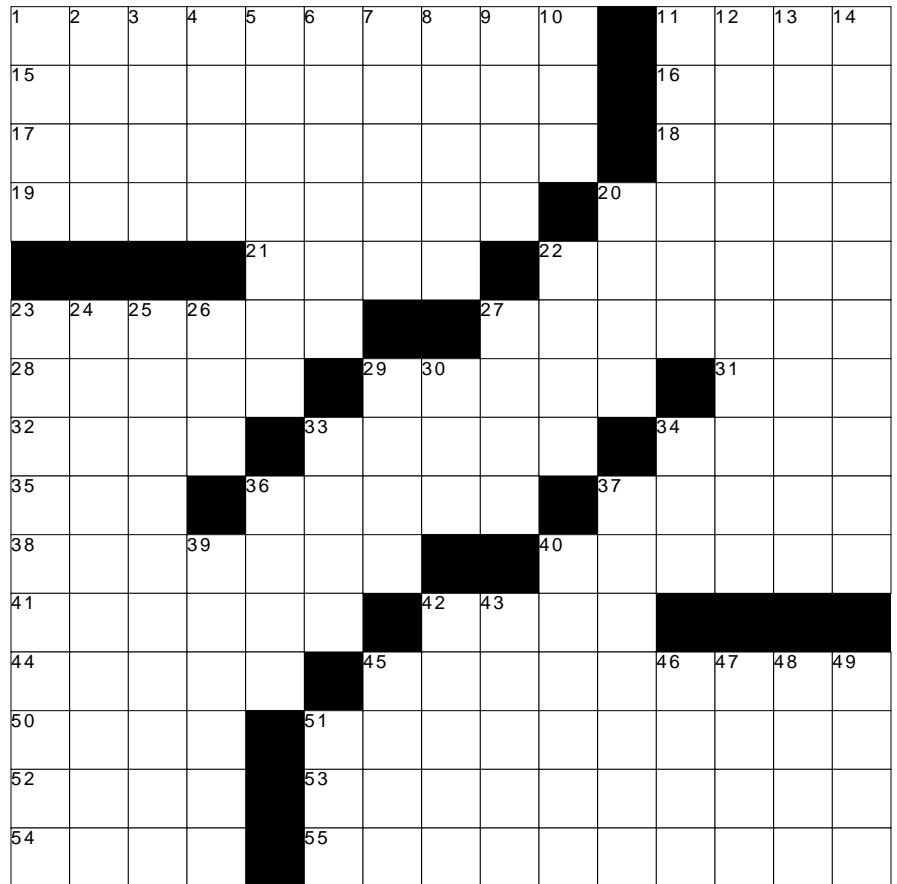


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Across

- 1 Attack
- 11 First of a certain 26
- 15 "That's a surprise!"
- 16 Deal breaker
- 17 Karl Benz's first car (1885)
- 18 Green snapper
- 19 Tends to
- 20 Self-reproach
- 21 Almost
- 22 All Nancy Drew book authors
- 23 Underground flow
- 27 C to F and F to B
- 28 18-Across shade
- 29 Medical show prop
- 31 "...love but \_\_\_ forever": Burns
- 32 Wing bone
- 33 Sacher Torte topper
- 34 Plato disliked his philosophy
- 35 \_\_ game
- 36 Be hard on the ears
- 37 Tonga is its closest nation
- 38 Cabbage + onions + jalapenos...
- 40 Map table
- 41 "Softest-soft Whitest-white" sloganeer
- 42 Contraction missing its middle
- 44 Turned over
- 45 Sat in a stand
- 50 Muffin morsel
- 51 Singer name-checked in Darin's "Mack the Knife"
- 52 Even-\_\_\_ (of similar height in a forest)
- 53 Mega Stuf snack
- 54 Chariot racer in the 67 Olympics
- 55 All I Did Was Ask memoirist/broadcaster



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Down

- 1 Desires (to) winner in 2007
- 2 Baby \_\_\_ 23 The Nile runs through it
- 3 Be more than enough for 24 Juno star, per Wikipedia
- 4 Snowless flurries 25 Spirit-raising pro
- 5 Close enough to reach 26 She's absorbed by extravagance
- 6 Investment ad adjective 27 Confound
- 7 Boxster competitor 29 Fight like heck
- 8 Boundary improver 30 Top with a crown
- 9 "\_\_\_ was flattery lost on poet's ear": Scott 33 Only quadruple career Grand Slam champ
- 10 Author with half-sisters in China 34 Secondary swerve
- 11 Keep in place 36 Be more than enough for
- 12 '65 Oscar score song played by a balalaika band 37 Paper to plot pathogen progression, perhaps
- 13 Into the future 39 Fastskin swimsuit maker
- 14 Vehicular feeder 40 These days
- 20 Unenterable 42 What to pay with
- 22 Peace Prize and Primetime Emmy the Park Smarter app
- 43 Cooper's Rise and Fall of an American Fortune (2023)
- 45 Shredded, say
- 46 Bertrand Russell's "parent of cruelty"
- 47 Pre-\_\_\_-European languages
- 48 Regarding things
- 49 Soft drink named for its parental partner
- 51 Kit and caboodle