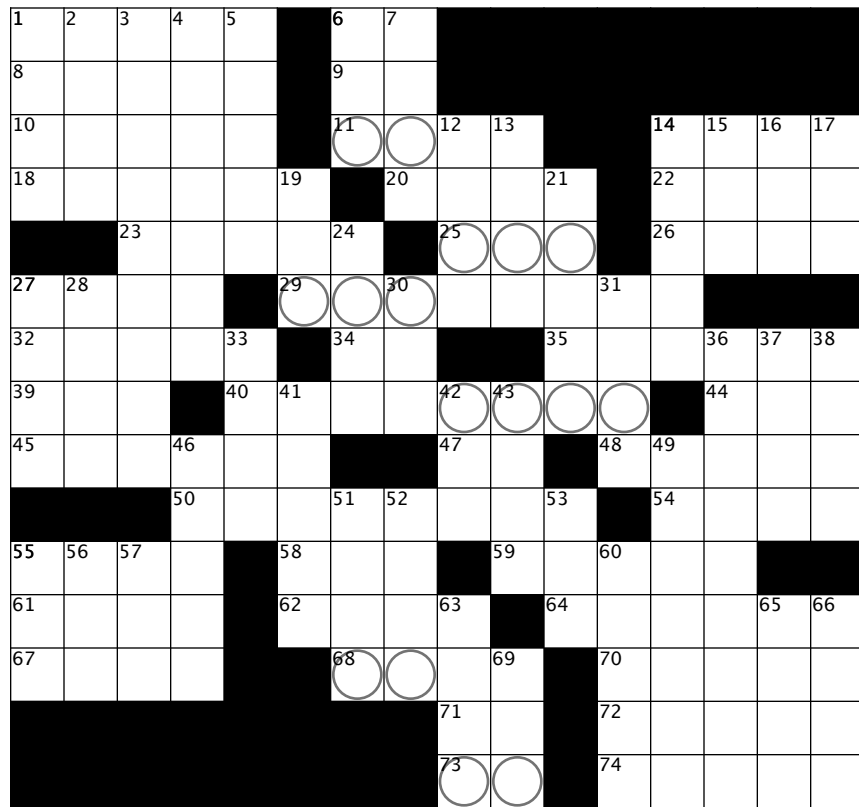


# "Making the Cut"

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## ACROSS

1. Parts that Henry Cavill "reloads," in a memetic "Mission: Impossible" fight scene
6. Advanced course abbr. that's not AP
8. City whose name is a sound from someone waiting for enlightenment, plus a sound from someone who's just been enlightened
9. Pattern of behavior, for short
10. Less refined
11. "If this turns out to be broken, that's on you"
14. With 21-Down, "That's so funny!"
18. Like onis and unicorns
20. City that's the subject of the book "Musical Gumbo," for short
22. Dine on
23. Absolutely screwed
25. The Blue Jays, on scoreboards
26. Big name in big screens
27. Emanate
29. Alcoholic drink
32. "Well, you made a long journey from Milan to \_\_\_" (line from the "Rochelle, Rochelle" musical, in "Seinfeld")
34. Awkward answer to a marriage proposal
35. What a flamingo stands on
39. Suffix hidden in the previous clue
40. One of 22 in Monopoly: Longest Game Ever (you have to own every one to win)
44. "Dazzling images on a huge silver screen. Sound that I can feel. Somehow, heartbreak feels good in a place like this. Our heroes feel like the best part of us. And stories feel perfect and powerful. Because here... they \_\_\_" (Nicole Kidman, AMC)
45. Capital of Portugal, to locals
47. Class where you might take the PACER test
48. Checked, as a box
50. "I, the Jury" author Mickey
54. Common cat in pangrams



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55. Mountain for the goddess Konohanasakuya-hime
58. Slap with legal
59. Follower on the "bird app"
61. Clothing company with an alligator logo
62. Puts the kibosh on
64. Watching movies or solving puzzles, to some
67. Part of a judge or boxer costume
68. Ability to flirt
70. Tactic, in gaming
71. Choice word
72. Humana rival
73. "Atlanta" setting, for short
74. Hoped-for answers to marriage proposals

13. Coin press machine opening
14. Go "But I don't waaaant to," maybe
15. "FRANCE: we're fancy / WORLD: ok / FRANCE: a fried \_\_\_ sandwich is our national lunch / WORLD: / FRANCE: a fried \_\_\_ sandwich with an egg is its wife"
16. "Abbott Elementary" character who became principal by blackmailing the superintendent
17. Cowboy's nickname, stereotypically
19. Studio Ghibli collectible
21. See 14-Down
24. Quinzhou-saurus or concavenator, e.g., for short
27. \_\_\_ Blonsky (character in "She Hulk: Attorney At Law")
28. Bite-sized
30. Banger of a song
31. Dark gemstone
33. TWICE genre
36. \*\*Titular all-female Muslim punk band in a British TV series... or read differently, what happens three times in this puzzle?
37. Moriarty of "The Boys"

## DOWN

1. Important element of concrete poetry
2. "We'll see..."
3. Hallucinated... or, read differently, what I did in this puzzle?
4. Attraction, casually
5. Some "RRR" costume pieces
6. "\_\_\_ Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!"
7. Cap'n's aide
12. Greek letter after theta

38. Demographic for people likely to lose it if they see someone who doesn't know what a "cassette" is
41. Result of a union deal, maybe
42. Green org. that anagrams to a shade of green
43. Dollars for quarters?
46. "Suffragette City," vis-a-vis "Starman"
49. In person?
51. Breather
52. Helen of Troy's mother
53. Ada's mother, in "Lamb," for one
55. Christmas tree farm choice
56. Aduba who voiced characters in "Lightyear" and "My Little Pony: The Movie"
57. Judge or boxer
60. "In this \_\_\_ I will..."
63. City pollutant
65. Glass section that people tend to carry while slowly crossing the street, in a chase scene trope
66. Greek letters before thetas
69. Shortz \_\_\_ (period that started in 1993)

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