

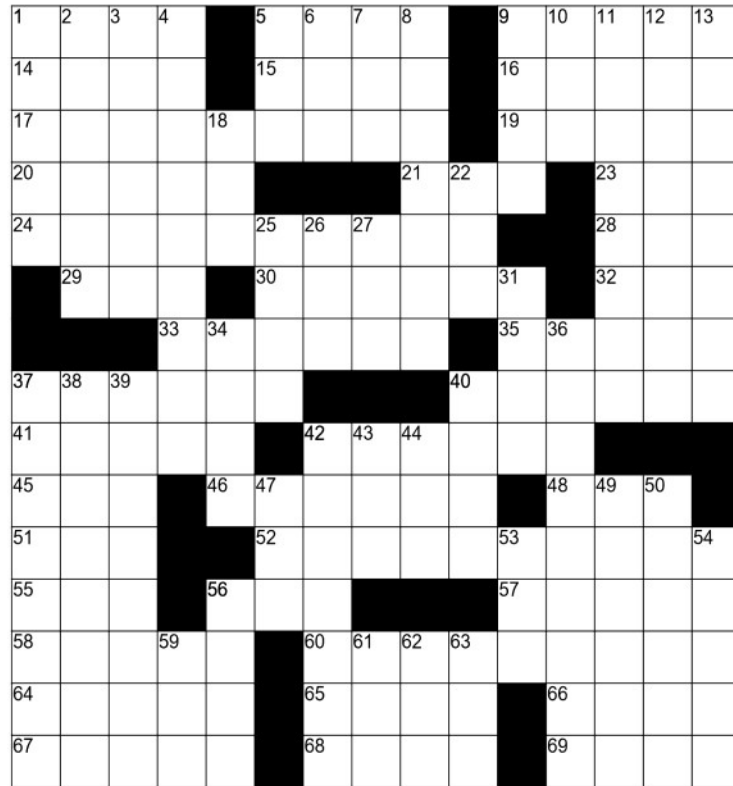
Will's Weekly Meta: Lines of Reasoning

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The answer to the meta is the name of a place on Earth (it's not Heaven).

ACROSS

1. "____ Me By Your Name"
5. Electrifying band?
9. Eletrifying car company?
14. Butter substitute
15. Penniless
16. _____ America
17. 1961 hit by Ben E. King
19. Float
20. Type of dance that takes two
21. Board opposite DEP at LAX
23. Hawaiian necklace
24. Speak clearly
28. Abbreviation for a degree that translates to "teacher of the laws"
29. "Carry On My Wayward ____"
30. Despair



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32. Sound from a Belgian Blue
33. String instrument
35. Bias
37. Not bright
40. Dish cleaner
41. If this kind of Jack existed, it wouldn't be much of a face card
42. Writer Waugh
45. 1975 hit by 5-Across
46. "That's _____ of you!" ("You're too kind!")
48. Classic sportscars
51. Some NFL linemen
52. Daily special
55. Will Ferrell's Christmas movie
56. ____ Tai
57. Aristocrat
58. Singer Bryson
60. With "Lounge", club that's a common setting in "Parks and Recreation"
64. Me too
65. Carry

66. Christmas Day
67. C sharp, by a different name
68. ____ dive
69. RR stops

DOWN

1. ____ Rica
2. Places where unfortunate people are left
3. Backpacking shelter
4. With desire
5. Essentially the modern equivalent of a "WANTED" poster (abbrev.)
6. Shy
7. ____ Perignon
8. Rapper Tyler, the _____
9. "You're not going to sit through this whole thing, so here are the highlights" internet abbreviation

10. Hearing aid
11. College in Alabama that sounds like it would have some good classes on making moonshine
12. From cradle to grave
13. Poison remedy
18. Marty's buddy (who John describes as a "disgraced nuclear physicist")
22. Single exercise
25. Pound or cup, e.g.
26. Parking area
27. Band with the 1985 hit "Take On Me"
31. Sports award
34. Turns that result in you going in the opposite direction, casually
36. Warm underwear
37. Fearless

38. State tree of Alabama
39. Doesn't catch
40. Vehicle attached to Bob?
42. Joins the armed forces
43. By way of
44. Outer prefix
47. ____-Locka, FL
49. Additionally
50. Sulky
53. French article, but the one that wouldn't go in front of 52-Across
54. Rods counterparts
56. "I wanna tell her that I love her but the point is probably _____" (Rick Springfield lyric)
59. Badge sporting org.
61. In this moment
62. ____ loss for words
63. Barbie's dude



Solution: If you read the instructions I provided in last week's email, hopefully you noticed a couple of things pretty quickly. First, the word "long" was used 4 times, and it didn't exactly blend in well. So, there's a break in standard crossword conventions. Next, all of these answers with "long" were vertical. Vertical themed answers are rare, so that's another clue. The title was "Lines of Reasoning" and the answer was a place on Earth, so hopefully you realized that "long" in this case represented lines of Longitude, which explains why those answers were vertical. And, once you established that, hopefully it was a quick realization that there must also be lines of Latitude, and to match the "long" answers, you were simply looking for "lat" hidden in across answers. After that, you're looking for the intersection of the Lat and Long words, because the intersection of Latitude and Longitude is a common way to define or identify a place on Earth. Those four letters at the intersections were IJFJ, and when unscrambled, spell **FIJI**, the solution to the meta.