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Puzzle 12

Across

- 1 Affectionate touch (3)
 4 Employee's position (3)
 7 Intense dread (4)
 8 "Once ____ a time..." (4)
 10 Wash the body (5)
 11 Defy authority (5)
 13 Fictional narrative (4)
 14 Midday hour (4)
 16 Brewing vessel (3)

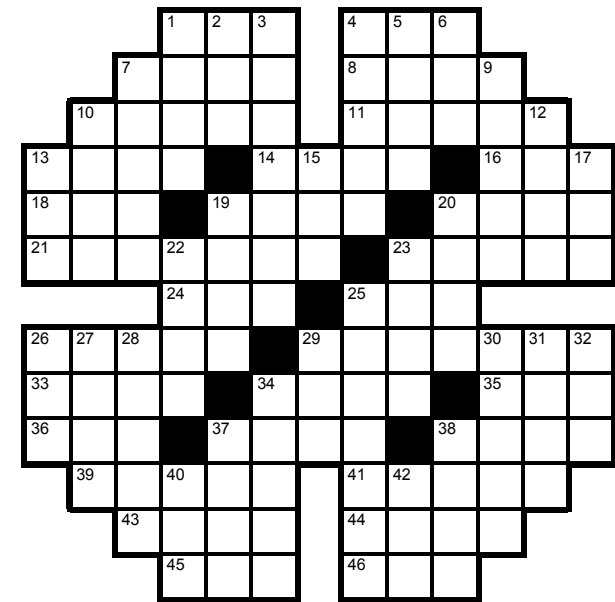
- 18 That fellow's (3)
 19 Celestial object (4)
 20 Dancer Kelly (4)
 21 First Lady Roosevelt (7)
 23 Ambulance wailer (5)
 24 Freight weight (3)
 25 Armed combat (3)

- 26 Beat steadily (5)
 29 Look back (on) (7)
 33 Harvest (wheat) (4)
 34 Hardly punctual (4)
 35 Mover's vehicle (3)
 36 Canine bark (3)
 37 Gridiron kick (4)

- 38 Clothing fuzz (4)
 39 Scuba enthusiast (5)
 41 Grand films (5)
 43 Break bread (4)
 44 Chair part (4)
 45 Wild donkey (3)
 46 Black goo (3)

Down

- 1 Folksy Seeger (4)
 2 Thankful sigh (3)
 3 New Jersey's capital (7)
 4 Court panelist (5)
 5 Store sign (4)
 6 Entertainer Hope (3)
 7 Not true (5)



- 9 Emphatic refusal (5)
 10 prisoner's ransom (4)
 12 Rustic road (4)
 13 "What's ____ problem?" (3)
 15 Dinghy propeller (3)
 17 five pairs (3)
 19 Pompous person (4)
 20 Young woman (4)
 22 On (4)
 23 Money vault (4)
 25 Least arid (7)
 26 Attempt (to) (3)
 27 Skull's site (4)
 28 Fast-moving (5)
 29 Hurried along (3)

- 30 Expel, as a tenant (5)
 31 Trash holders (4)
 32 Blasting stuff: abbr. (3)
 34 Entices (5)
 37 Writing implements (4)
 38 Frequent fibber (4)
 40 By means of (3)
 42 Garden vegetable (3)