

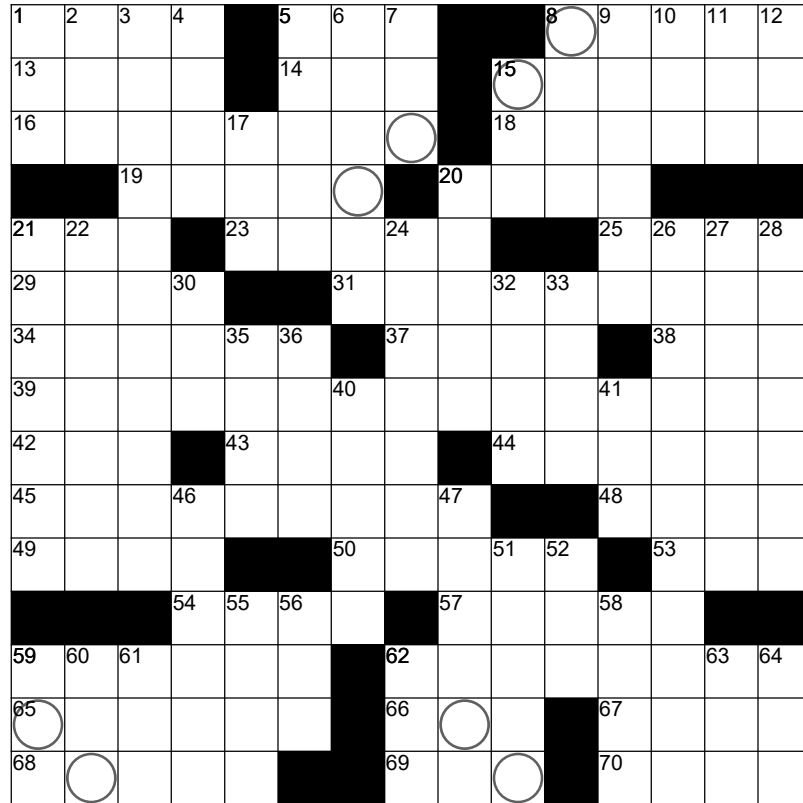
A Walk in the Words

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The answer to this week's meta is a two-word phrase (and what I hope you do while solving this meta).

ACROSS

1. First step in getting a patent
5. HBO rival
8. Fertile soils
13. A pyramid is usually this
14. Torque, in an equation
15. Organize your suitcase again, say
16. One who causes problems on purpose
18. Restless
19. Kansas City ballplayer
20. IRS employee
21. Animal commonly killed for its skin
23. Piece of cake?
25. Acronym above "ORGANIC" on some labels
29. Some movie theaters
31. Promise from an acne face scrub
34. Type of metamorphic rock you should never take for granite, per a (relatively) common geology joke
37. Nestle chocolate bar that used to be a McFlurry option in some places
38. Shout from a haunted house
39. 1973 hit by Lynyrd Skynyrd
42. Former Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo
43. Dress like (on Halloween)
44. "Jackass" cast member that climbed a crane to protest SeaWorld
45. It might blow up in your face
48. Taco Bell is rumored to have a secret one
49. "¿Cómo ___?"
50. Remove



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53. Amphibious vehicle: abbr.

54. General ___ chicken

57. "Where the deer and the antelope play"

59. Organism that's not-yet-born

62. Participants of a show hosted by Steve Harvey, maybe

65. Take a break

66. The A of IPA

67. Exam taken a few years before the Bar: abbr.

68. "4 real?"

69. Upstart?

70. Conveniences at FDIC-insured buildings

DOWN

1. For what ___ worth
2. Acronym sung in the "Friends" theme song
3. Probably the longest possible way to spell "hug"

4. Peek ___!

5. Swipe

6. Catch, as a hail Mary pass

7. Belonging to us

8. Singer and activist Horne

9. Talk about one's emotions

10. Roadside assistance provider, for short

11. Some show hosts, for short

12. Shade of blue

15. Malibu, for one

17. Cobb and Burrell, for two

20. Conical shelter

21. You might find it in an airport or in someone's past

22. Diverse in scope, as a spending bill

24. Less fine

26. It's similar to a tank

27. Extends downward, as a hole

28. Invites on a date

30. AT&T card

32. Makes angry

33. A majority

35. State flower of Utah

36. Secure, as a carry-on

40. The Devil

41. Pro ___ (for now)

46. Do a round?

47. Not often

51. Start of kraut

52. Cut off

55. "Paranormal Witness" channel

56. "You hate to see it"

58. Desert "monster"

59. Chicago trains (which sound like a letter that is often used to represent half of a pair of shoes)

60. Russian space station

61. Wanna-___ (pretenders)

62. Notes after mis

63. Tim ___ (candy from down under)

64. Wall and Lombard, for two: abbr.