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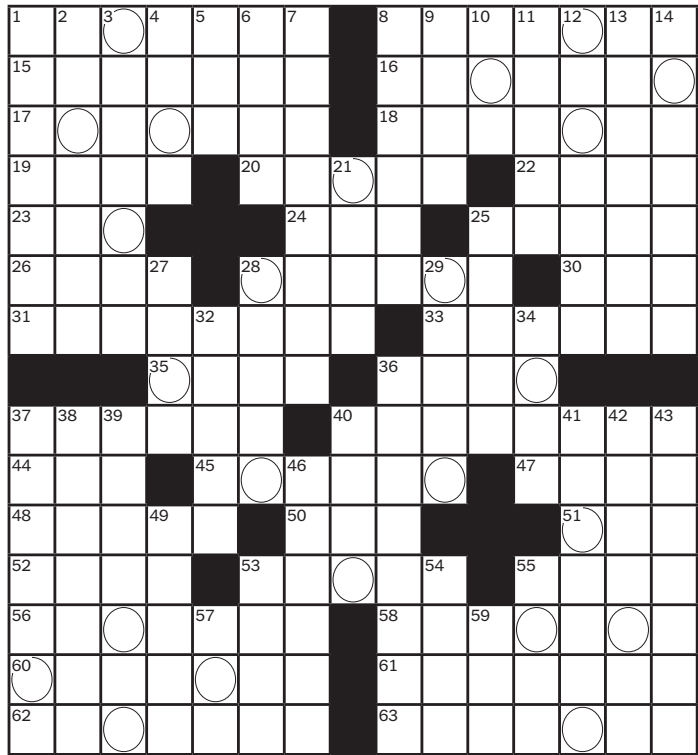
- ACROSS
1 Handy guy
8 Singled or doubled
15 Words declining an invitation
16 Character voiced by Samuel L. Jackson in "The Incredibles"
17 Stimpy, on "The Ren & Stimpy Show"
18 Tako, on a sushi menu
19 9 to 5, e.g.
20 One born on a kibbutz
22 Senate majority leader between Dole and Daschle
23 Pittance
24 Sealing wax ingredient
25 First-magnitude star in Cygnus
26 College city on I-35
28 Mutated gene
30 Investment inits.
31 Rastafari messiah
33 Walter ____, 1950s-'70s Dodgers manager
35 One tapped for a stage show?
36 Prow's place
37 Enter quickly
40 In poorer financial shape, say
44 Country music's ____ Young Band
45 100 céntimos
47 Trick
48 Pitching no-nos
50 Ad word often written with an exclamation point
51 Park place?
52 "Can I get an ____?"
53 Gas giant
55 "Happy Days" character played by Marion Ross, informally
56 Gets a six-pack, say
58 Kind of kind
60 George's mother on "Seinfeld"
61 Family nickname
62 Agreed
63 Criticized severely

DOWN

- 1 Drinks in flutes
2 Former Indiana arena that hosted four Final Fours
3 Big fantasy sports betting site
4 Rock band with the 1988 #1 hit "Need You Tonight"
5 Onetime British band whose name consists of letters suggesting "bliss"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

Table with crossword puzzle answers: ARM, UNLOAD, MUD, LOA, PEIRCE, MINI, ETC, SOCCERBALLS, CHALICES, IRONIC, REDO, USA, ETS, HOOTENANNIES, IPO, TODO, TRAM, YANK, DEVON, LIRA, ALSO, IMAN, DER, IMSPEECHLESS, GAS, ECO, HOES, AVATAR, AMALGAMS, DOUBLEBLIND, WOE, OWNS, TRANCE, ART, TSA, EASTER, YES



PUZZLE BY JOE DIPIETRO

- 14 Détente issue
21 Bundle up
25 Wooded valleys
27 Military band
28 United
29 ____ Ingalls
32 They can be used as icebreakers
34 Whole bunch
36 Spicy finger food
37 Highlights of some political campaigns
38 Colorado city on the Rio Grande
39 Character in "Friends"
40 Hall-of-Fame coach Ewbank
41 Engine part that distributes lubrication evenly
42 A Bobbsey twin
43 Sold for
46 Online buster of myths
49 Weak-____
53 Half-assed sort?
54 100 kurus
55 Actress Suvari
57 Roguish
59 Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse player, for short

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled: Row 1: 6, 8; Row 2: 1, 8, 9; Row 3: 8, 3, 5, 2; Row 4: 9, 7, 4; Row 5: 3, 9; Row 6: 6, 4, 1; Row 7: 2, 6, 5, 7; Row 8: 8, 9, 6; Row 9: 1, 4.

Difficulty Level ★★★ 1/02

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2. [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] [] []

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- 1. Second nature
2. Gray sideburns

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SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: AUTUMN

(e.g., What is the alternative name for autumn? Answer: Fall.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

- 1. In Canada, it is held on the second Monday of October.
2. In which month does the Oktoberfest festival begin?
3. What are the three autumn months in the Southern Hemisphere?

GRADUATE LEVEL

- 4. Who "frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called Honahlee"?
5. In the song "Autumn," what line follows "But I miss you most of all my darling"?
6. "Drums of Autumn" is the fourth book in this series about a time travelling female doctor.

PH.D. LEVEL

- 7. The title of this song precedes the line "Why does it seem so exciting (inviting)."
8. The final movie role of this actress was in the 1978 Swedish film "Autumn Sonata."
9. "To Autumn" is a poem by John ____.

ANSWERS: 1. Thanksgiving. 2. September. 3. March. 4. Puff (the Magic Dragon). 5. "When autumn leaves start to fall." 6. "Outlander." 7. "Autumn in New York." 8. Ingrid Bergman. 9. Keats.

Table with 10 rows and 10 columns of numbers: Row 1: 6, 8, 3, 7, 9, 2, 9, 2, 1; Row 2: 2, 1, 9, 3, 6, 2, 8, 4, 9; Row 3: 4, 2, 5, 9, 1, 8, 6, 2, 3; Row 4: 1, 3, 4, 2, 9, 6, 2, 9, 8; Row 5: 2, 6, 8, 5, 2, 1, 4, 3, 9; Row 6: 9, 9, 2, 8, 4, 3, 7, 1, 6; Row 7: 9, 2, 1, 6, 7, 5, 3, 8, 4; Row 8: 3, 5, 6, 2, 8, 4, 1, 9, 7; Row 9: 7, 4, 8, 3, 1, 9, 5, 6, 2