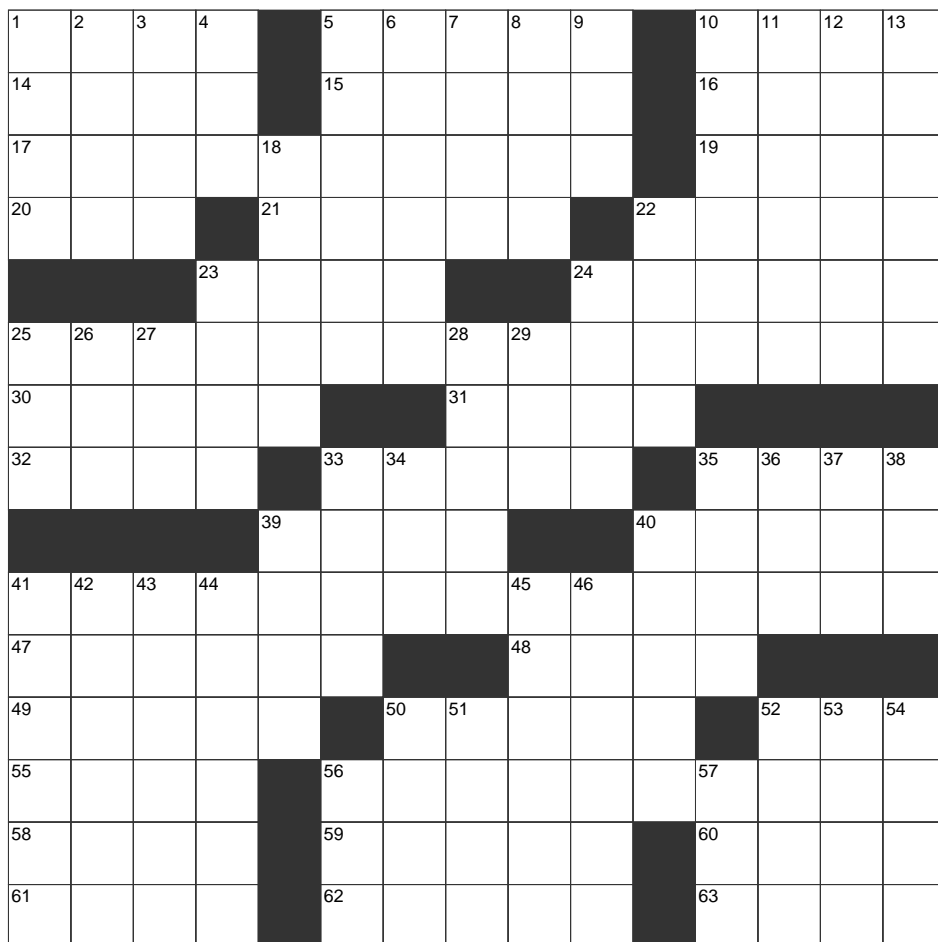


ACROSS

1. Supervocalic scaremeister Lugosi
5. Venetian coin
10. Actress Hathaway who shares her name with Shakespeare's wife
14. Got 100 on, no problem
15. Mushroom that sounds like a Florida swamp after removing painter Georgia?
16. Stocking stuffer for stinkers?
17. Pronunciation rule #1
19. Gunk
20. Subject of some grass-roots efforts
21. Attach with a rope
22. Cad who stays after I leave Louise?
23. "Pretty Woman" star with the middle name Tiffany
24. Ways backstage
25. With 41-Across, a description of this month's contest answer
30. Teri and Marco, to name two
31. Like the team that bats first in an MLB game
32. Means justifiers
33. Setting for many strikes
35. Romantic '70s hit by Styx
39. Surface rival
40. Disney character based in part on Alyssa Milano
41. See 25-Across
47. "Coming 2 America" actress Jones
48. River on Queens's western border
49. Moorish name for Rodrigo Díaz de Vivar
50. Toy company that owns the "Frisbee" trademark
52. Comfy clothes for sleepertime
55. Send, as funds
56. Pronunciation rule #2
58. Aware of
59. Curve, as an edge
60. Hollander's H2O holder
61. Huey Lewis and the ____
62. Growl menacingly
63. Seattle ____ (1977 Triple Crown winner)

DOWN

1. Rankin/____ (studio behind "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Frosty the Snowman")
2. Leader of the Bunnymen
3. Element whose name shares no letters with its chemical symbol
4. Spots
5. Bickle and Pupkin portrayer
6. "Sight" follower
7. Salmon also known as "silver"
8. Senegalese-American singer who duetted on Michael Jackson's first posthumous album
9. Something that comes to those who wait?
10. Buttonhole, aggressively
11. "Take your time"
12. Unsettling Sartre work
13. Firstborn
18. Jen and Brad, and Brad and Angelina, at times
22. Romantic '70s hit by Styx
23. GloFish, e.g.
24. Attempt a Hail Mary?
25. Donkey Kong, for one
26. Work of a malevolent artist?
27. Member of the GOP?
28. Striped search subject
29. Run a tab
33. "Perhaps I'll collapse in the ____" (Sondheim bride's fear)
34. What might be chocolate or fox red
35. Dry bubbly
36. Feel infirm
37. Sacramento daily
38. Athlete who might hear "Nice tourney, Ernie!"
39. "Not really, heh heh"
40. Result of a burning desire
41. Arrived casually
42. Modernize the pipes, perhaps
43. What money might be held in
44. 1986 sci-fi action sequel for which the star received an almost trigintupled salary
45. Sneak peek
46. Mark of distinction (in space operas and tweeting at least)
50. Word that famously follows "The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America"
51. Original woman's original name
52. Precursor to the Almighty, per a Mel Brooks 53-Down
53. "I Started a ____" (Bee Gees tune)
54. Babble
56. Longtime home to "The Carol Burnett Show" (appropriately?)
57. Format between 45s and MP3s



This month's contest answer is a nine-letter word described by the puzzle's four longest answers. Submit your answer to puzzles@beyondwordplay.com by January 31st.