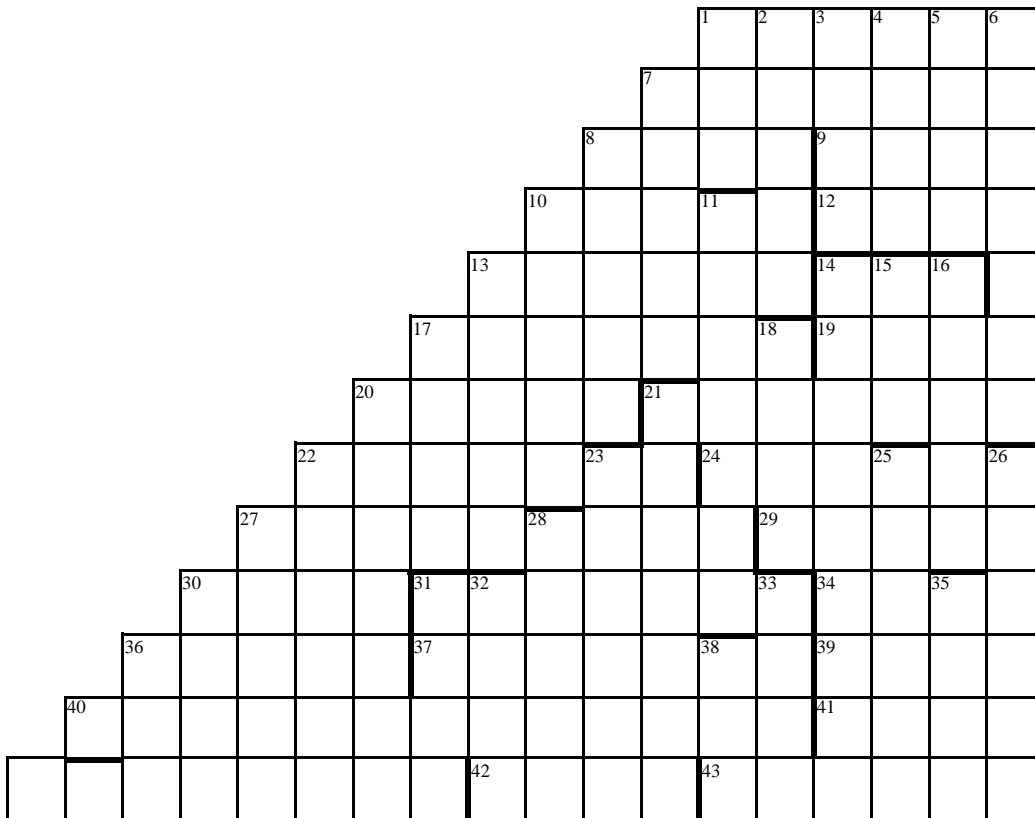


Puzzle

"Is there life after . . . ?"

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Instructions: The words defined by the cryptic clues are to be entered normally in the puzzle grid (in which heavy bars separate entries), except that nine across words and fifteen down words won't fit unless one of their letters is omitted. The 24 omitted letters, taken in order from top to bottom in across words and from left to right in down words, spell an appropriate three-word phrase. Four across words are unclued. Answers include six proper names.



Clues:

Across

- 7 Lone chip parlayed in card game
- 8 Hear the smell of money
- 9 Painter of French fuel
- 10 Strut or caper wildly around noon
- 12 Jacob's brother puts sulfur in water
- 14 Current unit in Southampton
- 17 Messy (slurp!) America has more than enough
- 19 Change address with one flick
- 20 Sounded young at first, and tall and lean
- 21 Dance of Bedouin in desert
- 22 Waxing a roll
- 24 Time to split; time for a stand
- 29 Coast tower
- 30 Sing if taken with present
- 31 We are starting real soon, those of us in clothes
- 34 Man would be official after tree
- 36 Risk of diaper illness
- 37 Shredded remnant with ring decoration
- 39 Currency in Sofia: fricassee of veal
- 40 Selective type has record edge in a hill
- 41 Russian linen, slightly wrinkled
- 42 Strikes out a cheering throng
- 43 After lengthy changes, Planck's constant is removed without violence

Down

- 1 Spanish without error
- 2 Take up or put down
- 3 Point done wrong
- 4 Offices at last provide refreshment
- 5 Woman scoring goal

- 6 Went back to put it all together in grass
- 7 New PC line: old fashioned word processor
- 8 Company breaks up, 1000 going for cover
- 10 Start sudden evacuation of tropical plants
- 11 Messenger takes time to become toady
- 13 Bird sounds like trash, zilch
- 14 Batman, live, troubled and in conflict
- 15 Ratite kept by Samoans
- 16 Author of one rip off
- 17 Band of sulfur residue
- 18 Rosario's dress
- 20 Class that might be said to creep and crawl
- 21 Herd going back with time in thoroughfares
- 22 Study solid to verify
- 23 Standard article of France in 1066
- 25 Flower absorbs nitrogen with great force
- 26 Try any disturbance with new, arbitrary power
- 27 Small irate child is 40 percent dirt
- 28 Mark Indian coin for spiritual nourishment
- 30 *Vogue's* style incorporates conjecture
- 31 Achieved victory about mother as female
- 32 Fires back part of printed letter
- 33 Look at odd rates
- 35 Nasty in person when upset
- 36 Bird food
- 38 Wooden block denies gravity

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