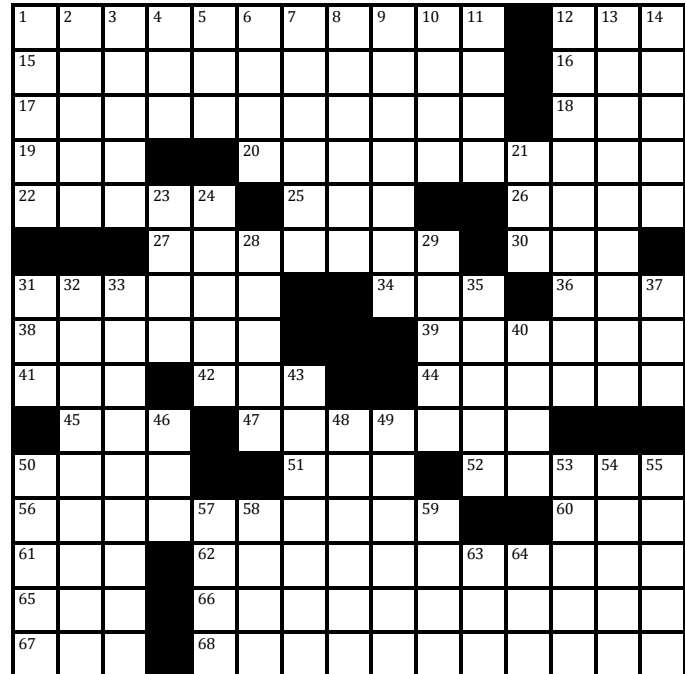


Puzzle 494 – Freestyle 443

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Across

- 1 Gossip
 12 "___ fine"
 15 Allowance of multiple computer users to use a program simultaneously
 16 Was sufficient enough for
 17 It makes a corner less severe
 18 Contenu d'une piscine
 19 World ski jumping powerhouse: Abbr.
 20 Illuminator of underground activity
 22 Ice skating braking method that often kicks up "snow"
 25 Something to do if jumping won't work
 26 At the time that
 27 19th-century confrontation between the US government and Mormon settlers
 30 ____ .com (magazine sweepstakes company website)
 31 Notations next to usernames, on Reddit (I could clue this like "talents" or "knacks", but that would seem like a weird plural)
 34 "Suh-weet!"
 36 [Hey, kid!]
 38 Bird lung ventilator
 39 1954 hit often considered to be the first rock hit to reach #1 on the pop charts
 41 The Arc de Triomphe is at the end of one: Abbr.
 42 Oil platform, maybe?
 44 Kid's minute
 45 Like some checks: Abbr.
 47 Post-supernova remnants
 50 See 60-Across
 51 Where one is often out on base
 52 Looking at
 56 O alternative
 60 Gp. giving 50-Across exams
 61 Old endearing comment
 62 Jokey regimen that includes eating everything that comes near you
 65 Penn who played Kumar alongside John Cho's Harold
 66 Critical worker in large-scale disasters
 67 First word of "Wooly Bully"
 68 Takes the lead by a nose



Down

- 1 One of Steve Miller's is displayed at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, casually
 2 Exhibiting fear, in a way
 3 "Can't do anything else"
 4 Man's name that's also a Microsoft Excel function
 5 John Lennon and George Harrison were introduced to it in 1965 by Harrison's dentist in their coffee
 6 Plural word increasingly used as a singular
 7 Account of a saying of Muhammad, in Islam
 8 Heretofore, old-fashionedly (as if "heretofore" were really something people say a lot nowadays either)
 9 Channel affected by the Moon
 10 Designer of locks, briefly
 11 A considerable stretch
 12 "Seriously now..."
 13 What a fan who roots for upsets and dramatic end-of-season outcomes is said to be on
 14 Ninny
 21 Unceremoniously remove
 23 Mots d'accord
 24 Device found under a shower
 28 Org. that once threatened to sue the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts over performance of camp songs
 29 Many a reader of "My Life and Ethiopia's Progress"
 31 Regulator of touchdowns, for short
 32 Equine caretaker
 33 Equine game variant played on an enclosed field
 35 Cartoon heroine with a Sword of Protection
 37 First name on the 2016 memoir "Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things"
 40 Title character who sings the song that's the most recorded in popular music history
 43 Part of 63-Down
 46 Brown letters
 48 Organic bath product
 49 Researcher disguised as a subject, in psychological experiments
 50 One obsessed with anime (literally "nerd" in Japanese)
 53 ___ l'amour (do the nasty, in Nantes)
 54 So-called "pearl of the Black Sea", to natives
 55 Did critical work?
 57 City or province in Piedmont
 58 Hot-sounding capital?
 59 Mamas with pouches
 63 See 43-Down
 64 "Obvi!"