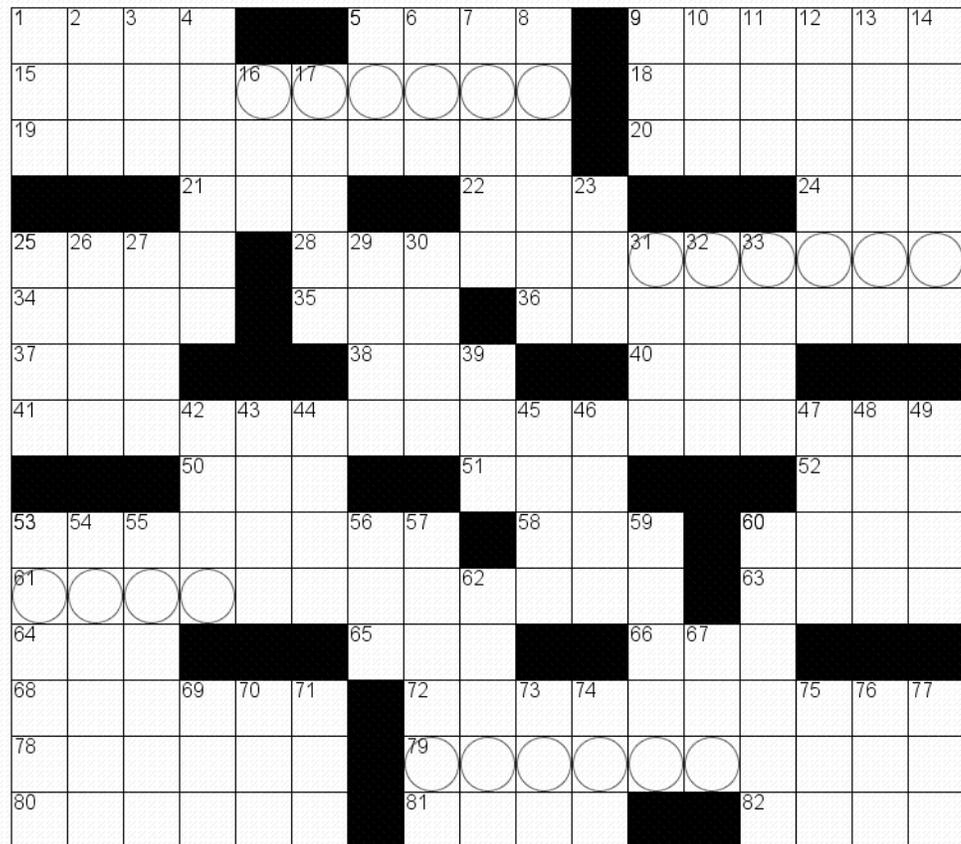


Spicing It Up

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ACROSS

1. "Wise" birds
5. Eye part that includes the iris
9. "___ Zakaria GPS": CNN show
15. Center of a mechanical watch
18. City on the Black Sea or in west Texas
19. Grandpa's brother
20. Eat like a bird
21. Good times
22. William Barr and Merrick Garland, for short
24. Suffix with project
25. Last name of all three Giants outfielders in 1963
28. Period of fine weather
34. Groups of whales
35. Corp. bigwig
36. Groups of military squads
37. "___ en Paz, Fierro en Guerra.": SFPD motto



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38. Chicken ___ king
40. Ruby, for one
41. 24th Street spice seller... or a positive review of this puzzle
50. Card game cry
51. Beatty or Rorem
52. Kitchen gadget company
53. Not suitable
58. Drivers' org.
60. Bit of derring-do
61. August through December, for many collegians
63. ___ buco: veal dish at Bacco
64. All ___ day's work
65. Beatle bride Yoko
66. "All About Me!" author Brooks
68. City northeast of Indianapolis
72. Where to get KCBS traffic info

78. "Relax," from a drill sergeant
79. Florida town whose weather doesn't match its name
80. Sycophant
81. D.C. team, informally
82. Went fast

DOWN

1. "!!!!," in a text
2. Card game
3. Make like George Santos
4. Screwups
5. Coffee holder
6. Trader ___ (old restaurateur)
7. Chou ___ of China
8. May-December wedding issue
9. Affected dandy
10. Fruit-drink suffix
11. DVR remote button
12. ___ Pie: former name of Edy's pie
13. Big Sur retreat

14. Carbon-14 technicians
16. Good name for a cook?
17. ___ War (Rome vs. Carthage)
23. "Weekend Update" show, familiarly
25. Each
26. Legend
27. Stench
29. Tidy
30. Barbie or Ken, e.g.
31. Long story
32. Salt Lake City team
33. ___ Noodle: food truck in the Mission
39. "Atlas Shrugged" author Rand
42. Roll up, as a flag
43. Slaughter in Cooperstown
44. Come to grips (with)
45. Back-to-school mo.
46. Leading ___: innovative
47. ___ Bar: prior tenant at Mr. Digby's space

48. "All My ___ Live in Texas"
49. Extinct bird that couldn't fly
53. "Allow me..."
54. ___ Bol: tallest NBA player ever
55. "___, Trains and Automobiles"
56. Comic Phillips
57. Fame
59. Napoleon's "Grande ___"
60. Work out in a pool
62. Sotomayor of the Court
67. Foul up
69. Rotating engine piece
70. "This ___ stickup!"
71. After-dusk time, to a poet
73. Explosive initials
74. Abbr. with Shaker or Brooklyn
75. Giving ___: greeting in the hood
76. Anger
77. Approved, briefly