

PUZZLED?

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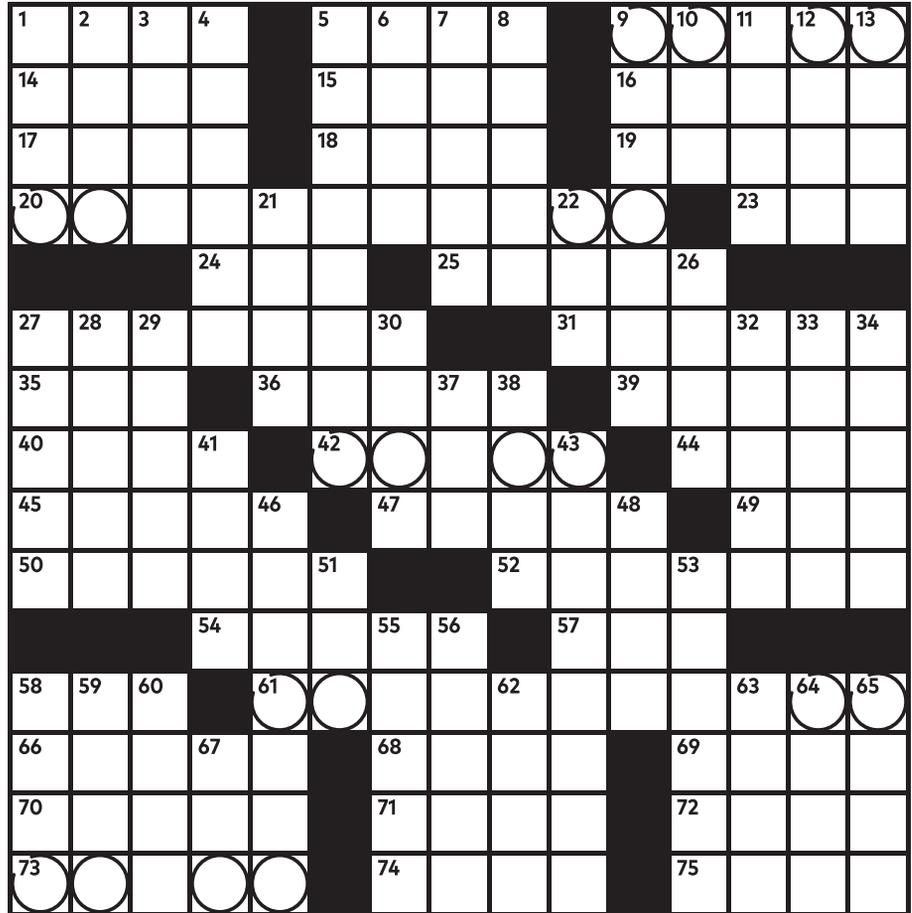
BREAKING THE PAIN

Across

- 1. Post-scrape wound cover
- 5. Zingy taste
- 9. Contribute, as to a 401k or IRA
- 14. Japanese plucked zither
- 15. Best selling cookie brand in US
- 16. Cousin to an alpaca
- 17. Hero
- 18. Deterioration
- 19. Quiet
- 20. Wiping item in less fancy restaurants
- 23. Type widths
- 24. Okay
- 25. Begets
- 27. Pedestals
- 31. Socialite Kane from "All My Children" and author Jong
- 35. Aries animal
- 36. Mediterranean currency
- 39. English tableware brand
- 40. Not anear
- 42. Monty Python's Michael
- 44. Diamonds or hearts
- 45. Tending to a definite end, or a brand of footwear
- 47. Prison-related
- 49. Basic monetary unit of Romania
- 50. Category of drugs used to treat infections
- 52. Withered
- 54. Nets
- 57. Cherry or apple
- 58. Nice buddy
- 61. Painter with a thing for Tahiti
- 66. Red Cross supply
- 68. One way to keep out enemies
- 69. Gaelic
- 70. Type of phobia
- 71. Quintessential clown
- 72. Rattling sound in lungs
- 73. Use a zoom lens
- 74. Almost box
- 75. Kind of dog

Down

- 1. Bypass
- 2. Conclusion
- 3. On
- 4. When she fell in love, she lost her head
- 5. Locality
- 6. Width times height
- 7. Some tides



- 8. A ridge in Antarctica, or Cuban rock musician Águila
- 9. Tools to reduce thickness, e.g., of a piece of wood
- 10. Beginning and end of the Three Musketeers motto
- 11. Where three current Supreme Court justices got their law degrees
- 12. Muslim leader
- 13. They vote against the ayes
- 21. Left the rat race, in brief
- 22. Anger
- 26. Partakes daintily
- 27. British idiots
- 28. Type of table, or character in "All's Well That Ends Well"
- 29. ____ ferklept
- 30. Like some decisions
- 32. "I ____ Have Danced All Night"
- 33. Nice farewell
- 34. Arrangement
- 37. Amber, for one
- 38. It has zest
- 41. Ready to eat
- 43. The one who tells the story
- 46. Singer Tracy who was talking 'bout a revolution
- 48. In ____ of
- 51. Celestial altar
- 53. Those that trim, e.g., hedges
- 55. Anesthetizes
- 56. Type of boat
- 58. Stat!
- 59. Prefix to -phones or -bits
- 60. Dewrinkle
- 62. Huxley novel, "Eyeless in ____"
- 63. River through Kazakhstan
- 64. Capri, for one
- 65. Requirement
- 67. Mentalist Geller or Israeli writer and politician Avnery

Puzzle solution: painweek.org/crossword.