

PCC#12 "That's Preposterous!"

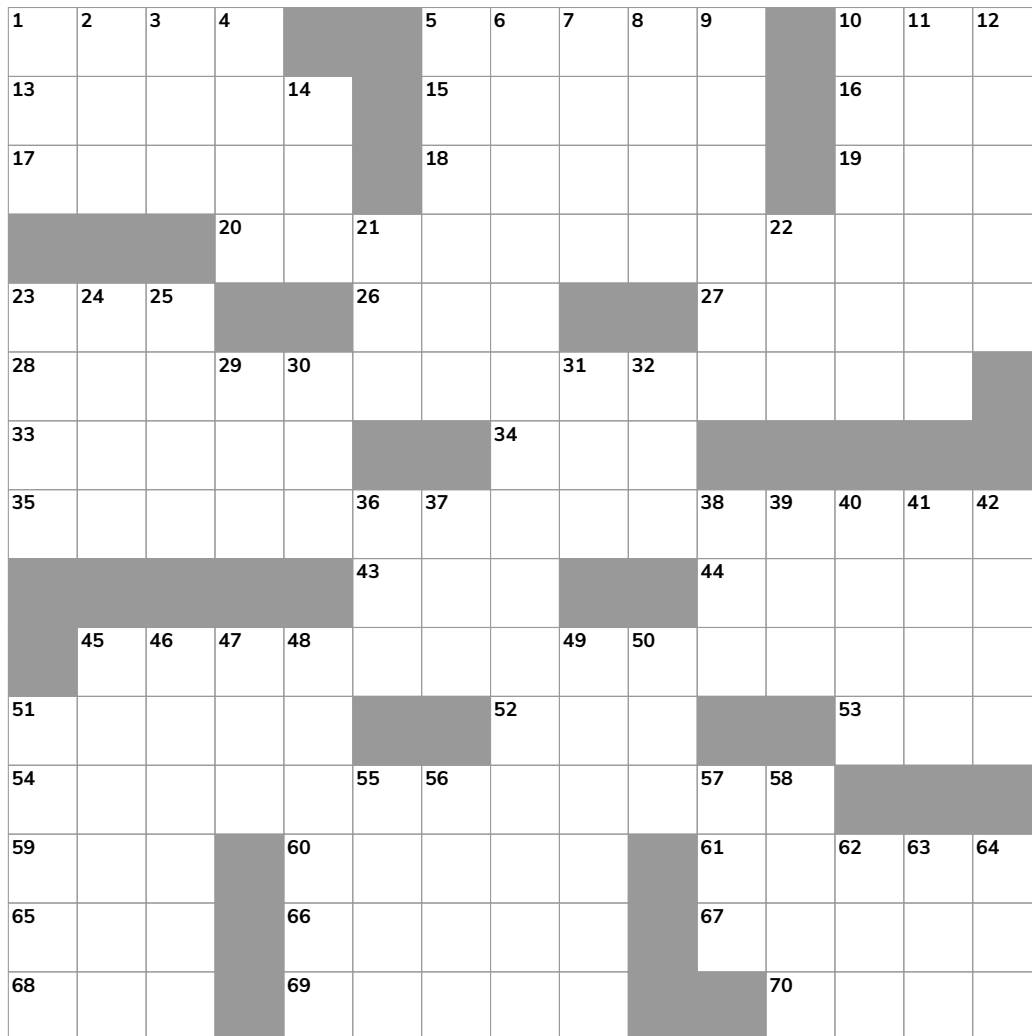
The answer to the meta is a word

ACROSS

- 1 Fine and dandy
- 5 Pulls a fast one on
- 10 Select, with "for"
- 13 "That's ____!" (director's "We're done!")
- 15 Freak out
- 16 Louvre Pyramid architect
- 17 Kills, as a dragon
- 18 Blink-182 album "____ of the State"
- 19 Chum or buddy
- 20 Croquembouche, for example [meta clue #1]
- 23 Debtor's letters
- 26 Law that covers accessible design: Abbr.
- 27 Alternative to "window" or "middle" (actually just window... nobody willingly chooses middle)
- 28 What Oreo has that Hydrox does not [meta clue #2]
- 33 Hardly suitable
- 34 Suffix for "human" or "fact"
- 35 Sturdy base to build on
- 43 Venomous snake
- 44 Potato pancake
- 45 What a tattletale has that a blabbermouth does not [meta clue #3]
- 51 "Washington Journal" ailer
- 52 "A cool ____" (\$1,000,000)
- 53 "Live ____" (Taco Bell slogan)
- 54 What's special about the sentence "We cheered when we detected the clever theme" [meta clue #4]
- 59 ____ gow poker
- 60 Bacteria that caused a spinach recall
- 61 Bring to mind
- 65 Letters on a sunscreen bottle
- 66 Walter Cronkite's Missouri birthplace, informally
- 67 Dentist's request after "open"
- 68 "C'____ la vie!" ("that's life")
- 69 Saturday morning fare, informally (along with your favorite bowl of cereal)
- 70 All-in-one ____ (versatile camera equipment and letter bank for the meta solution)

DOWN

- 1 Flatulence
- 2 Animal that answered the question "How many licks does it take to get to the Tootsie Roll center of a Tootsie Pop?"
- 3 "Let You Love Me" singer Rita
- 4 First entry in a captain's logbook
- 5 Expeditious
- 6 Fruit that may be balled
- 7 Work without ____ (have no safety backup)



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- 8 Silent performer
- 9 Sacred beetle of ancient Egypt
- 10 Go against
- 11 Another term for the chewy tapioca balls in boba (bubble tea)
- 12 The squiggly line over the letter "n" that turns the Spanish word "anus" into "year"
- 14 Gaming platform for Grand Theft Auto V and Metal Gear Solid 4, for short
- 21 "Viva ____ Vegas"
- 22 Actor Wheaton of "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
- 23 Reply to "That a fact?"
- 24 "That's a shame!"
- 25 Eurasian mountain range
- 29 Kind of "pen" that treats anaphylaxis
- 30 Airport listing, for short
- 31 "Hamilton" creator ____-Manuel Miranda
- 32 Put two and two together
- 36 Website help section: Abbr.
- 37 Home of the NCAA's Buckeyes
- 38 PC key
- 39 Bit of ink
- 40 Thing
- 41 Gumbo vegetable
- 42 Loch ____ monster
- 45 Social turn-based photo-guessing game (developed by tech entrepreneur Michael Sayman when he was only 16 years old after teaching himself how to code)
- 46 Make happy
- 47 Thumbs-down vote
- 48 What I should probably do with my money instead of spending it on frivolous things and ordering takeout every day
- 49 Flowers painted by Monet
- 50 Cotton gin inventor Whitney
- 51 Thicket of trees that sounds like the police
- 55 Prefix with "genarian" for someone in their eighties
- 56 Nickname for basketball coach Wojciechowski or "Barney Miller" detective Wojciehowicz
- 57 Do some tailoring
- 58 Morally reprehensible
- 62 Poetic tribute
- 63 "Masked Singer" panelist Jeong who makes the most absurd guesses
- 64 Critical hospital areas: Abbr.