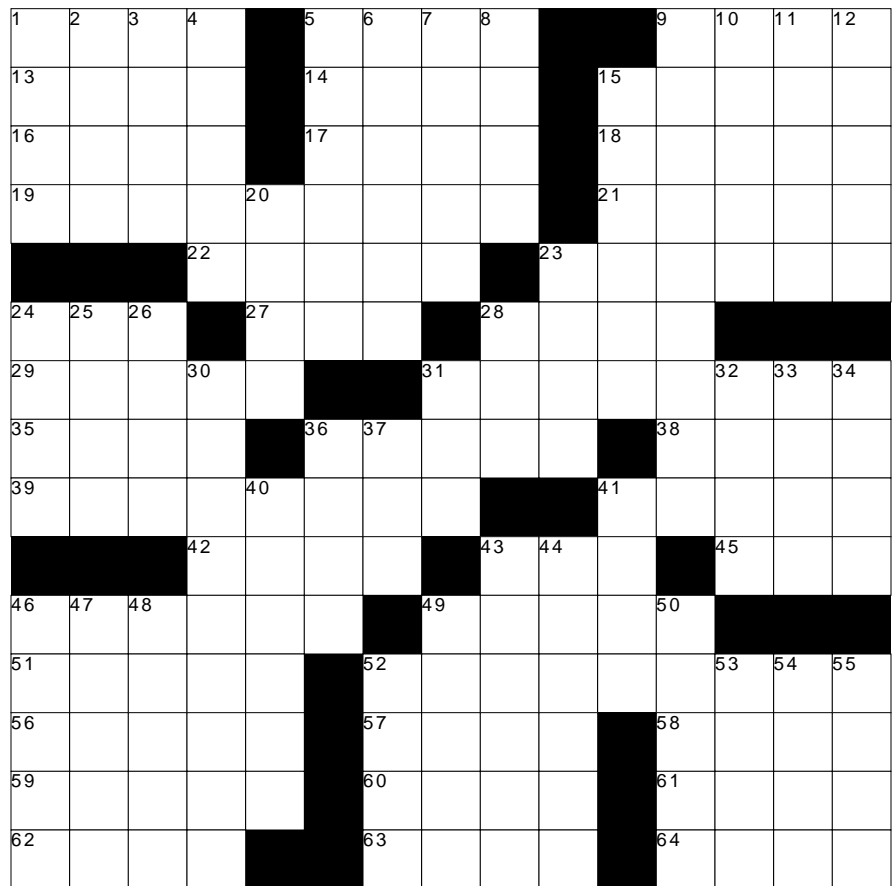


**12/3/24 STARTING OFF** Billie Truitt, edited by Stanley Newman

**Across**

- 1 Do laps in the pool
- 5 "Single" prefix for rail
- 9 Performs in a film
- 13 Treaty
- 14 "\_\_ your pardon?"
- 15 Unusual knickknack
- 16 Ship's staff
- 17 Emblem "of approval"
- 18 Central Florida city
- 19 "\_\_ off!" ("The horserace has begun!")
- 21 Say out loud
- 22 Agricultural enterprises
- 23 Gripper in a toolbox
- 24 "Delicious!"
- 27 Sandwich bread
- 28 Start all over with
- 29 Early afternoon hr.
- 31 Any for-profit venture
- 35 Wise mentor



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- 3 Topped with frosting
- 4 Workweek calendar headings
- 5 Great distress
- 6 "Do as I say!"
- 7 Closes in on
- 8 Stare at
- 9 \_\_ off (sold to the highest bidder)
- 10 Wooden shipping box
- 11 Ceramic flooring installer
- 12 Flies like an eagle
- 15 "Will you let me?"
- 20 Do damage to
- 23 Nuisance
- 24 Spiritual exercise
- 25 E pluribus \_\_
- 26 Insignificant
- 28 Compete in a marathon
- 30 \_\_ off (procrastinating)
- 31 "On the other hand..."
- 32 At any time
- 33 Grain storage tower
- 34 Snowy day vehicle
- 36 Ancient legend
- 37 Sch. in Columbus
- 40 Prepared to cook, as corn
- 41 Watery blue hue
- 43 Spy's passport, more than likely
- 44 Makes \_\_ (atones)
- 46 F sharp alias
- 47 Tylenol alternative
- 48 Gas checked for in homes
- 49 Tokyo's land
- 50 Location
- 52 Ripped (apart)
- 53 Spoken aloud
- 54 Two-band radio switch
- 55 Salon colorings

**Down**

- 1 Pet welfare org.
- 2 Advise caution to