

"What's the Takeaway?" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. IATA code for the airport on the Greek island of Zakynthos
4. Alphanumeric "Star Wars" droid
8. Extension for many audio files
11. Those cosas
15. Unsullied
16. Inky
17. It's often served seared
18. Glorify
19. Bee's nephew
20. Nudge
21. Krypton's red sun
22. "Devilfish"
23. Tristan's tryster
25. "___ Heaven"
27. Pathetic
28. NBA nickname of old
30. Looky-___
31. Like this entry, per a childlike dialectical mispronunciation
33. The Mustangs, on NCAA scoreboards
36. Sap of all enthusiasm
39. Disease named for a Connecticut town
40. Google Play Store offering
41. T-shaped implants
42. "Monk" and "Burn Notice" network
44. Some blood pressure medications (abbr.)
47. 24-down agent working at a port of entry
49. Unit of data transfer speed (abbr.)
50. Senate drapery?
52. Offline, online (abbr.)
53. Cold-pressed kitchen staple, in foodie shorthand
55. Shindigs
59. In favor of
60. Recorders
63. The brain and the spinal cord, essentially (abbr.)
64. Tousele
66. Former nuclear power regulator established by HST
67. Many Dadaist artworks
69. They may be plumbed
73. Exploits
75. Pseudonym
76. Musician Norah's musician father

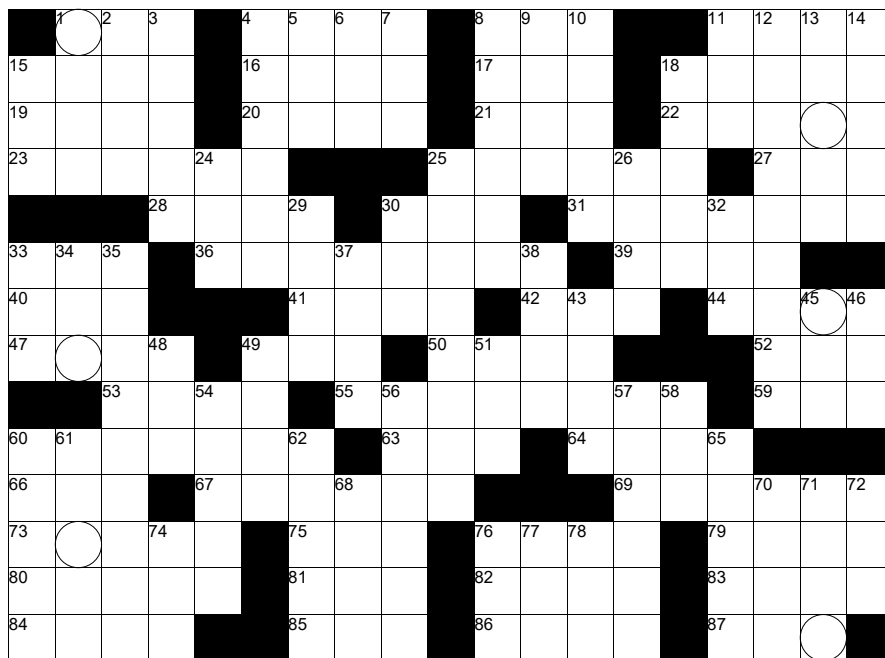
79. Biblical brother
80. Cartoon cow named one of the Top 10 Advertising Icons of the 20th Century
81. Craze
82. Mazdas with Wankel rotary engines
83. Zip
84. Some European deer
85. Austin, El Paso, Rio Grande Valley, and five others (abbr.)
86. Remainder
87. ___ Hill (R&B group fronted by Sisqo)

DOWN

1. Ely, Minnesota-based grocery chain named for its founder, John Zupancich
2. Run-DMC, for example
3. Some women's shoes
4. Pete's partner in comedy?
5. Shared apt., usually
6. ___-wop
7. Grade for many 7yos
8. Unsure about
9. Archetypical grudge-holder
10. Instrument in a string quartet
11. Prefix meaning "quintillion"

12. Style of lettering you need to use for the metapuzzle to make sense
13. Some Fitbit models
14. German word for "city" (but that sounds like it should be for a larger political unit)
15. Purple paste
18. Rough kind of board
24. Agcy. employing a 47-across
25. Prepares to seal, as an envelope
26. Alcindor starred there
29. Zinger
30. Inc. alternative
32. Nana, in Nuremberg
33. Risky chess tactic, for short
34. Ainer of radio's "All Things Considered" and TV's "Antiques Roadshow" in Jackson and Biloxi (abbr.)
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37. Toper
38. Erstwhile European compact car
43. One of the Five Pillars of Islam

45. Meathead
46. Nikon F5, e.g.
48. Prefix with duct or positor
49. South African combatant of old
51. Indulges in the extreme, slangily
54. Having a BMI over 30, per the CDC
56. 85-across and others (as the clue for 85-across reveals)
57. Unashamed sort
58. Paris-to-Lyon dir.
60. Less edgy
61. Singer/rapper Green
62. Goof
65. Lay out
68. 32-card game
70. Title first adopted by Simeon I of Bulgaria, and last held by Simeon II of Bulgaria - over 1,000 years apart from one another
71. Final track on the Prince album "Chaos and Disorder"
72. ___ sponte
74. 'Twas present?
76. Educayshunal buildin' blocks (abbr.)
77. Projectile for some competitive throwers
78. Alphanumeric beverages



The answer to the metapuzzle is a rank in the U.S. Army (you may submit either the rank's name or its alphanumeric designation.)