

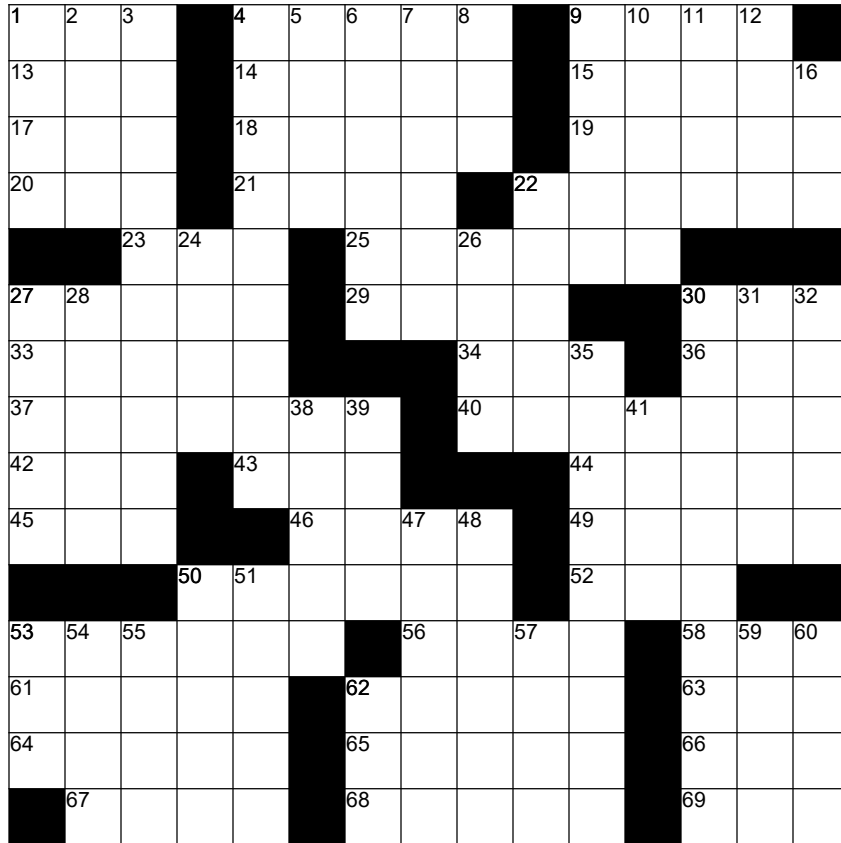
Struck by Lightning

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The answer to this week's meta is a 7-letter word.

ACROSS

1. Journalist ___ B. Wells-Barnett
4. Thing dangling from a dog collar
9. Thomas known as the "Soul Queen of New Orleans"
13. Vehicle with a bike rack on the front, often
14. Ave ____
15. Highlighter shades
17. "I like ____" (Presidential slogan)
18. Thingamajigs
19. Often triangular pastry
20. "___ and the City"
21. Make waterproof
22. High achiever?
23. Purchases that come with Windows
25. "The Picture of ___ Gray" (Oscar Wilde's only novel)
27. Fictional opera singer Adler in "A Scandal in Bohemia"
29. Quick sip
30. Not a lot
33. Used pepper spray on
34. "Isn't that a little on ___ nose?"
36. As of 5/3/22, Logan Gilbert leads MLB in this stat
37. Directly matching
40. Annoyances at some bank locations
42. Opposite of WNW
43. Not yet determined: Abbr.
44. Eruct
45. Part of many a modern Christmas decoration, for short
46. Penne ___ vodka
49. Like many an old nail
50. Involve
52. Suffix with lemon- or lime-



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53. Scientist with salivating dogs
56. Oil grp.
58. Org. making COVID-19 recommendations
61. He wrote "The Waste Land"
62. Eel, in the culinary world
63. Vegetable common in Japan which is also known as "mountain asparagus"
64. Wide open
65. Thanksgiving pie type
66. "Groovy!"
67. Biergarten array
68. Jargon
69. Part of a hurricane where lightning can be found
4. Cry before "Can you rewind?"
5. Take out to dinner
6. You might check them with a penny
7. Defensive coordinator's advice, often
8. It's at an all time high right now!
9. Meta product that skews younger
10. Exploratory mission, for short
11. Blue ___ (rarity)
12. Frank or Hathaway
16. Spanish 101 verb
22. Look through a scope
24. Tech. review site
26. Big first name in Italian ice
27. Drive forward
28. Hold up
30. Not worry about safety
31. Vertical
32. Watery
35. Hugging
38. Channel for watching Celtics v. Bucks highlights
39. Met event that took place last Monday
41. Tiff
47. Richie or Messi
48. Less large llama lookalike
50. Wing a wedding, say
51. Editors' suggestions
53. Snow or snap veggie
54. Growth encouraged by the cast of "Finding Nemo" in a plot to escape the dentist's office
55. Small container
57. Actor Richard of "A Summer Place"
59. Go time
60. Do a data scientist's job
62. Company with a trademarked shade of brown

DOWN

1. Wading bird
2. Coach K's former school
3. Without surprises