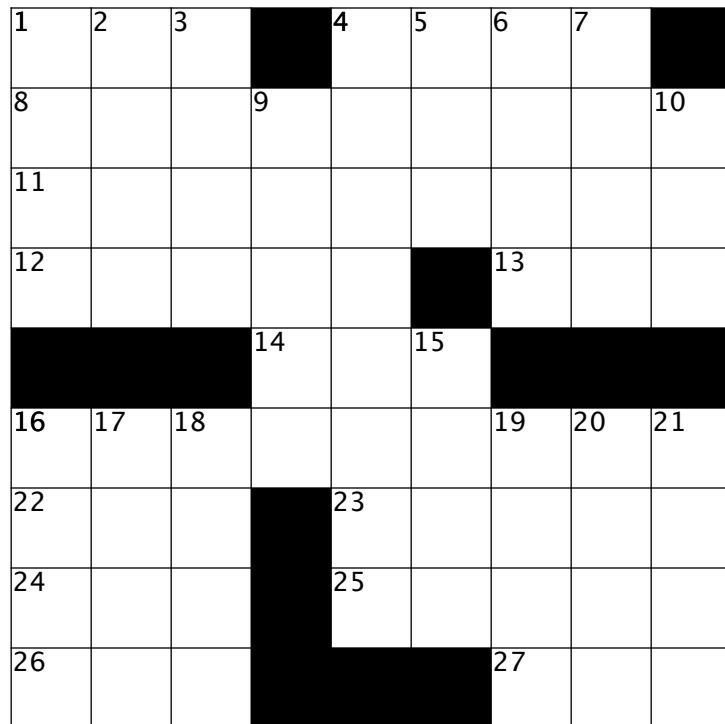


CODE/A COMPONENT

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ACROSS

1. Stamford Marriott Hotel & ____ (longtime home to the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament)
4. "Jeez, that was close!"
8. Where you might experience excellent service in the U.K.?
11. Individual who wouldn't be caught dead using a PC or a Samsung Galaxy, say
12. Mythological site found in "airline meal"
13. Hit "+" on a calculator
14. Digital language, for short
16. Singer/songwriter with the albums "+," "x," "÷," "=", "–," and "Autumn Variations"
22. Dot on a die
23. Franchise of 100-yen shops that now has over 150 locations in the U.S. (I freakin' love this store, btw)
24. "Genie ____ Bottle" (Christina Aguilera hit that's *checks notes* 26 years old)
25. One of five for "Anora"
26. oligrids. ____ (crossword blog)



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27. Medical prefix with "Pen"

DOWN

1. The title character in "The Ugly Duckling," e.g.
2. Warp ____ (transport in Super Mario games)
3. Alarm clock toggle (side note: does anybody still use a stand-alone alarm clock?)
4. "Go right ahead!"
5. "____ So Shy" (1980s banger from The Pointer Sisters)

6. "The Simpsons" teacher Krabappel who once said "These tests will have no effect on your grades. They merely determine your future social status and financial success. If any."
7. Apt surname for a carpenter
9. "Disgusting!"
10. Texter's "doesn't bother me"
15. Some colorful expanses
16. "Amazeballs!"
17. ____ nuggets (fun-shaped chicken chunks)
18. Musubi ingredient
19. Musubi ingredient
20. "Right this second!"
21. Musubi ingredient