ACROSS

- 1 Website with "The Weirdest Thing I Learned This Week" podcast, for short
- 7 Mughal Empire rulers
- 12 Hit a home run, so to speak
- 13 Cause trouble
- 14 Sporty Fords
- 15 Poke bowl fruit
- 16 Has in mind
- 17 Lose control
- 18 Feminist Dworkin
- 19 What was altered in "Back To the Future"
- **20** Bubble ___
- 21 Stages where REM was popular?
- 23 "They are a very human way of making life more bearable," per Vonnegut
- 25 Son Of A Gun! tire care maker
- 26 Put into words
- 27 "Pluribus" research grp.
- 29 Org. that offers car rental discounts
- 31 "Arthur" writer/illustrator Brown
- 34 Creature that can carry over fifty times its body weight
- **36** Series of gruesome episodes?
- 38 Confident start?
- **40** Use of AI to generate text messages while dating, e.g.
- 45 Sixteen cups: Abbr.
- 46 One facing defamatory charges
- **47** Bow tie alternative
- 49 "I should leave"
- 50 Lose everything
- 51 Big suit
- 52 Candy nuts
- 53 Like the monoceros
- **54** Drink with cognac
- 55 Was no more
- 56 Beer named after a river

DOWN

- 1 Delay when things take effect
- 2 Animal in a raft

- 3 See 39-Down
- 4 Some beachwear
- 5 Camels, familiarly
- 6 Picture cards?
- **7** Boston suburb where Nancy Kerrigan was born
- 8 Range across six countries
- 9 Estée Lauder cologne named after a musketeer
- 10 OB's call
- 11 Biker bars?
- 12 Arsenal's soccer club, to fans
- 13 Totally baffles
- 14 Mazda roadster
- 17 Darned thing?
- 19 Fermented Mexican drink made with pineapple
- 22 Scheduling datum
- 24 What Kansas City straddles

- 28 Blown up
- **30** "Take Me ___ Am" (Faith Hill album)
- 32 Of the surrounding areas
- **33** Robot that does the work of humans, perjoratively
- 35 Angled
- **37** Bits of progress
- 39 Takes 3-Downs
- **40** Pay through the nose, e.g.
- 41 Flirts with
- 42 Hard to believe
- 43 Notice
- 44 Holy Grail, e.g.
- 48 Short time
- 50 Stern
- 52 "It Gets Better" spot

