MIDDLE MAN

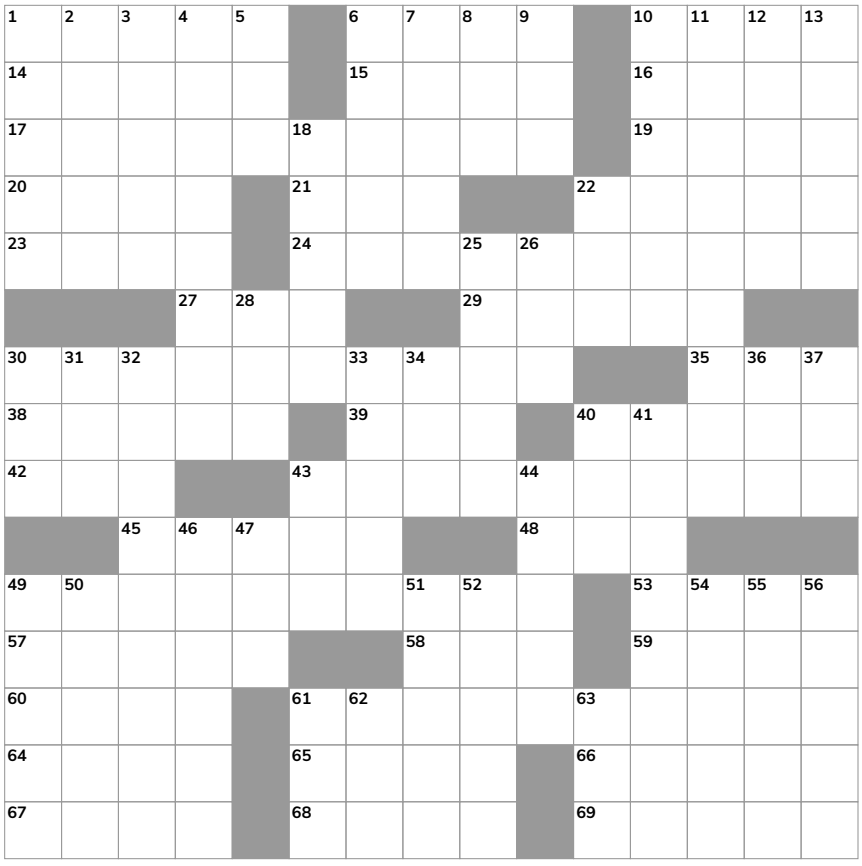
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ACROSS

1 Fine-grained sedimentary rock
6 Data in transcripts
10 Slightly open
14 Making all stops
15 Karl Johans gate city
16 Stupefied state
17 Drummer Collins on an incline?
19 Cozy and comfortable
20 "___ Hang With Amy Poehler"
21 Vehicle that often rolls over
22 Librettist's work
23 Elitist type
24 Actor Wilson laying down the bass?
27 ISP owned by Bending Spoons
29 Religious devotion
30 Deceitful singer Astley?
35 PD decree
38 Narrow sleeping berths
39 Two semesters of Spanish?
40 Say
42 Org. that lobbies for Medicare
43 Conductor Klemperer underneath the whole pig pile?
45 The Las Vegas of Asia
48 Pitch analyzer, for short
49 Kind of down actor Guzmán?
53 NBA star ___ Gilg eous-Alexander
57 Mononymous Spanish player who won the Golden Ball at the 2026 World Cup
58 Ike's initials
59 Worked the garden rows
60 Website with a "Watchlist" page
61 Lustrously white banjo player Scruggs?
64 Story
65 Citrus fruit hybrid
66 Spooky
67 Cut from the payroll
68 MS NOW guests, for short
69 Eyelid bumps

DOWN

1 Garden pests
2 Board, as a bus
3 Sound that triggers a blessing
4 Easygoing
5 Building extension
6 Action-camera brand
7 Dismissive exclamation
8 Activist Ayaan Hirsi ___
9 Sun
10 Time for a jingle
11 She played Spock's mother on "Star Trek"
12 Sky blue
13 Shakespeare character who says "Jesters do oft prove prophets"
18 "A Medicine Company" sloganeer, for short
22 Poem of praise
25 Theme park with a geodesic sphere
26 Beat or neat ending
28 Approves, informally
30 Still finalizing the bill, for short
31 Tom and Jerry ingredient
32 Confused
33 "I Am Not Your Negro" director Peck
34 Niner's takeaway
36 Ragdoll in the living room, maybe
37 Cool dude
40 Hesitant sound
41 It might be under a blanket
43 Scroogian scoff
44 Blackbird relative
46 Inflatable mattress
47 Forensic TV franchise
49 Water filter brand
50 Folk music archivist Alan
51 Politican Mo whose autobiography was "Too Funny to Be President"
52 Elba of "Luther"
54 Gray with age
55 Eagle's nest
56 Runs without moving
61 Young dog
62 Internal attitude
63 Head down?



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