

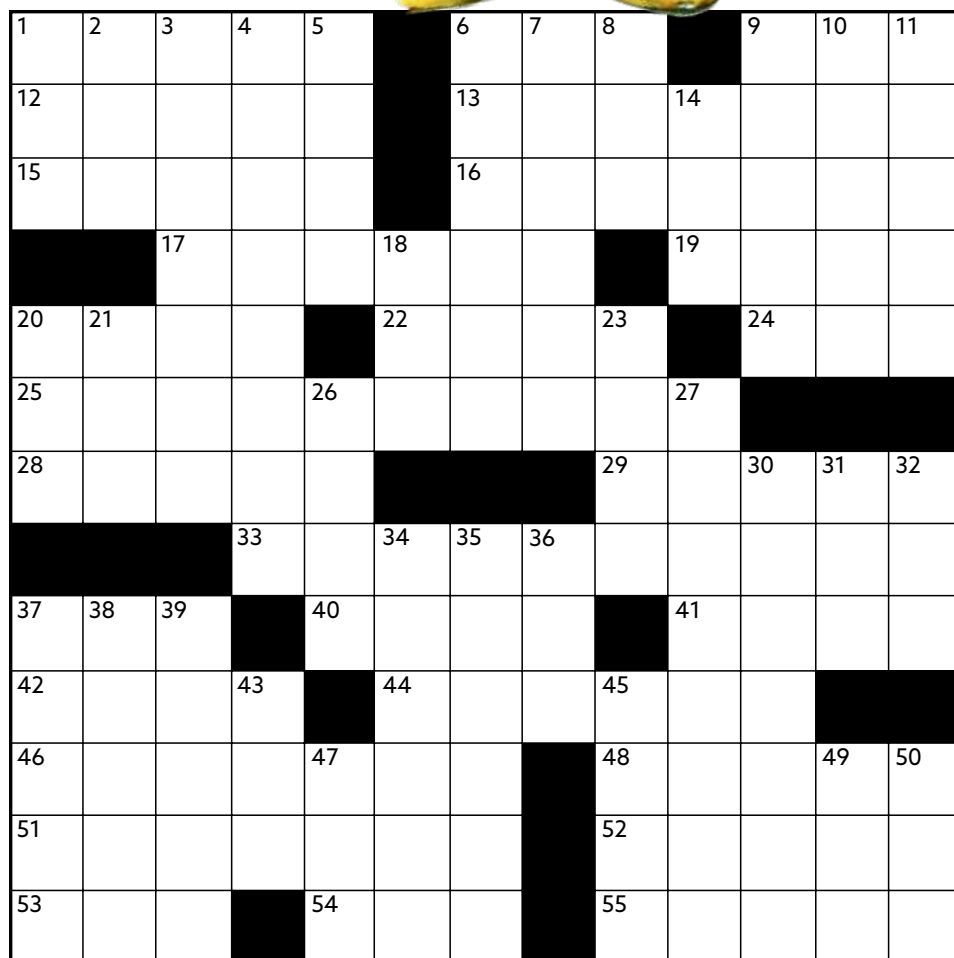
Back to School

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ACROSS

1. Way to be taken?
6. Wow feeling
9. Suffix that, when combined with "adventure," names a Girl Scout cookie
12. Keith of country music (ironically enough)
13. *How to Eat* author Lawson
15. Eucalyptus lover
16. Very large saltwater clam, also the mascot of Evergreen State College
17. They're wide on a zoot suit
19. Word part on an arcade alley
20. "No ___": yes
22. Smell like a corpse flower
24. Lay an egg
25. Gastropod named for its color and shape, also the mascot of UC Santa Cruz
28. Portrayer of Madeline in "Big Little Lies"
29. Spanish wine region famed for tempranillos
33. Alternative name for a spiky Texas reptile (see p. 12), also the mascot of Texas Christian University
37. Roadie's load
40. Suffix for astro
41. Jackson 5 member whose given name is Toriano
42. 46-Across, or any other in its taxonomic class
44. Othello's lieutenant and imagined romantic rival
46. Chicken whose name might miscast its color and gender, also the mascot of the University of Delaware
48. Extemporize
51. Like the giant panda, vis-à-vis China
52. V creators
53. "___-haw!"
54. Champion's number
55. Palliated



DOWN

1. Puffin relative
2. Fraternal term of endearment
3. Button material
4. Bottle gourd, by another name
5. Sack opener?
6. You can acquaint yourself with them by asking, "What's your sine?"
7. *Night* author Elie
8. Self-regard
9. Whale tail
10. Supposed gastric effect of stress
11. LeBron James, for one
14. NYT staff

18. Period in the career of Taylor Swift
20. Lager with hipster cred, for short
21. "Call Me Maybe" singer Carly ___ Jepsen
23. Stateless Middle Easterner
26. Gas that glows red-orange when electrified
27. December magazine staple
30. Camden Yards squad
31. Write on a receipt, maybe
32. "Long, Long ___": tune in Suzuki books
34. Enter hurriedly
35. Close reading observation
36. Many "Doctor Who" characters, for short
37. Downton or Northanger
38. Eeyore's creator
39. Someone not to swear by?
43. Actress Sandra born Alexandra Zuck
45. Thanksgiving herb
47. Aetna offering: abbr.
49. Way to end an advert?
50. Garden plot



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