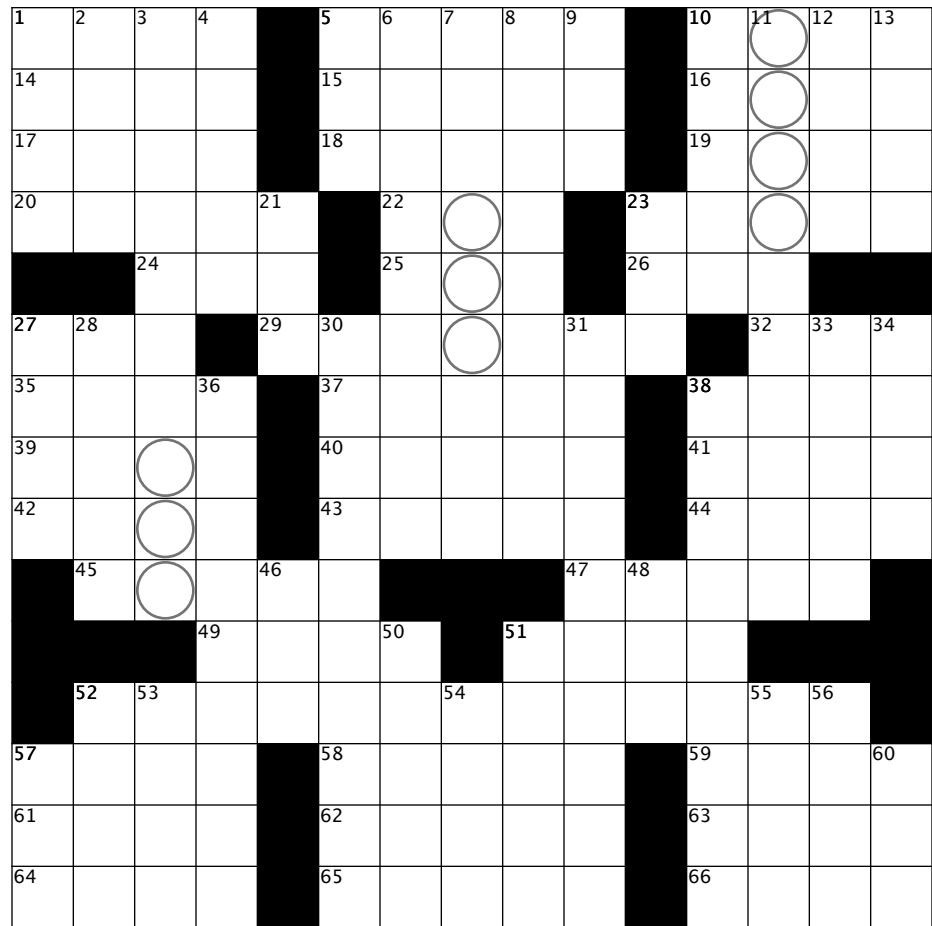


Natural Progression

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ACROSS

1. The Milwaukee Bucks' mascot, for one
5. Integral calculations
10. Ones sharing a golden Snapstreak, maybe
14. Monochromatic whale
15. Pixar protagonist with no elbows
16. Wikipedia contribution
17. Kind of peanut nobody should eat
18. Home to six NBA teams in 2020's Disney Bubble
19. With proficiency
20. Extra
22. Actor Stiller or Affleck
23. Horn, or its corn chip namesake
24. Word aptly found in "generation"
25. Card with a single pip
26. Oft-mispunctuated possessive
27. Actor Neill of "Hunt for the Wilderpeople"
29. Like pentagrams and black metal
32. Reporting to the NSA
35. Overly proper
37. Worthy of a high grade?
38. X-rated fan fiction, e.g.
39. Eleven's go-to frozen snack, in "Stranger Things"
40. Pronoun delimiter, often
41. Hotel chain that would be a good name for an all-inclusive resort
42. TikTok format with two side-by-side recordings
43. Name hidden in "Mickelson"
44. Blobfish appendages
45. Member of the gut microbiome
47. ___ Light (beer popular at college parties, informally)
49. "Sunday Best" judge Winans
51. Minor beef?
52. Resonates ... or what each of 3-, 7-, and 11-Down does?



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57. Ingredient in purple bubble tea
58. Model Shayk
59. Makes like a pigeon
61. Woe-is-me word
62. Casting out ___ (arithmetic technique)
63. "Dank" cannabis strain
64. All four members of "The Squad," e.g.
65. Obstacles that precipitated Sully Sullenberger's emergency landing
66. Tenure at an Airbnb

DOWN

1. Makeshift crash site
2. Stomped
3. College student's scholarly concentration
4. One preferring high refresh rates and N-key rollover, maybe
5. "I'm in ___ at the size of this lad"

6. War of words?
7. Historic road connecting Spanish missions in California
8. What autophobia is the fear of
9. Jazz gig portion
10. "What a ___!" (reaction to a breathtaking landscape)
11. Annual meeting of a world-leading septet
12. Brief improvised interlude
13. Result of poor hand hygiene, perhaps
21. ___ Racist ("Combination Pizza Hut and Taco Bell" group)
23. Gel-ocity Quick Dry Retractable Gel Pen maker
27. Tried to beat Waze's prediction, say
28. Exchange verbal barbs
30. Defeat and then some

31. Place for a PopSocket
33. "... you're a riot"
34. Redding in the Songwriters Hall of Fame
36. Off-road bike sport
38. Video game save states where no forward progress can be made
46. Adornment made from pikake
48. [That feels so good!]
50. Spooky
51. Wind instruments?
52. Small Business Saturday promotion
53. Genre with 808 bass and flanged hi-hats
54. ___ wave (synthesizer unit)
55. Defeat and then some
56. Coconut chutney dipper
57. Runway topper
60. ___ Guy (bashful Mushroom Kingdom denizen)