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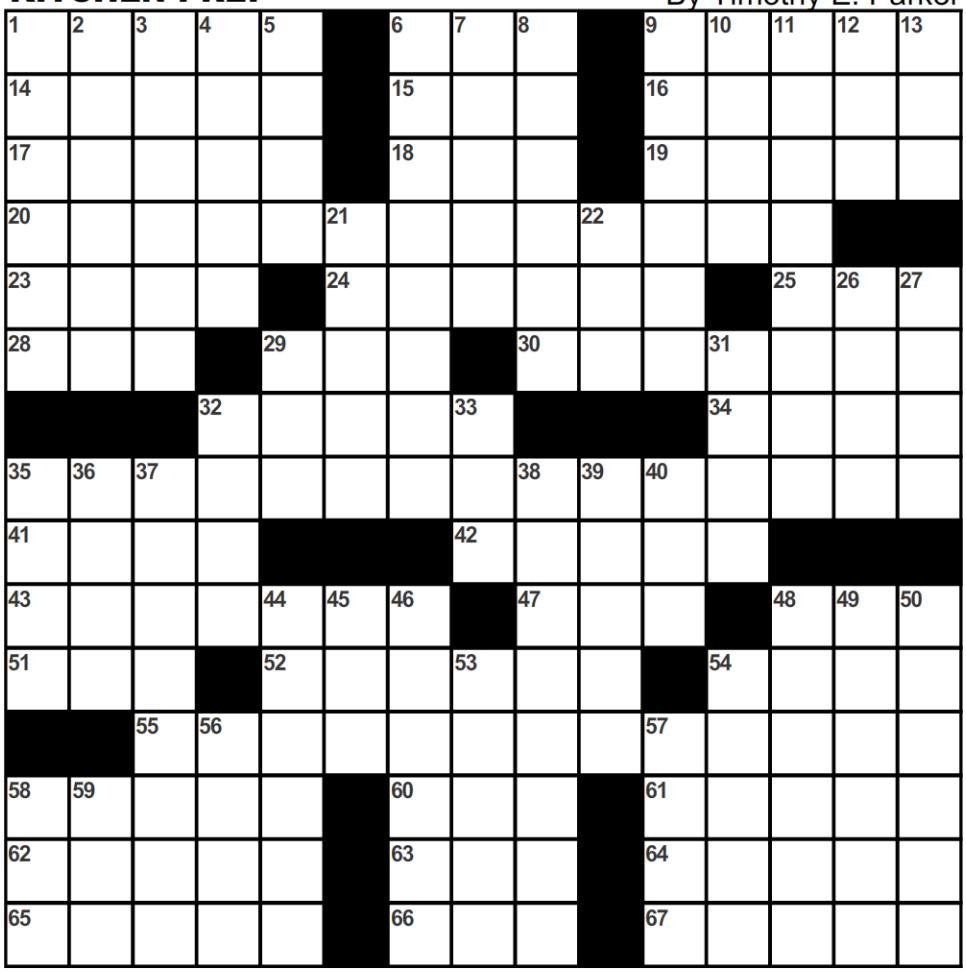
ACROSS

1) Cutting comments
6) Impressive degree, briefly
9) Monthly bill, for many
14) "Nixon In China," for one
15) Bit of deception
16) Barbecuer's cover-up
17) Type of battery
18) Priestly garb
19) Butcher's stock in trade
20) Tough chances for outfielders
23) "If all ___ fails ..."
24) Expulsion from office
25) Rocks in a bar
28) Comment from Homer Simpson
29) "When We Were Kings" hero
30) Finish a Big Gulp
32) Absurd
34) Assistant
35) Like an equivocal sword?
41) Shrek, e.g.
42) "Summer of '69" singer Adams
43) Forcefully urgent
47) Performed
48) "Dear" man
51) Prepare to fire
52) A B vitamin
54) ___ fide
55) Butcher's tool
58) Sedate
60) Actress Lupino
61) Hawaiian island
62) Multitude or throng
63) Elevator unit
64) Words of agreement on Sundays
65) Toadies' chorus
66) Cunning
67) Bed on board

DOWN

1) Ordered around
2) Early NASA program
3) Hotdog topper, sometimes
4) Knee steadier
5) Dress in India
6) Tormenting incessantly
7) Some things to climb
8) Accounting minuses
9) Smartphone feature
10) Impressionist
11) South American capital city
12) He had a salty wife
13) Annapolis grad's rank, briefly
21) Baseball legend Ryan
22) Still in its original packaging
26) "Buffalo" Bill
27) Some farm females
29) Singer DiFranco
31) Bowling green?
32) Anything on a list
33) Emulate a tide
35) ___-Cola
36) Certain Jamaican fruit
37) Some British transports
38) Everyday
39) Pulling even with
40) Possessed
44) Places of residence
45) Barely beat
46) Talking points
48) Oklahoma athlete
49) Chant
50) Debonair
53) Kind of wave
54) Hold responsible
56) Take cover
57) Divulge a secret
58) Not outgoing
59) Little piggy

KITCHEN PREP

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