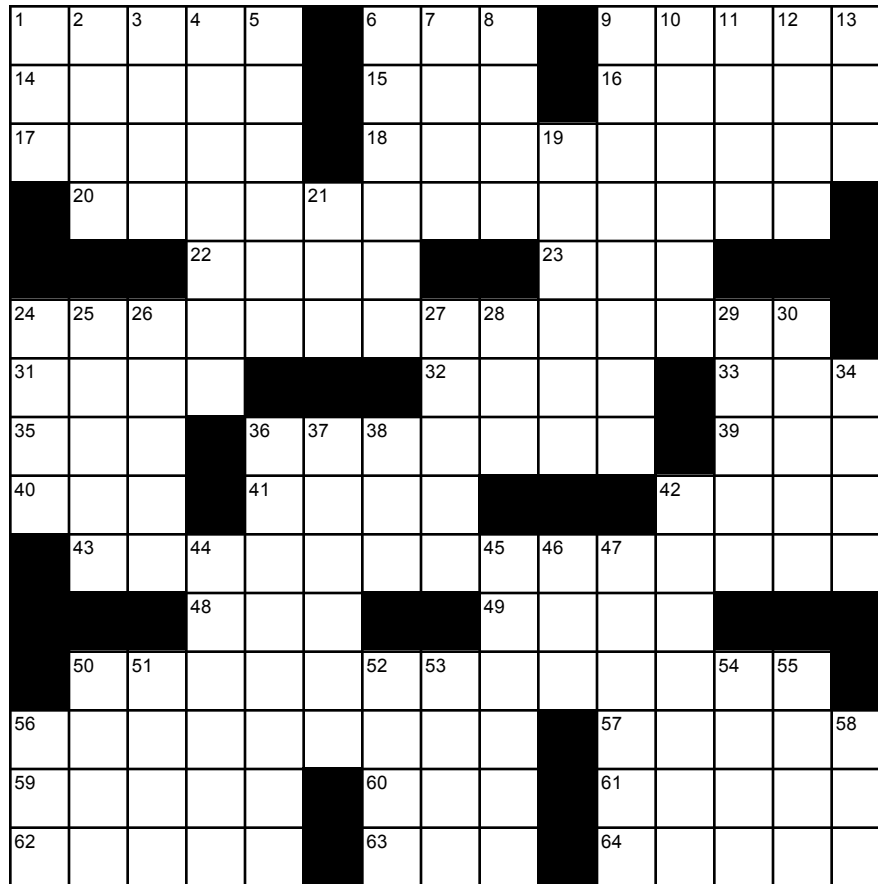


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ACROSS

1. Ray produced in nuclear fission
6. Stanford's Bay Area rival: Abbr.
9. Pasta sauce brand
14. Poetic approach
15. Ducks and Penguins org.
16. Facetious fivesome
17. French river
18. With "the," Holst's "Bringer of War"
20. "A hangover is the ___" (see 50-Across)
22. Chill
23. Fifth of N.Y.C.
24. "Brevity is the ___" (see 50-Across)
31. Brief missive
32. Sullen
33. Most Excellent Order just below Commander : Abbr.



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35. Demon tail?
36. Fatty acid salts
39. Neither partner
40. Apiece
41. Mister in Munich
42. Designer Christian
43. "You can't teach an old ___" (see 50-Across)
48. "The Professor and the Madman" subj.
49. It forms the southern shore of the Caspian Sea
50. Wit usually credited with 20-, 24- and 43-Across quips
56. Viking "mead hall," e.g.
57. Sea duck
59. Forster's "___ with a View"
60. Neighbor to Fra.

61. Passenger car type called "saloon" in Britain
62. Ride runner
63. Maris hit 61 in '61
64. London light rail cars

DOWN

1. ___ giants (Jupiter and Saturn)
2. Once again
3. Israel's Golda
4. Handcuff
5. "Am not" retort
6. Open an ancient text
7. Child or Puck, e.g.
8. Barn or basilica, briefly
9. Idle discussions
10. Grim personage
11. Mozart's "___ kleine Nachtmusik"
12. Leaves

13. Unfashionable
19. Historical capital of Bohemia
21. Cleveland or Canton attraction: Abbr.
24. Trim
25. Flowed slowly
26. In ___ (unborn)
27. Start to a challenge
28. "As if!"
29. Column style
30. Distant offspring of Gutenberg
34. Goofs
36. Almost redundant four-word exclamation of woe
37. Guide in the direction of
38. Sea eagle
42. More insignificant

44. Stheno or Medusa, e.g.
45. Window cleaners
46. "La-la" leader?
47. Most difficult to find
50. Television's precocious explorer
51. Words that may follow "where were you" during an interrogation
52. ___ Jass, a relative of Mike Easter?
53. French/Belgian river
54. Icelandic work of old
55. 500 sheets
56. Fond du ___, Wisconsin
58. IV administrators