ACROSS

- 1 Climbing expert
- 7 Union member
- 13 Script that was used for writing in Mycenaean Greek
- 15 Sourdough starter, e.g.
- 16 Water world?
- 18 Stamping ground?
- 19 Booster at a restaurant
- 21 Honey alternative
- 22 Hungarian film composer Joseph
- 23 ___ proteins (key signalling molecules involved in many vital biological functions)
- 24 "Foxy Brown" actress
- 25 "The Pitt" extras
- 26 Premeditated killing, legally
- 28 ___ Moinesian
- 29 Heavy metal band with an oxymoronic name
- 30 "Imagine, if you will"
- 31 Footwear savers
- 32 Part of some addresses: Abbr.
- 35 "Hmm, where to start?"
- 36 ___ Tuesday
- 37 Sired, biblically
- 38 Spreadsheet data: Abbr.
- 39 Engaged in PEDs
- **40** Craft with beaming technology, supposedly
- **41** Hasbro board game where female players are given an advantage over the male players
- **43** Greek historian who wrote "Controversiae"
- 45 Self-satisfied appearance
- 46 Followed closely
- 47 Dormant volcano in the Andes
- 48 Hung around
- 49 It thing

DOWN

1 Didn't give max effort, with "off"

- 2 Struck a major chord
- 3 Signs up for
- 4 Kingdoms
- 5 World Wide Fund for Nature symbol
- 6 Word after "martial" or "creative"
- **7** Tiny hole
- 8 Improvised tool, at times
- 9 Chicago suburb
- 10 Art supply that glows in the dark
- 11 Military person with the slogan "Can Do"
- 12 ___ Wiggin (titular character in three Orson Scott Card novel)
- 14 British cookie containers
- 17 They may be behind sliding bookcases
- 20 Plus many more
- 24 Goofy expressions

- 26 You have to do them
- 27 Natives who lived along the Allegheny River
- 29 Ring toss ring
- 30 With humor
- 31 Plant with pink petals
- 32 Infant carrier
- 33 They're spotted in zoos
- **34** Set of components that are installed on a car
- 35 No-win situation?
- 36 Haloed, perhaps
- 37 Certain museum pieces
- 39 You'd better believe it
- 41 Prom sponsor, often
- 42 Having no value
- 44 College principal?

