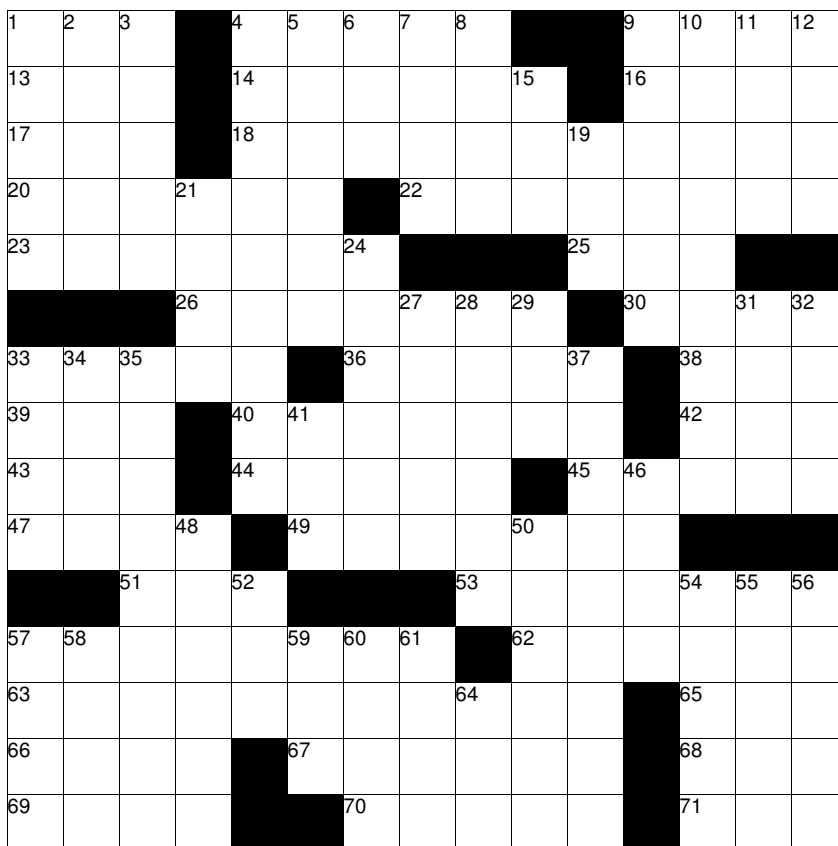


"Preposition Cook" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. Pocketful of cash
4. Cash
9. ___ Velva
13. Firefighter's symbol
14. Impact
16. Mongrels
17. The dark side
18. The "pits" of some "cherries"
20. Hometown of a young Sidney Poitier
22. Feminist writing website from 2013 to 2016
23. Marvel character portrayed by Jennifer Garner
25. ___-de-sac
26. "I gotta work in the morning ..."
30. Territory
33. Interactive sesh at the end of a lecture
36. "I love lamp" speaker
38. Soup with naan
39. Aerial mystery
40. Nerve-testing game
42. Playwright Ensler
43. It was renamed George Bush Intercontinental in 1997 (but kept this three-letter abbreviation)
44. Moving prefix?
45. Loosened
47. Pre-calc discipline
49. Pills that will keep you awake
51. Point
53. Fishy breakfast food
57. Initialism expressing extreme hilarity
62. ___ Pete
63. Number 9 at County Kerry's Castlegregory golf course (so nicknamed because its water hazard is a breeding ground for natterjacks)
65. Neighborhood collective (abbr.)
66. The Emerald Isle
67. Cassava
68. Taker of calls and vitals
69. Encl. facilitating an RSVP
70. Yet another alter ego for "Sasha Fierce" (though, this one is just part of her real name)
71. Manhattan constituent



The answer to the metapuzzle is a word you might hear in a French restaurant.

DOWN

1. Fountains of ___ (band whose lead singer tragically succumbed to COVID-19)
2. Anatomically centralized
3. Like a neutron star
4. Craving for cheesy pasta
5. "They're friends ___"
6. Spoiled
7. ___ Shark (meme spawned 2/1/2015)
8. Indonesian province devastated by the 2004 tsunami
9. Defeat decisively
10. Pills that will put you to sleep
11. Some ceramic works
12. Dep.
15. Tyke's ballgame accessory
19. One is currently worth about 6,700 USD
21. Runner
24. Lab rat, often
27. Jumped from wire to wire
28. Site for short vids
29. Field of pedagogy focused on learning through play (abbr.)
31. Party with a light show, maybe
32. Eloped
33. Go cold turkey
34. Distant
35. Koufax had four
37. Part of a suit of armor allowing for articulation
41. Like a VIN, but for boats (and yes, this clue breaks a convention - two of the words represented in VIN are also represented in this entry ...)
46. "Raiders of the Lost Ark" pit contents
48. Beneficiary
50. Glad competitor
52. Arafat's assn.
54. Prefix with net
55. Commodious
56. Billiards undersurface
57. Waze suggestions (abbr.)
58. Flowering tree that's native to Hawaii and is one letter off from another U.S. state
59. Matriarch, to a Welshman
60. What comes after forever?
61. "Not again ..."
64. One of Bilbo's dwarvish companions