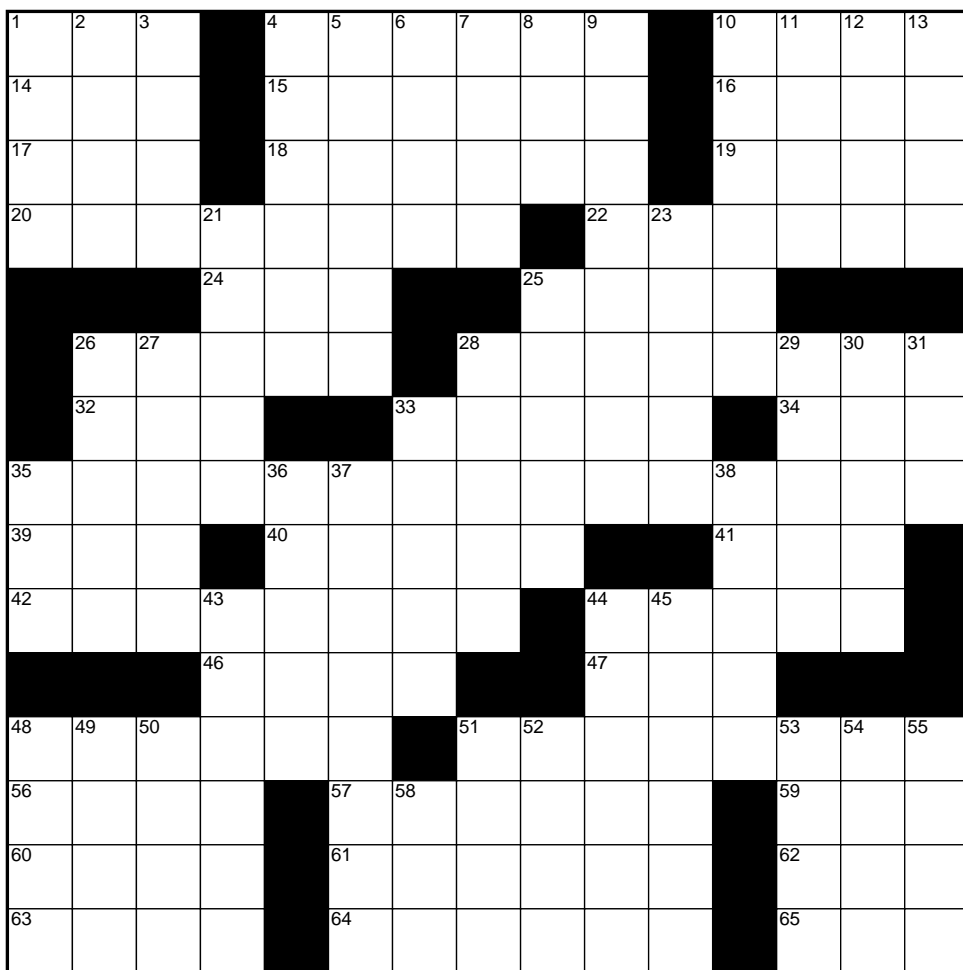


Inferior Word Game

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- 37 Indefinitely ongoing
- 38 Southern Gospel "Family" that won four consecutive albums of the year
- 43 Far northerner
- 44 Skin layer
- 45 Blanks out
- 48 Prescribed amount
- 49 Title of the leader of Bahrain, until 2002
- 50 Rugged rock
- 51 Irish name that's the root of "Sheila"
- 52 Bad word after E.?
- 53 "The Corner" at The National Review, e.g.
- 54 Zilch on the court
- 55 Offramp
- 58 Man cave room, often

ACROSS

- 1 Org. of wand-bearers
- 4 Dragging, as into court
- 10 Preeminent
- 14 Witch
- 15 Columnist, usually
- 16 Saxophone sort
- 17 Freudian subject
- 18 "Well there's the door!"
- 19 Litigates
- 20 "I ain't going nowhere," e.g.
- 22 Twofer
- 24 Pens' rival of 62-across
- 25 Deg. for a therapist
- 26 Goes out in a foursome
- 28 Tried again
- 32 Letters on a nutritional label
- 33 Summit
- 34 RPG damage radius
- 35 Pink square of 51-across, and a hint to 20-, 22-, 26-, 28-, 42-, 44-, and 48-across
- 39 Hooter
- 40 "___ Dogs Christmas Carol" (1998 film)

- 41 ___ raisin (ice cream flavor)
- 42 Dirty play?
- 44 Backstabs
- 46 Iraq War missile
- 47 Historical hip-hop series (abbr.)
- 48 Big red bus, often
- 51 See 35-across
- 56 Israeli-American actor Katz of "Dallas"
- 57 So to speak speech
- 59 Belly fish
- 60 "The King and I" kingdom
- 61 Baseball Hall of Famer Fox
- 62 Caps' rival of 24-across
- 63 Therefore, formally
- 64 Banded rock
- 65 Jewish divorce

DOWN

- 1 "___ what?"
- 2 Wise man
- 3 Stunned senseless
- 4 Real looker
- 5 Sap suckers
- 6 Actor Schrieber

- 7 Ye Olde ___ (medieval rest stop)
- 8 Put down to pick up?
- 9 Gets tiresome
- 10 Hebrews' last stand of the 1st century
- 11 College grad
- 12 Duo, of a sort
- 13 Probing
- 21 Take ___ (at)
- 23 Amps up
- 25 Undersea irritant?
- 26 Overhydrate, in a way?
- 27 Like a movie not typically shown in theaters
- 28 Rapper whose collaboration "A Lot" won a 2020 Grammy
- 29 ___ Wallenberg, Swedish diplomat who is honored at Yad Vashem
- 30 Olympic Village rooms
- 31 California Comptroller Betty ___
- 33 Short grass range
- 35 Stag partner
- 36 Knight's weapon