

“ACADEMIC CIRCLES”
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1 Org. on workplace posters
5 Sweet-toothed crawlers
9 Financial resources
14 Clubs for chips
19 More than expected
20 Adversaries
21 Group of eight
22 Unaccustomed to
23 Mike of “Dirty Jobs”
24 Seeking a seat
27 Pacific coast barkers
29 __ Estados Unidos
30 Feeling of gloom
31 Hard-to-split wood
32 Comes out on top
33 Not trans or enby
34 Unsubstantiated
36 Staged
38 Explains something in simple terms
41 Playful growl
42 Yukon gold rush region
43 Uses a sieve
47 401(k) alternatives
48 De-iced?
49 State flower of New Mexico
53 Pucker-inducing
54 The Blue Jays, on sports crawls
55 “Roman Holiday” star
59 GameCube successor
60 Burned, in a way
62 “The Pioneer Woman” host
63 Bearing
65 Scolding sounds
67 Tossed dish
70 Herring kin
71 Harmless fib
75 Angry growl
76 Time-honored maxim
80 House Stark patriarch
81 Auto-erased item on a hard drive
86 Exec overseeing accounts
87 Healing ointment
89 Spacious hotel offering
90 Core constituency
91 “Get outta here!”
92 Starting lineup

94 Crude structures
97 Spot for solar panels
98 Connecticut state song
102 Hilarious sorts
103 Leaves high and dry
104 Calendar divs.
105 Noble above a viscount
106 High euchre card
108 Classical closing
109 Copa Mundial cheer
110 Products that help prevent chapping
114 Fluffy brunch item baked in a skillet
118 Wind like a snake
119 Solo
120 Anne of fashion
121 __-Ball
122 “Shogun” streaming service
123 Lightheaded?
124 Put in stitches
125 Leaves in hot water

96 Really small matter
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1 Steering implements on dragon boats
2 Blackthorn berry
3 “Oh boy, that’s uncomfortable”
4 Drawing rooms?
5 Picked hairstyles
6 Plus or minus
7 Change for a 20, maybe
8 ID with hyphens
9 Snowboard cousin
10 Heart charts, briefly
11 Org. concerned with traffic
12 Virtual animal such as Xweetok
13 Leave high and dry
14 Tributary streams
15 Penalty caller
16 Injuries, to a tot
17 Salt, in a chem lab
18 Thorn’s spot

25 “Odyssey” prequel
26 “Be a Revolution” author Ijeoma
28 Neither Rep. nor Dem.
33 Part of CDC
34 Traffic jam
35 Newton or tesla
36 Corn chip
37 “The West Wing” creator Sorkin
38 Ran in the wash
39 Crowd noise
40 “The __ Boat Song”-: classic Scottish ballad that opens
42 Oft-cracked joints
44 Babe in the woods
45 Destiny’s Child, for one
46 Mix
50 Chem. in some dispensary products
51 Sticks in a pool hall
52 Tank top openings

55 Good thing to have
56 Vote in favor
57 “Hey Arnold!” bully
58 Writer Zora __ Hurston
61 Hairy Addams cousin
64 Contribute
66 Shang-Chi player Liu
68 Flight board abbr.
69 Signs of drought
71 Org. for the Fever
72 Preliminary race
73 Doing nothing
74 Prefix with dermis
77 End-of-term cry, and an alternate title for this puzzle
78 Underway
79 Dog sounds
82 Great Plains Natives
83 Tara of “Sharknado”
84 Leaf-peeping season
85 Archipelago part

88 Guatemala native
91 Hot sauce served with pho
93 Moved in step
95 Area prone to flooding
96 No longer asleep
99 Gaming greenhorn
100 Some classic cameras
101 Make possible
102 Sheep with horns
103 “Same here!”
105 Swords with bell guards
106 Tiny amount
107 Cherry-pick
109 Mayberry boy
110 Michigan, for one
111 Store with a Swedish food market
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113 Urban renewal target
115 “Inside Politics” channel
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