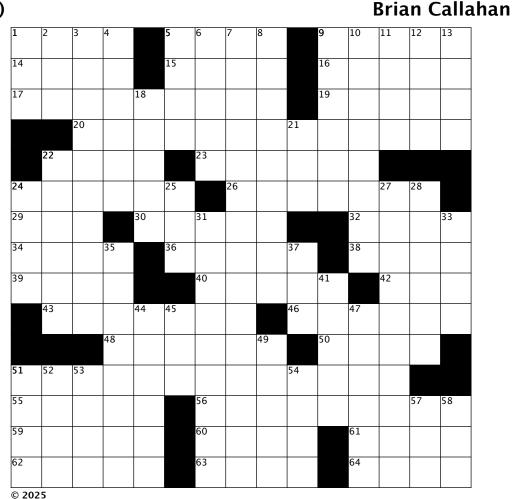
## The Middle (Freestyle)

## **ACROSS**

- 1. Concern for a competitive crossword solver
- 5. Medieval plot
- **9.** Greta Thunberg, for one
- **14.** Common lampshade shade
- 15. "Space Jam" bunny
- **16.** Fineman of "Saturday Night Live"
- **17.** Plays the politician, perhaps
- **19.** Stand up for a presentation?
- **20.** Horror film protagonists, sometimes
- **22.** Actress Sedgwick with a recurring role on "Brooklyn Nine-Nine"
- 23. The \_\_\_ (official magazine of the NAACP)
- **24.** A flat's equivalent
- 26. Sweet white wine
- **29.** \_\_\_ Jima
- **30.** Bring to the shop, say
- 32. Sweet red wine
- **34.** WNBA all-time assist leader Sue
- 36. Joins together
- 38. Dance that involves a lot of jumping up and down (and, per my research, may or may not have been invented by Sid Vicious)
- 39. Latin "to be"
- **40.** USWNT soccer legend Carli
- **42.** \_\_\_ party
- 43. "The Ring" setting
- **46.** Vending machine brand
- **48.** Sappy substances
- **50.** Vintner's vessels
- **51.** Zoomer, technically?
- **55.** Doubleday of baseball lore



- **56.** "The Electric Slide," e.g.
- **59.** Great Lakes tribe
- 60. Charged
- **61.** Nabe near Greenwich Village
- **62.** "Ginger Pye" author Eleanor
- 63. Name that means "oak tree" in Hebrew
- 64. Dorm bed, typically

## **DOWN**

- 1. Cello tuner
- 2. Torn \_\_\_ (sports injury diagnosis)
- 3. Battle of the Little Bighorn commander
- **4.** "One Writer's Beginnings" essayist Welty
- 5. Lovable characteristic of a dad bod

- **6.** Bond initiated by a charged attraction?
- 7. Gen X cusper, in slang
- **8.** Praised item in a style column
- 9. Picturesque
- 10. Meta element?
- **11.** Code word?
- 12. Real go-getter
- **13.** Jellied \_\_\_ (English seafood dish)
- 18. Multinational grocery chain that gets its name from its first location, Han Ah Reum
- **21.** Lead-in to the Constitution?
- **22.** L.A.-based footwear giant
- **24.** Taunt
- 25. That sounds like a hit!
- 27. "You had your chance"

- **28.** Some church fixtures
- 31. "Gollv!"
- **33.** Basketball Hall-of-Famer Kukoc
- 35. "Golly!"
- **37.** New South Wales airport letters
- **41.** Dan Levy's "Schitt\$ Creek" character
- **44.** Game where you always end up on top?
- **45.** JFK grp.
- **47.** Expert in one area
- 49. BLT or PBJ, in slang
- **51.** English honorific
- **52.** The Harvard Lampoon's avian mascot
- **53.** Midge's relative
- **54.** \_\_\_ Vogue (online periodical)
- 57. X
- **58.** Forever and a day