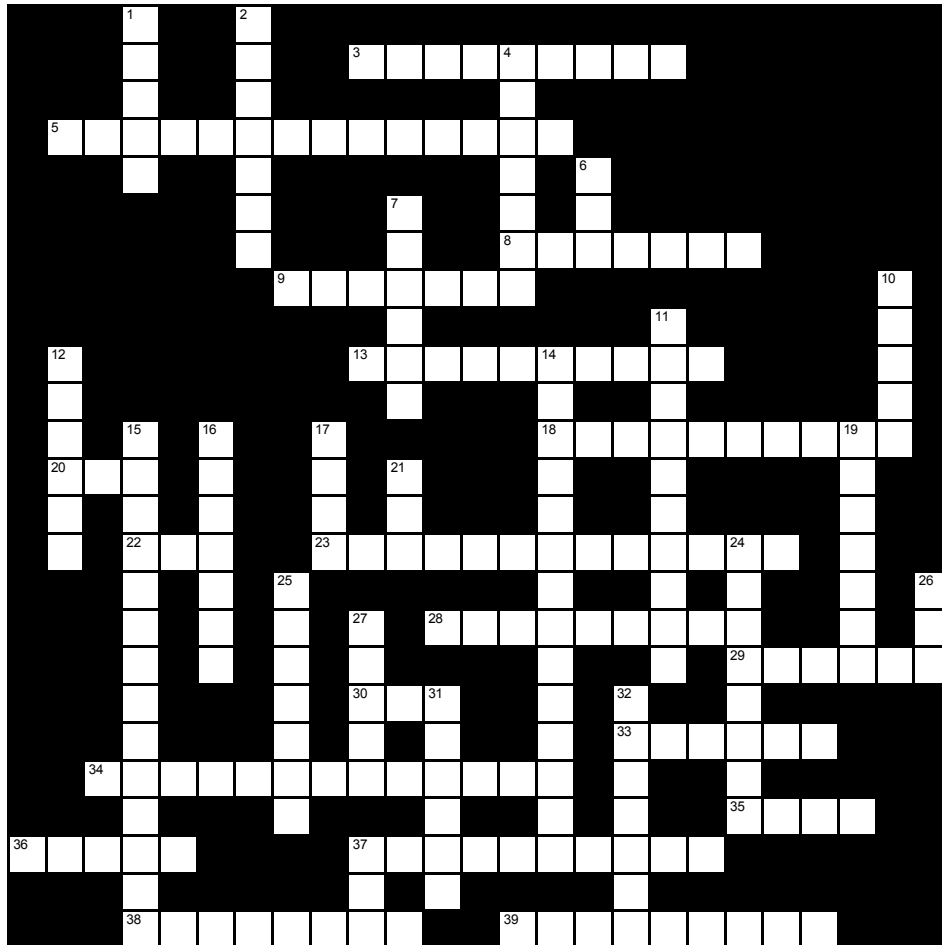


40 of My Cryptic Clues

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Across

- 3 Ask a fish for ID, find a cheater (4,5)
- 5 Contestant urinated backwards, a low point (10,4)
- 8 Sloppy seasonal singing without twelfths is natural (7)
- 9 Breeding stallion ate recipe: the Spanish pastry (7)
- 13 Robs ably to become young offender in custodial institution (7,3)
- 18 Silver-screen drama is generated by chess master when replacing pawn with Springer (10)
- 20 The French ordinary gave a sign (3)
- 22 The dirtiest dog carries trichomoniasis, for example (3)
- 23 He defaced urns all over the place rejoicing in other people's misery (13)
- 28 Replacement king in American state vessel (9)

- 29 Twin caught animal exhibitions succeeding elder wind demon (6)
- 30 US politician emerged from global health crisis without freaking out (3)
- 33 Insect counting votes in Angola (6)
- 34 Musician's unqualified for sailors' paradise (8,5)
- 35 Art supporter losing one pound results in comfort (4)
- 36 Without rupees, Quaker becomes diabolical being (5)
- 37 In favour of serving? Whack! (10)
- 38 Effeminate City of Angels salesperson (8)
- 39 Dismiss server? No, I drink (9)

Down

- 1 Female exchanging one male for 500 becomes supreme god (5)

- 2 Sea eagle caught in skinny conflagration (7)
- 4 Legolas takes a medium instead of a large, then gets drunk, nasty little creature (7)
- 6 Larva, one eighteenth excised, turns into insect (3)
- 7 Dinosaur oncologist ingested Dark Lord (6)
- 10 With two adult leads, MGM would be hot stuff (5)
- 11 Tip-top bean purée, tuck in! (3,7)
- 12 Slap the French king, Fuehrer! (6)
- 14 American intern confused old sea dog (7,7)
- 15 A regular walk taken for one's health is in line with the fundamental political principles of a government (14)
- 16 Turn tail, then inject inverted genetic material to create a wizard (7)

- 17 A philandering ruler almost sounds like sites where you'd expect animal behaviour (4)
- 19 After medical imaging, video platform absorbs hydrogen and reveals ancient monster (7)
- 21 Messing with a recreational drug results in serious physical injury (3)
- 24 Computer that kicked Kasparov's ass: "Beep! Duel smashed!" (4,4)
- 25 Watercolourist's line (7)
- 26 Removing the end from a chimney leads to respiratory disease (3)
- 27 Shades have their own god (5)
- 31 Abandon firework (6)
- 32 Turn over the girth of someone's head? (7)
- 37 Rhymester without tongue becomes famous author (3)