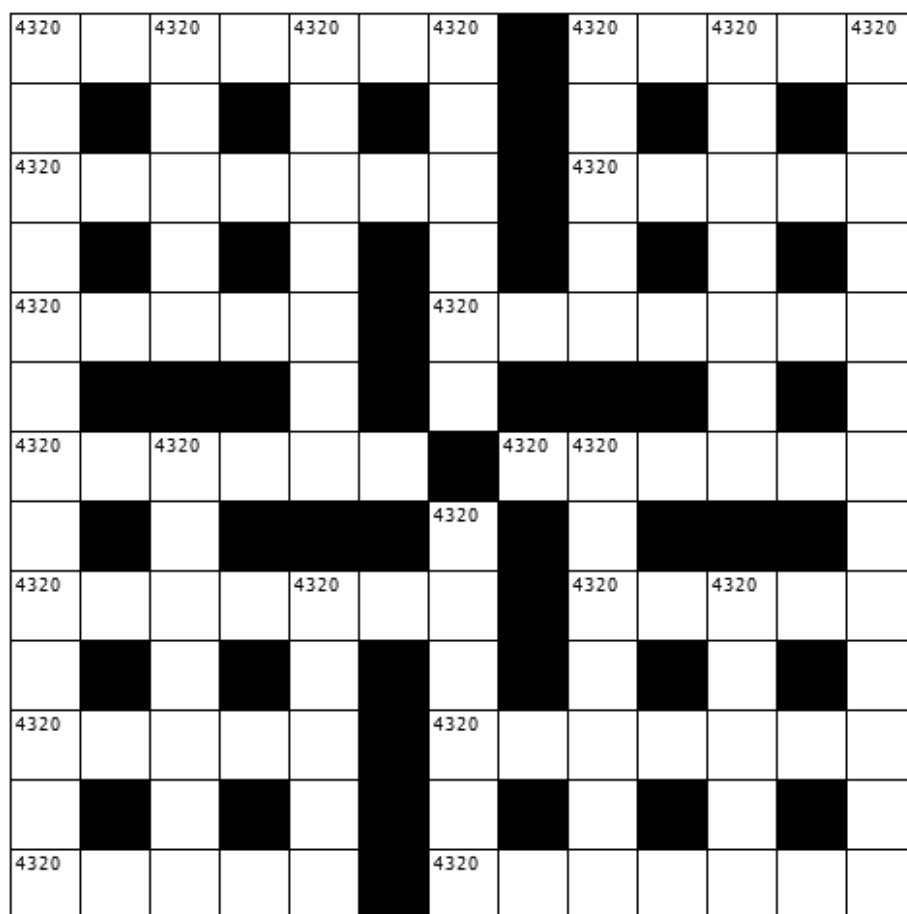


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ACROSS

- 1 Returning government agent to collect actress Alison's post-event report (7)
- 2 State "I had to return love" (5)
- 4 Passage in A key (5)
- 5 Grim male pilot consumes bar cocktail (7)
- 9 Old woman and old first aunt eat last of oatmeal cereal (7)
- 10 Republican to follow embargo covering lead cables or transmitter, perhaps? (6)
- 16 Swindle one late-night show host (5)
- 20 Rise to follow after the leading of Neil Young (7)
- 24 Vehicle going around the French plain (5)
- 32 Numbers like six and seven, strangely (5)
- 36 Agent bringing in one that's easily influenced (6)
- 40 Marina goes after piece of bread in gravy that's more sugary (7)
- 45 Top tradesperson searches for trinkets (7)
- 54 Problem children (5)
- 80 Serves us hibachi containing Japanese food (5)
- 96 Clouds unable to re-form close to haze (7)
- 108 Guy's one that's charged for residence (7)
- 120 Bankrupt regretted picking up present (6)
- 135 Drink bottled up in poured ice (5)
- 180 Expensive marinade (5)
- 216 Accept criminal has been executed (7)
- 270 Character's part of home game (5)
- 432 Boasts against adopted relative (6)
- 480 One in a series of records about one poem (7)
- 864 Retrieve coat again (7)
- 1080 Bank's detailed process hides bigwig (5)
- 2160 Italian man broadcast baseball player Gehrig, for example (5)
- 4320 Sailor follows shadows to Sirius (3, 4)

DOWN

- 3 Stalemate? I'm out (7)
- 5 Dreamer forgetting November under changing moon, initially casting hues in one color (13)
- 6 Stall for box exhibiting southern comedian Fey (13)
- 8 Champion scratching head near the centre (5)
- 12 One with superior attitude returning to take a seat in part of floor (7)
- 15 Smoke rising after end of accident—terrible! (6)
- 18 Staff overwhelmed by editor's edits (6)
- 24 Star celebrates dropped prices (5)
- 27 Stateroom of ministers rejecting alien (5)
- 30 Replay effect of original screenplay can involve man (3-2)
- 48 Singer Sheeran provided odd items for coaches (7)
- 60 Criminal Level 51 going back in vain (7)
- 72 Originally, bribe expert to restrict network stability (7)
- 90 Refrain from six pack: "ain't getting drunk" (7)
- 144 Spread of start of snowy weather (5)
- 160 Toll from that guy entering church (5)
- 180 Cast of Shanghai (5)
- 240 Stay on edge (6)
- 288 Heard, one after the other, coffee-maker or photocopier, perhaps? (6)
- 360 Mixture salient to skin protein (7)
- 540 Thoughts I had for one second (5)
- 720 Note intel and start to request mortar support (13)
- 864 Siege of Sparta acts as milestone event (4, 2, 7)
- 1440 Tin soldier returned, and with originally elegant dancer, caught fire (7)