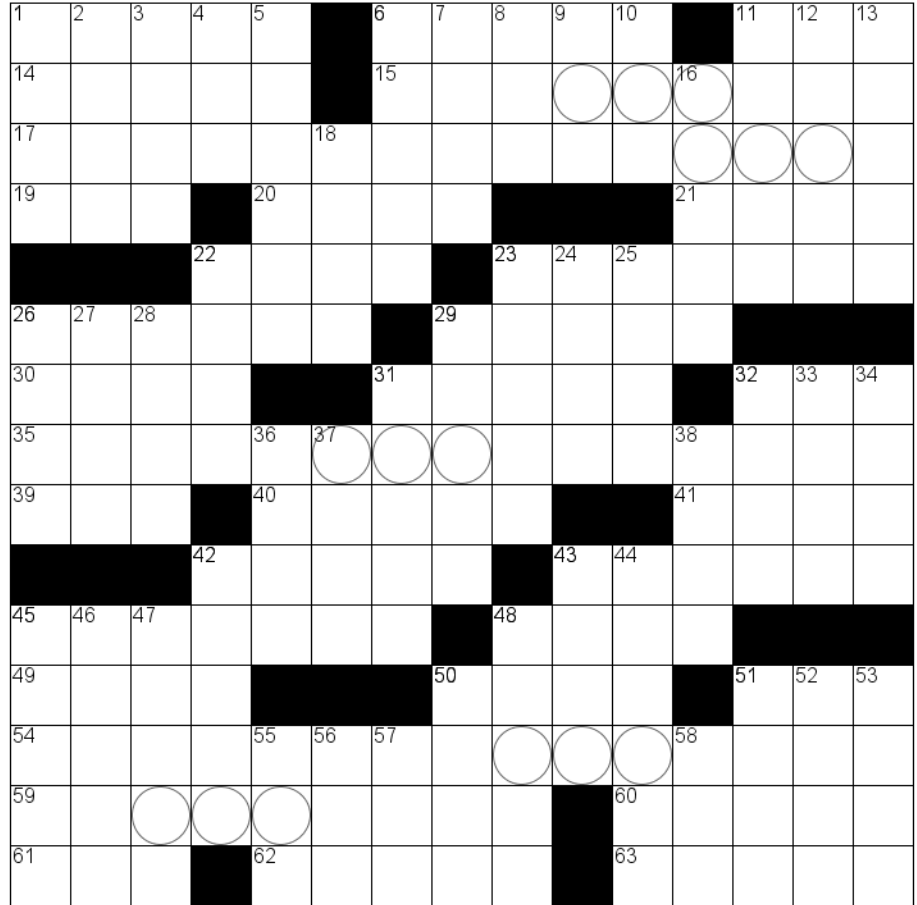


Reading the Leaves

Michael Blake

ACROSS

- 1. Cooks in the oven
- 6. Apprehensive feeling
- 11. "CSI" evidence, often
- 14. Top group
- 15. Reached a high but couldn't go higher
- 17. "The Undersea World" guy
- 19. Pose a question
- 20. Some jobs at Reform Hair Salon
- 21. Noe Valley author ___ Yenne
- 22. Prevarications
- 23. Hair-spray brand
- 26. What you can still rent on 24th Street (Ha, Blockbuster!)
- 29. Cigar hollowed out and filled with cannabis
- 30. "I had no ___!"
- 31. Braid
- 32. Setting that ends on 3/10/24: Abbr
- 35. Early Girl alternative in the garden
- 39. Sixth sense
- 40. "Wake Up, Little ___": Everly Brothers hit
- 41. Persia, today
- 42. Ann ___, MI
- 43. Act as captain
- 45. Toes, to tots
- 48. Give 3 stars, say
- 49. Smell
- 50. NaCl
- 51. Bikini part
- 54. Noe Valley place that serves sandwiches on tiered trays... and this puzzle's inspiration
- 59. Aardvarks and pangolins
- 60. Apartment you own
- 61. Civil liberties: Abbr.
- 62. "___ easy to fall in love" (1977 lyric)
- 63. Leg joints



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DOWN

- 1. Lower California, familiarly
- 2. "Sad to say..."
- 3. Gun's recoil
- 4. Atty's title
- 5. Moonshot ___: candle making on 24th Street
- 6. Altars' areas
- 7. World Series lead-in: Abbr.
- 8. Congressional watchdog agency: Abbr.
- 9. Good name for a gumbo maker
- 10. Your, in Tours
- 11. Expected to arrive
- 12. Author Zora ___ Hurston
- 13. Grownup
- 14. Cousin of a plate appearance
- 15. Glimpses
- 16. What's out on a limb
- 17. "Aw, go jump in ___!"
- 18. "You can't fire me. I ___"
- 19. Golden Rule preposition
- 20. Bad ___ (uneasy feeling)
- 21. "Beware the ___ of March"
- 22. Profound
- 23. Former British P.M. Tony
- 24. Monterrey moolah
- 25. Meter or graph opening
- 26. Daddy deer
- 27. Color quality
- 28. Prozac or Zoloft: Abbr.
- 29. Toothpaste container
- 30. Where coal is found
- 31. Feel the same
- 32. Boar or buck
- 33. 'Sic 'em!
- 34. ___ bear (white beast)
- 35. "___ get it" ("Huh?")
- 36. Those in power, nationally: Abbr.
- 37. ___ Rizzo (Dustin Hoffman role)
- 38. Georgia and Ukraine once: Abbr.
- 39. Trad ___ Broth on 24th
- 40. Came by horse
- 41. "Famous" cookie name
- 42. ___ Alai
- 43. A giant among Giants
- 44. "Affirmative"
- 45. "Apollo 13" director Howard