

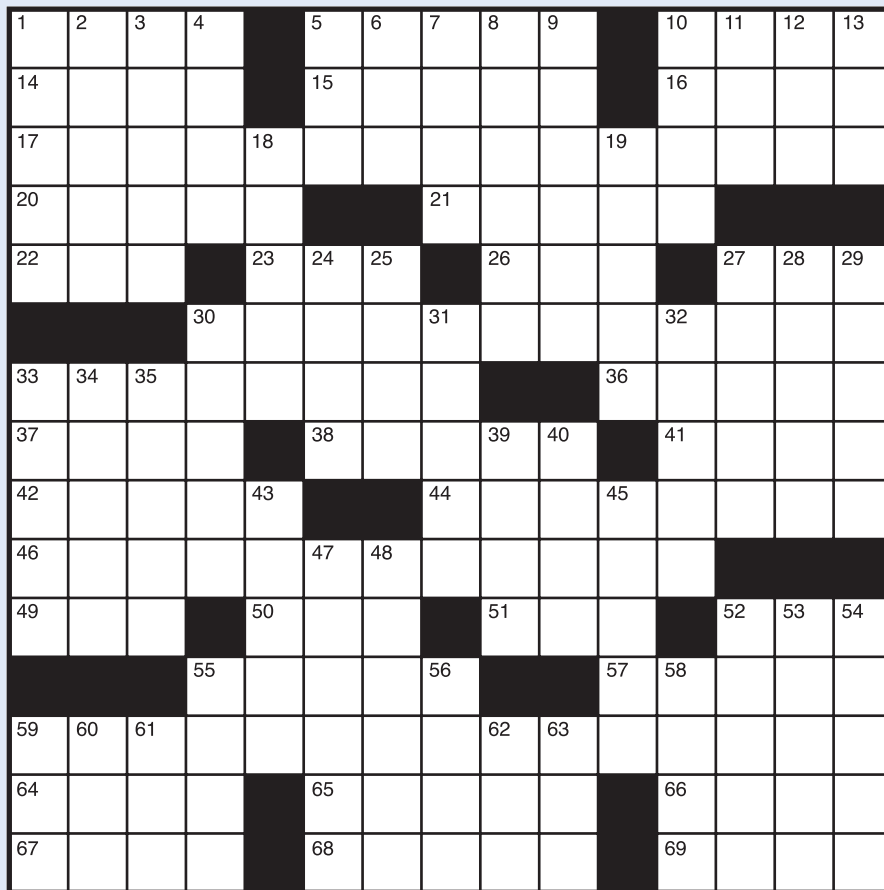
# DOWN TO EARTH

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Our new crossword feature plays dirty this month. Soil is not always quite so amusing, but it's the key to growing beautiful, resilient plants. BBG's latest handbook, *Healthy Soils for Sustainable Gardens*, will help you understand and build your garden's natural fertility (see [bbg.org/soils](http://bbg.org/soils)). For the solution to the crossword, visit [bbg.org/puzzles](http://bbg.org/puzzles). And let us know how you like it!

## ACROSS

1. Cinema unit
5. Stockpile
10. Feminist holiday inspired by the work of Eve Ensler
14. Prefix with -marine
15. Phoenix neighbor
16. Musical with music by Elton John
17. "I'm so upset about this layer of organic matter!"?
20. Refrain before imitating an animal
21. Start of a carol
22. Initials on the left (of the dial)
23. Initials on the right
26. Folk singer DiFranco
27. Grand \_\_\_ (wine designation)
30. Fertilizers used as centerpieces?
33. Cause of some tears
36. Garden figure
37. Something rotten, perhaps
38. Subject of a noted poem by Blake
41. Enterprise Rent-\_\_\_-\_\_\_
42. Wispy clouds
44. Personal journeys?
46. "You're invited to lay as much dirt as you want ..."?
49. CIA forerunner
50. Inc.'s kin
51. It ended on Nov. 2 in 2008: Abbr.
52. "Big Blue" maker
55. Press
57. Trademarked fruits
59. Travel on a dirt path?
64. Grab, as a cab
65. \_\_\_ Place (Manhattan subway stop)
66. Scandinavian capital
67. Quitter's word
68. Car roofs with removable panels
69. Escape and return, e.g.



## DOWN

1. Dorm room culinary staple
2. Hook up
3. Calculus pioneer
4. Peterson in 2003 news
5. NFL passing stat
6. "My own," in Latin
7. Shells, e.g.
8. Covert recording device
9. Kia minivan
10. Open container?
11. Not the sharpest knife in the drawer
12. Nabokov heroine
13. "Huzzah!"
18. The Hulkster
19. Keeping up with digitally, in a way
24. Passing remarks?
25. Gambit
27. Showy perennials, archaically
28. Plot anew
29. They're addicted
30. Girardi's predecessor
31. Georgia of "The Drowsy Chaperone"
32. Having only one component
33. Celebrity chef DiSpirito
34. "Sayonara!"
35. Dirt dwellers
39. "Zounds!"
40. Column crossers
43. Little land in the sea
45. Former child star O'Neal
47. Tired
48. Most likely to cause skidding, say
52. Concession speech?
53. Roll with Polish origins
54. Old PC platform
55. Deli choice
56. Chorus voice
58. Totally get, in sci-fi
59. High-minded stuff?
60. Service for drivers, briefly
61. Flesh and blood
62. Alley-\_\_\_
63. \_\_\_ poetica