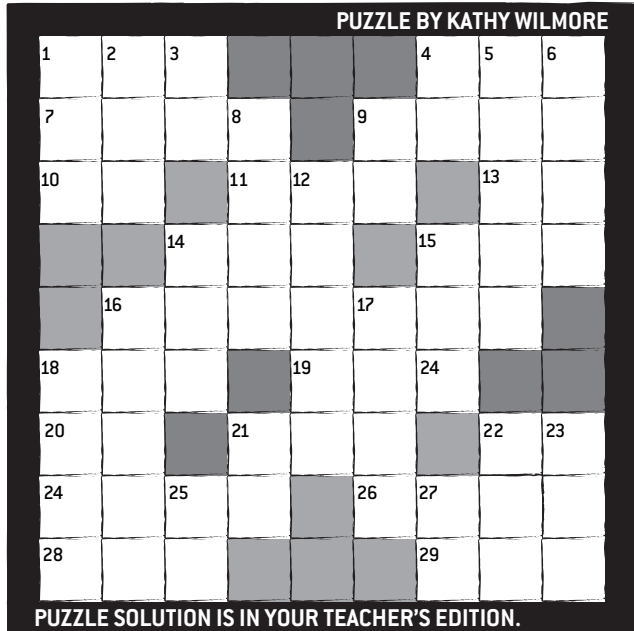


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Take our crossword challenge before reading this issue. Then come back and fill in any blanks. The starred clues refer to this issue's special pullout section.

ACROSS

- 1 Common middle name for girls
- 4 You have to break this to make an omelet.
- *7 14 Across is part of the __ of Energy (abbr.).
- 9 The Buckeye State
- 10 Compass direction opposite from NE
- 11 Speed of a car's engine (abbr.)
- 13 Nickname of noted environmentalist Gore
- *14 Energy Information Administration, for short
- 15 Come to a close
- *16 Fertilizer made from food scraps and lawn clippings
- 18 Nickname for Mickey Mouse's duck pal
- *19 Students at Green Charter School grow much of what they __.
- 20 Initials of the First Lady known as "Eleanor Everywhere"
- 21 Painting, music, or sculpture
- 22 "Snug __ a bug in a rug."
- 24 "To __ his own."
- *26 In a rain forest, it often dries up after an area is clear-cut.



- 28 Thin layer, as of a tissue
- 29 Not moist

DOWN

- 1 Commercials
- *2 Green Charter School in __ Orleans has an "edible schoolyard."
- 3 Yellowstone is one (abbr.).
- 4 Initials of famous author Hemingway
- *5 The __ panda is one of the world's most endangered animals.
- *6 Nickname for oil: black __
- 8 Tidy by cutting, as a beard or shrub

- 9 Mantra for a meditator
- *12 It's 33 percent of the garbage created in the U.S.
- 14 A very long time period
- 15 Miami time zone (abbr.)
- *16 "Rain forests of the sea": __ reefs
- 17 Feed for horses
- *18 Oil is found __ underground.
- 21 Sound of a satisfied sigh
- *22 Its quality has improved in the U.S. in the past four decades.
- 23 Sneaky, as a fox
- 25 High honor for a major-league pitcher: __ Young Award
- 27 Take too much of a drug (abbr.)

SUDOKU

Do you sudoku? This addictive puzzle from Japan has become hugely popular in the U.S. If you aren't already a fan, here's how to play:

The puzzle grid is divided into 9 large squares, each of which is divided into 9 small squares. Each row and each column also has 9 squares. Your goal is to write a number from 1 to 9 in each square. Each digit can be used only once per row, column, and square.

1				9	2			4
	3							5
	2			4				8
	4			9	7		2	
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	6			5				9
5								4
7				1	2			6

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