July 4, 2024 Crossword

Across

- 1. Conspirator
- 8. One into collecting
- **15.** Pirate in Cooperstown
- **17.** University 190 miles south of Chicago
- **18.** Do Not Call Registry org.
- 19. Shore grasses
- **20.** __ Speedwagon ("Can't Fight This Feeling" band)
- **21.** Throat-clearing sound
- 23. Heal
- 24. Actress Annette
- 27. Audible warnings
- **31.** Part of old MLB contracts challenged by Flood v. Kuhn
- **33.** 2001 Nicole Kidman supernatural thriller
- **34.** Games without goals
- **38.** __ in mystery
- **39.** Felt
- 41. Appear
- **42.** Anti-mob legislation acronym
- **43.** Consistently defeat, in slang
- **44.** Tries to defeat a referendum
- **51.** Letters after some officers' names
- **52.** Pinball parlor
- 55. Earthquake, e.g.
- **56.** Trap
- **57.** Obsessively opinionated sorts

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Down

- 1. Built ahead, briefly
- 2. One filled with hate
- 3. Beyond all reason
- **4.** Holiday when sweeping and emptying the trash are considered bad luck
- **5.** " bien!"
- **6.** To be in a faraway land
- 7. Author Jaffe
- 8. francese
- 9. Reduce to a puddle
- **10.** Martin or Kingsley
- **11.** Important seat occupant: abbr.
- 12. Nasal strip wearers
- **13.** AS Saint-__ (French Ligue 1 football club)
- **14.** Covers over, in a way

- **16.** Labor gp. that initially supported FDR
- 22. "The Man Who ____ His Wife for a Hat" (Oliver Sacks book)
- **23.** More timid
- 25. Chief Indian, once
- **26.** Corporate
- **27.** Gave red-carpet treatment to
- **28.** Dylan contemporary Phil
- 29. Cagney player on TV
- **30.** "The Luck of Roaring Camp" writer
- **32.** Common rodent
- **34.** Ham
- **35.** Once faddish hybrid pastries
- **36.** Qatar, for example
- **37.** Union leaver

- **38.** 2017 US Open champ Stephens
- **40.** Grandparents, often
- **44.** Brenda Blethyn's British cop series
- **45.** Baseball's Vizquel
- **46.** Prefix with marketing or medicine
- **47.** Goal
- **48.** Become active
- **49.** Mercury gp.
- **50.** Algerian city
- **53.** Apollo's chariot "passenger"
- **54.** Hrs. on the Mississippi