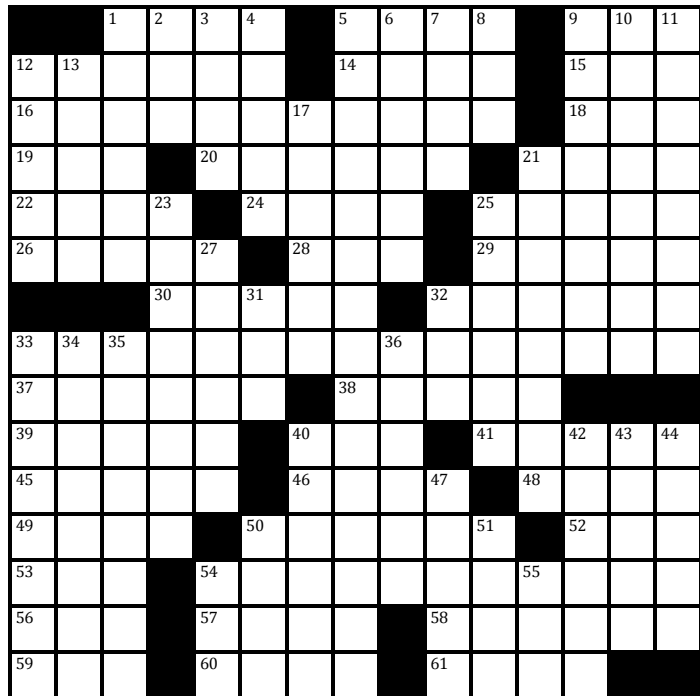


Puzzle 500 – Freestyle 449

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Across

- 1 Mice may take them
 5 Where Nowruz, or New Year's day, is celebrated on the first day of spring
 9 Necessity for soft hands
 12 Like cliffs
 14 "Let's do it"
 15 Dash
 16 Compilations of easy targets used by telemarketers and fraudsters
 18 Gen. Patton attended it (but didn't graduate)
 19 Sound used to 20-Across
 20 See 19-Across
 21 "Disregard that mark"
 22 Vaporware?
 24 Food that's an anagram of an org. that opposes it
 25 Where to find the Moon, the Sun, and the Devil
 26 Animated "Most Powerful Woman In the Universe"
 28 With 60-Across, melancholy state
 29 Like the phrase "thoughts and prayers", to some
 30 One of the two things that God said He is, per Revelations 1
 32 Relinquishes membership
 33 Remark sarcastically indicating naïveté
 37 Oneworld alliance cofounder
 38 Considered the same
 39 The University of Texas' live mascot, e.g.
 40 Popular weekly hashtag accompanying vintage photos
 41 Symbol for one wielding a bow, often
 45 Checks out the floor plan of, say
 46 Company for frequent fliers whose name means "bird"
 48 ____ de lynx (keen vision, in French)
 49 Definitely leans
 50 Facility that analyzed Richard Reid's shoe bomb
 52 Org. watching for eruptions
 53 Boxer that's a national symbol, casually



- 54 It's used instead of a small child to ride the animal in Middle Eastern camel racing
 56 Have to fix something, say
 57 Target of many "prières"
 58 They're often confused with coral snakes
 59 Place without order
 60 See 28-Across
 61 NBA coach whose team broke the single-season wins record, which was held by a team that he had played on
- Down**
 1 TV neighbor of George and Louise
 2 Bird whose name rhymes with that of another bird
 3 Humans are "great" ones
 4 Tool used to fight dullness
 5 "You can easily tell?"
 6 Sister-to-be
 7 La Gioconda and such
 8 It was known as the Family Computer in Japan, for short
 9 Place to go off-roading
 10 Tried to pick up
 11 Hurdle to becoming a certain magazine worker
 12 Smart or dumb types?
 13 Part of the AB in "AB InBev"
 17 Not hold highly
 21 Famed Venetian piazza named for the basilica on it
 23 Accepting people
 25 Accessory used to prevent flapping
 27 Places where hosts may sit
 31 Parts of a leaf: Abbr.
 32 Play strongly while facing the offense, in sports slang
 33 They average around 100
 34 Router unit
 35 Flightless?
 36 Making rash decisions due to a losing streak, in poker
 40 Like browsers, often
 42 Anonymous source, maybe
 43 Bird widely seen off Greenland's coast
 44 Chastises, and then some
 47 A seller of television
 50 US govt. transparency law since 1967
 51 Divine
 54 Block borders: Abbr.
 55 Letters on some data storage units