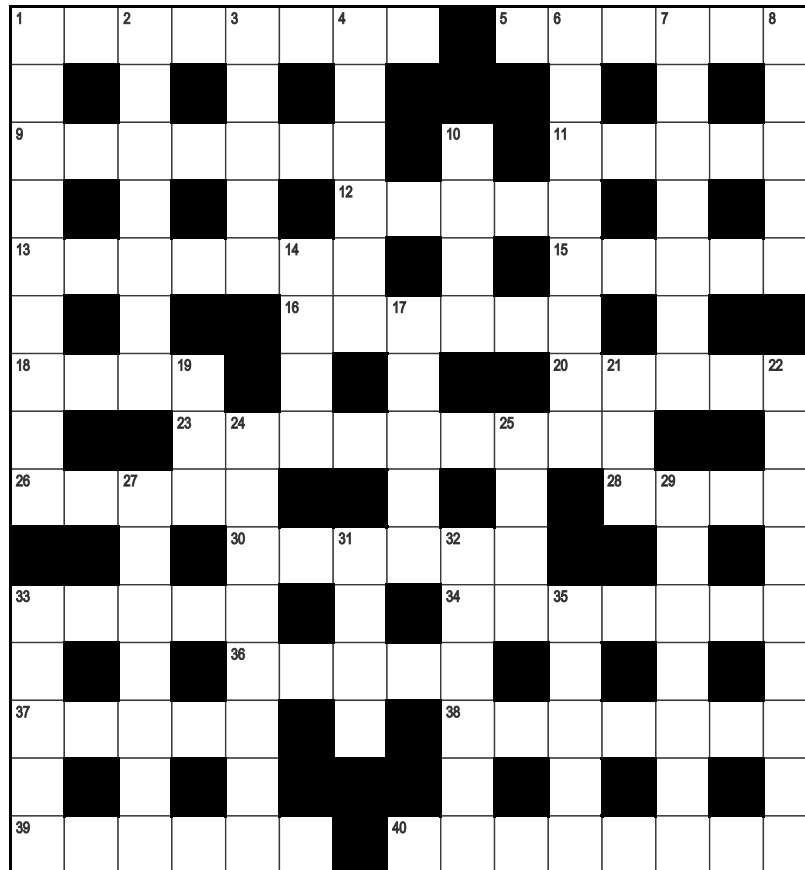


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Across:

- 1 Smarts involving coasts of excellent locations (8)
- 5 Come to a war cut short by understanding (6)
- 9 Herb's ego ran wild after premiere of Othello (7)
- 11 Wrapped up collection of fraud and embezzlement, having school's leaders recalled (5)
- 12 Motormouth trashes every man without any love for honesty (5)
- 13 Commotion caused by vermin chasing headless thing (7)
- 15 Halt baseball early every so often (5)
- 16 Contents of teapot at Okinawa that may be hot or sweet (6)
- 18 Mix coal into a frothy, dark liquid (4)
- 20 Globe spun around noisily (5)
- 23 According to the Reverend, Father Mosey has a lot of opinions (5,4)
- 26 Gravelly river like empty parkway (5)
- 28 Tom perhaps mourned one departing westbound (4)
- 30 A psalm about life-giving fluid (6)
- 33 Police matter engages hard pursuit (5)
- 34 I cool down over hospital going away; it's not right (7)
- 36 Distillation of lo-cal Coca-Cola color becomes kind of pink (5)
- 37 Setter bringing back help and news (5)
- 38 Those unable to leave matinees foolishly ignoring tip to escape (7)
- 39 Cleric picked up remedy after seven (6)
- 40 Doctor aced putt to get a silver ring? (4,4)

Down:

- 1 Raptor's flying around South Carolina - it goes fast (6,3)
- 2 The right guy, for the most part, can keep you warm (7)
- 3 Cross that is borne by Judas (5)
- 4 Go trot around Batman's lair, maybe (6)
- 6 Was boy entertained by shriek in a tub? (8)
- 7 Discs stolen from fancy silk-screened cushion (7)
- 8 Sharp knife lacking sheath? Thank you! (5)
- 10 Big brass vessel on top of altar (4)
- 14 Pivoted, eliminating name on bottom of bumper sticker (4)
- 17 Ghost ultimately possesses dwelling places (5)
- 19 Reptile biting off head of stinging insect (3)
- 21 Retro part of school dance (3)
- 22 Confused maid sees tea inside a small cup (9)
- 24 Put into the same situation, dictator ran away, taking frantic paces (8)
- 25 Circle and go round the track backwards to get a precious stone (4)
- 27 Mud and core of plasterboard supporting hollow shell (7)
- 29 Cheese, from attic or otherwise (7)
- 31 A lot of pimples having early sign of rash covering last bit of skin (4)
- 32 I am upset over falsehood on university setting (6)
- 33 Tailless rodents holding up business? That's funny (5)
- 35 Some multi-millionaires brought up regulation (5)