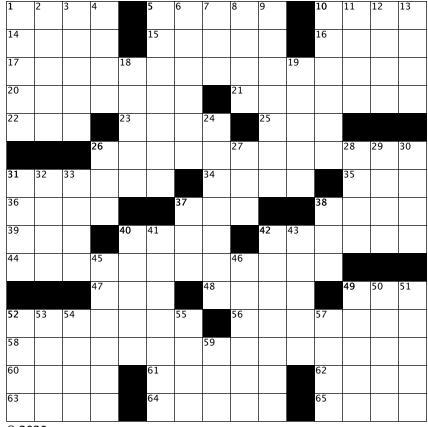
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## **ACROSS**

- **1.** "When it's \_\_\_\_!" Door/not-door riddle answer
- 5. Honed
- 10. "Excuse me!"
- 14. Cryptic language
- **15.** Mothproof chest material
- 16. Notoriously bad Roman emperor
- 17. Conclusion of a chemical company's market analysis?
- 20. Group garb
- **21.** "Why? Because \_\_\_!"
- 22. Winter clock setting on the West Coast
- 23. Consider
- 25. "As well a well-wrought \_\_\_ becomes / The greatest ashes as halfacre tombs" (Donne)
- **26.** Alleged victim of axwielding Lizzie's forty whacks?
- **31.** Determine the value of
- 34. Property claim
- 35. Latin "I"
- 36. Magical stick
- **37.** Go bad
- 38. They form beneath the eyes of the weary
- 39. In the past
- **40.** Ceased to function
- **42.** Widely scattered
- 44. Tailor to Eva, Zsa Zsa, and Magda?
- **47.** "Well, \_\_\_ on you!" (childish riposte)
- 48. Saucer occupants
- 49. Bank convenience, abbr.
- 52. Began to excoriate
- **56.** "Hmm..."
- 58. Indonesian adherent of Athenian philosophy?
- **60.** Injury in infancy, informally
- 61. "Common Sense" author Thomas
- **62.** Not working



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- 63. Chumps
- 64. Not as young
- 65. Pod contents

## **DOWN**

- 1. Misbehave
- 2. Puts together
- 3. Concede
- 4. Coral creation
- **5.** Successful sports figures
- **6.** Sewed the edge of
- 7. Fuss
- 8. Sitarist Shankar
- **9.** Behave in an unwarranted **43.** Basil spread manner
- **10.** Put oil on
- 11. Mindless group
- 12. Love god
- 13. Not stereo
- 18. All, in Spain (masculine, plural)
- 19. Peer of sorts
- 24. Tuneful
- **26.** Nighttime destination

- 27. Harsh critic's find
- 28. Witness aurally
- **29.** Future creatures
- **30.** Got up
- **31.** Like a happy dog's tail
- **32.** Long story
- 33. Object of social selfcongratulation
- **37.** OED, e.g.
- **38.** Place to get a drink
- **40.** Bee type
- 41. Elemental variant
- **42.** Pearly Gates tender
- 45. States a view
- 46. New Orleans university
- **49.** To the periphery
- 50. Inventor Nikola
- **51.** Doles
- 52. Debt-fueled deals, abbr.
- 53. Missouri neighbor
- **54.** Journey
- 55. Iridescent stone
- 57. Cut off
- **59.** Top