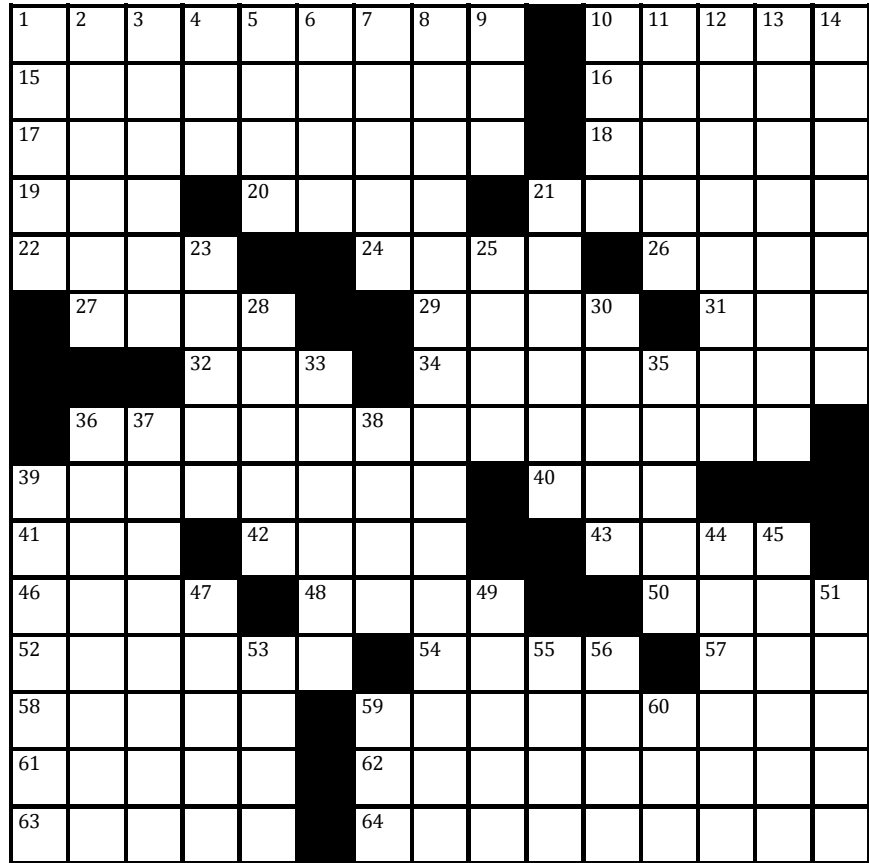


Puzzle 254 – Freestyle 219

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Across

- 1 Not instrumental
 10 Not leave outside
 15 Legumes in a Chinese stir-fry
 16 Tswana, e.g.
 17 "Just kidding... none of that was true"
 18 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator ____" (hymn)
 19 Not pure
 20 Big name in commercial lawn mowers
 21 Be vexed by
 22 Inner tube, perhaps
 24 ____ van Doesburg, Dutch artist who founded De Stijl
 26 "____ Prohibido" (1994 Selena album)
 27 "You make a good point"
 29 Ingredient in products made by the Lily of the Desert company
 31 Threw in a chip, say
 32 Gp. concerned with bird nesting habits
 34 "I'm not repeating this anymore"
 36 Entertainment device where folks can get their "kicks"
 39 With caution
 40 Word that can be translated as "they", "you", or "she"
 41 Milton's "consummate and most adorned Pandora"
 42 5/10, say
 43 It may be used to pass
 46 Make a distinction
 48 When the French celebrate their libération from les nazis
 50 Some caretakers
 52 Block
 54 "Adieu" equivalent
 57 Madre di ____ (Mary, in Milan)
 58 The US government blocked it from acquiring Humana in 2017
 59 Unauthorized leak of secure information, in modern parlance
 61 Very sensitive parts of the male anatomy, in slang
 62 First tsarina of Russia
 63 "Water Under the Bridge" singer, 2015



64 Form of light rail

Down

- 1 Manufacturer of GEL-Nimbus shoes
 2 Fair-weather signs, often
 3 Striped balls in some games
 4 Something to scratch on
 5 N.S.C. bigwig
 6 One may have a lot of extra parts
 7 Not restrain from
 8 "Yuk it up..."
 9 Creature whose name is derived from the Greek word for 52-Across
 10 French father, maybe
 11 Mole cousin
 12 Prayer, as contrasted with modern communication, in slang
 13 "I'm certainly innocent"
 14 Its products need to be cracked before use
 21 Swift resting places
 23 Make safer for driving, in a way
 25 It offers extra benefits through the King David Club

28 Takes the pressure off

- 30 Amazon area
 33 Not in these parts
 35 Component of some wooden roofs
 36 Really large space above the eyes, slangily
 37 Like a very small automobile petrol engine
 38 Indication that there's more to come
 39 Does very well in the course
 44 Car audio system error message
 45 Clarke of "Me Before You", 2016
 47 Hall-of-Fame coach of Andy Murray
 49 Language also known as Crimean
 51 Like some ovens
 53 Operate without a scalpel, in a way
 55 Place for your best buds?
 56 Habana del ____ (borough of Cuba's capital)
 59 Bar bigwigs, briefly
 60 Word with stand or down