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Solving by the Numbers · by Patrick Blindauer and Francis Heaney
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ACROSS
1 Singer with the #1 hit “To Sir With Love”
5 ___ Gold”
10 Happy workplace?
14 Ukrainian soccer coach Blokhin
15 Best New Artist Grammy winner after Alicia
16 Mac OS X is based on it
17 SEE BOX
20 ___ Tomé
21 “Rawhide” role
22 Shipboard responses
24 Pen, e.g.
26 Pelé’s New York team
29 Dial on an amp
30 Cueball cover
33 Clarorous
34 Soon to be served
35 Frequent “SNL” role for Poehler
36 SEE BOX
39 Name-dropping abbr.
40 “___ Diary” (Mark Twain short story)

DOWN
1 Bogs
2 Cubitus
3 Jared of “American Psycho”
4 “Blecch!”
5 Briefs, briefly
6 Crackpots
7 “The Precious Stones” artist
8 Indulge in some capers?
9 “All That Wants” (Ace of Base hit)
10 Animated cross-dresser
11 J. Paul Getty used one
12 Turned six?
13 Emotional baggage carriers?
18 Thistle eater of kiddie lit
19 Cary’s fourth wife
23 TV opera treble
24 They may be wailed on
25 Sanity
26 Academy student
27 Use assembly language?
28 “What a pity”
29 “The Screens” playwright
30 Wisconsin college
31 Invert
32 See 50-Across
34 “Phffft” costar
35 Oris rival
37 Viewed
38 Mark up on the screen?
39 “Aprés___” (afternoon, in French)
40 ___ (attempt a futile task)
41 Dateless
42 Islanders head coach Nolan
43 Lentie’s lack
44 Restitution
45 Pain in the neck
46 General Mills brand
47 Like a fly’s path
48 Display mob mentality
49 Stroke causer
50 Give a black mark to?
51 Prefix with Iranian
52 Losses that aren’t counted?
53 Pile Pelion on ___ (attempt a futile task)
54 “Hamburger Hill” setting
55 FDR’s dam powerful org.? 
56 Word with bus or taxi

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
HASBEENS ~ SHIRTS
ETCHED ~ TOBOOT
CREDITED ~ ASMARA
KIRSH ~ BLITZ
DOG
LAP ~ APRICOT
SKIN
ELAM ~ LAWNS
ALDA
ASPCA ~ EFLAT
JOHNNY ~ KNOXVILLE
AVAIL ~ DINER
NENA ~ GHANA
EVAH
ERS ~ WONKY
EMO
ESS ~ BYE
SPINNER
YEOMEN ~ ROPE BURN
REUBEN ~ ONE PIECE
ESTATE ~ BOXEDSET