

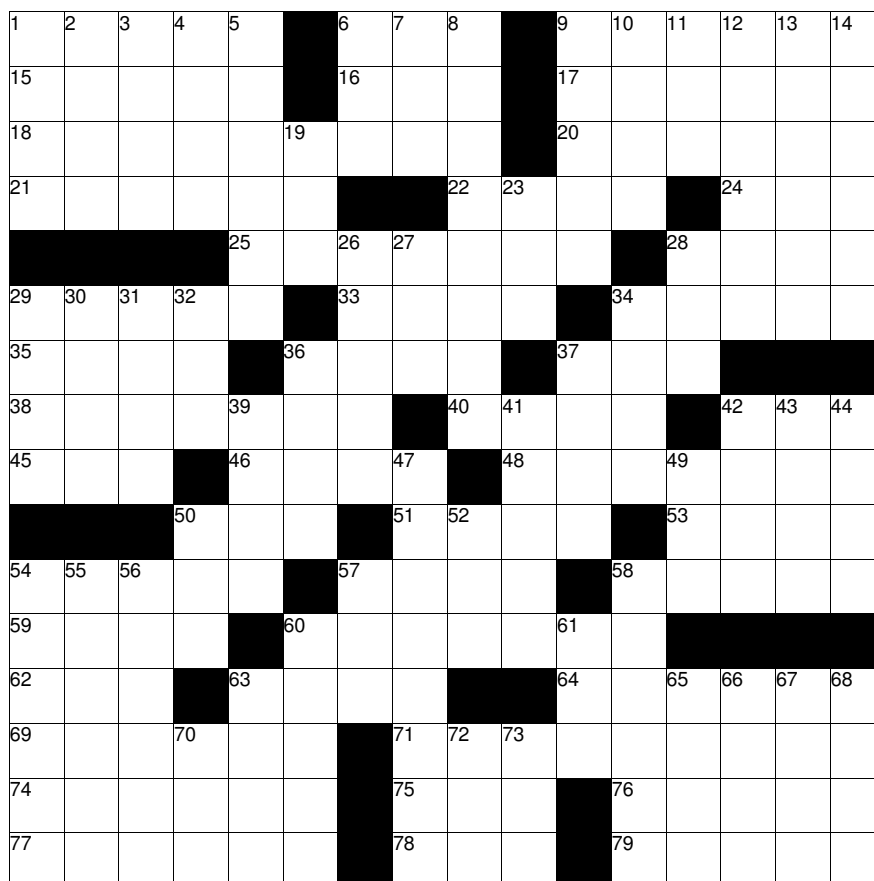
"A Thing of the Past" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington with clues by Kate Washington

ACROSS

1. Santo de Aquino
6. ____ hei (the smoky note in an authentically-cooked stir-fry)
9. Graf's spouse
15. Greek market
16. Tokyo, in olden days
17. Hunkering down, as performed by bees?
18. Medulla oblongata
20. The surprisingly named Mr. Waugh
21. Craven body
22. Scottish slope
24. Promise of spring, maybe?
25. Hold forth
28. Price-conscious PC maker
29. Cognizant
33. Where les Quebecois might swim
34. "Can you ____ a square?"
35. Identical
36. Absconder with a spoon
37. Big yellow tractor
38. Fictional fantasy book series in "Brooklyn Nine-Nine"
40. Without guarantees
42. White habit
45. Abbr. on a business card
46. Change
48. Hooch, formally
50. ____ Patrol
51. Ageless brand
53. "I'll Be Your Mirror" vocalist
54. Where to see 21-across
57. Ordeal for jrs.
58. Seasoned rice
59. "It's ____" (Rilo Kiley song)
60. Benign tumor
62. Terrible guy (abbr.)
63. Sweet new car audio tech of the '50s
64. It counts in horseshoes
69. Dog chew that's, well, there's not really a delicate way to put this ... it's a bull's penis
71. Problem with power
74. Expands, as a compressed file
75. Chinese principle
76. Big yellow-and-blue boxes
77. Flat fish
78. Abbr. that might come after 45-across
79. Educators with lists

DOWN

1. They're kept behind bars
2. Big brute



The answer to the metapuzzle is a six-word phrase, and what I hope I have been doing in the recent past.

3. Complain
4. Big solo
5. South Carolina tribe, or Dakota subtribe
6. ____ blanket
7. Lyric address
8. Scooby-dew, as it were
9. Leading
10. Bequeath
11. Hail (Lat.)
12. Contents of a "HARMFUL IF SWALLOWED" packet
13. Director Zack
14. Overlook
19. One of Carrie Bradshaw's topics
23. ICU workers
26. One of an electrician's pair?
27. Western Hemisphere alliance (abbr.)
28. Inclined
29. Admin
30. Rouse
31. ____ nitrate
32. Official
34. Window part
36. Suck, as a chimney
37. Carrie Bradshaw's other topic
39. Terrible guy
41. Manila Pact alliance (abbr.)
42. ____ Kapoor (major Bollywood actor)
43. "Livin' La Vida ____"
44. " ____ Wind ____" (Muddy Waters song)
47. Home of Half Dome
49. Contemporary of Alanis
50. Butter quantum
52. Link between server and workstations (abbr.)
54. Deserted locale, these days
55. Belittle?
56. Public Square, in Pisa
57. Easy-to-send file
58. Anemic
60. Descriptive phrase often intensified by inserting "hot" between its two words
61. Bleat
63. ____ d'Huez (frequent Tour de France climb)
65. Create
66. Front page
67. Diagnostic tool
68. Miss Durbeyfield
70. Teen spot?
72. Mr. Headroom
73. Automated account