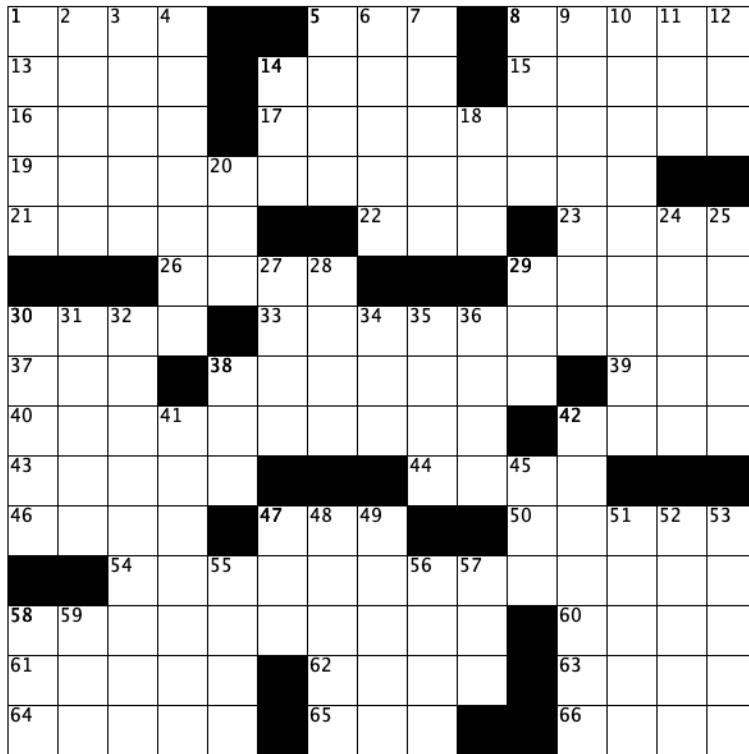


ACROSS

1. Can be the cost of running late
5. Popular chicken spot, in brief
8. A gambler's best work?
13. Subject to high inflation in Yemen over recent years
14. Examination that's easier said than done
15. Side
16. Frozen snack with a 50-year-old rhyming catchphrase
17. What the sun does in a holiday tune
19. *Phrase popularized by a fictional sleuth, but first recorded in a famous Shakespearean monologue
21. Runs back?
22. Age
23. Check out, slangily
26. Results you might see when dividing ints by 0
29. Singer of country music standard "Mama Tried"
30. Famously presented by Smokey and Woodsy
33. Judicial mandate ... or a hint to a sequence found in the starred clues
37. Protein in an Unagi Roll
38. What a fool seldom does, in the lesser-spoken ending of an idiom
39. "And for my final"
40. *Not apt to change
42. Vikings wore horned helmets, for instance
43. Symbol of resistance
44. Fried veggie on a plate of soul food
46. Class of medication that treats psychiatric conditions
47. League whose last champion was the Chiefs

**50. Bouquet**

54. *How to describe two teams in a pick 'em contest

58. Messi and Maradona, for two

60. Cooler variety of time

61. The kind of face that makes you turn back around

62. Half of a matchup between the Sun Devils and the Wolfpack

63. More often than naught

64. Amounts of smoke

65. Lil Wayne's six "___ Carter" albums

66. Ware to wear your hair bare

6. 50/50 guess on a test

7. Where people are joined

8. Man of "Colt 45"

9. Flukey way to get a base hit

10. Occasion on which you might enjoy a 23-Across

11. Aired an explosive French Open final for the first time ever in 2025

12. Ambitious limit

14. Sound of meditation

18. Org. for soon-to-be planters

20. Sister to Tommy Shelby in Peaky Blinders

24. Go for

25. Australian city closer to Antarctica than Cairns

27. Program that spawned some crime syndicates?

28. Lenient way to go

29. ___ Eisley

30. Tequila compensation

31. "So it ___"

32. Ziggy Stardust and Sasha Fierce

34. It leaves space

35. Where Cash kills

36. Footslog

38. Chains of information

41. "That's all for me"

42. Indefinite timeframe after the 28th (or sometimes 29th)

45. Informant

47. The bullet will cause serious pain

48. Used with steel in the best selling video game ever

49. Either Rocky or Ross of band The Driver Era

51. Meaning family, as pointed out in a recently remade Disney film

52. Nice way of showing appreciation

53. Can put 2 and 2 together

55. Trees that might speak to you?

56. Feature with a flat-top

57. Half of a matchup between the Sun Devils and the Wolfpack

58. "That's adorable!"

59. One sent back home

DOWN

1. Presses into

2. Number of seasons "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" ran, ironically

3. Champing at the bit

4. They might instruct you to "think different" or "just do it"

5. Largest of Canada's First Nations