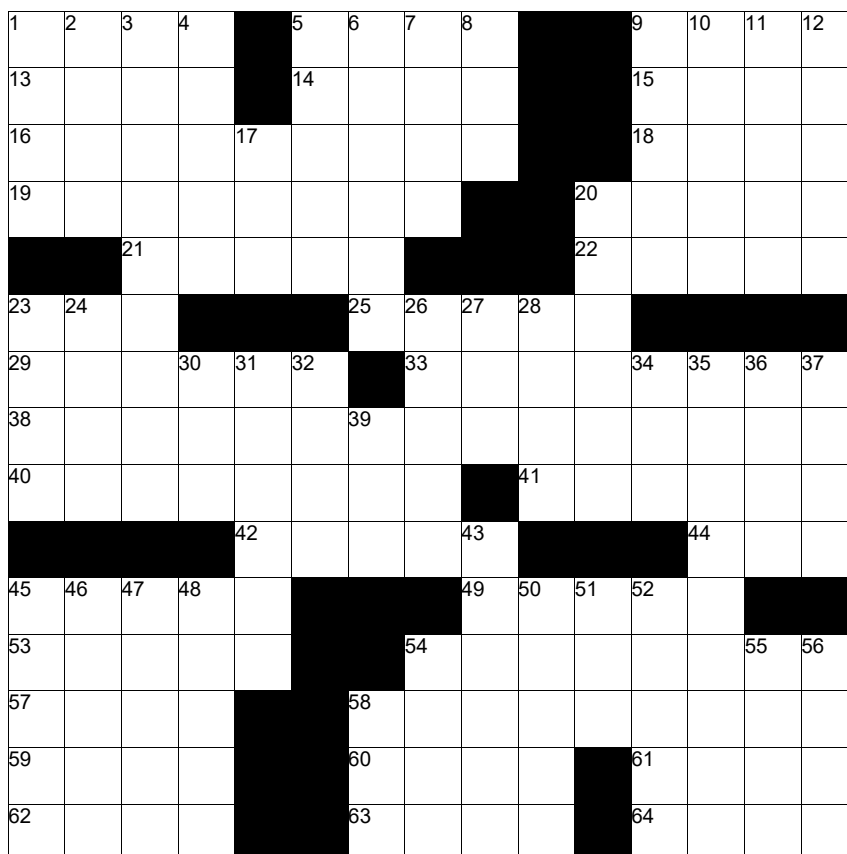


"Let Me Check My Calendar" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. Surrounds
5. The Spartans of the NCAA's Mountain West Conf.
9. Urban Dictionary entry that's a more succinct way to say "girl, you're too good for that a-hole"
13. Pal
14. Grub
15. City in Uttar Pradesh, or an iPhone app that's supposed to help one "become an effective and confident speaker," both of which are obscure, and really most of the acrosses in this corner are kinda garbage so I'll try to clue the crossings gently ...
16. It's coming, much to the chagrin of the goose
18. Montauk-to-NYC line
19. Lars who made "The Idiots"
20. Factions
21. "___ Entertainment!"
22. Instructional set, for short
23. Salt Lake City-to-Fresnillo dir.
25. Syllabic necessity, usually
29. Myriad
33. Extinct canid
38. Venezuela's is immediately after the United States's
40. Shrub with fragrant blooms, trained to stand upright
41. His father (and namesake) was the first Holy Roman Emperor
42. Mural beginnings?
44. 17-down, in Salt Lake City
45. "Juice" diva
49. Minister's house
53. Joining
54. Showtime Rotisserie instructions, step two
57. Manhattan station on 18-across
58. Big party night in many college towns
59. Hankering
60. Protected, in a way
61. South Asian language
62. Hard rock band named for a river
63. Pun lovers, according to a popular turn of phrase
64. [Hey! Over here!]



The answer to the metapuzzle is a three-word phrase that might be part of a date proposal.

DOWN

1. Year in the reign of King John of England
2. "___, Stealing Apples Are We?" (1933 Esquire cartoon caption)
3. Preferred bits of a barbecued tri-tip (if you're a hemophobic barbarian)
4. Maker
5. Showtime Rotisserie instructions, step one
6. Father of Mary, Queen of Scots
7. Shape for some screwdriver bits
8. ___ Cole
9. Meted (out)
10. Trump card player's reward
11. Cuban poet José
12. "___ in Flight" (North Carolina motto)
17. 44-across, in Fresnillo
20. Button on a Nintendo controller
23. The joint
24. Prefix with gram
26. More eccentric
27. Golf phenom Michelle
28. Rubik of cube fame
30. Bishopric
31. Seat warmers, for one
32. One of two flanking Galifianakis
34. Like many days in April, it's said
35. Trip tickers?
36. Hideout
37. PSAs, essentially
39. After expenses
43. High-end smartphone screen
45. Disease etymologically related to 33-across
46. Unmoving
47. Piquant
48. FEMA designation indicating moderate flood hazard
50. Where Van Gogh lived, briefly but prolifically
51. Doctors Without Borders, e.g.
52. Repair, as a laceration
54. FDR's pooch
55. War zone roadside hazards
56. Flanged fastener
58. "I've been ___!"