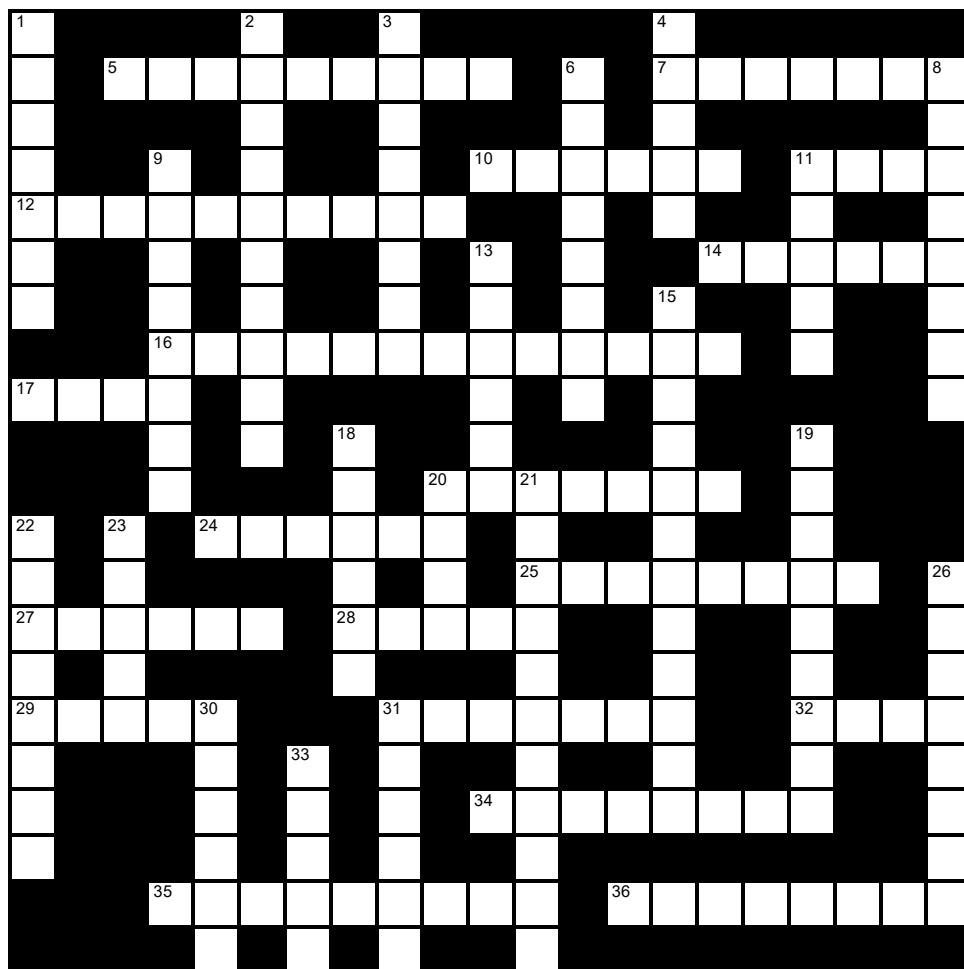


Across

- 5 Ancient Roman amphitheater where gladiators once battled (9)
- 7 Mountainous region in central Italy known for its national parks (7)
- 10 Influential Italian painter and architect of the Late Middle Ages (6)
- 11 Hand-rolled thick spaghetti originating from Tuscany (4)
- 12 Ancient cemetery with elaborate tomb monuments (10)
- 14 Small region in south central Italy often jokingly claimed not to exist (6)
- 16 Medieval fortress and museum in Verona (13)
- 17 Tuscan city famous for its leaning tower (4)
- 20 High Renaissance master painter known for his Madonnas (7)
- 24 Painting technique done on wet plaster (6)
- 25 Central of Rome's seven hills, site of imperial palaces (8)
- 27 Central Italian region nicknamed the "green heart" of the country (6)
- 28 Tuscan city famous for its medieval brick buildings (5)
- 29 Central public square in ancient Roman cities (5)
- 31 Culinary traditions and cooking practices of a region (7)
- 32 Major river flowing through Florence and Pisa (4)
- 34 Dense Sienese fruitcake with nuts and spices (8)
- 35 Three-dimensional artwork carved or modeled in material (9)
- 36 Renaissance polymath who painted "The Last Supper" (8)



Down

- 1 Tuscan wine region producing famous red varieties (7)
- 2 Renaissance pontiff who transformed his birthplace (4,4,2)
- 3 Public celebration often commemorating cultural traditions (8)
- 4 Medieval poet who wrote "The Divine Comedy" (5)
- 6 Renaissance city on the Arno, birthplace of many artists (8)
- 8 Essential culinary fat pressed from Mediterranean fruit (5,3)
- 9 White wine from hills southeast of Rome (8)
- 11 Famed horse race held twice yearly in Siena's main square (5)
- 13 Ideal Renaissance town redesigned under Pope Pius II (6)
- 15 Sculptor, painter and architect of "David" and Sistine Chapel ceiling (12)
- 18 Umbrian hilltown, birthplace of St. Francis (6)
- 19 Pre-Lenten celebration featuring masks and costumes (9)
- 20 Italy's capital, once center of a vast ancient empire (4)
- 21 Historical territories in central Italy governed by the pope (5,6)
- 22 Expensive underground fungi hunted with specially trained dogs (8)
- 23 River flowing through Rome to the Tyrrhenian Sea (5)
- 26 Hard sheep's milk cheese popular throughout Italy (8)
- 30 Powerful Florentine banking family who became patrons of the arts (6)
- 31 Dramatically situated "dying town" on an eroding hilltop (6)
- 33 Etruscan archaeological site and village in Tuscany (5)

