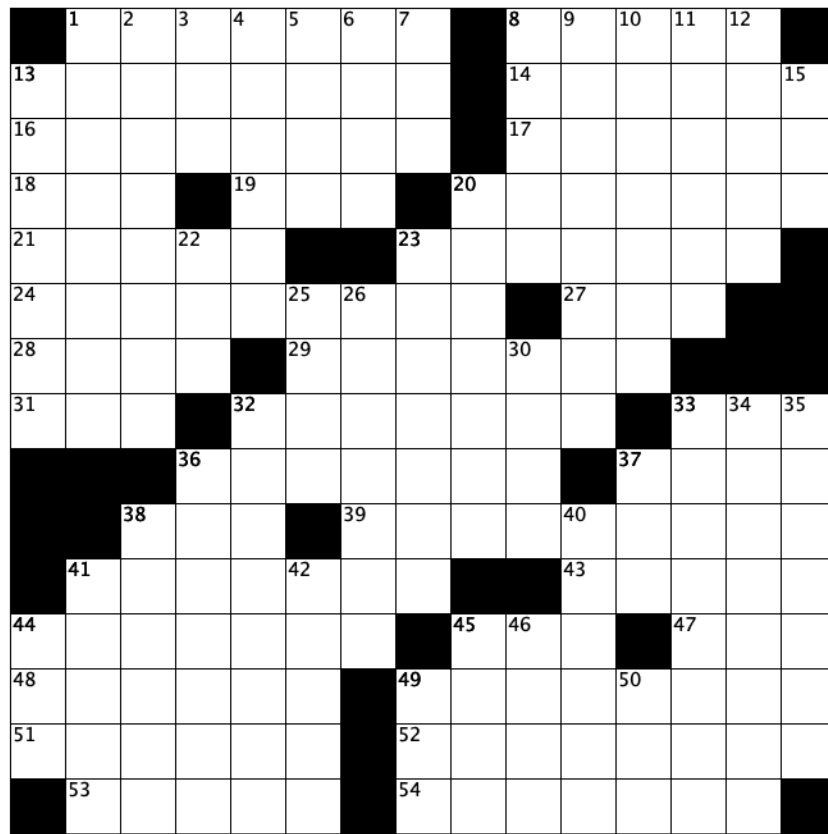


GOAT Songs

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ACROSS

1. With 8-Across, mag. with a "500 Greatest Songs of All Time" (GOAT songs) list, the 2024 edition of which is cited in this puzzle
8. See 1-Across
13. Snugged, as a rope
14. Graduate's distinction
16. International pacts, understandings
17. Christmas carol "___ Fideles", AKA "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
18. Knee part that might tear (abbr.)
19. Non-verbal assent
20. One who schemes or conspires
21. Large African mammal that's name means "nose-horned"
23. Lazy ones
24. Decade with the most (141) GOAT songs
27. George Gershwin's lyricist brother
28. Greek god of war
29. "Ism" favouring a highly centralized government, from the French word for "state"
31. Lean-___ (makeshift shelters)
32. The #1 GOAT song, by 40-Down Franklin
33. British territory and rock where the Mediterranean meets the Atlantic (abbr.)
36. Crooner Frank ___ who didn't make it to the GOAT songs list
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38. Possible abbr. for prepaid or postponed
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49. Situation opposite no-win (2 wds)
51. Singer of #18: "Purple 45-Down" and five other GOAT songs
52. Mouths, slangily (2 wds)
53. Take the wheel
54. Interior parts of countries

DOWN

1. Mexican cattle-farm worker
2. Survives longer than
3. Letters on a 4G phone
4. John ___ with #19 "Imagine", and 11 other GOAT songs as part of a fab foursome
5. #462 on the GOAT song list: Van Morrison's "___ the Mystic"
6. Require
7. ___ & Svcs Tax (GST)
8. "This too ___ pass"
9. Slate of tasks (3 wds)
10. Like Jimmy Carter's presidency (2 wds)
11. "Our" in Italy

12. Art Deco designs by Romain de Tiroff under his pseudonym
13. Claws, attempts to rip (2 wds)
15. "To be" in Madrid
20. Back door, anagram of PRESTON
22. "Super Mario Bros." console initials
23. Jumped at, as an opportunity
25. #5 on the GOAT song list: Nirvana's "Smells like ___ Spirit"
26. What's a precious stone? (3 wds)
30. What Steve Jobs as a child might have called a string tied to an empty soup container?
32. Word after "good" that's far from a complement
33. Gone long past its prime (2 wds)
34. Plunges completely into a fluid
35. Insects that sound like the band with the most (11) GOAT songs. Also see 4-Down.

36. Washington State's 2nd most populous city
37. Card that might be high or low
38. German "Cheers!" as in the Oktoberfest drinking song "Ein ___"
40. ___ Franklin with the #1 (32-Across) and three other GOAT songs
41. Guided visits, e.g. of the the largest city in the Loire Valley region
42. Restaurant patron, or perhaps the restaurant
44. Recipe amt.
45. #18 GOAT song: 51-Across' "Purple ___"
46. The difference between a traveler and a traveller (2 wds)
49. Cost of living stat.
50. Counterpart of Lat.