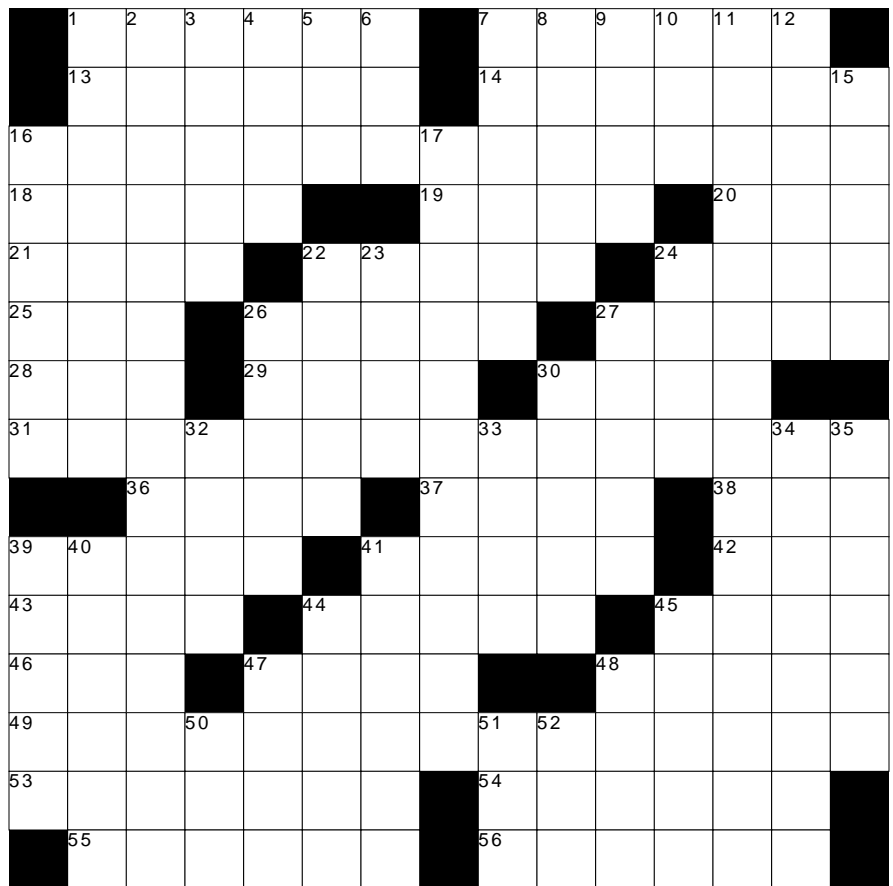


Across

- 1 Argue oratorically
- 7 First Amazon Studios film (a Spike Lee Joint)
- 13 Many Elm City Social diners
- 14 Yield
- 16 Kicks back, as boxes
- 18 Doesn't work
- 19 Mouthed motivators
- 20 Official UN agreement
- 21 Capital consonants resembling two vowels
- 22 Where rock bands hang out
- 24 Taekwondo weapon
- 25 Bourbon flavoring
- 26 Multination org. named for its first five members (its '23 summit included da Silva, Lavrov, Modi, Xi, and the ANC leader)



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- 27 Possible response to "Don't know"
- 28 Informal flip-flop
- 29 Rooter's cry
- 30 Word from Old Norse for "chieftain"
- 31 PVC product
- 36 Bar __
- 37 Water repellent of a sort
- 38 Take a dip
- 39 Gets caught
- 41 Smallest-weight whitefish
- 42 Followers of ST on TV
- 43 1-Across group
- 44 Forged
- 45 FHA or PTA concerns
- 46 NCAA's NYer Engineers
- 47 Tulipan o lavanda

- 48 O'Keeffe attended her first New York exhibition (1938)
- 49 "Old Ironsides" is the Army's oldest
- 53 "Permission granted"
- 54 Arty parties
- 55 Spotted, not in a nice way
- 56 Holders of a ring's gem

Down

- 1 Locks you can pick?
- 2 Graze, say
- 3 King's claim to musical fame
- 4 Evidence of egotism
- 5 Mark of perfection
- 6 Tall character in Son of Godzilla
- 7 Dalmatians, for instance
- 8 Binary term

- 9 "Publisher of Cheap and Popular Pictures" principal
- 10 Ben Solo alias
- 11 "Finally..."
- 12 Becomes a waiter, with "up"
- 15 Whom the Senecas absorbed (c. 1750)
- 16 Forcibly remove
- 17 Relevant achievements
- 22 "Taking __ cherry from the wall": Jane Eyre
- 23 Nome comune italiana
- 24 Name on the cover of Cat's Cradle
- 26 Warship personnel
- 27 Not open to all
- 30 Accredited messenger
- 32 Reindeer cookies accompaniments

- 33 Tangibly realize
- 34 Candide's mentor
- 35 Pushes
- 39 Gaunt person
- 40 "Sure"
- 41 Not well done
- 44 Kilt feature
- 45 Foundation specialist
- 47 Be uneasy
- 48 NATO alphabet measure
- 50 Expression of amusement
- 51 What a surfer needs, in brief
- 52 Spelled differently, in brief