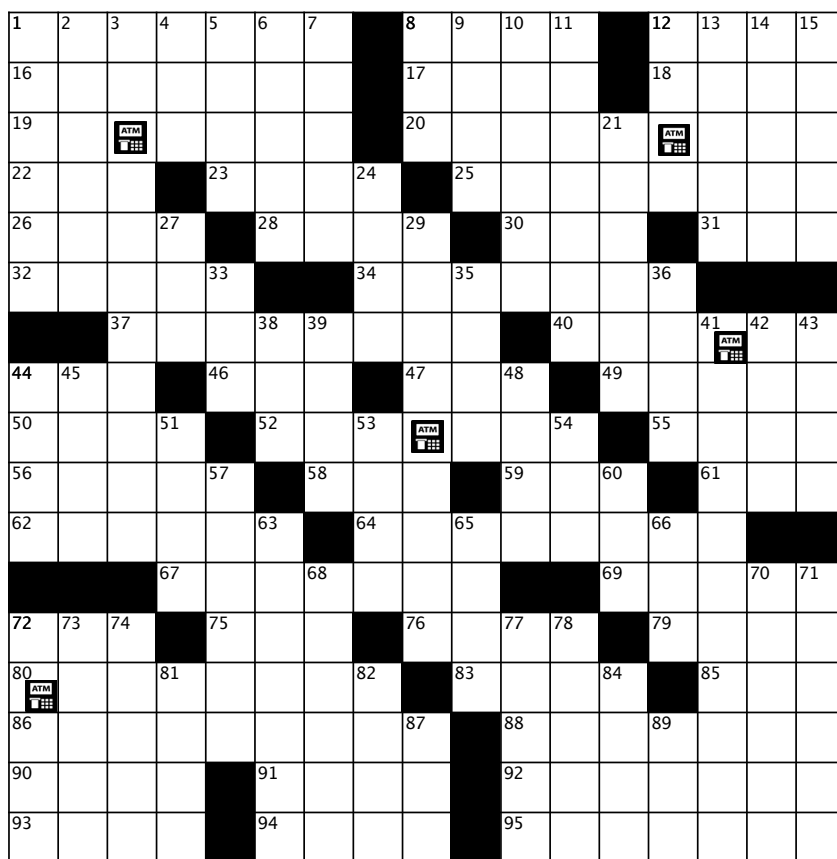
## ACROSS

- 1 Dolphins' group
- 8 \_\_\_ bag
- 12 October birthstone
- 16 Savory hybrid beverage brand
- 17 "O patria mia" singer
- 18 2018 film that earned Netflix its first Best Picture Oscar nomination
- 19 "Hungry Like the Wolf" synth-pop group (South Africa)
- 20 No big surprise (South Korea)
- 22 "Unravish'd bride of quietness," in a Keats poem
- 23 Like classes for toddlers, briefly
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- 26 Indie \_\_\_
- 28 Take scissors to, maybe
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- 37 What may mark the conclusion of a speech
- 40 Fizzy purple beverage (Mexico)
- 44 Diamond VIP
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- 49 Gujarati honorific
- 50 Fasten, in a way
- 52 Modern weapon that uses pulleys and cables to help fire arrows (United Kingdom)
- 55 Pre-law?
- 56 Echo voice
- 58 Badger or carp
- 59 Country star \_\_\_ Nas X
- 61 Underhanded
- 62 Legalese adverb
- 64 Play Candy Crush on the train platform, say

- 67 Enemies of old-timey gangsters
- 69 Rock legend Frank with the album "Sheik Yerbouti"
- 72 Where to get some "Fresh Air"
- 75 Largest labor union in the U.S., for short
- 76 \_\_\_ land
- 79 Pro
- 80 Title libertine of a 1787 Mozart opera (Vietnam)
- 83 Spill the beans
- 85 Small quantity?
- 86 Utmost
- 88 "Hallelujah!"
- 90 Straight tops or bottoms
- 91 "O patria mia," e.g.
- 92 Period between classes?
- 93 TV character described by Jon Stewart as "a fastidious, pigeon-worshiping felt tyrant"
- 94 Abrasive tool
- 95 "Perfect" singer Ed

## DOWN

- 1 Ventilation tube, briefly
- 2 Spate
- 3 Bright red spice (Japan)
- 4 Source of extra-large eggs
- 5 Lobbying org. that produces the web series "Date My Grandma"
- 6 Button on a controller
- 7 Office expense
- 8 Carbon dioxide, usually
- 9 Canyon vantage points
- 10 Makes a play, perhaps
- 11 One who's unlikely to assist
- 12 Everyday (Jordan)
- 13 Stands for speakers
- 14 Revise, as a previous statement
- 15 Key \_\_\_
- 21 What a complex person has
- 24 It's three before November
- 27 Bear's lair
- 29 Madonna hit extolling the virtues of worldly possessions (Iran)
- 33 Put two and two together, say
- 35 Tennis's Novak Djokovic, for one
- 36 Onetime Volvo competitor
- 38 Home shopping network that's not Home Shopping Network, for short
- 39 Thick Japanese noodle
- 41 Star athlete that a team is built around (Switzerland)
- 42 Herb used in tzatziki
- 43 With aplomb
- 44 The Beehive State
- 45 Like the dancers in "Magic Mike"
- 48 Deli purchase
- 51 Veep, e.g.
- 53 "I'm not here to \_\_\_ friends!" (reality TV trope)
- 54 Dorothy Parker, notably (and quotably)
- 57 Keyless
- 60 Phair of Lilith Fair
- 63 Where to find free spirits
- 65 Exam with a maximum score of 180: Abbr.
- 66 Orienteer's aid
- 68 Au Bon Pain alternative
- 70 Voice role for Seth Rogen in 2019's "The Lion King"
- 71 To the back of the liner
- 72 Site for research on brain function, for short (Germany)
- 73 Portion
- 74 Opportunity, for one (at least until last year ... now it's more of a sitter)
- 77 Pantyhose brand that's a homophone of what it covers
- 78 God, in Arabic
- 81 Part of many Girl Scout uniforms
- 82 Sister and wife of Osiris, in Egyptian myth
- 84 Easy run
- 87 Light touch
- 89 Celiac trigger





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- 2 Reading this
- 3 You should probably
- 4 Ask for large-print clues


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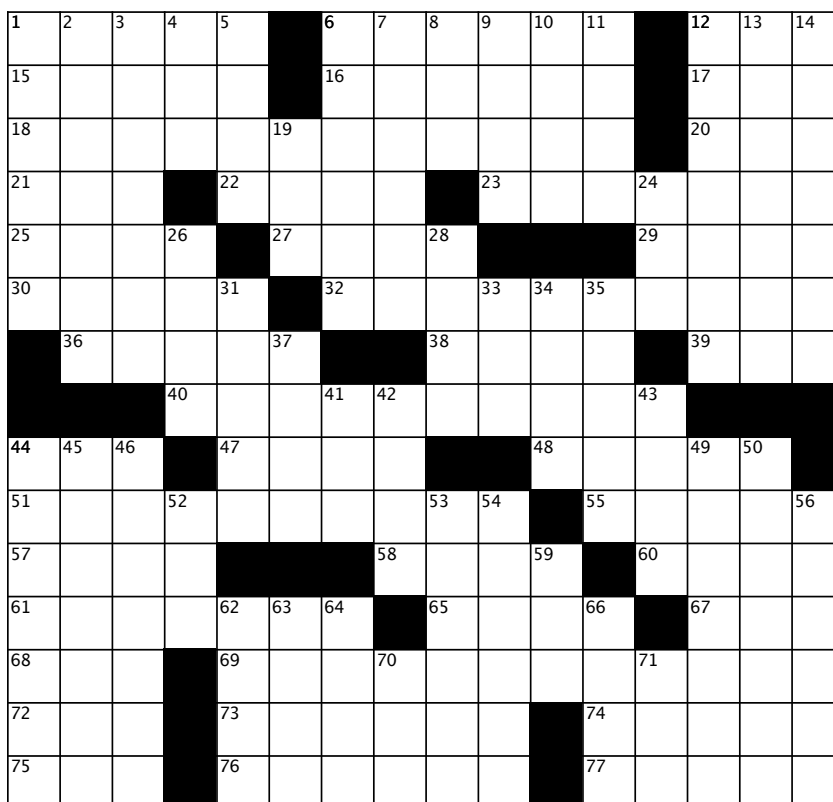
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- 41 Star athlete that a team is built around (Switzerland)
- 42 Herb used in tzatziki
- 43 With aplomb
- 44 The Beehive State
- 45 Like the dancers in "Magic Mike"
- 48 Deli purchase
- 51 Veep, e.g.
- 53 "I'm not here to \_\_\_ friends!" (reality TV trope)
- 54 Dorothy Parker, notably (and quotably)
- 57 Keyless
- 60 Phair of Lilith Fair
- 63 Where to find free spirits
- 65 Exam with a maximum score of 180: Abbr.
- 66 Orienteer's aid
- 68 Au Bon Pain alternative
- 70 Voice role for Seth Rogen in 2019's "The Lion King"
- 71 To the back of the liner
- 72 Site for research on brain function, for short (Germany)
- 73 Portion
- 74 Opportunity, for one (at least until last year ... now it's more of a sitter)
- 77 Pantyhose brand that's a homophone of what it covers
- 78 God, in Arabic
- 81 Part of many Girl Scout uniforms
- 82 Sister and wife of Osiris, in Egyptian myth
- 84 Easy run
- 87 Light touch
- 89 Celiac trigger

## ACROSS

- 1 Elusive fountain offering
- 6 Kane Brown hit with the lyric "I swear you're an angel"
- 12 "Hunger" org.
- 15 Eye's most cherished vision, metaphorically
- 16 Adjective from the Latin for "adorn"
- 17 1988 film that inspired 2019's "Little"
- 18 Weightlifter's affliction
- 20 Time that can be experienced backwards?
- 21 Combo key
- 22 Mined matter
- 23 Aretha title word that can also describe a musical note
- 25 Laundry mass
- 27 Supreme Court name
- 29 Laundry mass
- 30 House payments
- 32 Ordeal memento
- 36 Genius Bar types
- 38 Concert hall section
- 39 Where FDR was gov.
- 40 Rover's energy source
- 44 Sound of relaxation
- 47 Rough-hewn
- 48 Studio that made "Bao"
- 51 Mental lapses
- 55 Either of two eponymous chair persons
- 57 Part of AMPAS: Abbr.
- 58 Speak under duress
- 60 Auntie to Patrick Dennis
- 61 Deep-piped
- 65 One in a Simba-otic relationship
- 67 Ginormous amount
- 68 Give a leg up
- 69 They're in disguise at the ends of 18-, 32-, 40-, and 51-Across
- 72 Tony- and Olivier-winning director van Hove
- 73 It's all about you
- 74 What today's puzzles aim to do
- 75 Café opening?
- 76 Some are dry, some are magic
- 77 With all the wraps off

## DOWN

- 1 Japanese hog
- 2 Lavish
- 3 Like Buffalo vis-à-vis New York City
- 4 Letters of affection
- 5 Withstood scrutiny
- 6 Patio installation
- 7 Two for to and four for for, say
- 8 Palindromic protagonist of the *Fifty Shades* series
- 9 Futile
- 10 It's been active for at least 500,000 years
- 11 Matryoshka dolls do it
- 12 Like Barcelona or Braga
- 13 Yankees-Red Sox, for example
- 14 Enduring
- 19 It may be bent or lent
- 24 Checkout lines, for short
- 26 Iron pumper's pride
- 28 Lead-in to ://
- 31 Without any locks
- 33 What connects "it ain't over" and "it's over"
- 34 Cavort like Copeland
- 35 Bert and \_\_\_ Moon, "EastEnders" twins
- 37 Musician's marking
- 41 Palindromic programming language
- 42 Call makers
- 43 Makeup, say
- 44 Refrain
- 45 Destination for some emails
- 46 Bobs and fades
- 49 "The Original \_\_\_ Hour"
- 50 William Cowper's "fatal egg by pleasure laid"
- 52 Prefix for pod or bar
- 53 Some Christmas glitz
- 54 Very hot messes
- 56 Managed to pick up
- 59 Shine in the ad biz
- 62 Dispensers in some dispensaries
- 63 Tread lightly or badly
- 64 Name in security or higher education
- 66 \_\_\_ League
- 70 Half of a shutout's score line
- 71 Sprawl-and-brawl sport, for short



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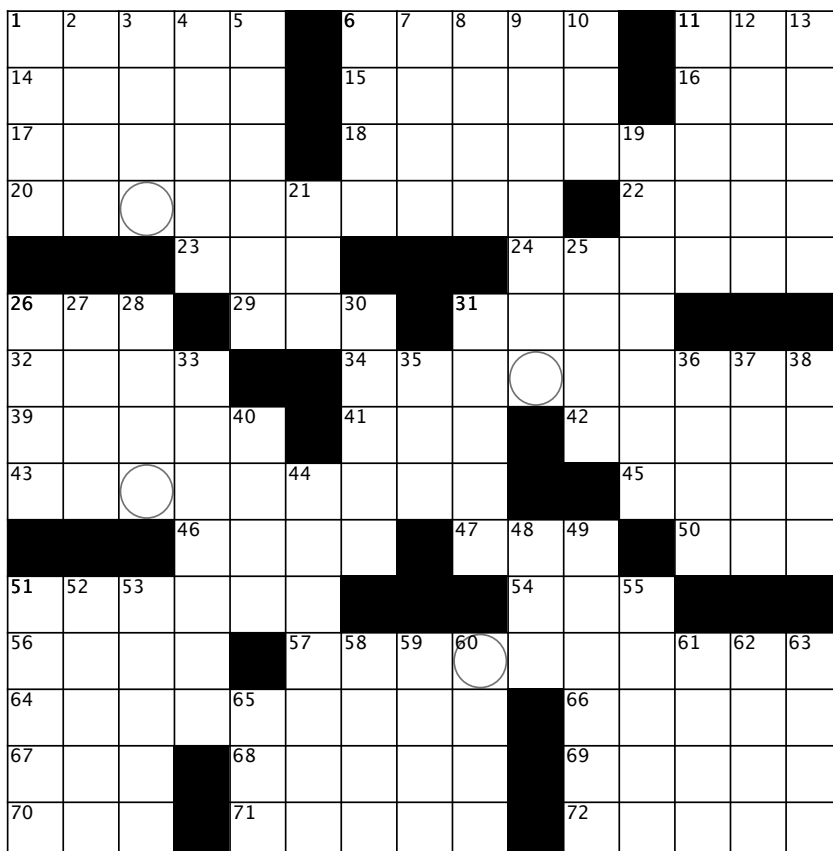
**ACROSS**

- 1 Elitists
- 6 One way to traverse a ballroom
- 11 Quarterback Newton
- 14 Quarterback whose name became synonymous with genuflecting
- 15 Previous to, in poetry
- 16 Slugger's stat
- 17 Pal, in Peru
- 18 Juking
- 20 Journey following a bulbous path?
- 22 Stood
- 23 Pie place?
- 24 Main act preceder
- 26 \_\_\_ up (absorb)
- 29 Affirmative vote
- 31 It's heard at a hearing
- 32 Be patient
- 34 Journey up the steps of Machu Picchu?
- 39 Per person
- 41 It's tapped at many a college party
- 42 "Us" director
- 43 Journey to old Myanmar?
- 45 Broccoli \_\_\_
- 46 Lots
- 47 ER personnel
- 50 "\_\_\_'s Labyrinth" (Guillermo del Toro film)
- 51 Team up, colloquially
- 54 Sounds of understanding
- 56 Off-Broadway analogue of a Tony
- 57 Journey with a skeleton crew (literally)?
- 64 Communications with large audiences
- 66 "... then again ..."
- 67 Caregiver en route to a hosp.
- 68 Worries
- 69 Radio dial
- 70 Ph.D. students, frequently
- 71 Resource
- 72 Descriptor for the circled letters

**DOWN**

- 1 Betelgeuse, for one

- 2 Pixar hero or Verne antihero
- 3 Article celebrating someone's life, for short
- 4 Phony
- 5 Posh
- 6 Drift, as an odor
- 7 Where travelers may come from
- 8 Trickster of Norse mythology
- 9 Libyan capital
- 10 State of meditative calm
- 11 Channel Sinatra
- 12 Exercise improperly
- 13 Bishop's headdress
- 19 Of more importance
- 21 Go from blonde to brunette, perhaps
- 25 Offender, in copspeak
- 26 Tool for collecting evidence, say
- 27 Location of Iolani Palace
- 28 Seaside attraction
- 30 Invite to enter
- 31 Cellphone precursor
- 33 Dishes sometimes wrapped in banana leaves
- 35 Journalist Koppel
- 36 Gather
- 37 Site of Napoleon's first exile
- 38 Acute
- 40 What experiments yield
- 44 Bonnie and Clyde were two
- 48 Mo. in which Day of the Dead ends
- 49 Photographer's sessions
- 51 One of Santa's nine
- 52 Bestselling author Michelle
- 53 Enumerates
- 55 It may be agave or chocolate
- 58 Works by Neruda or Keats
- 59 Evening, in adspeak
- 60 Sunrise direction
- 61 "Pitch Perfect" actress Kendrick
- 62 Suffix denoting an attendee
- 63 To be, on the Seine
- 65 Painter's deg.





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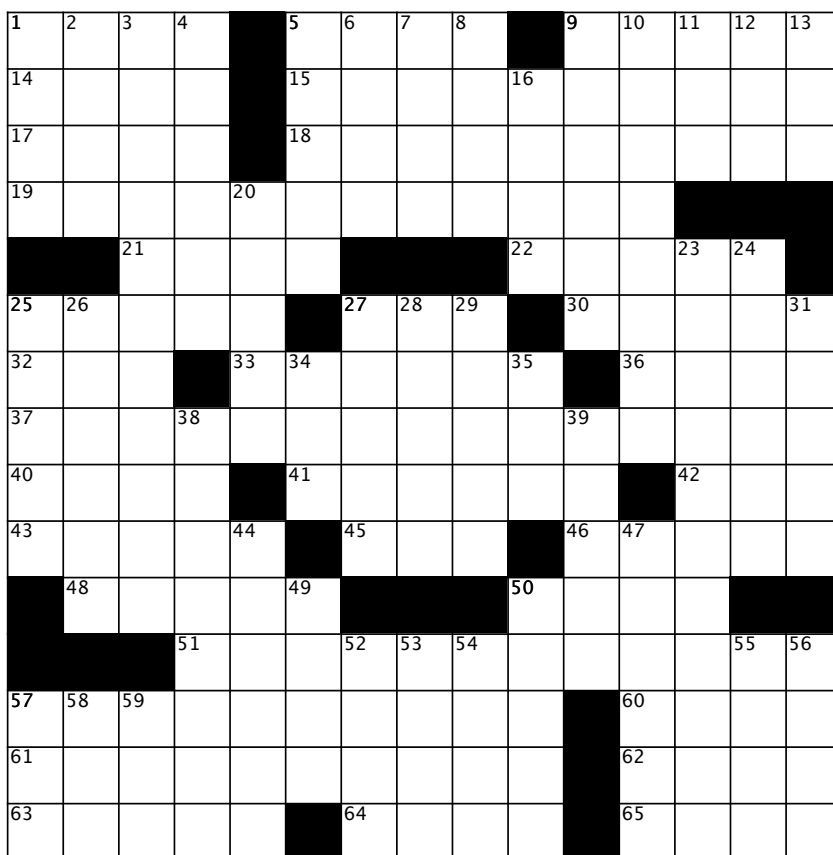
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- 1 Nice friends
- 5 Leave out
- 9 Open-eyed
- 14 Actress Rowlands
- 15 Opportunities for self-expression in grade school
- 17 Subject of the doc "Chasing Coral"
- 18 License revocation
- 19 Start of a phrase for tasks that are unpleasant but necessary
- 21 Largest First Nations group in Canada
- 22 Pack tightly
- 25 Once more
- 27 "I got it!"
- 30 Valleys
- 32 Bread roll, to some Brits
- 33 Talking points
- 36 Flawlessly
- 37 Subject of the doc "Behind the Curve"
- 40 "Sin City" star Jessica
- 41 Japanese robe
- 42 *Pommes frites* seasoning
- 43 Round items found at nurseries
- 45 Summer sign
- 46 When doubled, comforting words
- 48 Literary captain whose first four letters are a soccer star
- 50 Lowly laborer
- 51 Snap, crackle, and pop, e.g.
- 57 One with many Qs & As?
- 60 Macs open them in Preview
- 61 Frequent flier's feeling, perhaps
- 62 Young Simpson
- 63 Flat fee agreement?
- 64 Fire dept. employees
- 65 At the crest of

**DOWN**

- 1 Prefix with culture
- 2 Come across
- 3 Unavoidable
- 4 Swahili for "journey"
- 5 Classic song
- 6 Co-founder of the Sierra Club

- 7 Part of MIT
- 8 First chain to offer Greek frozen yogurt
- 9 Overseas
- 10 Twin, prenatally
- 11 Lumberjack's need
- 12 "The Masked Singer" panelist Jeong
- 13 Superlative suffix
- 16 Journey to Mecca
- 20 Al \_\_\_\_ (pasta request)
- 23 Comment after being shown up with a pickle jar
- 24 Closer
- 25 Rhyming nickname for a Britcom turned 2016 film
- 26 Big name in polling
- 27 Taxing month
- 28 What tapping the table means in blackjack
- 29 Sound often made by one of Snow White's friends
- 31 Dress up, say
- 34 Mighty tree
- 35 Penn, e.g., for short
- 38 Payers of paparazzi
- 39 Egyptian-derived term for someone who's "pro-black but anti-progress" (per The Root)
- 44 Mail recipient
- 47 Kerfuffle
- 49 Suffix with movie and party
- 50 Many coastal cities
- 52 Like a peacock but not a peahen
- 53 Grad
- 54 Event in many an anxiety dream
- 55 "In that case ..."
- 56 Pronto
- 57 Leatherworker's tool
- 58 Dubai's country, for short
- 59 Genetic material



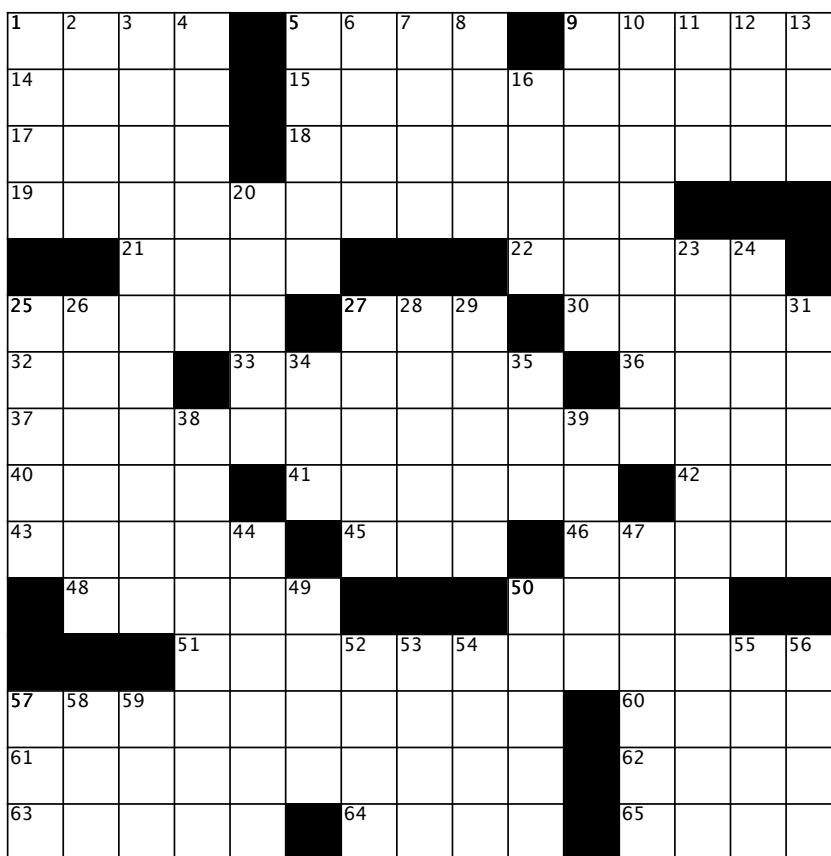
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- 1 French connections
- 5 Drop
- 9 Up
- 14 Actress Rowlands
- 15 They might feature Superman or My Little Pony
- 17 Wet bar
- 18 Loss in court?
- 19 Start of a bullet-biting phrase
- 21 First Nations group
- 22 Pack at the last minute, say
- 25 Over
- 27 \_\_\_ moment
- 30 Low areas
- 32 Boom \_\_\_ (alliterative music style)
- 33 Subjects
- 36 Just right
- 37 Unconventional way to see the world
- 40 Jessica of "Spy Kids 4-D"
- 41 Clothing with an obi
- 42 *Poivre* go-with
- 43 They might suffer from burnout
- 45 Barack Obama, for one
- 46 With 46-Across, comforting words
- 48 Literary captain
- 50 Head's antithesis
- 51 "Boo hiss!," e.g.
- 57 One with many Qs & As
- 60 Some attachments
- 61 Rover's driver
- 62 "Homer and \_\_\_ Exchange Cross Words" (2008 TV episode)
- 63 Not buy
- 64 They wear the Star of Life, for short
- 65 Resting on

**DOWN**

- 1 Cultural opening
- 2 It might be conducted with a baton
- 3 Certain
- 4 Picture day overseas

- 5 Something golden
- 6 He appears on California's state quarter
- 7 CIA part
- 8 Dessert chain
- 9 Study \_\_\_
- 10 Twin
- 11 Item thrown at some bars
- 12 Earring Magic \_\_\_ (gay icon)
- 13 Winter hrs. in D.C.
- 16 Pilgrimage
- 20 Italian for "tooth"
- 23 Comment after being shown up with a pickle jar
- 24 More proximate
- 25 Number 17 on the BFI's "100 Greatest British Television Programmes" list
- 26 Group gleanings leanings
- 27 4-
- 28 Request for more at the table?
- 29 Blessed sound
- 31 Bob, for one
- 34 Cask wood
- 35 Union, e.g., for short
- 38 Rags with a lot of dirt
- 39 Egyptian-derived term for someone who's "pro-black but anti-progress" (per The Root)
- 44 Receiver
- 47 Fuss
- 49 Suffix with movie
- 50 Some wines and cities
- 52 Like a buck
- 53 One of many new ones each spring
- 54 Try
- 55 Hypothetical words
- 56 Chop-chop
- 57 Hole puncher
- 58 Region a.k.a. al-Imarat
- 59 Stranded carrier



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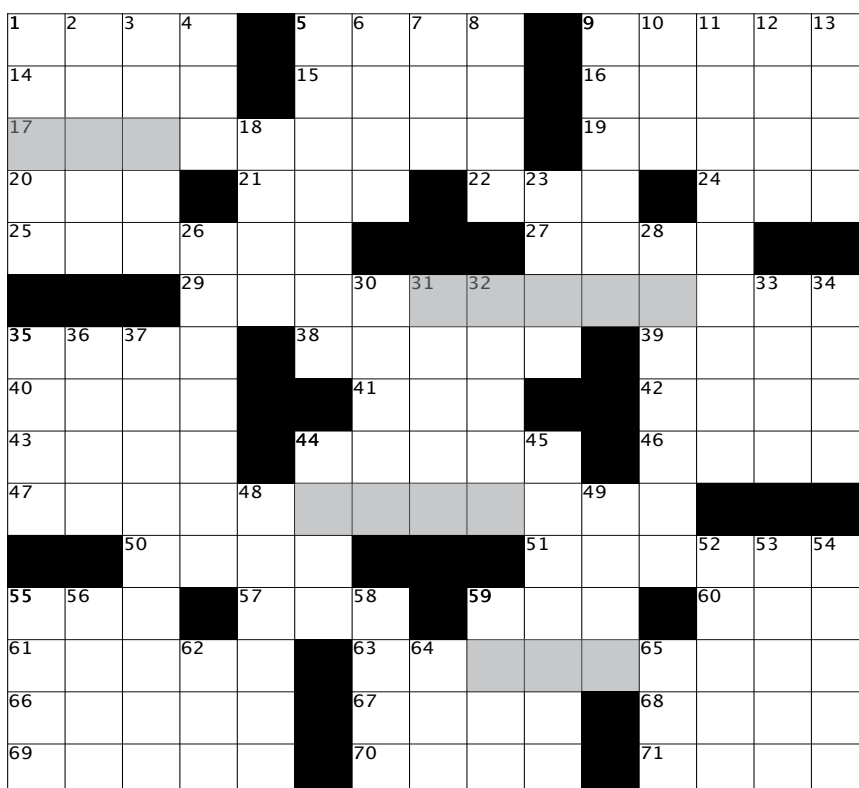
- 1 Pie alternative
- 5 "Survivor" vehicle
- 9 Foil alternative
- 14 Lengthy stretches
- 15 Butter-like substance
- 16 Piers Paul Read book subtitled *The Story of the Andes Survivors*
- 17 Host city of the 2010 Winter Olympics ... and how you might get there
- 19 Counterfeited
- 20 Info on an airport monitor
- 21 Genetic material
- 22 Cable guide initialism
- 24 "Where's My Refund?" agency
- 25 Didn't approve
- 27 Monopoly token replaced with a cat in 2013
- 29 Washington peak ... and how you might get there
- 35 Hill creatures
- 38 Cuts away
- 39 Off
- 40 NYC neighborhood that becomes another one when the first letter is changed to "S"
- 41 One of two in a double play
- 42 Cautionary \_\_\_\_
- 43 Walkie-talkie word
- 44 Prenatal procedure, briefly
- 46 Former lovers
- 47 Capital that's home to Uhuru Park ... and how you might get there
- 50 "The Big Board"
- 51 More spooky
- 55 Subway resident
- 57 Group meeting in the school cafeteria at night, maybe
- 59 Place to get a pedi
- 60 Org. with Magic and Wizards
- 61 See-through
- 63 City that's home to Florida Atlantic University ... and how you might get there
- 66 \_\_\_\_ code
- 67 Blow one's own horn
- 68 Egg on
- 69 '80s TV's "\_\_\_\_ Brewster"

70 Trouble spots?

71 *The \_\_\_\_ Little Puppy*

## DOWN

- 1 Went spelunking
- 2 Stone that's often banded
- 3 "SNL" stalwart Thompson
- 4 F1 neighbor
- 5 Cowboy's gathering
- 6 Thomas Edison's middle name
- 7 Money exchanged for a service
- 8 Civil injustice
- 9 Web browser with a travel-related name
- 10 Neighbor of Miss. and Ga.
- 11 Depilatory procedure
- 12 At any time
- 13 Cincinnati sluggers
- 18 Twistable cookie
- 23 Confirmation \_\_\_\_
- 26 "You have my condolences"
- 28 Having huge success
- 30 *The Beauty Myth* author Wolf
- 31 Elephant's proboscis
- 32 Fix, as a loose lace
- 33 \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner
- 34 Bakery buys
- 35 Soon, in poetry
- 36 PBS series since 1974
- 37 2015 Robert De Niro/Anne Hathaway comedy set at a Brooklyn fashion start-up
- 44 Help out around a crime scene
- 45 Ideal résumé length, often
- 48 Falcon relative
- 49 Twelve-month period
- 52 Opening sequence
- 53 Nook read
- 54 Stan's dad on "South Park"
- 55 Force that hardly uses horses anymore, despite its name: Abbr.
- 56 Moisés with 332 homers
- 58 "When All Is Said and Done" quartet, 1981
- 59 Many a PDF
- 62 Pose
- 64 D&D baddie
- 65 Smartphone program

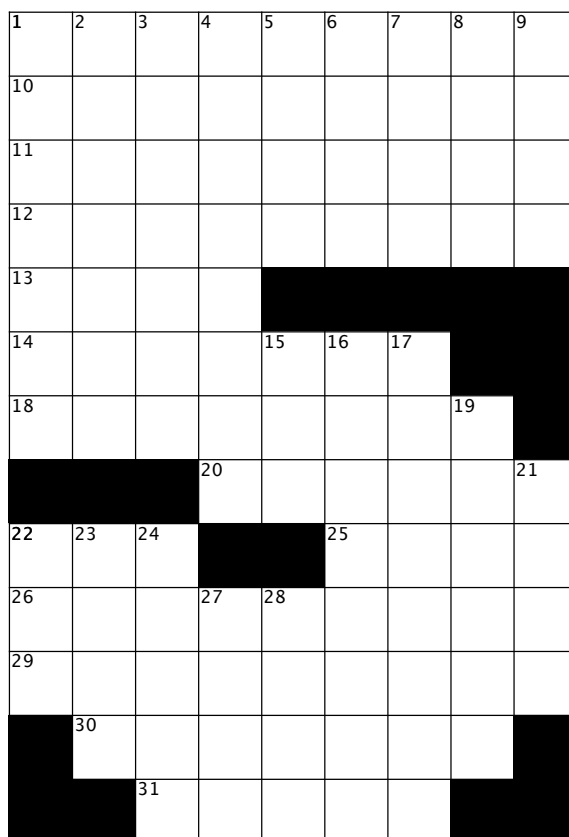


## ACROSS

- 1** Share the fare with travel companions
- 10** *Impatient question ...*
- 11** New Mexico's "Atomic City"
- 12** Making up
- 13** Hand, so to speak
- 14** Agreeable response to a personal suggestion
- 18** Savory Irish pastry made with beer
- 20** Touches third base in advance of scoring
- 22** Manager's deg., maybe
- 25** Tourist destination in Uttar Pradesh
- 26** Microwave device
- 29** Hotel bars?
- 30** Leaves from a club
- 31** ... *and its answer*

## DOWN

- 1** Charcuterie choices
- 2** Unicellular organism that sounds like a demonstration
- 3** Largest enclaved country
- 4** "No more of this for me"
- 5** Prompter beginning?
- 6** Driver on set
- 7** Attend
- 8** Unnamed, for short
- 9** A word in awards
- 15** SLC school, on scoreboards
- 16** Sporting event where people drive all over the world?
- 17** Ignominy
- 19** Cologne container?
- 21** Pots' potners
- 22** ["Great pumpkin!"]
- 23** Get outta here
- 24** '70s veep Spiro
- 27** Late PM, commercially
- 28** \_\_\_\_ *noche*



## Puzzle 1

H	A	S		C	A	L	L	U	S		S	I	D	E
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## Puzzle 2

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## Puzzle 3

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## Puzzle 4

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- 1 = RAND / YEN  
 2 = WON / DINAR  
 3 = PESO / FRANC  
 4 = POUND / RIAL  
 5 = DONG / EURO

## Puzzle 5

S	N	O	B	S		W	A	L	T	Z		C	A	M
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## Puzzle 6

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## Warmup

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C	L	E	A	R		B	O	C	A	R	A	T	O	N
M	O	R	S	E		B	R	A	G		P	R	O	D
P	U	N	K	Y		A	C	N	E		P	O	K	Y

## Tie-Breaker

S	P	L	I	T	A	C	A	B						
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				T	A	G	S	U	P					
M	B	A				A	G	R	A					
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M	I	N	I	S	O	A	P	S						
	L	E	T	T	U	C	E							
		W	E	A	R	E								