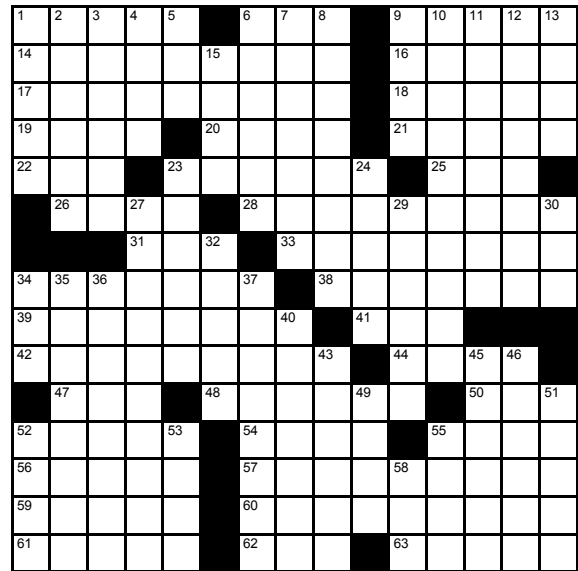


A Bit B.E.Wilbered Blog Puzzle #8 December 2011

Across

1. Wise lawgiver
6. Preservative in a pit
9. Trying to get to first base
14. Bottom of many nurse's shoes
16. "Since Marie Has Left ___" (Sinatra tune)
17. Adzes, chisels, and gouges, e.g.
18. Flanged building pieces
19. McCoy who had the #1 country hit "Wink"
20. Catcher for Whitey, often
21. "Middlemarch" novelist
22. Refuel, in a way
23. Classification for many chemical salts
25. Official lang. in over 50 countries
26. Valuable deposit
28. Leave maudlin voicemails for, maybe
31. Gore and Hirt
33. Opera from which "Rent" draws its plot
34. Headed off-target, as a golf ball
38. Mouthwash brand since 1903
39. One who is manifestly nervous
41. Parked oneself
42. Like some drills
44. Philippine island with nearly 4 million inhabitants
47. "Modified Pon-Pon" being driven in a 1964 hit
48. Points on a railroad line
50. Come-___ (teasers)
52. Reform-minded 11th-



century Pope

54. Iditarod terminus
55. Girls' rec. center
56. Dadaist who married Peggy Guggenheim
57. Sleeping sickness carrier
59. Libya neighbor
60. Gradual loss
61. Giuseppe's bride, in Gilbert and Sullivan
62. Introduction to politics?
63. Outback yelper

Down

1. Public dust-up
2. Boot camp, typically
3. Smoothly, on a score
4. Autobahn auto
5. Butterfly catcher
6. Over the hill
7. Like some boarding schools
8. Actor's payment for a rerun episode

9. "...blackbirds baked in ___"

10. Prix fixe menu, put another way
11. More likely to emerge from a "Jeopardy!" contestant search
12. Playful term for the hobby of making paper planes
13. Assay
15. Veggie burger bean
23. Timbre-altering inhalation
24. Below, in Bordeaux
27. Nut-flavored buttercream desserts, in French gastronomy
29. Comic Ernie who died before he could film "It's a Mad Mad Mad Mad World"
30. Clinton cabinet member Aspin
32. Three-time Masters champ
34. Gasoline additive called "the racer's edge"
35. Common Valentine's

Day gift

36. Handlers in a bucket
37. Hail from Helmut
40. Witty verbal counterattack
43. Regain one's senses
45. Carnivorous fish named for a uniquely ribbonlike appendage
46. Use a snake on
49. Half of oct-
51. Decline
52. Provided temporarily
53. Additional, in adspeak
55. Elusive Himalayas native
58. Sadistic neighbor kid in "Toy Story"

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