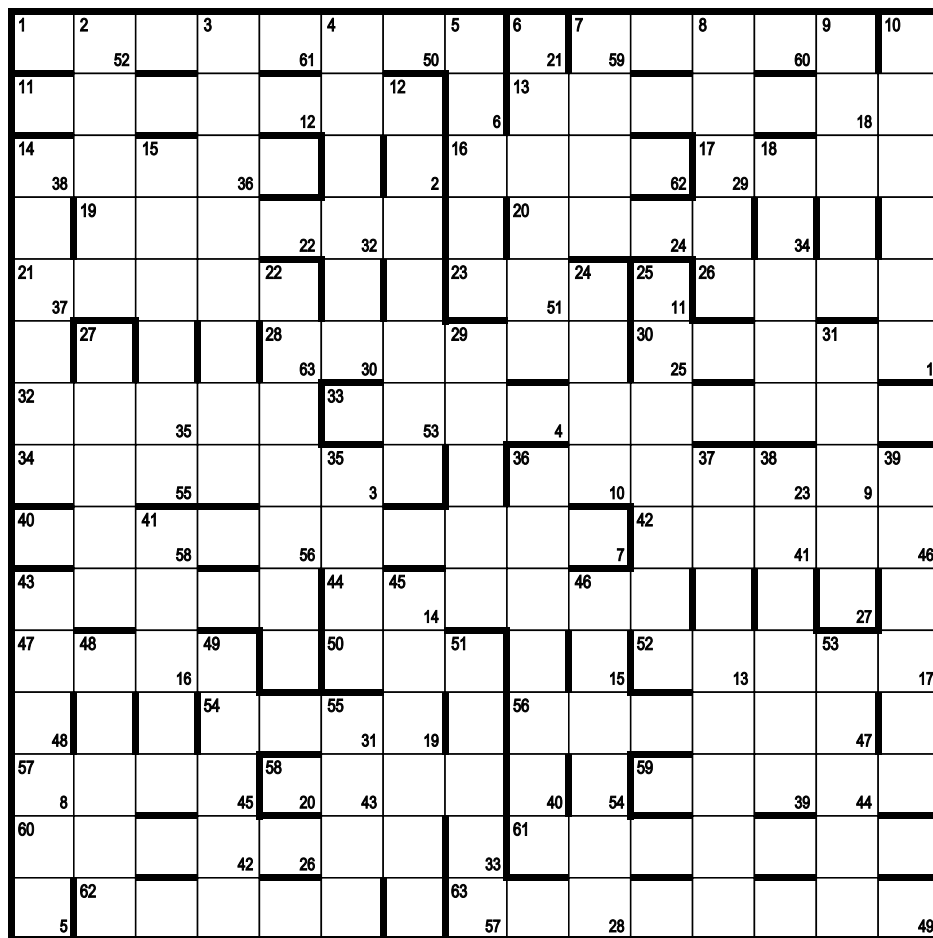


Perplexing Pirates

We asked some pirates a question, but their answers were rather cryptic. Maybe you can help?
Once you've solved the puzzle, extract the numbered letters for a riddle.



Across:

1. Odd, bullies with bad flus are extremely happy (8)
7. Crazy Horse is a Canadian bumpkin (5)
11. A panic about tea confused the leader (7)
13. Half of arena's level is even more disgusting (7)
14. I say, you, sirs, are addicts (5)
16. A bit of land is at the heart of Toledo (4)
17. Fifth letters sound calm (4)
19. Some clientele venting before noon (6)
20. Followers of Andrew admire leader he had been (4)
21. Military leaders swinging sabers, wasting energy (5)
23. Core evangelists come together (3)
26. Spots idiots without eyes (4)
28. A wheel, they say, is something that may be worn (6)
30. Win play? Caps off for a fine finish (5)

32. They smell Moses' top becoming a bit noxious (5)
33. Giving direction to mom dancing badly (10)
34. Wear your best when interrupting Padre's supper (5,2)
36. Rod and I repaired a human-like robot (7)
40. Bitter butcher targets inn (10)
42. Psychic ability at a library? On reflection, that's a mistake! (5)
43. Make amends at early afternoon (5)
44. Open wide to eat lid somehow (6)
47. Brief spasm at relaxing locations (4)
50. United capitals of old New England (3)
52. You get into spot with a stream (5)
54. Creative representations of parties lacking pie (4)
56. Spoke right before angry Saudi (6)
57. Entertainer has communion bread (4)
58. Sample of antifreeze at no charge (4)
59. Lead or hard rock, maybe (5)

60. Tom, iron out the screen (7)
61. Communication is a disaster and almost out of date (7)
62. I left fiancé incomplete. Why? It's complicated (5)
63. Shower of disgusting rat pelts (8)

Down:

2. Tampering with Earl's energy, Ray? (5)
3. Awful trespassers rap out beats (8)
4. Party hosts fashionable elite (6)
5. Simply ingenious guards? Not so (5)
6. A wren's mess goes here (6)
7. Very healthy whales have no wings. (4)
8. Even when sent back, I'd never test a horse (5)
9. Spooner said, "See, Rhett? Put everything back to normal!" (5)
10. Roiling gray sea yielding a slick (6)
12. Contemplations about ignoring climate? It never ends (3-4)
14. Loose, messy bun in capital of Denmark (6)
15. Slip away when asleep at sea (6)
18. Silly Olivia spent \$5 for sauce (5)
22. Smarter southern fool on lead-free pier (7)
24. Male and not mad, but slender (4)
25. Sets fire to e-readers (7)
27. Most awful German sausage, reportedly (5)
29. Force shot out of imp's hotel (5)
31. Herb has a nice change of suit (5)
35. Go back to extreme uptown party (4)
36. Rearrange a rag, man! (7)
37. Gruffest informant harbors spies (8)
38. Refuse hot pot yogurt? That's not odd! (3,3)
39. Study short tale about teeth (6)
41. Why leave today's work to amphibians? (5)
43. Breathless condition at ham's performance (6)
45. Sinister is out, possibly with something added in (6)
46. Go to wild party in the middle of Scotland (6)
48. Expert of evidence (5)
49. Luxurious fabric? Overcompensating a little? (5)
51. Most reviewers have water jugs (5)
53. Pegasus comes back with proper handling (5)
55. Destroyers surround legendary city (4)