

Political Machine

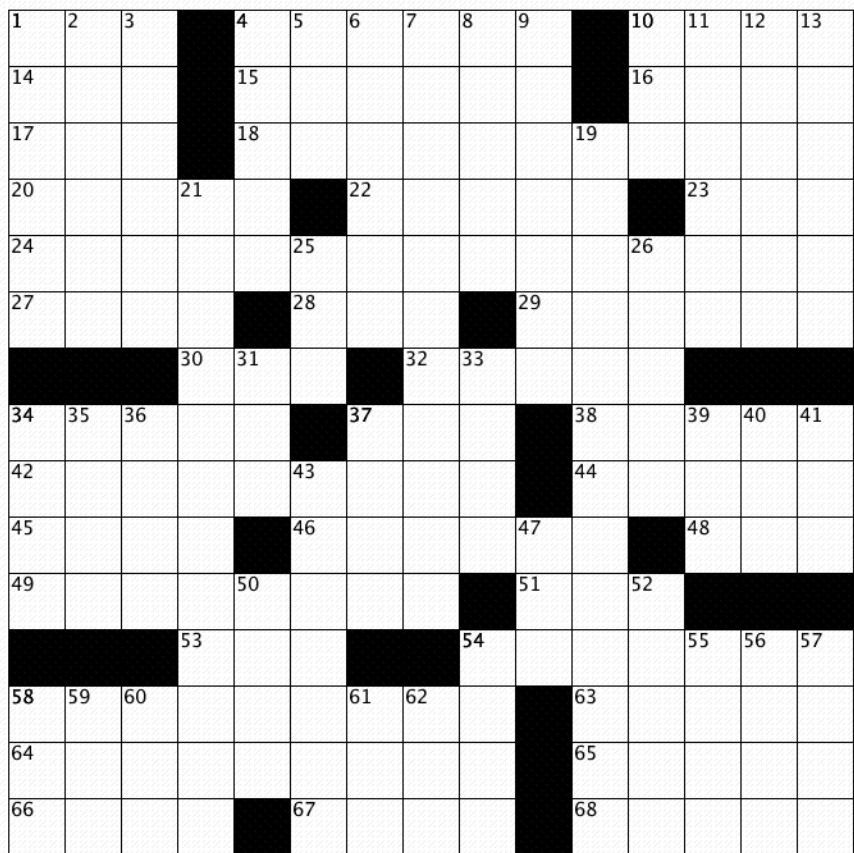
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ACROSS

1. Any old Joe
4. Concluding letters
10. Scalloped
14. Powerful Peron
15. Gasoline component with six carbon atoms
16. Pat of fat
17. "Scoundrel", minus six letters
18. Prepare to swim, perhaps
20. Corny memoir subtitle
22. Grimy state
23. "Starkvegas" sch.
24. Politician who, as U.S. House Representative in 2019, became the youngest black woman to serve in Congress
27. Condescending Wonka or Success Kid, e.g.
28. Blue Angels org.
29. Living, to Livy
30. Villian of "Silent Spring"
32. Big name in nail polish
34. Barrel partner
37. DCA or IAD alternative
38. An online crossword may be found here
42. Fancy-schmancy
44. Turkey tops it
45. Bat lead-off ?
46. Classical record glimpsed on Norman Bates's Victrola
48. Dead-on
49. Conference place of 2020
51. With one flat
53. Many a Ben & Jerry's flavor
54. Seized an opportunity
58. Elmore Leonard novel featuring Chili Palmer
63. One of nine
64. "It's all good, man!"
65. Common cause of hair loss in men
66. Incredulous contraction
67. Lie for
68. Like a Russian Blue cat

DOWN

1. "Relax..."
2. They're down in the mouth
3. Toxic metal
4. Sarcastic exclamation



© 2020. The meta answer is a current U.S. Senator.

5. "... we gotta go, ___ my-o"
6. Escapist reading?
7. Politician who, as mayor in 2004, appeared in a Harper's Bazaar spread titled "The New Kennedys" with his TV celebrity wife (she now dates Donald Trump Jr.)
8. Come to ___
9. Prokofiev and Rachmaninoff
10. Put the moves on
11. Los ___ (site of Project Y)
12. Left-hand pages
13. "Whassup, bro!"
19. Politician who, as mayor in 1987, recorded the folk album "We Shall Overcome"
21. Politician who, as senator in 2002, joined the cast of Law & Order while still in office
25. Fruit with a shell
26. Lil Wayne's nickname
31. Big mo. for Amazon
33. Spanish ayes?
34. Chop, once
35. Anti-mob law, for short
36. Partly organic
37. Prefix meaning "pressure"
39. You can roll it over
40. Frost bite
41. Binge ___
43. Heroine of Verdi's "Il Trovatore"
47. Service that processes HUMINT
50. Remscheid's region
52. Born to be wild
54. Classic puzzle game
55. Lack of clarity
56. Stub ___ (stumble)
57. White Rose house
58. Nutrition co. that filed for bankruptcy on 6/23/20
59. "No more to say", in textspeak
60. Blue ball
61. Smokehouse "candy"
62. Third of October