

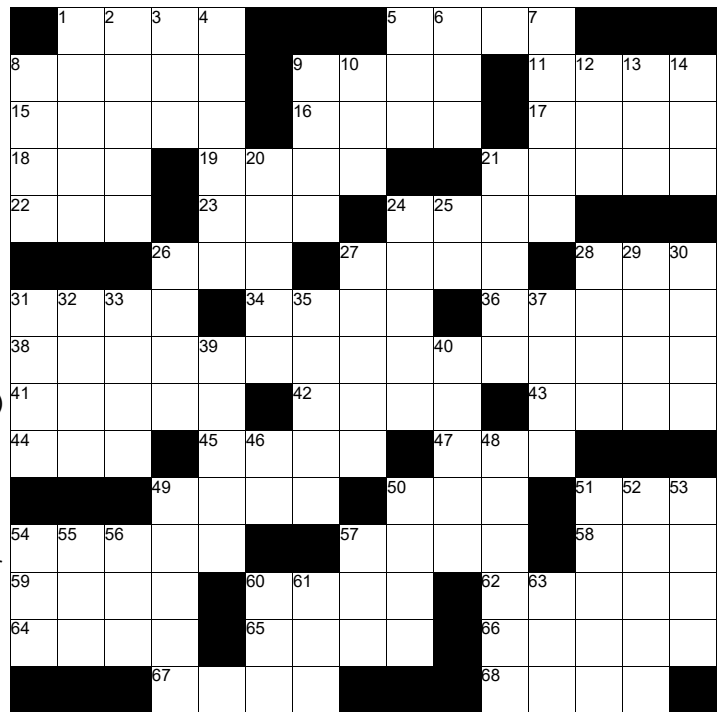
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ACROSS

1. ___ sauce (and as someone who likes flavorful food I love this metaphor)
5. Business leaders
8. Present, e.g.
9. For a rectangle, it's calculated by length by width
11. Broadway musical, "Rock of ___"
15. Part of some Muslim women's attire
16. Animated movie with Miley Cyrus voicing a character who plays herself in a television show (how meta can you get?)
17. "Her name was ___, she was a showgirl..."
18. "A long time ___, in a galaxy far, far, away"
19. Amino, e.g.
21. One of 150 in the longest book in the Bible
22. Archaic personal pronoun (would it help if I said it was genitive?)
23. Crunchy sandwich, for short
24. Biggest continent
26. When repeated, a menace of tropical Africa
27. File extension for a GNU archive
28. Important airport pickup info
31. What would a crossword be without this palindromic Swedish band?
34. "___, a very palpable..." (but I have to stop the quote there because of crossword rules)
36. Nut that makes delicious pies
38. Fiscal measure that always goes down well with shareholders
41. ___ and true
42. Song with accompanying letter-forming arm actions
43. Vowel from the Greek alphabet with lots of vowels in its name
44. Collectors always aim for a complete one of these
45. ___-European languages
47. Flying mammal
49. An unstable subatomic particle with a mean lifetime of 2.2 microseconds, much longer than many other subatomic particles (isn't Wikipedia great!)
50. Group that sang "No Scrubs"
51. A game in which players assume the roles of characters in a fictional setting (this clue contravenes crossword rules, but now I don't care!)
54. Name for a half-note in British English
57. Three of these form a yard
58. Opening of Grover's magical incantation that also involved peanut butter sandwiches
59. City in Yemen (var.)
60. Its symbol is Fe
62. Relating to sea warfare
64. Toy that goes up and down a lot
65. Game that Chandler invents to give money to Joey without it seeming like charity
66. Makes the first bid
67. The ___ of us
68. What pirates make victims do using 52 down

DOWN

1. Place on a scale
2. Find satisfaction in
3. "___ rule, I don't usually do this, but..."
4. Grilled meats, often involving skewers
5. Collectible from Disney's Snow White
6. Consume
7. A type of dancing and a type of sauce
8. Not this
9. Small amount
10. Object that scares the bird in Colossal Cave (too obscure? well, excuse me!)
12. A state in Western India
13. Right-angle shape
14. Piano player in Casablanca
20. ___ and present danger
21. Younger sister of Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge



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24. Worshiper of Quetzalcoatl
25. What's this? A two-letter word? "Yes," replied Juan
26. Marker of the end of a running race
27. Nickname for the US naval base on Cuba
28. "___ homo," said Pilate in Latin, pointing at Jesus
29. Not slack
30. I wonder what the acronym for the Australian Natural Therapists Association is?
31. Short name for Luke's gospel sequel
32. The diameter of an engine cylinder
33. Short form for someone from the UK
35. Austrian composer, considered to be the father of the symphony
37. Way out
39. Strong aversion
40. Data store in Microsoft Access
46. What's this? Another 2 letter word? Yes, but it's also opposite day
48. "Don't delay, you don't know when this sale will end!"
49. Songs sound sadder in a ___ key

The answer to the meta is something that would surely have felt the bern had history gone differently

50. The second last column of a number
51. Composer who wrote a lot more than just Bolero
52. See 68 across
53. Guys' counterparts
54. Fifth month
55. Famous last words of a bachelor (saw this in a crossword recently; sorry don't recall whose! but I added "famous", so it should be OK)
56. Dissenting vote
57. The Scarlet Pimpernel's cover persona
60. Apparently, the Australian Border Force has something called the Integrated Cargo System. I wonder what the acronym for this is?
61. Feature of roads frequented by farm wagons
63. Referencing system that uses the "author, date" format