PCC#25 "A Fresh Start"

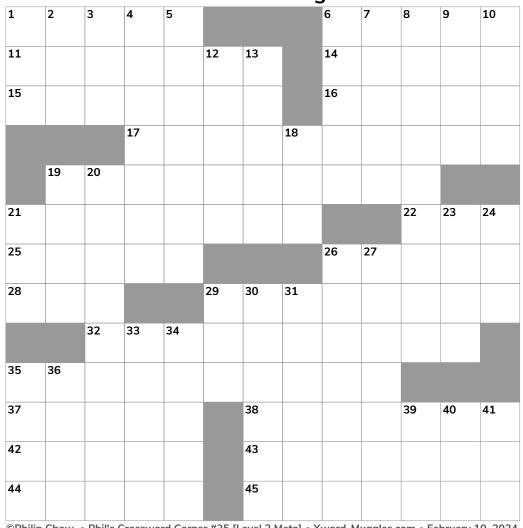
The answer to the meta is a fruit that begins with the letter P

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- 1 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 6 One of the Seven Dwarfs
- 11 Gets through to
- 14 Moon of Jupiter named after one of Zeus's lovers and the mother of the giant Tityos
- 15 Severe or strict in attitude
- 16 Homecoming attendees, for short
- 17 "Leader of the Pack" girl group, with "the" (whose name sounds like perfect places)
- 19 Musical in which Bernadette Peters sings "The Sailor of my Dreams" (whose title sounds like Judi Dench and Maggie Smith working on a meta puzzle together but completely baffled on how to solve it)
- 21 Mosque towers
- 22 Back in high school, I was playing
 "Never have I ever" with my
 classmates and someone said, "Never
 have I ever dropped acid" and I
 excitedly replied "I've done that
 before!" (I accidentally dropped a
 beaker of hydrochloric acid in chem lab
 before)... everyone looked at me really
 surprised, not realizing that I didn't
 understand they were refering to this
 psychedelic drug
- 25 Go over the numbers again, in a way
- 26 Poisonous "monster" desert lizards
- 28 TV network for cinephiles
- 29 Speech habits unique to an individual
- 32 On top of Kiss rock star Gene, poetically
- **35** If you have five Granny Smiths and I have four Honeycrisps, what do we have together?
- **37** Lemur of Madagascar also known as a babakoto
- **38** Beats around the bush by rambling about in an unclear way (and anagram of "stapler")
- **42** U.S. Air Force major and women's rights advocate Oleta (whose name sounds like a popular origami bird)
- 43 Prima ballerinas
- **44** Novelist Ken featured in "The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test"
- **45** ___ one's laurels (coasts along using past achievements to justify being lazy)

DOWN

- 1 Spanish equivalent of "Mrs."
- **2** ___ de chose (trifling matter)



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- 3 "Viva ___ Vegas" (Elvis movie and song)
- **4** Feigns insanity, as McMurphy does in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
- 5 Thinning ___ (reducing the size of a group by culling)
- 6 Sweethearts
- 7 Skateboarding trick
- 8 Microsoft co-founder with the memoir "Idea Man"
- 9 Humorist Bombeck who wrote "If Life is a Bowl of Cherries, What Am I Doing in the Pits?"
- 10 "___ queen!" (phrase used to express enthusiastic support, excitement, or congratulations)
- 12 Wipe clean
- 13 French legislative body that has 348 members (the U.S. one has 100 members)
- **18** Some Mustang models
- 19 "Carpe ___" (motivational motto that Judi Dench got tattooed on her wrist for her 81st birthday)

- 20 "Snakes" that don't want none unless you got buns, hun, in song
- 21 Actor with the catchphrase "I pity the
- 23 Anatomical pouches
- **24** "Spring forward, fall back" clock adjustment: Abbr.
- 26 Colombian slang for "rich preppy kids"
- 27 Excuse for not turning in homework or a Kenny Chesney ballad that conveys the deep pain of a breakup
- 29 Company offering online access: Abbr.
- **30** Big ___ (group of stars in Ursa Major)
- **31** Cry frantically repeated by the White Rabbit in "Alice in Wonderland"
- 33 Spooky
- **34** Save for a ___ day (feed the piggy bank)
- 35 Just in the ___ of time
- 36 Concerning, in fancy lawyer talk
- 39 Golfer Ernie nicknamed "The Big Easy"
- **40** ____ Speedwagon ("Can't Fight This Feeling" band)
- 41 Phishing target, briefly