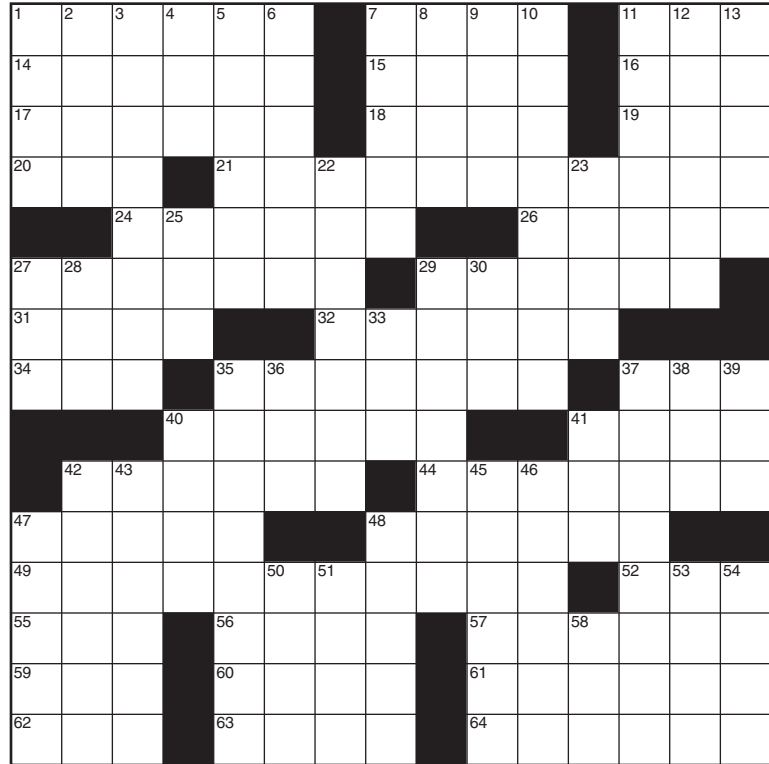


Starting Line

ACROSS

- 1 Alexander ____, eponym of a London dry gin
- 7 Humdrum
- 11 Atlantic catch
- 14 Plácido Domingo role in a 1986 film
- 15 Pack animal
- 16 Yelp of discovery
- 17 Bothers
- 18 It's up for auction
- 19 Reagan's Star Wars plan: Abbr.
- 20 Turk. neighbor
- 21 Hint #1 for uncovering a hidden message in this puzzle
- 24 Draw out
- 26 Attach securely
- 27 Yorkshire Amateur players who wear gloves
- 29 Taxpayer
- 31 Old date preceder: Abbr.
- 32 Opening
- 34 Nice article
- 35 Evangelium that begins the New Testament
- 37 Average mark
- 40 Curaçao concoction
- 41 Rebuff
- 42 "Only too pleased"
- 44 Slapstick staple
- 47 Scot with a lot
- 48 Taper off
- 49 Hint #2 for uncovering a hidden message in this puzzle
- 52 Increments on a scale: Abbr.
- 55 Redskins org.
- 56 Tennant who once wrote for Smash Hits magazine
- 57 Yes, for mates
- 59 First name in the White House, briefly
- 60 Irish author O'Brien
- 61 Vixen of fiction
- 62 Earsdon-to-Felling dir.
- 63 Auxiliary verb of old
- 64 Church of England notable John Bird ____



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DOWN

- 1 Runs
- 2 "Our Gang" assent
- 3 Sanctums
- 4 School librarian's deg., perhaps
- 5 Åsta Gudbrandsdatter's canonized son
- 6 News paper
- 7 Director's backup choices
- 8 Senator Trent
- 9 Islam: Habil :: Christianity: ____
- 10 XXX-labeled stuff
- 11 Turret site
- 12 "Yikes!"
- 13 Fresh milk source
- 22 Onion, cheese and rice dish
- 23 Unpacked and pitched gear
- 25 Roosevelt's honorary deg. from Harvard in 1929
- 27 Applied stuff
- 28 Carbohydrate suffix
- 29 Right-minded
- 30 Order at the upstairs room of the Gosforth
- 33 Stage star Hagen
- 35 Steamed
- 36 Ferry's destination on the Thames, perhaps
- 37 Religious figure
- 38 Old World abbr.
- 39 Maze goal
- 40 Knicks longtime announcer Albert
- 41 A pre-Ringo Beatle
- 42 They're often embarrassing
- 43 Hide out
- 45 You see them all the time
- 46 "Sayonara"
- 47 Covets, with "for"
- 48 High-energy display
- 50 Execute anew
- 51 Negative principles
- 53 Kilo- follower
- 54 Exsiccate
- 58 Rock or English tree