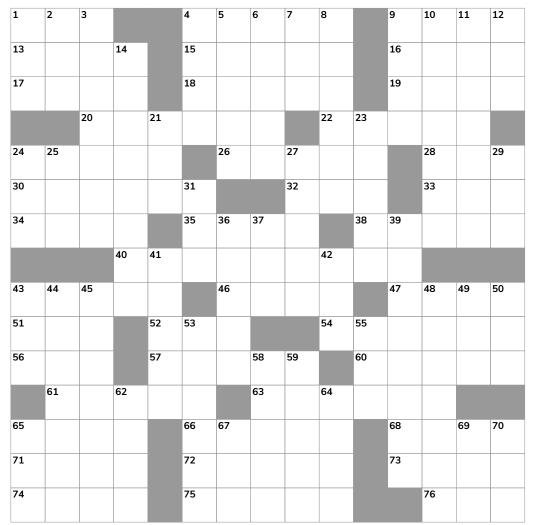
Social Climbers

The meta answer is a well-intentioned couple & their ultimate goal.

ACROSS

- 1 Stumbling idiot
- 4 Aviary sound
- 9 Shimmering gem
- 13 Bedroom community, briefly
- **15** "___ got news for you!"
- 16 Woody's boy
- 17 Type of ball on Coney Island
- 18 Chooses a profession
- 19 What I do if I drive too much, and the car cannot drive without
- 20 Highest mountain to climb in New Zealand
- 22 Where you can gamble and go downhill
- 24 All purpose Hawaiian word
- 26 Beany's buddy
- 28 50 Cent piece
- 30 Time to get down to business
- 32 Outdoor outfitter: Init.
- 33 Six-pointers, for short
- 34 Catches on
- 35 ___ tea
- 38 Online playthings
- 40 A Monkee who explored a lot of angles always a good idea!
- 43 Earily related?
- 46 Can be an en or em version
- **47** Group that got caught up in "The Heat of the Moment"
- 51 Place where the RR stops
- 52 Axl's group, briefly
- 54 Accept eagerly
- 56 Like July or Ghost peppers
- 57 Sigh of relief
- 60 "Darby ___" of Disney fame
- 61 Tiny Chinese pooches, familiarly
- 63 African fox
- 65 These might make you scratch your head
- 66 Decided
- 68 Sought after fish
- 71 "Ancient" measure of transmission speed
- **72** Started at the bottom and worked their way up (as you should to succeed)
- 73 Charlie, for one
- **74** They can be smoked (see 76A) or flexed; Abbr.
- 75 Given a G, PG, or R
- 76 Carrier for water or THC



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DOWN

- 1 Delivery room doctors, for short
- 2 Arctic bird
- 3 Original "Strip" in Las Vegas, ___ St
- 4 Bush Secretary of Labor, Elaine
- 5 Devastation
- 6 Arouse
- 7 Sound of disgust
- **8** Female part of a flower
- 9 Pledge
- 10 Before
- **11** "Alright ____" (stop)
- 12 Mother of actress Kate Beckinsale, Judy
- 14 National Institutes of Health city
- 21 Car club in Quebec
- 23 Playwright Edward
- 24 "Brokeback Mountain" director Lee
- 25 Deception
- 27 Awards for pitchers
- 29 Endings to some letters
- 31 MMCCX ÷ II

- 36 Nemesis with nine noggins
- 37 1977 double-platinum Steely Dan album

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- **39** Person validating checks at the airport
- 41 Pond buildup
- 42 Gretzky group
- 43 Pompeii's blanket
- 44 Impracticably ideal
- 45 Borrowers' boon
- 48 Add hot sauce
- 49 Potent ending
- 50 The Braves, on scoreboards
- 53 Daytona dominator
- 55 Long, long time
- **58** "The game's ____"
- 59 Born to be an author, not born to be wild
- **62** Canvas shoes with blue tags
- **64** Requirement
- **65** We were implored to go "All the way" with him
- **67** Employer-funded medical reimbursement plan; Abbr.
- 69 Run after L
- 70 Bit in a horse's mouth