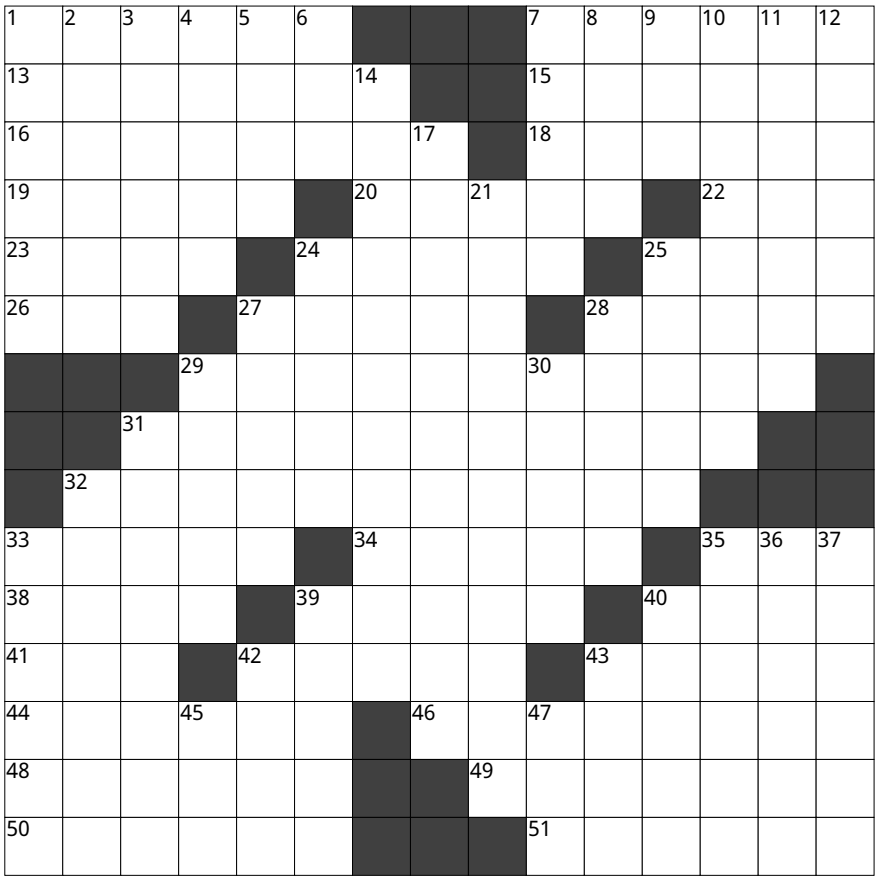
The Blackbird Is Involved in What I Know

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ACROSS

1 Parking spot?
7 Laid down the law
13 Tests scored from 1 to 5
15 Label where the Funk Brothers were the house band
16 Burger chain with open kitchens
18 It's on display when smiling
19 Cataracts
20 Pizzazz
22 Rhoda's mom, on '70s TV
23 Love god
24 Pianist's perch
25 Foul mood
26 Thesaurus entry: abbr.
27 High schoolers
28 Pay hike
29 Literary parent to Jo, Meg, Beth, and Amy
31 '90s period of rapid corporate consolidation
32 Acts as the brains of the operation
33 Falafel containers
34 Palindromic spinner
35 Alma mater of 4 of the 12 men who have walked on the moon: init.
38 "Lucky Jim" novelist Kingsley
39 Pal of Fido or Spot, perhaps
40 Word before "the music" or "the Nation"
41 "It's a ___" (Pet Shop Boys classic whose bridge begins, "Father, forgive me...")
42 "We'll always have ___" (line from "Casablanca")
43 ___ millennial (term that's no better a coinage than "Oregon Trail generation")
44 Like some indirect routes
46 Way to birdwatch from afar
48 Novelist Graham who called his thrillers "entertainments"
49 Potentially reimbursable business trip expense
50 Shucked shellfish
51 Betrayed shock

DOWN

1 Political blunders
2 Home for bees
3 Elizabeth Arden parent company
4 Skating jumps that take off forwards and land backwards
5 Comic bits
6 Bird with two sets of eyelids
7 Olfactory sense
8 Top-notch
9 Spanish diminutive suffix
10 Island named by Columbus for his sighting it on Sunday
11 Like a certain Chef with a giant hat and a giant mustache (bork bork bork)
12 Like Seth Meyers's show
14 Potentially serious computing malfunction
17 "Up in Smoke" or "Harold and Kumar Go to White Castle"
21 Animated character with a giant hat and a giant mustache
24 French singer Gainsbourg
25 Draped garments
27 Some fruity desserts
28 Chill time, for short
29 Flat-topped landforms
30 Stately home
31 Chances to see the best shows of the day before nearly everyone else!
32 Impressionist's talent
33 Disobey a Community Chest card, in a way
35 Like a Marx Brothers film
36 Cold spell
37 Designated
39 "Speed ___" (deeply underrated 2008 action film)
40 Makes an escape
42 Tree with needles
43 Fitzgerald of jazz
45 Tennis court divider
47 Musician's job