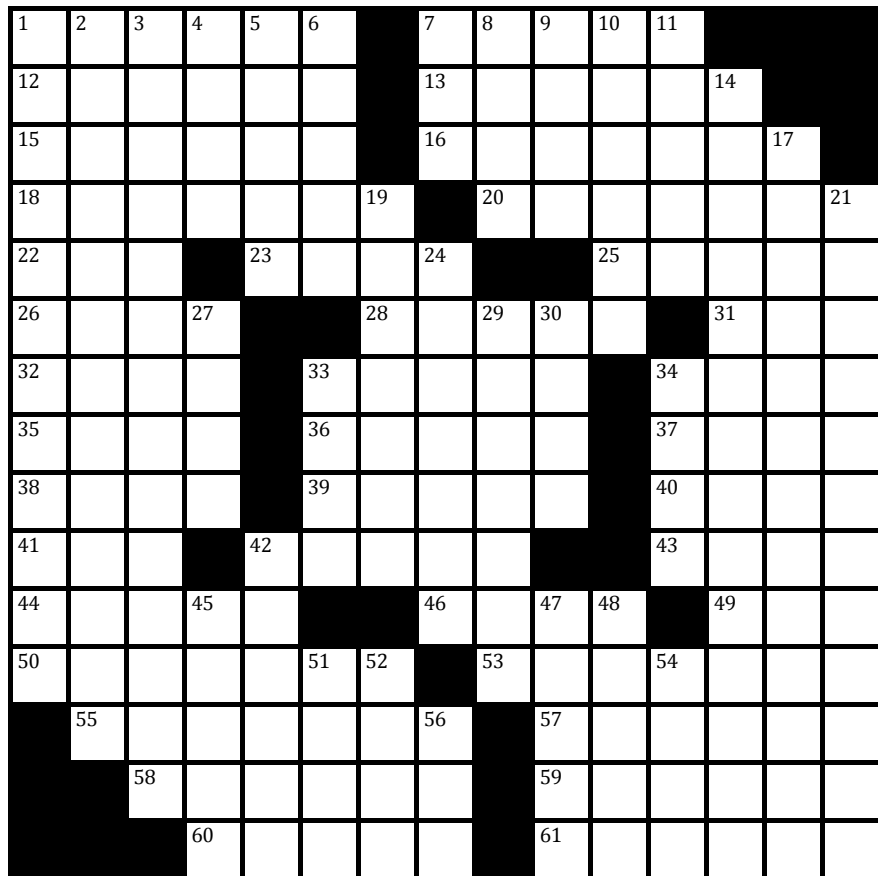


Puzzle 386 – Freestyle 346

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Across

- 1 Its nests are the source of bird's-nest soup
 7 Wanted at the store
 12 Made roomier, in a way
 13 Stayed for a little while
 15 Creature so named for its golden color
 16 "I have a strong hunch that..."
 18 Where things may be put through the wringer
 20 Fog or smoke, scientifically speaking
 22 Occupy to operate
 23 It usually starts with K: Abbr.
 25 "Capisce?"
 26 Some loft occupants
 28 Word from the Latin for "to slip"
 31 What isn't a premium choice, for short?
 32 MacDonal'd, say
 33 Animal from which a Mexican food's name derives
 34 Nombre de collines de Rome
 35 Clear a path, maybe
 36 One may be among Hmong
 37 Home to a school originally known as Royal Frederick University
 38 Declarations of independence they're not
 39 Staples of many 1970s houses
 40 CBS Cares productions
 41 Any singer of the Broadway lyric "How do you solve a problem like Maria?"
 42 It's seen in the painting "A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte"
 43 Devoted group
 44 Nickname for Mexico's national fútbol team
 46 Conditions thrown in
 49 Org. concerned with El Chapo
 50 Player whose team logo appears on only one side of their helmet
 53 "...the glory that was Greece / And the grandeur that was Rome" poem
 55 Snakelike, sometimes
 57 Tried to profit from, maybe
 58 Odd bit
 59 "Could be better"



- 60 Ingredients in some red velvet cake recipes
 61 Like many words

Down

- 1 Their arms have largely been replaced by buttons
 2 "Let's not be childish here"
 3 "Relax, no need to compete here"
 4 Part whose name becomes something you put on it when its first letter is changed to a 'b'
 5 Fabric much used in Vera Wang designs
 6 Go unnoticed, with "in"
 7 One of the tools of a "five-tool player" in baseball
 8 Source of a meat stand-in
 9 One side of a late '90s-early '00s NBA feud
 10 Be under the radar no longer
 11 Part of an alphanumeric character name
 14 It's given to newer materials to make them appear aged

- 17 Not here
 19 Rolling Stone placed him #1 on their all-time "SNL" cast member ranking in 2015
 21 Support for an argument
 24 ___ Islands, group named for the widow of Spain's King Philip IV
 27 Cross needs
 29 Spinner, often
 30 Certain issue
 33 Diamond cushion
 34 Uses bread, in a way
 42 Feed on a farm
 45 Work back up to the major leagues, perhaps
 47 Female name derived from an Ancient Greek dialect
 48 Oldest of three brothers in slapstick comedy
 51 Something to lunge with
 52 Broadway tune with the repeated lyric "We're not gonna pay..."
 54 Common Canadian roadside sign
 56 One may work to narrow the gap, briefly