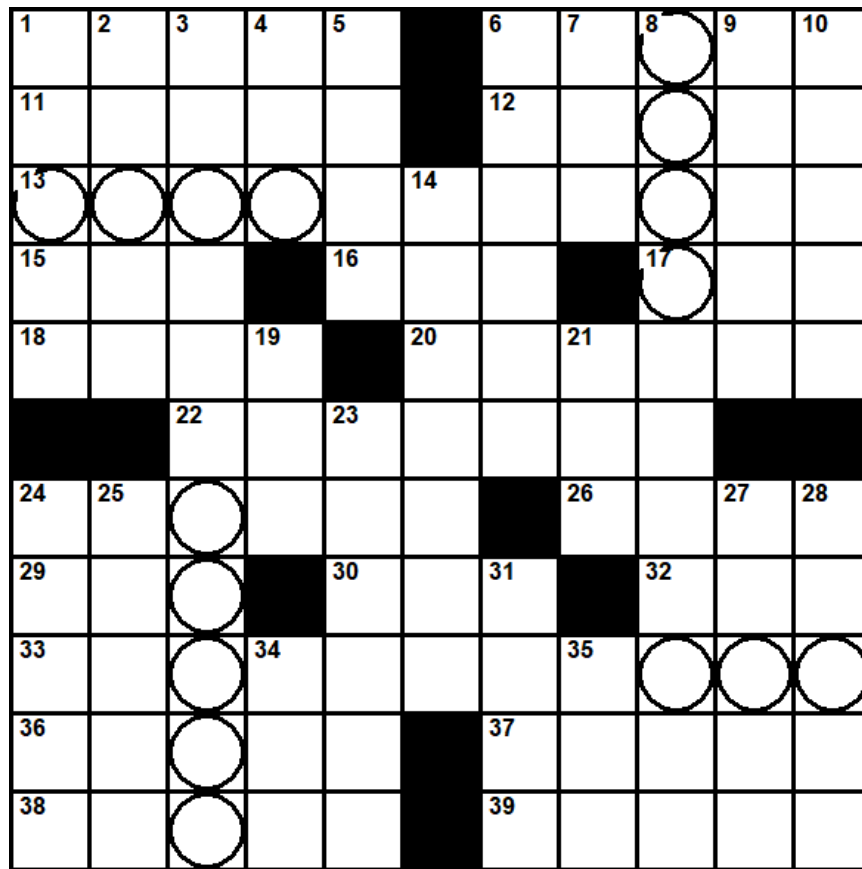


A Theme-ish Midi

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Across

1. Movie director Jackson
6. Donut shop draw
11. Label company (I'm a big fan of 5162)
12. "___ Down" (1982 Van Halen album with a scuba flag on the cover)
13. Cherished
15. Sound from our new puppy that can't help but sound cute rather than threatening
16. 7 and 11, for instance (abbr.)
17. Cell messenger
18. Elias Sports Bureau info
20. Metaphor for a mess
22. The Fonz's catchphrase (shout out to my GenX solvers)
24. Dim sum dumpling
26. Kernels, as of ideas
29. Spy novelist Deighton
30. Acme product popular with coyotes (in cartoons, at least)

32. Possible part of a three-day weekend (abbr.)
33. Statement uttered after just missing
36. Show contempt
37. Advil alternative
38. Very heavy stringed instruments
39. Second chances, casually

Down

1. Feelings of guilt
2. Navratilova rival
3. Cleave
4. Purposefully share misinformation on Facebook (prior to January 7, 2025)
5. Reynolds or Gosling
6. Supplements
7. Free, as in a puppy of ticks (ours seems to be a magnet for them already)
8. Feeling after a good Thanksgiving meal, perhaps

9. "Dear Stan, I ___ to write you sooner, but I just been busy" (Eminem)
10. Wide selection
14. Futile, like my attempts to turn this and the grid spanning entries into a coherent theme (I tried, I really tried)
19. McGraw or McCarver
21. Word before mill or fizz
23. Spuds
24. Part of AC/DC or, in another way, Guns N' Roses
25. Adornment at Indian weddings
27. "Well done!"
28. Fathers
31. Title which derives from Caesar
34. ___ Roc Records (indie label based out of North Carolina)
35. Cheer at a European football match