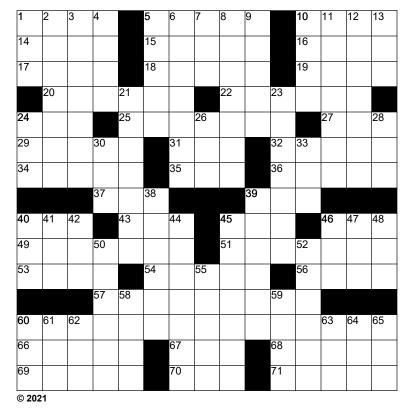
Subpar Will Pfadenhauer

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
- **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