

Gunnin' for that #1 Spot

Across

1. Film whose sequels include "World Pup," "Seventh Inning Fetch," and "Spikes Back"
7. Neckwear during din-din
10. Minnesota's Ilhan (and, along with 1-Down, member of the Squad)
14. Absorb slowly
15. Soothing additive on some tissues
17. One of the three Magi, along with Balthazar and Melchior
18. Alternative to sparkling, at a restaurant
19. Like most mail, these days
21. Sydney's state, for short
22. Shout at 11:59:59 P.M. on December 31
23. Chases away, as an intruding pet during a Zoom call
26. Jacob's twin brother, in the Bible
28. Wild male pig
29. Said "\$10 says you can't solve this clue," say
31. Madre's hermano
33. Oodles
34. Cry at a Greek restaurant when lighting saganaki on fire
35. Get in the way of
39. Diminutive people
41. 33-Across, slangily
42. Lacks
43. Not yet determined, on a sched.
44. Taking care of business
45. African antelope with a silent first letter
46. The most recent one was December 21st, 2020
48. Karaoke gear, briefly
51. Mother of Zeus, Poseidon, Hades, Hera, Demeter, and Hestia (whew!)
53. Netflix docuseries featuring the Navarro College Bulldogs
54. "Feliz ___ nuevo!"
55. "That's what friends ___ for!"
56. Button on a scale
58. Board game for which the Guinness World Record of the longest game is 70 days
61. Feline term for a wealthy person
65. Nickname for NYC, with "The"
66. Famous theater found in 65-Across
67. "Frozen" snowman
68. Toothy tool
69. Play again, like a music album

Down

1. NYC rep (and, along with 10-Across, member of the Squad)
2. "Rose ___ rose ___ rose ___ rose" (Gertrude Stein quote)
3. Kitchens and studies, for example: abbr.

4. Employment opportunities, according to Sharpay and Ryan?
5. Patriotic cheer at the Olympics
6. Laura who won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in "Marriage Story"
7. Nocturnal flier (that's not OWL)
8. Glazer of "Broad City"
9. Less than ideal, according to Sharpay and Ryan?
10. Egg cells, in a biology lab
11. Movement founded by Tarana Burke which spread virally in 2017
12. Sports and concert venue
13. Harder to find
16. How a toddler might react to broccoli
20. Stays edible, as those week-old leftovers in the fridge
23. Big Broadway success (unlike "High School Musical on Stage!", unfortunately)
24. Variety of yoga
25. Strong smells
27. Train stop: abbr.
28. Callback song performed by Sharpay and Ryan in "High School Musical", or a literal hint to 4-, 9-, and 30-Down
30. Certain aircraft engines on low-speed planes, according to Sharpay and Ryan?
32. Mischievous kid
36. "___ Meenie" (hit song by Sean Kingston and Justin Bieber)
37. Prepare a plane for takeoff in the winter
38. Opposite of "exit"
40. "Oui oui, ___ ami!"
41. German WWII submarine
43. With 43-Down, dangerous African fly
47. Minor knee injury
48. Lively ballroom dance (whatever happened to numbers 1 to 4, anyway?)
49. How food is generally fried (unless you have an air fryer, ooh la la)
50. Another lively ballroom dance (this one's also a type of drum)
52. Very slangy?
55. Tinder, for instance
57. A long distance away, quaintly
59. Bull in a china shop, say
60. Type of tree that rhymes with a pronoun
62. AL Central team abbreviation (that's not CWS, DET, KAN, or MIN)
63. Pie ___ mode
64. "Paw Patrol" fan, perhaps

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