

Subpar

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The answer to this week's meta is a professional athlete.

ACROSS

1. Cover on a wound
5. Attack
10. "Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!" group
14. Purple bubble tea flavor
15. Republic that has consistently had the highest COVID vaccination rates of any US state or territory
16. Scold, with "at"
17. River with headwaters in the Cantabrian Mountains
18. Approves
19. Or ____
20. "Bye Bye ____" (1963 film)
22. Olympic awards
24. Dallas basketballer, for short
25. Served with ice cream
27. Cock's partner
29. USA Today puzzle editor Erik

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31. Charged atom
32. Small hill
34. Paparazzi's target, for short
35. Furious
36. "Bald" icon of the United States
37. Scooby-Doo, for one
39. Place for a marathon runner's number
40. ____ whiz
43. I'm going to borrow David's clue because it's too good: "Having trouble learning your German articles? Don't worry, we've all been ____" (ba dum ksh)
45. Male offspring
46. Not yet figured out: abbr.
49. Greeting that originated on the Indian subcontinent
51. Painter and sculptor who spent most of his life in Spain (although I bet you can guess where he was born!)
53. One who usually has a Ph.D.
54. Set out

56. Apiece
57. Bird with a massive wingspan
60. Expectations (but not the ones needed for this meta) that are often arbitrary and unrealistic
66. Author Dahl of "The BFG"
67. Type of foil made into hats by conspiracy theorists
68. Elegant
69. Performs better than
70. ____-warrior
71. The other "Sin City" (this one's in New York)

DOWN

1. ____ Genevieve, MO
2. Sauerkraut before it's fermented
3. The A of ETA
4. Rude one
5. Ruin
6. Prepare to fire
7. Greeting in Fortaleza
8. "Everybody Loves" him
9. Thought it over
10. Calculation in many real estate listings

11. Selfish athlete
12. Hoover competitor
13. If Disney ever buys Yuengling, I hope they change their slogan to "An ____ as old as time"
21. Oddly enough, they seem to have become their own 60-Across for middle-aged men
23. Making people miss, in hockey lingo
24. Guy who always introduced himself first in Apple commercials
26. Bird hunted by the Maori
28. Division for the Phils
30. Color that universally means "stop"
33. Apprehend
38. Coasts, as one might do in a class
39. Town confused with Ipswich in a famous Monty Python sketch
40. Econ fig. that's not quite as accurate as the one with "D" in it
41. Big Dumbo feature

42. Genre for Sunny Day Real Estate
44. Sample for a second time
45. Red hot chili pepper
46. "Spill the ____" ("Share the gossip", in modern lingo)
47. Method I use to email all Pandora's Blocks solvers each week
48. Homer's catchphrase
50. To ____ (too much for one's own good)
52. Treat again, as icy roads
55. Room with lots of insulation
58. Ford models of yore
59. Aztecs' sch.
60. "I'll return shortly", in a text
61. Abbr. for a law-abiding hirer
62. Roadside assistance org.
63. L.L. Bean competitor
64. Boxing Day mo.
65. Genre for The Mighty Mighty Bosstones