Fast Ball

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Across
1. With 19-Down, October 6, 1965
4. Passion
9. Breathless
14. Sch. attended by Reggie Jackson and Barry Bonds
15. Prepare for winter takeoff
16. Catchphrase
17. El ___
18. Pitcher on October 6, 1965—not!
20. 10,000 square meters
22. Birth control method, for short
23. Movie promo
24. Stretch out
27. Word with up or off
28. Geezer
29. Stable staple
31. Mythical beast that was turned into a peacock
33. Vegan's protein source, sometimes
34. First Bond flick
35. Kvetch
36. Promise
37. Categories
38. LAX postings
39. Little foxes
40. Some babies' first words since gay marriage was legalized
41. Family room
42. Spare parts?
43. Dale and Tim, to Yogi
44. Prepares potstickers, perhaps
46. Heartbreaking headline
49. Leo the ___ (Durocher nickname)
50. Originating country for much spam
51. Pitcher on October 6, 1965
56. Fingers, e.g.
57. “Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?” playwright Edward
58. Surprise
59. UFO crew
60. Escort, for appearance's sakes
61. Heaps kudos on
62. Like a wallflower

Down
1. America's Cup vessel
2. Basket material
3. Pitcher on October 6, 1965
4. Magazine department
5. Brought up
6. Alice's restaurant?
8. Spanish king
9. Liaisons
10. Big wheel at a supermarket?
13. “A ___ on both your houses!”
19. See 1-Across
21. Traffic jams
24. Remote spots?
25. It started on October 6, 1965
26. Sri ___
28. Well versed people
30. Pitch
31. Served perfectly?
32. Hotel posting
33. They played on October 6, 1965
34. Feinstein or Wiest
36. Meager
40. They played on October 6, 1965
42. Like Noah’s passengers
43. Left port
45. Tribal leader, often
46. Military mess?
47. Height's companion
48. Pert
51. Apply gently
52. Corrida cry
53. Org. for Anthony and James
54. The “S” in R.S.V.P.
55. Chain letters?

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