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- ACROSS**
- 1 Jazz's James
5 Means of applying lip gloss
9 Unlikely to make the first move
12 Navy ____
13 In the neighborhood of
15 Tapered piece of sports equipment
16 Acclaimed TV show concerning a science teacher-turned-drug dealer
19 "!!!!"
20 Having a tart, citrusy flavor
21 Mexican tequila brand, familiarly
23 Word before Street or oil
24 Financially behind
- 26 Hang around
27 Mimi's "me"
28 Collection by Horace
29 Tick off
30 Laundry loads
32 ____ There Dump That (garbage service franchise)
33 Brought into existence
36 Staple of Disney live-action remakes, briefly
39 "I goofed"
40 St. ____ (district in London)
42 Java setting
45 Fútbol stadium cry
46 Knock down a peg or two
47 Amigo
49 Cute mistake
50 Mild Swiss cheese
- 51 Spell check?
52 Org. in the 2019 Tony-winning play "The Ferryman"
53 Changes made to the answers to 16-, 24-, 33- and 47-Across, whether interpreted as one word or two?
57 Final figure
58 Neighbor of Uttar Pradesh
59 Emmy- and Tony-nominated actress Mireille
60 "____ whiz!"
61 Source of the Tigris and Euphrates, per Genesis
62 In stitches

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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SUPER QUIZ

Take this Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: TITLE CHARACTER: FILMS

Name the person who played the title role. (e.g., "Ed Wood." Answer: Johnny Depp.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

- "Rocky Balboa"
- "Edward Scissorhands"
- "Annie Hall"

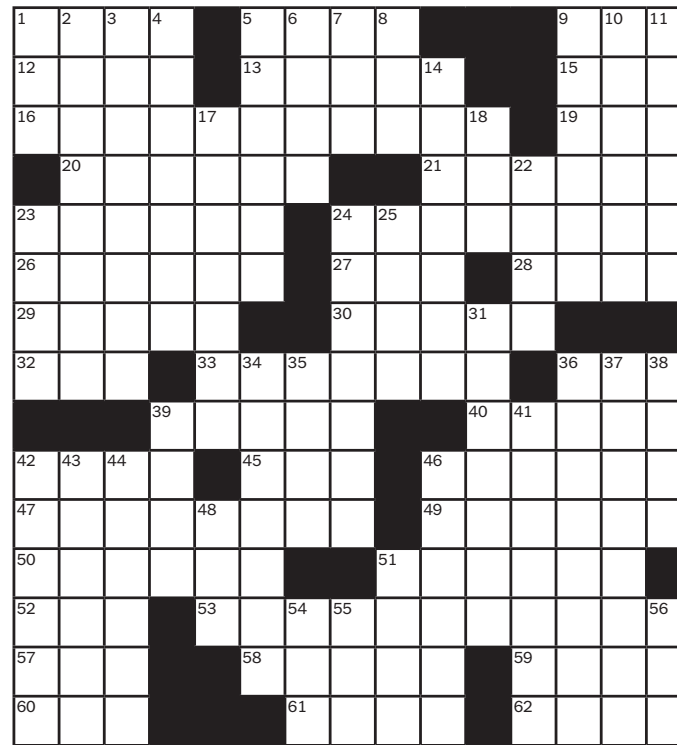
GRADUATE LEVEL

- "Jerry Maguire"
- "Erin Brockovich"
- "Billy Madison"

PH.D. LEVEL

- "Malcolm X"
- "Lawrence of Arabia"
- "Spartacus"

ANSWERS: 1. Sylvester Stallone; 2. Johnny Depp; 3. Diane Keaton; 4. Tom Cruise; 5. Julia Roberts; 6. Adam Sandler; 7. Denzel Washington; 8. Peter On'ole; 9. Kirk Douglas.



PUZZLE BY YACOB YONAS AND ERIK AGARD

DOWN

- Abatement
- "Madam Secretary" star
- Gesture from a coach not to swing at the next pitch
- Give life to
- "Parsifal" composer
- Dear one?
- Winter Olympics powerhouse: Abbr.
- Props, say
- Was able to acquire, informally
- Military transport

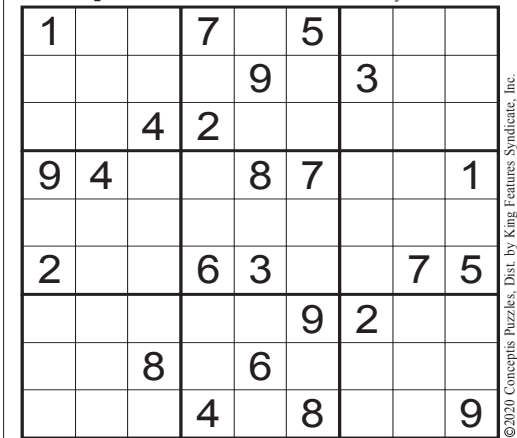
- "Holy cannoli!"
- Touchy?
- What the ruthless show
- "Well, obviously!"
- Mythical matchmaker
- Chunk of concrete
- Got in the way of
- Hardly a rosy picture
- Barely best
- Scrubbed
- Account
- "Crisis averted!"
- Question after an explanation
- Positive response to 37-Down
- Google ____
- Hints at
- Playing field?
- Swanky affair
- Scrambling words
- Address part
- ____ guitar
- Joint problem
- Daniels who directed "The Butler"
- What it takes years and years to grow
- Target for an ID thief

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Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★

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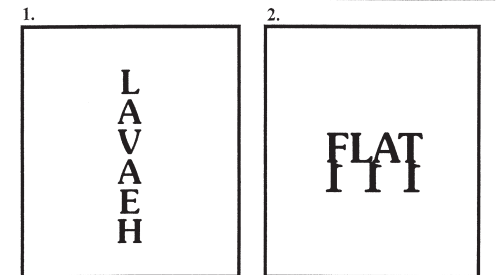
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Last Week's Answers:

WUZZLES

- Turn thumbs down
- Flash in the pan

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Difficulty Level ★★★

6	9	1	8	7	9	2	3
3	4	7	2	9	1	8	6
9	8	2	6	5	3	7	4
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7	5	2	8	9	6	3	1
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