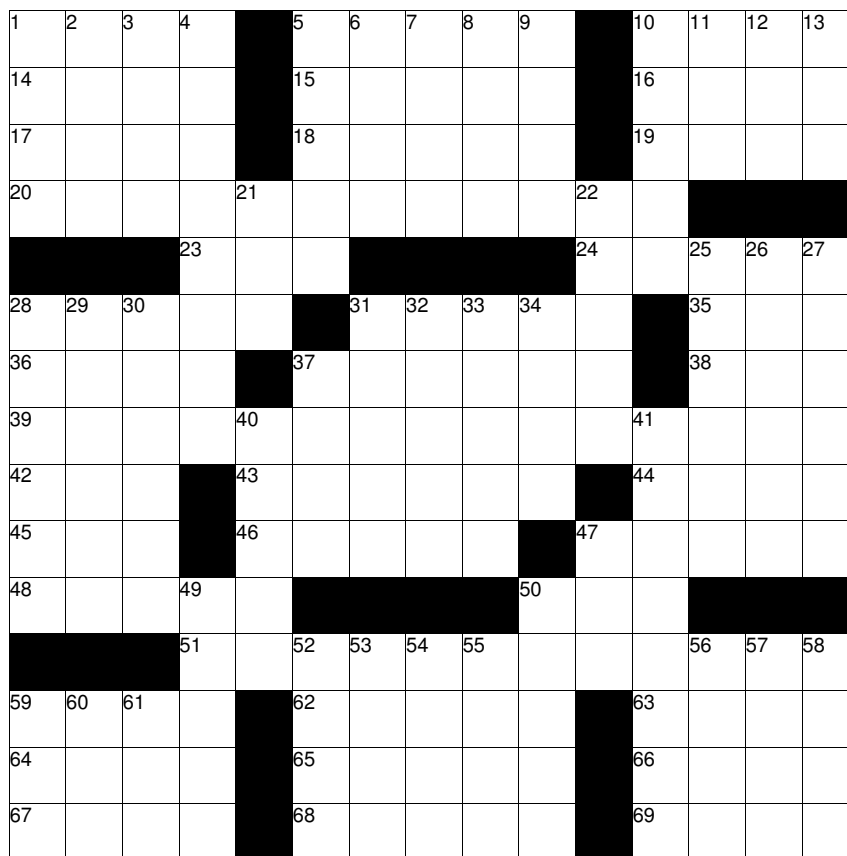


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ACROSS

1. Driving sport
5. Goth's decoration
10. With 20-Across, "Only think about a Belgian tennis player!"?
14. Dog with a prominent tongue
15. Take off, as scrubs
16. Aware of
17. "___ This Way" (Lady Gaga anthem)
18. "Hot damn!"
19. 2008 campaign slogan
20. See 10-Across
23. Stratego piece
24. Baño's feature
28. Pocatello's state
31. Steer clear of
35. Hearing aid?
36. Restaurant's front door posting
37. Crank the A/C up, again
38. ___ Taylor Loft
39. Spell-casting president?

42. Bitly bit
43. Bullish trend
44. Pictures with character?
45. By birth
46. Winter Palace residents
47. Beatnik topper
48. Fucking ready?
50. Jaguars coach Bradley
51. Writing an ode to a gorilla?
59. Get a new loan, briefly
62. Budget alternative
63. Russian border sea (can we still call it a sea?)
64. Criminal mastermind's trade
65. You shouldn't take it literally
66. Wrapping necessity



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67. Wise guys featured in this puzzle's theme answers
68. Hanukkah dish
69. "If all ___ fails ..."

DOWN

1. Silk Road desert
2. Reality star Lamar
3. Turkish bread
4. You might find it after moving the sofa
5. Optimistic
6. Bending joint
7. State that gives the highest percentage of income to charity
8. Low-calorie beer
9. Early Obama cabinet member Panetta
10. First pope to have visited Constantinople while in office
11. Leading figure in Italy?

12. "Plush" band, initially
13. Kind of hold or shoe
21. Twitter's was 11/7/2013: Abbr.
22. "Can ___ you something?"
25. Big cheese
26. Hang loose?
27. Rutherford who was the father of nuclear physics
28. Protected by shots
29. More costly
30. "Life of Pi" director
31. Certain sorority member
32. Come about
33. Opportunities, metaphorically
34. "Continue"
37. Danny Brown songs
40. Screenplay direction for the editor
41. Do some figure eights
47. Common cold

49. Hot dog topping
50. Elf's cousin
52. Send Christmas cards
53. Alan of "The Blacklist"
54. Dressage pace
55. "Everything's cool"
56. It's a mouthful
57. Rests
58. TV show that has put out four (4!) Christmas albums
59. My wife's third most-hated band (behind Big Country and Phil Collins solo)
60. Actress Mendes
61. Christmas pudding flavor