

ACROSS

- 1 React positively at a poetry slam
- 5 "___ So Unusual" (Cyndi Lauper album)
- 9 Gatekeepers to gates: init.
- 12 Remain in process, as a patent application
- 13 Like a private jet, sometimes
- 15 Smallest in a litter
- 16 15 hours, for many college students
- 17 Anger
- 18 "___ New Cadillac" (early British rock song covered on The Clash's "London Calling")
- 19 "Pokemon Go to the ___" (memeable 2016 political quotation)
- 20 Exceed an expected bare minimum
- 23 "That's on me"
- 24 Obstacles to collaboration
- 25 ___ Ren (Adam Driver character)
- 26 Fragrant stir-fry ingredient
- 31 Feasted
- 32 Silent generation successors
- 34 Longtime owner of NBC
- 35 Wind up with a bogey, probably
- 37 Sweeties
- 38 Crocheter's purchase
- 39 "The college kids were born in *what* year?!"

- 41 Sly and the Family Stone classic that popularized the phrase "different strokes for different folks"
- 46 Undefeated boxer Ali
- 47 Sheep noise
- 48 Youngest Incandenza child in "Infinite Jest"
- 49 Confident claims
- 51 "The Simpsons" creator Groening
- 52 They may share an armrest
- 53 Analogy phrase
- 54 They're worth twice as much as FGs
- 55 Takes to court
- 56 Many a first-time voter

DOWN

- 1 Herbal garnish
- 2 Debunked misperception about the brain, like "learning styles"
- 3 Pulitzer-winning "Breathing Lessons" novelist
- 4 1984 Summer Olympics setting, in a way: init.
- 5 Turn aside
- 6 Response to an unresponsive gadget, maybe
- 7 Triage places
- 8 Some blended family members
- 9 Provoke online
- 10 Bobby who co-founded the Black Panthers
- 11 Contributes
- 13 Persuade with flattery

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- 14 Literary child in the Plaza Hotel
- 16 Street ___ (reputation)
- 18 '80s sitcom castmate of Betty, Rue, and Estelle
- 21 "Fraggle Rock"'s original network
- 22 Thickening gel used in molecular gastronomy
- 25 Comic actress Dennings
- 26 Punchy but shallow quotation
- 27 CPR expert
- 28 Freudian stage defined by nursing
- 29 Cold coffee order
- 30 The L of UNLV
- 32 Controversial Second Amendment phrasing
- 33 Historic broadcast from Nashville's Ryman Auditorium, familiarly
- 36 Shoelace place
- 37 Heckler's shout
- 39 Some hoppy drinks
- 40 Crossed paths
- 41 Allayed
- 42 Some work permits
- 43 Desert succulents
- 44 Strong desires
- 45 John whose 2024 Emmy win completed an EGOT
- 46 Like the letter omega
- 50 Upsilon preceeder
- 51 Cambridge sch.