ACROSS

- 1 Confess
- **6** Successfully hit its mark, as a joke
- 12 Grammy winner Yearwood
- 14 Some people can't tolerate it
- 15 Big slugs
- 16 Fruit used as a vitamin C supplement
- **17** Spring occurrence
- 19 "___ gates of steel so strong but Time decays?" (Shakespeare)
- 20 One who doesn't drink from the tap?
- 21 Bedtime story baddie
- 22 Goes on a boat for the afternoon, say
- 23 Did some composing
- 24 Plug in a pipe
- 25 Guitar parts
- 26 Puts to work
- 27 Hiker's route
- 28 Shaped to hold street food, say
- 30 Reasons for stitches
- **32** American
- 33 Puts a ball in play as, in tennis
- 35 Busy working
- **36** Wheel with more grip than the usual
- 38 Abbr. near the number 87
- 39 Rock star appropriated for Richard Nixon's "American Youth" campaign ad
- 40 Queen's attendant
- 42 Rises up
- 43 "Sure looks that way"
- 44 Soft to the touch
- 45 Way difficult
- 46 Fussbudget

DOWN

- 1 Walk-up turn
- 2 Hung loosely

- 3 Be a poor judge of character?
- **4** "No cap"
- 5 Sweetwater, Tennessee, cavern attraction thought to be America's largest underground lake
- 6 Precision cutter
- 7 HP rival
- 8 Unspecified number in a series
- 9 "Everything's sweet"
- 10 Series of screen tests?
- 11 One-named R&B singer with the 1994 hit "You Gotta Be"
- 13 "Like we said"
- **14** Range finders sometimes go here
- 16 Esther who won a Primetime Emmy for "Summer of My German Soldier"

- 18 Comes (from)
- **21** Do some arranging
- 23 Shrivel up
- 25 "Diamonds Are Forever" setting
- 27 ___ hat
- 28 Please
- 29 "Golly gee"
- 30 Artistic category
- 31 Add casually
- 32 Restaurant with a caricature decoration motif
- 33 Becomes a parent
- 34 Line up
- 36 Hypochondriac's site
- 37 Class struggle it's not
- 39 Harrange
- 41 Challenge America grant org.

