

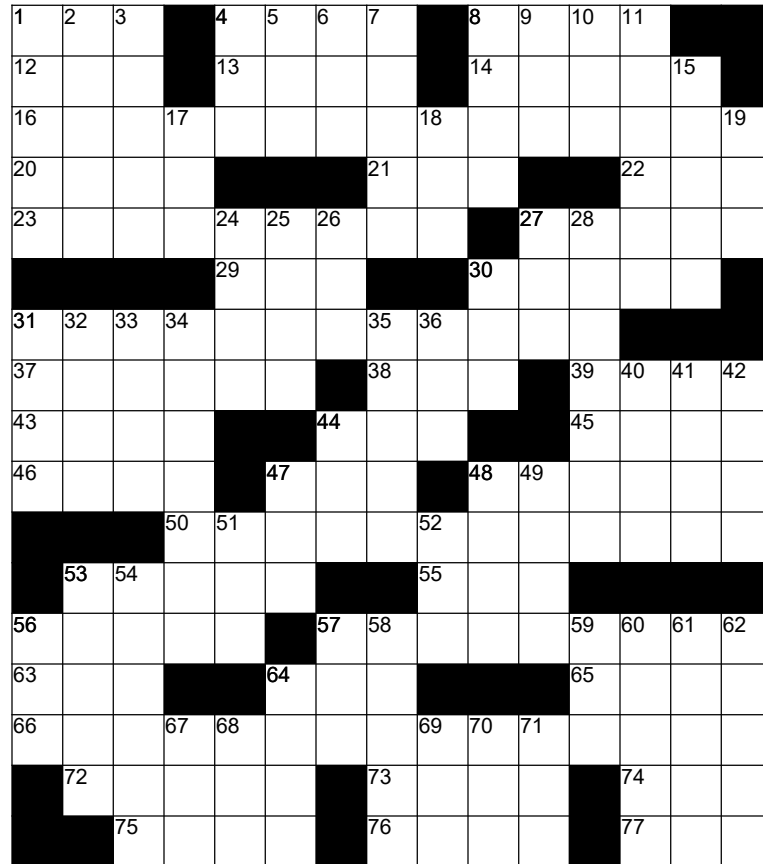
From Start to Finish

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The answer to this week's meta is the crossword constructor who inspired this puzzle.

ACROSS

1. ISP option common in rural areas
4. Imitate stars at night
8. Rowing implements
12. Gobbled up
13. ___ Hashanah
14. Stunned with appreciation
16. "I still regret that decision!"
20. Level of a cake
21. See 22-Across
22. With 21-Across, noontime
23. Clif or Kind product
27. Completely bare
29. CD-___
30. Clean a chalkboard
31. Starting a conflict
37. Competitor of Ally
38. Poem of praise
39. Social grace
43. Insignificant
44. NASCAR sponsor
45. Memo header
46. A single time
47. 21st letter in the Greek alphabet
48. Washington state airport
50. Doomsdayer's mantra
53. R&B artist with the hit "Goodies"
55. Vegan milk source
56. Sends a text
57. It separates Australia and New Zealand
63. Answer to the riddle "It disappears when you stand up and reappears when you take a seat"
64. ___ Arbor, MI
65. Yawp
66. "Chin up, one team always has to lose, that's just part of the game"
72. Certain circus performer's need
73. Ward
74. Tell a whopper
75. Satisfy
76. Stay at a safe haven
77. Tax ID no.



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DOWN

1. One making his way through Hell, in a famous epic
2. Beer mug with a lid (to keep it sanitary, of course!)
3. It's built to protect against sea level rise
4. "You're making me angry!"
5. ___ Cabos, MX
6. ___ Kosh B'gosh
7. "___ thunk it?"
8. Slick and slippery
9. "What's your point?"
10. "Go team!"
11. Marshes and bogs, more generally
15. Request for a virtual RSVP
17. ___ on the side of caution
18. Bygone state formed by Syria and Egypt, for short
19. Joseph who founded a big-name ice cream brand
24. One with a diploma in hand, for short
25. "In there stepped a stately raven of the saintly days of ___"
26. Index calculated as weight/height² (which is meaningless for many folks)
27. As of 5/13, Pablo Lopez leads the MLB in this stat
28. Red Planet resident
30. One who's sheepish?
31. Floor model
32. Berkshire college
33. Half of a pair with a reptilian logo, perhaps
34. Reason for a "safe" call at second base
35. Out of office, as a doctor
36. National econ. measure
40. Opposed
41. Rugged rock
42. Stuff reviewed on CNET
44. "___ Loves You" (The Beatles song)
47. Type of plant studied by Gregor Mendel
48. Region now known as Thailand
49. ¿Cómo ___?
51. Sets of 60 mins.
52. Más de uno
53. Goodbyes
54. Enters
56. Layer of toilet paper
57. Letters on a boom box?
58. Economist Shaikh
59. Scoreboard abbr. at a Big Apple ballgame
60. Makes airtight
61. Island with the Statue of Liberty
62. Bills quarterback Josh
64. Initial wager
67. Its headquarters are in Langley, VA
68. CRTL-___-DEL
69. Hatred
70. Gaming system from 1983
71. Consume