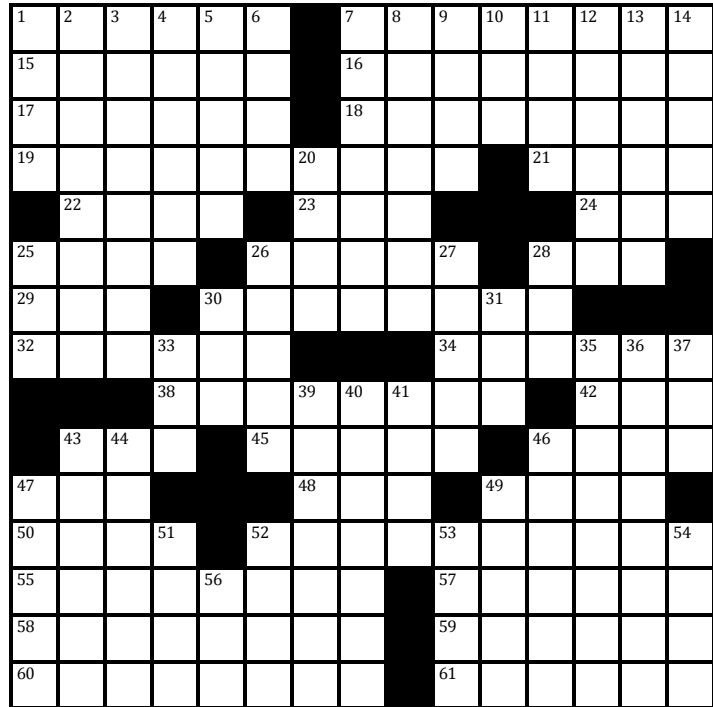


Puzzle 280 – Freestyle 245

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Across

- 1 Some ID tags
 7 Series of sports stadium music compilation albums of the 1990s
 15 Forgoing banners, maybe
 16 Bulk product label in grocery stores
 17 Old pictures, e.g.
 18 Not fictional
 19 Popular casserole, casually
 21 Put in one's place?
 22 Branding tool
 23 Staple of West African cuisine
 24 Narrator and co-producer of the Netflix series "The Get Down"
 25 Periods with amanecer y atardeceres
 26 Unlike patrolling Irish police officers
 28 Shortz stack: Abbr.
 29 It's often pounded after freezing
 30 See 12-Down
 32 Organic compounds with low boiling points
 34 Locale of one of the three races known collectively as the Triple Crown of Motorsport
 38 Something on either side of a threshold
 42 "You shouldn't have done that!"
 43 Like 36-Down
 45 Hem
 46 G.E. polluted a 40-mile stretch of the Hudson River with these
 47 Abbr. that omits the second, third, and fourth letters of its word
 48 Traveling legally on Madison Ave. in N.Y.C., e.g.
 49 City at one end of the Akashi Kaikyo Bridge, the longest suspension bridge in the world
 50 Resources
 52 American landing spot since 1963
 55 Defense against a Scrabble challenge
 57 Squat
 58 Surprise at the office, say
 59 Lowlifes
 60 Business process quality-control method with a name derived from statistics



61 Old Milwaukee, e.g.

Down

- 1 Bit of ordering shorthand at an Italian restaurant
 2 Perfect believer?
 3 One may be working on improving his lines
 4 Common seals
 5 Company whose subsidiary Haviland makes its eponymous Thin Mints
 6 Get-together with the buddies, informally
 7 They compete on a lower level, briefly
 8 People sitting in a row, maybe?
 9 What folks in the dark are often told to get
 10 Ending for 7 acceptable Scrabble words
 11 Make a good team
 12 Residents of a 30-Across
 13 Felonious factions
 14 Slates, casually
 20 Literary character whose first line was "There was no possibility of taking a walk that day"
 25 Either of two dated bookends?
 26 Storyteller of an ancient race?
 27 Director of the 1984 Talking Heads concert film "Stop Making Sense"
 28 Place for a pass: Abbr.
 30 "Pharma ____" (nickname for Martin Shkreli)
 31 Big jerk
 33 One of two entrepreneurs who originally gave Rocky Road ice cream its name
 35 They often have 26 pages
 36 Classic lamb go-with
 37 Binge-watches, say, in slang
 39 Tried to lose, say
 40 Part of a chromosome with no known function
 41 Working on a cutter, say
 43 Slavic name derived from the name of a Greek goddess
 44 Players in a sporting venue that features Fisk Pole
 46 Part of many beer cans
 47 Help, sometimes
 49 National currency issued by the Riksbank
 51 Weakens deceitfully
 52 "Fear of Dying" author, 2015
 53 Rank on the force: Abbr.
 54 Angel's bride in a classic novel
 56 ____ Remote