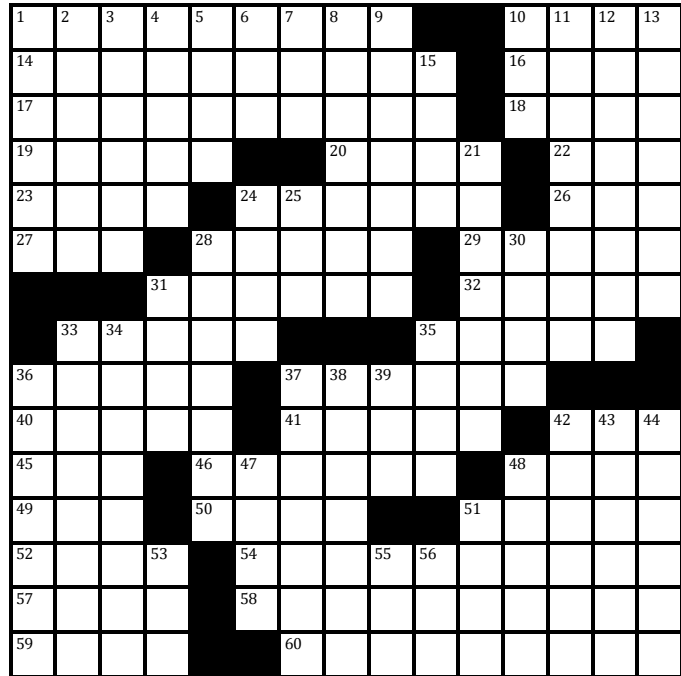


Puzzle 257 – Freestyle 222

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Across

- 1 [forehead slap]
 10 It's "1000" in código binario
 14 Organic matter precipitating from upper ocean layers to the deep ocean
 16 1982 sci-fi film featuring a futuristic game of jai alai
 17 Explains away with
 18 Humor in the old days?
 19 They're fast at multiplication
 20 Some propellers
 22 Prefix meaning "together"
 23 "____, and Did My Savior Bleed" (hymn)
 24 "Mm-hmm... gotcha"
 26 Palindrome in many 1970s police blotters
 27 One looking up to many people
 28 It may be struck at a campsite
 29 Cover for everyone
 31 Perform for the first time, as a dramatic role
 32 Small-time
 33 Choices for party spreads
 35 Makes roar
 36 1990 Grammy winner for the blues duet "I'm in the Mood" with John Lee Hooker
 37 Headwear worn by the subject of the painting "Whistler's Mother" (not, as it would seem, by Al Capone)
 40 They may recognize excellent field work
 41 ____ label
 42 Government org. with a Credit Risk Management office
 45 Alternatives to TCBY, for short
 46 Seize
 48 Sputters out
 49 Mot dans un accord
 50 Arabic word for "seasonal watercourse"
 51 Comics character often called "sweet babboo"
 52 "____ No Other Man" (2006 Christina Aguilera hit)
 54 Area in which affordable, nutritional sustenance is not easily accessible
 57 Jay Chou's role in "The Green Hornet"



- 58 Turn or river that causes significant betting between at least two players, in Texas hold 'em
 59 "That's so annoying!"
 60 Is in a fog
- ## Down
- 1 Conversation that may use emoji
 2 Expression of gratitude upon receiving a lei
 3 Mountain named for an ancient Armenian kingdom
 4 Ohio city that's home to the McKinley Memorial Library
 5 Makes official, in a way
 6 Krak ____ Chevaliers (Crusades castle that's a UNESCO World Heritage Site)
 7 The Sycamores of the Missouri Valley Conf.
 8 Not tangential
 9 Not too blandly, not too strongly
 10 Place to wager on a show?: Abbr.
 11 Adjective coined by Nestlé for their candy bar products
 12 "Wow, that's un-freaking-believable!"
 13 Very far from F
 15 Tediously passed (on)
 21 What's going to be done (if all goes accordingly, of course)

- 24 Cries around the pitch
 25 Company once known as Kyung-sung Precision Industry
 28 Decorative woodworking tool
 30 Cut, as cereal
 31 Country alternative
 33 Cult 1970s-'80s Brooklyn-born graffiti artist-turned-painter who once dated Madonna
 34 Gives an earful, to say the least
 35 One for whom "I don't know" is "A dinna ken"
 36 Hardwoods that are the provincial tree of Prince Edward Island
 37 1976 purchaser of the New York Post
 38 The least detectable amount
 39 "Play it again!", at the opera house
 42 Irish equivalent of the English name "Jane"
 43 Butter, in Brest
 44 Lara Flynn Boyle played one on "The Practice", for short
 47 Big rival of Djoker
 48 Decathlon equipment
 51 Celebrity with mandibular prognathism
 53 Tank, for one
 55 Joint introduction
 56 Start to sport