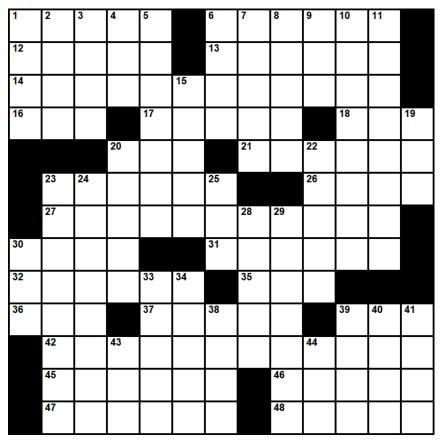
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Across

- 1. Tiffs
- 6. 2002 animated film featuring a mammoth
- 12. Jane Curtin TV role
- 13. Reggae singer Rita
- 14. Bryan Adams hit song of 1985
- 16. These days, most people use iMessage or WhatsApp instead of this
- 17. Montana mineral sources
- 18. It ends "ends"
- 20. Blog feed reader format
- 21. Still
- 23. "Now it's clear!"
- 26. "The end is ___!"
- 27. Quick version of your sales spiel
- 30. Record label for the Talking Heads
- 31. Most reserved
- 32. Eponym for a section
- 35. Letters on barbells
- 36. Dutch financial giant
- 37. Not as many
- 39. Nintendo Wii avatar
- 42. Dollar value of the titular final question on the quiz show

- that was the #1 program on TV in 1955-56
- 45. Character in "The Raven"
- 46. Morris who directed "The Fog of War"
- 47. Applies to, as an ointment 48. The forgotten word in the answers to 14-, 27- and 42-Across, or the age I turn this June 2025 which happens to be the point at which forgetfulness becomes a

privilege not a curse, amiright?

Down

- 1. Talk back to
- 2. Predecessor to a prune
- 3. Charitable collections
- 4. "Pee-wee's Big Adventure" director Burton
- 5. "Looks that way"
- 6. "That's my cue!"
- 7. Coffees in Paris... or places to drink them
- 8. Former accounting firm ____
- & Young (now they're just known as EY which is a **so** much better name... oh and I just gave you the first letter to the answer)

- 9. Comic Wong
- 10. The study of our endowments?
- 11. It rarely improves with age
- 15. Like well proofed dough
- 19. Univ. or coll.
- 20. Reduces to bits, as one might a potato
- 22. Chips in
- 23. Pandemic of 1957-58, familiarly
- 24. "Wish me luck..."
- 25. Summertime in Savannah
- 28. Diet for those who generally hunter-gather at supermarkets
- 29. Drenches
- 30. It's part of STEM
- 33. Hairstyles of Sly and some of the Family Stone (Sly: rest in peace)
- 34. Fashionable, again
- 38. "___ Doves Cry"
- 39. Karl who is buried in Highgate Cemetery in London
- 40. How ties are usually broken
- 41. One way to sit by
- 43. "Ceci n'est pas ___ pipe"
- 44. Title of respect in India