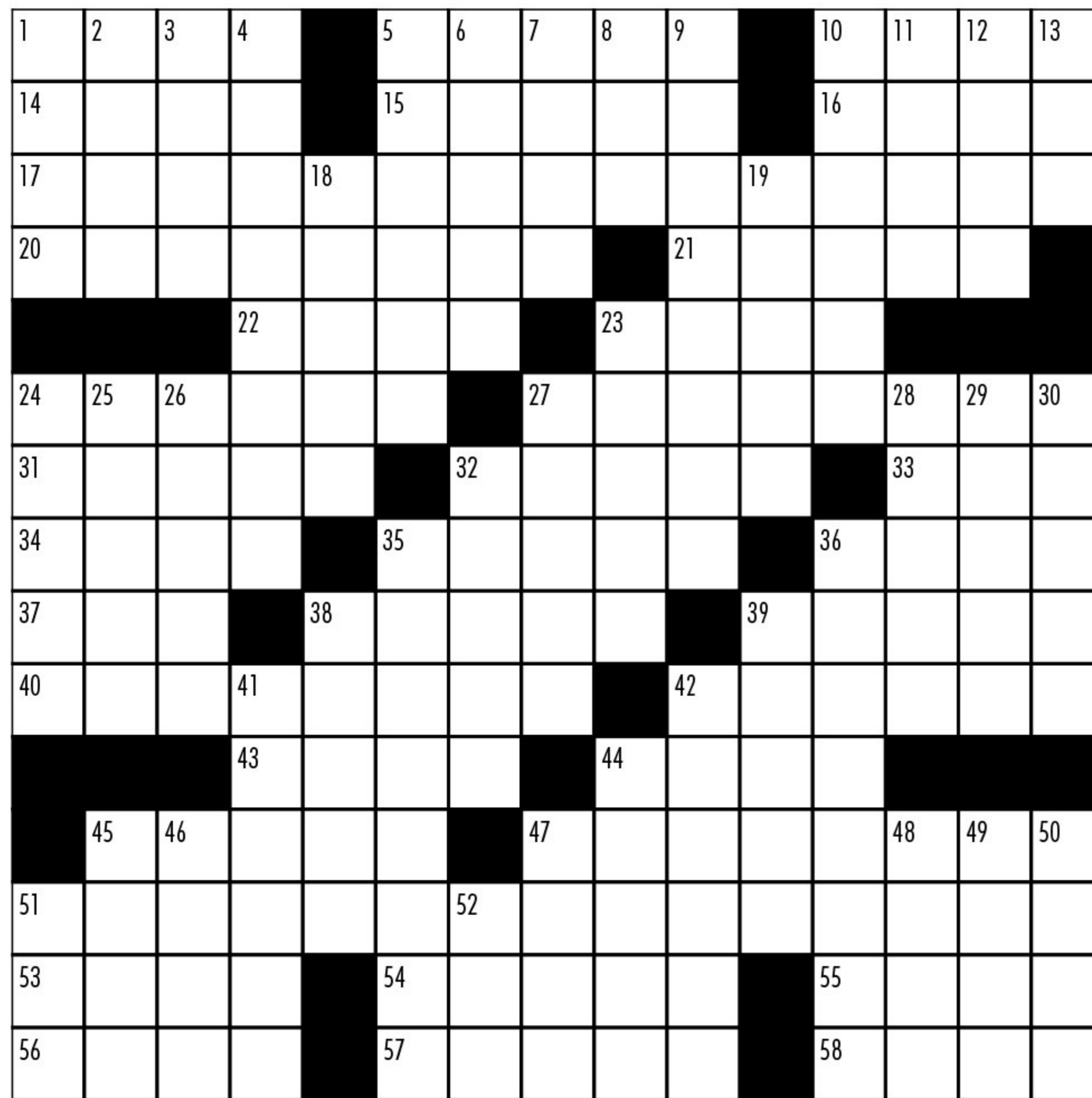


The Vulture Crossword Contest: A Grateful Nation

This puzzle's contest answer is a country.

By Matt Gaffney



- 31 Evaluates quickly
- 32 Light brown
- 33 Doc's org.
- 34 Wrongful act
- 35 Mrs. Thurston Howell III, to her husband
- 36 Gave a signal to
- 37 Shad — (sushi-bar choice)
- 38 Guatemalan guy
- 39 Dog issue
- 40 "The Simpsons" school-bus driver, named for a former empire*
- 42 Some orange sodas
- 43 Part of a Sherlock Holmes costume
- 44 Drops in Seattle
- 45 Worth quoting
- 47 When breakfasts are served
- 51 Kramer writes one on a "Seinfeld" episode*
- 53 About
- 54 Mann who sang "Voices Carry"
- 55 Ms. McBeal
- 56 Toffee bar
- 57 All set
- 58 — Gaga

- 8 Partook of
- 9 Ruth Westheimer's field
- 10 Camera attachments
- 11 Frost or Dove
- 12 Relax
- 13 Driller's degree
- 18 Pitching wedges, e.g.
- 19 Pritzker or Pulitzer
- 23 Town —
- 24 "—'s Big Moment" ("The Jetsons" episode)
- 25 Move along
- 26 Editor's mark
- 27 County of England
- 28 Frequented establishment, as a bar
- 29 Horseshoe-shaped letter
- 30 Walks in water
- 32 Good, in Geneva
- 35 2012 or 2016
- 36 He'd love to have you for dinner
- 38 Hit hard
- 39 Stephen King's home
- 41 Decide to go with
- 42 Spade's late buddy
- 44 Like judges and playboys
- 45 Function properly
- 46 "Should that be the case ..."
- 47 Lady of the house
- 48 "The Big Easy"
- 49 Awesome, as a stand-up line
- 50 Absolut competitor
- 51 For-profit orgs.
- 52 2-2, say

Across

- 1 Six years, for senators
- 5 Barcelona bites
- 10 Had a ticket coming, maybe
- 14 Chocolate circle
- 15 Sharp
- 16 Creature with leathery skin
- 17 1978 movie for which Oliver

Stone won his first Oscar*

- 20 Bananas
- 21 Rile the masses
- 22 Springfield tavern
- 23 Movie scene
- 24 Scale
- 27 Program created by Oprah, with "The"*

Down

- 1 Toothpaste from 39-Down
- 2 Church in Nashville
- 3 Try again on
- 4 The Statue of Liberty, e.g.
- 5 Linked to, on a Facebook pic
- 6 Needs a heating pad
- 7 Places

Once you've solved the crossword, email the hidden theme answer to vulturecrossword@nymag.com by November 25. One entrant, drawn at random, will receive a year's subscription in print or a two-year subscription to the iPad edition (winner's choice). Last issue's winner was Peter Gordon of Great Neck, New York.