

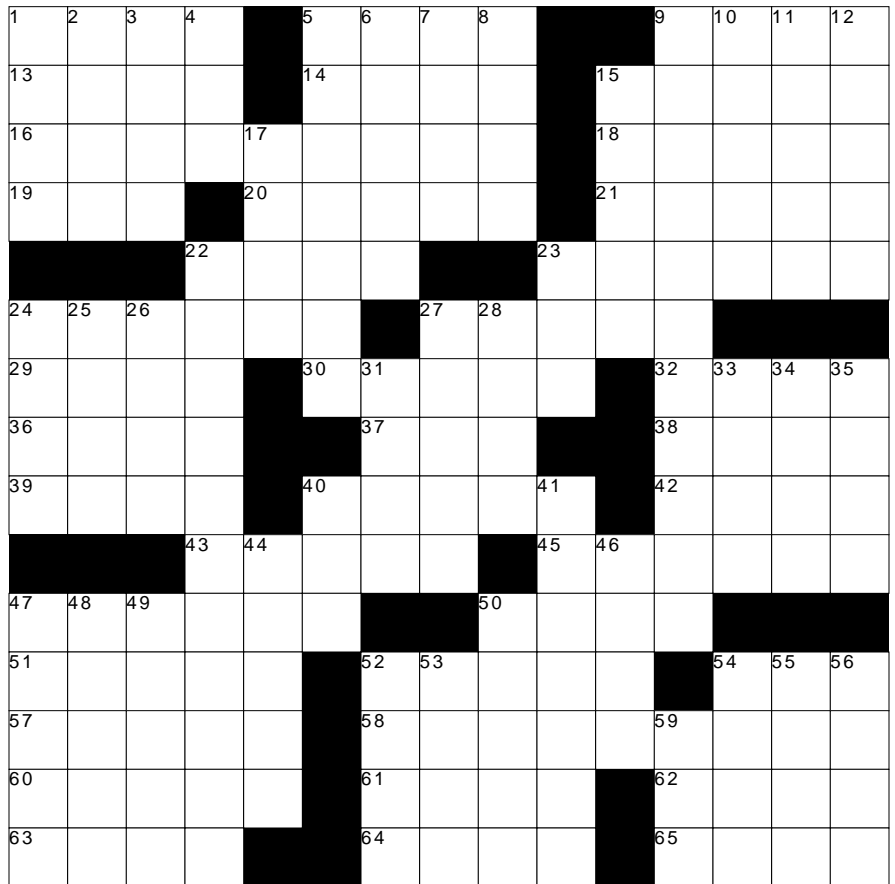
**12/23/25 GETTING BETTER** Guilherme Gilioli, edited by Stanley Newman

**Across**

- 1 Biblical ark builder
- 5 Apex
- 9 Is the right size for
- 13 Ready, willing and
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- 14 Thick carpet
- 15 Pesto sauce herb
- 16 Expression of sympathy for a pet
- 18 Supermarket path
- 19 Full collection
- 20 Roof overhangs
- 21 Cruel person
- 22 Chess or checkers
- 23 Least possible
- 24 In one's house
- 27 Belittle
- 29 "Scat!"
- 30 Acted boldly
- 32 "That's too bad!"
- 36 Await approval
- 37 Brooks or Gibson of films
- 38 "Tall" story
- 39 Appear to be
- 40 Handed out cards
- 42 Stay out of sight
- 43 Unwraps
- 45 Dramas with sopranos
- 47 Church steeples
- 50 "Attendee" suffix for party
- 51 Tube-shaped pasta
- 52 Shoe bottoms
- 54 Corn on the —
- 57 No later than
- 58 Very large dog
- 60 Daybreaks
- 61 Change for a \$20 bill
- 62 Ancient Peruvian
- 63 Walk through mud
- 64 PlayStation maker
- 65 Computer whiz

**Down**

- 1 Short snoozes
- 2 Woodwind instrument
- 3 Tons (of)
- 4 She/\_\_\_ (pronoun pair)
- 5 Feeling very regretful
- 6 Sour-cream dip flavoring
- 7 Lion's hair
- 8 "Scrambled" breakfast
- 9 Sunny forecast
- 10 Magazine edition
- 11 Leans a little
- 12 Frozen rain
- 15 \_\_\_ in the woods (innocent ones)
- 17 Sports squad
- 22 Early-day greeting
- 23 Passing craze
- 24 Egyptian snakes
- 25 "My country, 'tis of —"
- 26 Sharpen, as a skill
- 27 Zones
- 28 Boxing round signal
- 31 Prayer conclusion



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- 33 Animal's hideout
- 34 Alan of M\*A\*S\*H
- 35 Gets a look at
- 40 \_\_\_ Moines, IA
- 41 Overly unchallenging
- 44 Removes the rind from
- 46 Bothersome person
- 47 Potatoes, informally
- 48 Of punishment
- 49 Break \_\_\_ (split)
- 50 Actress Close
- 52 Cpls.' superiors
- 53 Three-layer cookie
- 54 Christmas candy shape
- 55 Just a single time
- 56 Parakeet's nose
- 59 Use a shovel