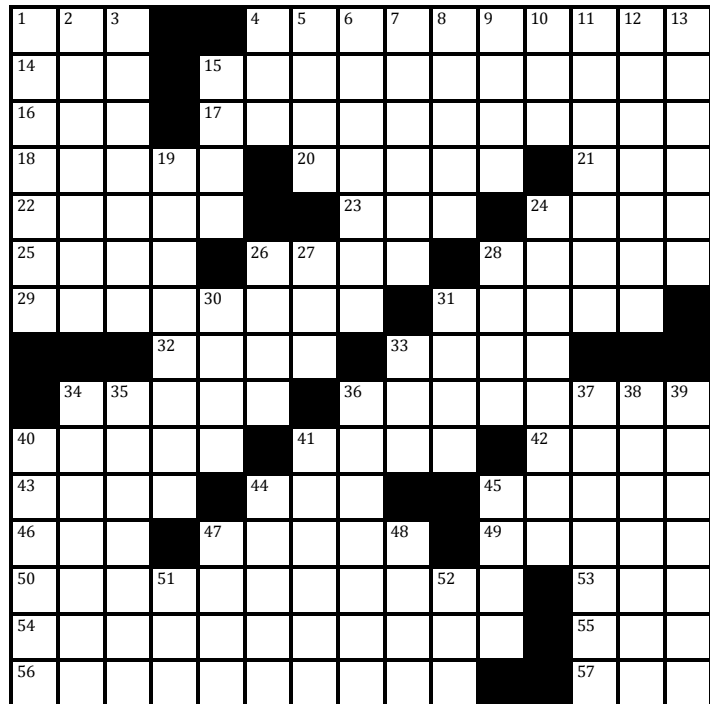


Puzzle 291 – Freestyle 256

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Across

- 1 Samurai affirmative
 4 Video camera part
 14 Home to the Tiger-Cats of the C.F.L.
 15 Device keeping breathing open in people with sleep apnea (the second and fourth letters are the same, in case you get stuck)
 16 Trace de ____ (footprint, in France)
 17 Sacrifice for the team, say
 18 Stand in a wedding photo, perhaps
 20 Rousing success
 21 Abbr. associated with some liners
 22 Co-inventor of the Slavic alphabet
 23 Hangout for The Fonz
 24 Sunscreen component that was once classified as a vitamin, briefly
 25 Couleur d'un ciel clair
 26 "We got it", on an office stamp
 28 Opposite of a strikeout, in a sense
 29 Bite-sized pieces that may be smothered in gravy
 31 Rating for a film that just misses an NC-17
 32 God whose name sounds like an implement he uses when the last letter is removed
 33 Get across
 34 Sail on many a skiff
 36 "Job well done!", to an Aussie
 40 City with a long tradition of belly dancing
 41 Cause revulsion, in a way
 42 They're said to be in denial
 43 Act on, as one's hunger
 44 Dialectal pronoun
 45 Choices to accompany kalamata olives
 46 Gram. category
 47 Discontinued meatless salad topping brand
 49 Its only international border is just 45 miles long
 50 Sarcastic cry after an unexpected turn
 53 See 8-Down
 54 Free throws, e.g.
 55 Account no.
 56 It might break up a blast
 57 They cross the line, for short



Down

- 1 Take advantage of some hacking skills?
 2 Pore over
 3 "Would I lie to you?"
 4 Great Depression economy-boosting org.
 5 Word from the German for "to heap up"
 6 South American bushes with medicinal value
 7 Adjective for democrats who support democracy but aren't members of a Democratic Party
 8 With 53-Across, place to grab a few bites to eat?
 9 Certain command, or, minus its first letter, a frequent target of the command
 10 "Take Up ____ Stethoscope and Walk" (1967 Pink Floyd song)
 11 People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive between Harrison and Brad
 12 Some
 13 Assisted someone via Rover.com, maybe
 15 It's often held down in the corner
 19 Former carrier of cars across the English Channel
 24 Granted mercy
 26 Something caused by one who's slaying
 27 Demo followers, sometimes, for short
 28 Straight component
 30 It's always for more than two players
 31 Shot with one hand
 33 One faced
 34 Archie Comics witch aptly surnamed Spellman
 35 Employee who may prepare you for a stud
 36 Become famous, in a way
 37 One response to "Do you miss it?"
 38 "So... what's so great about that?"
 39 Organizes, in a way
 40 Like some old vibrating hotel beds
 41 Portmanteau-named place to see slots and trots
 44 "Lobster Telephone" et al.
 45 Rocky Mountain National Park sights
 47 Certain devotee of pop-and-lock dancing, in slang
 48 Arcade game name part
 51 Brand that determines if a conception has occurred
 52 Be in the wrong