

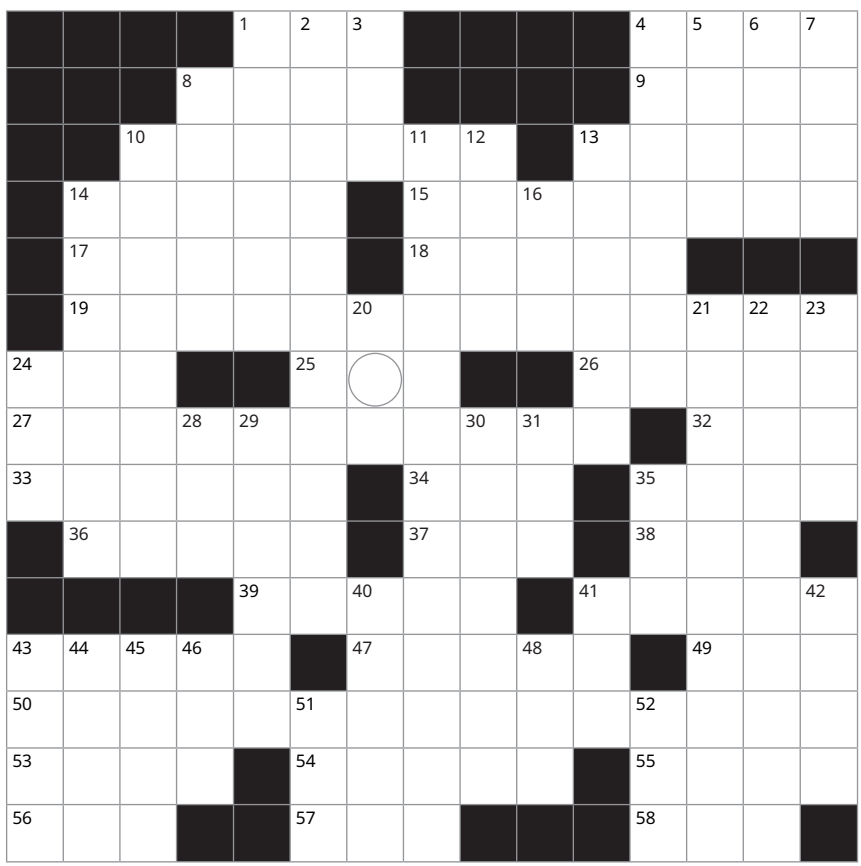
CROSSWORD

X marks the spot

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ACROSS

- 1 Mil. command centers
- 4 Two-masted sailboat
- 8 Spell (such as of the flu)
- 9 Et ___ (and others)
- 10 Dishes steamed in corn husks
- 13 Steep slope
- 14 Made a mistake
- 15 Location where a rogue wave (over 25 meters high) was first confirmed with scientific evidence
- 17 Country whose flag features an orange Sun in the center
- 18 Hail
- 19 Techniques for creating illusions
- 24 Tour de France mo.
- 25 Super Bowl that will be played in 2027
- 26 The A in radio astronomy's VLA
- 27 An aspiring actor might receive one
- 32 Freshly squeezed drinks, for short
- 33 Martial arts teacher
- 34 Amateur radio operator
- 35 ___ were
- 36 Fashionably old fashioned
- 37 Coffee cup
- 38 Sound of disapproval
- 39 MacGyver's first name on *MacGyver*
- 41 Indian honorific
- 43 Circa
- 47 Old enough
- 49 Sch. in Tempe
- 50 What the circled square marks, vis-à-vis this puzzle's dark squares
- 53 Tease
- 54 Most common Wordle starting word, according to *The New York Times*



- 55 Investment options, for short
- 56 Barely manage, with "out"
- 57 Web portal with a butterfly logo
- 58 ID on an IRS form

DOWN

- 1 Skills class rebranded as "family and consumer sciences," familiarly
- 2 Number whose log base 10 is equal to 15
- 3 Letters on a Cardinals cap
- 4 America's Cup participant
- 5 Sorry to say
- 6 Filament
- 7 Grammy-winning Dua
- 8 Vessel used by the US Navy in World War II for production and delivery of ice cream
- 10 Aircraft for the Red Baron
- 11 Component in eggs Benedict
- 12 Peeved
- 13 One of two physicists associated with a T^4 blackbody radiation law
- 14 Guarantor

- 16 Sports official, informally
- 20 Weapon associated with the King of Diamonds
- 21 What some squares nearest the circled one resemble
- 22 Its largest city is Dushanbe, meaning "Monday"
- 23 Part of GPS (abbr.)
- 24 Law degs.
- 28 Clock setting for ETAs at PHX
- 29 Make fizzy
- 30 Pizza topping
- 31 Texter's "Wow!"
- 35 One thing ___ time
- 40 Merchandise
- 41 First verse's last word in "America the Beautiful"
- 42 Is willing to believe
- 43 Area unit equal to $\frac{1}{640}$ of a square mile
- 44 Bill
- 45 Six + cinq
- 46 Snack food brand
- 48 Dad to Margo, Edith, and Agnes
- 51 Farm butter?
- 52 Word that appears twice in one of this puzzle's clues