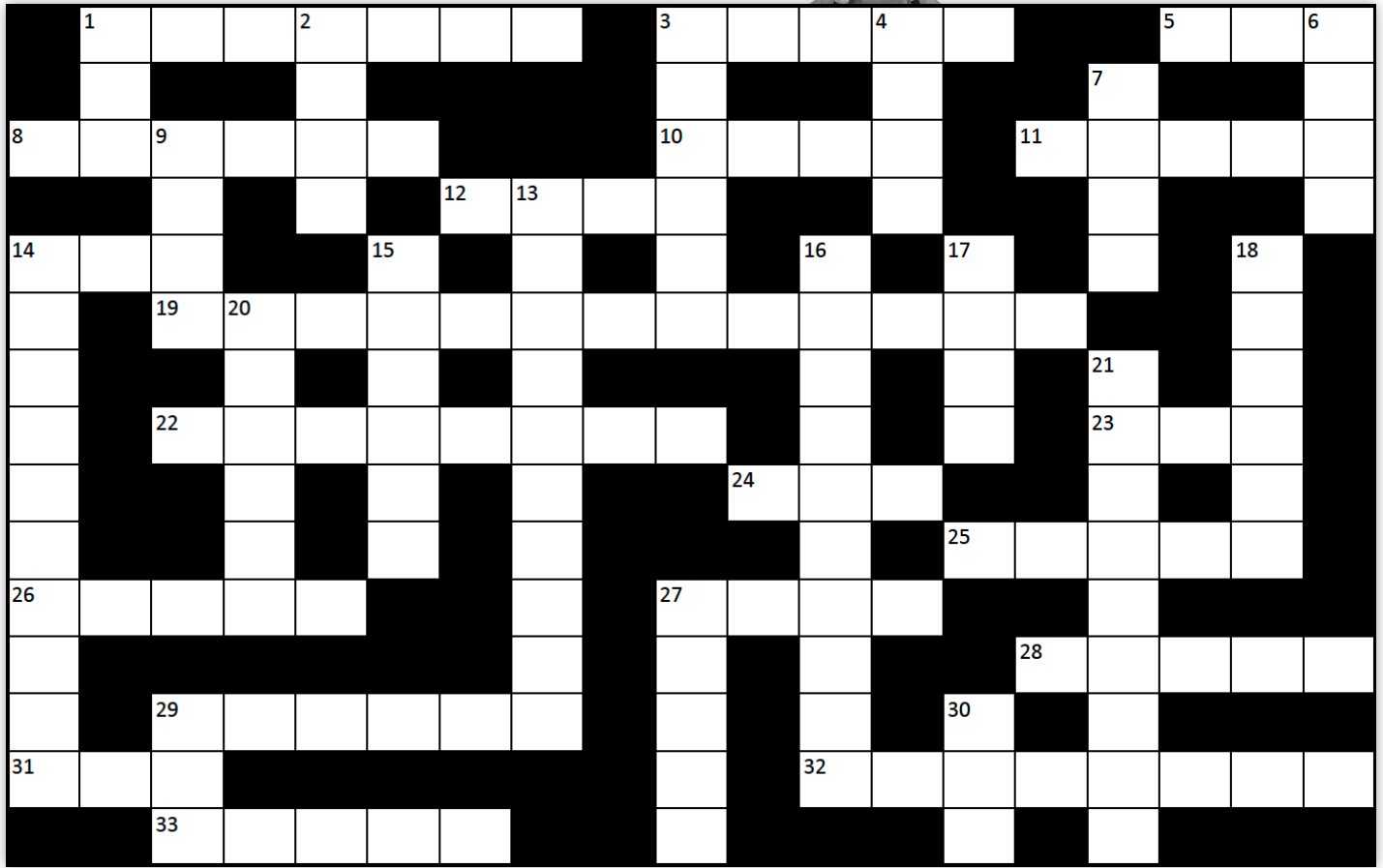


It's A Very Merry (Not) Mosquito Time of Year!

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Across

1. Mysterious or obscure water sources that are hard to find
3. Half of the mosquitoes that are born do not bite because they are _____
5. What you may feel if bitten by an infected mosquito?
8. An animal that can transmit disease-causing germs
10. A mosquito-borne disease; mutated in Brazil, with devastating effects in 2015
11. An essential habitat for mosquito growth
12. Male mosquitoes have more _____ on their antennae than females
14. The seventeenth letter in Greek alphabet
19. The biggest mosquito-borne disease threat in SoCal every year
22. One of your essential partners in a successful Bite Back Campaign
23. What comes first in a mosquito's life cycle?
24. The number of eggs that invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes can lay at a time
25. The color of pool water that mosquitoes love best
26. The name of the genus (scientific group) of mosquitoes that have recently invaded California
27. Only female mosquitoes do it; transmission route for a dangerous pathogen
28. The key ingredient that female mosquitoes need in order to produce eggs
29. The only aquatic stage in a mosquito's life cycle that takes in food
31. An abbreviation for an East Coast mosquito-borne disease; often deadly for horses and people
32. The only water condition female mosquitoes will accept for egg laying
33. Scientific classification; group name for related species
15. Mosquitoes go through _____ when developing from eggs to adults
16. Replaces "Dump and Drain"; the new mantra for invasive mosquitoes
17. The non-feeding aquatic mosquito stage
18. First name only; not really a fly, but will eat mosquitoes
20. Moving from water to air; from pupa to adult
21. Essential for bite prevention
27. Used to lure adult mosquitoes into traps
29. One of six; this defines most insects
30. The hatch in the egg that releases the tiny kraken

Down

1. A hint or signal; for pool or billiards
2. When neglected, can produce 3 million mosquitoes a month
3. The name for a mosquito "Down Under"
4. Must pass one out of four in order to advance in California vector control
6. Musical instrument that resembles the identifying features of an adult yellow fever mosquito
7. Laid as a group; floating on the surface of the water
9. Coal black "Canary" for West Nile virus
13. A well-intentioned solution to the water crisis; can pose a threat to public health
14. What happens in a pest population when the same pesticide is used too much?

