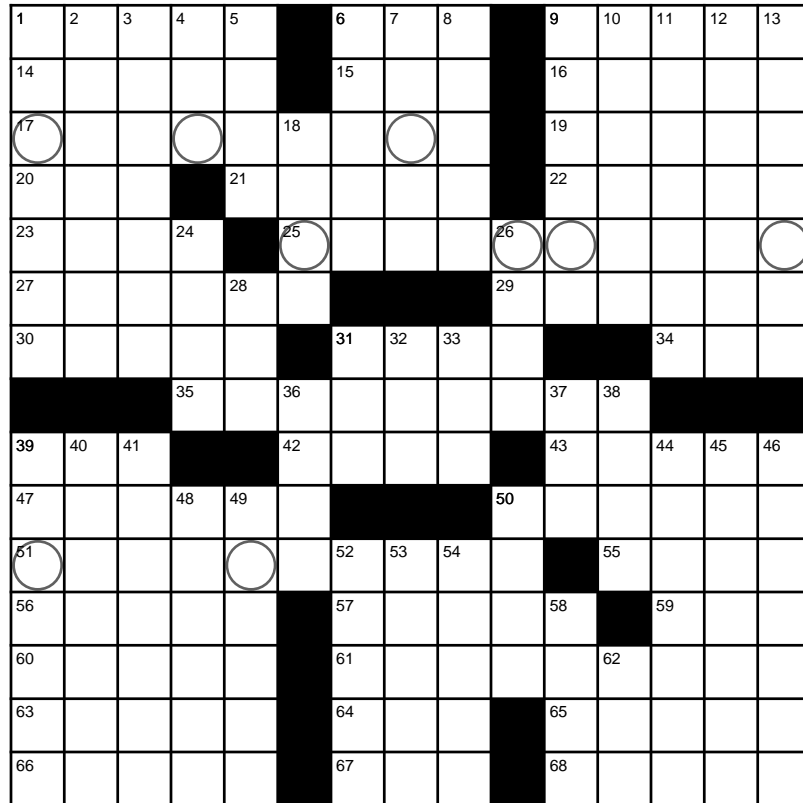


Clean Best Friend

Michael Blake

ACROSS

1. Rachel Maddow's channel
6. '60s war zone
9. Noe Valley bar in a 2013 fire
14. "March comes in like ____."
15. Columbus univ.
16. Bowling alley button
17. Some bribes
19. The Donald's ex
20. Hot time in Toulon
21. Raccoon's cousin
22. "Unsafe at Any Speed" author
23. Vegas attraction
25. Kid's joke starter
27. Alternate name for Mount McKinley
29. Of the stars
30. Nymph of Greek myth
31. "Death in Venice" author



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34. The least bit
35. What some dog shampoos may prevent
39. Dean's musical partner
42. Six-season show that began with a plane crash
43. Begins the Alcatraz triathlon
47. B-plus beater
50. Pluto's status, until 2006
51. O.J. Simpson's vapid pal
55. Deposed despot
56. Heart parts
57. Bakeware brand
59. Grp. that entertains the troops
60. Nevada senator Harry and family

61. Recently closed Church Street pet-care store, after the nonet of circled letters in this puzzle
63. Alexander, to Aristotle
64. Valuable find
65. Chicago terminal
66. Locales
67. Decrepit horse
68. Spanish city which gave sherry its name

DOWN

1. Gets by
2. Slide, like a snake
3. "Great shot!"
4. ____ choy
5. "Mad Money" broadcaster
6. "____ do" ("Not possible")
7. Invite as one's date for

8. Russo ____ on 24th
9. Loomis competitor
10. Eastern Mediterranean lands, with "the"
11. Dancer Duncan
12. New Yorker from the Finger Lakes region
13. In an unadorned way
18. Golfer Isao ____
24. Brit woman of WWII
26. German philosopher Immanuel
28. "Bad" cholesterol
31. China's ____ Zedong
32. Stomach muscles
33. Fussy picker's target
36. "Born Free" lioness
37. Immigrants' night sch. class

38. Sultan of ____: Babe Ruth
39. Indonesia's capital
40. Not yet a pro
41. Word on a hot dog label
44. Isolated, as a people
45. Word appearing twice in a Shakespeare title
46. Disco lights
48. "Search me"
49. Certain decrees
50. French tire
52. Big name in computer printers
53. Stretchy fabric
54. Certain marked-down item: Abbr.
58. Microsoft game console
62. "Evita" role