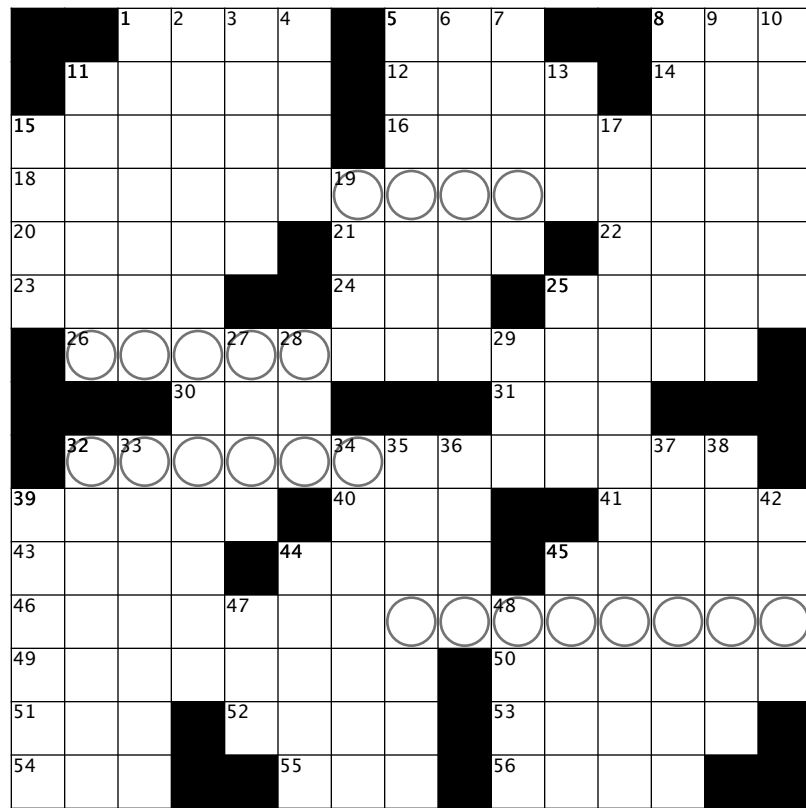


A Day at the Races

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1. Sprinkle with powder
5. Took the cake, maybe
8. Some muscle cars (which, incidentally, are an anagram of their reciprocal answer at 54-Across ... will wonders never cease?)
11. "Therefore ..."
12. Sal who founded the online education non-profit ___ Academy
14. Pop star Rita ___
15. "The Omnivore's Dilemma" author Michael
16. Pilaf-like trattoria dishes
18. Overelaborate spectacles (second place)
20. Most Meccans
21. "Eso Beso" singer Paul
22. Sword that appears in "Rushmore"
23. Prefix with masochistic
24. Appeal of desert islands?
25. "Take the pot"
26. Lawn boxes filled with sand (fourth place)
30. Siri's platform
31. Home for some pro rock climbers
32. Boise State football arena until 2014 (third place)
39. Sand blasts?
40. Slapstick prop
41. Hitch
43. M.D.s who treat Tinnitus
44. "___ not be too hasty"
45. Physical condition



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46. Rocky Balboa, to fans (we have a winner!)
 49. Where the town garbage gets hauled
 50. Mideast capital inhabited for 5,000+ years
 51. Actress de Armas of "Knives Out"
 52. Taj Mahal city
 53. "John Brown's Body" poet
 54. The Beatles' "___ Pepper"
 55. The Beatles' song, often
 56. Made like
- DOWN**
1. MLB's Carlos with 473 career home runs (whose name means "slim" en Español)
 2. With little obvious effort
 3. Waves a wand over
 4. Shepherd
 5. It's due north of Charleston, WV
 6. "That right?"
 7. A working class it ain't
 8. Deteriorate
 9. Bricklayer's tools
 10. Sucked one's teeth at, say
 11. "Yippee!"
 13. Denials
 15. Smartphone precursors, briefly
 17. What Kentucky Derby winners cross (IRL and in this puzzle)
 19. "No thanks"
 25. Tablet on some nightstands
 27. Mamas' boys
 28. Key to exit full screen
 29. Actress Mendes
 32. Making a softball sacrifice, maybe
 33. Drumming sound
 34. Hosp. diagnostic for the claustrophobic
 35. Doesn't make any changes
 36. "Mic check, one-two," e.g.
 37. Like grievances you might be stewing over
 38. Explain in detail
 39. Classic German cameras
 42. Bloke
 44. What a cut-up draws
 45. "___ No More" (site-specific "Macbeth" production)
 47. ___ B. Wells of the N.A.A.C.P.
 48. Group whose songs are featured in the sequel with the best title of all time: "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again"