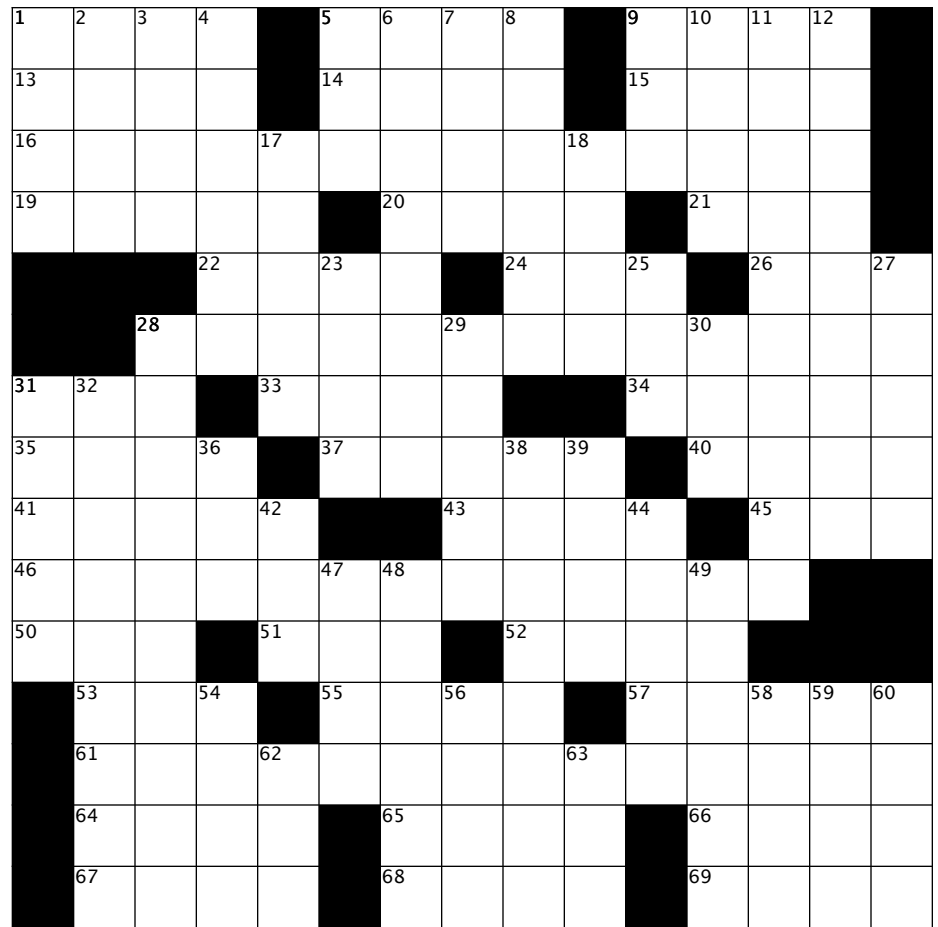


Oases

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ACROSS

1. Make a road of
5. Big place
9. Upper middle range
13. Prayer conclusion
14. Blow one's horn
15. Aspect
16. "Annoying," e.g.?
19. No longer recumbent
20. Erasmus of Formia, informally
21. French salt
22. They run cos.
24. "It's cold!"
26. Compete
28. Slovenly?
31. Airport south of OAK
33. Cry to a fly
34. Where a sailor goes
35. Sort of curly
37. Arcade game company
40. Feathered biped
41. Confession of mendacity
43. Abbr. for time units that sounds racy
45. CIA forerunner
46. Vegetarian's aversion?
50. Dress, with "up" or "out"
51. British bathroom
52. Wax-coated cheese
53. "Ma ___!" (Gallic expression of surprise)
55. Big horn
57. Knave
61. Treatment for texting addicts?
64. Region
65. Nautical direction
66. Natural balm
67. Four pts. of the compass
68. Little bits
69. Where a sailor comes from



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DOWN

1. Mama's mate, maybe
2. Iowa State city
3. Three-piece-suit part
4. Lure
5. "Oho" alternative
6. Tender place
7. Like the U.N.
8. Hands on hips, elbows out
9. Able or cable lead-in
10. Osculation needs
11. Broadcast receiver
12. Comedian's inventory
17. Urge
18. Insulated wire
23. Worker-protection org.
25. Place to get stuck
27. "Zounds!"
28. Cinema patrons
29. Cook, in a way
30. Corn holder
31. Rapid
32. "Paradise Lost" topic
36. Answer option
38. Like warmed leftovers
39. Like cooled beverages
42. Shipping co. named for its three founders
44. Show mercy to
47. Little bit
48. Nutty confection
49. Unprincipled
54. Words of understanding
56. Hungarian name hidden in "bel air"
58. Big party
59. Atop
60. Looked at
62. Looked at
63. Billy goats and tom cats, e.g.