ACROSS

- 1 Eight-time Ballon d'Or winner
- 6 Hit really hard
- 11 Comes down hard
- 13 Illinois River city
- 14 "Brazil" director
- 16 Story detour
- 17 Star man?
- 19 Pin cushion?
- 20 Caddies' suggestions
- 21 Entice
- 22 Delayed action
- 23 Not fresh
- 24 Successes at the gym
- 25 Howl, as to the moon
- 26 "Her" Oscar winner
- 27 Like a one-star review
- 28 French Alpine cheese
- 29 Home brewers' needs
- 30 Sources of leaks
- **31** Zeppelin
- **33** 1998 animated movie whose main character battles termites
- 34 "Mary Poppins" author
- 36 ___ payments (contactless transactions
- 37 "Think about it!"
- **39** 1970 John Wayne film set during the Civil War
- **41** Brandy, orange liqueur, and lemon juice cocktail
- 42 Reads between the lines?
- 43 Chicago singer Peter
- 44 "Leda and the Swan" poet
- 45 Kentucky Derby prize

DOWN

- 1 USAF rank
- 2 González in 2000 headlines
- 3 Really convince others

- 4 "Only Murders In the Building" star
- 5 Wanderers
- 6 Attended
- **7** Keep to oneself?
- 8 "Family City USA"
- 9 Taj Mahal feature
- 10 Gently touched
- 12 Do things rather Swift-ly?
- 13 Angel's fears
- 15 Leatherneck
- 16 Watch over
- 18 Doesn't stick around
- 21 Attacks militarily
- 23 Villain who says "I am altering the deal. Pray I don't alter it any further."

- 25 Kind of vinegar
- **26** Drink with the slogan "All the sugar and twice the caffeine!"
- 27 Her Secret Service code name is "Pioneer"
- 28 Share with, with "in"
- 29 Where a slider might stop
- 30 "The Rope Dancer Accompanies Herself With Her Shadows" painter
- 31 "We can't forget about ..."
- 32 2024 election issue
- **34** Places where some take quizzes
- 35 Kit part
- 37 2024 election issue
- 38 History homework
- 40 Excellent

