

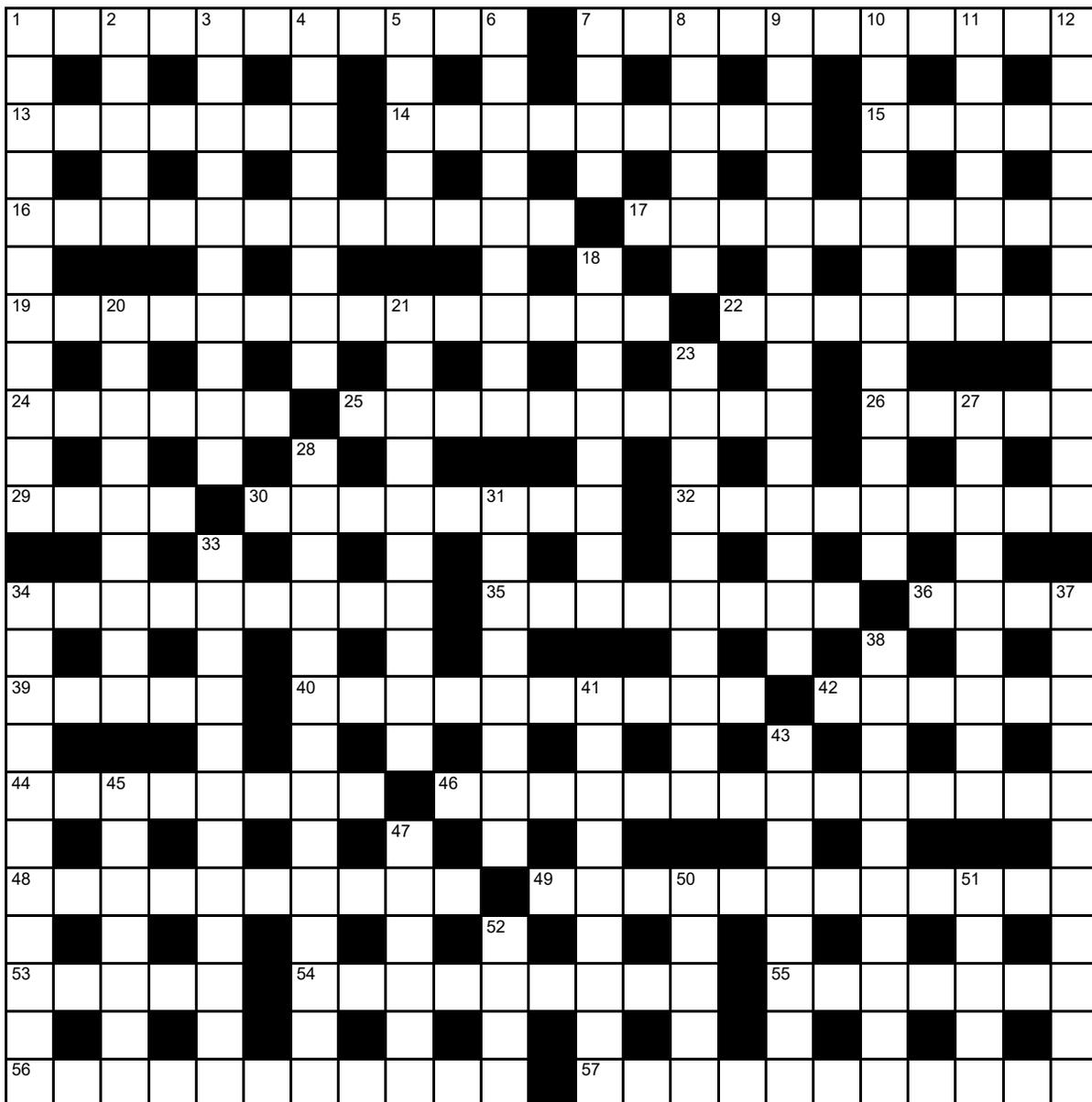
Jumbo Crossword No 17,400 Set by NEO

ACROSS

- 1 Idea Milton corrected, having claimed book's impossible to beat (11)
 7 Venus strips, returning to bed early for this? (6,5)
 13 Mister Solo ordered on a run to conserve energy (7)
 14 Witness putting Murphy on spot for hearing? (9)
 15 BBC denied answer — remove constraints (5)
 16 Unchanging demand in it — market backing financial institutions (12)
 17 Organised crime is involving MP — upright character in theory (10)
 19 Man has fantastic knowledge about god in border region (6-8)
 22 Republican supporter on course to visit weak cardinal (8)
 24 Neo's compelled to invest old pennies? Absolutely (6)
 25 Bible version great and ridiculously innovative (5-5)
 26 Celtic giant entertains with physical strength (5)
 29 Commit offence travelling west to collect second-rate writers? (4)
 30 Judge has trouble getting one into club — Lolita? (8)
 32 Cook on Friday, patient ingesting stew regularly (9)
 34 Plant providing soda salt grows uncontrollably (9)
 35 Dawn's daughter always fair (8)
 36 Song from Callas needing no introduction? (4)
 39 Awesome couple spoke more than once? (5)
 40 Colours shot with black added to wood cut (1-4,5)
 42 What's behind humour regarding money advanced? (6)
 44 The Prince — timeless — randomly revealing code (8)
 46 Irresponsible broadcast by genius news boss (14)
 48 Attacks drive sudden rush (5,5)
 49 Poor diet's result in marlin and trout, not right for cooking (12)
 53 Stove lit for second time (5)
 54 Rude gobbling starter — slow down? (9)
 55 Salt beef almost everyone had for lunch? (7)
 56 One finding romance? (3-8)
 57 Sanction European people settling in northern county (11)

DOWN

- 1 Astrologers in island country offering vision (11)
 2 Funeral hymn in Matrix lifting Neo's heart (5)
 3 Edward concluding maiden is game — unsuitable together (10)
 4 Legendary Swiss thanks the French for revealing source (8)
 5 Indispensable as in pen that's disposable? (5)
 6 Irritation getting right into damaged 42? (9)



- 7 Maybe vampire hearts seen in tub (4)
 8 After time in dust old woman's wheezing (6)
 9 Rotating routine with kid, she designed low-calorie sweet (7,7)
 10 Asian girl receiving German car before outlaw steals one? (5,7)
 11 Ravel went awry in Tzigane at the end (7)
 12 Having more importance than others ahead of cardinal? (11)
 18 Gallant every evening seen with king (8)
 20 Took part shutting wild pig in dining-room storage (9)
 21 Apocalyptic book bringing joy to cleric (10)
 23 Extravagant academic losing it in dispute (10)
 27 No-one with hair on end underwriting a claim? (9)
 28 Rules for survival: fellow twisted with hate must engage psychologist (3,2,3,6)
 31 Interview poet outside international church (8)
 33 Adult and small cat in turn provided with energy drink (4,8)
 34 Forest in G&S with corner for animal on foot? (6,5)
 37 Giving up Bonn mandate in the wars (11)
 38 English and French film director walked around guillotine (10)
 41 Note four times written about American in private meeting (4-1-4)
 43 Airborne night flyer to witness slaughter here? (8)
 45 Vocal required in Señor Guevara's slow hymn (7)
 47 Thunderstruck Sontag has turned to bottle (6)
 50 Looked around Devon for five seconds (5)
 51 Eating this up, vegan makes vegetarian furious (5)
 52 Finally in crossword, clue the setter does? (4)

Solution 17,394



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