

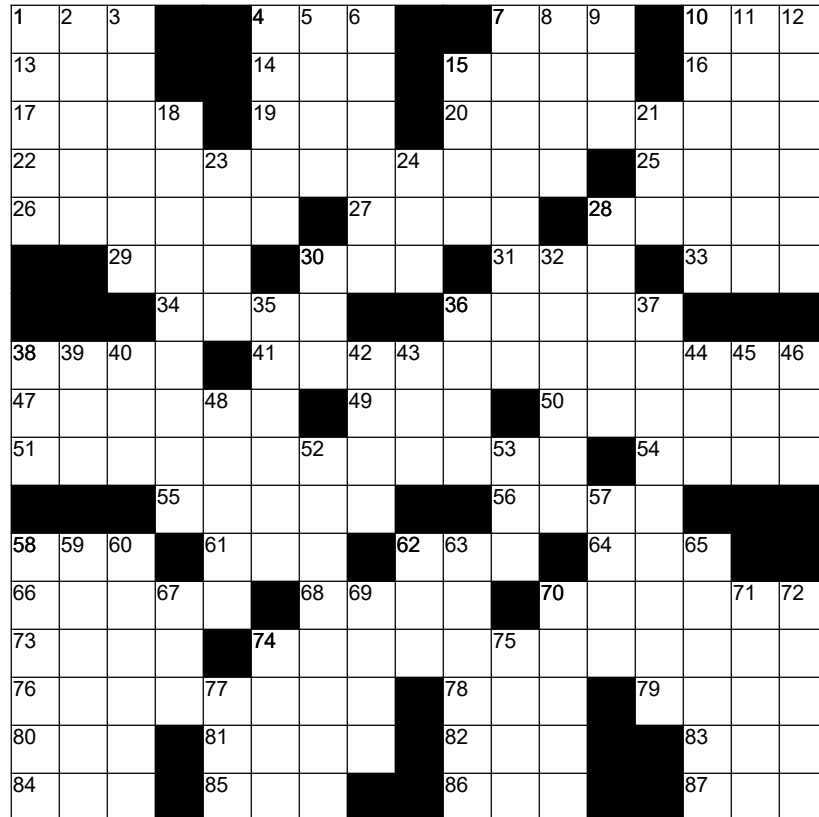
Count Off Into Teams

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The answer to this week's meta are things in the news this week.

ACROSS

1. Grocery carrier, often
4. "The White Lotus" ailer
7. Genre for Drake
10. "Life Kit" ailer
13. Conspiracist's observation
14. Eat nothing but ginger ale and saltines, perhaps
15. Sunrise direction
16. Wepner's 1975 opponent
17. "Umbrella" singer, to fans
19. Scarlet
20. Caribbean island with a French side and a Dutch side
22. Dunder Mifflin's supply
25. Eons
26. Considered to be
27. Source of citrus zest
28. "Put your money ___ your mouth is"
29. Omar of Minnesota, e.g.
30. "Spare the ___ and spoil the child"
31. Baseball bat wood
33. CIA predecessor
34. Mulligan
36. Bother, over time
38. Prepare flour for a recipe
41. Certainly
47. Put up with
49. Mauna ___ Macadamia Nuts
50. Lipton rival
51. Dietarily preparing for an upcoming race
54. Cannabis
55. Paradises
56. "That would never happen!"
58. Some browser extensions block them
61. Lividness
62. Certain environmental contaminant, for short
64. Oceanic taco ingredient
66. Big name in electric razors
68. Joust
70. Oxygen-needing lifeform
73. Chooses
74. Vinyl item first created in 1957



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76. Song in which Stevie Nicks sings "Will you ever win?"
78. Throw in
79. Magnum competitor
80. Lead's table neighbor
81. ___ grievances (complains publicly)
82. #Me___ movement
83. Get 100% on
84. Beguiling
85. Pig's locale
86. Erase something important, say
87. Tierra and Fuego connector

DOWN

1. Belches
2. In flames
3. More like a TV-MA show, say
4. Elk : herd :: ___ : husk
5. Boozy suffix with Weizen- or wit-
6. Veteran
7. Like bonds with the lowest risk of default

8. Tingling sensation produced by whispering, for short
9. Class action group?
10. "Becoming Cousteau" channel, for short
11. Tooth yankers of old
12. Washes without soap
15. Bristol-based broadcaster
18. Item used in a lazy river
21. "We're number 1!"
23. Red ___ (bureaucracy)
24. Help
28. Humpback, for one
30. L. ___ Hubbard
32. Burns, as citrus juice in a cut
35. Hamilton or Burr, for one
36. Morales of "Ozark"
37. Group with a specific mission
38. Agency created after the 1929 crash, for short
39. Get your ducks ___ row
40. HST was one of his vice presidents
42. "Bummer"
43. Turf
44. AC unit

45. ___ Paul (guitar model)
46. Midwesterner's "sure"
48. He sculpted "The Thinker"
52. Like many a ranch house
53. Get
57. Chilled movie theater beverage
58. Ends, as a mission
59. TV personality who started his career on Oprah's show
60. Smooth and glossy
62. ___ for the course
63. Make
65. Thingamabob
67. E! alternative
69. Caps' NHL rival
70. Intensity
71. Harper who wanted to "bring a title back to DC" even after he signed a contract with Philadelphia
72. Word before Corsair, Pacer, or Villager in car models
74. Apt rhyme of "fit"
75. Fragrance
77. Lil ___ X