

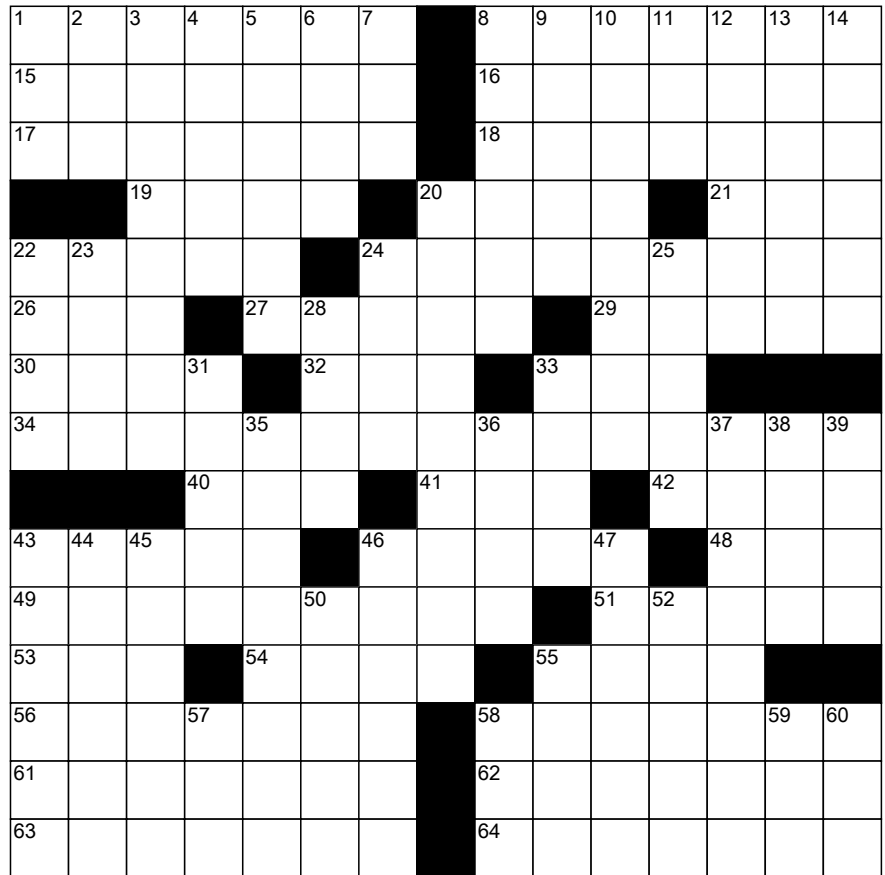
**ACROSS**

- 1 Card game with melds  
 8 Divulged  
 15 Scrubbed  
 16 Wonder Woman, for one  
 17 Part 1 of a story attributed to 34-Across  
 18 Elevate, redundantly  
 19 Bed of roses?  
 20 Fortitude  
 21 Sellout abbr.  
 22 Institution founded by Benjamin Franklin, in brief  
 24 Part 2 of the story  
 26 It adds punch to punch  
 27 Goes back and forth (with)  
 29 Nast of publishing  
 30 Foie \_\_\_\_  
 32 "\_\_\_\_ better be good!"  
 33 Barnyard bleat  
 34 Author of the concise yet evocative story told in this puzzle  
 40 Unwelcoming  
 41 Show of approval  
 42 Subject of a 1960 expedition by Sir Edmund Hillary  
 43 Yoga pose  
 46 Sainted 11th-century pope  
 48 Feeling of a frosty wind  
 49 End of the story  
 51 Montana mining city  
 53 Mister, abroad  
 54 One of the only remaining "people's republics"

- 55 A whole bunch  
 56 Sneaky critters  
 58 Like this puzzle's story, in length  
 61 Dub, say  
 62 One being dubbed  
 63 Confirm, as an email address  
 64 "No making changes now"

**DOWN**

- 1 Shortening in a coffee order  
 2 \_\_\_\_ group (hospital classification)  
 3 Leif Ericson, for one  
 4 Burning desire?  
 5 Sullies  
 6 Let the cat out of the bag  
 7 Gator's tail?  
 8 Alternative to a fence  
 9 Like some smoky Scotch  
 10 Biometric ID method  
 11 Article in El Mundo  
 12 Surmounts  
 13 Accustomed  
 14 Oust  
 20 People found in rows  
 22 Push  
 23 Sign of cat love  
 24 Cat hate  
 25 "Stardust" composer Carmichael  
 28 \_\_\_\_ party  
 31 It flows to the harbor of Le Havre  
 33 The south of France, with "le"



- 35 1991 sequel to "Gone With the Wind"  
 36 Part of the DreamWorks logo  
 37 Struck out on one's own  
 38 Squabbling  
 39 Cry of pain  
 43 Echo, e.g.  
 44 Unfazed  
 45 Do loop-the-loops, maybe  
 46 Not so fast?  
 47 Popular new holidays gifts of 2001  
 50 Hit 2008 Pixar film  
 52 Single  
 55 Limo window feature  
 57 Opposite of purity  
 58 Take to the hills?  
 59 Kylo \_\_\_\_ of "Star Wars"  
 60 "Dr." with the 2011 hit "I Need a Doctor"