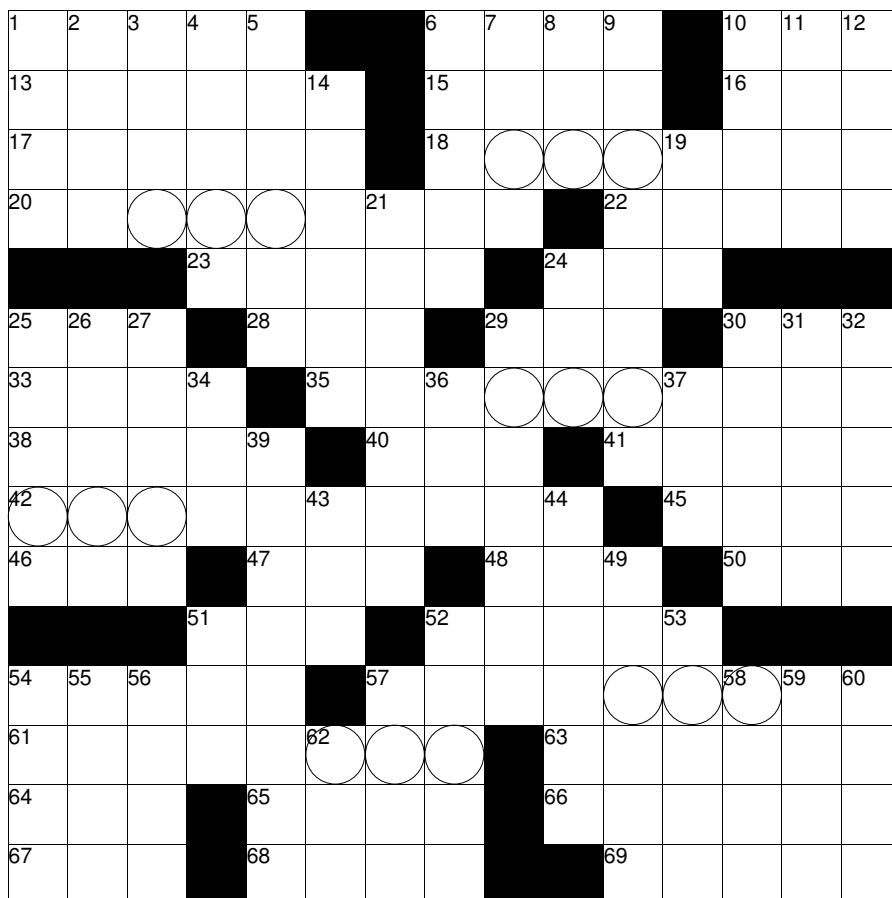


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ACROSS

1. Wavers
6. Strokes... or ones stroked
10. Maple tree output
13. Fire
15. Fictional apiarist Jackson
16. Con's adversary
17. 3.262 light-years
18. Real bitch
20. "Fifty Shades of Grey," e.g.
22. Assignment
23. Flight milestones
24. Pants zipper
25. Band or musical follower
28. Babe
29. Bring an action against
30. They might be fake
33. Police sting, e.g.
35. Stuck bit of feces
38. Miss Moorehead
40. Shtup
41. Like Peary's explorations



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42. Dinner mix with a glove on the box
45. Dorothy's pooch
46. Bodysurfing site
47. Carry a balance of
48. Bandleader Weems
50. E = IR formulator
51. Urinate, kiddie-style
52. Home-improvement projects
54. Servant of Prospero
57. Steak/seafood dish, on some menus
61. Ejaculate, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
63. Where to find baked blackbirds
64. Break in

65. Abbr. at the end of an unfinished article
66. Rebellion
67. None other than
68. Out there, in pop culture
69. She played Roxie in "Chicago"

DOWN

1. Batch of sit-ups
2. Final, for example
3. Textile tan
4. Enumerates
5. Shorthand specialist, for short
6. Purplish colors
7. Month preceding Rosh Hashanah
8. Express lane limit, often
9. Pay one's share
10. Neuter's counterpart
11. C-shaped figures

12. Slam competitor
14. Cleaning-product giant
19. Cook bacon
21. Talkative
24. Games' partner
25. Recap numbers
26. Present a case in court
27. "Would ya like to?"
29. Bouncer in many jokes
30. Snowy dwelling
31. ___ Valley (California)
32. Sen. Thurmond of S.C.
34. Stew ingredient
36. One who assumes a dominant role
37. Perceived
39. Wingtip adjunct
43. ___-neck

44. Western evergreen named for its eventual bark color
49. One of Santa's team
51. Ready to go, in a way
52. In need of paving, maybe
53. Cask part
54. Bump up against
55. Waste no time
56. "Capeesh?" reply
57. Like a cantata, when performed
58. Second word in many fairy tales
59. Churn up
60. Wine and dine lavishly
62. Indication of recognition