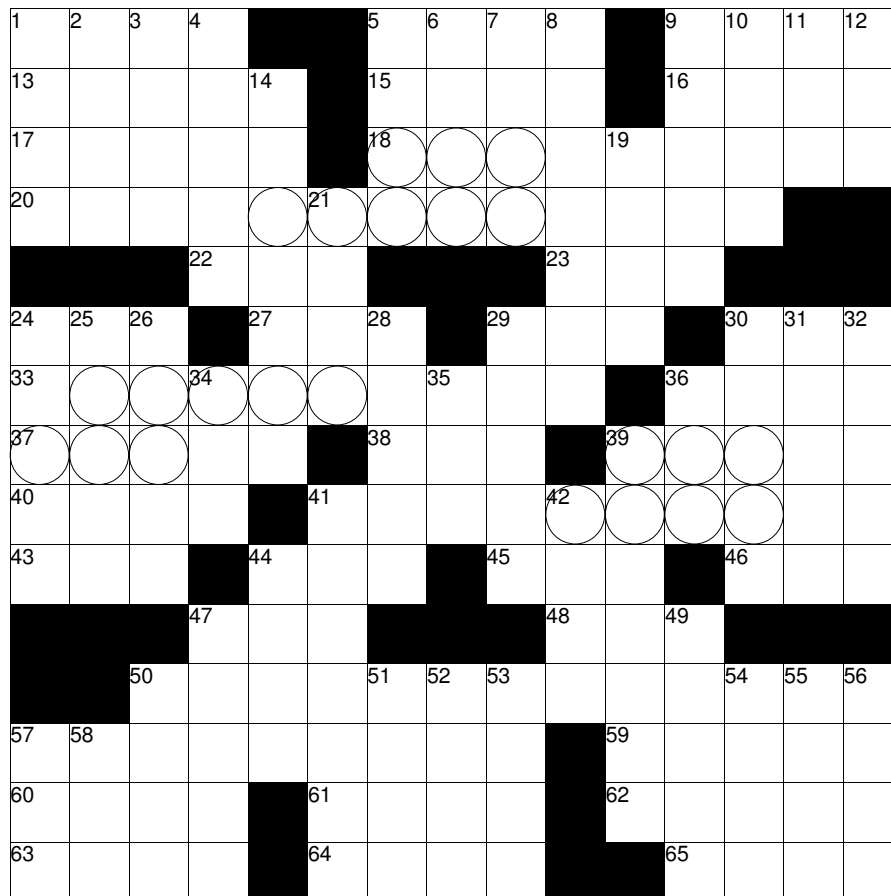


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## ACROSS

1. Half-and-half pet
5. Drinks might be on them
9. Cry of pain
13. Sign up for
15. Prefix with business and forestry
16. Some are inflated at red carpet events
17. Love to bits
18. Hit powerfully, as a home run
20. European monarch who held the longest reign: 72 years and 110 days
22. "Money's coming later," briefly
23. Christmas list entry, often
24. Ticker test: Abbr.
27. Padre's hermano
29. Bubble bursting noise
30. Head down?
33. "Cheers" go-with
36. Senator Ernst
37. Big name in chips
38. Punching tool
39. Wedding dress material
40. Prefix with Australian and European
41. Mötley Crüe's genre
43. Old name lead-in
44. Left-winger
45. Pen name?
46. Crosses out
47. "Gotham" channel
48. Foot unit
50. Official start of the Christmas season, according to protesters ... or, homophonically, an explanation of this puzzle's theme



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57. "Trust me"
59. "Gotham," e.g.
60. Frigate frame
61. Application entry
62. \_\_\_\_ minute workout
63. Slick
64. Looked over
65. Holiday fun run

## DOWN

1. Thanksgiving \_\_\_\_
2. Nix
3. Cheek covering
4. Japanese gateway
5. Faux-lesbian Russian music duo
6. Muslim honorific
7. Champagne word
8. Bad in like the opposite of amazeballs way
9. Kanye West, familiarly
10. Big brute
11. Ailment

12. Thing taken on a vision quest
14. Maseru's country
19. Wide receiver's flub
21. Pack it in
24. Like Santa's helpers
25. Burrito meat
26. Museum employee
28. Big name in toothbrushes
29. Schoolroom with mice
30. Shot in the face?
31. Chilling
32. Silent flirts
34. Pontiac muscle car
35. Slack-jawed reaction
36. Peanut butter purchase
39. Extra helpings
41. Like Larry Bird or Kevin Durant, heightwise

42. Tubular pasta
44. Puzzle maker god Sam
47. Completely
49. Wading bird
50. Utter nonsense
51. Nivea rival
52. Magazine with a red border
53. Follow
54. Drummer Grohl
55. "I'll drink to that"
56. Quick tug
57. Disease outbreak agcy.
58. Response to the question "more brie?"