

# A Puzzle Of Firsts

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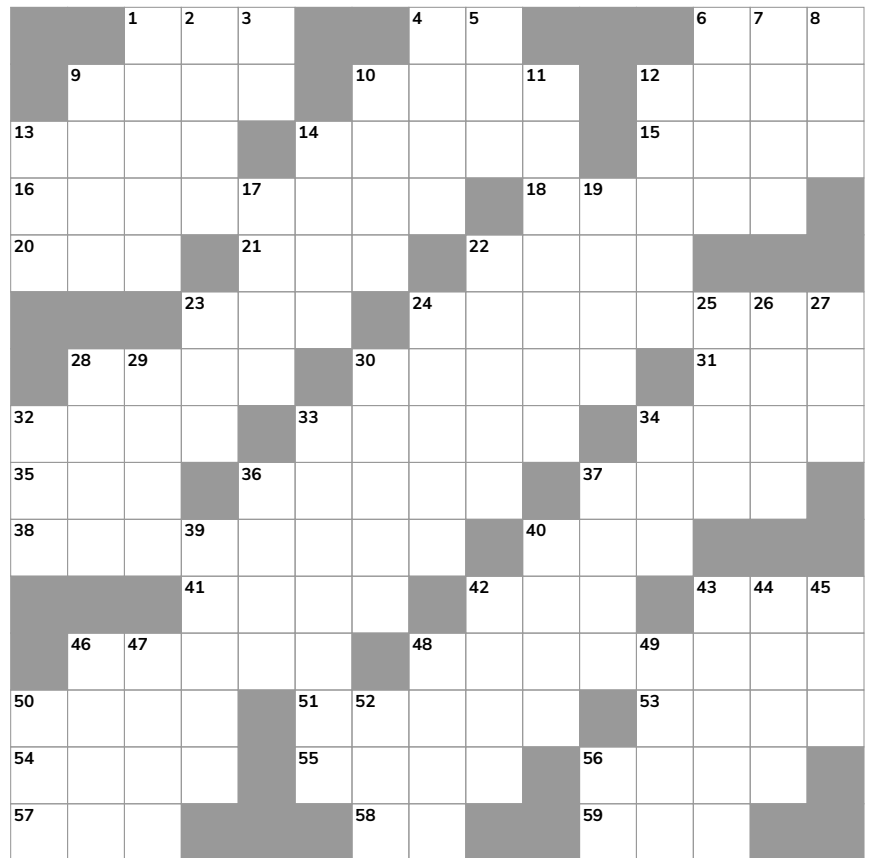
The answer to the meta is a three-word answer to a question

## ACROSS

- 1 "Let slip the 29 down of \_\_\_"  
 4 Informal greeting  
 6 Sun or moon, poetically  
 9 Knucklehead  
 10 "Field of Dreams" setting  
 12 Song for two  
 13 Grammy-winning CCM group "\_\_\_ of Clay"  
 14 Director, \_\_\_ Welles  
 15 "Careful with this link" letters  
 16 Urban feline  
 18 Horses' gaits  
 20 Stayed out of sight  
 21 Consumed  
 22 Maritime prefix  
 23 "No seats" sign  
 24 In poorer financial shape, say  
 28 Terse confession  
 30 Lavish parties  
 31 Also  
 32 Soon, for Shakespeare  
 33 Closes with force  
 34 Verb that you really don't want associated with "toe"  
 35 Joule fraction  
 36 "Sur le Pont d'Avignon" river  
 37 Norse god with a day of the week named after him  
 38 Wide-angle lenses  
 40 Ill temper  
 41 Nutritional figs.  
 42 Pampering place  
 43 NFL six-pointers  
 46 Archer's projectile  
 48 Dark coffee liqueur originally made in Jamaica  
 50 Fencer's weapon  
 51 Revise  
 53 "The Big Bang Theory" character, probably  
 54 Russian poet \_\_\_ Mandelstam  
 55 Yellow part of an egg  
 56 Sports fig.  
 57 Slang for a century in cricket  
 58 \_\_\_ Paso, TX  
 59 Wine choice

## DOWN

- 1 Any planet  
 2 Church section  
 3 Concerning, in a memo  
 4 Invitation sender  
 5 \_\_\_ Jima  
 6 Remove from office  
 7 Oversees a game, for short  
 8 Texter's "incidentally"  
 9 Surrealist painter with an AI named after him  
 10 "Dies \_\_\_" (Latin hymn)  
 11 Brightest star in Scorpius  
 12 Part of a G major chord  
 13 Rastafarian deity  
 14 Prefix meaning "eight"  
 17 Three feet  
 19 Ross' doppelganger (obscure "Friends" reference!)  
 22 Terse denial  
 23 Transgression, religiously speaking  
 24 Moves from breastmilk to solid food  
 25 "A Man Called \_\_\_" (Tom Hanks movie)  
 26 Number of quarters in a whole



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- 27 Pocket for a watch on a chain  
 28 Calvary inscription  
 29 "Let slip the \_\_\_ of 1 across"  
 30 Arctic ice sheets  
 32 Pershing's WWI group  
 33 Recoil (from)  
 34 "Thar \_\_\_ blows!"  
 36 Start again  
 37 Melbourne transport option (OK, you can also find one in Boston)  
 39 Employment employee, informally  
 40 Apple tablet  
 42 Kitchen fixture  
 43 Tire pattern  
 44 Peter Gabriel song "Digging in the \_\_\_"  
 45 Meta puzzle where the answer is staring you in the face but really hard to see  
 46 Lhasa \_\_\_ (dog breed)  
 47 Bridle attachment  
 48 Bad thing for a poker player to have  
 49 Pot starter  
 50 U+2404  
 52 "Flaming \_\_\_" (cocktail containing Krusty's Non-Narkotik Kough Syrup for Kids)  
 56 Jr's father