

Eliminating the Competition (Master Division)

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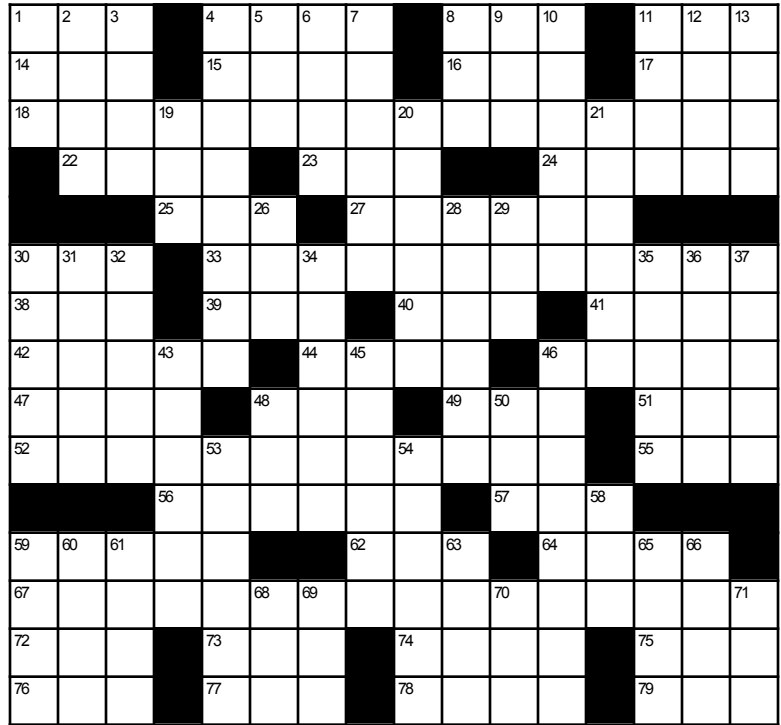
ACROSS

1. Protagonist in "Star Wars: The Force Awakens"
4. Silverstein who wrote "The Cover of 'Rolling Stone'"
8. President Bartlet on "The West Wing"
11. Curtain call
14. Prefix with skeleton
15. Libido, for one
16. Revered name in Boston sports
17. Word of disgust
18. Competition that has eliminated Barkin and Erdmann
22. Dance partner
23. ___-cone
24. Lemmings' kin
25. Ball girl?
27. Scottish archipelago
30. Chill (out)
33. Placing, after eliminating the competition?
38. Sea goddess who saved Odysseus
39. Game whose strategy is based on binary representations
40. Nice one
41. Taxi alternative
42. Tesla and Djokovic, e.g.
44. Spoke with false authority, to put it succinctly
46. Alla ___ (cut time, in music)
47. Snack that a Carnegie-Mellon robot was taught to disassemble
48. Yiddish yuck
49. Inits. on a yard sale price tag
51. Sycophant's response
52. Possible headline describing a gaffe that might have led to elimination from World Series competition?

55. Imminent tassel wearers: Abbr.
56. Candy brand from Germany
57. PC port
59. "Diary of a Madman" author
62. Online news feed inits.
64. Deep Blue and Watson, e.g.
67. Query about an enigmatologist shushing an eliminated competitor at the Westchester Table Tennis Center?
72. Aachen article
73. San Francisco's ___ Hill
74. Southernmost Great Lake
75. "Ars Gratia Artis" co.
76. Yuletide treat
77. First word?
78. BHO and LBJ, e.g.
79. Competition, eliminated?

DOWN

1. Whistle blower?
2. Split personalities?
3. It's used to walk the dog
4. They're real operators
5. Letters for a princess
6. Sponsorship: Var.
7. Beatle who loved to play "Monopoly"
8. Stewart who was featured in "Wordplay"
9. Blow it
10. Charitable campaigns
11. Jordan, once
12. Grimm creature
13. Reporters' questions
19. Armageddon
20. Reference file at a newspaper office
21. Aroused observer, sometimes
26. Fat stat
28. More or less
29. Opposite of SSW



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30. Eye shade
31. Año starter
32. Injured in the corrida
34. Plants
35. Follows
36. "When hell freezes over!"
37. Getup
43. Disregard Polonius's advice
45. Blacksmiths, e.g.
46. 8, 10, 12 on the rack, e.g.
48. It may be imposed, but never levied
50. ___-ray Disc
53. Mechanic's job, at times
54. Never expressed, as tears [don't laugh, this word has Patrick Berry immunity]
58. It's cooked wet in Memphis, dry in KC
59. Stefani or Verdon
60. Battleground state in recent Presidential elections
61. Calaf strikes this at the climax of Act I of "Turandot"
63. Needing some kneading?
65. Champagne and sparkling wine brand with bottling facilities in Reims, France and Napa Valley, California
66. Charlie Brown sound
68. Elton's john
69. Way to take over a co.
70. Crime center?
71. Animal on Australia's coat of arms