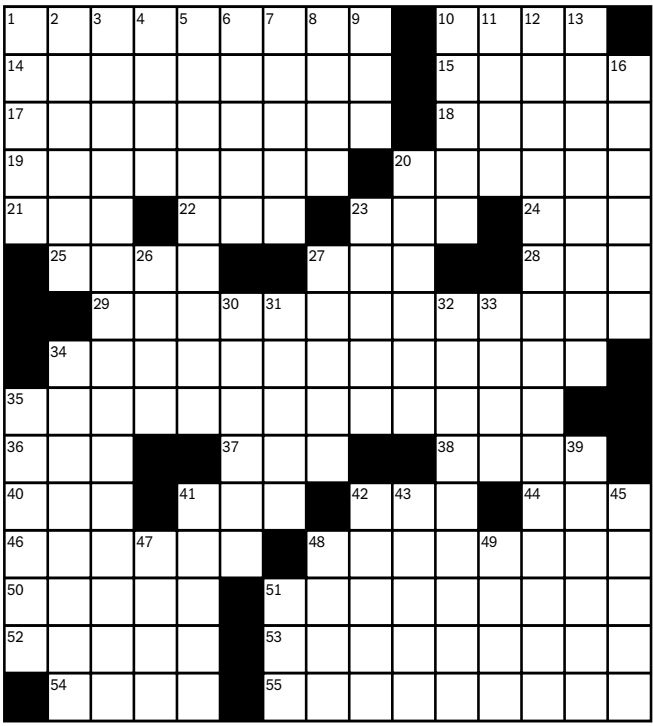
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ACROSS

1 Couldn't get any higher?

10 Stamp collector?

14 "No need to worry around me"

15 To the point that

17 Drawing pad

18 Opera with the shepherd's song "Io de' sospiri"

19 Brand of oven-baked crackers

20 Subject of a statue near Liverpool's Cavern Club

21 Feel bad

22 Look over

23 Not good, but not bad either

24 Azog the Defiler in "The Hobbit," e.g.

25 Leader with a dacha

27 It feels like it might never end

28 Reason for penalty shootouts

29 Rap group with the 1992 #2 hit "Rump Shaker"

34 Don't stop believing

35 Store with expensive items?

36 One fast with the one-liners

37 Brooks in Hollywood

38 Headed

40 Kinda sorta

41 Cash flow analyst, for short

42 Cheerful person?

44 Trig fig.

46 Schöningen ___, German mine discoveries that may be up to 300,000 years old

48 Instrument in a bell tower

50 Rounded object that's 1-Down with two letters swapped

51 Eisenhower was the first president to use it

52 End of a letter

53 1997 animated movie in which John Cusack voiced Dimitri

54 "Hurry!"

55 Part of a surveillance system

DOWN

1 Rounded object that's 50-Across with two letters swapped

2 Deft

3 That's a good one!

4 Canalplasty docs

5 Some capitol workers, for short

6 Monk's home

7 El Niño feature

8 "Vous ___ ici"

9 Bring home

10 Not making a sound

11 Nobody in particular, in brief

12 "There's no doubt who's going to win"

13 Flavor of some cough drops

16 Surgical tool with a namesake medical journal

20 In a row

23 "Boulevard des Capucines" painter

26 Sphere

27 Boot

30 Born losers

31 It's nicknamed "Land of the Morning Calm"

32 Arrived at via plane

33 Count on one's fingers?

34 Word after Rice or Cocoa

35 Senegalese ___ (hairstyle)

39 Canadian coin, informally

41 Mastery

42 F in physics

43 Stand up

45 Golf's "Slammin' Sammy"

47 "The soul of opera," per Richard Strauss

48 "Do you mind?"

49 Idly look (through)

51 American Airlines Center player, for short

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

C	A	T	S	■	E	D	G	Y	■	G	A	T	E	S
A	E	R	O	■	S	O	R	E	■	H	U	R	T	S
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