School Success

The answer to the meta is something that top students earn

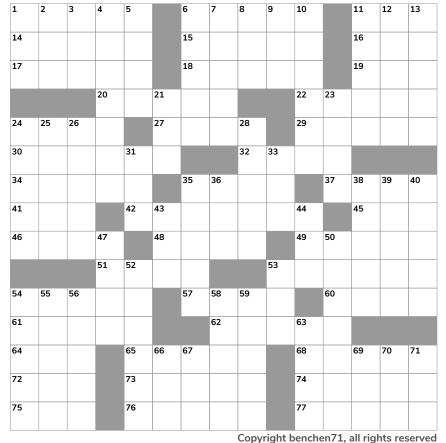
ACROSS

- 1 * Backing for a photo
- 6 "____ remind you...."
- 11 Bigger than med.
- 14 Piano technician
- _ Marbles (British 15 Museum attraction that Greece wants back)
- 16 Coffee dispenser
- 17 Attack from all sides
- 18 Israeli desert
- 19 Sun King's number
- 20 " Eat Cake" (Gershwin musical)
- 22 Money-saving, in brand names
- 24 Nebraska native
- 27 * Stimulate. as an appetite
- 29 Not the least bit cool
- 30 Rain garment
- 32 Not fooled by
- 34 * Greek island
- 35 Alongside
- 37 Uncover
- 41 DSL provider
- 42 She, reflexively
- 45 Stain-remover prefix
- 46 Philippa Pearce novel, __ Midnight Garden"
- 48 Goes bad
- 49 * Shakespearean party
- 51 Planet in an Anne McCaffrey book series involving dragonriders
- 53 Cyclops feature (if the cyclops was also a giant)
- 54 King Arthur's father
- 57 * Lady's man
- 60 Bullfight cheers
- 61 Cost
- 62 Put back to zero
- 64 Animal's coat

- 65 Film ____ (moody movies)
- 68 Lock of hair
- 72 Poem of praise
 - 73 "Ready ____, here I come!"
 - 74 Former Mexican president, Enrique Pena ___
 - 75 Bread component, perhaps
 - 76 Dams in streams
 - 77 Grade for a top student, and a hint for what to do to the starred entries

DOWN

- Peaks (abbr.)
- 2 "Yes," said the Parisian
- 3 "One," said the Parisian
- 4 Pay no attention to
- ___ falls in a 5 lf a _ forest and no one is around to hear it, does it make a sound? Certainly when it falls it causes the air to become repeatedly compressed and rarefied creating longitudinal waves. But for those waves to become "sound" one needs the hearing equivalent of an observer who has the ability to interpret those waves as sound. So the answer to the auestion is "no". This has nothing to do with the meta, by the way; I just wanted to contribute to the ongoing debate.
- 6 Singer, ___ Cherry
- 7 Indigenous people group of the Niger Delta (or most of an entry in the periodic table)



- 8 Most important ingredient in an omelette
- 9 Expire
- 10 Devise
 - of the Nile River that is the site of ancient Thebes (and also a hotel/casino in Las Vegas)
- 12 Prepare coffee beans before making espresso
- 13 Representative
- song covered beautifully by Aimee Mann and Michael Penn for the "I Am Sam["] soundtrack)
- 23 Corporate VIPs
- 24 Footnote abbr. which means "in the work already cited'
- 25 Upper body
- 26 Early afternoon hr.

- - 55 First name of the actress born Gertrude Madeline Marshall

benchen71

- 56 New employee
- 58 Mistake (this is not a dupe of 43 down, is it?
- 59 "Jesus replied, 'Foxes have dens and birds have ____, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head. (Matt. 8:20)
- 63 1 across in Sicily that is also a volcanó
- 66 Mine material
- 67 Pasta suffix (bucat___, capell_ stort___, agnol___, etc...)
- 69 Snakelike fish
- 70 Father of Tommy and Dil (obscure "Rugrats" reference)
- 71 Distress signal at sea

- 11 City on the east bank

- 21 "____ of Us" (Beatles

28 Lugs around 31 Chuckle sound

- 33 Stanley Cup org.
- 35 Not right
- 36 Spider-man meme involving Norman Osborn: "I'm something of a scient___ myself"
- 38 Miserable dwelling
- 39 Type of daisy
- 40 Beguiling behavior
- 43 Mess up
- 44 Part of TGIF
- 47 Job detail, briefly
- 50 Self-indulgent journey
- **52** In the past, in poetry
- 53 Band that joined Coldplay on "My Universe"
- 54 "Once again, immunity ___ grabs" (Survivor is line)