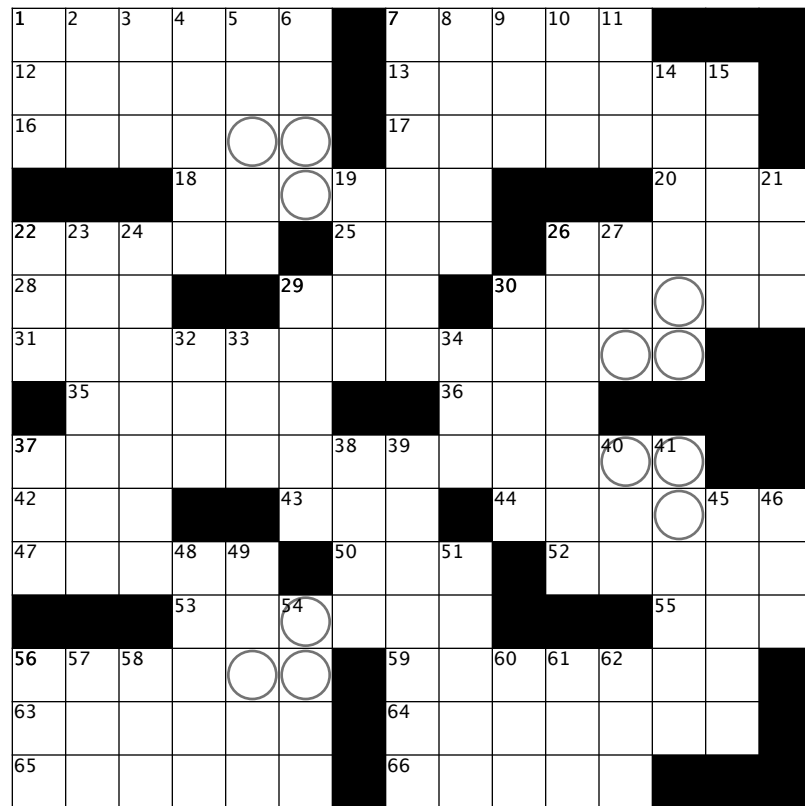


Wait for the Drop!

Ross Trudeau

ACROSS

1. American hunks, maybe
7. Bashes with cuffs, maybe
12. Give the grand tour to
13. Mobile setting
16. Nickname for Liverpool (on account of its large Irish population)
17. Affectionate blow
18. Word used interchangeably with "orc" in "Lord of the Rings"
20. Spanish article
22. Sports, as Polo
25. Exclamation after Leo Messi nutmegs Sergio Ramos, por ejemplo
26. Thwarts
28. Mathematician Lovelace
29. Antagonist
30. Kind of dating
31. Famed naturalist and author of "The Birds of America"
35. "The Phantom of the Opera" suitor
36. Popular resistance-based workout system that my parents (!) put me onto
37. Title for the wife of the Prime Minister of the U.A.E.
42. Recombinant ___
43. You can say it for sure
44. Indian city with the country's largest slum and its most billionaires
47. "Despicable Me" orphan with a unicorn doll
50. Took in
52. Airstream riders, briefly
53. Unjustly declared the loser



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| 55. A.O.C., e.g. | 8. All by one's onesies | 34. Digs for pigs |
| 56. Laid down additional sound on an existing recording | 9. Head in a pub | 37. Vaccine-approving org. |
| 59. Dance music genre with heavy sub-bass, and how four of today's answers move between rows | 10. Penny prez | 38. Obsessed whaler |
| 63. "Everything cool between us?" | 11. Used a rocker | 39. Lavished with TLC |
| 64. Anthem before ~10% of Major League Soccer games | 14. Beach city where "Hannah Montana" is set | 40. Tag-issuing org. |
| 65. They blow around an eye | 15. Olympic skater Ohno | 41. Took a certain rideshare |
| 66. Author Zora ___ Hurston | 19. Appear menacingly at a distance | 45. South American cornmeal cake |
| | 21. "Last four digits" digits | 46. WWW access co. |
| | 22. Pilgrimage to Mecca | 48. Fly that should have been caught, e.g. |
| | 23. Apt to use the heart eyes emoji, say | 49. ___ and Gomorrah |
| | 24. Like most of Mali | 51. Bring out |
| | 26. Wrap you can order with no meat on the side? | 54. Besties |
| | 27. O'Hare's airport code | 56. Pained cries |
| | 29. Takes a digger, say | 57. Old action figure? |
| | 30. Ricochet | 58. It may be bruised by critique |
| | 32. Rejections | 60. Peep out of ewe? |
| | 33. Protrude | 61. Show that spoofs Totino's commercials, for short |
| | | 62. ___ kwon do |

DOWN

1. Heartbreak
2. Internet ___
3. Talk smack about
4. The jump
5. Conclude with
6. Split ticket?
7. Sea of ___ (Biblical locale)