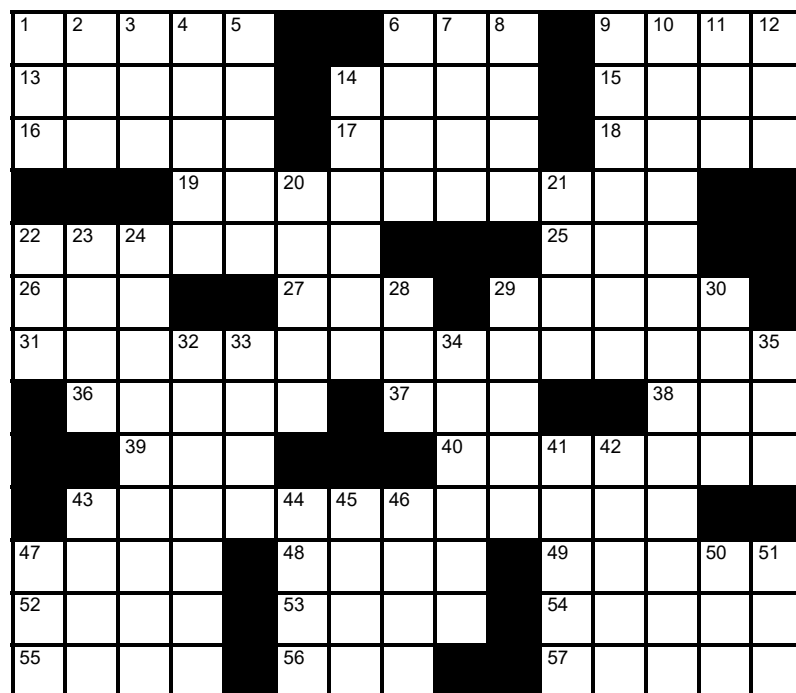


A Pro Wrestling Nursery Rhyme

Across

- 1 Sudden contraction
 6 Rat race locale?
 9 Quench
 13 Puccini opera
 14 Remove from a group
 15 Txtspeak for one's POV
 16 Like some committees and hypotheses
 17 Hodgepodge
 18 Wrestling term for someone who brings in money
 19 Andy Williams, The Blade's tag team partner (RIP)
 22 Pancake flipper
 25 ___ Femi (WWE's Ruler)
 26 "___ Baron Corbin dumbass" (viral reply)
 27 Sick
 29 Anticipate
 31 The Role Model, wrestling's only (real) dentist
 36 Hotel accommodation
 37 ___ Lanka
 38 ___ LC (surprisingly good match between Hornswoggle and El Torito)
 39 ___-mo
 40 Italian herb
 43 Kazuchika Okada's nickname
 47 "___ Is Wrestling" (crowd chant)
 48 La ___ Tar Pits
 49 South Asian river
 52 Forgotten member of Orton's Legacy stable
 53 The Final ___ (The Rock's nickname)
 54 Uncle's daughter
 55 ___ Heavyweight Championship (New Japan title)
 56 Fire ___, Soldier ___, or Green ___ (members of wrestling stable The Colony)
 57 "The Maids" playwright



Down

- 1 RR depot
 2 Cast leader?
 3 Fireplace residue
 4 Hall or Steiner
 5 ___ Picchu
 6 Blockbuster
 7 Touched down
 8 Group of allied nations
 9 Private, secondary conversation
 10 World War II blackout enforcer
 11 ___-la-la
 12 Paul Heyman's defunct promotion, or letters that still get chanted during hardcore matches
 14 Blue shade
 20 The E in AEW
 21 Julia Ward ___
 22 Vicious or Justice or Eudy
 23 Averages, in golf
 24 Surprise attacking
 28 Wt. units
 29 Francesco ___ (New Japan wrestler who shares a name with a groundbreaking anime film)
 30 Gov. agents like Ness
 32 Agitates
 33 Ripley's Believe ___ Not
 34 Scents
 35 In excelsis ___
 41 Getting (by)
 42 "Aladdin" magical character
 43 Defrost
 44 "Mamma Mia" band
 45 The ___ Sheik
 46 Raven's ___ (stable in 12-Down)
 47 "OMG stop, we get it!"
 50 What Jimmy and Jey call each other
 51 Established