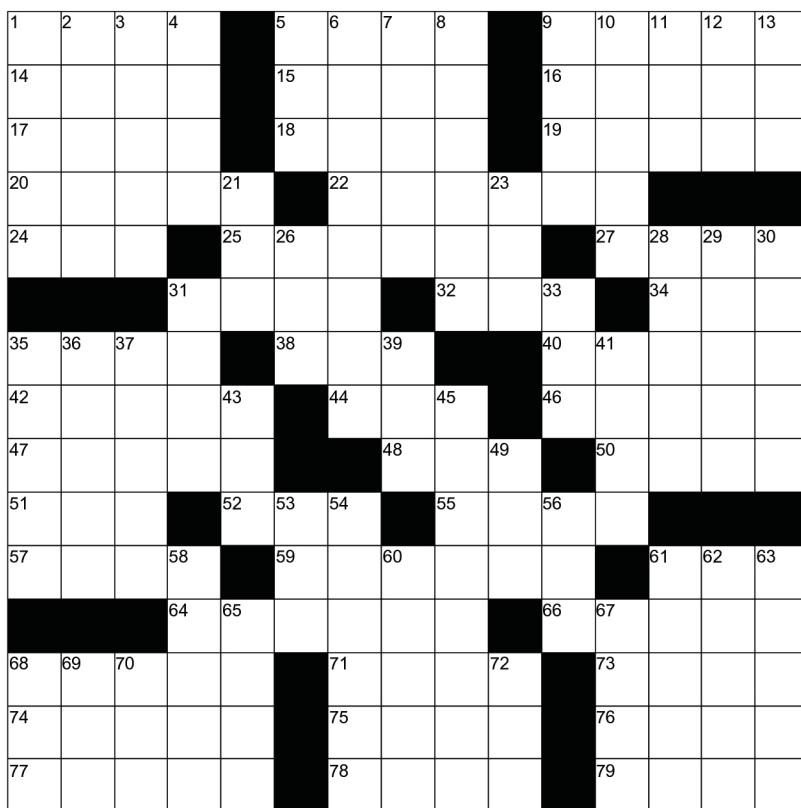


ACROSS

- 1 Not stern
 5 Rocket launchers
 9 Tender
 14 ___ Sargasso Sea is Jean Rhys novel about Rochester's mad wife
 15 O.T. prophet known for exhorting about justice
 16 Sifter
 17 Wading bird w/curved bill; found in Florida & revered in ancient Egypt
 18 Explode or burst into flames (2 wds.)
 19 Oaks, maples & ginkos have this type of leaves
 20 Kerchief concealing a low bodice
 22 At the same time
 24 Make lace
25 Mango Street's Cisneros (find at SPL and/or OHB?)
27 ___pelago can refer, for example, to the Alexander one or to the Orcadian one
 31 Rave
 32 Est. time of arrival
 34 Moment of revelation
 35 In addition
 38 Still
 40 The ___s is 1775 R.B. Sheridan play that led to the term "malapropism"
 42 Deciduous shrub used for spice, dye or tanning (white-drupe variety can be toxic)
 44 Sere
 46 Held a position of prayer
 47 David ___nberg's 2007 film "Eastern Promises" involved the Russian mafia
 48 African veg that mitigates effects of sickle cell while lowering resistance to malaria
 50 Not LLCs?
 51 Fall mo. w/Indigenous Peoples Day
 52 Klutz
 55 Not riches
 57 Quaker "you"
 59 Affectionately



- 61 Secret police in USSR (abbrev.); also figured in "Eastern Promises" (see 47 across)
 64 Watch
 66 Board
68 With an "e" this can be Sitka health care provider Knuth or late comedienne Lombard
 71 ___ in the mechanism?
 73 ___ fide
 74 Expression of regret
75 Not Edgumbe (& notably active rather than dormant)
 76 "Red" one (spelled with "k") sailed around Greenland
 77 Concise & meaningful
 78 Past
 79 Journey

DOWN

- 1 Fleet
 2 Shinbone
 3 Decree
 4 Gauze
 5 Scold
 6 Added up
7 Sitka has significant one (Norton one is bordered by Nome, Unalakleet & Kotlik)
 8 Aim
 9 Capital of Norway
 10 Child heroine in The Secret of Roan Inish (reminds one of Mary in The Secret Garden?)
 11 Valentine mo.
 12 Evening
 13 Long, skinny sea between Arabia & Africa

- 21 Springsteen born here, presumably
23 Day of week w/May Holiday Brass Concert at PAC (abbrev.)
 26 One of these
28 Radio focus of re-emerging Sitka volunteer activity
 29 Hopscotch tool
 30 Ceases
 31 The Secret of ___ Inish is 1994 John Sayles' film w/selkies
 33 Noah's boat
 35 Scarf (or racing venue frequented by Eliza Doolittle?)
 36 Adams' butler?
 37 Struck
 39 Strive
 41 Ron ___ is Irish for "Island of seals"
 43 Top exec.
 45 50-this?
49 Alouette's illness (Liz Will might have said?)
 53 Not forward
54 ___-me-not (Alaska flower)
 56 Cheat
 58 Time period
 60 The Orkney Islands, ___ of Scotland, are interspersed with sounds & firths
 61 German food brand known for bouillon & soup (like cream of leek)
 62 Magic lamp dweller
 63 Sea bordered by Bulgaria, Romania & Ukraine (to name a few)
65 ___d is a type of synthetic "oil-based" paint (find a few at True Value?)
 67 Aid and ___
 68 Baseball ___
 69 Muhammad ___
 70 Large mouse, or tunnel denizen in Viet Nam
72 ___ning is process offered by STA