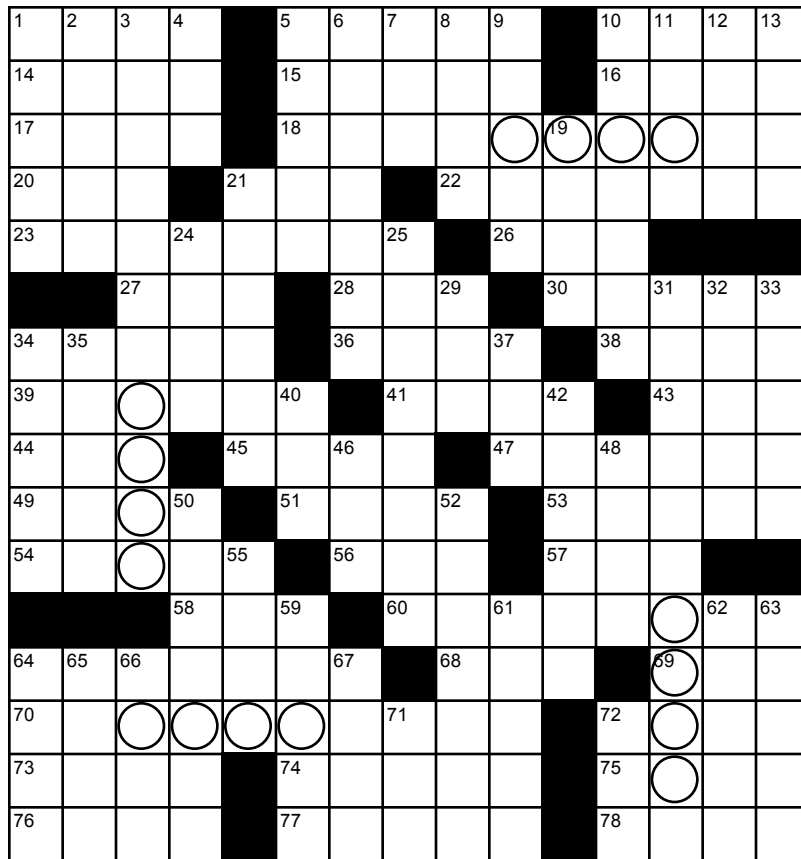


ACROSS

1. Shot in the dark
5. Journalist's slant
10. Laundry load
14. Cock and bull story
15. Quarantined, with "off"
16. Regarding
17. Wished undone
18. Face charges
20. Disney's "Monsters, ____"
21. Salon creations
22. 1988 action flick that spawned three sequels
23. Founder of "The Greatest Show on Earth"
26. Before, in poetry
27. Point of no return?
28. It's often written in stone
30. "Religulous" star Bill
34. Puts at ease
36. Final, e.g.
38. Lady of the knight?



39. Like Fenway, among MLB ballparks
41. They can be tight or loose
43. Record label that first signed Elvis
44. Wet behind the ears
45. Stick figure?
47. Slept soundly?
49. Digs, in slang
51. Catches red-handed
53. "Of course! How could I forget?"
54. Fine-tuned
56. Problem with the Watergate tapes
57. Diddy-squat
58. Fifth note in a scale
60. "Hot damn!"
64. "I'm dead serious!"
68. Half of a Las Vegas duo
69. To boot
70. Band with the hit "Manic Monday"

72. Hardly at all
73. Sea eagle
74. Competitor's best stuff
75. Lugosi of "Plan 9 from Outer Space"
76. Kennel club reject
77. Hotel "freebies"
78. History book chapters

DOWN

1. Variety of poker
2. "Who's your daddy?," e.g.
3. Emmy award winner for "30 Rock"
4. Crash site?
5. Pyro's passion
6. Up in the air
7. 3.14, for one
8. Have an interest in interest
9. Boston Bruins Hall-of-Famer Shore
10. Part of a payload
11. It's 53 miles away from the US

12. Big shot
13. Get a grip?
19. 6 years, for John Kerry
21. Very sharp
24. Cartoon supplier of Jet Powered Roller Skates and such
25. Hodgepodge ... and a hint to this puzzle's circled letters
29. Talk turkey?
31. Bespectacled hero of books and films
32. One running the show
33. Peruses
34. Shell often used as a horn
35. Oldsmobile's last model
37. TV's House and Howser
40. Go for the bronze?
42. Very sharp
46. Tabloid

48. State with a five-sided flag
50. It's most likely to succeed
52. "Oh, puh-leeze!"
55. Nickelodeon's bilingual adventurer
59. Part of LEM
61. Doctor's orders
62. "Bear" completely unrelated to bears
63. Boston : tonics :: elsewhere : ____
64. Twosome in the gossip columns
65. Drive-____
66. Put in the mail
67. Popular waffle brand
71. Science class section
72. Grandfather to Bart and Lisa