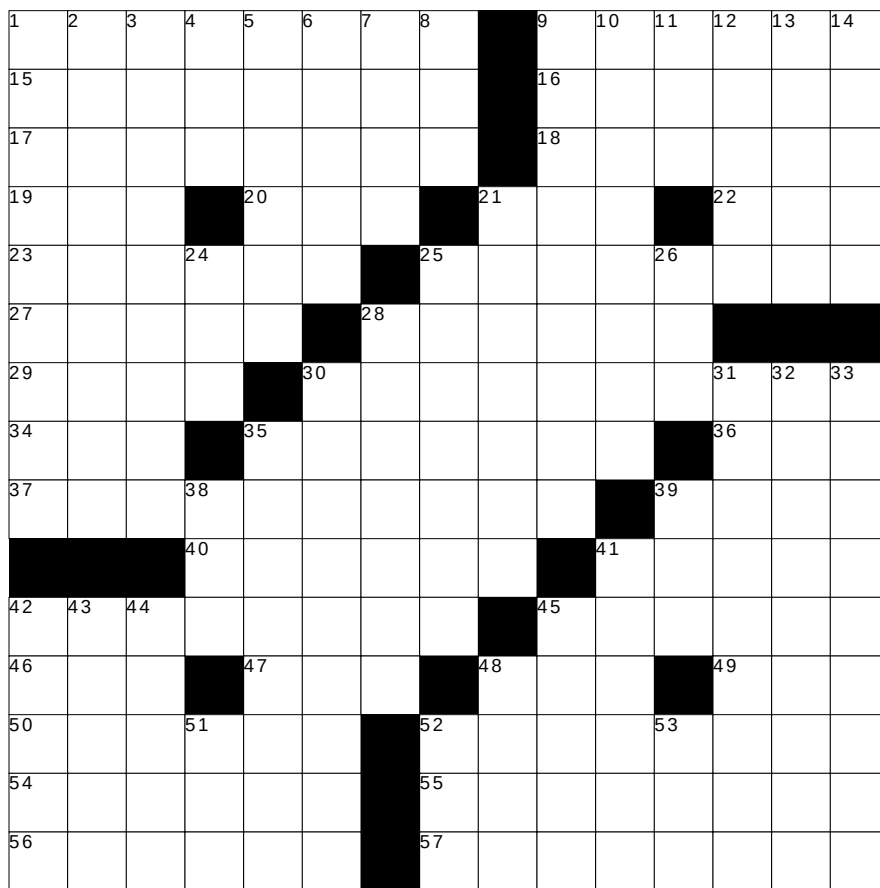


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Across

- 1 Where tiles may be put down
 9 Comey successor as FBI director
 15 Grease principal portrayer
 16 Searches or schmoes
 17 Mattress support
 18 Last of the Oldsmobiles
 19 Malaprop, for one
 20 Legal ___
 21 Article in El Mundo
 22 Outdoor elevator
 23 Very sharp
 25 Hill diggers for dinner
 27 Simulations
 28 Informal forecast
 29 Conversation stopper
 30 Already addressed
 34 "Reward us, ___ we think or write!": Carroll
 35 Disneyland ride since Opening Day
 36 Long shots, briefly
 37 Destination for relaxation
 39 First with transatlantic jet service (1958)
 40 Washed-out
 41 Monarca britanico
 42 Savory pork product
 45 Cuba's first vice president (1976-2008)
 46 Beeginning?
 47 Nativity scene staple
 48 Pine product
 49 Exciting, these days
 50 It's NW of Virginia City
 52 Have a great fall
 54 Aerial self-portrait
 55 Potter title partner
 56 Ecclesiastical



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- councils
 57 They make wake-up calls

Down

- 1 One with site might
 2 Compromise yourself, perhaps
 3 Ballotpedia.com depictions
 4 Very small portion
 5 Barley minus hulls
 6 Aesop fable conclusion
 7 Insignificant
 8 What a halo hasn't
 9 Western novel (1918) highly praised by Mencken
 10 Sicily's closest neighbor
 11 "Waltz for Eva and ___"
 12 It extends down to the abdomen

- 13 Loud fan
 14 Pair of sixes
 21 Live in the '50s and '60s
 24 "Quentin's muse"
 25 Oregon's oldest city
 26 Urban FD division
 28 All
 30 Vegan Thanksgiving entrees
 31 It borders Pennsylvania
 32 Where beluga sturgeon spawn
 33 Segway Ninebots, e.g.
 35 Tick or mite
 38 Mani gel brand
 39 What MIT doesn't confer
 41 Soft touch
 42 They're in your hand
 43 Silly business

- 44 Blame for
 45 First graphing calculator (1980s)
 48 Leaf blower brand
 51 PEACE is POWER artist at the Nobel Peace Center
 52 BBC news broadcaster
 53 Very small portion