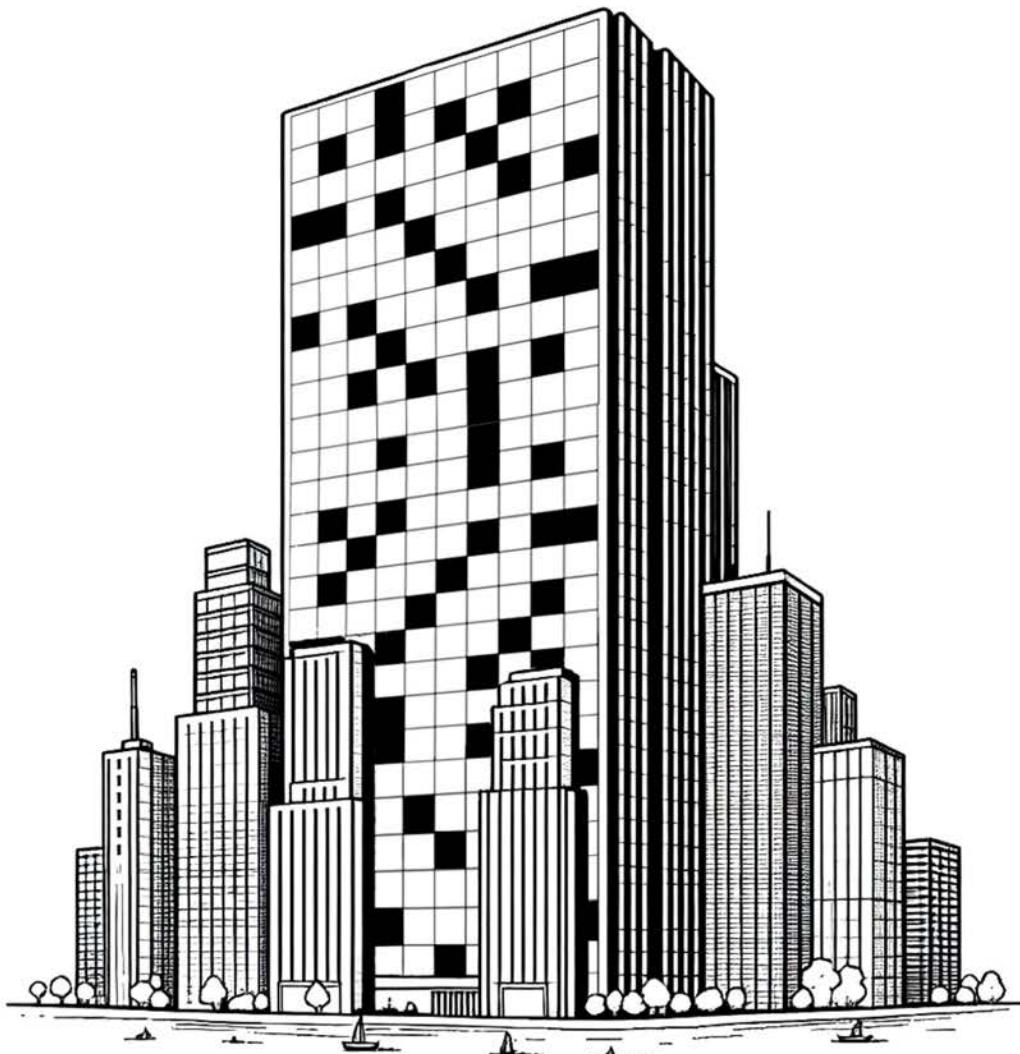


COGNITIVE CROSSWORDS

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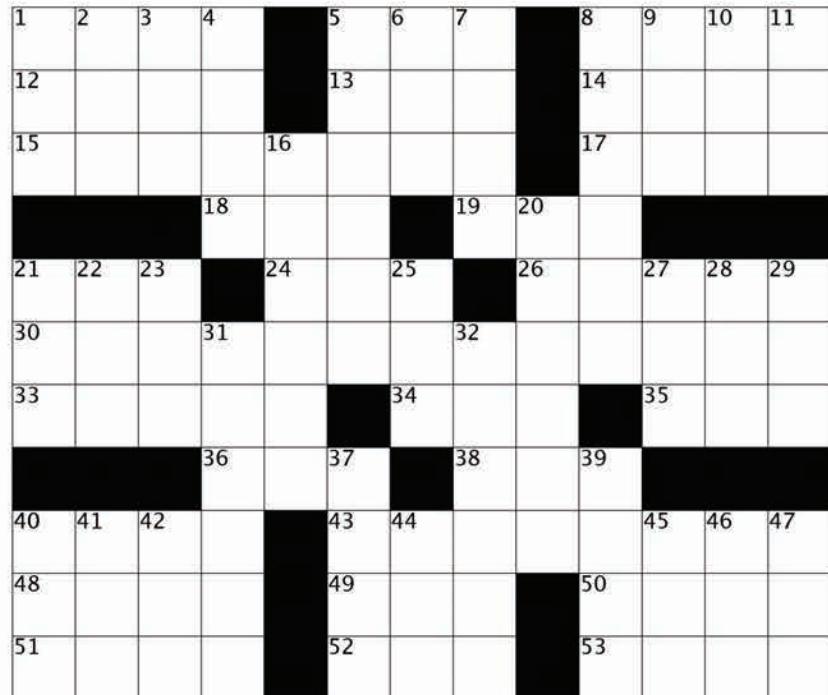




HOUSEHOLD CHORES

ACROSS

1. Chore for clothes
5. Pampering place
8. Cleansing agent
12. Black-and-white cookie
13. Series of battles
14. Thin metal cable
15. Make clutter-free
17. "Born Free" lioness
18. Game, __, match
19. "We __ Family"
21. Gives the green light
24. Perform in a play
26. Cider fruit
30. Do a kitchen chore
33. __ Lauder of cosmetics
34. MU follower
35. Bit of Morse code
36. Reply: Abbr.
38. __ Fail: Irish "stone of destiny" (AIL anagram)
40. Place for fruit or sugar
43. Cleans, as clothes
48. "Put a lid __!"
49. Well-suited (TAP anagram)
50. "All I have to __ Dream"
51. " __ Sides Now" - Judy Collins song
52. Dashboard letters
53. Ivory __: detergent for babies



DOWN

1. Egg __ yung
2. Bobby __: hockey legend
3. Lower limb
4. " __ I say, not..."
5. On/off device
6. La __, Bolivia
7. Vicinity
8. Uses a broom
9. Tin Man's need
10. Horace's " __ Poetica"
11. Split __ soup
16. Tidy up
20. Dried grape
21. Have a debt
22. __ in kangaroo
23. Concorde, e.g.
25. 5+5
27. Prof.'s degree
28. Zodiac lion
29. Superlative suffix
31. Well-being
32. Minnesota port city
37. Close a door with a bang
39. Totals up
40. Comic Newhart
41. Yoko __
42. Wordplay
44. iPhone download PAP anagram)
45. Long, long time
46. __ de Janeiro
47. Opposite of NNE

STORYTELLING



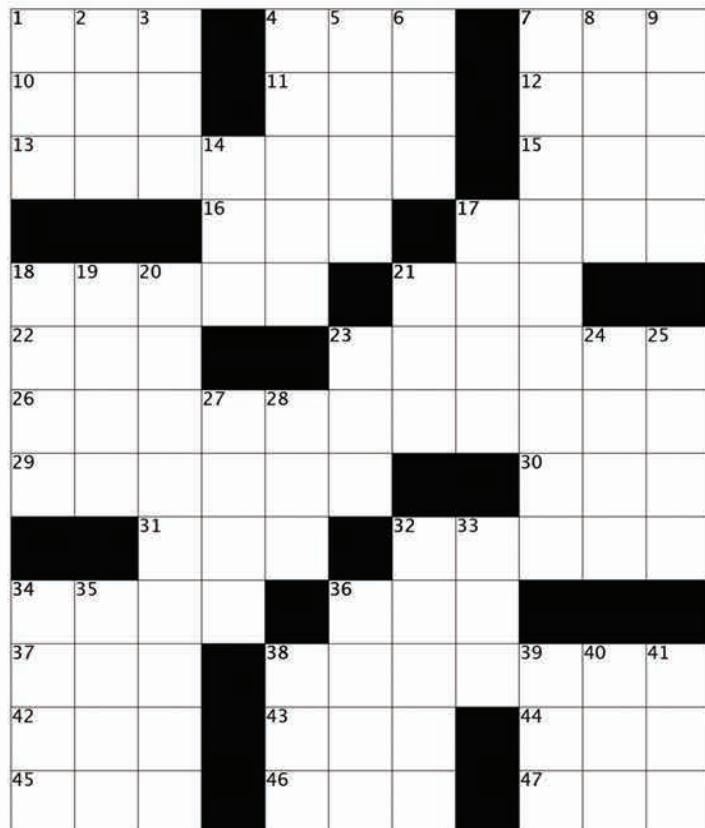
ACROSS

- Family room
- Ripen
- Toddler
- Gold, in Spanish (ROO anagram)
- White House web address ending
- Hearty beer
- Spin a yarn
- Whopper
- Life story, for short
- SpaceX founder ___ Musk
- Remove, as a brooch
- Granola tidbit
- "To ___, with Love"
- Hanging on every word
- Spinner of yarns
- Recount, as family lore
- Fem. "that," in Spanish
- Vintage
- Greek fable writer
- Brink
- Arid
- "Skip to My ___"

- Epic fables
- Witness
- Giant Aussie bird
- Debtor's letters
- Letter before TEE
- Foot digit
- ___ roof sundae

DOWN

- Comedian Knotts
- Historic phase
- Neither here ___ there
- "Encore!"
- "___ Jail" - Monopoly card
- Night before
- Fanciful fables
- Mishmash
- High schooler
- Baseball stat
- "Duke, duke, duke, duke of ___"
- "Back in the ___" (Beatles song)
- Evening in adspeak
- Literary



introductions	36. Showroom
21. Sole	sample
23. Summer, in	38. Allow
French	39. Young louse
24. Mexican money	(47-Across anagram)
25. Ensnare	40. "___ Hear a
27. Rough	Waltz?"
breathing sound	41. Daytime sky
(LEAR anagram)	sight
28. Paycheck abbr.	
32. Quarrel	
33. Storm's center	
34. "What ___ is new?"	
35. "Easy ___ it"	



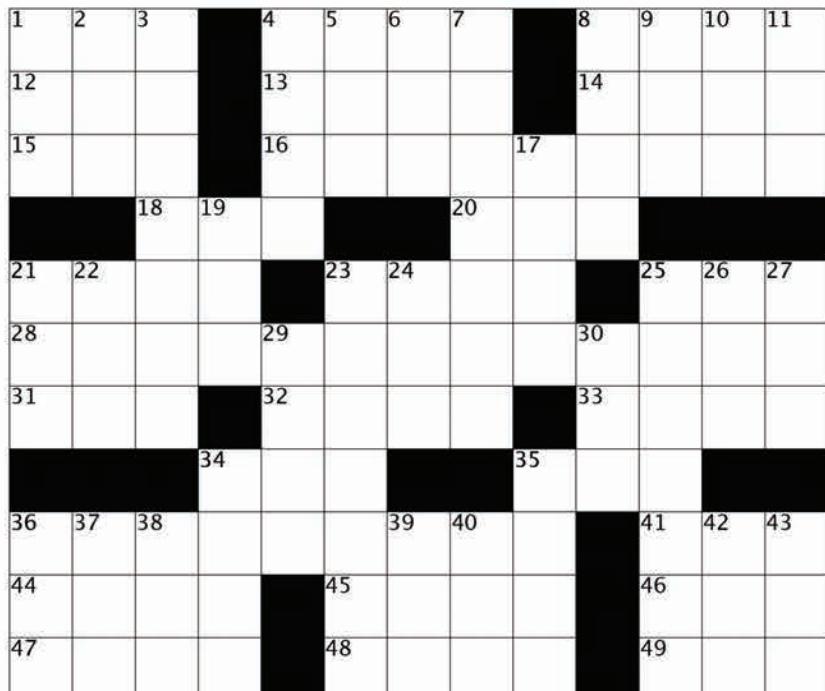
WINTER MEMORIES

ACROSS

1. Forty winks
4. "Dang"
8. Snowy stronghold
12. "Give __ rest!"
13. Park City's state
14. "Are you __ out?"
15. Target score on the links
16. Winter downhill gliders
18. Fire residue
20. Columnist with a high IQ:
Marilyn __ Savant
21. Like an owl maybe?
23. Rind
25. Nile viper
28. Winter skirmish
31. __-Mart Superstore
32. Swelled heads
33. Fruit pastries
34. Abu Dhabi's country, briefly
35. Friend
36. Winter footwear for gliding
on a frozen pond
41. Wedding vow
44. Yard work tool
45. Sights at the ends of soccer
fields
46. Earl Grey or oolong
47. Flexible Flyer or luge
48. Exam
49. "Are we there __?"

DOWN

1. Little bite
2. One __ time
3. Lightweight umbrella



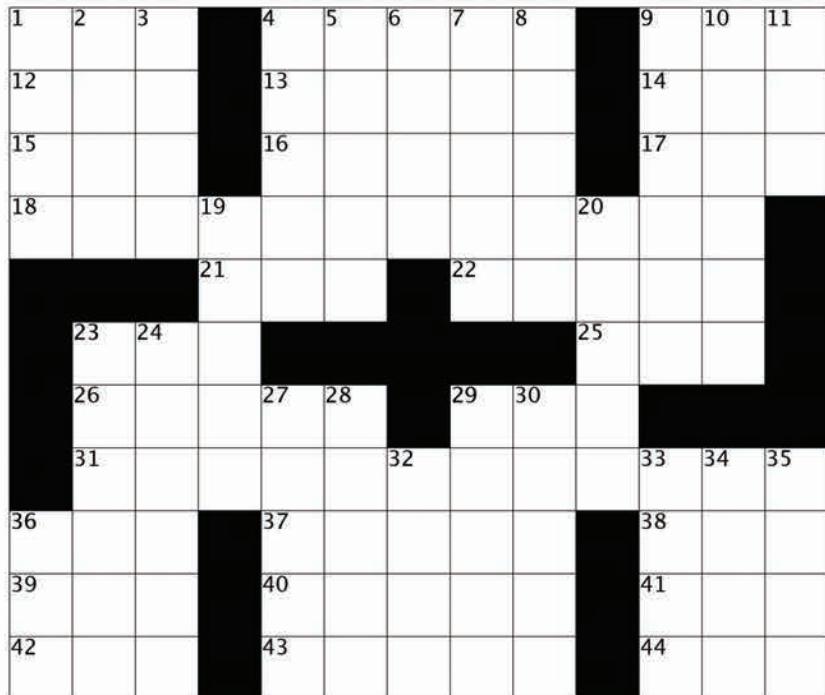
4. Justice __ Bader
Ginsberg
5. From __ Z
6. Bar bill
7. Clears the snow
8. Fruits in a Newton
9. Turned __ dime
10. __ Howard who
played "Opie"
11. __-80, old computers
nicknamed "Trash-80"
17. Tiger Woods's sport
19. Do some mending
21. Opposite of ENE
22. A pig __ poke
23. Beauty contest
24. "Don't Bring Me Down"
band (LEO anagram)
25. Nimbleness
26. Opposite of he
27. Scorekeeper's numbers,
abbr.
29. Bird's mouth
30. Hoppy beer, for short
34. Not new
35. "Ahem!"
36. Federal tax collector,
briefly
37. Coolidge's nickname
"Silent __"
38. __ out a living (barely
making it)
39. Peg for 17-Down
40. UFO drivers
42. "Don't Go Breaking My
Heart" singer with Elton
John
43. Feedbag morsel

READING BY THE FIRE



ACROSS

1. Bearskin or shag
4. Snoozes
9. Code-cracking org.
12. Chimp
13. Intel gathering from radar (T LINE anagram)
14. Snaky fish
15. RR depot
16. ___ Hop - dance named for an aviator
17. "___ Maria"
18. Cocoa sipped on a cool evening
21. Sue Grafton's "___ for Outlaw"
22. Underground waste pipe
23. Patriotic Uncle ___
25. "We ___ the Champions"
26. Nickname related to Patty
29. ___ in "Edward"
31. Cozy seat with curved support
36. Precious stone
37. "...like a big pizza pie, that's ___"
38. When repeated, one of the Gabors
39. Roadside assistance org.
40. Shopping bag lugger
41. SEAL's org. (SUN anagram)
42. Evening hrs.
43. Gives off
44. Fireplace fuel



DOWN

1. Poison ivy symptom
2. Until
3. Chap
4. New ___, India
5. Jumbles (OIL SO anagram)
6. Sunblock mineral
7. Over-the-handlebar crashes, slangily (NODES anagram)
8. Fashion sense
9. More tidy
10. Harsh
11. Tankard filler
19. Comedian
20. Flooded
23. Small river
24. Scents
27. Glide on ice
28. Athlete's TV greeting to a parent
29. Wading bird: Great Snowy ___
30. Taiwanese laptops (SCARE anagram)
32. "___ said the fly"
33. Blue, in Spanish
34. "This ___ sudden!"
35. Tolled a bell
36. Narrow opening



COZINESS

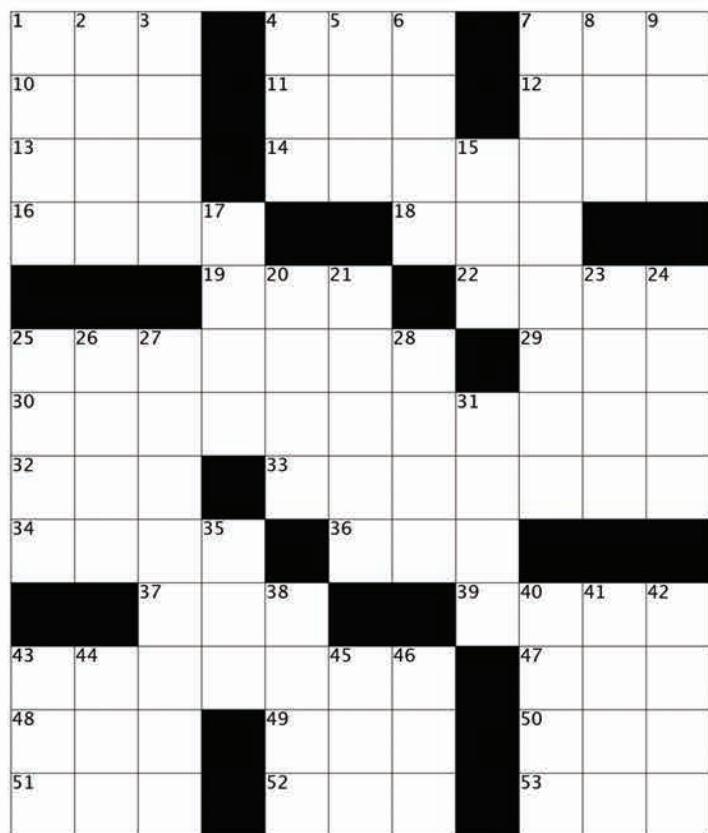
ACROSS

1. Fall behind
4. VHS successor
7. Silent agreement
10. Every one
11. Paddle
12. 3, in Ancient Rome
13. "Whatever it ___ am against it!"
14. Get cozy
16. Cozy wrap after a shower
18. "I'm not impressed" (HEM anagram)
19. Gen-__ (baby boomer's kid, for short)
22. Sicilian volcano
25. Cozy pullover
29. Not pro
30. How one may feel sitting by a fire
32. "Hot __ sauna"
33. Vast treeless plain of Siberia
34. 1st, 2nd, 3rd or home
36. Opposite of

- NNW
37. America
39. Cozy bird home
43. Gets cozy on the couch
47. "The ___ of Pooh"
48. Live and breathe
49. "Rose ___ rose..."
50. Toward the stern
51. ICU workers
52. Solidify
53. Golfer Trevino or director Spike

DOWN

1. Cozy hideaway
2. Too
3. Slick-talking
4. Uno, __, tres
5. Family auto
6. Percussion instrument
7. Cozy bedtime headwear
8. Olive __



9. Conk out	31. Unlock
15. "__ whiz!"	35. Subj. for immigrants (LES anagram)
17. Midterm, for one	38. Sale condition
20. JFK postings	40. And others: Abbr.
21. Kicks back	41. Secure
23. Schnozz	42. Schlep
24. Picnic pests	43. Auto
25. Mop the decks	44. Coffee vessel
26. "Fuzzy Wuzzy ___ bear..."	45. Utilize
27. Smudges on papers made by crossword solvers	46. Touch lightly, as a cat on the lap
28. Hwys	

WINTER WELLNESS MOVES



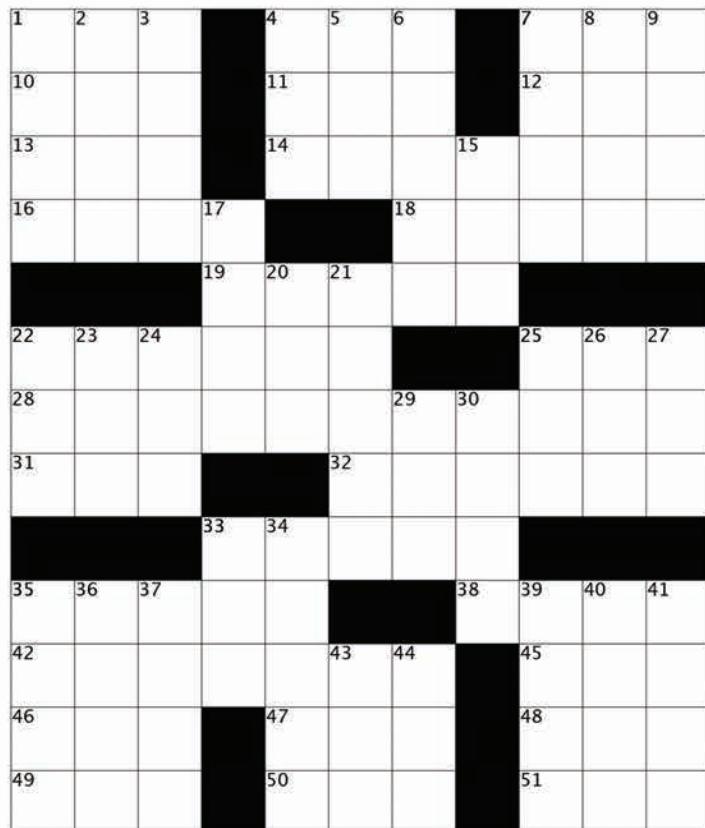
ACROSS

1. Bro's kin
4. Small, in Dogpatch
7. Sack
10. Blender setting
11. Unreturnable tennis serve
12. Lennon's wife, Yoko
13. One ___ time
14. Drink water, say
16. Relaxing soak
18. Fence openings
19. Soothed
22. Well-being
25. Petrol
28. State of calm, focused awareness
31. ___-Caps (candy brand)
32. Comfort
33. Nevada/California border lake
35. Helpers
38. Pool workout units
42. Warm-up

- exercise
45. Butterfly catcher
46. "Patience ___ virtue"
47. "Now I get it!"
48. Afternoon social
49. Female pig
50. Uncooked
51. Wild blue yonder

DOWN

1. Thick slice of meat
2. Wee bit
3. Smack a fly
4. "Well, ___-di-dah!"
5. Frost-covered
6. Window shelf
7. Dinghy or dory
8. Poker stake
9. "Here ___ nothing!"
15. "Fab!"
17. Kept in reserve
20. Anti-trafficking



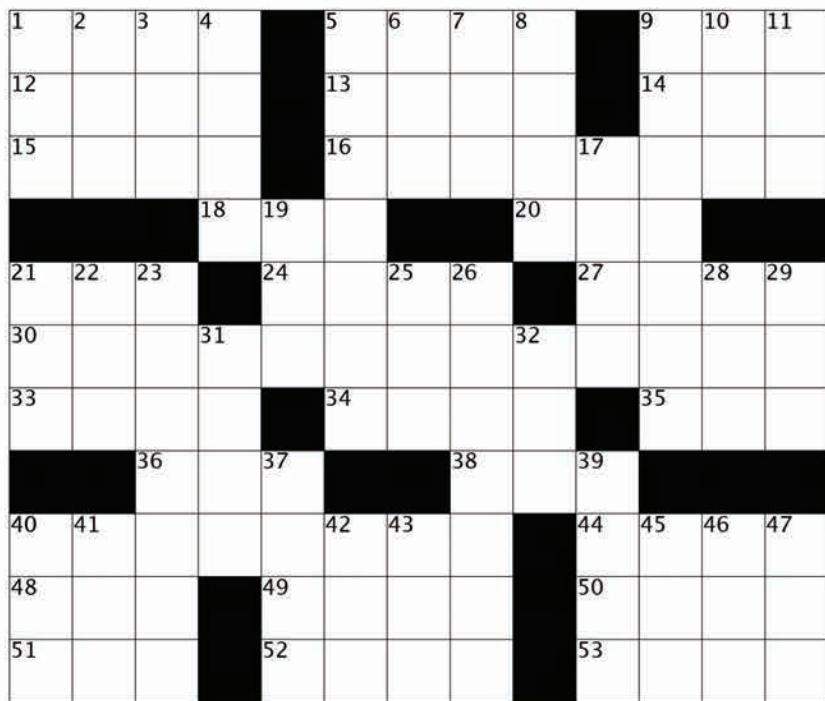
- org. (FAT anagram)
21. "Pipe down!"
22. "___ Pinafore"
23. "Ich bin ___ Berliner"
24. "It's ___-win situation"
25. Obtain
26. Fireplace residue
27. Opposite of NNW
29. Lav
30. Christmas carol
33. Casual shirt
34. Fur tycoon
- John Jacob ___
35. Sale caveat
36. "Don't take ___ seriously"
37. Sketch
39. Picnic invaders
40. "___-a-boo!"
41. Remain
43. "___-ching!"
44. In what way



FAVORITE SOUPS

ACROSS

1. Red meat whose broth is used as a soup base
5. New England ___ chowder
9. Ref
12. Up to the task
13. Kelly ___ of "Live! With Kelly and Michael"
14. Not worth a ___ (hidden in GOOD SOUP)
15. Double-reed clarinet cousin
16. Soup with letters
18. Seven Dwarf with glasses
20. Wall St. debut (POI anagram)
21. Channel with videos of bands
24. Electronics brand (hidden in LEAK AID)
27. Friend of 18-Across: ___ White
30. Classic comfort soup
33. Like a ___ to the flame
34. Skin allergic reaction
35. Catch sight of
36. ___ kwon do
38. Cooked ___ turn
40. Green soup variety
44. Type of vegetable used in soup
48. "___ we there yet?"
49. Chowder veggie
50. Edible Hawaiian tuber
51. ___ Angeles, CA
52. "Simmer over low ___"
53. Hearty soup



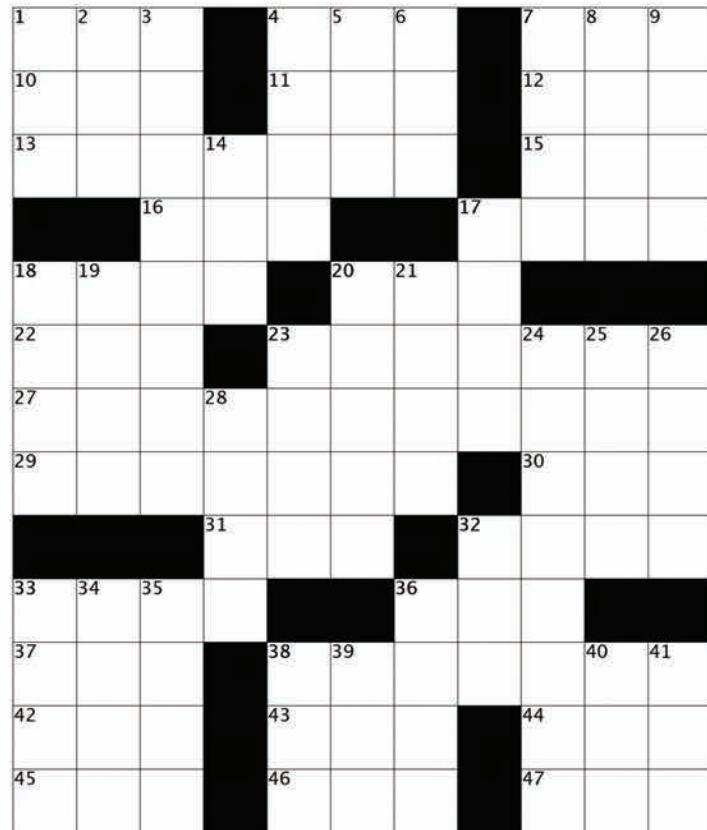
DOWN

1. Chinese steam bun
2. Flow out, as the tide
3. "Xanadu" band (hidden in FELONS)
4. Nourish
5. Saltine that might be served with soup
6. "___ Abner"
7. Uber or Words With Friends, e.g.
8. When doubled, a dolphinfish
9. Federal treasury-issued investments, for short
10. One of The Three Stooges
11. Placed
17. Lhasa ___ (dog breed)
19. Acorn producer
21. 1900, in Roman Numerals
22. Even if, briefly
23. Victuals, quaintly
25. Santa ___ winds
26. Quick to prepare, like some soup
28. Grand ___ Opry
29. Like Willie Winkie
31. Spiced tea from India
32. "So that's your game!"
37. ___ A Sketch
39. ___ and crafts
40. Mineo of "Exodus"
41. In favor of
42. Edgar Allan ___
43. Historic period
45. Bran source
46. Mined rock
47. Pull behind

CONNECTICUT

ACROSS

- Fast plane
- “Slippery” tree
- FedEx rival
- Rowing need
- Acquire
- Bird or guinea pig
- The Cornwall and Comstock are covered ones in Connecticut
- Afternoon drink in the UK
- “Mayday!”
- Ship stop, like New Haven
- Concordes, for short
- “I’ll take that as _____”
- Chicken _____ king
- Certain sofa
- Connecticut nickname evocative of a spice
- Coats with Crisco, e.g.
- Sault _____ Marie
- Mal de _____ (seasickness)
- Very little bit
- Connecticut Ivy League school
- ET’s craft
- Baseball pitcher’s fig.
- Connecticut’s royal charter was hidden in a hollow white one
- Convenient place to get cash
- Hockey venue
- ____ Khan (hidden in SEA GATE)
- Reuben bread
- “____ Miserables”
- Parcel of land

**DOWN**

- “Don’t quit your day _____”
- Hearing organ
- Pertaining to New York, New Jersey and Connecticut, for example
- _____ and bacon
- Robert E. _____
- Peaks: Abbr.
- _____ no good
- Stare (at)
- “ASAP!”
- _____ and don’ts
- Keats or Frost
- Caroled
- Insult
- “Rags-to-Riches” author Horatio (GLARE anagram)
- Loch _____ monster
- Mobutu _____ Seko (SEES anagram)
- Like idyllic country life
- “At Last” jazz singer _____ James
- Marsh grass
- “Auntie _____” of Broadway
- Away from the bow
- 1636: _____ that Connecticut was founded
- Ostentatious
- Weak, as an excuse
- Luau instruments
- _____ and water don’t mix
- Highest card
- Swelled head
- Have supper



MYSTIC AQUARIUM

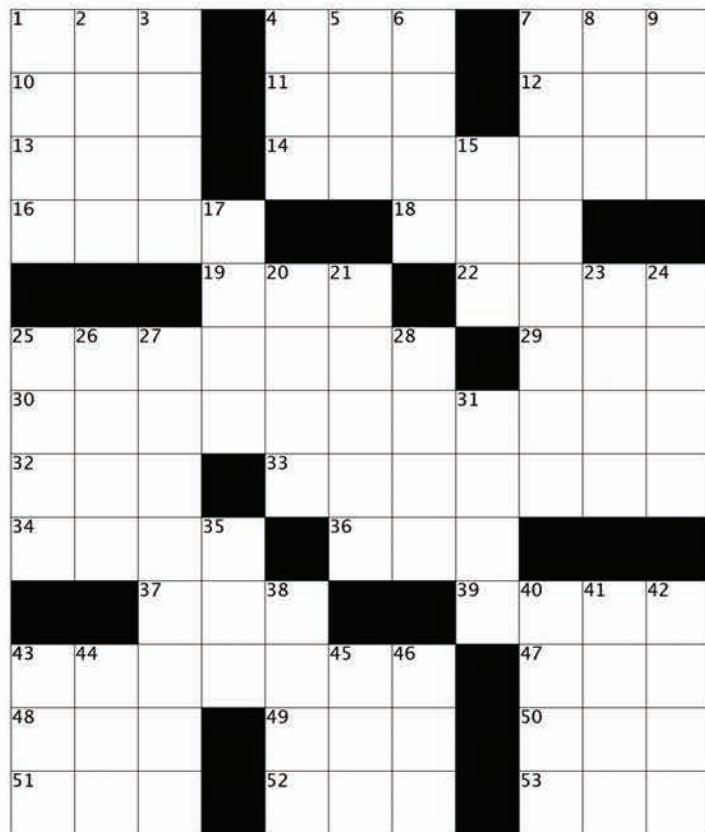
ACROSS

1. Greek H
4. Rainbow shape
7. ___ Lanka
10. Buddy
11. "...borrower ___ lender be"
12. However, for short
13. "___ Be Seeing You"
14. Playful marine mammal seen in Mystic Aquarium
16. "Happy" mollusk
18. Storage container
19. Cont. north of Afr.
22. Caviar
25. Briny expanse
29. Sharp knock
30. Marine mammal kept in "The Arctic Coast" exhibit in Mystic Aquarium
32. ___ de France (anagram of 15-Down)
33. Fanned out in order
34. Stately trees
36. Way: Abbr. (hidden in EASY STREET)

37. Corn unit
39. Be optimistic
43. Flightless Antarctic bird seen in Mystic Aquarium
47. "Thanks ___ no thanks"
48. Painting or sculpture
49. Thai's neighbor
50. A feast ___ famine
51. "Now, where ___ I?"
52. Conclusion
53. Mystic Aquarium has a green one named "Ernie"

DOWN

1. Sweeping story
2. Statuesque
3. Penne ___ vodka
4. Ques. response
5. 22-Across of fish
6. Crustacean seen at Mystic Aquarium
7. Mystic Aquarium has a touch tank for this flat fish
8. Greek P
9. Charged particle
15. Fib



17. Restaurant card (breakfast fare)
35. Droop
38. Golden ___: "Do unto others..."
40. Double-reed woodwind
41. Unadulterated
42. And other authors: Abbr.
43. Cat foot
44. Notable time period
45. James Bond creator Fleming
46. Quietly show approval



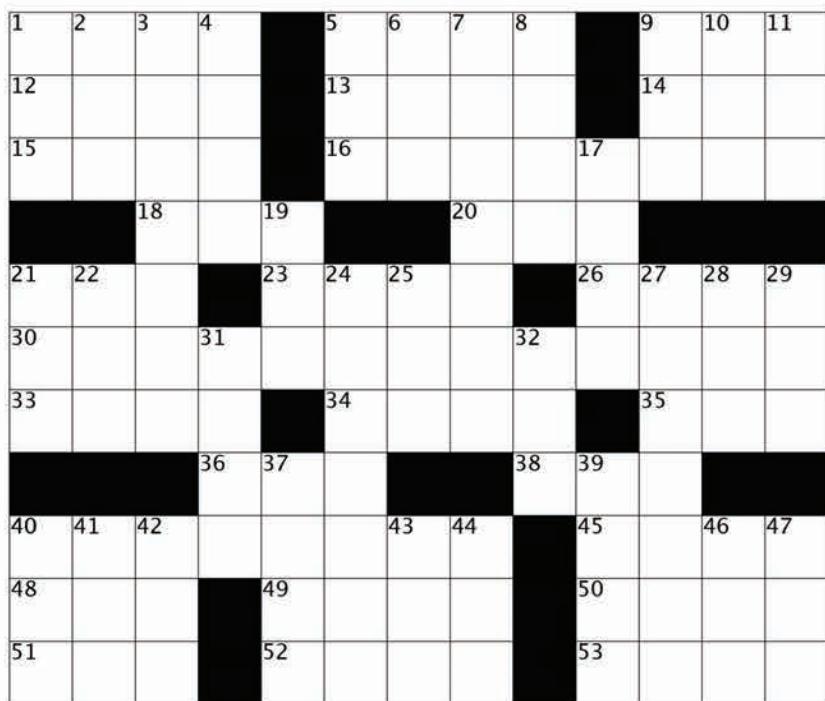
MARK TWAIN

ACROSS

- Mississippi transport used by 16-Across
- Borrower's burden
- "The Prince ___ the Pauper"
- Sail support (PARS anagram)
- "What ___ mind reader?"
- Regret
- Ballerina's skirt
- Tom Sawyer's pal
- "Isn't ___ bit like you and me?"
- Yes vote
- China's Chairman ___ Zedong
- Secular (CALI anagram)
- Tachometer reading: Abbr.
- Mark Twain's real name
- Fight for breath
- Nerd
- At once
- Grand ___ Opry
- Long, long time
- Mark Twain's hometown or a memorable Alps crosser
- Part of a book
- Back in the day
- "The Celebrated Jumping ___ of Calaveras County"
- Give off, as light
- Fellow
- "Go on, I'm all ___"
- Hawaiian goose (hidden in ONE NEST)

DOWN

- Letters between Q and U
- "The Simpsons" Qwik E Mart



- owner (hidden in KAPUT)
- 6 foot measures
- Not false
- Dit's partner in Morse Code
- Flightless bird of Australia
- "...upon the seat of a ___ built for two"
- Seize
- Onassis, familiarly
- Sister in a habit
- Bear's lair
- Old McDonald's spread
- Hearty brew
- Flavor-enhancing food additive, for short
- Small battery size
- Math type with Xs and Ys
- Rink surface
- Mark Twain for 30-Across
- Letters between L and P
- Opposite of NNE
- "Once ___ a time..."
- ___ out a living (scrape by)
- "___ on the Mississippi"
- Not closed
- "Green Eggs and ___"
- Turkish noble's title (hidden in SAGACITY)
- "Smoking or ___?"
- Choose one: ___ B?
- Some smart TVs, for short
- ___ and tonic
- Summer, in French



NEW ENGLAND TOWNS

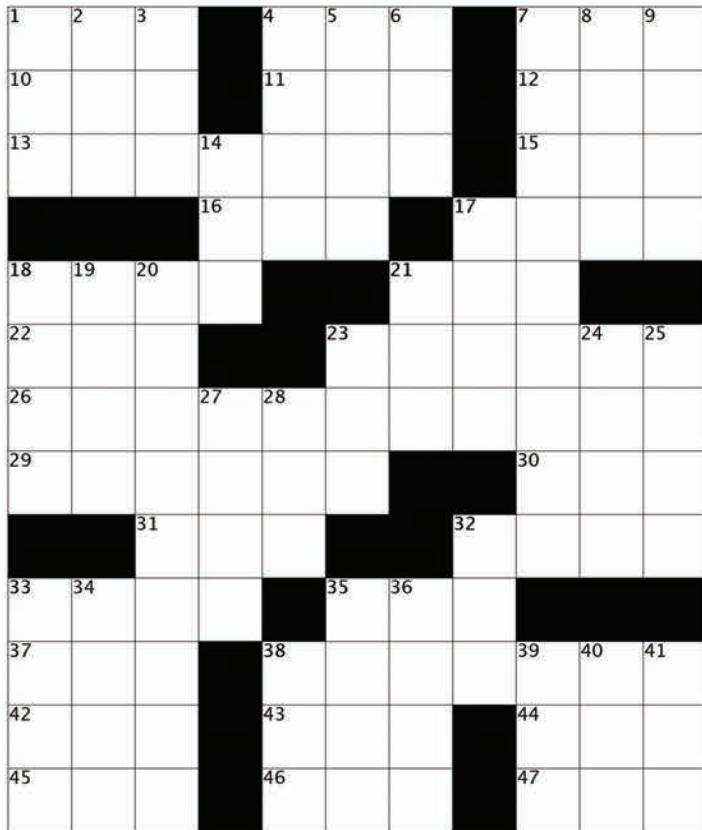
ACROSS

1. Label
4. Brink
7. Shaggy Tibetan ox
10. Tavern order
11. Raw rock
12. "The Greatest" boxing legend
13. New England house style
15. Persona ___ grata
16. Egg layer
17. ___ out a living (scraped by)
18. Doily material
21. Scottish "not"
22. Wise bird
23. Mother ___ of Calcutta
26. "Taking in the fall colors" in New England
29. Marvel at
30. Date
31. Sis's sibling
32. Iowa college town (SAME anagram)
33. The Patriots are one from New England
35. Poker stakes
37. Pen filler

38. New England peninsula
42. Pupil's place in the face
43. Hurry, old style
44. Yoko ___
45. "___ Rheingold" (SAD anagram)
46. Quaint New England lodging
47. Cat or dog

DOWN

1. ___ in turkey
2. Pie ___ mode
3. Toothpaste type
4. Wrap amenity found at a good 46-Across
5. Clothing wrinkle remover
6. Neighbor of USA
7. New England speech that is confusing to the South in particular
8. Soothing succulent plant
9. Good-hearted
14. Fill in ___ blank
17. Wyatt of the Old West
18. "Copacabana" showgirl
19. Very impressed
20. New England mollusk cookouts
21. Former name
23. Golf peg
24. Snick and ___
25. A long stretch
27. Not budging, as on a price
28. Paid athlete
32. Had lunch
33. Knotted
34. "Orinoco Flow" singer (A YEN anagram)
35. Nuisance
36. Ready for business
38. Tai ___
39. Police officer
40. Solitary
41. On the ___

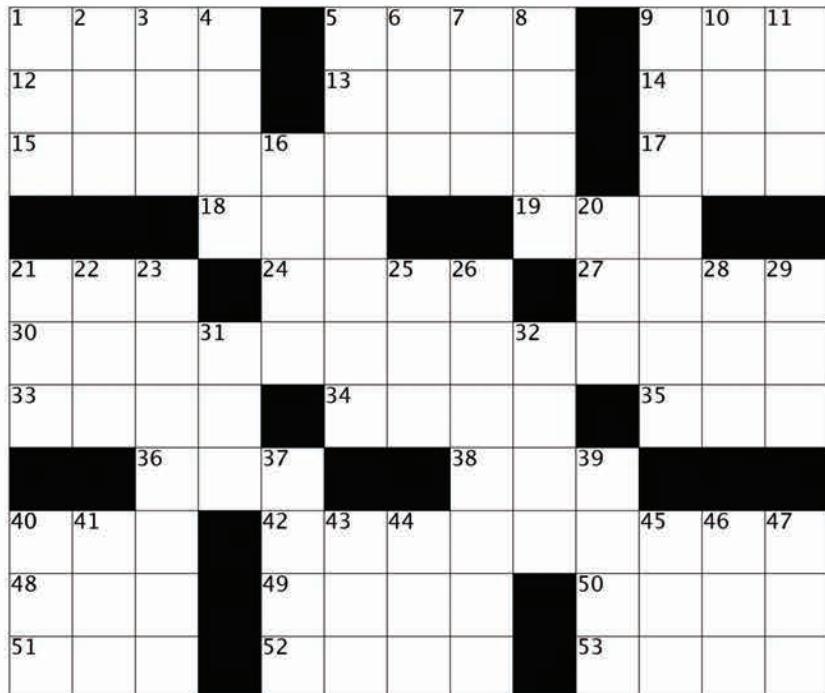


STEAMED CHEESEBURGERS



ACROSS

1. Fable
5. Captain Hook's first mate
9. Tot
12. Japanese buckwheat noodle
13. Fee for using a road
14. Opposite of WSW
15. Fungi topping for burgers
17. "Cat on a Hot __ Roof"
18. Ready, __, fire
19. List-ending abbr.
21. Priest's vestment (LAB anagram)
24. "Shane" star Alan __
27. Front of the lower leg
30. Smoky condiment for burgers
33. Test
34. Garden waterer
35. Church seat
36. 3 on a grandfather clock
38. Pig's digs
40. Bro's sib
42. Gooiest, as a burger topping
48. "__ we there yet?"
49. Brew to sip with a burger
50. Cry for help
51. Angry
52. What cheddar does on a burger
53. Thick piece of meat



DOWN

1. Media orgs. (hidden on MOM'S MEAL)
2. "Will __ Still Love Me Tomorrow"
3. "Modern Family" channel
4. Written chuckle
5. Belly
6. Cow's comment
7. Shady tree
8. "What __ is new?"
9. Red burger condiment
10. Ending for mart or pan
11. Lion's lair
16. Stir up trouble
20. Airport security grp.
21. Honest __
22. Not strict at all
23. Slowly cooked in liquid
25. Pair
26. Pie or cake
28. __ cream
29. Not used
31. Health ratio using height and weight
32. Gels
37. Nuclear rocket, abbr.
39. Performance problem in sports
40. Looney Tunes "Yosemite __"
41. Savings plan, for short
43. "Tee-__": giggle
44. Moray or conger
45. Letter before EM
46. Ocean
47. Bar bill



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