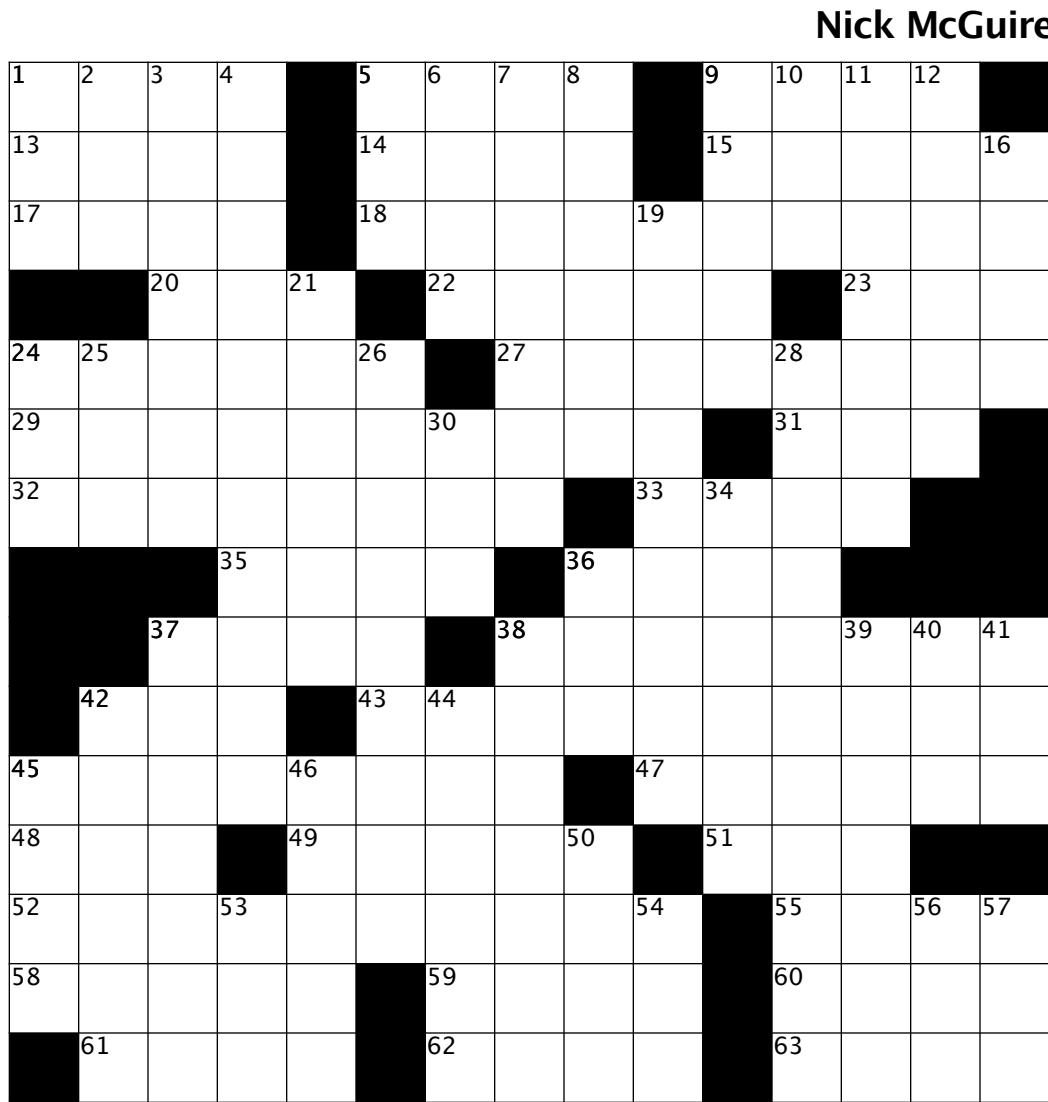


Franchise

ACROSS

1. Target of a scratch
5. Fish sticks?
9. Puts two and two together
13. Leafy green
14. Cuddly creature in "Return of the Jedi"
15. Without a stop
17. Class struggle?
18. Fit of delirium (WNBA)
20. Dash reading
22. Brother of Huey and Louie
23. Coveted material during the COVID-19 pandemic, in brief
24. Caribbean capital
27. Box-spring partner
29. B.B. King and Fats Domino, for example (NHL)
31. "The buck stops here" pres.
32. 1991 Scorsese/De Niro collaboration
33. Support, as a thief
35. Hard, in Honduras
36. Sidewalk's edge
37. "Parasite" Oscar winner
38. Friendly at parties
42. "There but for the grace of God ___"
43. Midwest flight attendants (MLS)
45. Less reliable
47. Old colonial masters
48. Name ender for a lawyer
49. Grown-up
51. Permit
52. Aggressively guard, or a literal description of three answers in this puzzle
55. Enjoy a lollipop
58. Glossy
59. Deconstruct?
60. 1952 Winter Olympics host
61. Blackjack option



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62. An ___ effort!
63. Mother of Zeus and Poseidon

DOWN

1. Mike's candy partner
2. Word before "break" or "return"
3. Zips one's lip
4. Cannabis-based skin remedy
5. Sports official, informally
6. Had bills to pay
7. Cold treat from Mars?
8. Rotisserie part
9. Samberg and Serkis
10. Palme ___ (Cannes film award)
11. Like the far end of a pool
12. Lose one's cool with, say
16. Sent a private chat on FB or IG
19. Marinara and puttanesca, but not alfredo
21. Parties, say
24. "SNL" network
25. Just like
26. Instruction booklet
28. Franchise in which episodes typically culminate in a "rose ceremony"
30. Chinese philosophy
34. Kind of shower
36. Rollaway bed
37. Herd : sheep as ___ : pheasants
38. Ellen, the first elected female head of state in Africa
39. Like fish and chips
40. Neighbor of Isr.
41. Expressions of disgust
42. Brothers Marc and Pau
44. Influential modernist architect, Richard
45. Government agents
46. Overstuffed with dialogue
50. Big name in tea
53. "The Golden Girls" actress Arthur
54. Sea, to Sartre
56. Guardians on scoreboards
57. RVer's stopover