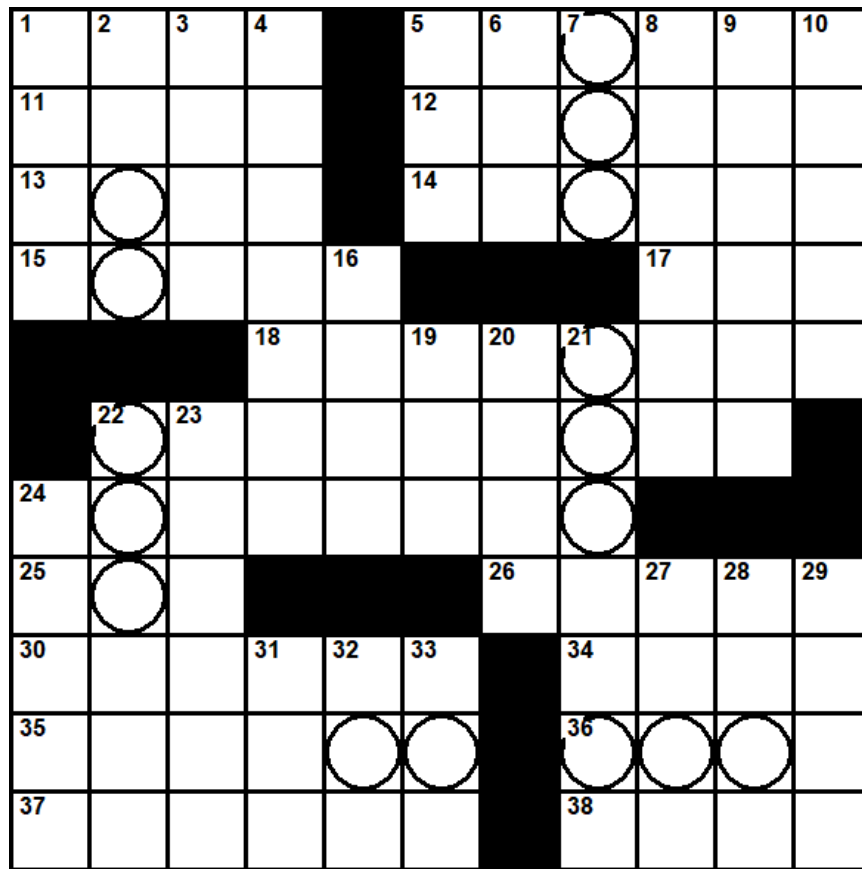# A Midi with a Bone to Pick

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Across

1. Experimental settings

5. Sicilian and Russian, e.g.

11. Scandinavian capital

12. "Say ___ So" (Hall & Oates)

13. "Simpsons" school bus driver

14. "Mr. ___" (domo arigato, Styx)

15. Nourishment for redwood forests

17. Python function that returns the number of items in an object (or the first name of author Deighton for you non-programmer types)

18. Sundae best?

22. "Good luck," or what your puzzle's constructor has done to the three words outlined by the circled letters

24. Group generally responsible for great delis and kosher food in New York City

25. "Mama, life ___ just begun / but now I've gone and thrown it all away" (Queen)

26. Without him, we might not have "Cats"

30. Approximately 60% of the world's population

34. Handicapping org.?

35. "Take care of yourself"

36. Gloomy darkness

37. "___ Be Released" (Bob Dylan)

38. Olympic foil

Down

1. Weigh heavily

2. Bubbly city in Italy

3. Diner initialisms

4. Placates

5. Space station that launched as a Soviet craft but crashed Russian

6. From ___ Z

7. Stretch the truth

8. "Tristan & ___" (2006 film based on the medieval legend)

9. Source of one of the banes of my existence

10. Sharon or Oliver

16. "General Hospital" for instance

19. Boxing win, briefly

20. Cab cost

21. Edgar Allan Poe poem of 1847

22. Leanings

23. Salad bar vegetable that is completely underappreciated (unless you love it as much as I do, in which case congratulations on your great taste!)

24. Follower of Abu

27. Bats now

28. Classic fairy tale bad guy

29. Receipts

31. It can help when you need a charge

32. One of two major American sports leagues that does not compete with a round ball

33. Compagnon du poivre sur la table