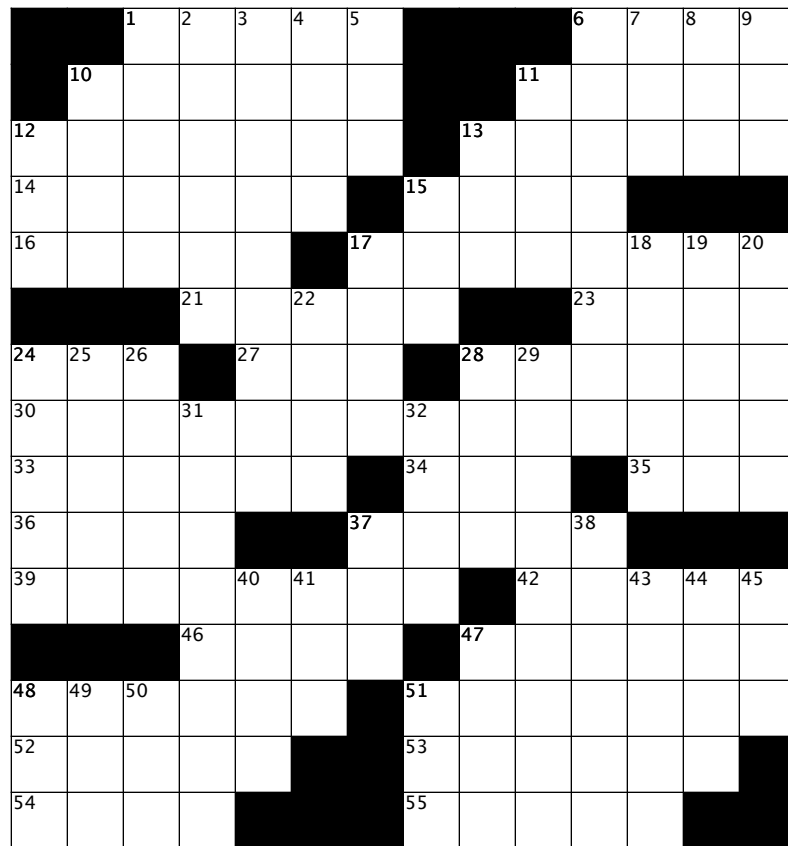


Fighting Words

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ACROSS

1. Adjust after a time change
6. "Now!," on an order
10. Vietnamese sandwich
11. Cathedral feature
12. '60s music invasion country (1940, WWII)
13. Labor activist Dolores
14. For adults only
15. "That's a good point"
16. Backward-looking, in fashion
17. ___ -on-Hudson, N.Y. (1066, Norman Conquest)
21. Say "*&%@#!"
23. Boo Boo, e.g.
24. "I've got the rap patrol on the ___ patrol" ("99 Problems" lyric)
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48. Having a chill time, in modern parlance
51. See 30-Across
52. John who sings "Angel From Montgomery"
53. Petrol measures
54. Crooned
55. "Let's do this!"

DOWN

1. "Something to Talk About" singer Bonnie
2. Goes from the wings to the stage
3. Block on social media, unknowingly to the user
4. "Commander," in Arabic
5. Only three-letter element
6. Preprandial drink
7. Letter opener?
8. "Either plagiarism or revolution," per Paul Gauguin

9. "Once Upon a Mattress" prop
10. Hill, in Scotland
11. It can be pressed, in more ways than one
12. "It's freezing!"
13. Suffers from
15. "___ out!"
17. Male deer
18. "The Prince of Tides" star Nick
19. Artificial being of Jewish folklore
20. Express derision
22. Puts away dishes?
24. Engage in mudslinging
25. Inner personality, to Jung
26. Guiding doctrine
28. Dracula portrayer Lugosi
29. Galoshes, basically
31. "Stand By Me" singer

32. Actor Jared of "Suicide Squad"
37. "The ___ of Man" (Magritte painting)
38. Set of software components packaged for release, briefly
40. Philosopher Descartes
41. Drumstick, essentially
43. Leonard who wrote "Hallelujah"
44. 12/24 and 12/31
45. ___ lo tanto (therefore, in Spain)
47. Pull some strings?
48. Al Gore and Dan Quayle, once: Abbr.
49. "Embraceable You" lyricist Gershwin
50. Storage place
51. "Rumble in the Jungle" victor