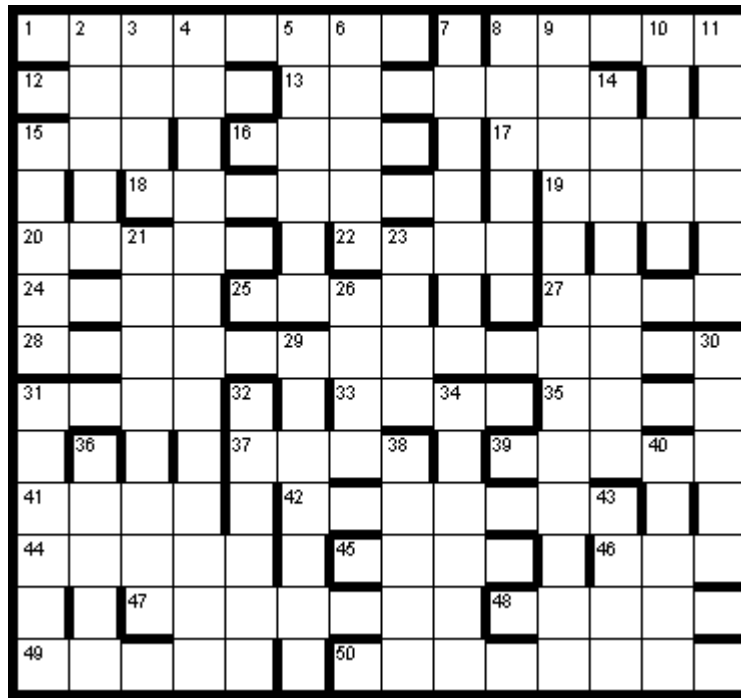


By 28 Across, eight entries are doing what they can to better themselves.



**Across**

- 1 Black glass provided by Western foreign aid is bombproof
- 8 Clio's upset, with good reason
- 12 Solo involves abbreviated measure for composer
- 13 One silly person in Belgian city
- 15 Light brown ant squashed
- 16 Dodge model recalled in Missouri
- 17 Data repository making D.A. bounce off the wall
- 18 Backorder stock, mostly camping gear
- 19 Fraternal order includes manor owner, perhaps
- 20 A couple of assistants holding back crazy former president
- 22 In ads, having fewer calories fired up appetite, at last
- 24 Offering from within a sanctioned long-distance travel agency?
- 25 Rejected some computers in swindle
- 27 Have a kid's desire to comprehend answer
- 28 *See instructions*
- 31 Drink up at a particular joint, we hear?
- 33 Maps out concert requirements
- 35 I live by feral goat
- 37 Five vehicles without first-class tape decks
- 39 Inventor's stale crackers
- 41 Tennessee crosses each mountain
- 42 Adult left individual without help
- 44 Discussed cold food
- 45 Cheer up young man clutching horseshoe
- 46 One foot towards the rear
- 47 Excellent assist on energy (*hyph*)
- 48 Desirable quality of hound, first off
- 49 Speaks about Liberal and wows an audience
- 50 Those who despise Hearst's maneuvering

**Down**

- 2 Have sex with society girl from the South
- 3 Align basin, reportedly
- 4 Oil city laid out in a nonsensical fashion
- 5 I live with certain writer having a poetic quality
- 6 Turner returns, capturing new record
- 7 Misrepresented two unceasingly ridiculous diets
- 8 Debauchee's lewd look taking in church
- 9 Dental assistant put out easily? Right on! (2 wds)
- 10 White gold covered with green
- 11 Fire consumes empty French city
- 14 One demonstrating piece from putatively Martian vehicle
- 15 Old flyer's no-good vibrating sound
- 21 Like before, I start to adjust for bodily weakness
- 23 Returning, Mrs. Eisenhower cut off religious leader
- 26 A fish and seaweed-based gelatin
- 29 Wild coon swallows one down? That's impossible (3 wds)
- 30 Precise one-time performance
- 31 Scene I choreographed for relatives...
- 32 ...while covering ski resort's advantages
- 34 Verse written about, essentially, dahlia's plant tissue
- 36 Certain radical Lucy's landlady described
- 38 Two continents connected by union sweatshop?
- 40 Misprinted flier's one with a run-on sentence?
- 43 Facilitate unlimited leases