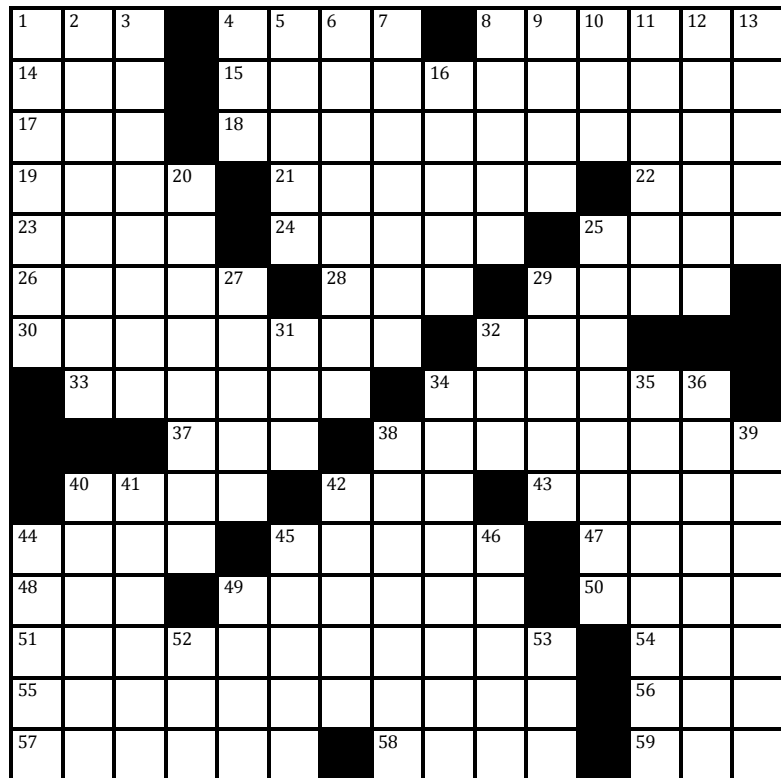


Puzzle 275 – Freestyle 240

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Across

- 1 National Champagne Day mo.
 4 Delicate seaweed sheet used for sushi
 8 Where many burnouses are worn
 14 Prefix of preservation
 15 Certain modern kitchen injury caused by improper knife use
 17 Subject of some hand-drawn cards
 18 Mean Joe Greene Coca-Cola ad of 1979
 19 Person taking a contracts class, typically
 21 Five out of the first seven letters of the alphabet, e.g.
 22 Portuguese Pedro, for one
 23 "Look for someone else to blame"
 24 Had more than a few
 25 The Queen, vis-à-vis the British Armed Forces: Abbr.
 26 Exemplars in a profession
 28 Figure of beach?
 29 Are inclined
 30 Chain of cantinas or brand of tequila founded by Van Halen's Sammy Hagar
 32 Warren, e.g.
 33 Fills via Craigslist, say
 34 Not now, not never
 37 Animal consumed by humans whose blood is toxic to them
 38 One having lots of fluky success, slangily
 40 Spec for a push-up, maybe
 42 ___ player
 43 Transition that sounds like transportation
 44 Result of combining Mentos and Diet Coke
 45 Banked
 47 "Mm-hmmm..."
 48 ___ M. Martin, author of "The Baby-Sitters Club" book series
 49 Whisper from above, maybe
 50 You may have a ball in one
 51 1996 Quad City DJ's party hit with a repeated "woo woo" train sound effect
 54 Radar center
 55 Feature of a woman's revealing shoe
 56 Something expressed as a no.



- 57 Vied
 58 Reclusive villain in a 1962 film
 59 A bunch of numbers grouped together, in more than one sense

Down

- 1 Infernal
 2 Ride on a budget
 3 Materialize
 4 Indication of a lack of interest
 5 Not under the table
 6 Literary character who swung a baseball bat named Wonderboy
 7 Repulsive, in kid-speak
 8 Figured a bill, say
 9 Creatures in the mythology of 8-Across
 10 Word often said with the index finger pointing upward
 11 Causes to score
 12 Say, as magic words
 13 Made for a particular goal
 16 Had designs
 20 Carpet alternative
 25 Holiday treat that's often individually wrapped
 27 Decisive victory

- 29 A while, say
 31 Cape Town is on it: Abbr.
 32 Org. targeted in a major 2016 Wikileaks release
 34 Common swelling site for swimmers
 35 Pretty much
 36 "I'm not going through all this trouble for nothing..."
 38 Medium for running an operating system without having to install it to a hard drive
 39 Singer with a statue outside the Fairmont San Francisco hotel
 40 What a quick person is often ready with
 41 Rapid mover, maybe
 42 Brazilian coastal state that's Spanish for a coastal feature
 44 They're all right
 45 Time to go crazy on 5th Avenue
 46 Act haughtily, in a way
 49 Sch. whose main campus is about a mile and a half from The Strip
 52 Klinger or Radar on "M*A*S*H", e.g.: Abbr.
 53 Nickname for the Spanish equivalent of "Matthew"