ACROSS
1) Academic hurdle
6) Far from wealthy
10) Fish-landing hook
14) "Fear of Fifty" writer Jong
15) Far from polite
16) Spanish stew pot
17) Meaningless verbiage
19) Old-world word of woe
20) Cow catchers
21) She'll curl your hair
23) Blood mover
25) Farmyard noises
26) What a deceitful person speaks with?
32) Red-light situation, in the studio
33) Make like a lion
34) Diesel of Hollywood
37) Pipsqueak
38) High as a kite

DOWN
1) Experience with the heart
2) Culinary author Rombauer
3) Light bites
4) Performs in a play
5) Airport event
6) Toast to one's health
7) Collective pronoun
8) They're not in your favor in Vegas
9) Everything else
10) Hockey player for the defense
11) Dramatic poker bet
12) Drinker's vessel
13) Doesn't eat, for instance
18) Dandelion or goldenrod, e.g.
22) Watch-step connection
24) Virginia port city
26) Fairway cry
27) Tedious task
28) Objurgation
29) Set of parts to be assembled
30) "We are ___ amused"
31) Happy and carefree
34) Presidential thumbs-down
35) Word of division
36) Small recess
38) Igor's workplace
39) Poetic eye
40) Convoy member
42) Variation in color
43) Intensifies
44) Reproduction cell
45) Give the go-ahead
46) Big name in computers
47) Elongated O's
48) Aqua ___ (gold dissolver)
49) Soldier, in slang
52) It can be good, bad or bright
53) Temporary grant
55) On the apex
56) Jung or Reiner
57) ___ mater
58) Three-handed card game
61) Buffet beverage server

SPEAKING POORLY?
By Paula DeGrasse

14 17 20 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 64 65 67