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INTRODUCTION

As someone whose favorite movie of the year is rarely, if ever, named best picture, whose favorite TV show is never number one on the Nielsens, and who hardly ever does anything fashionable, I feel a little uncomfortable picking 75 “favorite” crosswords for this book.

Still, someone has to make the choices, and I have the advantage of having been an enthusiastic solver (as well as puzzlemaker) since about age 8. My first puzzle was published when I was 14. I sold my first crossword to The New York Times at age 22; the year was 1975, during the era of Will Weng, The Times’s second crossword editor. And since I succeeded Eugene T. Maleska to become only the fourth crossword editor in the newspaper’s history, I’ve kept close tabs on solvers’ reactions to the puzzles.

What’s hard? What’s easy? What’s enjoyable, and what’s not? What excites you, what annoys you, and what leaves you wondering “huh”?

Letters, phone calls and e-mails pour into my office, giving me an immediate impression of solvers’ opinions. I read The New York Times’s online crossword forum several times a day, giving me even faster feedback. I also attend puzzle-related events throughout the year. Perhaps best of all, every Times crossword is tested by four veteran solvers before publication (in time for me to do last-minute polishing), so comments about the puzzles from a trusted panel arrive even before the puzzles see print.

This volume contains my 75 favorite daily New York Times crosswords since 1993, when I assumed the editorship. They represent what are in my opinion the best of the best, chosen based on my own feelings as well as comments from solvers.

What makes them special?

For starters, every Times crossword has to follow some basic rules—applicable to almost all American crosswords—to be even considered for publication:

- The pattern of black-and-white squares must be symmetrical
- Unkeyed letters (that is, ones that appear in only one answer) are taboo
- Two-letter words are taboo, too
- All words must be in good taste
- The grid must have allover interlock—which means that the black squares may not cut the grid into separate pieces
- The grid can’t have too many black squares
- Words can’t be repeated
- Every answer must have a printed reference or else be in common use in everyday speech or writing

Constructing a crossword under such constraints isn’t easy, as anyone who has ever tried will attest. But meeting these standards is enough only to get the work considered. I receive eight to ten submissions for every puzzle that is accepted for publication, so an accepted puzzle must go beyond the minimum standards.

For a puzzle to be accepted, I look for a fresh, interesting, narrowly defined theme (assuming there is a theme), accessible to everyone and consistently applied throughout; lively, colorful vocabulary; and a minimum of obscurity and crosswordese. The grid must be 15 x 15 squares. The maximum number of entries allowed is 78 (or 72, if the puzzle is unthemed).

Beyond the above, I enjoy puzzles with humor. I like unusual letter patterns and

words containing the rarer letters of the alphabet, like J, Q, X and Z. I encourage phrases from everyday writing and speech, whether or not they're in a dictionary, because they tend to have pizzazz, and they're less likely to have appeared in puzzles before. An excess of proper names is discouraged, because people tend either to know them or not—and if a puzzle has a spot with several tough names, it's easy for a solver to get stuck. The quality of the contributor's clues doesn't matter to the same degree, because I know, as editor, I can change them if necessary. On average about half the clues in The Times's crosswords are my own.

In my first 8½ years on the job, which is the period covered in this book, I've edited more than 2,600 daily puzzles for The Times—from which these 75 were selected. They are presented in chronological order.

What makes each of the puzzles special enough to be called a "favorite" is explained at the top of its page. At the bottom of the page are the author's name and the date and the day of the week of original publication in The Times. As you may know, the crosswords in The Times get more difficult as the week proceeds, from Monday (easy) to Saturday (very hard), so noting the day of the week before you begin will help you gauge the puzzle's difficulty.

My favorite puzzles tend to have more gimmickry than the puzzles in The Times as a whole. Unusual twists stand out. Often these are the puzzles that people remember and talk about. I'm not sure you'd want a steady diet of gimmickry; for everyday solving, traditional puzzles can bring just as much pleasure. But a book of favorites has its own rules.

The ages of the puzzle constructors vary from teens to 70's. In a few cases, the only

puzzle a constructor ever had in the newspaper appears here. At the other extreme, some of The Times's most frequent and popular puzzle contributors do not appear in the book at all, because their work is of a quieter, less flashy sort. Their absence doesn't mean they're any less valued.

A word about computers: Nowadays many solvers may assume that crosswords are created by computer. This is not true for the crosswords in The Times. While it's true that computer assistance is being increasingly used by constructors for suggesting possible entries or fills for areas of a grid, a computer can't say what is a good word or an interesting fill. Only a human can make that judgment.

Moreover, a computer program to construct crosswords is only as good as the database it comes with. And the English language is so vast, with so many idioms and phrases and names from the world around us, reference works can't begin to include them all. Some constructors who use computer assistance have spent years supplementing their databases with fresh, colorful names and phrases not found in any references. In a sense, the computer has become an extension of each constructor's personality.

Beyond the grid, only a human can think of an original puzzle theme or write an original clue. And I painstakingly continue to edit every puzzle by hand, clue by clue, on paper, the old-fashioned way.

Thus, when you tackle a New York Times crossword, rest assured that you're still pitting your mind against another mind, not a machine.

Herewith 75 of the best crosswords that the human mind can produce!

—Will Shortz, 2002

The first weekday crossword that I edited for The New York Times has a simple theme, familiar vocabulary and mostly straightforward clues—suitable for the easiest puzzle of the week. Simple doesn't mean bland, though. Note, for example, the colorful answer at 33-Across, which is not the sort of pop-cultural phrase found often in older puzzles.

ACROSS

- 1 Understood
- 4 Some tracks
- 9 — Rizzo ('69 Hoffman role)
- 14 Santa — winds
- 15 Actress Anouk
- 16 Significant person?
- 17 Kauai keepsake
- 18 Small person
- 20 Legit
- 22 Caroline Schlossberg, to Ted Kennedy
- 23 Type style: Abbr.
- 24 Big Mama
- 25 Church part
- 29 Rummy variety
- 32 The mark on the C in Čapek
- 33 Calendar period, to Kirk
- 37 Caustic substance
- 38 Traditional tune
- 40 Pub quaff
- 42 Logical newsman?
- 43 Long-lasting curls
- 45 Depicts
- 49 Health-food store staple
- 50 Jerry Herman composition
- 53 Dash
- 54 Michelangelo masterpiece
- 56 Journalist Greeley
- 58 Used booster cables
- 62 Tina's ex
- 63 Correspond, grammatically
- 64 Regarded favorably
- 65 Pince—
- 66 Former Justice Byron
- 67 Air-show maneuvers
- 68 Palindrome center

DOWN

- 1 French
- 2 — time (singly)
- 3 Taipei's land
- 4 Honolulu locale
- 5 Fat fiddle
- 6 Fuse word
- 7 First name in hotels
- 8 Big rigs
- 9 Campus mil. grp.
- 10 Daughter of Zeus
- 11 Calendar abbr.
- 12 Theology sch.
- 13 Eye
- 19 —-man (flunky)
- 21 Hooch container
- 24 Magna —
- 26 Rights grp.
- 27 "Oy —!"
- 28 — out (supplement)
- 30 Hoosegows
- 31 Footrace terminus
- 32 Stage actress Hayes
- 34 MS follower?
- 35 Love, Italian style
- 36 Newcastle-upon- —, England
- 38 Esne
- 39 Judge's exhortation
- 40 Prone
- 41 Name of 13 popes
- 44 Oscar the Grouch, for one
- 46 Julia Louis-Dreyfus on "Seinfeld"
- 47 Pool-ball gatherer

- 48 Common cause for blessing
- 50 Strawberry, once
- 51 "Any Time —" (Beatles tune)
- 52 Auto-racer Andretti
- 55 Words of comprehension
- 56 "David Copperfield" character
- 57 Ten to one, e.g.
- 58 Gossip
- 59 "That's disgusting!"
- 60 High-tech med. diagnostics
- 61 Foreman stat

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SHORTZ SAYS:

This puzzle caused quite a stir when it was published, because its thematic "trick" was still fairly novel at the time. As with all the puzzles in this book, I'd rather not reveal the twist before you solve... but I think you'll enjoy it when you get it!

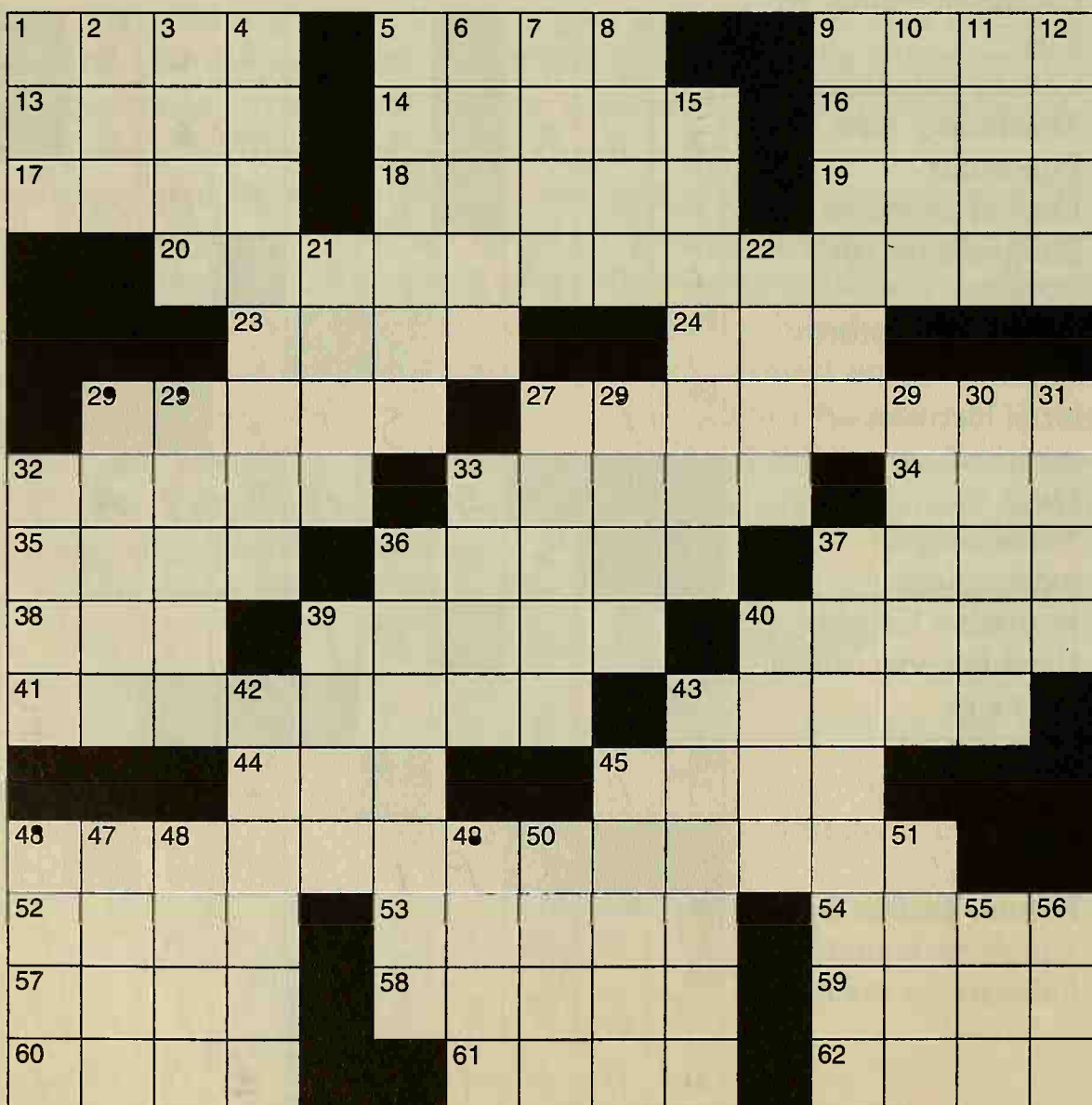
ACROSS

- 1 Privy
- 5 U.S. narc
- 9 Egg depository
- 13 Clear (out)
- 14 Sum up
- 16 "— any wonder?"
- 17 Thompson of films
- 18 "You — Beautiful"
- 19 The Coasters' record label
- 20 Wow everyone
- 23 Self-defense item
- 24 Mer material
- 25 "I Fall to Pieces" singer
- 27 Trash pickup spot
- 32 Greenspan and Paton
- 33 Super-growth locales
- 34 — sequitur
- 35 Summoned, in a way
- 36 Jockey rival
- 37 Transceiver button
- 38 Prefix with literal or lateral
- 39 Does a laundry job
- 40 Party you can't crash
- 41 Family assets
- 43 Dance movement
- 44 Fearful cry
- 45 Enfant terrible
- 46 John Guare play, with "The"
- 52 Via Veneto farewell
- 53 St. — (London site)
- 54 Amusement park staple
- 57 Trade grp.
- 58 Frontier trophy
- 59 Eye part
- 60 Henri's head
- 61 Orange and lemon, e.g.
- 62 Gatsby portrayer, 1949

DOWN

- 1 Uncover, poetically
- 2 Site of a Napoleon victory, 1805
- 3 Pyramid, perhaps
- 4 Moving tribute?
- 5 Daze
- 6 Road sign
- 7 Handled perfectly
- 8 Publius Ovidius —
- 9 Break
- 10 O.T. book
- 11 Decorous
- 12 Kind of search
- 15 Juggernauts
- 21 McKellen and Fleming
- 22 Catches
- 25 Santa —, Calif.
- 26 Music man Lester
- 27 Short story
- 28 Salt Lake City team
- 29 "Baby, — Your Loving"
- 30 "Twickenham Garden" poet
- 31 Christie's "Peril at —"
- 32 Specialized movie theater
- 33 Detriment
- 36 Circuits
- 37 Nasty
- 39 Cartoonist Silverstein
- 40 Olympic skater Johann — Koss

- 42 Filet
- 43 Perceives
- 45 Debutante
- 46 Pest controller of a sort
- 47 French flower
- 48 Express
- 49 Per
- 50 Outdoor feast
- 51 Fiji's capital
- 55 Nancy Drew's beau
- 56 Self-promotional notice in a magazine



The hidden theme of this puzzle is revealed at 21-Across, so if you'd like to delay the surprise as long as possible, wait to solve this part of the grid until the end. Besides the theme, note the lively answers at 7- and 52-Across, and 3-, 11-, 19-, 30-, 40- and 48-Down. That's expert puzzle-making!

ACROSS

- 1 Apple competitor
- 4 Gambler Holliday
- 7 Fifth-century pope
- 12 Green
- 14 The "S" in T. S. Eliot
- 16 Men of La Mancha
- 17 Farmer's tipcart
- 18 Cartridge type
- 19 Aviatrix, for short
- 20 Point of no return?
- 21 Hidden theme of this puzzle
- 24 Last word of "Finnegans Wake"
- 25 Make an appeal
- 26 White House monogram
- 27 Outfit
- 29 Make an appeal
- 30 Miners' sch.
- 32 Out of sorts
- 33 Friend of 21-Across
- 35 Affected by pollen
- 38 "Clan of the Cave Bear" heroine
- 39 Chosen number?
- 42 Anwar's successor
- 43 Pickpocket
- 44 Slangy hello
- 45 New York eng. sch.
- 46 Like 33-Across's apple
- 50 Suffix meaning "small one"
- 51 Pack animal?
- 52 Laid-back
- 53 Quick to blush
- 56 London barrister
- 58 Game officials
- 59 Making out
- 60 Hot time in Chile
- 61 Umpteen's ordinal?
- 62 Green lights

DOWN

- 1 Hosp. hookups
- 2 Doctors often carry them

- 3 Franciscus TV drama of the 60's
- 4 "Dream Lover" singer
- 5 With no letup
- 6 Price abbr.
- 7 Material
- 8 Pro follower
- 9 Dog, for short
- 10 Proof goof
- 11 Minimal ante
- 13 A bit obtuse
- 14 Maze word
- 15 Droopy-eyed
- 19 Corset result, perhaps
- 21 Where fat cats get thin
- 22 "I'm glad that's over!"
- 23 Sealy rival
- 28 N.H.-Vt. neighbor
- 30 Open
- 31 Whirligig
- 32 Actor Gerard
- 33 Boxer's title, briefly
- 34 Short shot?
- 35 Daphne and hazel
- 36 It's like home?
- 37 Bomber Boomer
- 39 Beethoven's only opera
- 40 Sight saver?
- 41 Peaked
- 43 Cockpit display
- 44 Mrs. Rockefeller
- 47 Former capital of Bolivia
- 48 Underground event
- 49 — gland
- 54 It ended in 1806: Abbr.
- 55 Two or go follower
- 56 X
- 57 Football linemen: Abbr.

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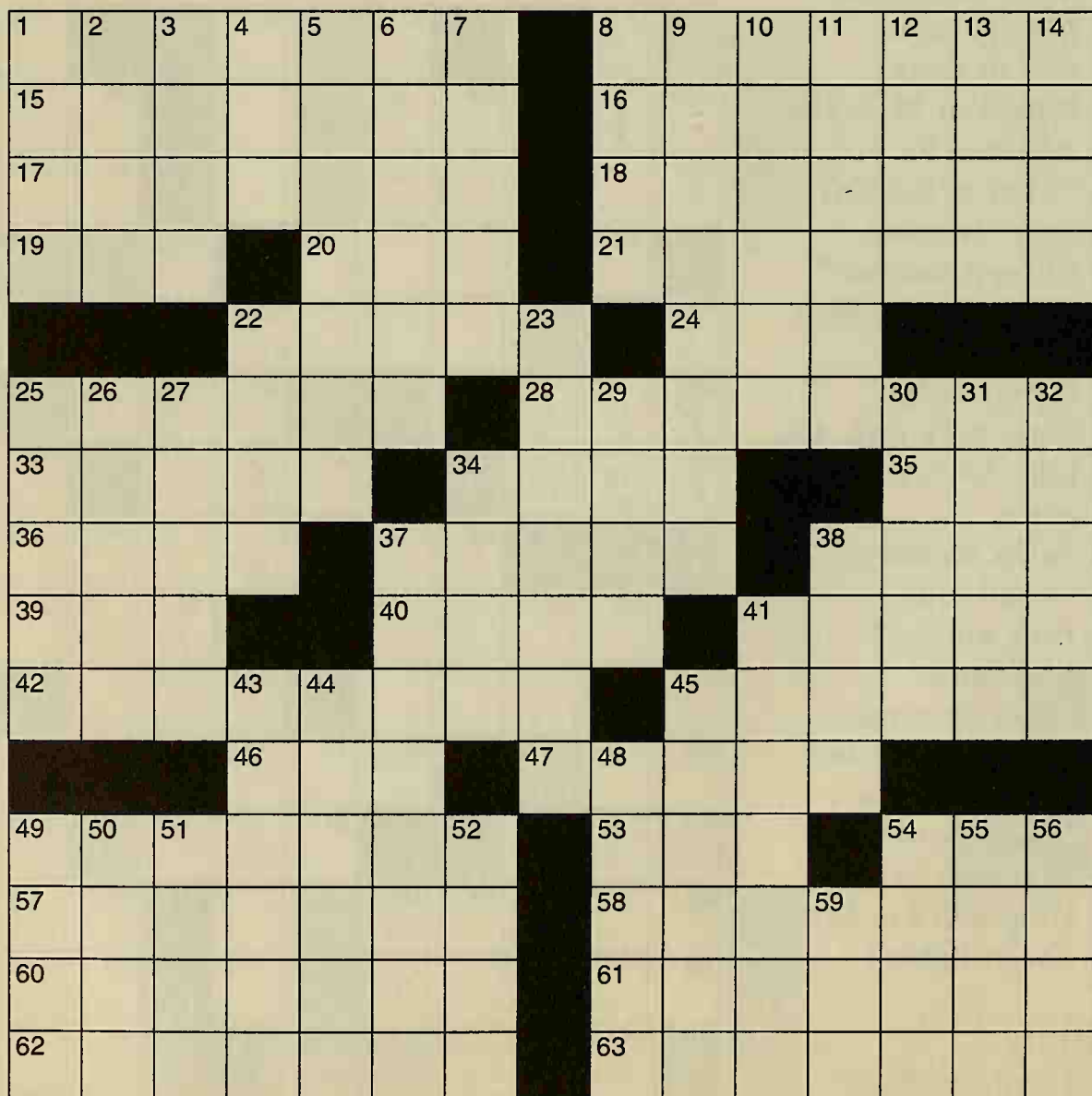
The 11 capitalized Across clues in this puzzle reveal its unusual theme. As a rule, the theme answers in a crossword are arranged in symmetrical positions in the grid, but here some extras have been squeezed in where they will fit, adding more pleasure to the solving.

ACROSS

- 1 COPPER CHARGES
8 MERCURY WATER SOURCES
15 Furniture piece
16 Glee
17 Competitor
18 "O, where is ___?": Shakespeare
19 Hemingway novel setting
20 Bygone auto
21 Quarantine
22 Ship officers
24 Of oneself: Lat.
25 GOLDEN GALE
28 POTASSIUM PORTIONS
33 TIN SOURCE
34 HYDROGEN GAS
35 Auction offering
36 Mauritanian, e.g.
37 Like Oscar Wilde
38 Flintstone pet
39 Zip
40 Imagine that!
41 CARBON COOKER
42 SILVER DEBRIS
45 NEON PORTAL
46 O.T. book
47 Recreational drives
49 Grants
53 Take measures
54 Boz boy
57 Lets, in tennis
58 Bug River locale
60 Current instrument
61 Some new-car drivers
62 HELIUM DRINKS
63 ALUMINUM FISHING GEAR

DOWN

- 1 Mediocre marks
2 The ___ Reader (alternative press magazine)
3 Pro ___
4 Cabinet dept.
5 Scented blossom
6 He went to camp in a 1987 movie
7 ___ Hall
8 Port opening
9 Back-of-the-book section
10 Rad
11 Latin list extender
12 Actress Kedrova
13 Senator from Mississippi
14 Backwater
22 Bedroom community, for short
23 Kerrigan and company
25 Yoga position
26 Take apart
27 Strive mightily, with "out"
29 U.S. poet laureate ___ Dove
30 Former Twin batting champ
31 Largish singing group
32 Attack in a way
34 Bury
37 Recalled
38 Follows hostilely
41 Indispensable
43 ___ one's head
44 Slightly tapered
45 Monticello site
48 Comic Poundstone
49 Esau's wife
50 Approach
51 Search
52 Lith. and Lat., once
54 Deck
55 Memo words
56 Dining hall
59 Tempe sch.



The reason for the extra square at the top of this puzzle will become evident once you solve 1-Down. Three other answers provide hints to the theme. Note the date that this puzzle first appeared.

ACROSS

- 2 Links org.
5 Hollers
10 Support
14 Speech fumbles
15 Charlotte cager
16 Mitch Miller's instrument
17 Bandleader Edmundo
18 Mr. Kosygin
19 "Lean —" (Bill Withers hit)
20 The Smothers Brothers, e.g.
21 Alice's restaurant
22 Make hand over fist
24 Open
26 Bottom-line amount
28 "Odyssey" enchantress
29 Antic
30 Chopin's "Butterfly" et al.
32 February 2 sighting
34 Brighton brew
35 Carved out
39 Cauldron
40 Like a certain period of burrowed time?
43 Singer Christie
44 Consent and Reason, e.g.
46 "Six Crises" monogram
47 37-Down, e.g.
49 They're on the receiving end
52 Cross
53 Maid-for-TV?
56 "Steve Allen Show" regular
57 "Romancero gitano" poet
59 Handsome hunk
61 Cowboys and Indians, e.g.
63 Physicist Georg
64 Actress Diana
65 Casual coverup

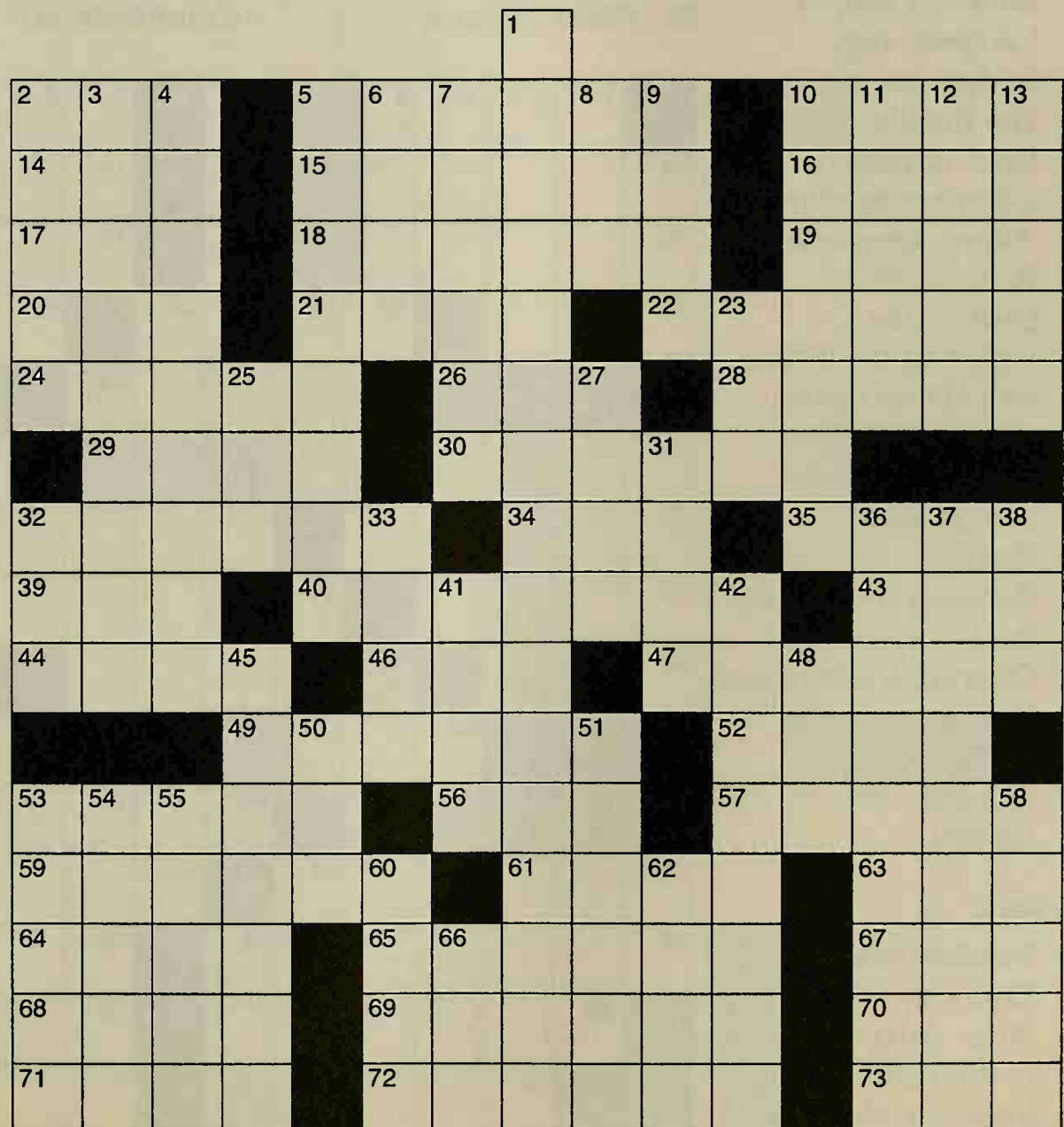
- 67 Stock option
68 Clairvaux cleric
69 Elizabeth I, to poets
70 System start-up
71 Salt deposit?
72 Hornless, as cattle
73 "Citizen Kane" studio

DOWN

- 1 For the outlook, look out for his look out!
2 Lost in Lille
3 What 1-Down is
4 Hobnob
5 Shock treatments?
6 Pit
7 Blackmailer's words

- 8 Driver's aid
9 Be up and about
10 Fond of reading
11 Dogpatch denizen
12 "Cathy," e.g.
13 Nancy Drew's creator
23 Virtuoso
25 Postfix
27 Slipper
31 Adjudge
32 Toning-up spot
33 In fighting trim
36 George Gallup competitor
37 What 3-Down is
38 Ding-a-ling
41 Mutant cartoon superheroes

- 42 Site of 1905's Norway-Sweden split
45 "The Faerie Queene" poet
48 "Who Slew Auntie —?" (1971 film)
50 Bard of boxing
51 Any soap opera
53 Set upon
54 Kind of brick
55 Kazantzakis character
58 "Are not!" response
60 What to do when you see red
62 D-Day river
66 Letters angels love?



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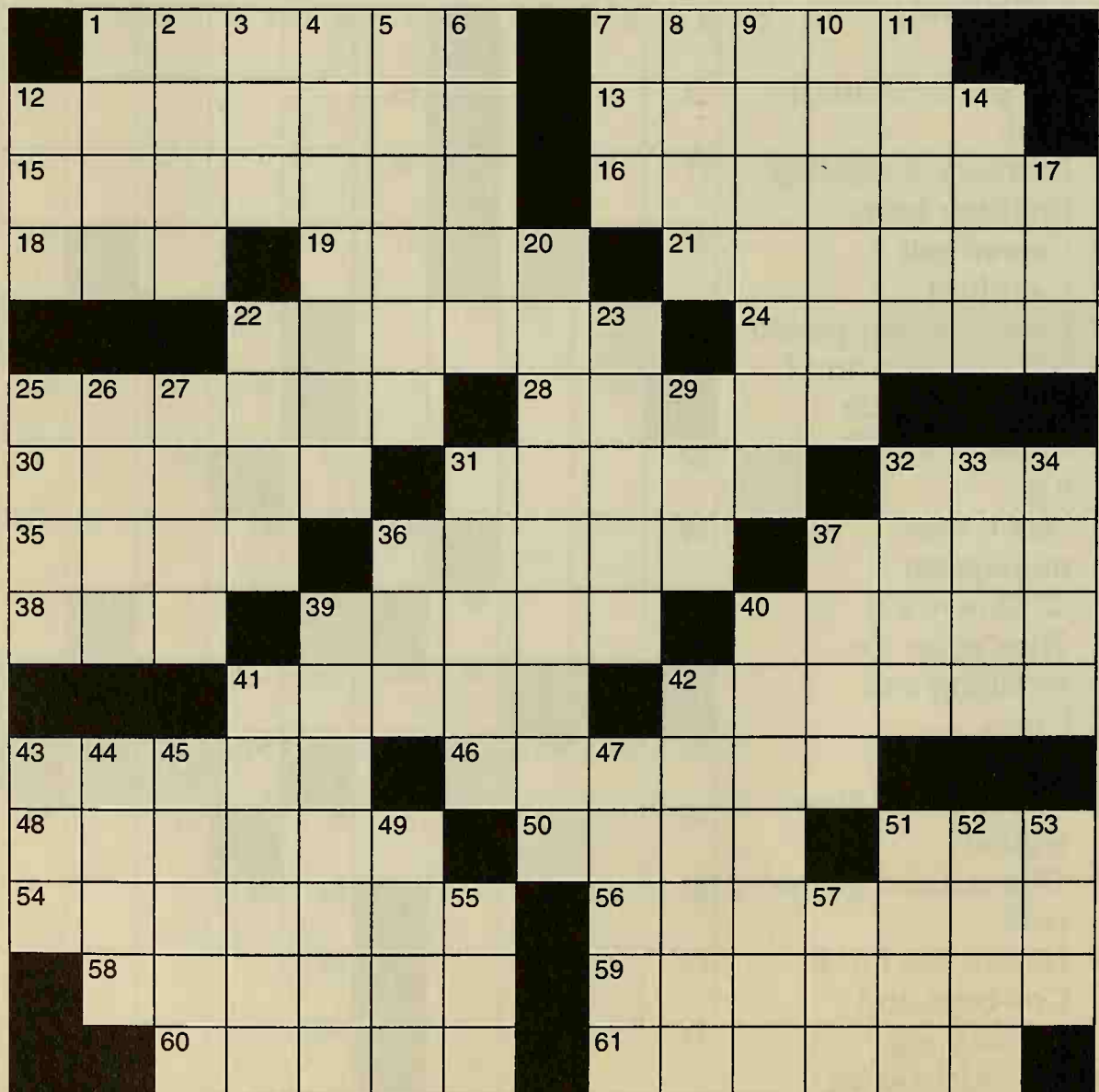
Sometimes simple is best, even wonderful, as this puzzle's theme proves—especially when all the elements of it are included. This was the constructor's first published crossword anywhere. What a debut!

ACROSS

- 1 Fantastik competitor
7 Minimum
12 60's space project
13 Polyester sheets
15 Show horse
16 Trident carrier
18 Jewel
19 "___ Rhythm"
21 Riyadh residents
22 Blitzed
24 TV's "Tales from the ___"
25 Weaselly animal
28 Boston airport
30 Doe follower, in song
31 Botticelli subject
32 Lawyers' org.
35 Budget item
36 Fits (inside)
37 Kind of history
38 Compass heading
39 Aligns, temporally
40 Bring forth
41 Disney dog
42 Father of the Titans
43 50's White House name
46 Tap type
48 One of nine
50 Results
51 Warning to Bo-Peep
54 Buckle up
56 Offering a neologism
58 Meaning
59 A Mouseketeer
60 Ground
61 Nullify
- 7 K-O string
8 Potato buds
9 Guanaco relatives
10 General Motors product
11 Hubert's wife, in the comics
12 Food additive
14 Trim a tress
17 Superlative suffix
20 Means of spotting this puzzle's theme?
22 Editor's notation
23 Some pieces of advice
25 Damages
26 Summer beverages
27 Artist Magritte
- 29 Astronaut Grissom
31 Relieves
32 Elvis's middle name
33 Capital on the Caspian
34 XXX drinks
36 Big Apple sch.
37 Ellipsoid
39 Train car
40 Causing to disappear
41 Mexican festival feature
42 Ruined
43 Brit. legislators
44 Prefix with meter
45 1918 battle site
47 Like some pre-Columbian art
- 49 Hue
51 Ship post
52 Part of A.M.
53 Point in life
55 Advanced degree?
57 Teachers' grp.

DOWN

- 1 Parisian head
2 Utah city
3 Street drug
4 Florida city
5 Eugene's place
6 "The Prisoner of Chillon" poet



In this high-wire act of puzzle-making, the letter I is the clue for 19- and 53-Across, the black squares in the middle of the grid form a large capital I . . . and every clue begins with I as well!

ACROSS

- 1 Ingemar Johansson wins
- 4 Inhabitant's place
- 9 Industrialist's deg.
- 12 Insurance figure
- 14 Ichthyologist's specimen
- 15 "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me" singer Billy
- 16 Indians of the West
- 17 Immortal start for Caesar
- 18 Important ship of myth
- 19 I
- 22 It's in Lepus
- 23 Italian dish
- 24 Initials for a waitress
- 27 Ignorant reply
- 29 Individual who fishes
- 33 Interweave
- 38 "I Will ___" (disco hit)
- 39 Intimate of Aeneas
- 40 Innermost orbital point
- 41 Influences in astrology
- 42 It precedes poetica
- 43 Irène's seasoning
- 44 Inventory, e.g.
- 48 Indonesian is similar to it
- 53 I
- 59 Infant's place
- 60 Innocent Hiss?
- 61 Item for heating liquids
- 62 Islets
- 63 Italian artist Andrea del ___
- 64 Institutes legal action
- 65 It follows oom
- 66 In amongst
- 67 Intemperate fit

DOWN

- 1 Idolized drummer
- 2 "In Old Arizona," e.g.
- 3 Isaac the violinist
- 4 Idi ___
- 5 Iberian "mouth"
- 6 Intense exam
- 7 Ideal, as greenhouse soil
- 8 Inspector
- 9 Idiot
- 10 Initiated
- 11 Isolated
- 13 In ___ (actually)
- 15 Inamorata of Tarzan
- 20 Indispensable, in music
- 21 Introduction for an eye doctor
- 25 Instrument for lifting
- 26 "I think that I shall never see . . ." poem
- 27 Inferior cars
- 28 "I give!"
- 29 Itty-bitty meas.
- 30 Île de la Cité street
- 31 Ice hockey legend
- 32 Inscribed 56
- 34 Ill-looking
- 35 Inhabitant: Suffix
- 36 Income after taxes
- 37 Initial for Superman
- 44 Irving Berlin belonged to it
- 45 Israel-Turkey separator

- 46 Ian of Rhodesia
- 47 Inverse of "floods"
- 49 Iced drinks
- 50 Illuminated
- 51 It spans douze mois
- 52 It's uplifting
- 54 In the rear
- 55 Imperfection
- 56 Inhuman brute
- 57 Interconnection of nerves
- 58 Item in a laundry

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SHORTZ SAYS:

Every theme answer in this puzzle interlocks with at least one other—an elegant touch—and the answer to 37-Across holds the key to everything. The constructor is a prominent Indianapolis lawyer, businessman and civic leader. He is also the founder of the Indianapolis Crossword Club, a meeting of which I once had the pleasure of attending.

ACROSS

- 1 Geometry calculation
5 Mere tool
9 Cupid's master
14 Gun blast
15 Kyrgyzstan's —
Mountains
16 Athenian general
17 Yemeni city
18 Trapper's trophy
19 Gathered, as bees
20 37-Across from a
1953 western
23 Nonetheless
24 Not practice
moderation
27 Carpenters, at times
31 Hopping —
32 Shopping aid
35 Twins. e.g.
36 Unattached
37 Theme of this puzzle
40 Doctrines
41 Philatelist's sheet
42 Radical Newton
43 Vane dir.
44 Dracula's home
46 More blessed
48 Sheriff's cry, in a
western
53 37-Across from the
cartoons
57 Moon over Uranus
59 Girlfriend abroad
60 Zola best seller
61 Trite
62 Swerve
63 Suffix with fabric or
authentic
64 Upset
65 Loose items,
sometimes
66 Stitches

DOWN

- 1 Rope plant
2 Home health hazard
3 The bad guys

- 4 Nixon Veep
5 Yellow fruit
6 Mr. Guinness
7 Alternative to hit
8 Louse eggs
9 Cold sorrel soups
10 Dress style
11 37-Across from a
raven
12 Kicker's asset
13 Also
21 African tribe member
22 Actor — Buchholz
25 A number 1
26 Works of Sappho
28 Belief of one billion
29 Climbing vine
30 "Barnaby Jones" star
32 Rodeo ring?
33 37-Across from a
witch
34 Message in a bottle,
maybe
36 Singer Christie
37 Christian symbol
38 Good-time Charlie
39 Place to see a catch
44 "Is that so!"
45 The unemployed
47 "Do — a Waltz?"
49 Mrs. Chaplin and
namesakes
50 Kind of glass
51 Words of
understanding
52 Despots
54 Reliever's quest
55 "You said a
mouthful"
56 Told a whopper
57 Legal org.
58 Fled or bled

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Here is another puzzle with a mystery theme (see 36-Across), with six examples of it arranged in symmetrical positions around the grid. The constructor is an actuarial consultant in New York City. On a wall of his office at home hangs a giant crossword blanket of one of his puzzles—knitted by a fan.

ACROSS

- 1 Former Toyota model
- 6 Grenades, e.g.
- 10 This may be tiled
- 14 Church recesses
- 15 Roaster's place?
- 16 Humorist Bombeck
- 17 "Romeo and Juliet" event
- 18 Slight trace
- 20 Gaping, as the mouth
- 22 Dizziness
- 23 Bat wood
- 24 Indulge, in a way
- 26 Type of servitude
- 29 1 + 1 = 3, for example
- 33 Noted name in puppetry
- 35 Buzzer
- 36 Theme of this puzzle
- 43 Birds — feather
- 44 Woody vine
- 45 Trial conference
- 50 Whole lot of apples
- 54 Marilyn role
- 56 Transfer —
- 57 Actress De Mornay
- 59 Most lucid
- 62 Unfavorably known
- 64 Eastern princess
- 65 Swear
- 66 Spider nests
- 67 Trimming tools
- 68 Cross products
- 69 Narrow valley
- 70 Is not allowed to, for short

DOWN

- 1 Minor despot
- 2 Revolt
- 3 Analysis start
- 4 Breathing spell
- 5 Fictional wirehair

- 6 Source of TV revenue
- 7 Purple color
- 8 Chintzy ones
- 9 Fish-eating hawk
- 10 Enumerate
- 11 Not a copy: Abbr.
- 12 Melville classic
- 13 Cooler
- 19 "I'd consider — honor"
- 21 Subject for Aristotle
- 25 — Beach, Fla.
- 27 Brokaw's network
- 28 "Wonderful!"
- 30 Quick score in baseball
- 31 "I didn't know that!"
- 32 Approval
- 34 M - CCCL
- 36 Santa's laughs
- 37 "— Loved You" ("Carousel" hit)
- 38 Bit
- 39 Bad check
- 40 Single-season home-run king
- 41 United
- 42 Churchill symbol
- 46 Jostles
- 47 Literally, farmer
- 48 Following a curve
- 49 Flinch
- 51 Violent agitation
- 52 Hidden
- 53 Fashion maven's quest
- 55 Honors word
- 57 Meander
- 58 — collar
- 60 Composer Khachaturian
- 61 Zilch
- 62 Be off guard
- 63 Break a Commandment

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SHORTZ SAYS:

Cathy Millhauser is one of the funniest crossword constructors around, as well as one of the most elegant. Here she incorporates four familiar 15-letter phrases and gives them a punny twist.

ACROSS

- 1 Kickapoos, e.g.
- 6 "Tuna-Fishing" painter
- 10 Silent one
- 14 Emulated the Blob
- 15 "My People" author
- 16 Dash
- 17 Like well-behaved clerics?
- 20 Singular
- 21 Mirror backing
- 22 It can bring a tear to your eye
- 23 The Great Commoner
- 24 Spelling on TV
- 25 Like mosquitoes at a camp?
- 32 Pernod ingredient
- 33 Hoopster Archibald
- 34 "Who, Horatius?"
- 35 Baker or Battle, e.g.
- 36 Producers of bangs?
- 38 Swindle, slangily
- 39 Put away the dishes
- 40 Exec's dispatch
- 41 Pickle
- 42 Like tie-dyed clothes?
- 46 Hem
- 47 Fritz, to Nancy
- 48 Sally
- 51 Mercyhurst College site
- 52 Indian sovereignty
- 55 Like Cinderella before the Prince?
- 58 Blue dye
- 59 Kind of thermometer
- 60 Ticket imperative
- 61 20's heavyweight Tunney
- 62 Street band
- 63 Goes the distance

DOWN

- 1 Fast food option
- 2 Crucifix

- 3 Shirt label
- 4 High-riser, e.g.
- 5 High-rise, e.g.
- 6 Danny of "Taxi"
- 7 Old actor Walter
- 8 — Cruces
- 9 Mass sections
- 10 Deserved praise
- 11 O'Grady of "Eight is Enough"
- 12 Ham bits
- 13 Screen
- 18 Reply to the Little Red Hen
- 19 Seine feeder
- 23 City on the Arno
- 24 Pre-1917 ruler
- 25 One of Polly Adler's ilk
- 26 Grammy-winning Baker
- 27 Hepatologist's speciality
- 28 Washington's — Station
- 29 Horse play?
- 30 "M*A*S*H" extra
- 31 Rake parts
- 36 Spinose mammal
- 37 Féminine friend
- 38 Junk
- 40 Ambulance driver
- 41 Dakar's land
- 43 Pot
- 44 Giving a darn
- 45 Trash
- 48 Decorative drapery
- 49 Caen's river
- 50 Harness part
- 51 Garden spot
- 52 — horn (shofar)
- 53 Keep — (persevere)
- 54 Jacuzzi set
- 56 60's singer Little —
- 57 Vitamin bottle abbr.

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A mere glance at the clues below will reveal the unusual feature of this crossword. The answer at 40-Across spells it out. This puzzle is perfect proof that a crossword does not have to be hard to be ingenious or well-made.

ACROSS

- 1 — Doc Duvalier
- 5 J. — Hoover
- 10 — au lait
- 14 — Corporation
(ammunition maker)
- 15 Jules —
- 16 — friendly
- 17 "Of — and Men"
- 18 "— the news
today..." (Beatles
lyric)
- 19 "Take — Train"
- 20 — basket
- 22 "The — Show on
Earth"
- 24 "It's — !" ("See you
then!")
- 26 Camus's "The — of
Sisyphus"
- 27 — so on
- 29 Nick at —
- 31 — living
- 34 TV's "— & Clark"
- 36 Hippocratic —
- 38 On the —
- 40 Title for this puzzle
- 43 "Van Gogh in —"
- 44 "Que —..."
- 45 — River, N.J.
- 46 — the storm
- 48 Jay —
- 50 Jacqueline Kennedy,
— Bouvier
- 51 "— Fiction"
- 53 British —
- 55 "The — Heart"
- 59 Mount St. —
- 62 — Canal
- 63 — finish
- 65 Get — the ground
floor
- 66 "Rock of —"
- 67 — nous
- 68 — spumante
- 69 "... gathers no —"
- 70 — the course
(perseveres)
- 71 "Have a —"

DOWN

- 1 "— and
Circumstance"
- 2 Et —
- 3 — Circus
- 4 Put — to
- 5 — notice
- 6 "— Rosenkavalier"
- 7 Cyclist — LeMond
- 8 — and a leg
- 9 Take the — (fly at
night)
- 10 — competition
- 11 Arthur —
- 12 Legal —
- 13 Quod —
demonstrandum
- 21 — Fleming
- 23 "Not —" ("Thinking
nothing of it")
- 25 — Unis
- 27 — Romeo
- 28 Bête —
- 30 — Merman
- 32 — panty hose
- 33 Billy Joel's "Don't —
Why"
- 35 "— in Seattle"
- 37 "Ready or not, —
come!"
- 39 In — (actually)
- 41 The word —
- 42 Rock's Siouxsie and
the —
- 47 Go down in —
- 49 Grand — Opry

- 52 Manufacturing —
- 54 — Howe
- 55 — player
- 56 "Cogito — sum"
- 57 "True —"
- 58 — Kett of the comics
- 60 — bene
- 61 In a — (agitated)
- 64 The old college —

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SHORTZ SAYS:

Perhaps my all-time favorite crossword in The Times. This originally appeared on the morning of Election Day in 1996, before the polls had opened across much of the country. Starting at about 9 A.M., and continuing all day, calls from outraged solvers poured into my office, because the callers assumed . . . well, you'll have to solve the puzzle to understand why. The puzzle was discussed on ABC's "World News Tonight" that night, and explained in The Times the next day.

ACROSS

- 1 "— your name"
(Mamas and Papas lyric)
6 Fell behind slightly
15 Euripides tragedy
16 Free
17 Forecast
19 Be bedridden
20 Journalist Stewart
21 Rosetta —
22 1960's espionage series
24 — Perignon
25 Quilting party
26 "Drying out" program
28 Umpire's call
30 Tease
34 Tease
36 Standard
38 "The Tell-Tale Heart" writer
39 & 43 Lead story in tomorrow's newspaper (!)
45 Gold: Prefix
46 — Lee cakes
48 Bobble the ball
49 Spanish aunts
51 Obi
53 Bravery
57 Small island
59 Daddies
61 Theda of 1917's "Cleopatra"
62 Employee motivator
65 Otherworldly
67 Treasure hunter's aid
68 Title for 39-Across next year
71 Exclusion from social events
72 Fab Four name
73 They may get tied up in knots
74 Begin, as a maze

DOWN

- 1 Disable
2 Cherry-colored

- 3 Newspaperman Ochs
4 Easel part
5 Actress Turner
6 Ropes, as dogies
7 Place to put your feet up
8 Underskirt
9 First of three-in-a-row
10 Lower in public estimation
11 Onetime bowling alley employee
12 Threesome
13 English prince's school
14 60's TV talk-show host Joe
18 Superannuated
23 Sewing shop purchase
25 TV's Uncle Miltie
27 Short writings
29 Opponent
31 Likely
32 Actress Caldwell
33 End of the English alphabet
35 Trumpet
37 Ex-host Griffin
39 Black Halloween animal
40 French 101 word
41 Provider of support, for short
42 Much-debated political inits.
44 Sourpuss
47 Malign
50 "La Nausee" novelist
52 Sheik's cliques
54 Bemoan
55 Popsicle color
56 Bird of prey
58 10 on a scale of 1 to 10
60 Family girl
62 Famous —
63 Something to make on one's birthday
64 Regarding
65 Quite a story
66 Dublin's land
69 — Victor
70 Hullabaloo

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Five theme answers, arranged in order from top to bottom (and covering all the possibilities of the theme), make this puzzle remarkable. The constructor, a high school math teacher in Brooklyn, N.Y., has six crosswords in the book—more than any other person.

ACROSS

- 1 Certain drapes
- 6 Atlantic food fish
- 10 Gator's kin
- 14 Cop — (confess for a lighter sentence)
- 15 White-tailed flier
- 16 Deli offering
- 17 Colt 45, e.g.
- 19 List member
- 20 "That's a lie!"
- 21 Household
- 23 70's-80's robotic rock group
- 25 The United States, metaphorically
- 27 Uris hero
- 28 Dance, in Dijon
- 29 Member of the 500 HR club
- 30 Rock impresario Brian
- 31 Surgical fabric
- 33 Ant, in dialect
- 35 "Texaco Star Theater" host
- 39 Cut down
- 40 Brilliance
- 43 High dudgeon
- 46 Mai —
- 47 Go on to say
- 49 "Bravo!"
- 50 It once settled near Pompeii
- 53 Part of a whole
- 54 Kangaroo moves
- 55 Hayfield activity
- 57 Prefix with China
- 58 Kind of cereal
- 62 Shade of red
- 63 Conception
- 64 Bizarre
- 65 Bronte heroine
- 66 Pre-1821 Missouri, e.g.: Abbr.
- 67 He had Scarlett fever

DOWN

- 1 Uncle of note
- 2 New Deal prog.
- 3 Stream deposit
- 4 "I can't —" (Stones refrain)
- 5 Morton product
- 6 "Rocky II," e.g.
- 7 Diabolical
- 8 Due halved
- 9 Words of assistance
- 10 "I —" (ancient Chinese text)
- 11 Record again
- 12 Where to find Eugene
- 13 Awaken
- 18 Early Shirley role

- 22 Signed up for
- 23 U.N.'s Hammarskjold
- 24 Former polit. cause
- 26 — of the Unknowns
- 28 Like some greeting cards
- 32 Nine-digit number, maybe
- 33 Ultimate point
- 34 R.N.'s offering
- 36 Send
- 37 Trompe l'—
- 38 Stretch
- 41 He KO'd Quarry, 10/26/70
- 42 Asian holiday
- 43 Tipple

- 44 "Didja ever wonder . . . ?" humorist
- 45 Successful escapee
- 47 Incarnation
- 48 Spanish Surrealist
- 51 Certain investment, informally
- 52 More competent
- 53 Jesse who lost to Ronald Reagan in 1970
- 56 Composer Stravinsky
- 59 Ending with quiet
- 60 N.Y.C. subway
- 61 Modern information source, with "the"

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SHORTZ SAYS:

David Kahn never makes an ordinary puzzle, but this one is truly exceptional. Every theme answer (four horizontal and two vertical) interlocks with at least one other, and the answer at 7-Down gives a playful explanation of what these six have in common.

ACROSS

- 1 Construction lifts
 7 "If — a nickel . . ."
 11 Pointed criticism
 14 You can say that again!
 15 Section flanked by aisles
 16 Hubbub
 17 Appoint
 18 Spring zoo attraction
 20 Tick off
 21 Dearie
 22 Ambles (along)
 23 Magellan, e.g.
 27 Crescent-shaped figure
 28 Olive —
 29 Beach time in Buenos Aires
 32 Retired
 33 Struggle
 34 O'Brien of "The Barefoot Contessa"
 36 TV news time
 37 Namesakes of a literary fox
 39 Suffix with saw
 40 Plain homes
 42 Eight pts.
 43 Not occurring naturally
 44 — voce
 45 Adaptable truck, for short
 46 Stonewort, e.g.
 47 Confederate soldier, at times?
 50 Pundit
 53 Where to hear "All Things Considered"
 54 Number of articles in the Constitution
 55 New York City opera benefactor?
 57 Melon originally from Turkey
 60 Tide rival

- 61 Noted first name in jazz
 62 Like Alban Berg's music
 63 Get spliced
 64 —-poly
 65 Metric units

DOWN

- 1 Med. care provider
 2 Sweep
 3 World's fair pavilion
 4 Famished
 5 Tot's transport
 6 Start of many Western place names
 7 Theme of this puzzle
 8 1492 Columbus discovery

- 9 Dow Jones fig.
 10 Pool areas
 11 Item in a trunk
 12 Together, musically
 13 Feints in boxing
 19 "Air Music" composer
 21 Contribute, as to an account
 23 Criticize in no uncertain terms
 24 Red corundums
 25 Continues
 26 Razzed
 30 Louis XIV, to himself?
 31 Wound up
 35 Cheerless

- 37 Attorney's request
 38 Critic
 41 Old words from which modern words are derived
 43 Half of the Odd Couple
 48 Sound of passage
 49 Not perfectly round
 50 Fish-eating duck
 51 Ginger Rogers tune "— in the Money"
 52 Not much
 56 Day—
 57 Be-bopper
 58 "Phooey!"
 59 Capp and Capone

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Did I get mail after publishing this puzzle! Many solvers didn't understand the theme even after seeing the answer . . . although most seemed to appreciate it when it was explained. (See the note in the back of the book in case you're stymied, too.) This was the only crossword that Isabel Walcott ever had published in *The Times*. In fact, if I remember correctly, it's the only one she ever submitted.

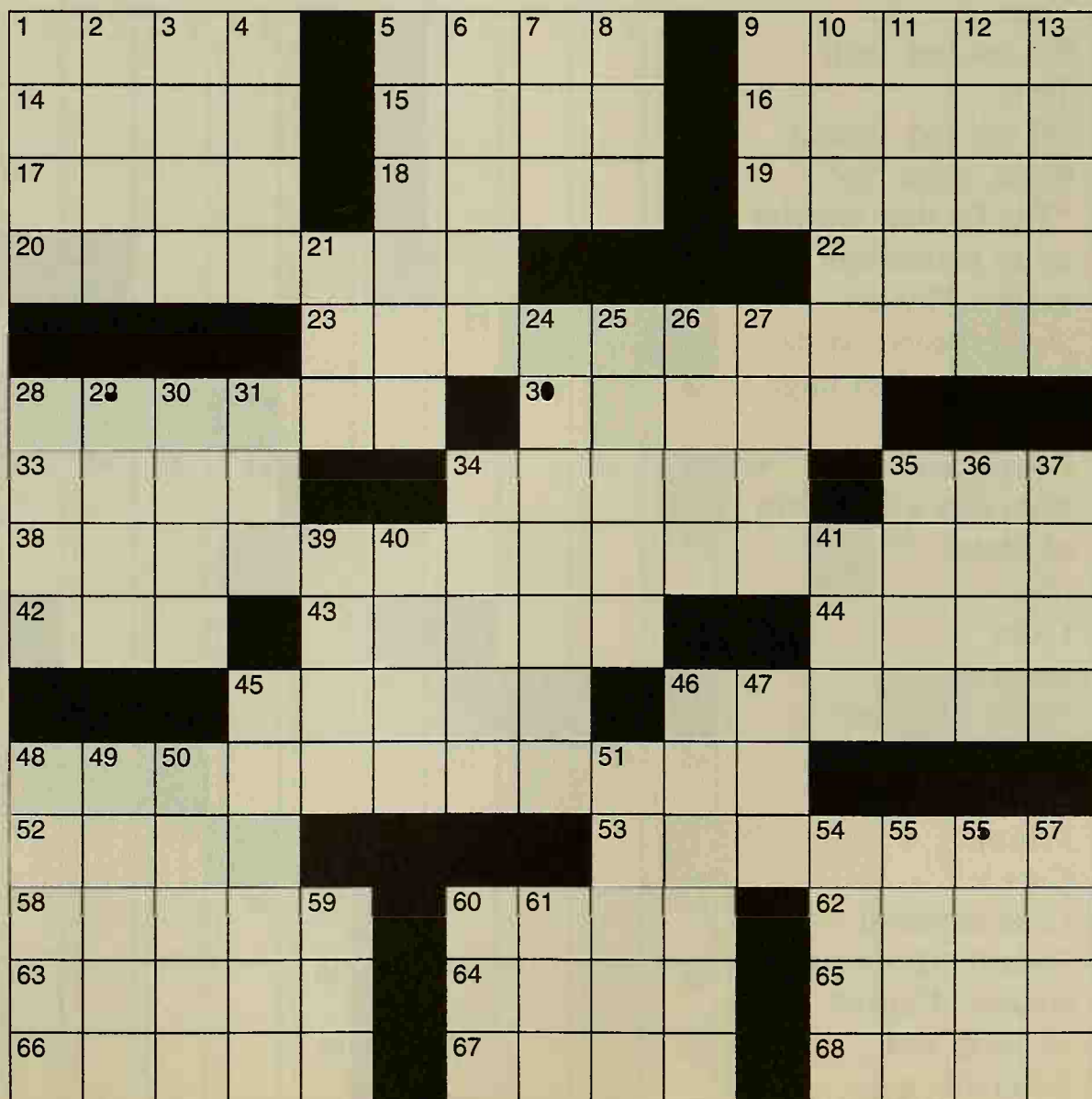
ACROSS

- 1 Like The Citadel, now
5 The Constitution, e.g.
9 Wing it
14 Fit
15 Place for a pig
16 Metier
17 With 35-Down, a birth announcement
18 Place to hold a banquet roast?
19 Like some diseases
20 Heavy-duty kitchen implement
22 Rebound
23 60's sitcom that had a whistled intro, with "The"
28 Prepare to share
32 Circumference
33 Sheik's peer
34 March V.I.P.
35 N₂O, e.g.
38 What a "choosy mother" might pack for lunch
42 Ninny
43 CompuServe service
44 Wit Bombeck
45 Winter Palace residents
46 Put on ice
48 Unsavory MTV cartoon duo
52 Chevy rival
53 Familiar five-word phrase that means "Excuses are unacceptable!"
58 Staffers
60 Abominable Snowman
62 Turnoff
63 Reinstates
64 Dark —
65 Southwestern sight
66 Elliptical
67 Crawl
68 Black

DOWN

- 1 Smart
2 Swear word
3 Otherwise
4 Sugar substitute?
5 Mooch
6 Remain in an uncertain state
7 "Crusade in Europe" author, familiarly
8 Place for a pig
9 Recreational four-wheeler, for short
10 Least sweet
11 Durable wood
12 Where Shoshone Falls falls
13 Not on deck
21 "The Spanish Tragedy" dramatist
24 Rather stout
25 Press on
26 Alpine elevator
27 Billboard listings
28 — vu
29 Troublemakers
30 Struggles
31 Stash for cash, briefly
34 Maze word
35 See 17-Across
36 Tiptop
37 Roe source
39 40's theater director James
40 Thurman et al.
41 Cause of a fly's demise
45 Idiot boxes

- 46 The way and the path
47 They might be zapped
48 Crow
49 Type of type
50 Milk snake
51 Keypad key
54 This might be in for the long haul
55 Farm team
56 Put on the line
57 Corset part
59 Mariner's dir.
60 Deviation at sea
61 Psychology I



SHORTZ SAYS:

Even among puzzles of this general type (and I'm not revealing what type it is!), this puzzle is unusual, because the theme has an *extra extra* twist!

ACROSS

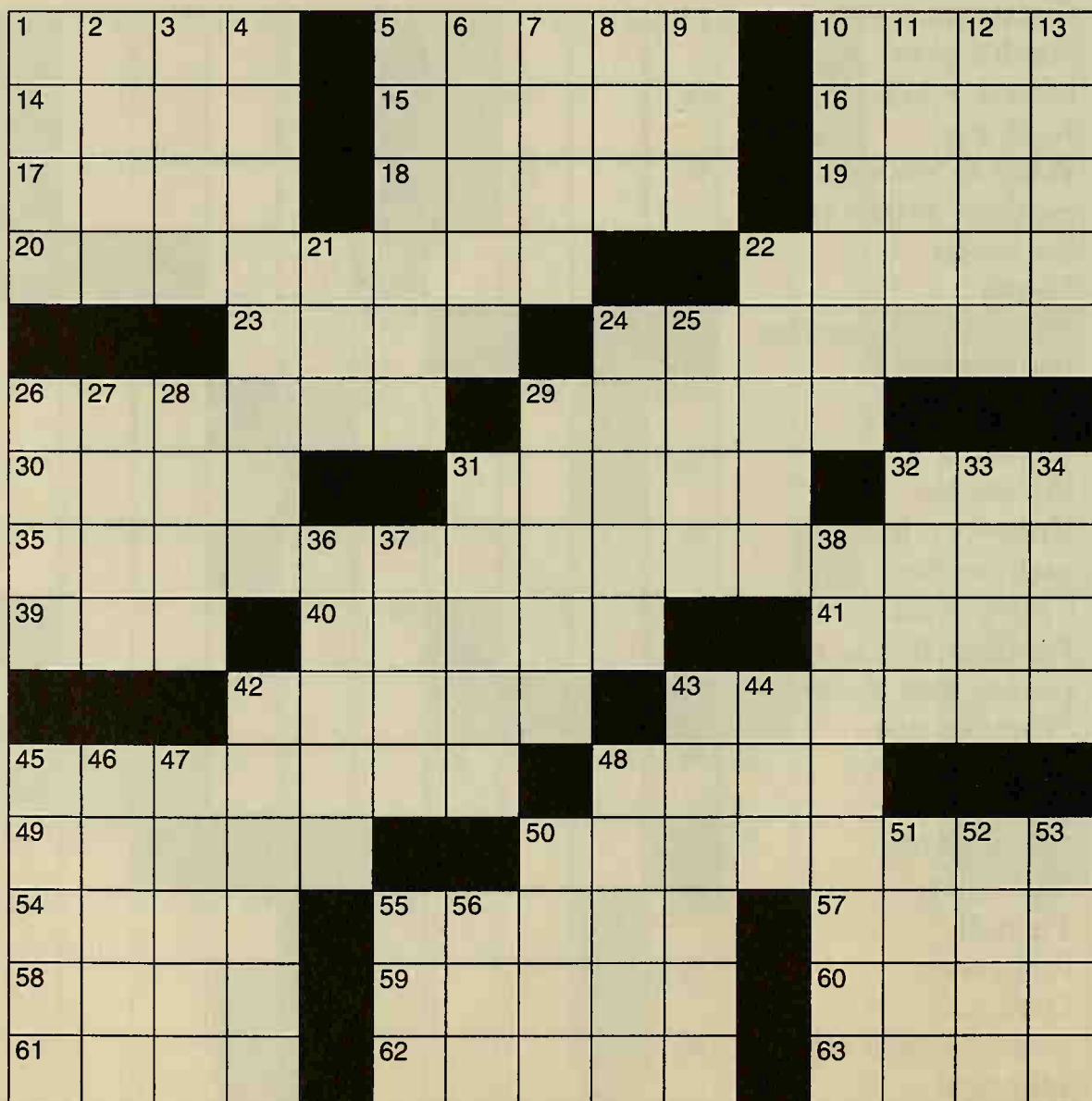
- 1 "Buffalo ____" (1844 song)
 5 Speleologist
 10 Guinea pigs, maybe
 14 Tissue additive
 15 Departure
 16 Departure
 17 Puccini soprano
 18 Father of William the Conqueror
 19 Anna Leonowens, e.g., in "The King and I"
 20 They make wakeup calls
 22 "Memphis ____" (1990 war film)
 23 Drench, in a way
 24 Hurt
 26 Stocks and such
 29 Tries
 30 Whiskered animal
 31 Stuck, after "in"
 32 "The lie that enables us to realize the truth": Picasso
 35 Shakespeare classic
 39 Hurricane heading: Abbr.
 40 Petrol unit
 41 Kennedy's Secretary of State
 42 Jibe
 43 Calm
 45 Severe critic
 48 Star witnesses?
 49 Actress Barkin
 50 Parting word
 54 Whim
 55 Cast
 57 Casa material
 58 Mount whose name means "I burn"
 59 Jackson and Jefferson, e.g.
 60 "Mona ____"
 61 Spots

- 62 ____ Rose
 63 Pipe piece

DOWN

- 1 Gainesville athlete
 2 "Not to mention . . ."
 3 Wacky
 4 Scallop, for one
 5 Special touch
 6 Cherish
 7 They may be picked up
 8 Poetic adverb
 9 Sticking point
 10 Hollywood producer
 11 Rejoice
 12 King, for instance
 13 Kept on the hard drive
 21 Kindergartener
 22 Genesis city
 24 Wrap
 25 Where Timbuktu is
 26 Former Davis Cup captain
 27 Writer O'Faolain
 28 The very ____
 29 Beach
 31 It has many narrow rays
 32 A pastel
 33 Deteriorate
 34 Kindergartener
 36 Former Laker great
 Baylor

- 37 Cross-ply, e.g.
 38 You can count on them
 42 Circus sites
 43 States as fact
 44 I
 45 Indicates
 46 Blue bloods
 47 Replicate
 48 Best Picture of 1955
 50 Chimney-top nester
 51 Mine entrance
 52 Rocketed
 53 Nautical direction
 55 Nautical direction
 56 Bird sound



The most successful punny puzzles are the ones that make you laugh, and this one's a good example. It features six theme answers with a very specific phonetic twist.

ACROSS

- 1 Grist for processors
 5 Quizzes
 9 Hurt
 14 "L'__ c'est moi":
 Louis XIV
 15 Train transportation
 16 Word in a Yale song
 17 Religious monster?
 19 Sound louder than
 kerplop
 20 Swimming pool
 problem
 21 Athos, Porthos and
 Aramis, e.g.
 23 1944 Pulitzer
 journalist
 24 It's rolled out at
 parties
 26 Wooden shoe
 28 1940's Big-Band
 leader
 30 Solidarnosc leader
 33 Chattering birds
 36 Not stiff
 38 Frothy
 39 Serpent's mark?
 40 Popular men's
 magazine
 42 Parisian way
 43 "Mefistofele"
 composer
 45 Biology subj.
 46 Gets choked up
 47 Charles's "Gaslight"
 co-star, 1944
 49 "__ to bed"
 51 Solicit cash from
 53 Formation of bone
 57 Spoils
 59 Cream of the crop
 61 Junta's act
 62 Tigger's adopted
 mom
 64 Macho dance?
 66 Signed
 67 Sound
 68 December air
 69 Compote fruit
 70 Q-Tip
 71 In __ (existing)

DOWN

- 1 Make lean?
 2 "I could __
 unfold...":
 "Hamlet"
 3 Northern evergreen
 forests
 4 Jumps on
 5 S.A. republic
 6 Patron of bread?
 7 Narc's catch, maybe
 8 Putdowns
 9 Tummy muscles
 10 "Apocalypse Now"
 director
 11 Jerusalem?
 12 One way to get to
 Jerusalem
 13 Anniversary, e.g.
 18 Take, as oral
 arguments
 22 Cut
 25 Wear the crown
 27 Barbara, to friends
 29 Popular appliance
 maker
 31 Overproud
 32 Words said in
 passing?
 33 Skater Thomas
 34 Shakespeare, the
 Bard of __
 35 Measure a pop
 singer?
 37 Musical fish?
 40 "Go ahead!"
 41 Some old Fords
 44 Set off

- 46 "Nice going!"
 48 Name
 50 Kind of aerobics
 52 Pains in the neck
 54 Farm towers
 55 F.D.R.'s Interior
 Secretary
 56 Several-days-old
 57 Pass over
 58 Diminish
 60 Pack away
 63 TV breaks
 65 Miss out?

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SHORTZ SAYS:

This is the first and (so far) only crossword in The Times by this puzzle whiz in his 20's, who won a prize as a solver at a recent American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. His puzzle utilizes a common theme element in four different ways as it tests your mind's ability to be flexible.

ACROSS

- 1 Radio station supply
- 6 Dismay
- 10 Louis who was guillotined
- 13 Flu ward sound
- 14 "You said it!"
- 15 Regular Cosmo feature
- 16 Betraying, briefly
- 18 Lhasa — (dog)
- 19 Colony member
- 20 Strove (for)
- 21 Told (on)
- 23 Advance
- 24 Antigun lobbyist Brady
- 25 Congresswoman Waters
- 28 Respectful
- 31 Commencement
- 32 Wizards
- 33 Prevent
- 34 Four on a four, e.g.
- 35 Tint
- 36 Coffee
- 37 Nationality suffix
- 38 Flapjack places, for short
- 39 Punished, perhaps
- 40 Like some pizzas
- 42 Punish, perhaps
- 43 Speak monotonously
- 44 Soothing instrument
- 45 Knee/ankle connector
- 47 Glow
- 48 "Look here!"
- 51 Eager
- 52 It indicates what's happening, briefly
- 55 Womanizer
- 56 Raison d'—
- 57 Bud Grace comic strip
- 58 Unified
- 59 Antique store tag
- 60 Kind of statement

DOWN

- 1 Arp art
- 2 What a model might become
- 3 Barricade, with "in"
- 4 Inner ear
- 5 In the black, like a dry cleaner?
- 6 Sent, in a way
- 7 Within
- 8 Form of Buddhism
- 9 Currier or Ives
- 10 Start playing, briefly
- 11 Tight gripper
- 12 — Lacoste
- 15 Mideast nation
- 17 "— kleine Nachtmusik"
- 22 God shown with a burning torch
- 23 "Fairy tales"
- 24 Utah lilies
- 25 Two-wheeler
- 26 Liqueur flavor
- 27 Two-wheeler, briefly
- 28 "Lord of the Flies" leader
- 29 Object of contemplation?
- 30 Business
- 32 Bullwinkle, for one
- 35 Waters off Hong Kong
- 36 Green shade
- 38 Pop star, say
- 39 Wine orders

- 41 Bluenose
- 42 Lighting specialist, informally?
- 44 Crescents
- 45 Betting game
- 46 Tolstoy hero
- 47 Prefix with culture
- 48 "Yikes!"
- 49 Son, usually
- 50 Farm team
- 53 "— a Joke, Son" (1947 flick)
- 54 Big inits. in credit reporting

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According to my rules, a crossword does not need a theme if it contains 72 or fewer entries. This brilliant construction by a young mathematician contains just 68 entries, yet has six theme answers.

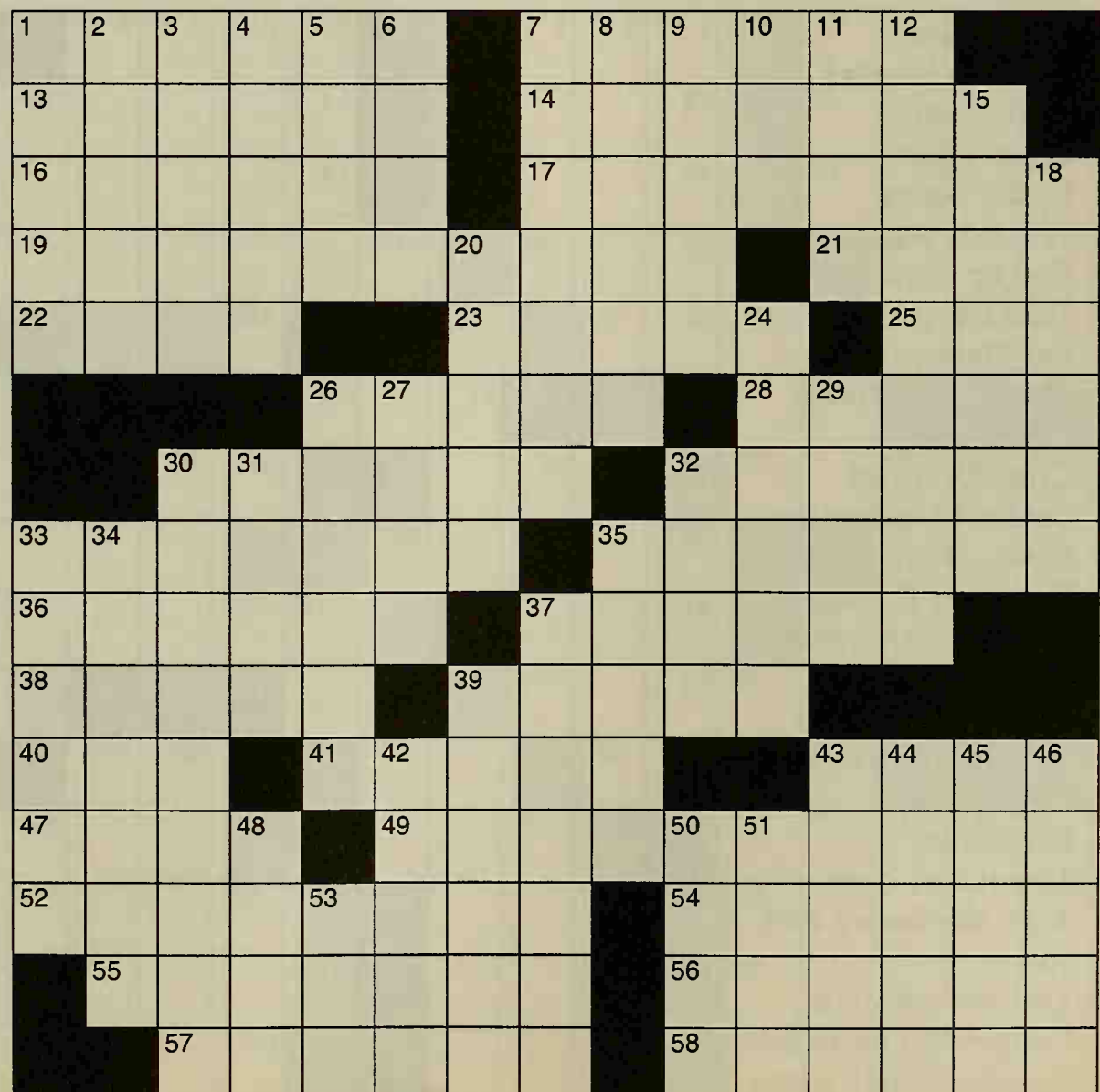
ACROSS

- 1 Kind of wrench
- 7 Venomous, as a snake
- 13 Do well
- 14 Not real
- 16 Reducer
- 17 Eavesdropped
- 19 With 49-Across, underlying theme of 24-Down
- 21 Prefix with stasis
- 22 "— only"
- 23 Appropriate, in a way
- 25 School subj.
- 26 Hall of fame
- 28 Brine-cured cheeses
- 30 The skeptic
- 32 Hairy-chested
- 33 With the worst consequences
- 35 Convictions
- 36 — Foods, Inc.
- 37 Frequent 24-Down subject
- 38 Picture
- 39 Public relations interpretations
- 40 Undermine
- 41 Vituperates
- 43 Gift —
- 47 Site of temptation
- 49 See 19-Across
- 52 Nice work if you can get it
- 54 James Russell Lowell, for one
- 55 Freshens, in a way
- 56 Bow out
- 57 Illegal race track workers
- 58 Secret fraternity

DOWN

- 1 Put on
- 2 "Goody!"
- 3 Desire
- 4 Wind-up toys?

- 5 Incessantly
- 6 Arctic —
- 7 Very much
- 8 Climb
- 9 Wallop
- 10 Some investors' income: Abbr.
- 11 Pipe part
- 12 Truthful qualities
- 15 Actress Laurie of "Roseanne"
- 18 Parts of meeting rooms
- 20 Hairy-chested
- 24 Theme of this puzzle, with "The"
- 26 The believer
- 27 Spanish stew
- 29 Object of March celebrations
- 30 Made more precipitous
- 31 "Double Indemnity" novelist
- 32 Phlebotomy target
- 33 Defensive ditches
- 34 Land of peace and simplicity
- 35 Heaven
- 37 Relevance
- 39 Bothersome bedmate
- 42 Critical
- 43 Fieri facias and others
- 44 Statistical bit
- 45 It's put away for winter
- 46 Mourning sites
- 48 Student of Seneca
- 50 Give a wave?
- 51 Essay's basis
- 53 Kind of gun



SHORTZ SAYS:

In fall 1997 a young Manhattan lawyer, Bill Gottlieb, called me at The Times, asking if I would be willing to run a crossword containing a marriage proposal to his crossword-loving girlfriend, Emily Mindel. The puzzle below, which I specially commissioned from Bob Klahn, was the result. Over breakfast with Bill on the day this was first published, Emily solved the puzzle and said "57-Down!" The couple appeared on numerous television shows about their unusual engagement. I attended their wedding, and Bob and I have heard from Bill and Emily on every anniversary since the puzzle appeared.

ACROSS

- 1 "High Hopes" lyricist
 5 — Romeo
 9 Pull oneself up to the bar
 13 Mélange
 14 Microsoft chief, to some
 16 "Darling, Je Vous — Beaucoup"
 17 Answers, for short
 18 Poet Dickinson
 19 Dirty Harry's employer: Abbr.
 20 1729 Jonathan Swift pamphlet, with "A"
 23 Old enough to know better?
 24 Pork place?
 25 Frasier's brother
 27 Highly rated
 29 Begin again
 30 Cosby series
 33 Without whiskers
 37 Key or Kennedy
 38 1965 Gary Lewis and the Playboys hit
 41 "2001" mainframe
 42 Fluster
 43 Chip for a pot
 44 Crater Lake locale
 46 Obi— Kenobi
 48 Ennui, to Enrique
 49 Stat. for Barry Bonds
 52 Fall guy
 56 1992 Paula Abdul hit, with Stevie Wonder on harmonica
 59 Listen and obey
 60 Take the honey and run
 61 Driver's selection
 62 Suffix with bachelor
 63 Comparatively cagey
 64 Collate
 65 Like show horses

66 Cold capital

67 Artist Paul

DOWN

- 1 Popular women's mag
 2 Reserved
 3 Broom — (comics witch)
 4 Posies
 5 Help at a heist
 6 Proceeds falteringlly
 7 Play at love
 8 Brass or bronze
 9 Black currant liqueur
 10 Pompous
 11 Carry out
 12 Stephen Foster's "Old Uncle —"
 15 Bilk, say
 21 Melville setting
 22 Erect
 26 Bulrush, e.g.
 28 Like some flu
 29 Ask for more Time?
 30 "Some Like —"
 31 Offer some to
 32 Entered en masse
 34 This may be over your head
 35 Tbsp. or tsp.
 36 Radio setting: Abbr.
 39 Covet, with "over"
 40 Threw caution to the wind

45 Like some lilies

47 Shower time: Abbr.

49 Rich kid in "Nancy"

50 Encourages, with "up"

51 Push forward

53 Its capital is Innsbruck

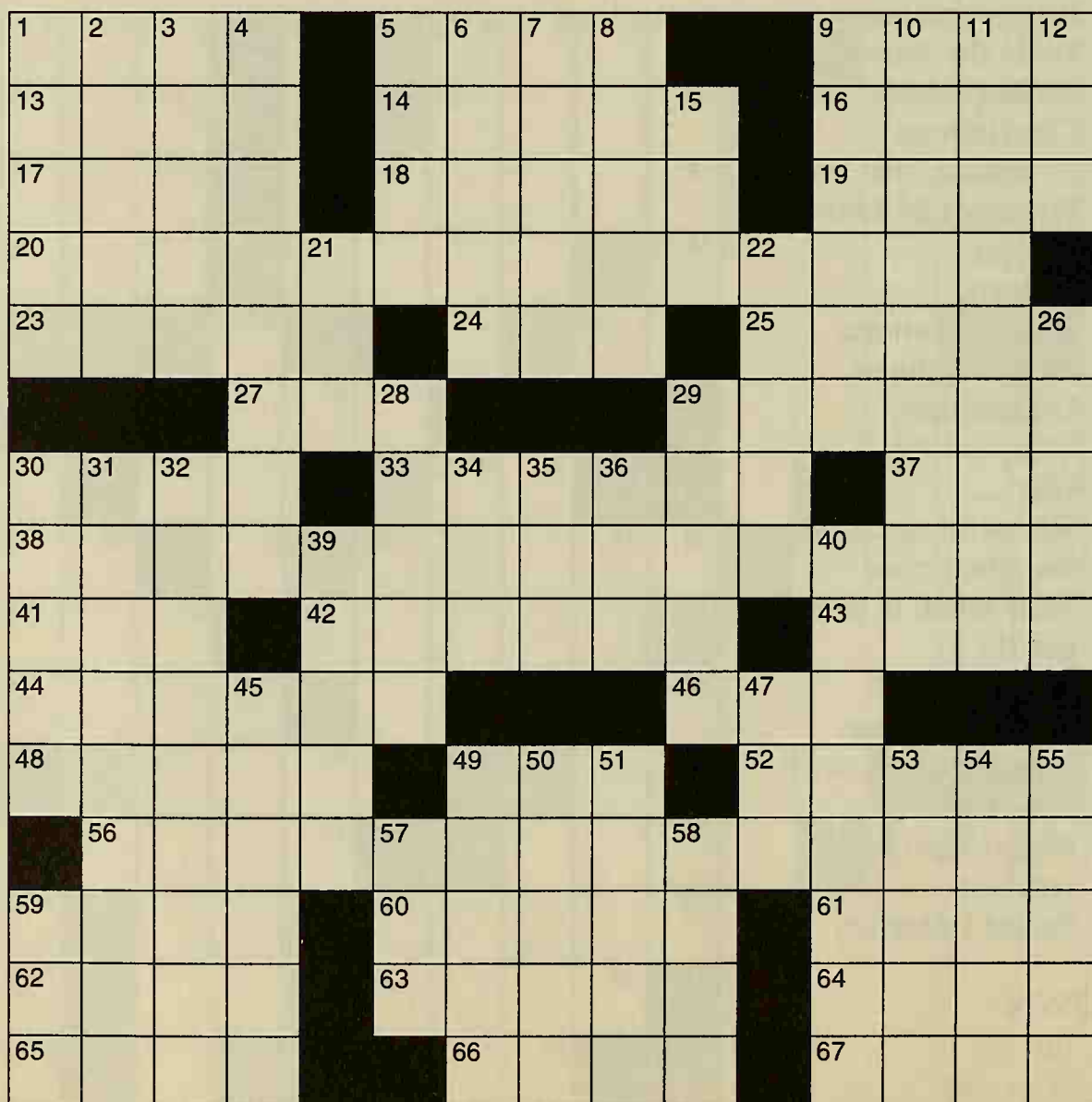
54 Chocolate marshmallow snack

55 "Fiddler on the Roof" matchmaker

57 Hoped-for response to 56-Across

58 Dynamic start

59 Enero, por ejemplo



by Bob Klahn

Wednesday, January 7, 1998

This beautifully crafted puzzle uses its theme element nine times in a total of 18 answers. What makes the grid particularly elegant is that these theme elements appear in perfectly symmetric positions.

ACROSS

- 1 Under — (concealed)
- 6 Woman's shoe
- 10 "Cease and desist!"
- 14 Irene, Dike and Eunomia
- 15 Positive
- 16 Stigma
- 17 Spooky board
- 18 Kind of list
- 19 — Beauty (apple variety)
- 20 "Finally!"
- 22 Food
- 24 Honest one
- 25 — & Chandon (champagne)
- 27 Diamond middleman?
- 29 Herb sometimes called Chinese parsley
- 33 For example
- 34 Computer type
- 35 Writer Jaffe
- 37 Fixed tire
- 41 — foo yung
- 42 Coroner's concern
- 44 "Eureka!"
- 45 Frothy
- 48 Way of speaking
- 49 Formal hat, informally
- 50 Lawyer's hurdle
- 52 Frightening
- 54 First-rate
- 58 Korean statesman
- 59 — Tomé and Principe
- 60 College sports org.
- 62 Disgust
- 66 Polo competitor
- 68 Summit
- 70 Bellyache
- 71 Nimble
- 72 Football's Armstrong
- 73 Later
- 74 Hinders legally
- 75 Corset prop

- 76 Cooped up at Old MacDonald's

DOWN

- 1 "Hold it!"
- 2 Beat badly
- 3 Seed covering
- 4 Bit of bedwear
- 5 Rainy or silly follower
- 6 Camera setting
- 7 Pear-shaped instrument
- 8 Spheres
- 9 Tithe amounts
- 10 Abbr. on old Asian maps
- 11 Paint job finale

- 12 Pentameter parts
- 13 Questionable cradle location
- 21 Aquarium fish
- 23 Glide aloft
- 26 "Speckled" fish
- 28 Bread for a Reuben
- 29 G —
- 30 Betrayer of the Moor
- 31 Women's Tour sponsor: Abbr.
- 32 Fully informed about
- 36 Ed of "Lou Grant"
- 38 Mob boss
- 39 Doubt-conveying interjection
- 40 Peel

- 43 Refrain in many early Beatles songs
- 46 Entrepreneur's deg.
- 47 Gape
- 49 Hush-hush
- 51 Right-hand pages
- 53 Rules
- 54 Up on deck
- 55 Stuns
- 56 Locale for Santa's team
- 57 Singer Bonnie
- 61 Samoan capital
- 63 Fuzzy fruit
- 64 Sporting rapier
- 65 Bookworm
- 67 Topper's woe
- 69 Stowe girl

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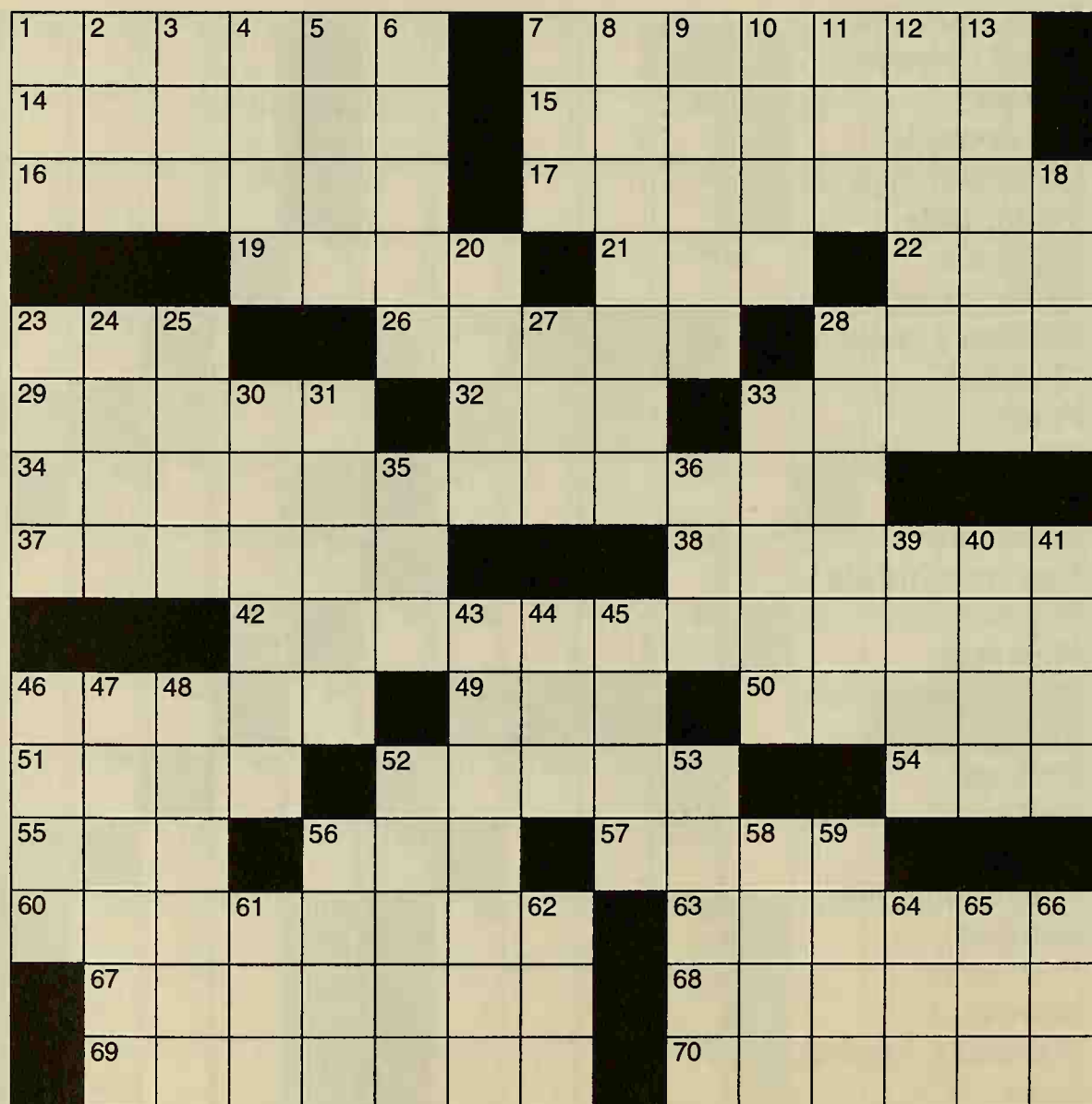
This clever puzzle has four novel theme entries. What I especially like is the surprise and humor of the final one.

ACROSS

- 1 Kind of shower
 7 Bedroom furniture
 14 Treat with gas
 15 "Gunsmoke" deputy
 16 Mythical warrior
 17 Consolidated clockmaker?
 19 Give off
 21 Teachers' org.
 22 Cleopatra biter
 23 Oldenburg "oh!"
 26 Private reply, maybe
 28 Oktoberfest supply
 29 Valerie Harper TV role
 32 Start of many ship names
 33 "Peter Pan" heroine
 34 Consolidated composer?
 37 Decree
 38 Popular radio format
 42 Consolidated singer?
 46 Wistful exclamation
 49 Stir
 50 Accepted rule
 51 Actor's goal
 52 Office folk
 54 Literary monogram
 55 Yalie
 56 Ally of the Fox tribe
 57 Kismet
 60 Consolidated puzzle author?
 63 Mountainous
 67 Distinguished
 68 Headline-making weather phenomenon
 69 Deviation
 70 Places to sit, paradoxically
- 6 Red Square figure
 7 Heat beaters: Abbr.
 8 Like Cologne and environs
 9 Taxi feature
 10 Workplace regulator, for short
 11 "What was — think?"
 12 Stay
 13 Eliminated, in a way
 18 Like a little old lady in tennis shoes?
 20 Hit the road
 23 Ship on which Heracles sailed
 24 "Moonstruck" star
 25 Cascades mount
 27 Induction grp.
- 28 Former aerospace giant
 30 Adorned, in a way
 31 Light-footed
 33 Mrs. Flintstone
 35 Alfonso XIII's queen
 36 Court
 39 Brief O.K.: Abbr.
 40 They can be bruised
 41 Between 0% and 100%
 43 Jeer
 44 Cretan peak
 45 Remove
 46 Couturier Cassini
 47 Mother of Constantine the Great
- 48 Get closer to, in a race
 52 Brazilian dance
 53 Passengers
 56 Dog-paddled, e.g.
 58 Conclusion of some games
 59 Poet — St. Vincent Millay
 61 Ike's W.W. II command
 62 Marshal under Napoleon
 64 Conclusion of some games
 65 Conclusion
 66 Bits of advice

DOWN

- 1 Cry to Bo-peep
 2 "Losing My Religion" rock group
 3 Brother of 34-Across
 4 Stun
 5 Focus for Fermi



by Gene Newman

Wednesday, March 25, 1998

A crossword with only 66 answers—and a theme besides—is pretty extraordinary by any standard. The puzzle's lively nontheme answers (like 54-Across, 2-Down and 32-Down) make it even nicer.

ACROSS

- 1 Loopy
- 7 Some roads
- 15 Montana strip
- 16 #13
- 17 More than just a fight
- 19 Abridged
- 20 Bill in Washington?
- 21 Old English length
- 22 Word with jacket or coal
- 23 Unabridged
- 24 Dismounted
- 25 Seafood entree
- 28 Big name in pet foods
- 29 Moreover
- 30 Small logging operator
- 31 1907-8 Series winner
- 34 Classified abbr.
- 36 Presumptive explorer?
- 39 Supermarket head
- 43 "The Mocker Mocked" artist, 1930
- 44 Strip
- 45 Many Trekkie costumes
- 46 Suffix with form
- 47 Saw
- 48 "Is that ___?"
- 49 What FEMA provides
- 54 Lawn barrow feature
- 55 Certain gardener
- 56 Swords and such
- 57 Fleet

DOWN

- 1 Marked time
- 2 Place for a markdown
- 3 "Strange as it may seem..."
- 4 Confab
- 5 A abroad

- 6 Think worthy of doing
- 7 Resin used in varnishes
- 8 Remodels, e.g.
- 9 Vituperate
- 10 — Darya (Asian river)
- 11 Like
- 12 "Measure for Measure" villain
- 13 Chris of the N.B.A.
- 14 Troutlike fish
- 18 Part of a Dr. Seuss title
- 22 The usual
- 23 Put away, in a way
- 24 Quantum
- 26 Frolicking, after "on"
- 27 Spot
- 32 Prude
- 33 Like a pie chart
- 35 Cooler
- 36 Punches
- 37 Hymns of thanksgiving
- 38 "You betcha!"
- 39 Football's Fighting —
- 40 Left off
- 41 Ransom
- 42 Knots
- 43 Praise
- 48 Polygonal recess
- 50 Amaze
- 51 — Na Na
- 52 Kind of culture
- 53 Adjudge

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SHORTZ SAYS:

This puzzle and the one for the following day (see next page) go together as a pair. You should solve this one first.

ACROSS

- 1 Check
- 5 Fill to excess
- 9 Country bumpkin
- 13 Pretentious
- 14 Deposed leader's fate, maybe
- 16 Chester Arthur's middle name
- 17 ◇
- 20 Airport info, informally
- 21 On the safe side, at sea
- 22 Math groups
- 23 Here, to Henri
- 24 Calcutta clothing
- 25 □
- 33 Klingon or Vulcan
- 34 Women's group?
- 35 Coach Parseghian
- 36 Buster Brown's dog
- 37 Central points
- 38 First governor of Alaska
- 39 Loser to R.M.N. in '68
- 40 Numbers game
- 41 Sharp
- 42 ○
- 45 One who's on your side
- 46 London lav
- 47 Bother
- 50 In a frenzy
- 52 Take a part
- 55 △
- 58 Lago contents
- 59 Seasonal visitor
- 60 Efficient
- 61 Actress Schneider
- 62 Hoot
- 63 Not a hit or an out

DOWN

- 1 "Streamers" playwright David
- 2 Part of Q.E.D.

- 3 Frank Capra's "___ Wonderful Life"
- 4 Bill ___, the Science Guy
- 5 Protect, as freshness
- 6 Bridge toll unit
- 7 Floor unit
- 8 Actor Wallach
- 9 Kind of bread
- 10 1997 Peter Fonda title role
- 11 Latvian, e.g.
- 12 Volumes A and Z in an encyclopedia
- 15 Boxes
- 18 Part of a hearty breakfast
- 19 Discussion medium
- 23 "Mm-hmm!"
- 24 Somewhat
- 25 Prefix with logical
- 26 Peace Nobel Root
- 27 "Oh, sure"
- 28 Yankee Hall-of-Famer Ford
- 29 Must
- 30 International court site, with "The"
- 31 Plenty sore
- 32 Jury
- 37 Atheistic
- 38 Return to the Alps?
- 40 French textile city
- 41 Came to
- 43 Square dance move
- 44 Baseball's Roberto
- 47 Frost
- 48 Jason's ship
- 49 Refuse
- 50 "Rule, Britannia" composer
- 51 "G'day" recipient
- 52 Palindromic pop group
- 53 It makes a bit of a stir
- 54 Hard journey
- 56 ___ Mahal
- 57 Stomach

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Nearly every April 1 the Times crossword has some sort of April Fool's joke, and this one was a classic. On March 31 and April 1, 1998, the puzzles were by the same constructor, had the same pattern of black-and-white squares, had the same four visual theme clues and shared their first three Across clues. In other words, at first glance they looked identical. Many solvers assumed that The Times had made an error and accidentally reprinted the March 31 puzzle on April 1. But in fact the two puzzles are completely different.

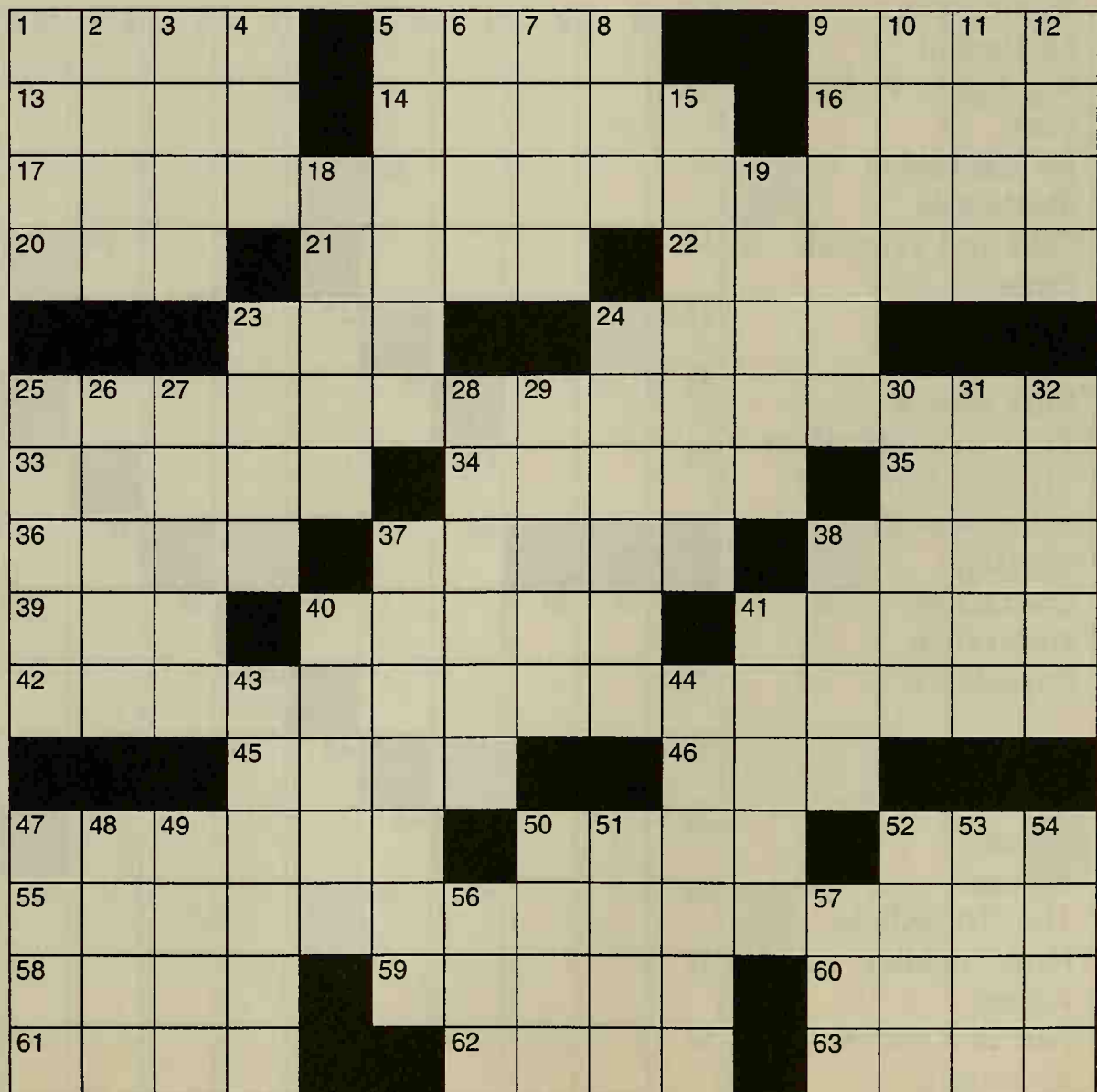
Ha, ha. April fools!

ACROSS

- 1 Check
5 Fill to excess
9 Country bumpkin
13 New Jersey city
14 All-night teen parties
16 Send off
17 ◇
20 Lilliputian
21 Ready to serve
22 They're trouble for roses
23 Bass, for one
24 — Fox
25 □
33 Honeydew, e.g.
34 Spa
35 Excessively
36 Parched
37 Bug
38 One of Columbus's ships
39 Words at the altar
40 Senator John
41 Like a shoe
42 ○
45 Peaches
46 Idiom: Abbr.
47 Sound choice
50 Look
52 1936 candidate Landon
55 △
58 Sounds from Hawaii
59 Legend in automotives
60 Top spot
61 Meal eaten in a hall
62 They get in the way of sound thinking
63 More than lean
- 7 Pizza place
8 Money for a Toyota, say
9 One of the Beverly Hillbillies
10 Mine, in Marseille
11 Species
12 Alpine off-seasons
15 Stiff
18 — Heights
19 Viewfinders?
23 Give — to (approve)
24 Relay sticks
25 Screen letters
26 "Rigoletto" composer
27 "The Hollow Men" poet
28 Doubleday and others
29 Fran Drescher TV role
30 Beneficial
31 Fair-sized musical group
32 Parasite
37 Colorado city on the Rio Grande
38 Film genre
40 Actress Garson
41 Jerk
43 Way out
44 Works by 26-Down
47 Pigsty
48 Puff
49 Party times
50 Complacent
51 River in Spain
52 Purina competitor
53 Mortgage
54 Good-lookin'
56 Secure, as a victory
57 Prattle

DOWN

- 1 Great deal
2 Character
3 Lip
4 "Mamma —!"
5 Dishes with syrup
6 Hardly believable



by Alan Arbesfeld

Wednesday, April 1, 1998

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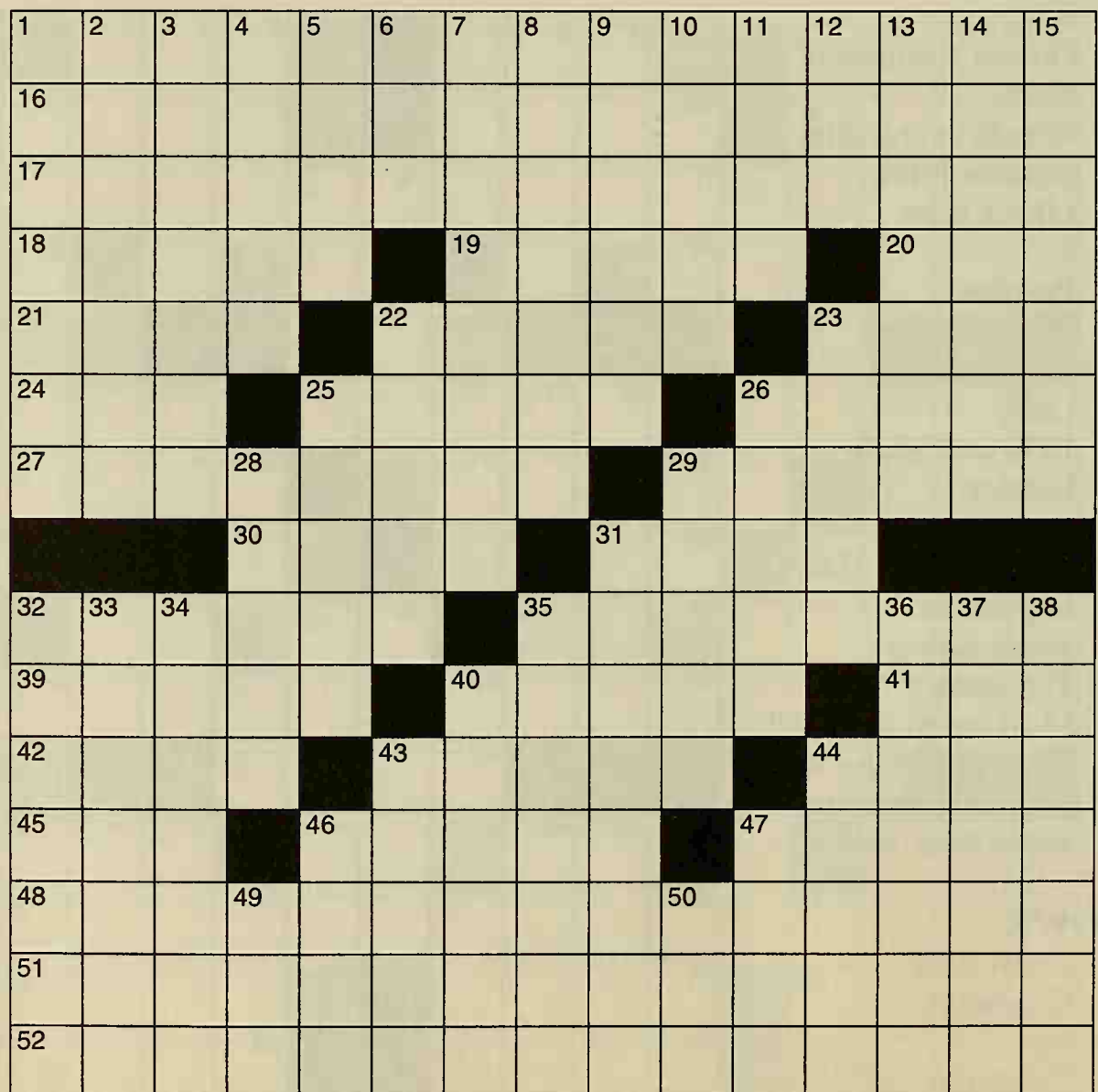
At the time of publication, this puzzle tied a record for the lowest number of black squares ever used in a standard 15×15-square American crossword. To achieve this feat, Manny Nosowsky used two sets of triply-stacked answers at the top and bottom of the grid, all of them lively words and phrases. Altogether he spent almost 100 hours constructing the grid.

ACROSS

- 1 Some noncoms
16 Risking danger
17 So as to annoy
18 Cheerful
19 Leave a mess
20 Some docs
21 Biscuit ingredient
22 Kind of col. or cmdr.
23 Start of a carol's refrain
24 British verb ending
25 Bruce of old movies
26 Basque topper
27 They're spotted in Africa
29 Salt of element #5
30 Forward
31 Resting place
32 Neglectful
35 Big Apple V.I.P.
39 Pitch
40 Jai alai basket
41 Skedaddle
42 Odd and even, at times
43 Severe blows
44 Smoother
45 Milk source
46 Truman's birthplace
47 "The ___ Kid"
48 Some Slim Fast offerings
51 Distractive annoyance
52 Impatience
- 8 "Specials," often
9 Drag off again
10 "Whither thou ___..."
11 What I must follow, in a children's song
12 It borders the Atl.
13 Western New York county
14 One with instant siblings
15 Having feeling
22 Tellers of tales
23 Iron-containing: Prefix
25 Protested event
26 When repeated, a college cheer
28 "How the West Was Won" and others
29 Matches
31 The 51st Psalm
32 Diane's successor on "Cheers"
33 Utopian novel of 1872
34 Dispense, as small shares
35 Form of some dynamite
36 ___ king crab
37 Emerging
38 Duties
40 Chevrolet introduced in 1966
43 Second-century anatomist
44 Cowboy's rope
46 French novelist Pierre
47 China problem
49 Brain and spinal cord: Abbr.
50 Grads-to-be

DOWN

- 1 Emitting noxious fumes
2 Torture
3 The "Incredible Hulk" creator
4 Reflect
5 Part of a choosing-up routine
6 Literary inits.
7 Be patient



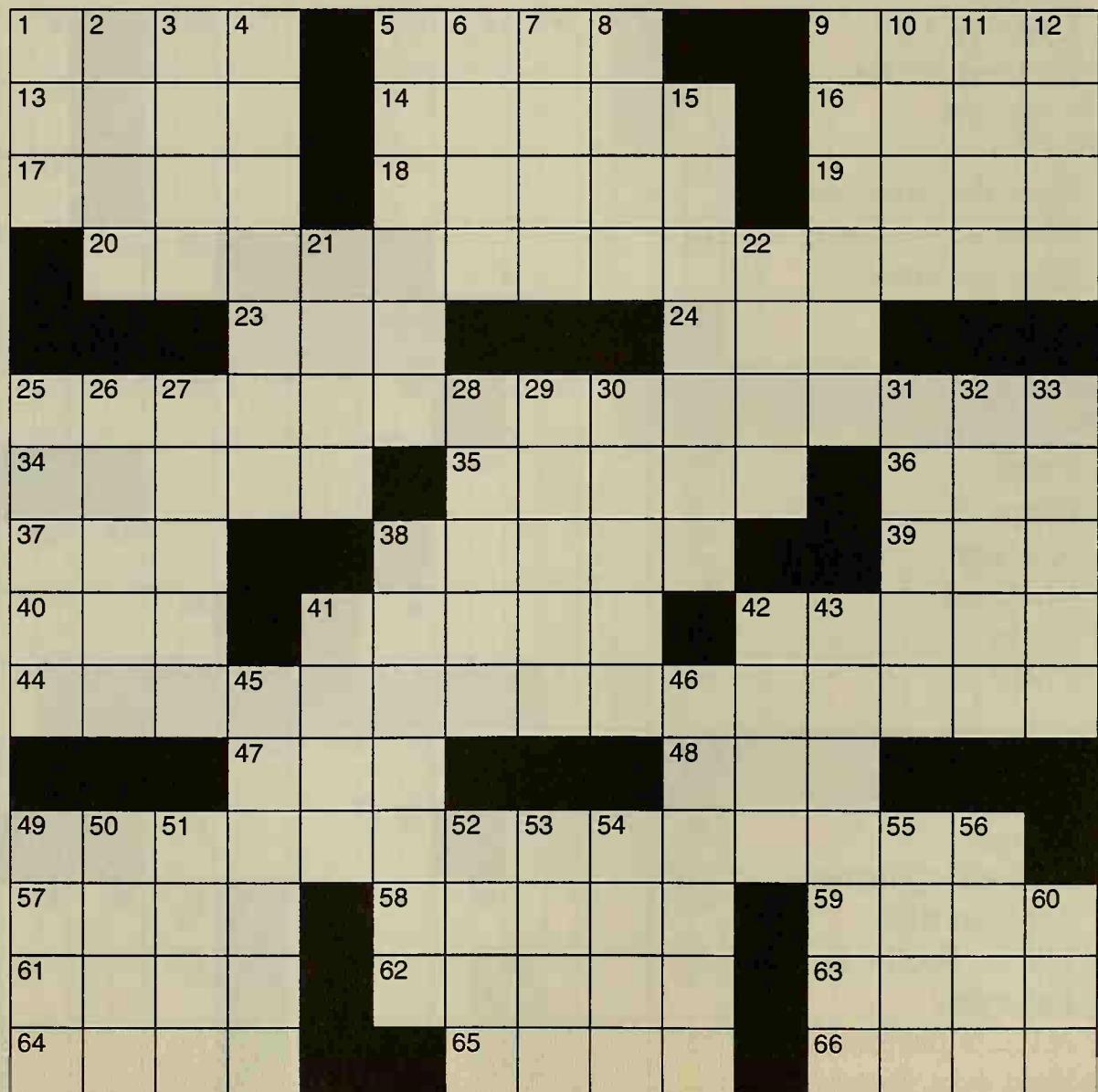
by Manny Nosowsky

Friday, July 24, 1998

The diabolical Henry Hook has legions of fans in the puzzle world. His crosswords appear every other week in the Sunday Boston Globe. He is also the author of numerous puzzle books. Fortunately for you, this is a milder example of his work ("HH lite," as it were), featuring an amusing theme pulled from everyday life.

ACROSS

- 1 Redcap's burden
5 No Westminster contender
9 Kind of tide
13 Condominium, e.g.
14 "___, of golden daffodils":
Wordsworth
16 Plead for
17 Prefix with marketing
18 Author Lofts
19 Exactly
20 Ad line #1
23 "... fish ___ fowl"
24 Caviar, once
25 Ad line #2
34 Boston Tea Party V.I.P.
35 Parts of cloverleaves
36 Margery of nursery rhymedom
37 Jam ingredient?
38 Fussbudget
39 VIII septupled
40 ___ roll
41 One who makes dreams come true
42 Stringent
44 Ad line #3
47 Every last iota
48 Canal site
49 Ad line #4
57 Boggy area, for short
58 Remark heard at quitting time?
59 Warrior of legend
61 Loosen
62 Served as gondolier
63 Limp watch painter
64 Org.
65 Battle the clock
66 Portraitist's medium
- 3 Colorado feeder
4 Ms. founder
5 You can say that again!
6 "Oops!"
7 Ignored the speed limit
8 Autocrat
9 Eggnog enhancement
10 Slangy suffix
11 1934 Pulitzer winner Herbert
12 St. ___ (vacation spot)
15 It could be a group effort
21 Turn's partner
22 Boozers
25 Georgia city not in its namesake county
26 Town in a 1944 novel
27 Fort Knox unit
28 The old nine-to-five
29 Spoke more than once?
30 Saxony seaport
31 Goldbrick
32 Star QB of Super Bowl XXXI
33 Doublemint figures
38 Bankrupt
41 "A good walk spoiled," said Twain
42 P.D.Q., on "ER"
43 Transport to Oz
45 Broadway setting since 4/11/91
46 Become an exmember
49 Blue hue
50 "The Sound of Music" extras
51 Root beer brand
52 ___ about (roughly)
53 Where Bill Walton played
54 One of the Baldwins
55 Santa Barbara suburb
56 The Great ___
60 Omicrons' predecessors



DOWN

- 1 Word preceding 20-Across
2 From square one

by Henry Hook

Thursday, August 27, 1998

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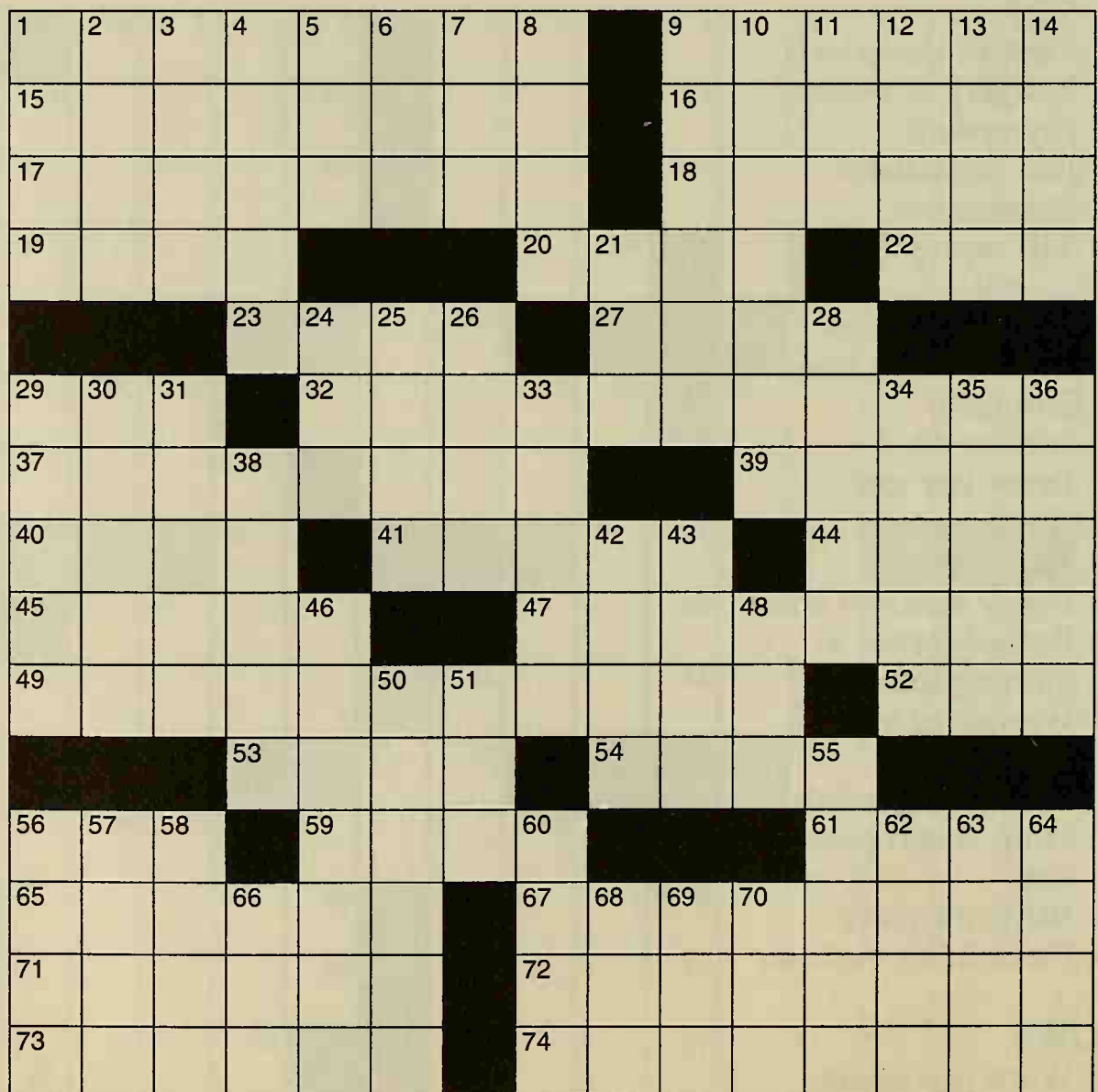
Brilliantly, this puzzle contains eight theme answers connected in a very specific way, with a ninth answer (at 41-Across) containing a hint to the unusual property of the other eight.

ACROSS

- 1 95501
 9 Smiling, for now
 15 Topical
 16 Avoidance
 17 97401
 18 16501
 19 Tongue's locale
 20 Actress Thompson
 22 Dict. listing
 23 Telephoned
 27 Drop shot
 29 Rosemary portrayer
 32 54703
 37 Odd
 39 R. J. Reynolds brand
 40 River of Belgium
 41 Theme of this puzzle?
 44 Lover of fur?
 45 Headed off on
 47 Very hot
 49 80110
 52 Give the once-over
 53 Majestic swimmer
 54 Case for small scissors
 56 Stomach
 59 Group
 61 — Nostra
 65 73701
 67 08818
 71 Aplenty
 72 Madness
 73 Go to
 74 79910
- 11 Prefix with directional
 12 Pleads
 13 Perceive
 14 — of admissions
 21 Year in the reign of Edward VI
 24 Atmosphere: Prefix
 25 Reputation
 26 Southernmost of the Marianas
 28 Big name in cheese
 29 Wishy-washy reply
 30 "The Wild Duck" playwright
 31 Lay — (flop)
 33 Mild cigar
 34 "Dallas" Miss
- 35 Pipsqueak
 36 Portrait
 38 Certain exams
 42 French antiseptic
 43 Milk: Prefix
 46 Recent arrival
 48 Trifle
 50 Threw four balls at
 51 Plastic — Band
 55 They stand for something
 56 Prefix with store
 57 Sci. course
 58 Weaken
 60 Transfer
 62 Aware of
 63 Huffy state
 64 Sophocles tragedy
- 66 Universal John
 68 "Runaway" singer — Shannon
 69 Mischievous one
 70 Pirate's home, with "the"

DOWN

- 1 Summers abroad
 2 "Nope"
 3 — Park, Queens
 4 Arabian title
 5 Kal — Foods, Inc.
 6 Put away
 7 A.F.L.'s partner
 8 Field size, maybe
 9 Lack of vitality
 10 Actor Rick



by Alan Arbesfeld

Thursday, October 8, 1998

This visually striking grid contains only 19 Across answers (no standard American-style crossword has ever had fewer), yet is filled with fresh, colorful vocabulary. By the way, a crossword pattern like this, containing many straight edges, is far more difficult to construct than one with the more traditional staircase pattern of black squares.

ACROSS

- 1 It'll give you an even split
- 9 Hello and goodbye
- 15 "Heat" star, 1995
- 16 European capital
- 17 Was taught how to do something
- 19 Result of a buyout, perhaps
- 20 Some hummingbirds
- 21 Humble beginning
- 28 Vice President under Grover Cleveland
- 36 Extended patience, perhaps
- 37 Get all gussied up
- 38 Lesser Spanish noblemen
- 39 Revolver feature, perhaps
- 46 Academic settings
- 54 They're likely to come to blows
- 55 1964 Hitchcock thriller
- 56 Channel surfer's locale, maybe
- 57 — Indian
- 58 Superfluities

DOWN

- 1 Make a bundle
- 2 Intestinal parts
- 3 Wrangle
- 4 Lady's man
- 5 Only same-year N.C.A.A. and N.I.T. tourney winner (1950)
- 6 Piece of cake?
- 7 French wave
- 8 Despicable
- 9 About 1.3 cubic yards
- 10 Engaging individual
- 11 Pervasive quality
- 12 Place for a pin
- 13 Incessantly

- 14 Standard bearers
- 18 "It Must Be —"
- 21 "The Carpetbaggers" co-star, 1964
- 22 Sure target
- 23 Bond, but not James Bond
- 24 They're called on account of rain
- 25 Troubles
- 26 Shade of red
- 27 "And what — rare as . . ."
- 29 Precollege
- 30 Fought
- 31 Peak near Paterno
- 32 Clip-and-file item
- 33 Community event
- 34 Treat with milk
- 35 Stack part
- 39 No-goodnik
- 40 Suitable for extreme dieters
- 41 Sound beginning?
- 42 Buckwheat pancakes
- 43 "Mighty Lak' a Rose" composer
- 44 Architectural moldings
- 45 Unspecified no.
- 47 One of the sisters in "Sisters"
- 48 Year in the reign of Edward I
- 49 Blanch
- 50 French part of the U.S.A.
- 51 Offspring
- 52 A really big shoe
- 53 C.I.S. members, once

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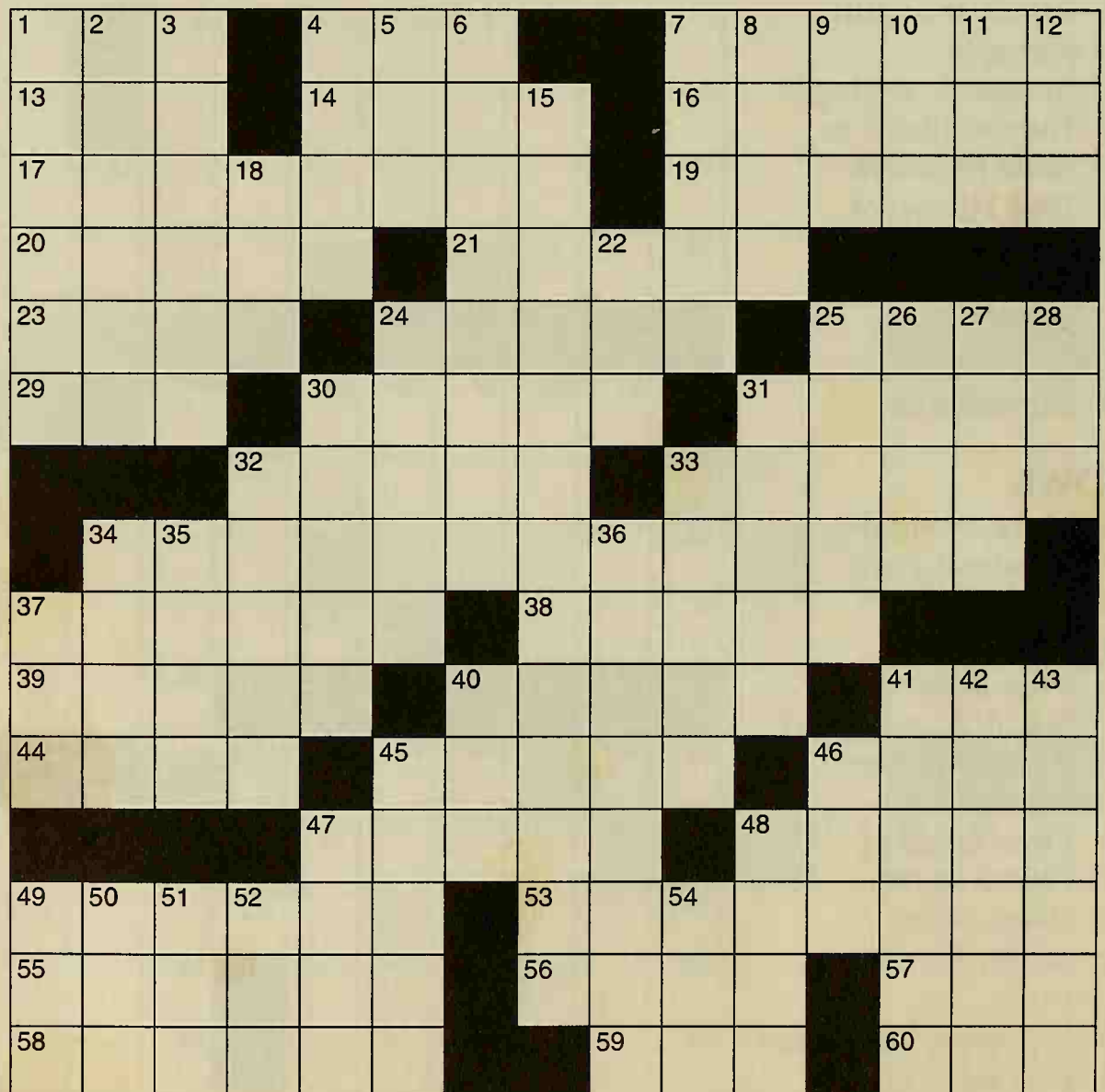
A slight spoiler here, but something you should know: A pangram is a piece of writing that contains all the letters of the alphabet at least once. Matt Gaffney creates crosswords for the online magazine Slate.

ACROSS

- 1 Hardly an Oscar candidate
- 4 Worksite tool
- 7 Singer
- 13 Medical suffix
- 14 In — (stuck)
- 16 Muddy
- 17 Popular side dish
- 19 Canadian writer Robertson —
- 20 Walton who wrote "The Compleat Angler"
- 21 Tell (from)
- 23 Kind of wire
- 24 Send, in a way
- 25 BASIC command
- 29 Commercial stuff: Abbr.
- 30 Settles
- 31 Bumpkin
- 32 Yuletide décor
- 33 Turned bad
- 34 This crossword grid, when completed correctly
- 37 Trips
- 38 Ristorante offering
- 39 Interstate info
- 40 Plasters, e.g.
- 41 Day in Granada
- 44 Team data
- 45 Angola's Savimbi
- 46 Winter warmer
- 47 U.S. Open champ, 1985-87
- 48 Ending with two-, three-, four-, etc.
- 49 Henry Clay, e.g.
- 53 Short-term solution
- 55 Bring back
- 56 Stereotyped Beverly Hills resident
- 57 Big shooter
- 58 Spanish novelist Blasco —
- 59 Kind of wire
- 60 Expanse

DOWN

- 1 Like some pigeons
- 2 In shock
- 3 Noisy talkers
- 4 "Listen!"
- 5 Spanish eye
- 6 Steel in writing
- 7 Ancient book
- 8 On — with
- 9 Part of U.S.N.A.: Abbr.
- 10 Pollution meas.
- 11 Wish undone
- 12 Hoped-for reply
- 15 What I, the constructor, had to do while making this puzzle
- 18 — in apple
- 22 City NE of Casablanca
- 24 Honeymoon destination, with "the"
- 25 Primitive "drum"
- 26 Some pods
- 27 Overflow
- 28 Worn
- 30 Egyptian believers
- 31 Meditators
- 32 Suggests
- 33 High-hats
- 34 It has a bill of fare
- 35 Bankruptcy
- 36 It's breathtaking
- 37 Wandering — (houseplant)
- 40 Slip on
- 41 Dork
- 42 Charge
- 43 Inability to read
- 45 Spanish wine town
- 46 Cookware item
- 47 Troubadour's subject
- 48 National frozen dessert chain
- 49 "I must be him, —..." (60's lyric)
- 50 Johnny —
- 51 Gardner of film
- 52 Food holder
- 54 Paper in a pot



by Matt Gaffney

Saturday, November 14, 1998

This elegant construction is built around a humorous quotation running across three lines of the grid. When you're finished, the circled letters, in order (reading left to right, line by line), will give you the name of the quip's author.

ACROSS

- 1 Open-mouthed
- 6 Jacket part
- 10 Den
- 14 Allied
- 15 + or -
- 16 Riding the waves
- 17 Coin of Stockholm
- 18 — impasse
- 19 Hunting target
- 20 Part 1 of a quip by the w. named in the circled letters
- 23 Born
- 24 No longer secret
- 25 1950's White House name
- 27 "Jeopardy!" host
- 30 Place to view a Goya
- 31 Is responsible for
- 35 Midmorning
- 36 Part 2 of the quip
- 41 "Alice" waitress
- 42 First in a line of cars
- 43 Sprites
- 46 Bordering
- 50 Actress Dianne
- 51 Balm ingredient
- 54 "— the ramparts..."
- 55 End of the quip
- 59 All there
- 60 In olden times
- 61 River through Switzerland
- 62 Adenauer nickname, with "Der"
- 63 Film director Peter
- 64 Put into the ground
- 65 Grab, slangily
- 66 Former spouses
- 67 Gadabouts

DOWN

- 1 Obliquely
- 2 Steel beam
- 3 Actress Renée
- 4 Former Transportation Secretary Federico

- 5 Dutch cheese
- 6 "Star Trek" setting
- 7 — Dame
- 8 Acteur Delon
- 9 Shut (up)
- 10 Daytona 500 organization
- 11 Body shop figure
- 12 Shores
- 13 Cry before "You're it!"
- 21 Crookedly
- 22 Mischief-maker
- 26 Centuries and centuries
- 28 Troop grp.
- 29 Poetic contraction
- 32 Library sound
- 33 Italy's bottom
- 34 Ending with pay
- 36 Generally
- 37 Approach, as the next item of business
- 38 Fish-eating eagles
- 39 Enzyme suffix
- 40 Bother
- 41 Small number
- 44 Respect
- 45 Actor Erwin
- 47 This evenin'
- 48 High schooler
- 49 They may be marching
- 51 Not the main building
- 52 One of the Arnazes
- 53 Humdingers
- 56 T. — Price of finance
- 57 Math course
- 58 "Oops!"
- 59 Wane



SHORTZ SAYS:

A particular thing—common to almost all crosswords (and almost all writing of any sort)—is wholly missing in this crossword. What is it?

ACROSS

- 1 Daddy
- 5 "Now!" in a hospital
- 9 Points
- 13 King of Norway
- 14 Mountain lion
- 15 It follows larval
- 16 Cunning
- 18 Of any amount
- 19 Chit
- 20 Music and painting, for two
- 21 Drinks in big amounts
- 22 Author's assistant
- 24 Spinning toys
- 25 Quick-thinking
- 31 Cain was his son
- 34 Thin
- 35 John, abroad
- 36 Words said at an altar
- 37 Dah's go-with
- 38 Go yachting
- 39 Words said at an altar
- 40 Zoo inhabitant
- 43 Paquin or Magnani
- 44 Gibraltar-ish?
- 47 Long cut
- 48 Patchwork works
- 52 Curt
- 55 Clock division
- 57 "Gotcha!"
- 58 Balloon
- 59 Chubby plus
- 61 Favors sought
- 62 Got off
- 63 Popular insulator
- 64 Start with boy or girl
- 65 "Mahogany" vocalist Diana
- 66 Solicits
- 4 "Mogambo" star, familiarly
- 5 Lacking luxury and comfort
- 6 Bunch of hairs
- 7 Famous —
- 8 Word with withholding
- 9 Musician of old
- 10 It's found in a ring
- 11 Summon
- 12 Harms
- 15 Shrub with a tasty fruit
- 17 Door part
- 21 Middling
- 23 Philosophical holdings
- 24 Tooth buildup
- 26 Bit in a salad bar
- 27 — donna
- 28 Comic King
- 29 Half-dollar, say
- 30 Kind of nut
- 31 Company with cars
- 32 Dummy
- 33 Army no-show
- 38 Alias of H. H. Munro
- 40 Conforms
- 41 Cartoonist Thomas
- 42 Asian fruits
- 45 Common lizard
- 46 Junkyard dogs
- 49 — lazuli
- 50 Not too brainy
- 51 Historical writings
- 52 "S.O.S." pop group
- 53 Rorschach stain
- 54 Applaud (for)
- 55 Luminous ring
- 56 Football's — Armstrong
- 59 — and away
- 60 Dr.'s org.

DOWN

- 1 Put forward for study
- 2 Amalgam
- 3 Fulfill an obligation

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by Gayle Dean

Tuesday, May 4, 1999

Zack Butler was just 24 years old, studying robotics at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, when he created this elegant crossword for The Times. A wunderkind of sorts, Zack has won several prizes at the annual World Puzzle Championship, which means that he's as good at solving puzzles as he is at making them.

ACROSS

- 1 BA or AF plane
- 4 Better
- 9 Play for time
- 14 Gobbled up
- 15 Love, Neapolitan-style
- 16 Charged
- 17 Event where the twist was done
- 18 Start of a quote by Rep. Mo Udall, 1990, regarding the Presidency
- 20 Quote, part 2
- 22 Ready for action
- 23 Kids' book character Amelia —
- 25 The first X?
- 26 Trail
- 29 Gets warmer, perhaps
- 31 Elvis's birthplace
- 33 Class with dissections: Abbr.
- 36 Transmission component
- 38 Quote, part 3
- 39 Quote, part 4
- 42 Quote, part 5
- 43 Mother of Apollo
- 44 Center
- 45 Certain contracts
- 47 Kind of bar
- 49 Certain addition
- 50 "Eureka!"
- 52 Stage, as a historical drama
- 56 Kind of band
- 58 Quote, part 6
- 59 End of the quote
- 63 W.C.
- 64 Leonardo da —
- 65 Feel
- 66 Disputed psych. phenomenon
- 67 Altair or Sirius, astronomically speaking

- 68 Singer Bob

- 69 "Absolutely!"

DOWN

- 1 Indian term of respect
- 2 Vermont resort
- 3 Lukewarm
- 4 Silken fabric
- 5 Org. much in economic news
- 6 One of a kind
- 7 Switch ending
- 8 Send in
- 9 Relaxing job
- 10 Woodland creature
- 11 Tunnel builder
- 12 Golf ball position

- 13 Digital watch feature: Abbr.

- 19 "Who ___?"

- 21 Soup ingredients

- 24 Enemy of the Moor

- 26 Slower than adagio

- 27 Rehem

- 28 Former Philadelphia Mayor Wilson

- 30 Items with dials

- 32 "Turandot" composer

- 33 See 51-Down

- 34 Banister's end

- 35 Perpendicular to radial

- 37 Backtracking

- 40 Kind of act passed in 1970

- 41 Fall (to)

- 46 Remove

- 48 Big name in magazine publishing

- 51 Equivalent of 33-Down?

- 53 "Gang aft ___": Burns

- 54 Selected

- 55 Pseudo-convertibles

- 56 A whale of a menace

- 57 Fit to —

- 59 One of the Gabors

- 60 Greek letters

- 61 Atlanta-based station

- 62 Sugar suffix

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SHORTZ SAYS:

Featuring a quotation divided into seven parts arranged symmetrically in the grid, this crossword is built around a thoughtful comment from Booker T. Washington, the African-American educator and hero.

ACROSS

- 1 Railroad siding
5 Israeli author — Oz
9 Boxer's nickname
14 Cellar contents
15 Judah's mother
16 Woman's name meaning "loved"
17 See 5-Down
18 Mezzo's colleague
19 Closes in on
20 Start of a quote by Booker T. Washington
23 Clear
24 Reverses a dele
25 Oktoberfest souvenir
27 Dinosaur trapper
30 Half an LP
34 Mitigates
39 Does a butler's job
40 Quote, part 3
41 Quote, part 4
43 Quote, part 5
44 1993 accord signer
46 Quagmires
48 Highly influential
50 Alter, in a way
51 Raingear brand
53 Introduction to physics
58 C.I.A.'s predecessor
61 End of the quote
64 Fall guy
66 Conked out
67 Speck
68 Over
69 Modern pentathlon need
70 Joie de vivre
71 1944 battle site
72 Johnny Bench's team
73 Lucie's brother
- 5 With 17-Across, Hawkeye Pierce portrayer
6 Get all mushy
7 Blue language
8 Photographers' gigs
9 Dr. Pangloss's pupil, in Voltaire
10 Make haste
11 Quote, part 2
12 Unimportant
13 Nudnik
21 Early movie dog
22 Workaholic's lack
26 Cries out for
28 Kin of vivace
29 Striped shirt wearer
31 Chicano bears?
- 32 Five after four
33 Tolkien forest creatures
34 Actress Rehan and others
35 Ticked off
36 Emulated Janet Evans
37 Not suitable
38 Prefix meaning "with"
42 Expression of excitement
45 Painkiller
47 Latin trio member?
49 More salacious
52 Sandpiper's cousin
54 Recoiled
- 55 Oarlock
56 Rudner and Moreno
57 Muscat native
58 Iridescent stone
59 Stuffing herb
60 Quote, part 6
62 Herbicide's target
63 Time to beware
65 Obedience school command

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DOWN

- 1 Influences
2 Kitchen light
3 Excessive
4 Change chemically

by Alan Olschwang

Wednesday, June 23, 1999

When I appeared on "Martha Stewart Living" in June 2000, I brought this puzzle with me to demonstrate how crosswords are constructed. Martha was fascinated by the art and precision of crossword construction, and I knew that the humor of the answers here would make her and her audience laugh.

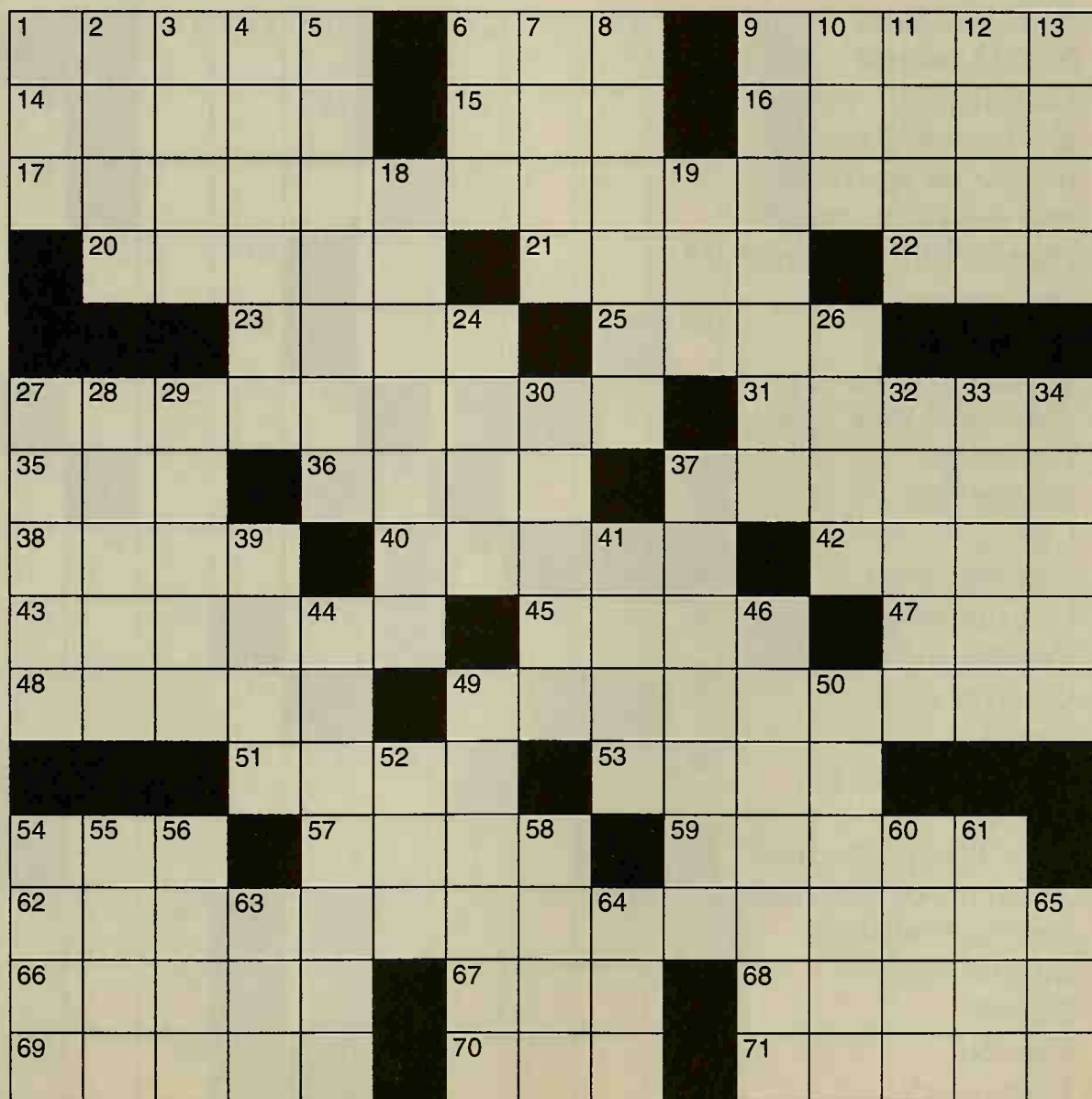
ACROSS

- 1 City where "Phantom of the Opera" is set
6 Langley, for one: Abbr.
9 Where to put a pin on a jacket
14 By oneself
15 Ripken of the Orioles
16 Furious
17 "Come on, ducks, it's time to start!"
20 Clothes lines
21 A or B, on a record
22 ___-tse
23 Court dividers
25 Royal heirs
27 "Down with the glue factory proposal!"
31 1999 combatants
35 A Gershwin
36 Head, to Henri
37 Ancient city north of Jerusalem
38 Take the show on the road
40 Reagan Attorney General Edwin
42 Kind of bean
43 Historical records
45 Close
47 Tues. preceder
48 Make-a-million game
49 "Phooey! It's shearing time again!"
51 Up to speed
53 Late-night host Jay
54 Nabokov novel
57 Lady's man
59 Highway exits
62 "I need instructions on catching mice!"
66 Flood protector
67 Earl Grey, e.g.
68 Alternative to "window"
69 Step
70 1492 and 2001: Abbr.
71 Tibetan legends

DOWN

- 1 Chum
2 Pub brews
3 Uncreative education
4 Crazy
5 Part
6 Play a role
7 Queries on the Internet
8 Somewhat sky-colored
9 Permit
10 Biblical vessel
11 Kid's beach toy
12 Sicilian volcano
13 Toy building block
18 Holds in high regard
19 Hubbub
24 Place
26 Studio stages
27 Critically important
28 Maine university town
29 Ridicule
30 Actress Davis
32 Skewed square
33 "It Had to ___"
34 Breezy talk
37 Do something courageous
39 Pro ___
41 Circus performer
44 Washington arm-bender
46 Escape
49 Pageant winner
50 Hollywood bio "___ Dearest"

- 52 Durocher or DiCaprio
54 Pointed tools
55 Eating regimen
56 Thomas ___ Edison
58 Addict
60 Nuisance
61 Songs for one
63 Flower garland
64 Possesses
65 "A Nightmare on Elm Street" creator Craven



by Stephanie Spadaccini

Monday, August 2, 1999

SHORTZ SAYS:

If I even hint at this puzzle's ingenious theme, I'll spoil your pleasure in figuring it out. All I'll say is that 33-Across contains a hint, and 7-Down, brilliantly, provides an additional clue.

ACROSS

- 1 Lookout point
- 5 Car protector
- 8 Candidate for a psych ward
- 13 Memorable 1989 hurricane
- 14 One makes one Trigger happy
- 15 Grosset's partner in publishing
- 16 Jungle creature
- 18 Delineate again
- 19 — boy
- 20 Meantime
- 22 Chapter 11 filers
- 23 Wise
- 26 "You are too" response
- 27 Some workers
- 28 NATO refusal
- 29 Dict. listing
- 30 Ex-Bosoxer Petrocelli
- 31 It may be hard for one person to carry
- 33 Hint to filling in four squares in this puzzle
- 35 Popular Tonka toys
- 38 Time and time again
- 39 Greetings
- 42 Brown hue
- 43 Cut —
- 44 Summer treat
- 45 Old dental supply
- 48 Pioneer in Surrealism
- 49 Go over again
- 50 Smock
- 51 Early explorer of Florida
- 53 How things are seen
- 55 Relatives of Siberians
- 56 Norma Webster's middle name
- 57 Uphold
- 58 Squalid
- 59 Place that's 58-Across
- 60 European tongue

DOWN

- 1 Soft leather
- 2 Flee
- 3 Trojan War chief
- 4 Racer
- 5 French word of approval
- 6 Glow
- 7 People good at making connections
- 8 Court figures
- 9 Violating orders
- 10 Hillary, for one
- 11 Mo. neighbor
- 12 Unseal
- 15 German number
- 17 W.W. II org.
- 21 Sets
- 24 Become prone
- 25 Suffix with insist
- 27 Isn't doing well
- 30 Part of A.A.R.P.: Abbr.
- 31 Lay
- 32 Lt.'s inferior
- 33 Bravely endure
- 34 Declawed manx, e.g.
- 35 Coalesce
- 36 Mozart's "L'— del Cairo"
- 37 Bouncer type
- 39 Medal giver
- 40 Where to find pitchers?
- 41 Do printer's work
- 43 Muslim title

- 44 Seafood delicacy
- 46 All meshed up?
- 47 — point (certain stitch)
- 48 Wing
- 51 Pop
- 52 — Lilly & Co.
- 54 180 degree turn, in slang

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The basic format of crossword puzzles seems endlessly adaptable, as illustrated once more here. The grid features a three-part riddle, the answer to which can be found by rearranging the letters in the 10 circled squares.

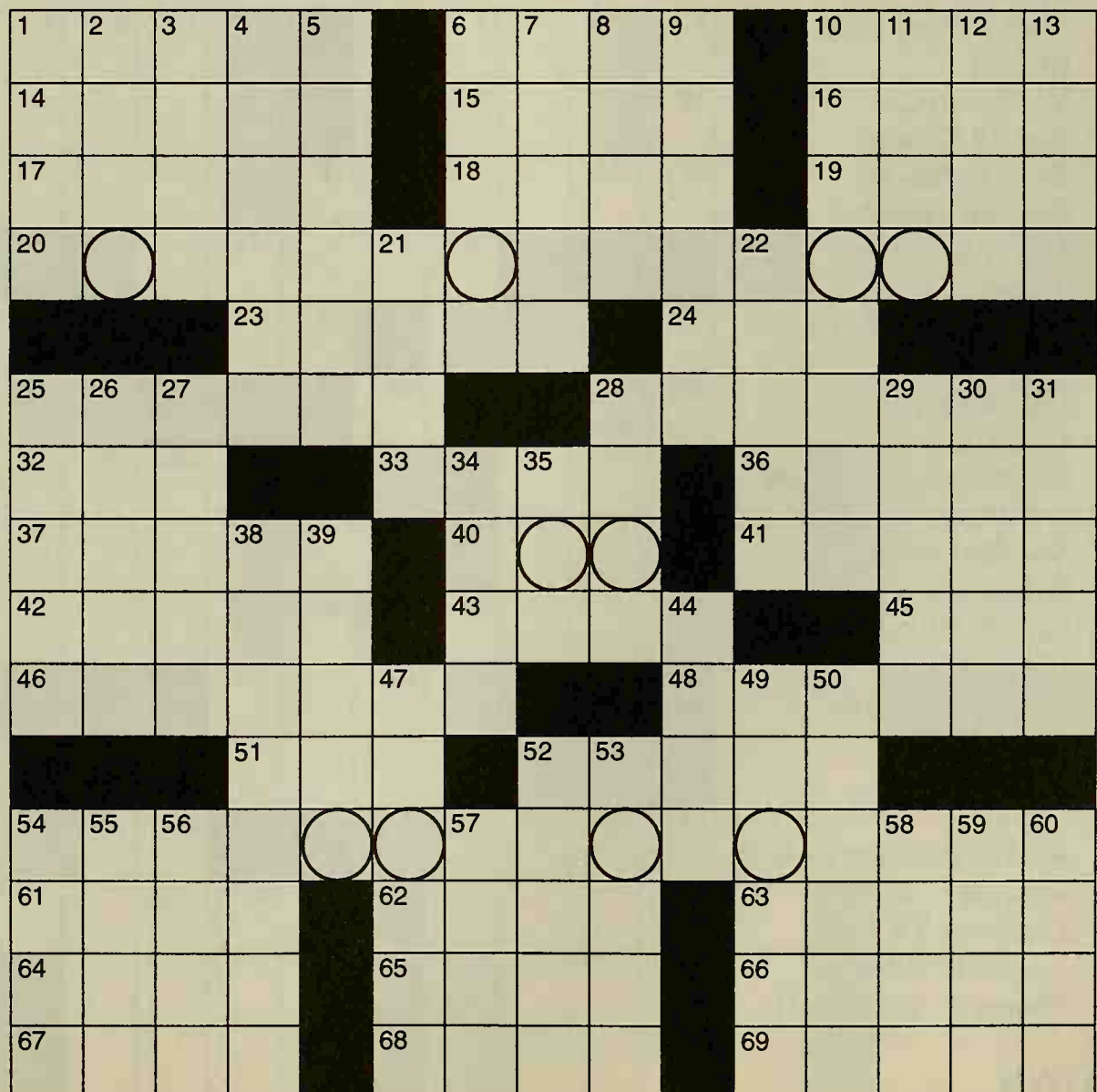
ACROSS

- 1 False "handle"
- 6 Tag along
- 10 Window—
- 14 Freetown currency unit
- 15 Western Samoa's capital
- 16 Go in the water just a little way
- 17 — good faith
- 18 Carry on
- 19 Confess openly
- 20 Start of a question
- 23 Found a new tenant for
- 24 "What's more . . ."
- 25 Arid expanse
- 28 Wood furniture worker
- 32 Bio bit
- 33 "Animal House" house
- 36 The Donald's first ex
- 37 Engine sounds
- 40 Middle of the question
- 41 Splits apart
- 42 Square (with)
- 43 Doctrines
- 45 Top off
- 46 Odd-shaped figure
- 48 Sports surprises
- 51 Rarer than rare
- 52 Nouveau —
- 54 End of the question (Rearrange the circled letters for the answer)
- 61 N.Y.S.E. competitor
- 62 Seaside bird
- 63 Alamogordo's county
- 64 In the 50's or 60's, say
- 65 "I did it!"
- 66 Unearthly
- 67 Hoover hookup
- 68 Charon's river
- 69 "Oui" and "si"

DOWN

- 1 What there oughta be
- 2 Poland's Walesa
- 3 Scintilla
- 4 "Peer Gynt" dancer
- 5 Fax originator
- 6 — diem
- 7 Eyeball benders
- 8 Tiny car
- 9 Bothers incessantly
- 10 Graceful pool entrance
- 11 Moneyed one
- 12 Meaning of wavy lines, in the comics
- 13 Seats with kneelers
- 21 Norway's patron saint
- 22 Studio sign
- 25 See-through wrap
- 26 Suffix on bygone nightclub names
- 27 "Sunset Boulevard" Tony winner George
- 28 Florist's cutting
- 29 "Eraserhead" star Jack
- 30 "This foolishness must — once!"
- 31 Coarse tools
- 34 Completely botch
- 35 Fool
- 38 Differential gear's spot
- 39 George of "Just Shoot Me"
- 44 So great

- 47 Wise kids?
- 49 "Rats!"
- 50 Soft seat
- 52 Lecherous
- 53 Mountaineer's tool
- 54 Dash gauge
- 55 Melville novel
- 56 Boardroom V.I.P.'s
- 57 Part of Q.E.D.
- 58 Half a matched set
- 59 Put-in-Bay's lake
- 60 Fictitious Richard et al.



SHORTZ SAYS:

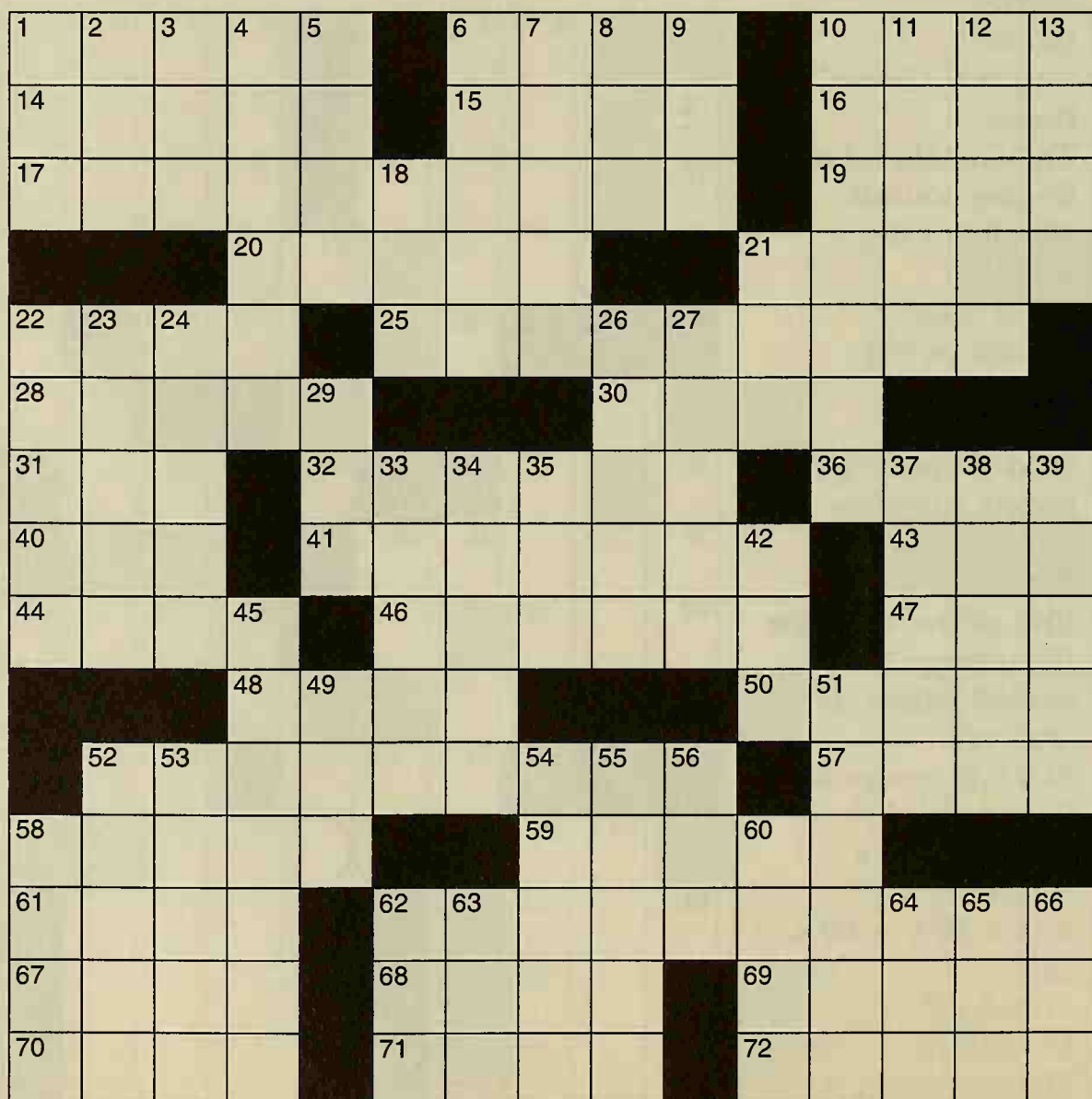
Fifty-five of this puzzle's 185 letters—almost 30% of the entire construction—are part of the theme. Quite a nice and original theme, too.

ACROSS

- 1 States
6 Lawyers make it
10 Quarrel
14 Kosher
15 Last word in the New Testament
16 Olio
17 See 22-Down
19 Old Phillips 66 rival
20 All over the counter, say
21 Sacred place
22 Elizabethan pronoun
25 See 22-Down
28 Chips in
30 Sphere
31 "Norma ____"
32 Meathead's father-in-law
36 Like a very rare day in hell
40 Victorian ____
41 See 22-Down
43 Eng. defender
44 Sicilian spouter
46 Oil city of west Texas
47 "____ my brother's keeper?"
48 Florida's Miami-____ County
50 Swimming pool site, sometimes
52 See 22-Down
57 Salon job
58 Search blindly
59 Cleo of jazz
61 "____ it the truth!"
62 See 22-Down
67 Dirty
68 "Bye!"
69 Ruth's mother-in-law
70 Entreat
71 Goes on TV
72 "____ Fell Out of Heaven" (1936 hit)
- 3 It may be coddled
4 Hastily puts together
5 ____ aerobics
6 Monte ____
7 Valuable violin
8 Jiffy
9 From Okla. City to Tulsa
10 Finish, of a sort
11 Ziti or orzo
12 Examine
13 Thunderous one?
18 Chip's partner
21 Simian
22 Word that precedes six other answers in this puzzle
23 The Tin Woodsman's quest
24 City on the Allegheny River
26 Manicurists' jobs
27 Walnuts and others
29 Dated
33 ____ Island Red
34 Gives up
35 Part of a giggle
37 Speak
38 Not so believable
39 See 22-Down
42 Hit hard
45 With skill
49 Sampras specialty
51 Met production responsibilities?
52 Rap sheet listing
53 Aegean region
54 Opposite of radial
55 Villainous Shakespearean roles
56 Spasm
58 Exhibit shock
60 Ship of Columbus
62 Big TV maker
63 Sequel's sequel
64 Camp sight
65 Actress Thurman
66 What to call a baronet

DOWN

- 1 Totality
2 Neck design



by Chris Sallade

Wednesday, October 27, 1999

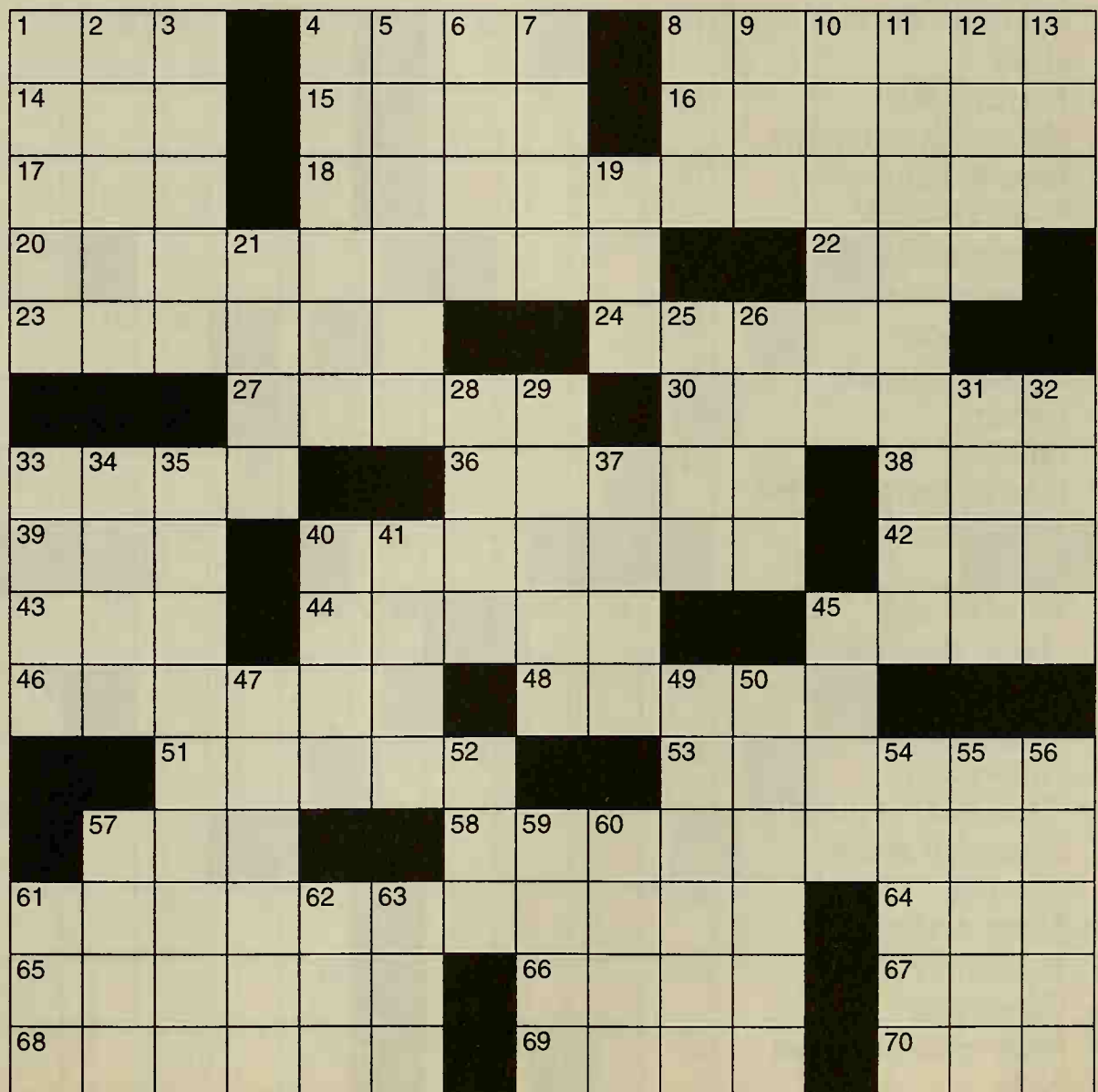
For most constructors, creating a grid in which every letter forms part of two words (across and down) is challenging enough. This puzzle has answers running through the two long diagonals as well. The puzzle's two authors have never met; they collaborated on this entirely by e-mail.

ACROSS

- 1 "The Lost Weekend" subject
 4 Scream
 8 Care provider, to a child
 14 Crater feature
 15 "This one's ___"
 16 Land on Lake Victoria
 17 "The ___ Daba Honeymoon"
 18 Booty location
 20 Microfiche
 22 Dance in Dublin
 23 Candle material
 24 Runway walker
 27 Nastiness
 30 Eggnog topper
 33 Pedro's affirmative
 36 Sawyer of ABC
 38 Ryan's "Love Story" co-star
 39 Post-E.R. place
 40 X marks it
 42 Laid up
 43 Race unit
 44 Gossipy Hopper
 45 Eskimo's need
 46 Go a long way
 48 ___ the Jebusite, of I and II Chronicles
 51 Muscat moola
 53 Saws
 57 Like pocket dicts.
 58 Fall guy
 61 What this puzzle is
 64 It may have a silver lining
 65 Some sorority women
 66 Merry-go-round music
 67 Key locale: Abbr.
 68 Bars
 69 Apollo vehicles
 70 A Chaplin
- 3 Like some talk
 4 Revolver, in old slang
 5 Hocked
 6 Gen. Bradley
 7 Care for
 8 Xis' predecessors
 9 "Gross!"
 10 Aircraft engine
 11 Nonelectronic correspondence
 12 "Got it"
 13 Ending with Ecuador
 19 School of thought
 21 Year in Edward the Confessor's reign
 25 ___ account (never)
 26 Tuneful twosome
- 28 Had too much, briefly
 29 Bungle
 31 Fashion mag
 32 Richly adorn
 33 Bank deposit
 34 Cupcake topper
 35 Sweet vegetable
 37 On ___ with
 40 "___-Team"
 41 Hot spot
 45 Hose hole
 47 Shrew
 49 Incendiary stuff
 50 Whizzes
 52 Ukr., e.g., once
 54 Slips
- 55 Like an eager guest, maybe
 56 Position
 57 Embracers
 59 Pen part
 60 Gallic girlfriend
 61 Stocking part
 62 Easy mark
 63 ___ Missouri

DIAGONAL

- 1 Pirate booty
 68 More pirate booty



DOWN

- 1 Early writing
 2 Legbone

SHORTZ SAYS:

The longest theme answers in a crossword usually run horizontally. In this puzzle they run vertically, for a reason.

ACROSS

- 1 Graphic —
 5 No-frills
 10 Deer sir
 14 Something eaten with the palms?
 15 Exxon alternative
 16 Quaint sigh
 17 About
 18 Red Sea borderer
 19 Charger's acquisition
 20 Dickens's pen name
 21 Fine-tune
 22 C&W singer Tritt
 24 Home of the legendary Morgan le Fay
 26 They're involved in pageantry
 28 Admonition to a child
 29 Fortune 500 chemicals company
 30 Like Beethoven's Sonata No. 30
 31 Commedia dell'—
 32 Helping for a while, with "over"
 34 Sheraton hotels owner
 35 Be busy
 37 One of the Chaplins
 38 Phys., e.g.
 40 Honest —
 42 They're cast
 45 "How the Other Half Lives" author Jacob
 48 Singing syllable
 49 Honeybun
 50 "Seinfeld" regular
 52 Source of some clicking
 54 More crafty
 55 Extremely
 56 Off-course
 58 Journalist Kupcinet
 59 Note
 60 Big name in daytime TV

- 62 Cash in Capua
 63 — B
 64 Heads-up
 65 Quotation notation
 66 Actress Daly
 67 Hot spot
 68 Ernie's "Sesame Street" pal

DOWN

- 1 "Open sesame!" sayer
 2 Exceed
 3 Jungle swinger
 4 "So — me!"
 5 Rifle attachment
 6 End of grace

- 7 With 11-Down, 3-Down's last words?
 8 Rocks
 9 Hold in check
 10 Begin's co-Nobel
 11 See 7-Down
 12 Completely surrounding
 13 Prepares
 21 Ad —
 23 Steps up?
 25 Stead
 27 Say "Li'l Abner," say
 33 Violinist Stern
 36 Goldfinger?
 39 Rugged rock
 40 Crack
 41 With pluck

- 43 Holiday window item
 44 What tellers lack?
 46 Mistaken
 47 Leporello, e.g., in "Don Giovanni"
 51 Put
 53 Stingless bee
 57 Certain money transfer
 61 Schnozz tip?
 62 Family dog, for short

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Four 15-letter answers reading across, and two more 15-letter answers going down—it's a seemingly impossible grid to fill. Yet Manny Nosowsky makes the task look easy, using familiar vocabulary that's unusual and colorful at the same time.

ACROSS

- 1 Six French kings
- 8 Cheese dish
- 15 Had 100 or more
- 17 One stirring up trouble for management
- 18 Darts
- 19 City on the Aire
- 20 "Grand Ole Opry" ainer
- 21 Philosophy subjects
- 22 Level
- 23 Glen Gray & the Casa — Orchestra
- 24 — Fail (Irish coronation stone)
- 25 House coat
- 26 "Le Fife" artist
- 27 Becomes twisted
- 29 One of the Andrews Sisters
- 30 Breathless
- 31 Howled
- 32 Whence the line "The meek shall inherit the earth"
- 34 Elbows on the table
- 37 Way to get a job
- 38 Regular and long
- 39 Seasonal serving
- 40 Like some muscles
- 41 Aquino's successor in the Philippines
- 42 "Count —"
- 43 Wanted letters
- 44 Prefix with tropic
- 45 Prop in a Wild West show
- 46 Noted storyteller
- 49 "Don't rush me!"
- 50 They may be half or full
- 51 Like elbows, sometimes

DOWN

- 1 There's one on most coins

- 2 Arrests
- 3 Slips and such
- 4 Holds up
- 5 Reply to "That a fact?"
- 6 — Xing
- 7 Ranker
- 8 College leader
- 9 Take for —
- 10 So-and-sos
- 11 In-flight announcement, for short
- 12 Stopped talking
- 13 Tireless ones
- 14 Like poison ivy leaves
- 16 Winners get them
- 22 Philately collection
- 23 Not so tough
- 25 Shorty: Var.
- 26 Noted pyramid builders
- 28 Beaver's nearest relative
- 29 Big clubs
- 31 Antitank weapons
- 32 Perfect role model
- 33 Washington address
- 34 Charades, basically
- 35 Rotten
- 36 Glossed over
- 38 Places of art
- 41 Copal or mastic
- 42 Mediterranean tourist destination
- 44 Sunshine Biscuits brand
- 45 Pseudologist
- 47 They may be civil: Abbr.
- 48 And that's not all

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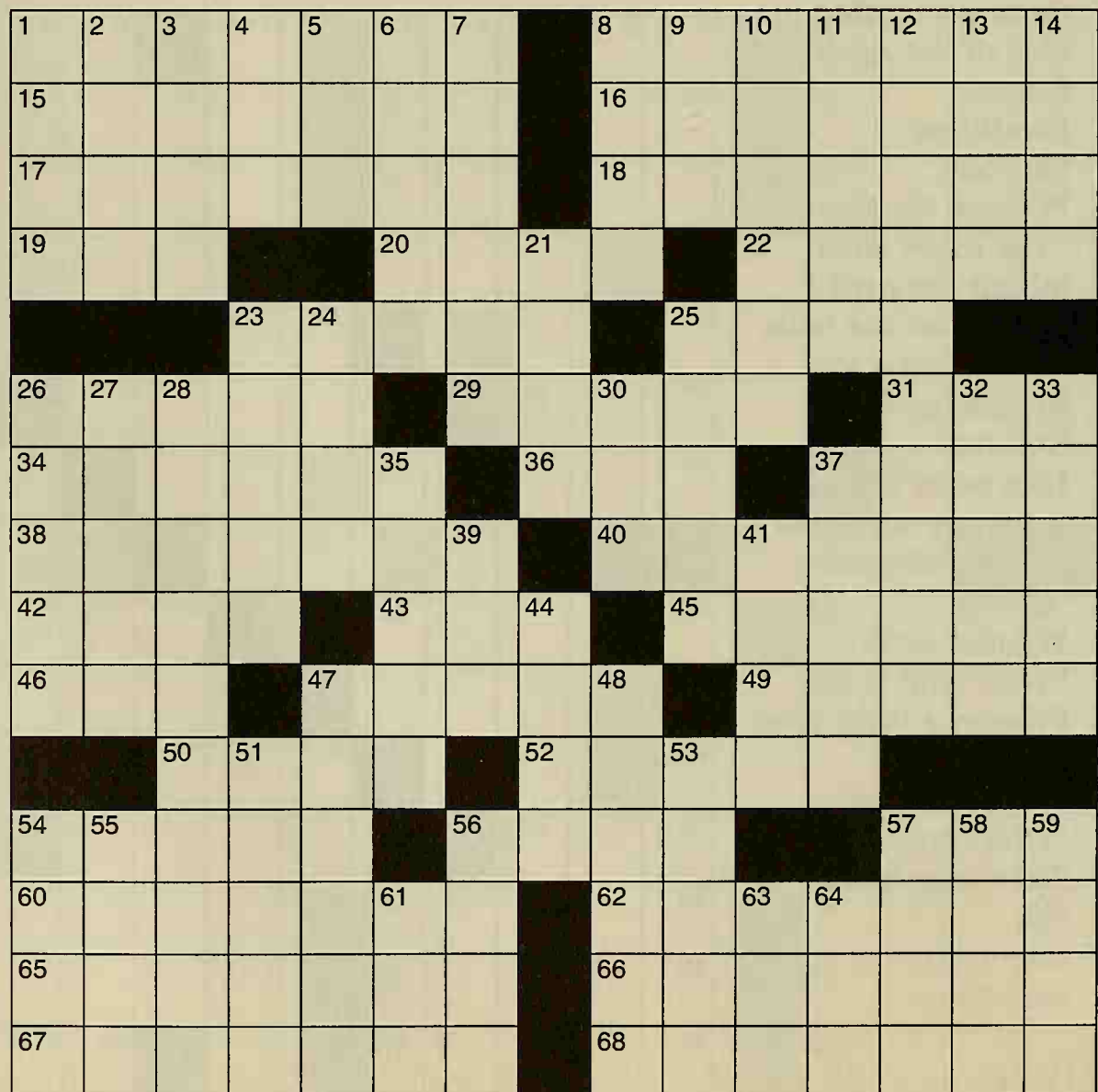
Another Manny Nosowsky tour de force, this puzzle features three sets of theme answers. Look carefully—there is a reason for the italicized word in each theme clue.

ACROSS

- 1 Get rid of
 8 Loser
 15 City on Lake Ontario
 16 "Well, I ___!"
 17 With 18-Across,
 Spendthrift's motto
 (which cracks *me*
 up!)
 18 See 17-Across
 19 W.W. II combat area:
 Abbr.
 20 Lender's recourse
 22 Military mission
 23 Stage assistant's job
 25 Phnom ___
 26 Goldman ___
 (brokerage)
 29 Noggin
 31 Latin lover's word
 34 They keep people off
 beaches
 36 Khartoum-to-Nairobi
 dir.
 37 Gray
 38 With 40-Across,
 American novelist
 (who cracks *me* up!)
 40 See 38-Across
 42 Staffs
 43 Neediest cases site?:
 Abbr.
 45 Swinging
 46 Gamy
 47 It might be involved
 in a police roundup
 49 Beer delivery
 50 Settles with certainty
 52 Lore
 54 "___ what you say,
 but..."
 56 Sludge
 57 Break
 60 With 62-Across,
 Runner-up (who
 cracks *me* up!)
 62 See 60-Across
 65 End-of-book matter
 66 Major coca producer
 67 Spouse's meek
 response
 68 Unity

DOWN

- 1 Suit to ___
 2 Tug, say
 3 Estimator's phrase
 4 "The Thin Man" co-
 star
 5 Business letters?
 6 Popular vodka,
 familiarly
 7 Zeroing (in on)
 8 Yemeni city
 9 Linda ___, Supergirl's
 alias
 10 One way to run
 11 Novelist Tillie
 12 "Unchain My Heart"
 singer
 13 Ship to Colchis
 14 Brightly-colored
 21 Prima donna
 problems
 23 Buddies
 24 Packinghouse stamp
 25 Procter & Gamble
 brand
 26 Jerk
 27 Shake like ___
 28 Crows' hangouts
 30 It may be temporary
 or practical
 32 Director Louis
 33 Follows
 35 Shows of irritation
 37 Stars on stage
 39 AT&T competitor
 41 Gambling, e.g.
 44 "Do ___ others..."
 47 Pacific
 48 Park feature
 51 Surrendered, with
 "in"
 53 Enticed
 54 Words to an "old
 chap"
 55 Harbor
 56 Actor Sharif
 57 "___ Me a Break"
 (title for this puzzle?)
 58 Sales term
 59 Grps. that liaise with
 principals
 61 Dietary abbr.
 63 Order at the Green
 Dragon
 64 China's ___ Piao



Note the date of this puzzle (April 1), which is significant. Solvers on The New York Times's online crossword forum voted this one of their favorite crosswords of the year.

ACROSS

- 1 Torment
5 Some socials
9 Golfers' needs
14 Over yonder
15 Joyous cry
16 "Are you in ___?"
17 Little one
18 Utah Lake is to its west
19 Tarnish
20 Counterfeiters' nemeses
21 Rocket launcher
22 Marina site
23 Ministers
25 List for a new hire
27 Squish, squash or squelch
29 "You're lookin' at your person!"
33 Have words with
37 Start of a newsgroup name online
38 Orient
39 Attempts
42 Measurer
43 North Korea's ___ Il Sung
44 Breadth
45 Cooking meas.
46 Really here
48 "What fools these mortals be" writer
50 Beacon
55 Half-sister of Absalom
58 Pen mothers
60 Nair rival
61 Formulaic
62 Littermates
63 Camus's "L'___ de siècle"
64 Officer's jacket
65 Something copied: Abbr.
66 Countertenor, maybe
67 Musical notes

68 Rib

69 Sri Lankan exports

DOWN

- 1 Flirt
2 Bouquet garni element
3 Conned
4 Graph line indication
5 Fund-raising suffix
6 Tongue-lashing
7 High branch
8 Paste makers
9 "Sophie, ___ and Belle" (1996 musical)
10 Here today, gone tomorrow
11 Hard work
12 Air
13 Informal tops
24 Loud streakers
26 Rulers have them
28 Absorbed
30 Synthetic
31 "My life ___ open book"
32 Plumbing joints
33 Angers, with "off"
34 ___ League
35 kissers
36 Perseveres
40 Part of a Yarborough, maybe, in bridge
41 Jump in the Winter Olympics

47 Log-cutting area

49 Standing

51 Oafish

52 Imply

53 Inside pump

54 Certain crosses

55 Timeout signs

56 In ___ (stagnant)

57 Make money

59 Certain N.C.O.

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by Manny Nosowsky

Saturday, April 1, 2000

SHORTZ SAYS:

Peter Gordon created this puzzle as a sly announcement that he and his wife were expecting. Daughter Phoebe was born on October 28, 2000. Peter also has the distinction of having the first Sunday crossword published under my editorship—one in which the seven colors of the spectrum (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet) had to be colored in the grid.

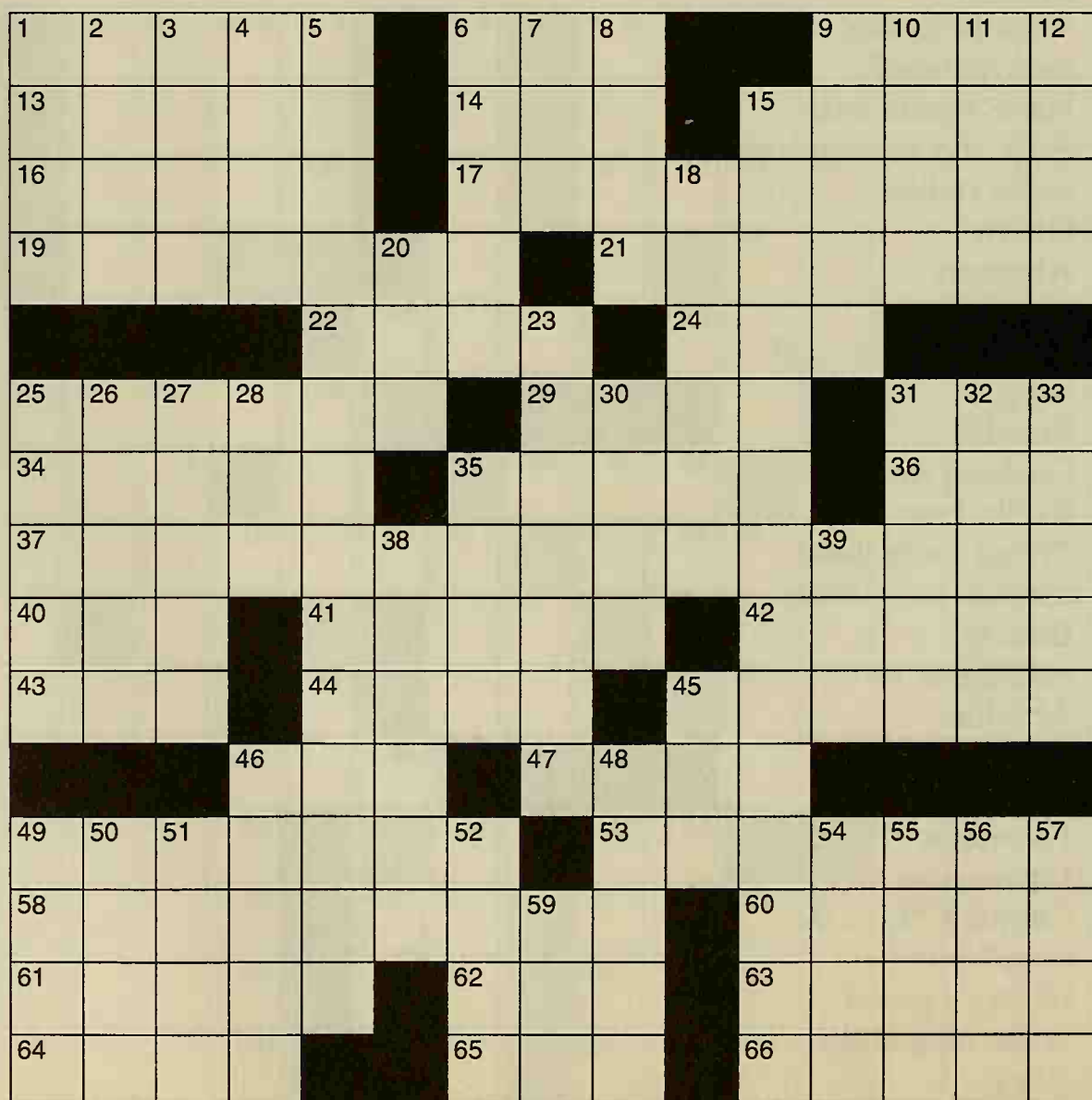
ACROSS

- 1 Woody's "Scenes From a Mall" co-star
6 Manx of the house?
9 "Yes, —"
13 Bucolic
14 Leave breathless
15 "— la vista, baby"
16 Susan Lucci's Emmy-winning soap role
17 Superman foe
19 1992 U.S. Open golf champion
21 Like some stores of old
22 The Untouchables' leader
24 Named yet unnamed
25 Fished
29 Bread in the oven
31 Tub with a whirlpool
34 Sans— type
35 The silent brother
36 Fancy calculator button
37 John Philip Sousa, after a pregnant pause?
40 Poetic preposition
41 Fedora parts
42 Down time
43 Triathlon part
44 Steak order
45 Pain soother
46 Strong joe
47 Line on a map
49 Opens
53 Still fresh
58 March of Time presentations
60 Shylock's doing
61 Dog in "Blondie"
62 Snapper trapper
63 City in northern France
64 Wild revelry
65 Hairstyles
66 Certain locks

DOWN

- 1 Cy Young winner
2 New money
3 Fit
4 Sail a zigzag course
5 "Ishtar" director, after a pregnant pause?
6 Loses color
7 "You," in a rebus puzzle
8 College book
9 Part of a book?
10 "A Hard Road to Glory" author
11 Lots
12 K follower
15 With "The," Tom Clancy novel, after a pregnant pause?
18 Delaware Indian
20 Turner of TV channels
23 Clink
25 Disk-shaped flower
26 1940's–60's Indian P.M.
27 Inexperienced
28 Jar part
30 Globes
31 Smart
32 Stuffed animal at a carnival
33 Ticked off
35 — to the throne

- 38 Grave's counterpart
39 Okla. neighbor
45 Proscribe
46 Slovenly
48 Gives the boot
49 Word processing command
50 Approach
51 Gulp of liquor
52 Enrapture
54 China setting
55 Like dishwater
56 Creator of Perry and Della
57 Batiking needs
59 Many an August birth



by Peter Gordon

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Most puzzle solvers are familiar with the word ladder, in which, for example, COLD can be converted to WARM by changing one letter at a time, making a new word at each step (COLD, CORD, WORD, WARD, WARM). Greg Staples is the first constructor I'm aware of who ever incorporated a word ladder into a crossword theme. The 10 unclued answers in this puzzle (from 20- to 57-Across) show how he did it.

ACROSS

- 1 Kind of tent
 4 Strong criticism
 8 Ages
 14 Charlotte-to-Raleigh dir.
 15 Parks in 1955 news
 16 "Big deal"
 17 With skill
 19 ___ Club
 20 *Start of the word ladder
 21 *Second step
 23 *Third step
 24 Polite guest
 27 Denver clock setting: Abbr.
 28 Smart set
 31 Communicate successfully
 34 Jackie's second
 35 *Fourth step
 37 *Fifth step
 38 Whines
 40 Take care (of)
 43 *Sixth step
 44 *Seventh step
 45 "O patria ___" ("Aida" aria)
 46 Perfect hits
 49 Happening
 51 Duke Ellington's "___ Got Me"
 52 Pay back
 54 *Eighth step
 56 *Ninth step
 57 *End of the word ladder
 61 Censors' signs
 64 Brainiac
 66 Stands for things
 67 Put on board
 68 Grazing ground
 69 Saddam Hussein, e.g.
 70 Chapeau's spot
 71 A little work

DOWN

- 1 They can be sweet
 2 Word processor command
 3 Amazon's source
 4 When "Dallas" aired: Abbr.
 5 "___ luck!"
 6 Provided that
 7 Olympic water sports competitor
 8 Tee preceder
 9 Luau serving
 10 Has a tab
 11 Gene carrier
 12 Ride, so to speak
 13 Some may be false
 18 Chooses
 22 Fido or Fluffy
 25 ___ corpus
 26 1994 Peace Nobel
 28 Fifth of 12
 29 Baseball card stat.
 30 One of Jack's qualities
 32 Baby
 33 Shoot the breeze
 36 Canadian skater Brian
 39 N.L. Central team, on a scoreboard
 40 Sever
 41 Fall from grace
 42 "Dig in!"
 44 Legal legacy
 46 Like a baby in a highchair

- 47 Throat flaps
 48 Hankering
 50 Blow off steam
 53 "A house ___ a home"
 55 Trickle
 58 Congo river
 59 Bleacher feature
 60 Unforeseen difficulty
 62 Arafat's grp.
 63 Jet-set jet
 65 Nor. neighbor

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SHORTZ SAYS:

A puzzle like this makes me smile and shake my head in amazement that anyone would attempt such a challenging theme, never mind execute it so beautifully.

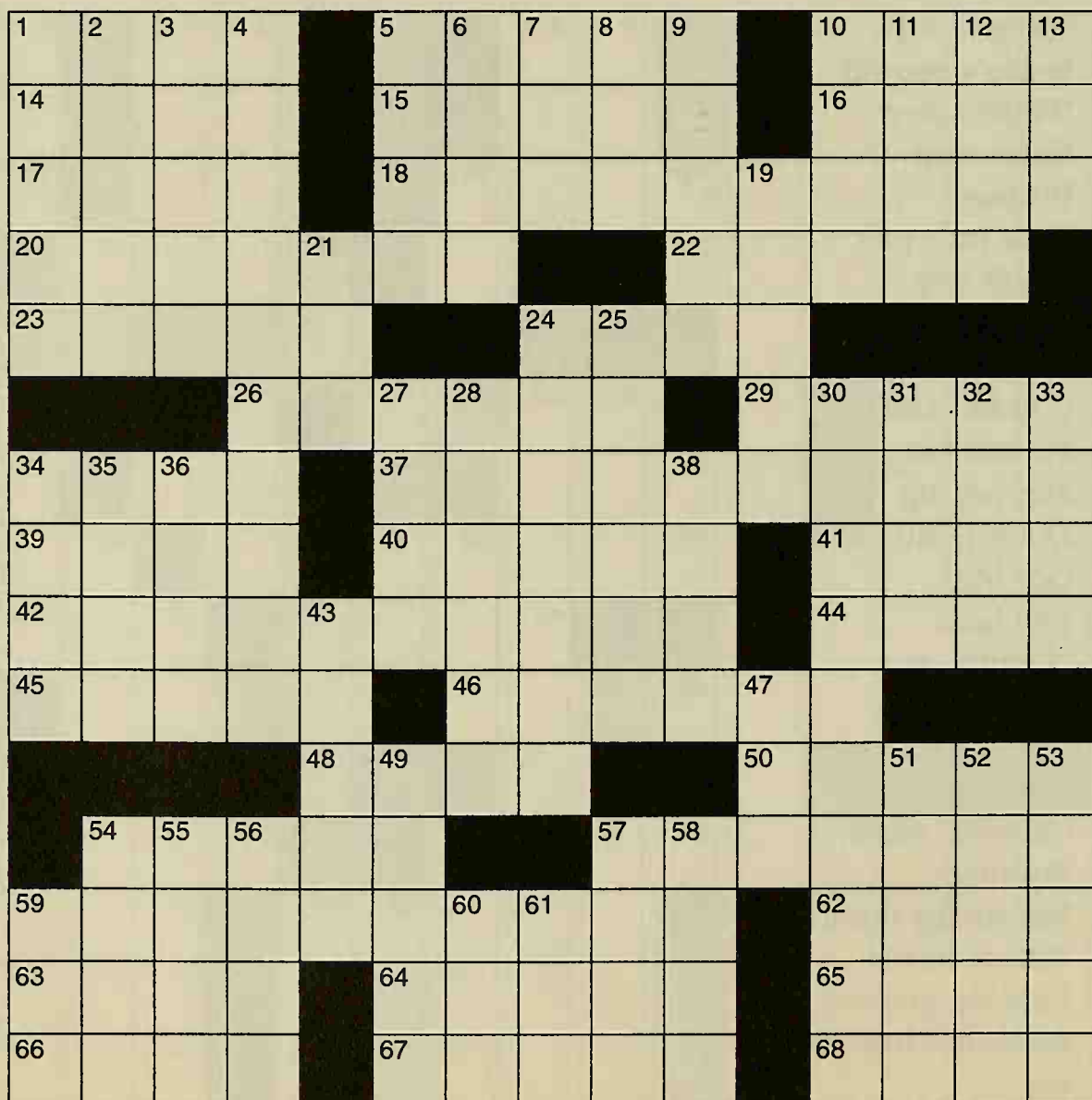
ACROSS

- 1 Water collector
 5 Even a bit
 10 Battleground of July 1944
 14 Winged
 15 The sixth part of 7-Down
 16 Shade of blue
 17 About
 18 See 22-Across
 20 Child's need, maybe
 22 Part of an American plan, at a hotel
 23 Examine
 24 No-no's opposite?
 26 Closed
 29 Patty Hearst's name in the S.L.A.
 34 Conclusive
 37 See 34-Across
 39 Jai ____
 40 San ____, Calif.
 41 Suffix with my-
 42 See 44-Across
 44 Member of a crew
 45 Part of a script
 46 "Bewitched" role
 48 Source
 50 Writers' org.
 54 Pits
 57 11 p.m., for some
 59 See 54-Across
 62 "Fort Apache" actor, 1948
 63 Dover specialty
 64 Ticket category
 65 British poet laureate Nahum
 66 Made like
 67 Exalted
 68 Discordia's Greek counterpart

DOWN

- 1 "You ____ mouthful!"
 2 Arm twisters?

- 3 St. ____ College, in Indiana
 4 Sensible step
 5 Like some doors
 6 Surfing site, with "the"
 7 2000, e.g., in Spain
 8 Actress Ullmann
 9 "Marshall ____ Money Guide"
 10 Portico
 11 Spree
 12 Cooking aid
 13 Previously heard
 19 "Otello" librettist
 21 Author Rand
 24 Sailor's aid
 25 Mean
 27 "The joke's ____"
 28 Female with a showy mate
 30 Hawaii
 31 Big auto parts company
 32 "The doctor ____"
 33 Slightly
 34 Handsome dogs, informally
 35 "Smart" one
 36 Out of reach
 38 Uproar
 43 Have a connection (to)
 47 Fine, slangily
 49 Ottoman Empire founder
 51 Obsolescent carnival prize
 52 Treasured instrument
 53 Netanyahu's predecessor
 54 Alphabet run
 55 Unused
 56 Straits
 57 Bicycle adjunct
 58 Isabella d'____
 59 Traditional Olympics basketball powerhouse
 60 Committed reply
 61 Gist



As I mentioned earlier, a daily crossword with 72 or fewer answers doesn't need a theme. Yet this 70-word puzzle has seven (count 'em!) theme answers, and a beautiful interlock besides. Patrick Berry is one of just a few people in the country who earns his living by constructing crosswords. If he keeps up quality like this, he won't ever have to worry about how to pay the rent.

ACROSS

- 1 Arthur of 70's-80's TV
- 4 Most uncomfortable, as weather
- 10 Burning
- 13 Last page
- 14 Provincial ruler in the Byzantine Empire
- 15 Like old records
- 16 Home of "The Sopranos"
- 17 Person with a hat, maybe
- 18 He beat Connors to win Wimbledon
- 19 "When ___ said and done..."
- 21 Business tycoon's problem?
- 23 Landlord's problem?
- 26 Sink
- 27 Fire-breathing monster
- 29 Begrudges
- 30 Casino worker's problem?
- 32 Title acquired in church, maybe
- 33 Soda jerk's problem?
- 38 Whistle blower
- 39 Shopper's problem?
- 40 Modern treaty subjects
- 44 Like some messages
- 47 Dolt
- 49 War minister's problem?
- 51 Sweepstakes entrant's problem?
- 53 100 centesimos
- 54 Detachment of soldiers
- 55 More repulsive
- 58 Vinaigrette ingredient

- 59 Uses a sewing shuttle
- 60 Café ___ (laced coffee)
- 61 Swiss canton
- 62 Arch
- 63 Lens cover?
- 64 Sen. Stevens of Alaska

DOWN

- 1 "Borstal Boy" author
- 2 As a whole
- 3 Paramount Pictures founder ___ Zukor
- 4 Fighter at Chancellorsville
- 5 Fire truck item
- 6 Characterized by leitmotifs, e.g.
- 7 So
- 8 Signs of healing
- 9 Not just again
- 10 Dawdle
- 11 Asthmatics' needs
- 12 Like sandals
- 15 Sketch comedy show on Fox
- 20 Cast supporter?
- 22 Starter's need
- 24 ___ patriae
- 25 Renounce
- 28 Company part
- 31 Hardly extraneous
- 33 Imaginary
- 34 Demilitarized place
- 35 Solar or lunar phenomenon
- 36 Astronaut Bean
- 37 Excite
- 38 Rounded bolt covers
- 41 Subject of testimony in a murder trial
- 42 Nonscoring baccarat card
- 43 Voltaire's metier
- 45 Barely maintain
- 46 Hunger
- 48 Sitting duck?
- 50 Completely reliable
- 52 Actress lone
- 56 Book of Samuel character
- 57 Chapped

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SHORTZ SAYS:

The date of this puzzle is a hint to its theme . . . as well as its clues. Note that every clue begins with the same letter of the alphabet. D-lightful!

ACROSS

- 1 "Do — others . . ."
 5 Disorganized
 11 Dirty campaign stuff
 14 Drudge of feudal times
 15 District in the Philippines
 16 Document or diet ending
 17 Ducker of military service
 19 DiMaggio stat
 20 Dewey, e.g.: Abbr.
 21 Debonair "bunny man"
 22 "Desperately Seeking Susan" actor Quinn
 24 "Date film" classic of 1987
 28 Devils
 31 "Diana," for one
 32 Determinant of utility charges
 33 Decreases
 37 Disclaimer on a sale tag
 38 Dobie Gray's "— Crowd"
 40 Deere product: Abbr.
 41 Definite agreement
 43 Denizen of an aquarium
 44 Divorce lawyer on "L.A. Law"
 45 Disagreeable air
 46 Dauntless ones
 50 Dawn
 51 Dander
 52 Danube locale: Abbr.
 55 Decimal point
 56 Difficult jump-rope game
 61 Defeater of A.E.S.
 62 Detach, as a rind
 63 Disney lion
 64 "Definitely!"
 65 Danish, e.g.
 66 Decisive time (or theme of this puzzle)

DOWN

- 1 Dairy or ranch regulator: Abbr.

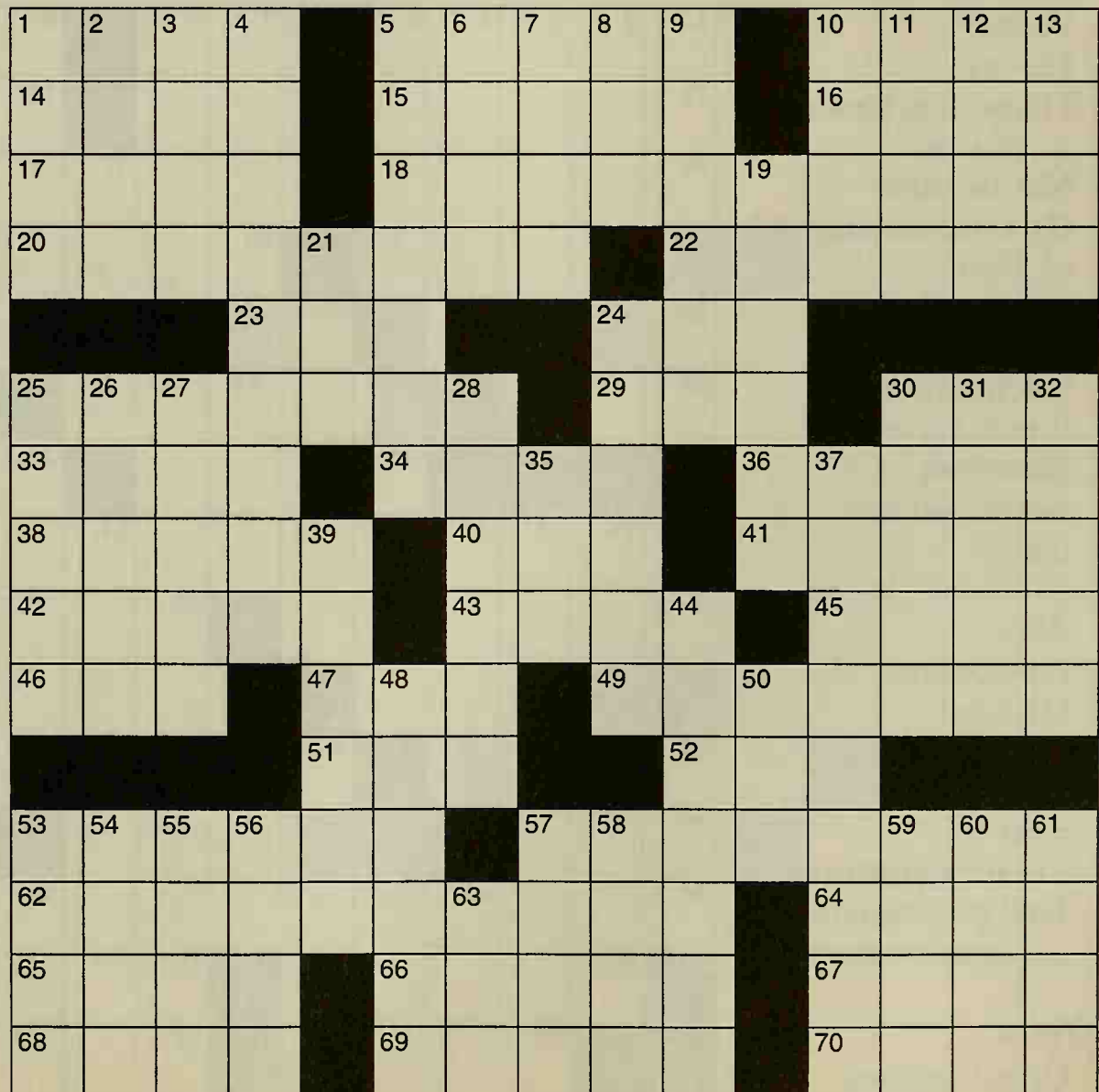
- 2 Doofus-y sort
 3 Downhill/uphill conveyance
 4 Dash — (write quickly)
 5 Drivers' fares
 6 Drifting above
 7 Doze
 8 Delve (into)
 9 "Down with the bull!"
 10 Droll actor in "Ghostbusters"
 11 Day after lundi
 12 Densely settled
 13 Declining, as embers
 18 Dated term for "yours"
 23 Drinks popular in hot weather
 24 Docked animal parts, maybe
 25 Did alpine calls
 26 Diocletian's 552
 27 Djibouti's Gulf of —
 28 Doublet
 29 Defunct oil name
 30 Duct
 34 Dinner scraps
 35 Devoted, as friends
 36 Duke belongs to it: Abbr.
 38 Dollywood locale: Abbr.
 39 Department of State chief under Reagan
 42 Desiccated
 43 Drowsy
 45 Describing no more than
 46 Daughter's cry?
 47 Diminish by degrees
 48 Devotional ceremonies
 49 Dock sight in Galveston
 52 Diminutive amount
 53 Daily Bruin sch.
 54 Dobbin pulls one
 57 Dismiss — technicality
 58 Delivery co.
 59 Dice game action
 60 Düsseldorf connector

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This is the only Times crossword that has ever been published without the clue headings Across and Down. Instead, all the clues appear in a single list from 1 to 70. Answers that share a number also share a clue, in a manner for you to discover.

CLUES

- 1 Fast place
2 It's sent by wire: Abbr.
3 Family dog
4 Will
5 It may bring a box to your house
6 Burn relief
7 Uncle —
8 British facility
9 Catches sight of
10 Arboreal creature with sticky feet
11 Hindu queen
12 Scratched (out)
13 Start of North Carolina's motto
14 "That is ___!" (debate charge)
15 Dairy aisle items
16 Thousand —
17 TV newsman Potter and others
18 Piper Cubs, e.g.
19 Couch potato
20 Groups adapted to their environments
21 Singer Sumac
22 Nal, e.g.
23 Doc bloc
24 Members of the family Hydrophidae
25 1946 Literature Nobel
26 Gen. Rommel
27 Oman money
28 "Hold on, I've changed my mind!"
29 Retd. check notation
30 Children's game
31 Bring out
32 Knight's list
33 Western New York county
34 Kind of class
35 Salt
36 Classical poem
37 Colonnade around a courtyard
38 Graceful swimmers
39 Gambler's chimera
40 General Tso's chicken maker
41 Variety show
42 Like a delta
43 Second son
44 Texas city, site of the San Jacinto Monument
45 Invoice stamp
46 Superior to a chief warrant officer: Abbr.
47 "___ said..."
48 Highway access
49 "Gulliver's Travels" and others
50 Universal ideal
51 Detonation maker
52 Ballet step
53 Hunted items
54 Kind of lily
55 Compos mentis
56 Rug rat
57 It may be the basis of wishful thinking
58 Some roasters
59 Analyst's reply
60 Actor — Patrick Harris
61 Mardi —
62 Brain
63 Genteel event
64 W.W. I battle site
65 Crud
66 Destined (for)
67 Fictional princess
68 "Peter Pan" man
69 Analyze
70 Wrigglers



by John Duschatko

Wednesday, June 7, 2000

SHORTZ SAYS:

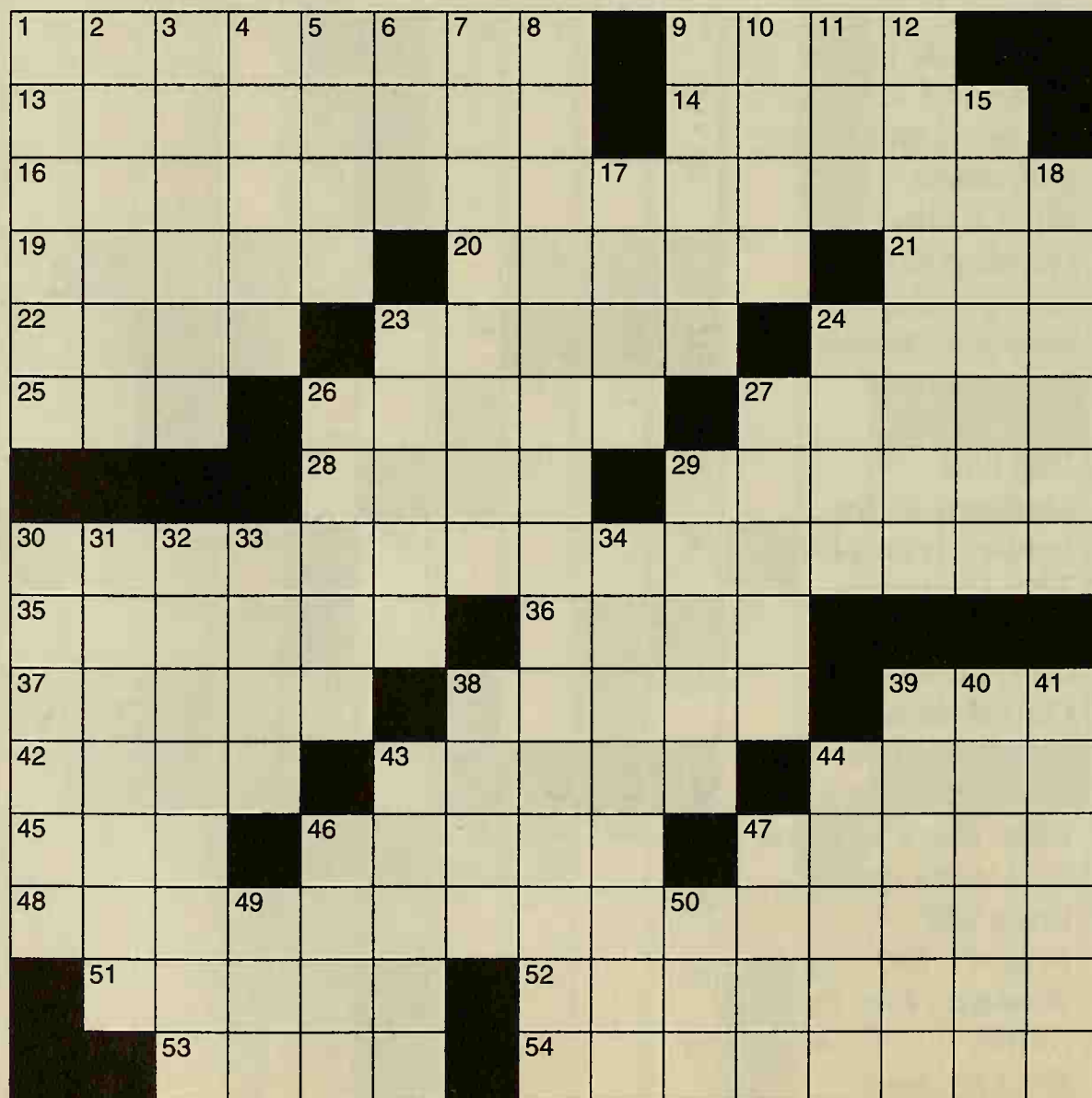
This wide-open construction features four 15-letter theme answers, one of which (8-Down) crosses the other three. Not easy to do! A bonus touch that I like is the lively nontheme answer at 20-Across, which is a phrase everyone knows but that has probably never appeared in a crossword before.

ACROSS

- 1 Nears, with "on"
 9 Animal shelter
 13 Paper-folding creation
 14 Like a rainbow
 16 Huey
 19 Dancing Astaire
 20 "Now I remember!"
 21 Fertility clinic stock
 22 "— do"
 23 Enjoy a rose
 24 Skelton's Kadiddlehopper
 25 Scale tone
 26 Tucks away
 27 Tippler
 28 Frau's abode
 29 Land of Robert Burns
 30 Dewey
 35 Humorous illustrator — Searle
 36 Not be calm
 37 Oscar-nominated role of 1966
 38 King's word
 39 Econ. figure
 42 Latch (onto)
 43 It may be waxed
 44 Memories of a whirlwind trip, maybe
 45 38-Down's home: Abbr.
 46 Pipe cleaner
 47 Like sod
 48 Louie
 51 Full of chutzpah
 52 Stets
 53 Roasting platform
 54 1968 pitcher with six consecutive shutouts
- 3 "Big Brother is watching you" writer
 4 Ecodisaster
 5 Besides
 6 Pedro or Paulo
 7 Well-known, but not well-liked
 8 Huey, Dewey and Louie
 9 Mike holder
 10 Makeshift cradle
 11 Hosp. ward
 12 Unwavering
 15 Gets down to work
 17 Brother Castor and sister Olive
 18 Attacked
 23 Mike holder
 24 Kind of skin
 26 Rock that may hold fossils
 27 Longtime "Today" show personality
 29 Contractor's info
 30 Like "Othello"
 31 Continues, after a fashion
 32 Nebulous
 33 Critically injure
 34 Jean Valjean, at the start of "Les Misérables"
 38 Overseas carrier
 39 Tongue, anatomically
 40 Cooking agent
 41 "The Scarlet Letter" woman
 43 Doesn't wear well
 44 — stiff
 46 7th-century date
 47 Relig. leaders
 49 Tax form info: Abbr.
 50 Kind of care

DOWN

- 1 Orient Express terminus, once
 2 Misled



This 68-word grid contains ten 15-letter answers spanning the grid, with 8-Down intersecting the nine going across. As typical with Bob Klahn, he spices up the puzzle with lively vocabulary, and the grid doesn't have a single unnecessary black square.

ACROSS

- 1 Comprehensive insurance plans
- 16 Cause for celebration
- 17 Summer runners
- 18 Romeo's last words
- 19 1995 role for Kenneth Branagh
- 20 Empty talk
- 21 Start of a religious observance?
- 22 Command level: Abbr.
- 24 Personal involvement
- 28 Provider of a pick-me-up?
- 30 What 1 might mean: Abbr.
- 33 Contract provision
- 37 "Leaving Home" author
- 38 "Guys and Dolls" song
- 39 Purged
- 40 March figures, for short
- 41 They're made to measure
- 42 Mtge. units
- 43 Broken
- 46 Trouble spots?
- 49 Capital of Moravia
- 50 It takes a beating
- 54 Team for which George Plimpton once played
- 58 "Ain't Misbehavin' " tune
- 59 Like 101, to 102?

DOWN

- 1 Sons of, in Hebrew
- 2 Wagered
- 3 "Tales of a Wayside Inn" bell town
- 4 Swell
- 5 Hootchy—

- 6 "The Untouchables" composer Morricone
- 7 Shouts of triumph
- 8 Promise to marry
- 9 "— be in England . . ."
- 10 Rule, in Rouen
- 11 1969 Peace Prize grp.
- 12 Sure thing
- 13 Noodle concoction
- 14 Clear
- 15 Network: Abbr.
- 21 Dependent
- 22 Shine
- 23 Paramecium, e.g.
- 24 Popeye's creator
- 25 Letter before qoph
- 26 Like a farm
- 27 Baron Münchhausen
- 29 Places of refuge
- 30 Something to sip
- 31 Together
- 32 "Phooey!"
- 34 Nike competitor
- 35 Flap
- 36 "Summer and Smoke" heroine
- 42 L.A.'s San — Bay
- 44 Pernod flavoring
- 45 Big name in juices
- 46 "Comin —!" (1981 3-D western)
- 47 Ice cream flavor, briefly
- 48 Prefix with -itis
- 49 Novelist — Easton Ellis
- 50 Classic dress
- 51 Courtroom cover-up
- 52 Combined, in Compiègne
- 53 One of a group of 40-Across
- 55 Letters starting many military plane names
- 56 French pronoun
- 57 Drawing

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SHORTZ SAYS:

This puzzle's clever theme is signaled by the circled letters in the middle of the grid. For the constructor to get all these multi-checked letters to work could not have been easy.

ACROSS

- 1 Passport feature
6 Role for Ingrid
10 Bridge toll unit
14 Overthrowing a base, e.g.
15 Select
16 Prehistoric terror, informally
17 Superhero's home
19 Go on and on
20 "Look, up in the ___!"
21 Playboy centerfold
22 Authority
23 32 pieces and a board
25 Speed: Abbr.
26 Certain teas
29 They go well with plaids
31 Diamond unit
32 Asian plains
35 River to Hades
36 Stayed at home
37 Best Picture of 1958
40 Dress store section
42 Feeling puffed up
43 Players in a dome, once
45 Taken care of
46 "___ Te Ching"
47 More skittish
51 Like much notebook paper
53 "The Unity of India" writer
54 Symbol on a cape
57 Et ___
58 Superhero's nickname
60 Drunks
61 Smooth (out)
62 Baseball Hall-of-Famer Combs
63 Deuce taker
64 "Pretty Woman" co-star
65 Berate

DOWN

- 1 Grad sch. classes
2 Trudge
3 Pretentious
4 Commercial suffix with "Sav-"
5 Prognosticator
6 Computer programs have them
7 Whoppers
8 Mooring spots
9 Gore and Bundy
10 Gillette brand
11 Superhero's skill
12 Filmed, in Hollywood slang
13 Praises lavishly
18 Slapstick comedy items
22 Clog (up)
23 Encourager
24 "SportsZone" ailer
26 IBM products
27 Partake of
28 Superhero's undoing
30 Fictional Simon
32 Used a bench
33 Mao ___-tung
34 Wasser in the winter
36 Smart-alecky
38 Belt tightener?
39 Altar reply
41 Snitched
42 Scans
43 Finally
44 Expert on spars and stars
45 Catch a wave
48 Catch
49 Mister, in Mendoza
50 Radiated
52 "___ does it"
54 Architect Saarinen
55 Talk up
56 Huskies' load
58 Russian plane
59 Middle of XXX



ACROSS

- 1 Big moneymaker
- 8 Chairs may hold them
- 14 Still, in a way
- 15 "Some nerve!"
- 16 Firmly formed
- 17 Jam and cram again
- 18 — Francis of hockey fame
- 19 Dweller in Clydebank
- 21 Paris Opera part
- 22 Unlock
- 24 In print
- 25 Teaching venues
- 26 — Brainard, the Absent-Minded Professor
- 27 Smashing
- 30 Use a shuttle
- 31 Kind of hole
- 33 Plenty
- 35 Trying cases, plea bargaining, etc.?
- 39 Jackson of jazz
- 40 Prefix meaning "likeness"
- 41 Pocket
- 42 Expected to happen
- 45 Pinkerton, e.g.
- 48 Morsels
- 50 "Well, lookee here!"
- 51 Art school name
- 54 Artifice
- 55 Hit or miss
- 57 "— else fails..."
- 58 Brewer's product
- 60 Words before a fight?
- 62 When repeated, not much in the way of news
- 63 One who puts on a cap
- 64 Pizazz
- 65 Some disbelievers

- 3 Unite
- 4 Pickup artist's line?
- 5 Checked out
- 6 Suffix with 55-Across
- 7 Volstead Act opponents
- 8 Tough area
- 9 50's political monogram
- 10 Like some organs
- 11 Don of England, e.g.
- 12 Musée d'Orsay locale
- 13 Most dependable
- 15 They chase flies
- 20 One who works for the Police Gazette?
- 23 Town connected by bridge to Windsor
- 28 — sense
- 29 Director's opposite
- 32 Bad marks in high school, maybe
- 34 Dentists' convention?
- 35 Like some plans
- 36 1962 musical choreographed by Bob Fosse
- 37 It's nonreturnable
- 38 Mixer
- 41 Without any chance at all (and a phonetic hint to this puzzle's theme)
- 43 Enticing
- 44 Up, in a way
- 46 Ballet position

- 47 Arp contemporary
- 49 Where questions are asked
- 52 Fraternity letter
- 53 Giants and Pirates, e.g.
- 56 Sound units
- 59 Dress (up)
- 61 It may be picked

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DOWN

- 1 Sounded like a rook
- 2 Cave dwellers

by David J. Kahn

Saturday, December 2, 2000

ACROSS

- 1 Building supports
 6 "I see," facetiously
 10 Not latched
 14 Zero Mostel role of 1964
 15 Color of some wine grapes
 16 Cracked
 17 Insomniac's need
 19 Crack, in a way
 20 Otologist's study
 21 Company founded by Steve Case
 22 Newspaper read at Notre Dame
 24 Oliver's wife on "Green Acres"
 26 Common Market: Abbr.
 28 Lower
 29 Vietnam was part of it
 32 Actress Thurman
 34 Travel widely
 35 Raises
 36 Arctic native
 37 Fallacious reasoner
 40 The Who's "Tommy" and others
 41 China aster, e.g.
 42 Scot's wear
 43 Taken in
 44 Naples's home: Abbr.
 45 Carte start
 46 Soapmaking substance
 51 Modern data holder
 53 Moreover
 54 1970 Kinks hit
 55 Sorrowful cry
 57 Rebuffs
 59 Roulette bet
 60 Troubles
 61 Hubert Humphrey's running mate, 1968
 64 1982 title role for Meryl Streep

- 65 Nettle
 66 Judge, at times
 67 Geologists' divisions
 68 Proof word
 69 Dental stuff

DOWN

- 1 What "ipso" means
 2 Fancy part of Los Angeles
 3 Loath
 4 Some whiskey
 5 Print tint
 6 Caught some rays, perhaps
 7 Kachina doll maker
 8 Framework piece
 9 Capital of Loiret
 10 Major can maker
 11 Chief of staff under George Bush
 12 Dean's concern
 13 Skip it
 18 Very much
 23 Exec's degree
 25 Apprehensive feeling
 27 Overthrow
 30 Big name in the ad biz
 31 Poker supplies
 33 N.L. East team
 36 Counting everything
 37 Cousin of reggae
 38 Art shop buy
 39 Eagles' home
 40 Delay

- 41 Prince Valiant's wife
 43 Sewing machine attachments
 44 Kind of insurance
 46 Writer Marilyn — Savant
 47 Car hood, in Britain
 48 Consult
 49 Enduring hits
 50 Duck hunter's boots
 52 Angry reactions
 55 Sage
 56 Rearrange, say
 58 Kids' TV character
 62 Uncooperative one
 63 Noted 62-Down

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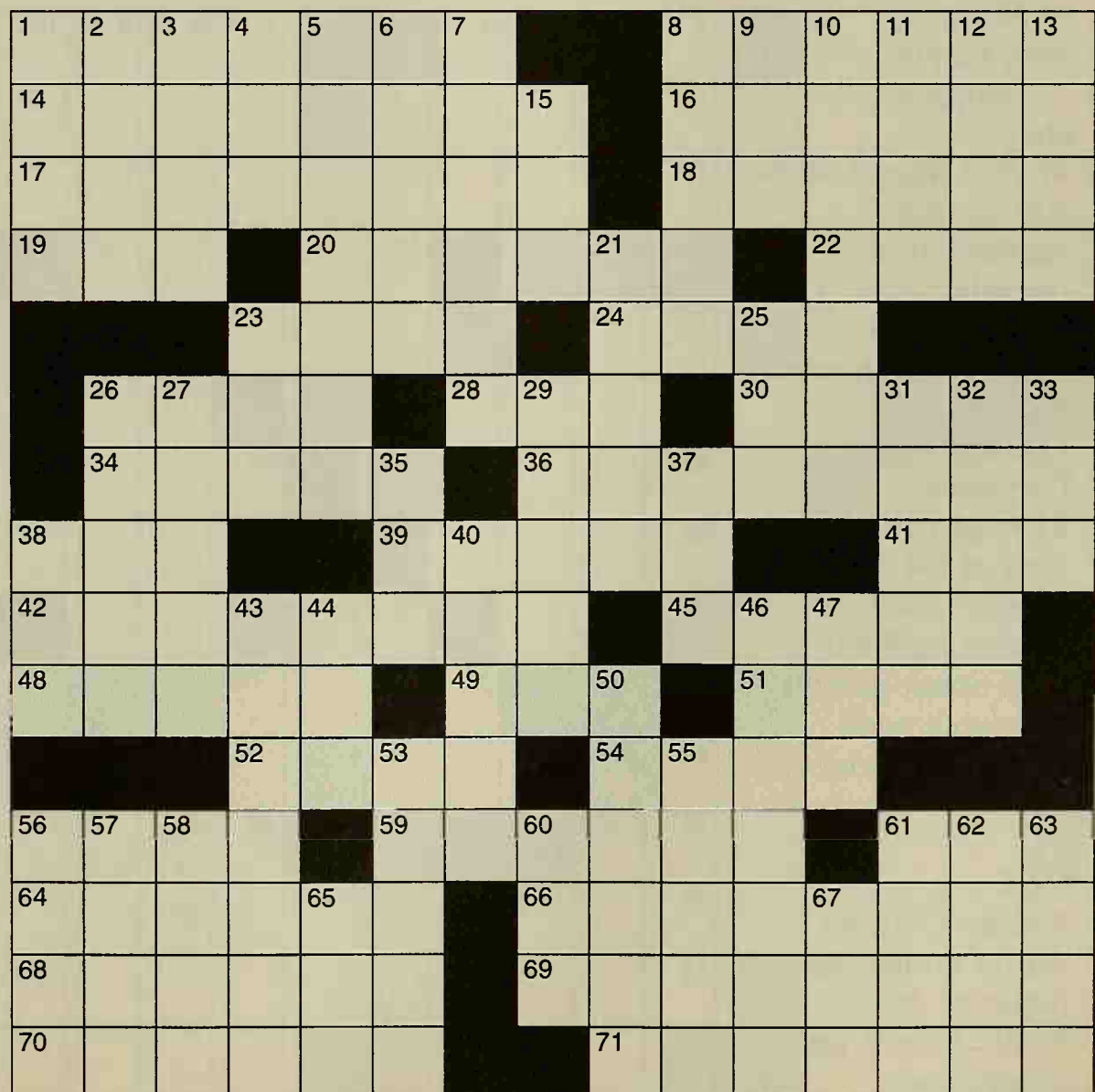
The constructor of this crossword (a Times regular) carries each of his theme ideas as far as possible, adding multiple layers, if appropriate—and does so with skill and flair. Here is an excellent example.

ACROSS

- 1 Was in the running for
8 Summer dress feature
14 They often start "Here"
16 Jim Palmer, once
17 Where The Gazette is published
18 Kind of club
19 Hoops stat.
20 Forfeit again
22 Benjamin Disraeli, e.g.
23 African pullover
24 Schoolmarmish
26 Mr. ___ of "Peter Pan"
28 "There it is!"
30 August birthstone
34 Siesta time
36 In direct competition
38 CD-___
39 Inventor who inspired this puzzle
41 Get spliced
42 Parts left out
45 Fosters, for one
48 First name in mystery writing
49 Sri Lanka export
51 Ninny
52 "___ Stars," #1 hit for Freddy Martin, 1934
54 Symbol of punctuality
56 Ale relative
59 Waterside accommodations provider
61 Duffel
64 Rare birth
66 Weigh heavily
68 Sewer, maybe
69 Screenwriter's start
70 Auto gauge shower
71 Speech enliveners

DOWN

- 1 Rope material
2 Per
3 Like Errol Flynn
4 Old Polo Grounds favorite
5 Hung back
6 Take ___ (look)
7 Muse of comedy
8 Draw game?
9 Valuable deposit
10 QB protectors
11 Hawaiian storm
12 16-Across, for short
13 "I'm all ears"
15 Pavement caution
21 Goes over
23 Dancer's partner?
25 Wall St. event
26 Vodka brand, informally
27 First lady with bangs
29 Chestnut, e.g.
31 Spur part
32 Like krypton
33 Lavished love (on)
35 Comic Philips
37 Elusive one
38 Timber tree with colored inner bark
40 When some footballs are hiked
43 Like many doors
44 French pronoun
46 Good name for a girl writing a postscript?
47 Beckett title name
50 Athens's state, in ancient times
53 Call off
55 Euripides play
56 Commuter's run?
57 Pride of Israel
58 Dugout shelter
60 When half of rush hours occur: Abbr.
61 "Viva Maria!" actress, 1965
62 Play to ___
63 Some G.M. cars
65 Book after Ezra: Abbr.
67 Part of X-X-X



by David J. Kahn

Friday, December 29, 2000

As mentioned on the puzzle of July 24, 1998, the record for the lowest number of black squares in a standard 15×15-square grid was 21. This puzzle set a new record with just 20. Still, the vocabulary in it sparkles, and it doesn't have a single bad entry.

ACROSS

- 1 Monarchy or parliamentary democracy
16 A little too clever
17 Oven item
18 Stray
19 Join securely
20 1984 skiing gold medalist
21 Many cottage dwellers
23 Diner orders
25 Arab League V.I.P.'s
26 Putdowns
27 Connecting points
28 Sacks
29 Piece of neckwear
32 "Let's Get ___" (1973 #1 hit)
33 Star, maybe
34 '93 Sugar Bowl champs
35 W.W. I troops: Abbr.
36 Ace of clubs?
37 Aristophanes comedy, with "The"
38 New Orleans sandwich, informally
39 Solid swats
40 Emitted steam
43 Promotes
44 Kind of warfare
45 Half of the "Wayne's World" duo
47 Author LeShan
48 Wall Street gambit
51 Camper's need
52 Comments from co-workers

DOWN

- 1 Former German duchy known for a breed of dog
2 Really ham it up, redundantly
3 Found out about
4 N.Y.C. subway

- 5 Snickers
6 "___, she's mine..." (Manfred Mann lyric)
7 Columnist Herb and others
8 Farm prefix
9 Study of lakes and ponds
10 ___-Cross Championship Racing
11 Complains
12 Baseball stat
13 Church offering
14 Turn out
15 Paris parents
22 It may follow four or six, but not five
24 Silence
26 Like most cemetery plots
28 Sports org. owned by Fox
29 In which 49 is 100
30 Rash
31 What tubas play
33 Naïf
34 Place of interest?
36 Napoleon's birthplace
37 One of the brothers Grimm
38 Bill
39 Potato dishes
40 Screening device
41 Separate
42 Not in
43 Golfers' bane
46 To ___ (just so)
49 Mil. titles
50 Encouraging word

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Speaking of record-breaking, this puzzle may well hold the record for the most theme entries of its type in a standard 15×15 grid. I won't reveal exactly what type this is—you'll feel proud when you discover the secret for yourself.

ACROSS

- 1 "One Man's San Francisco" author
- 5 — doble (Latin dance)
- 9 Some Olympians, nowadays
- 13 Stare impertinently
- 14 Slogan
- 16 Algebra topic
- 18 Like some rats
- 19 "You there?"
- 20 Org. that banned DDT
- 21 Knock over
- 24 Critic, at times
- 25 Pay the entire check
- 28 Fertilizer sources
- 31 What a cedilla indicates
- 33 Talk incessantly
- 34 Turnstile part
- 37 It can be found in oil
- 40 Game in which jacks are highest trumps
- 41 Inflammatory diseases
- 42 Radiate
- 43 Ripens
- 45 Monterrey jack?
- 46 Pinch-hitting great Manny —
- 49 Super — (old video game standard)
- 50 Washington, to Lafayette
- 52 Fed
- 54 Chafing dish fuel
- 57 1947 Best Picture nominee
- 62 Waste away
- 63 Answer to the riddle "Dressed in summer, naked in winter"
- 64 1980's Davis Cup captain
- 65 Hits a fly
- 66 City on the Gulf of Aqaba

DOWN

- 1 Serving with vin
- 2 Río contents
- 3 Airline with King David Lounges
- 4 "Nashville" co-star
- 5 Outdoor dining spot
- 6 N.C. State plays in it
- 7 H. Rider Haggard novel
- 8 Alphabet trio
- 9 They talk too much
- 10 Angrily harangue
- 11 "— Mio"
- 12 "Sí" man?
- 14 Break activity, perhaps
- 15 "What's that?"
- 17 Saw with the grain
- 21 Knocking noises
- 22 Kind of triangle
- 23 Louis Botha, notably
- 25 Recipe abbr.
- 26 Fleece
- 27 Black key
- 29 Guarantee
- 30 Blender setting
- 32 The Rhumba King
- 34 Together, in music
- 35 Some mail designations: Abbr.
- 36 San —, Calif.
- 38 Something in writing?
- 39 An American in Paris, perhaps

- 43 Dugong's cousin
- 44 Half of quattordici
- 46 A Gabor sister
- 47 Cruel people
- 48 Choppers
- 51 Part of a baby bottle
- 53 Artist Gerard — Borch
- 54 Flies away
- 55 "Me neither"
- 56 1977 Scott Turow book
- 58 Greek letters
- 59 "Ker-bam!"
- 60 Quod — faciendum
- 61 Subway wish

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SHORTZ SAYS:

When you see Cathy Millhauser's byline on a puzzle, you can be virtually certain that your laugh muscles are about to get a workout. Here she takes four common phrases and puts a punny twist on them in a very specific way.

ACROSS

- 1 Double dates
 5 Old newspaper sections
 10 Something to nibble on with Beaujolais
 14 "Alfred" and "Judith" composer
 15 Grown
 16 — Minor
 17 Agitate
 18 Lofty
 19 Pipsqueak
 20 "Flood cleanup wears me out!"
 23 Line on an invoice
 24 "Gotcha!"
 25 Bridal path
 26 Wilt Chamberlain was one
 28 Big name in fine china
 30 Strut
 31 "Health club exercise is so boring!"
 36 Jazzman Allison
 39 Franz of operetta fame
 40 Tout's concern
 41 "Military service leaves me pooped!"
 44 Zip-zip
 45 Sweethearts
 49 Lamb Chop enlivener Lewis
 50 Phone menu imperative
 54 — sense
 55 One sense, figuratively
 56 "Driving takes away all your energy!"
 59 As one, at Orly
 61 Old-style copier
 62 Reformer Jacob
 63 Ordered to go
 64 Pretty blue
 65 Memo starter
 66 Irritable

- 67 Battery components?

- 68 Kind of money

DOWN

- 1 Of the ankle
 2 Squirm
 3 Out, at the library
 4 One who gets what's coming
 5 Actress Oakes of "CHiPs"
 6 Kitchens have them
 7 Like some pregnancies
 8 Football Hall-of-Famer Matson
 9 1930's Goldwyn star Anna
 10 It now has a Union: Abbr.
 11 Soak
 12 Painkiller dosage phrase
 13 Sleep on it
 21 Long, for short
 22 Louver part
 27 Certain vocal part
 29 Submissive type
 30 It borders the state of Amazonas
 32 Kind of pot
 33 Still
 34 Greek antepenultimate
 35 Stay behind
 36 She kneads people

- 37 Left alone
 38 Campaign dirty tricks
 42 Money guarantor, for short
 43 Designer Schiaparelli
 46 Blur remover
 47 Complete
 48 Got smart with
 50 Cup or purse
 51 Twin of myth
 52 Put forth, in a way
 53 They may be tapped for the stage
 57 Third in a Latin recital
 58 "Trinity" novelist
 60 What a mess!

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by Cathy Millhauser

Thursday, March 15, 2001

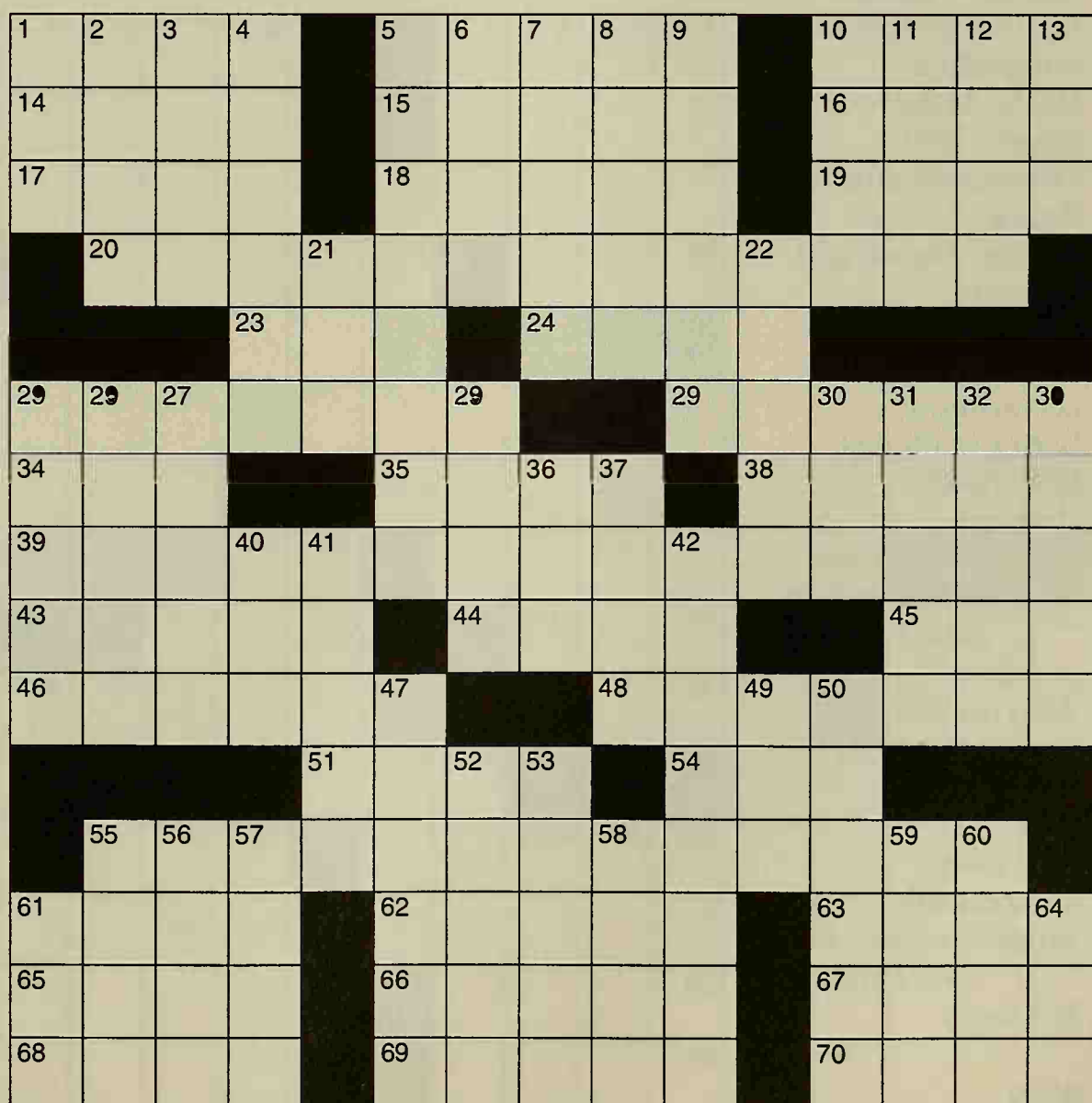
Almost all of us had or were at least familiar with decoder rings when we were kids, for writing and receiving secret messages. This construction adopts the decoder ring idea for a puzzle within a puzzle—the kind of novel twist in a crossword that I love.

ACROSS

- 1 Scotland's — Fyne
 5 It's nothing to speak of
 10 Perennial presidential campaign issue
 14 Memo phrase
 15 Part of a U.S. census category
 16 "Did you —?!"
 17 Bound
 18 Manly apparel
 19 — avis
 20 Half of a decoder ring
 23 Former nuclear power org.
 24 "Còmo — usted?"
 25 Maserati, e.g.
 29 It gives you an out
 34 The Buckeyes: Abbr.
 35 Heralded
 38 What a rubber produces?
 39 Secret message
 43 Hall-of-Fame coach Mike
 44 Author Wiesel
 45 Clay, after transformation
 46 English essayist Sir Richard
 48 Unpleasant ones
 51 Landers and others
 54 Opus —
 55 Other half of the decoder ring
 61 Thailand, once
 62 More than hot
 63 Gave the go-ahead
 65 French 101 verb
 66 Pluralizers
 67 Woman of the haus
 68 Its motto is L'Étoile du Nord: Abbr.
 69 Thomas Jefferson, religiously
 70 Inevitability

DOWN

- 1 Not-so-apt word for Abner
 2 Suitable for service
 3 Shore catch
 4 One who's beat but good?
 5 "Be well"
 6 Catchphrase from "Clueless"
 7 Poppycock
 8 They may be made with Bibles
 9 Present
 10 Be rough with the reins
 11 Flattened figure
 12 Earthwork
 13 Madrid Mme.
 21 Big holiday mo.
 22 Notched
 25 Makes origami
 26 Comparatively healthy
 27 Deluxe accommodations
 28 All-night party
 30 Early auto
 31 Zhou —
 32 Move like a 3-Down
 33 Tournament round
 36 Nothing
 37 Smile
 40 Classic Jaguar
 41 Hit 1980's-90's NBC drama
 42 Car safety feature
 47 Coveted
 49 Et — (footnote abbr.)
 50 Warn
 52 Hospital figure
 53 Former East German secret police
 55 Tubes in the kitchen
 56 Tale
 57 Marvel Comics heroes
 58 Jeanne d'Arc et al.: Abbr.
 59 Gumbo component
 60 Without ice
 61 Relig. training ground
 64 Company in Italy?



by William I. Johnston

Thursday, March 29, 2001

SHORTZ SAYS:

Mel Taub has been a Times constructor since the 1950's. He's best known for his Puns and Anagrams puzzles, which appear several times a year on the Sunday puzzle page. Here is a more traditional crossword for which he directed the construction in an adult education course on crosswords at a Manhattan YMCA. Before the course began, he proposed the theme, which I preapproved. Then he and his students, in class, jointly produced the grid and the clues.

ACROSS

- 1 "—," said Tom presently
 5 Not chronic
 10 Limey's quaff
 14 N.Y.S.E. competitor
 15 General denial?
 16 Big partygoer?
 17 "—," said Tom unremittingly
 20 Hood's gun
 21 Pond cover
 22 Gladiator's place
 23 On the main
 24 Word before juris or generis
 25 "—," said Tom fittingly
 33 Snappish
 34 Meadow denizen
 35 Symbol of solidity
 36 Suggestive
 37 It was tested on Bikini, 1954
 39 Polynesian amulet figure
 40 "Little" Stowe girl
 41 "Fudge!"
 42 Baffler
 43 "—," said Tom accordingly
 47 Bettor's interest
 48 Differently
 49 Pretend
 52 Utterly destroyed
 54 State touching Can.
 57 "—," said Tom patiently
 60 All you can eat
 61 Early settlers of Iceland
 62 Top
 63 Provokes splenetically
 64 Emulates Babe Ruth
 65 "—," said Tom haltingly

DOWN

- 1 Reagan cabinet member

- 2 Mme. Bovary
 3 Let
 4 Outside: Prefix
 5 "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" director
 6 Jackie who starred in "Tom Sawyer," 1930
 7 Voice of America org.
 8 It has a point
 9 Work unit
 10 "All in the Family" role
 11 Ready for plucking
 12 Saudi Arabia neighbor
 13 Maja painter
 18 Nice to nosh
 19 Gray-brown
 23 Aesthetically pretentious
 24 Macedonian's neighbor
 25 Spread around
 26 Cry to anchor men
 27 "Platoon" prize
 28 Sandal strap
 29 Many a skit actor
 30 Complaints
 31 Bilked
 32 Evade
 37 Dangle
 38 Lifting device
 39 Webster's Unabridged, e.g.
 41 Sawyer of ABC
 42 Linguine sauce
 44 "Communist Manifesto" co-author
 45 Feed
 46 Gets around
 49 Poodle name
 50 Mideast ruler
 51 Man, but not Woman
 52 Be sure
 53 Uttar Pradesh tourist site
 54 Hankering
 55 Spanish building topper
 56 Quarter
 58 Politicos with jobs
 59 Raven's call

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Before he was even out of high school, Trip Payne knew that he wanted to be a professional crossword constructor and editor. Here is a fine example of his work, featuring a funny quotation and stacking of theme entries. Incidentally, Trip is the youngest person (at 24) ever to win the American Crossword Puzzle Tournament. He also won \$32,000 on "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire."

ACROSS

- 1 Overthrown leader
- 5 Not out
- 10 See 61-Down
- 14 Actress Lamarr
- 15 Beau's gift
- 16 Till fill
- 17 Speaker of the quip starting at 20-Across
- 19 It has the spirit
- 20 Start of a quip
- 22 Slightest
- 23 Word of agreement
- 24 Sharp flavor
- 26 "Kate & Allie" actress Meyers
- 27 Young fowl
- 31 It could be stuffed
- 33 Old station identification
- 35 Had
- 36 Main city of Devon
- 37 Quip, part 2
- 40 Haunt
- 43 Jeff Lynne group
- 44 "My Uncle" star
- 48 Chekhov uncle
- 49 It should set off alarms
- 51 Informal footwear
- 52 Flutter
- 53 One of the Volcano Islands, for short
- 55 Jobs site
- 57 Quip, part 3
- 62 Subjoins
- 63 End of the quip
- 64 Saddle, e.g.
- 65 Tel Aviv-born person
- 66 French jeweler Lalique
- 67 "Chickery Chick" bandleader
- 68 Smithery employee
- 69 Genesis source

- 2 Sewing machine attachments
- 3 Shelley's elegy to Keats
- 4 Some needles
- 5 — cantabile (gentle, sad song)
- 6 Whistle maker?
- 7 China setting
- 8 Persisted in
- 9 Paper
- 10 Spots
- 11 Ticked off
- 12 Merry
- 13 "You naughty person!"
- 18 Start of many addresses

- 21 Paul V's papal predecessor
- 25 Part of w.p.m.
- 28 They can be rolled
- 29 Tribal language
- 30 Bank
- 32 It's just not right
- 34 Follow
- 36 TV spinoff of 1980
- 38 Carrier name until 1997
- 39 Biblical judge
- 40 Plant gametes
- 41 "I wouldn't do that"
- 42 Winter break, of a sort
- 45 Person with a loss
- 46 Sexton's duty

- 47 Summer drink
- 49 Platform on the back of an elephant
- 50 Kind of shell
- 54 Houdini's birth name
- 56 Really rains
- 58 Princely family name of old
- 59 Transient
- 60 Bern is on it
- 61 With 10-Across, skier's aid
- 62 "Shoot!"

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DOWN

- 1 "The Glamorous Life" singer

by Trip Payne

Thursday, May 3, 2001

SHORTZ SAYS:

The secret of this puzzle's theme is revealed at 62- and 16-Across. The theme itself appears in the six longest Across answers. That's a lot of theme material, with a crackerjack construction besides.

ACROSS

1 Quirky 70's-80's band

5 "Evita" role

8 Give confidence to

14 Mountain stat.

15 Agreement abroad

16 See 62-Across

17 Previous

19 Attacked violently

20 Bejeweled adornment

21 Bush Sr. headed it

23 "Ici on ___ français"

24 Like a street urchin

27 Jungle queen of 50's TV

30 Retaliation, in part?

31 They're affected by the ionosphere

34 Totenberg of NPR

38 True up

39 Island off India's coast

40 Theaters

41 Father of Enos

42 Spread out, timewise

44 Cup at a grease joint

45 James of "Marcus Welby, M.D."

46 Movie house popcorn choice

52 Tryon novel, with "The"

53 You might need a paddle to do this

54 Brilliance

58 Stingers?

60 Went around in circles?

62 With 16-Across, the theme of this puzzle

63 Too late for the E.R.

64 Oddball

65 Big name in swimwear

66 Pay stub abbr.

67 Frank or Francis

DOWN

1 Skilled

2 "The Time Machine" people

3 Designer Wang

4 Oppress

5 Bill's partner

6 Funny feeling

7 Children's song refrain

8 Halifax clock setting: Abbr.

9 Pull into

10 Fergie, formally

11 In ___ (unborn)

12 Empire

13 Cosmetician Lauder

18 Begin to catch up with

22 Filmmaker with total creative control

25 Spotted, to Tweety

26 "Angela's Ashes" follow-up

27 Sp. ladies

28 In good health

29 Get to work on Time?

32 Modifying word

33 Go for the gold

34 1939 Garbo role

35 Worldwide: Abbr.

36 Beverage brand

37 Org.

40 Eye bank donation

42 Scoreboard line under RHE, maybe

43 George W. deg.

44 Sun-dried, as beef

46 Ness et al.

47 Ready, as a sail

48 ___ Island red

49 Hollow rock

50 Lightheaded

51 No-brainer?

55 Nutcase

56 The King's middle name

57 Profits

59 ___-Cone

61 Pops

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Most crossword constructors would have been satisfied with the three theme entries at 17-, 36- and 57-Across. Will Johnston added a fourth theme entry at 7-Down, turning a merely good puzzle into a great one.

ACROSS

- 1 Emphatic agreement
- 5 Pitcher Shawn —
- 10 See 48-Down
- 14 Circular announcement
- 15 Ring
- 16 Mine, in Montréal
- 17 X
- 20 Unusual
- 21 Pulls down, so to speak
- 22 Méditerranée, par exemple
- 23 You may flirt with it
- 26 Thun's river
- 27 "Farewell, My Lovely" novelist
- 31 Neighbor of an Afghani
- 34 Bohr's study
- 35 — y plata (Montana's motto)
- 36 X
- 40 Hollywood job: Abbr.
- 41 It means nothing to Nicolette
- 42 "Shake, Rattle and Roll" singer
- 43 Sticky situation
- 46 Crop
- 47 Sorry soul
- 49 Authority on diamonds?
- 52 "I don't buy it"
- 55 7,926 miles, for the earth
- 57 X
- 60 —-eyed
- 61 Judging group
- 62 Fall preceder, perhaps
- 63 Throw out
- 64 Like God, in a fire-and-brimstone sermon
- 65 Some queens

DOWN

- 1 Land bordering Bhutan
- 2 Equivocal answer
- 3 Dramatist Rice
- 4 North Platte locale: Abbr.
- 5 No dessert for a dieter
- 6 Climbs, in a way
- 7 X X X
- 8 Source of lean red meat
- 9 Clinton, e.g.: Abbr.
- 10 Baseless rumor
- 11 Archer of myth
- 12 Square setting
- 13 Faults
- 18 Make a father
- 19 Neato
- 24 Less woolly, perhaps
- 25 Author Janowitz
- 26 Singer DiFranco
- 28 Hang out
- 29 Noted Folies Bergère designer
- 30 Like some outlooks
- 31 Operation Desert Storm target
- 32 Lipton, Inc. brand
- 33 Girl lead-in
- 34 Conflagrant
- 37 What cleats increase
- 38 Greg's sitcom wife
- 39 Labor org. since 1935
- 44 They may be sour

- 45 Whimper
- 46 How brutes behave
- 48 With 10-Across, ocelot and margay
- 49 Complete change of mind
- 50 Excellence
- 51 Gets ready
- 52 "Over here!"
- 53 Minuteman's place
- 54 They have participating M.D.'s
- 56 James of jazz
- 58 Grp. monitoring emissions
- 59 — Clemente

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SHORTZ SAYS:

If you'd like to delay learning the secret of this puzzle as long as possible—the special nature of the entire construction—don't look at the last clue (65-Down) until the end. It explains the puzzle's amazing theme.

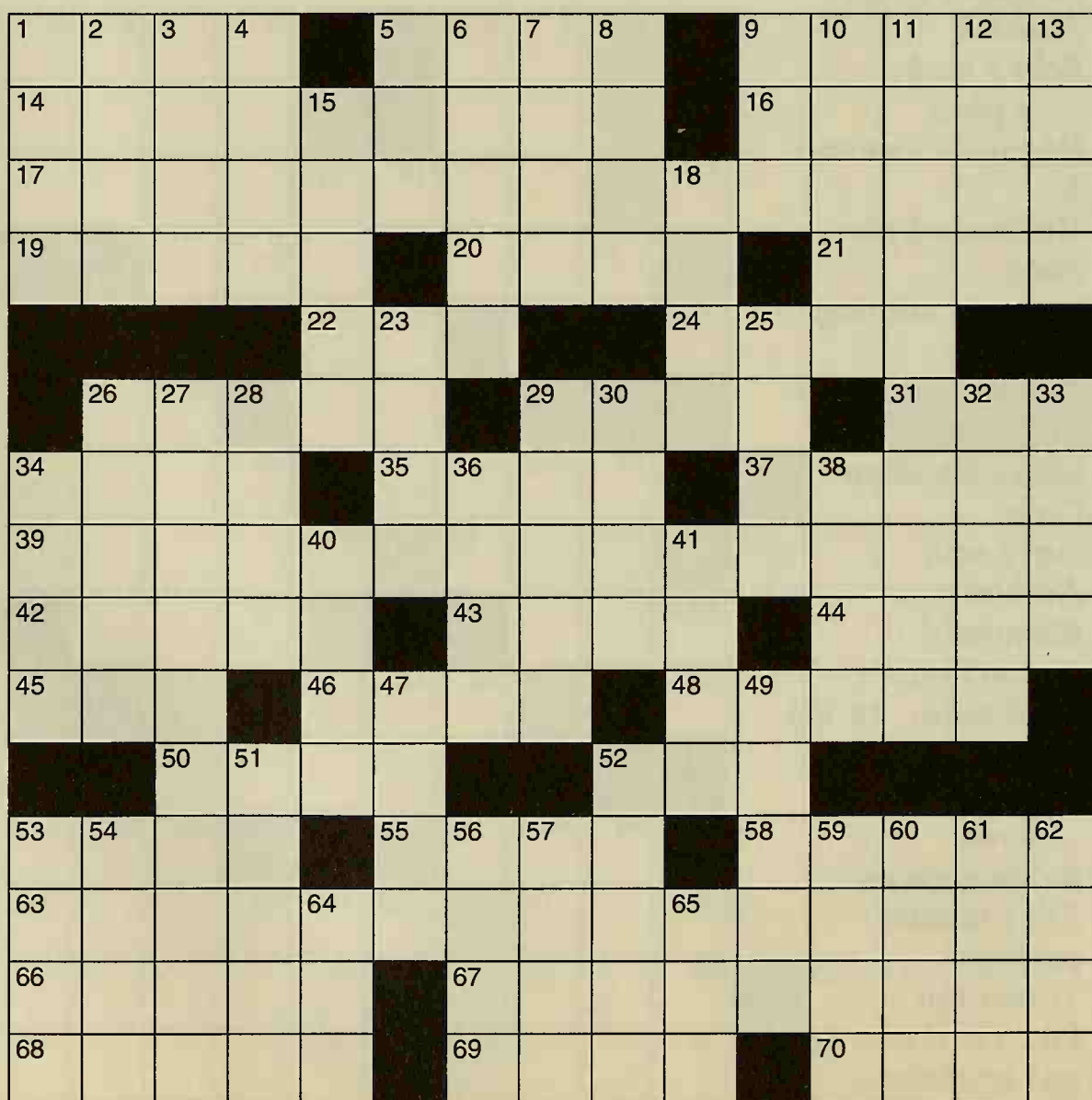
ACROSS

- 1 Besides
5 "Cómo — usted?"
9 City near Düsseldorf
14 They hang around
16 Accustom: Var.
17 Southern lights
19 Take the conn
20 Noted monologist
21 Hwys.
22 W. Hemisphere grp.
24 Scope
26 Window bases
29 "Mon Oncle" star
31 It comes before a
dropped name
34 29 for copper, e.g.:
Abbr.
35 Choo-choo's sound
37 Lowest in
importance
39 Game you can lose
only once
42 Fastening devices
43 Labor
44 Roger of "Cheers"
45 Cardinal's insignia
46 Those, to José
48 Choker
50 Out of port
52 Scull propeller
53 Der — (Konrad
Adenauer)
55 Musical Horne
58 Having no chips left
to bet
63 Explosive stuff
66 Sleeping perch
67 Most minuscule
68 Queen — lace
69 "What ___?"
70 J.F.K. arrivals

DOWN

- 1 "What a pity!"
2 Boor
3 Dam's counterpart
4 Oklahoma Indian

- 5 Detergent brand
6 What some pups
grow up to be
7 50/50 test choice
8 Org.
9 Poetic adverb
10 Marching band drum
11 Brunei and Oman,
e.g.
12 Toledo's lake
13 1987 role for Costner
15 Actor Flynn
18 Perfectly
23 Wirehair of film
25 Small brook
26 Daring feat
27 Attic covering,
maybe
28 Found's partner
29 Pamplona runners
30 Yours: Fr.
32 Cosmetician Lauder
33 Hot seasons in
Québec
34 They might be fine
36 Aware of
38 Architect Saarinen
40 "Gotcha"
41 It parallels the radius
47 Brining need
49 Tough tests
51 Feel
52 Hall's singing
partner
53 Razor brand
54 "Dianetics" author —
Hubbard
56 One-named artist
57 Winter air
59 Pitcher Tiant
60 Directors Ang and
Spike
61 M.I.T. part: Abbr.
62 Captures
64 "— a girl!"
65 Point value in
Scrabble of every
letter in this puzzle



by Peter Gordon

Tuesday, June 5, 2001

Besides being funny, this puzzle is also elegant: The four main theme entries appear in two intersecting pairs. Just think of all the theme possibilities that Cathy Millhauser must have rejected until she found ones to cross on the necessary letters!

ACROSS

- 1 Greek's sixth
- 5 "King Cotton" composer
- 10 Wax
- 14 Knee-slapper
- 15 Void
- 16 Road condition?
- 17 After 34-Down, an order to a witch?
- 19 Leeds's river
- 20 Leads (in)
- 21 Stomped
- 23 Mozart article
- 24 Psalms interjection
- 25 On the main deck
- 28 It may be under your tongue
- 32 Dropped a line
- 33 Violent struggle
- 36 Med. care group
- 37 Tennessee's state flower
- 38 Shoe sole material
- 39 Number after cinco
- 40 Palindromic diarist
- 41 Game with a 40-card deck
- 42 Rally creators
- 43 Call for
- 45 Like fan-tan and tangrams
- 47 Feather in Juan's cap?
- 50 Italy's Isola d'—
- 51 They're polar
- 54 Residences
- 57 Brandenburg trio
- 58 After 34-Down, an order to a chiropractor?
- 60 Chutzpah
- 61 Husband of Bathsheba
- 62 Fast sport
- 63 Some are electric
- 64 Trimming targets
- 65 Load

DOWN

- 1 Mao contemporary
- 2 Almost forever
- 3 After 34-Down, an order to an armorsmith?
- 4 Ones who might say, "God, no!"?
- 5 Mouthed off
- 6 Neighbor of Man.
- 7 Modularity, e.g.
- 8 Bolivian capital
- 9 High-pH
- 10 Plots, in a way
- 11 Fulminate
- 12 Fiend
- 13 Cig
- 18 Golf champ Els
- 22 Oodles
- 25 Strong string
- 26 Hatch from Utah
- 27 Make
- 29 After 34-Down, an order to an E.P.A. administrator
- 30 Pianist Gilels et al.
- 31 It's catching
- 34 See 17- and 58-Across and 3- and 29-Down
- 35 Kind of minister
- 38 October honoree
- 39 Annual El Paso events
- 41 Miss's equal
- 42 "The Hobbit" hero Baggins
- 44 Periods of rain, often
- 46 Moors
- 48 Half a comedy duo
- 49 Computer acronym
- 51 Sidle
- 52 Picture of health?
- 53 Prefix with com
- 55 Hence
- 56 Misrepresent
- 59 — Kan

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by Cathy Millhauser

Thursday, August 30, 2001

SHORTZ SAYS:

Brendan Emmett Quigley, a guitarist for the Boston-based rock band Hip Tanaka, brings a certain hipness to the Times crossword, a feature that is not usually known for being hip. My favorite part of this puzzle is 23-Across, a colorful, funny phrase that everyone has heard, but which I'm sure no one had ever thought to put in a crossword before.

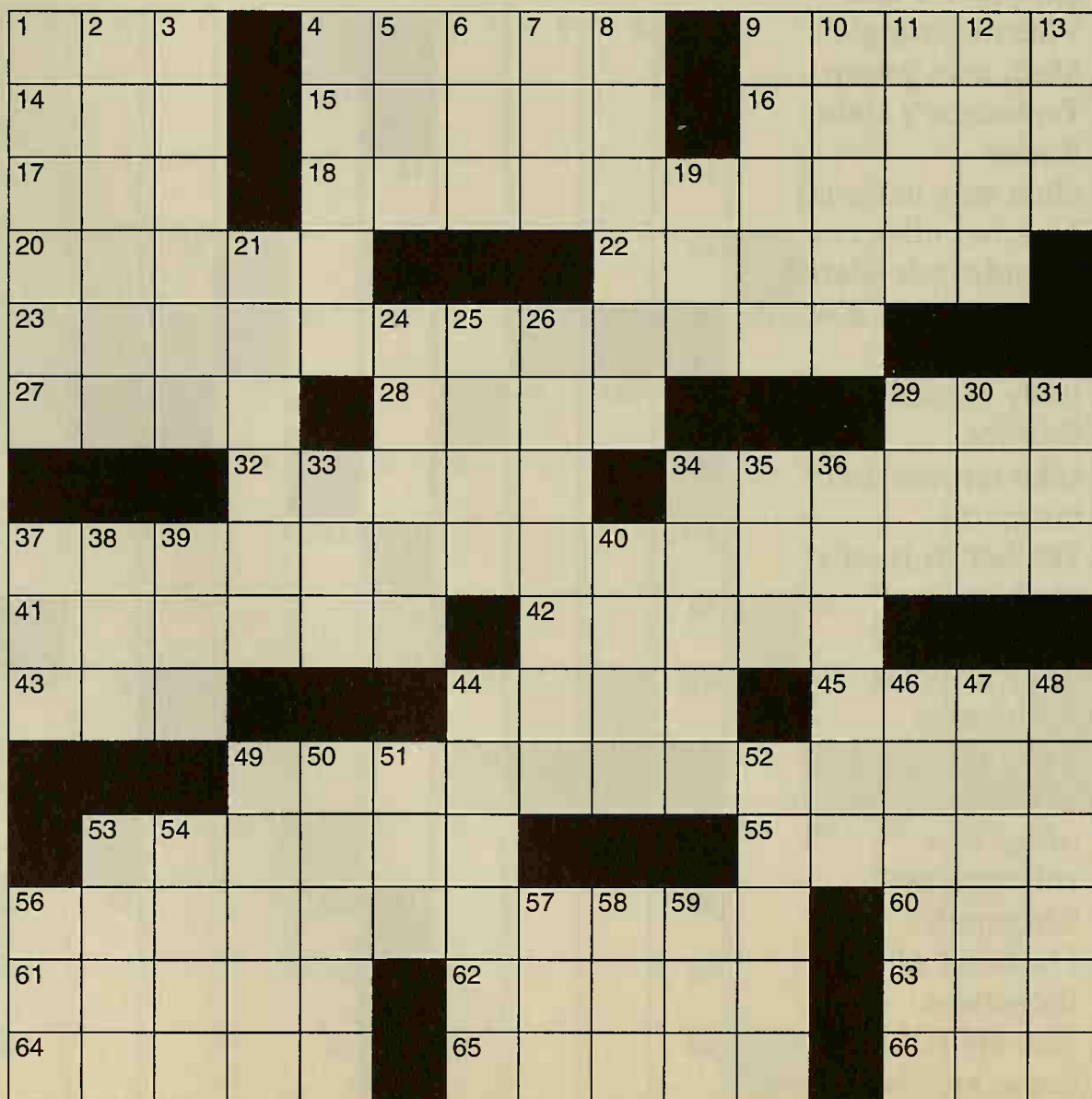
ACROSS

- 1 N.H.L. division: Abbr.
 4 Is wearing
 9 With 11-Down, "Casablanca" site
 14 Word with caddy or bag
 15 Prefix with arthritis
 16 Online sales
 17 — sgt. (police rank)
 18 "Never!"
 20 They undergo bonding
 22 Glossy finish
 23 Angry parent's yell
 27 Patricia of "Breakfast at Tiffany's"
 28 Order members
 29 Political cartoonist Rall
 32 Pindar, for one
 34 Enlarged river, perhaps
 37 Connie Francis's 1960 film debut
 41 Have no more good ideas
 42 Sticks
 43 "Undoubtedly"
 44 Resentments
 45 Discharge
 49 Comment about a sad but memorable exit
 53 Numbskulls
 55 Michael who starred in TV's "It's a Great Life"
 56 1975 Four Seasons hit
 60 Legal rep.
 61 Exuded
 62 "Today" co-host
 63 Strive (for)
 64 Newspaper opinion pieces
 65 Drops out of the bidding
 66 Summer in Sèvres

DOWN

- 1 When many duels take place
 2 Raise canines?
 3 One of the Jacksons
 4 "Want to explain that?"
 5 Silvery gray
 6 Sault — Marie
 7 Wine: Prefix
 8 Hotel lobby sign
 9 Splendid
 10 Words to elicit recognition
 11 See 9-Across
 12 Waste, as time
 13 Insidious
 19 Some acct. money
 21 Royal address?
 24 Kwanzaa principle
 25 Heavy drinker
 26 Acura model
 29 American acquisition of 2001
 30 Musician's gift
 31 Purchase for a disguise
 33 "— Rosenkavalier"
 34 "El Capitán" composer
 35 Looker
 36 They may be fixed
 37 Lopsided, as a grin
 38 Color
 39 Dash widths
 40 Mishandled

- 44 A thing unto —
 46 Native Arizonan
 47 "That makes sense!"
 48 Exactly
 49 Enticed
 50 Engine covers
 51 Off-road goer, briefly
 52 Traditional letter closer
 53 Breakfast place, for short
 54 Drift (off)
 56 Try to win over
 57 — Tiago
 58 Actor Brynner
 59 Multivolume ref.



by Brendan Emmett Quigley

Wednesday, November 7, 2001

A small spoiler here: While this puzzle looks like it's themeless (it contains only 68 answers after all), it does, in fact, have a five-part theme. The constructor is a member of the math department at Santa Clara University.

ACROSS

- 1 Shrimp
- 8 "Jeopardy!" contestants, e.g.
- 14 Transports over a slick surface
- 15 One of Gabe's "sweathogs," in 70's TV
- 16 Aggressive plugging
- 17 News time, maybe
- 18 It's opposite Juárez
- 19 Great facility
- 20 Parodied
- 21 A community may have one
- 24 Sheltered
- 25 Reason for a badge
- 27 Part of some e-mail addresses
- 28 Like some locks
- 29 High class?: Abbr.
- 30 Make a big splash, maybe
- 33 Hard butter?
- 34 Where Indian movies are produced
- 35 God's first word?
- 38 "It's ___!"
- 40 Dynasty after Ch'in
- 41 Lyric poem
- 43 Place to use a lorgnette
- 44 Code name
- 46 ___ for the money
- 47 Decks out
- 49 Film statistic
- 51 Protected wildlife
- 52 Tough
- 54 Bloody Mary alternative
- 55 Oil sites
- 56 Movie preview, essentially
- 57 Makes even smoother

DOWN

- 1 Sellout profiteer
- 2 Support group

- 3 Half a Beatles title
- 4 Rob ___ (Scotch manhattans)
- 5 Truckee River source
- 6 Skating silver medalist at Albertville
- 7 What that is in Toledo
- 8 Claims
- 9 It's raised on a farm
- 10 Was no dummy
- 11 Wrap
- 12 Chocolate candy brand
- 13 Saw, e.g.
- 14 Support group?
- 19 Squares and such
- 22 Cries while hunting
- 23 Fight to keep the faith
- 26 Certain investment, briefly
- 28 It may make the cut
- 31 3.75 feet, once
- 32 Rock music's ___ Fighters
- 33 Reach by drilling
- 34 Great thing to hit
- 35 Kind of truck
- 36 Revisionists?
- 37 Moon of Saturn
- 38 Some buzzers
- 39 Like Shelley's "Frankenstein"
- 42 Chinese transliteration system
- 44 Some western scenery
- 45 They, in Tours
- 48 Picked up
- 50 Poet ___ Wheeler Wilcox
- 52 Where to see a round of shots
- 53 Wildcat's opponent in the 1998 Final Four

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SHORTZ SAYS:

Imagine a crossword with three unchecked squares (see 36-Across), which, nevertheless, every solver can fill in with complete certainty. Patrick Merrell, a cartoonist and humorist by profession, created this novelty, which was one of The Times's most talked-about puzzles of the year.

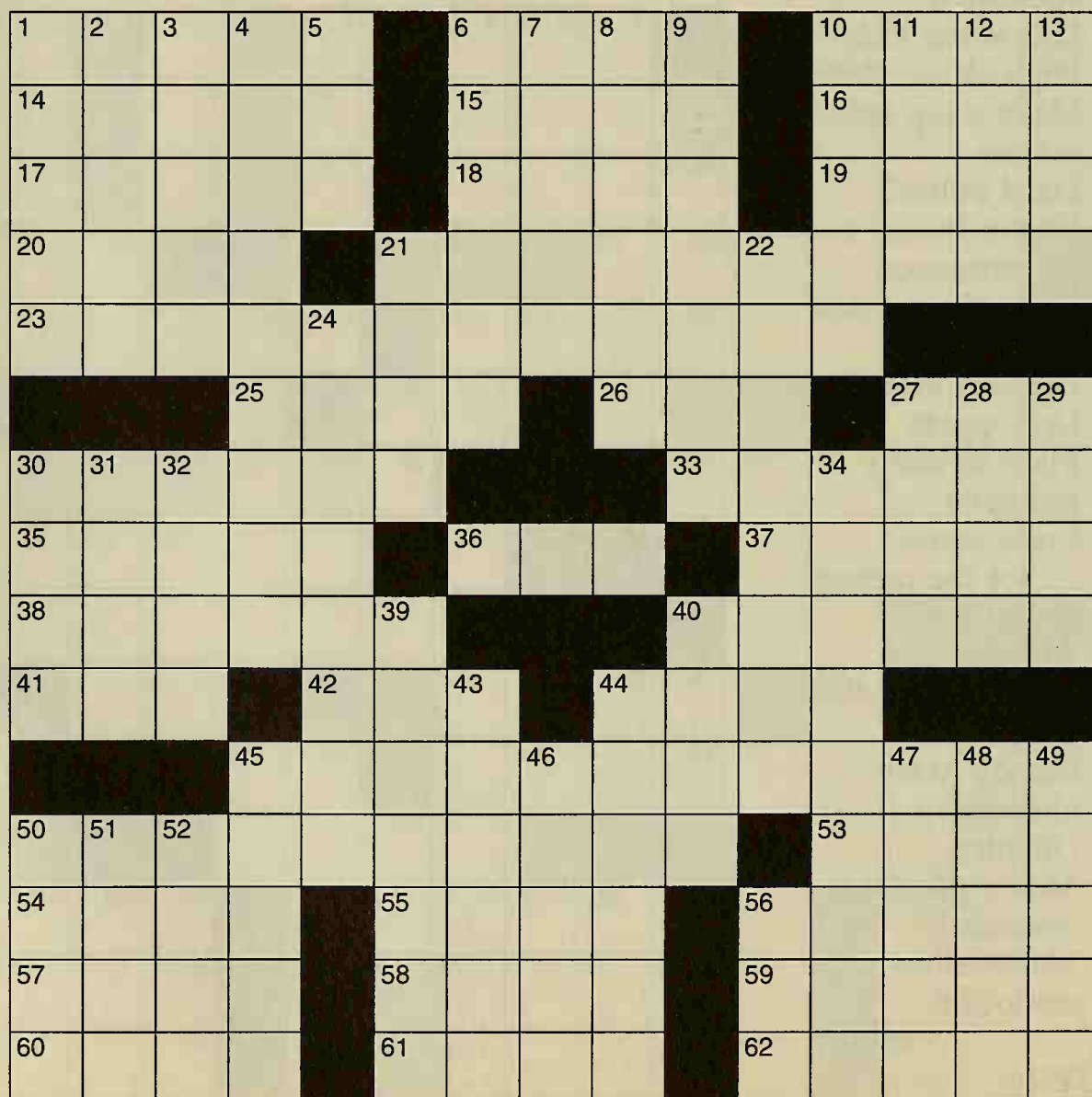
ACROSS

- 1 — Hall
6 Trudge
10 Site of many walls
14 2002 Olympics venue
15 "— mouse!"
16 "Exodus" author
17 Brickworker
18 "Zounds!"
19 Money maker
20 Suffix with origin
21 Do this if 36-Across is two letters
23 These go in 36-Across
25 Rate — (be perfect)
26 B.O. sign
27 Bro or sis
30 DDT target
33 A score
35 Pepsi-like
36 ???
37 Prepare (for)
38 "Giant" animals
40 Gets it, apparently
41 Microfilmer, maybe
42 Sportage maker
44 Antique show sign
45 Like this puzzle, when 36-Across is filled in
50 Your description of 36-Across
53 Wrest
54 Orthogonally moving piece
55 Pacific explorer
56 It's spotted in the West
57 Australia's Lake —
58 Test course obstacle
59 The "m" in m.o.
60 One who's not a procrastinator
61 Lingering effect
62 Responds peevishly

DOWN

- 1 Spread
2 Inspiration for poets and musicians

- 3 Appropriate dedication for this puzzle
4 Too popular
5 And not
6 Examine slyly
7 On the up and up
8 Congo forest dwellers
9 Duchamp works
10 Doctors call it parotitis
11 Met selection
12 Kind of sulfide
13 Renaissance family name
21 Old knife
22 Pitcher's change-up
24 Reply to a seat seeker
27 Minor setback
28 Septennial problem?
29 Tournament passes
30 Recipe abbr.
31 Trade
32 Counting-out word
34 Extensive knowledge
39 Hot, dry wind
40 The good earth?
43 At least equal
44 One who cleans drains
45 Hearth tool
46 Town near Bangor
47 Title locale in a 1937 Ronald Colman film
48 Devour
49 Waste
50 Wilbur's charge in 60's TV
51 Subject of a 1930's fad
52 "Don't stop"
56 U.K. leaders



by Patrick Merrell

Thursday, November 29, 2001

Michael Shteyman emigrated from Russia to the United States just five years before this puzzle was published. At 17, he was one of the youngest constructors ever to have a puzzle in The Times. You would never know that English is his second language. This puzzle features a beautiful construction with eight theme answers.

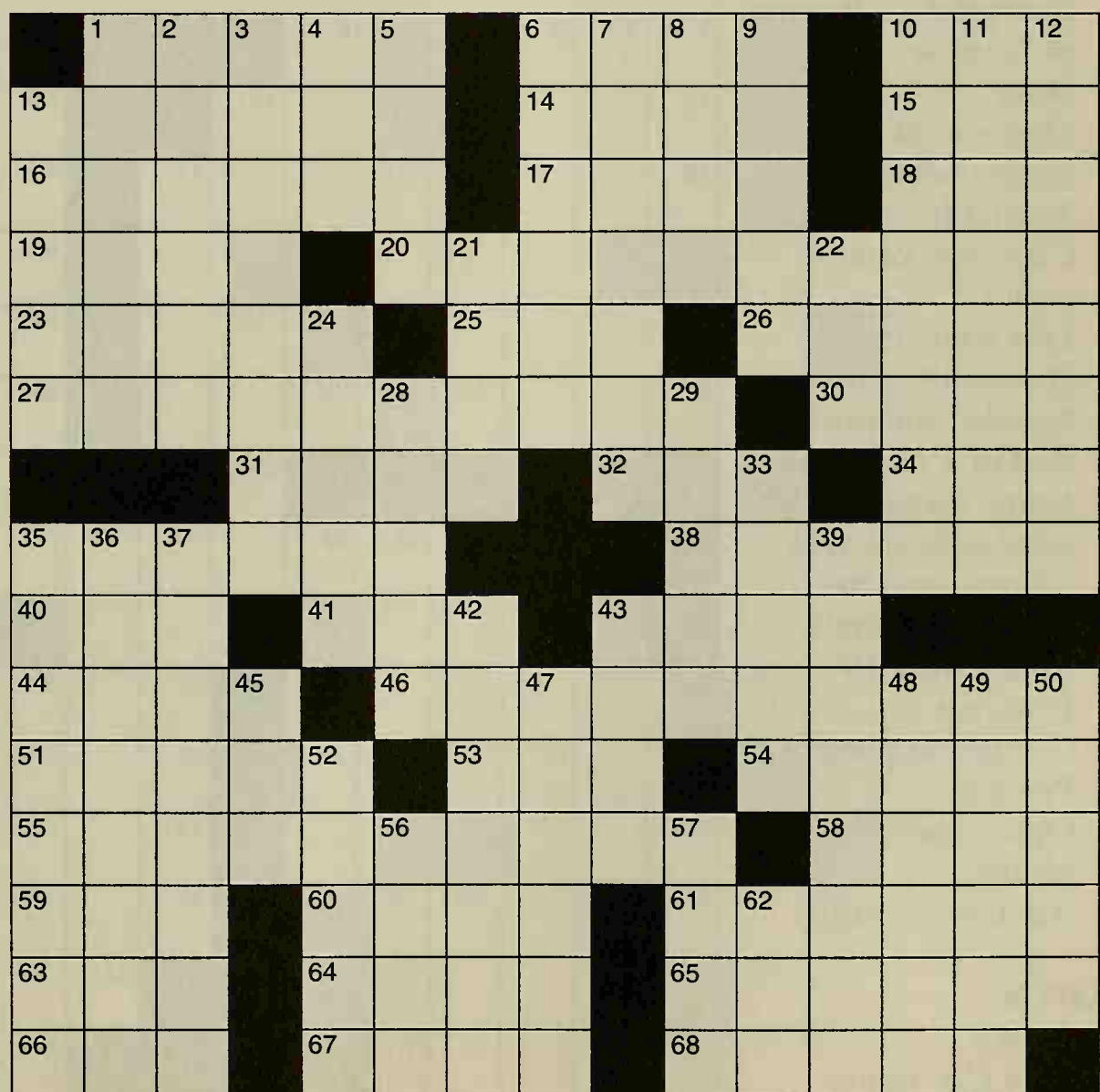
ACROSS

- 1 Out-and-out
6 Door fastener
10 Drops in the morning?
13 Per —
14 Domed recess
15 French soul
16 Contract workers?
17 Campus V.I.P.
18 Whip but good
19 60's TV boy
20 Sneaky spy
23 Flat fees?
25 Sheik's guest, maybe
26 He was given the ears of a donkey, in myth
27 Like bad inflation
30 Grp. with its HQ in Brussels
31 Central street
32 Penalty declarer
34 — Aviv
35 Inventor's desire
38 Texas border city
40 Messenger —
41 Roman 650
43 Measure (out)
44 "Diana" singer Paul
46 Molecular structure
51 Holiday songs
53 — Moines
54 Think the world of
55 Jump-rope game
58 Break, financially
59 — way (to some extent)
60 "My mistake!"
61 Familiar with
63 Comics outburst
64 Pro's rival
65 Land, as a fish
66 Washington and — University
67 Clinton aide Panetta
68 —-slipper

DOWN

- 1 Chinese capital
2 Choosing
3 Speedy marching rate
4 Supped
5 Actress Turner
6 Rotter
7 Like some concerts
8 Future J.D.'s obstacle
9 Late breakfast hour
10 Four-person outing
11 Came forth
12 Left the band, perhaps
13 Musical combo?
21 Acquire
22 — and tonic
24 Not sit
28 Abandon
29 Wire message
33 Jazz pianist Hines
35 Dinner-related
36 Proclaim
37 Look of surprise
39 Oboe, for one
42 Paved the way for
43 Catchall: Abbr.
45 Vodka or whiskey: Abbr.
47 Admits
48 So everyone can hear
49 Eye affliction
50 Arc lamp gas

- 52 School of fish
56 Through
57 Throw
62 Caribbean, e.g.



by Michael Shteyman

Tuesday, December 4, 2001

SHORTZ SAYS:

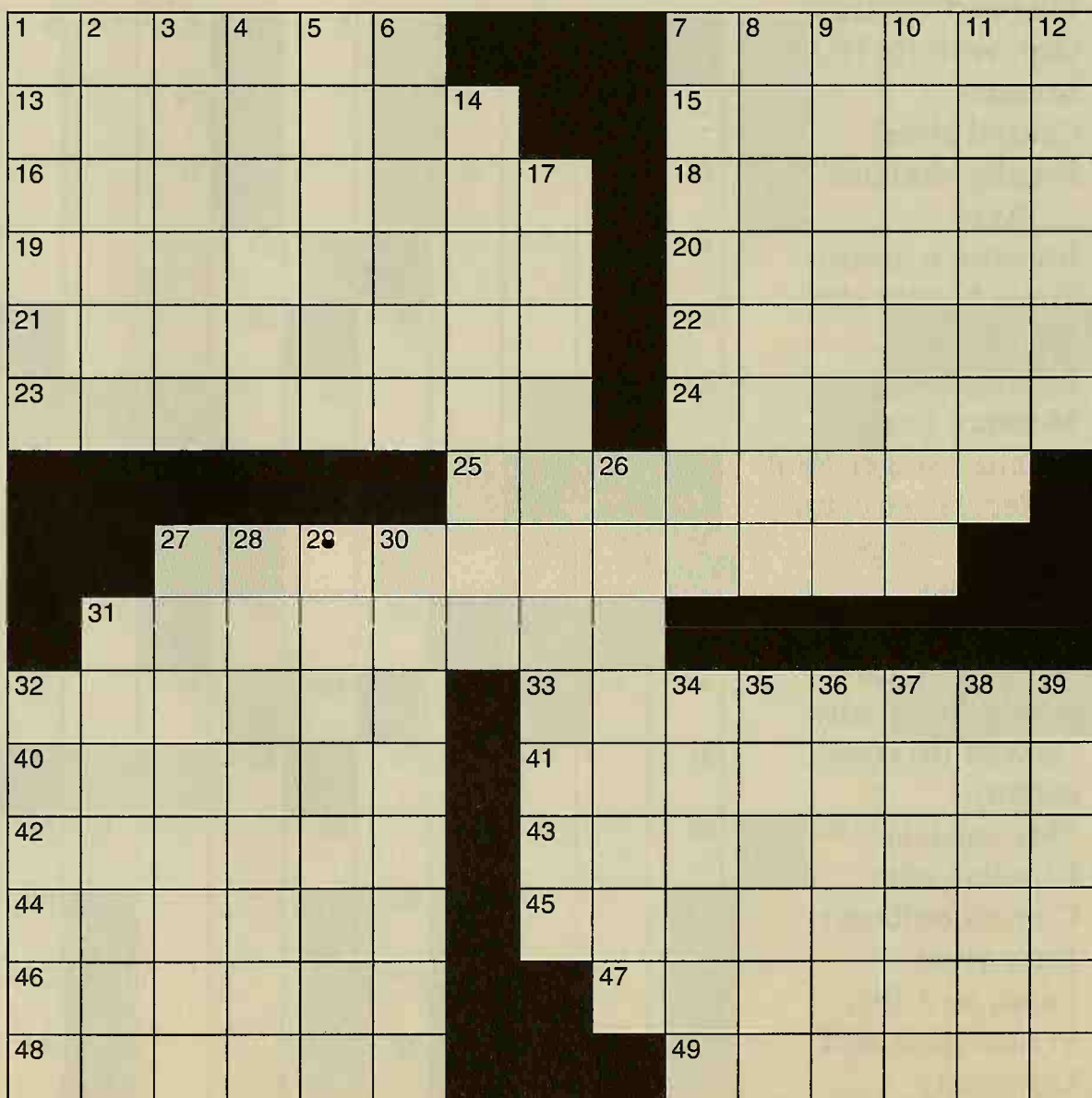
I don't believe in record-setting merely for the sake of record-setting. But this masterful construction both sets a record for the lowest number of entries (54) ever to appear in a standard 15x15-square grid and features lots of colorful vocabulary besides.

ACROSS

- 1 Boondocks
7 "The Virginian" writer
13 Dovetailed
15 Neighbor of Ciudad Juárez
16 Psychically
18 They may pull banners
19 Sole, e.g.
20 Log rollers?
21 Prisoner's desire
22 2001 French film comedy or its heroine
23 It may cover dark circles
24 Humorist — Burgess of "purple cow" fame
25 Opposite of scarcity
27 Some queens' wear
31 Asking for a hand
32 Chocolate candy brand
33 Like some errors
40 Over-and-___ (two-barreled firearms)
41 Part of a one-sided tennis match
42 Gradually corrode
43 "Nanny and the Professor" family from 1970's TV
44 Kiwi, e.g.
45 Century in politics
46 Penitent
47 Optic screens
48 Mother —
49 Another shooting
- 3 Ludicrous
4 Language descended from ancient Egyptian
5 Dangerous assailant
6 Amino acid in many proteins
7 Surfers' stops, perhaps
8 Black cats, supposedly
9 "Clockers" director, 1995
10 Feral
11 Beaux-___ (people with lively minds)
12 Tennis ace Marc
14 Scraps
17 "You've Really Got a Hold on Me" singers
26 Lost one's balance, perhaps
27 Lion or wolf
28 Blush
29 Gets under someone's skin?
30 Scary-sounding houseplant
31 Like oak leaves
32 Tot
34 Relatively regular
35 Give more stars to, maybe
36 Comment before "Ha, ha"
37 Williams title starter
38 Kind of station
39 Tenant

DOWN

- 1 Choke
2 1956 U.S. figure skating gold medalist — Albright



by Frank A. Longo

Saturday, December 15, 2001

This year-end puzzle features a theme of New Year's resolutions. Each theme answer is a familiar phrase reinterpreted in a punny way as someone's promise to do better the next year. The two constructors collaborated on this entirely by e-mail.

ACROSS

- 1 Pointed a pistol
- 6 Blockhead
- 10 Quantities: Abbr.
- 14 Mix-up
- 15 Nabisco cookie
- 16 Epitome of redness
- 17 Teetotaler's New Year resolution?
- 19 Cotton unit
- 20 Best guess: Abbr.
- 21 "___ Can" (Sammy Davis Jr. book)
- 22 French explorer La ___
- 23 ___-do-well
- 25 Comment of approval
- 28 Light touch
- 29 "Get lost!"
- 31 Bootlegger's New Year resolution?
- 33 Highlands hat
- 35 ___ es Salaam
- 36 French girlfriend
- 37 Came in
- 41 "I'm a Believer" band, with "the"
- 43 Monopoly card
- 44 Singer's syllable
- 46 Born: Fr.
- 47 Executioner's New Year resolution?
- 50 Making sounds
- 54 Oils and watercolors
- 55 Lady-killers
- 57 Seward Peninsula city
- 58 All set
- 60 Pack away
- 62 ___ Quentin
- 63 100-meter, e.g.
- 64 Scrabble player's New Year resolution?
- 67 Cruise stopover
- 68 Use a beeper
- 69 Donnybrook
- 70 Choreography move

- 71 Not barefoot
- 72 Has a need for Rogaine

DOWN

- 1 Trembling trees
- 2 Shortly
- 3 Guru
- 4 Flunking letters
- 5 Assigned task
- 6 Has some success
- 7 Circled the sun
- 8 Meadow
- 9 Bare peak
- 10 Palindromic pop group
- 11 When to eat
- 12 Fib
- 13 Places for church bells
- 18 Rooster's mate
- 22 60's radical org.
- 24 Family-friendly, in cinema
- 26 Smile widely
- 27 Cook's cover-up
- 30 Ruin
- 32 Hire
- 34 "Same here"
- 37 John Glenn player in "The Right Stuff"
- 38 Biblical lands
- 39 Octopus's arm
- 40 Bongo, for one
- 42 Carson City's state: Abbr.

- 45 Way back when
- 48 Have a go at
- 49 Greenhouse area
- 51 Sportscaster Howard
- 52 Dumbfounded
- 53 Telescope parts
- 56 "H-E-L-P!"
- 59 Hard to fathom
- 61 Embryo's site
- 64 Family M.D.'s
- 65 "Yay, team!"
- 66 ___ culpa

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SHORTZ SAYS:

Once again, here's proof that a crossword doesn't have to be hard to be exceptional. Besides the four basic theme answers in the longest spaces in the grid, look for four "bonus" theme-related entries in shorter spots.

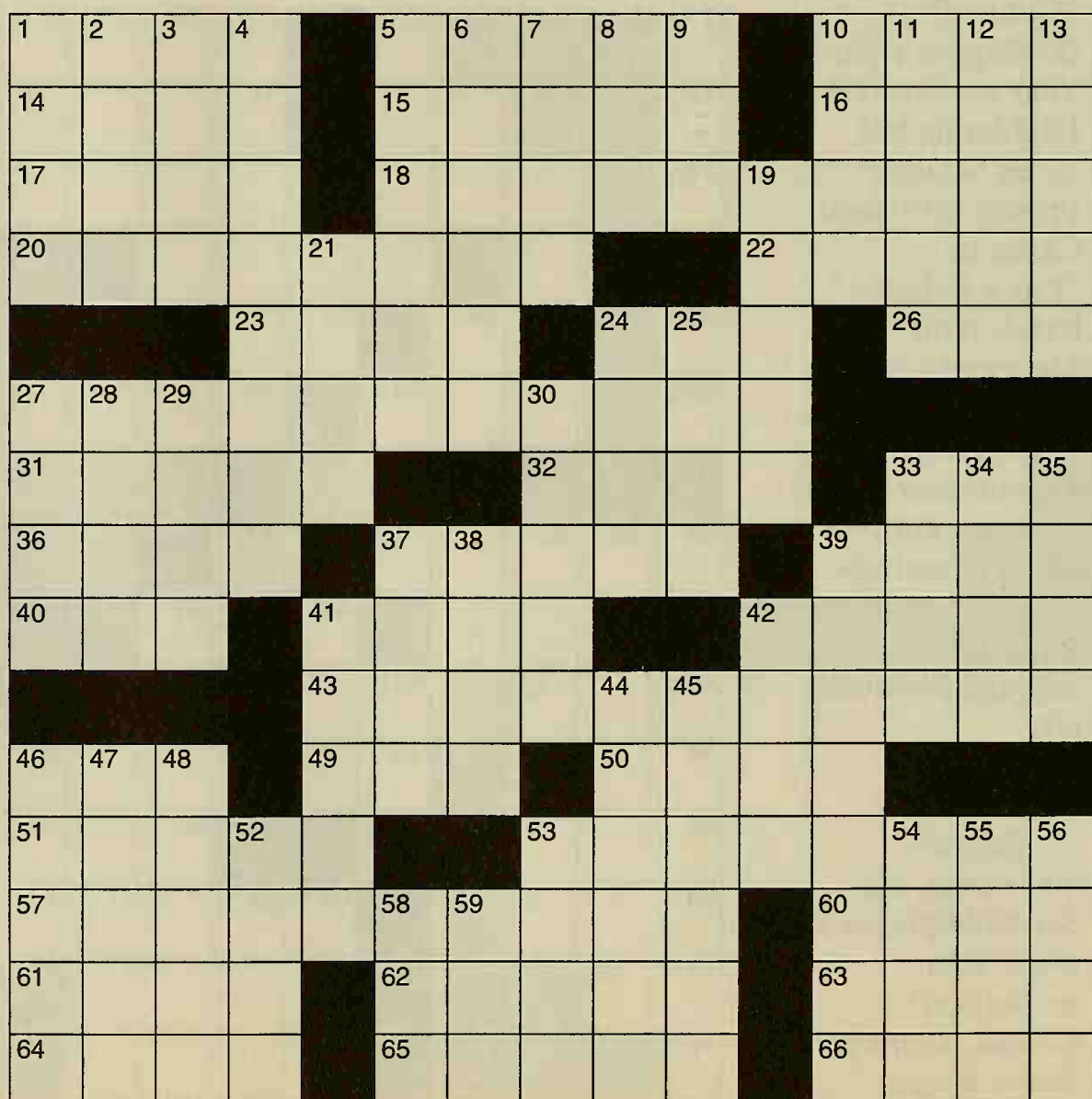
ACROSS

- 1 "The Wizard of Oz" dog
 5 — Island (immigration point)
 10 Birdbrain
 14 On — with (equal to)
 15 Lasso loop
 16 Decorative pitcher
 17 Ten: Prefix
 18 French fashion designer
 20 Like bagpipes
 22 First month in Madrid
 23 Actress Skye
 24 Emulate Salt-N-Pepa
 26 Room with an easy chair
 27 Spinning competition
 31 How checks are signed
 32 Regarding
 33 — de cologne
 36 Litter members
 37 Tropical ray
 39 Islamic ruler
 40 Road wiggle
 41 King —
 42 Ogling
 43 1925 hit musical with the song "Tea for Two"
 46 Lawn base
 49 Letter after zeta
 50 Bunches
 51 Madison Square Garden, e.g.
 53 Hearty breakfast
 57 Performer in a cage
 60 Historic periods
 61 Med school subj.
 62 Funny-car fuel
 63 Quirks
 64 Mediocre
 65 Lip application
 66 Cry from Santa

DOWN

- 1 Little ones
 2 Oil grp.
 3 — Bell
 4 They're given at graduations
 5 Community next to Van Nuys
 6 Ease up
 7 — Ness monster
 8 Prefix with metric
 9 Instant, for short
 10 Student overseer
 11 Had
 12 Tractor maker John
 13 Synthetic fabric
 19 Aware of, slangily
 21 Clock sound
 24 Take five
 25 "The Thin Man" canine
 27 "Egad!"
 28 Burden
 29 Sounds made by 36-Across
 30 Fancy ballroom steps
 33 Give off
 34 "— She Sweet"
 35 Impel
 37 No longer worth debating
 38 Ballerina Pavlova
 39 Valuable things to give?
 41 Work, as dough
 42 Organic compound

- 44 Ones pointing fingers
 45 Some Oldsmobiles
 46 Long stories
 47 Maine college town
 48 "Le Viol" painter
 52 Say — (deny)
 53 Eight: Prefix
 54 Quartet minus one
 55 R.p.m. indicator
 56 Old Standard Oil brand
 58 One of four for a square: Abbr.
 59 Nothing



by Sarah Keller

Monday, January 28, 2002

Something you should know in order to solve this imaginative puzzle: In a letter bank, the letters of one word are used (and repeated as necessary) to spell a longer word or phrase. For example, IMPS is a letter bank of MISSISSIPPI.

ACROSS

- 1 Loudspeaker sound (and a letter bank for 60-Across)
- 6 Planets and such
- 10 Steamy
- 14 Howled
- 15 Raise a stink
- 16 Isaac's firstborn
- 17 See 71-Across
- 19 Hoosegow
- 20 Freshwater duck
- 21 Sporty Fords
- 23 What's more
- 27 Going strong
- 29 Became an issue
- 30 See 13-Down
- 33 Neigh-sayer
- 34 Educator Horace
- 35 Company with a dog in its logo
- 38 Applicable
- 41 Do away with
- 43 — Moines
- 44 Harmony
- 46 They have long tails
- 47 See 50-Down
- 50 Many states have them
- 53 Mrs. Chaplin
- 54 "— Breckinridge"
- 55 Present from birth
- 57 Knock for a loop
- 59 Dutch cheese
- 60 See 1-Across
- 66 Queue
- 67 French cheese
- 68 Singer Abdul
- 69 Monopoly card
- 70 Sound
- 71 Ludicrous (and a letter bank for 17-Across)

- 2 "Love Story" composer Francis
- 3 "The Fountainhead" author Rand
- 4 VCR button
- 5 Touch up
- 6 More than fancy
- 7 Seeing things as they are
- 8 "Wanna ___?"
- 9 "Saturday Night Live" staple
- 10 It's often burning
- 11 Jeff Bagwell, notably
- 12 Hotel staff
- 13 Derby prize (and a letter bank for 30-Across)
- 18 Getting warm
- 22 Without exception
- 23 Orchard pest
- 24 Sierra —
- 25 Lord's workers
- 26 Approximately
- 28 Ruler until 1917
- 31 Hang tough
- 32 Popular card game
- 35 Rootin'-tootin'
- 36 More adorable
- 37 Out of it
- 39 Dancer Charisse
- 40 Opposite of ecto-
- 42 Abound
- 45 Pen up
- 47 Made to take the fall
- 48 Main course

- 49 Spread (on)
- 50 Football locale (and a letter bank for 47-Across)
- 51 Actress MacDowell
- 52 Mindless
- 56 Goes back out
- 58 Vintner's valley
- 61 Pitcher's stat.
- 62 Skedaddled
- 63 Track feature
- 64 Ivy Leaguer
- 65 — Leman

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DOWN

- 1 London's — 1 or — 2

SHORTZ SAYS:

Many solvers completed this Patrick Berry puzzle without realizing what makes it an amazing feat of construction. Solve it, look carefully at your finished grid . . . and then be as astonished as I was when I first saw it.

ACROSS

- 1 To the extent that
- 8 Pebble-filled gourd
- 14 Sweet, dark wine
- 15 Inflexible
- 17 Spiritual leader of the Isma'ili Muslims
- 18 Rock band with a record-tying eight Grammys in 1999
- 19 Some babysitters
- 20 1/8 of a fluid ounce
- 22 Suddenly lose it
- 23 Org.
- 24 Raft material
- 26 Skier McKinney
- 29 Marriage announcement
- 34 Place in which to luxuriate
- 37 "A — plan . . ."
- 38 1981 miniseries set in ancient Israel
- 39 Theater passage
- 41 Where bottles of alcohol sit
- 42 Unmitigated
- 43 The Crimson Tide, familiarly
- 44 Influence on 1980's pop
- 45 Clorox or Clorets
- 46 Melon type
- 48 Strong supporter?
- 50 Booty
- 54 Fancy do
- 58 Fastener piece
- 59 "The Bell Jar" author
- 60 Dogsled runner, maybe
- 62 Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthplace
- 64 It's drained by traveling
- 65 Kigali resident
- 66 Lower limbs
- 67 Trumpet blast

DOWN

- 1 Appliance maker
- 2 They may span generations

- 3 Portrait painter — Hals
- 4 With suspicion
- 5 Cheers
- 6 — fin (at last): Fr.
- 7 Danger for a riverboat
- 8 "Mississippi —" (1992 film)
- 9 Portrait on an old 2¢ stamp
- 10 Succumbed to fear, maybe
- 11 Ledger entries: Abbr.
- 12 James of Hollywood
- 13 Tolstoy heroine
- 16 Pick
- 21 — avis
- 25 Double platinum Genesis album of 1981
- 27 Actress Plummer
- 28 Brewer's need
- 30 Cry (for)
- 31 Captures
- 32 Can. borderer
- 33 — Lee
- 34 Healing sign
- 35 One of Henry VIII's six
- 36 Name on a razor
- 38 Doll's utterance
- 40 Showing fatigue
- 41 One-fourth of a barbershop tune
- 43 Pastoral sounds
- 46 Noises from a rattletrap
- 47 Obliquely
- 49 Acknowledge
- 51 Fish in a John Cleese film
- 52 Perfume
- 53 Lake Volta's locale
- 54 Funny bit
- 55 "What a pity!"
- 56 Punishment for a pirate
- 57 Movie dog
- 59 Builder's need
- 61 Big 12 team: Abbr.
- 63 Old name in travel

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ACROSS

- 1 School of whales
 4 Plowed layer
 9 English of a sort
 14 Ivy Leaguer
 15 Controvert
 16 Replay speed
 17 Kind of garden
 18 Cause winter isolation
 19 Council Bluffs resident
 20 Have a taste of
 22 See 3-Down
 24 Ted Williams was one
 27 Governmental guarantee
 31 It doesn't hold water
 32 Delaware and Missouri
 33 Encourage
 36 This, in Toledo
 38 Response to the Little Red Hen
 39 Over there
 40 Pink and lacy, perhaps
 43 Egg carton abbr.
 44 Bibliographic abbr.
 46 Country that changed its name in 1939
 47 Peace goddess
 49 Attack from above
 51 Irascible
 53 Didn't heal well
 54 Reactionaries, politically
 58 1997 Fonda role
 60 Spanish-speaking Muppet on "Sesame Street"
 61 Composer Saint—
 64 "The speech of angels": Carlyle
 67 "It's the ___!"
 68 Forelimb bones
 69 How contracts are signed
 70 Emissions-regulating org.

- 71 Like some 70's trousers
 72 "Harry Potter" character Neville ___
 73 Marina del ___

DOWN

- 1 Is stranded
 2 Shake like ___
 3 With 22-Across, a Florida county
 4 Star's demand
 5 Break away
 6 Corrida cry
 7 Jr.'s namesake
 8 Extend credit
 9 Deck shoe
 10 Potable in a fizz

- 11 Sound of impact
 12 "___ ramblin' wreck..."
 13 Oui's opposite
 21 Change in Cuba
 23 Chorus section
 25 "If ___ Would Leave You"
 26 Move on the schedule
 28 Quarters
 29 Pretend
 30 Set at the proper level, as a work force
 33 "Look west," to a drill sergeant
 34 Spike Lee's "She's ___ Have It"
 35 Growls
 37 Bulova rival

- 41 Grenoble's river
 42 Drop as low as possible
 45 Having small gaps
 48 Dark loaves
 50 Feature of a smuggler's suitcase
 52 Kind of bikini
 55 Bannister, e.g.
 56 Military camping spot
 57 Pronto
 59 Expressionist Nolde
 61 Grinder
 62 Pilsener kin
 63 Blow-up: Abbr.
 65 Game with Skip and Reverse cards
 66 Confession topic

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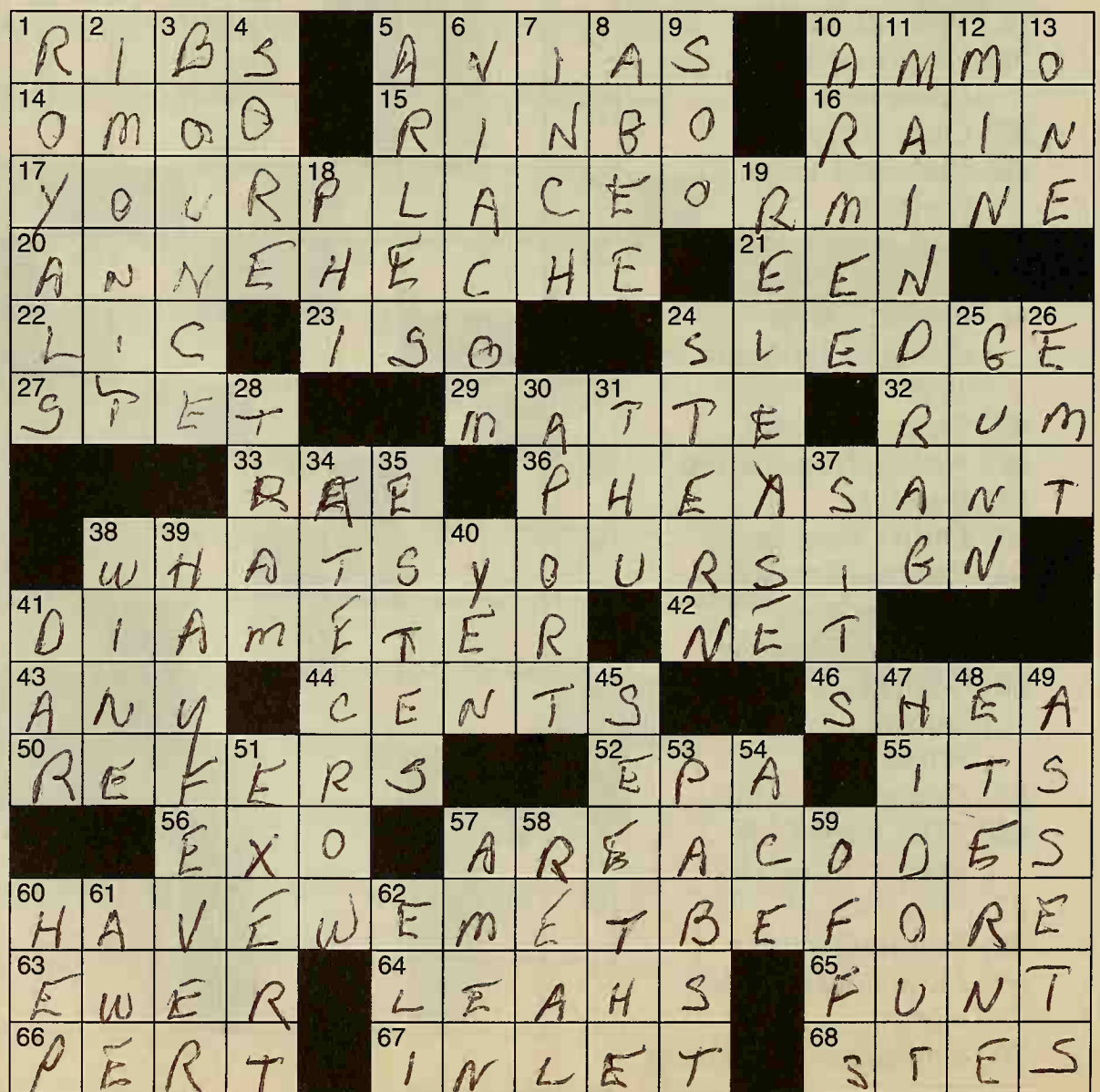
ACROSS

- 1 "Spare" items at a barbecue
- 5 Popular athletic shoes
- 10 Bullets and such
- 14 Melville tale
- 15 Beatle with a beat
- 16 Many a Seattle weather forecast
- 17 Classic pickup line #1
- 20 "Six Days, Seven Nights" co-star
- 21 Early night, to a poet
- 22 Permit: Abbr.
- 23 Prefix with -metric
- 24 Heavy hammer
- 27 Proofreader's mark
- 29 Not glossy, as a photo
- 32 Captain Morgan's drink
- 33 "Norma ____"
- 36 Dish served under glass
- 38 Classic pickup line #2
- 41 Geometric measurement
- 42 What Yahoo! searches, with "the"
- 43 Whichever
- 44 ____-off coupon
- 46 Mets stadium
- 50 Directs (to)
- 52 Ecol. watchdog
- 55 The "I" in T.G.I.F.
- 56 Prefix with skeleton
- 57 Numbers usually in parentheses
- 60 Classic pickup line #3
- 63 Pitcher
- 64 Genesis woman and namesakes
- 65 Allen of "Candid Camera"
- 66 Smart-mouthed
- 67 Cove
- 68 Fr. holy women

- 6 Broadcasting giant
- 7 Ruler unit
- 8 Poet and novelist James
- 9 Michigan's ____ Canals
- 10 Napoleon led one
- 11 Wisconsin Avenue, in Georgetown
- 12 Opposite of max.
- 13 Washington's bill
- 18 ____ Beta Kappa
- 19 Let go of
- 24 Uncompromising
- 25 "Peter ____" of 50's-60's TV

- 26 Ambulance driver, for short
- 28 Car on rails
- 30 To the left, to sailors
- 31 Fri. preceder
- 34 Suffered humiliation
- 35 ____ Park, Colo.
- 37 Takes a chair
- 38 Soave, e.g.
- 39 Spring woe
- 40 Liking
- 41 Flag-waving org.
- 45 Churn

- 47 Went into seclusion
- 48 Endless, poetically
- 49 Liabilities' opposites
- 51 Put forth, as effort
- 53 ____ Blue Ribbon
- 54 Smashing point?
- 57 "You said it, brother!"
- 58 Sincere
- 59 Murders, slangily
- 60 Cool, once
- 61 Wonderment
- 62 ____ Lilly and Company



DOWN

- 1 Kansas City team
- 2 "Consider it done"
- 3 Dribble
- 4 Achy
- 5 City where van Gogh painted

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R	E	N	T		N	E	S	T	S		O	R	A	L	
S	S	E		S	Y	N	C	S		E	V	O	K	E	
			P	L	U	T	O			U	R	A	N	U	S
M	A	M	I	E		S	P	I	N	A	L				
P	L	A	N	E	T		E	N	D	S		B	A	A	
S	T	R	A	P	I	N		C	O	I	N	I	N	G	
		I	N	T	E	N	T			A	N	N	E	T	T
		E	A	R	T	H				N	E	G	A	T	E

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K	O	S				A	B	O	D	E			M	B	A			
R	A	T	E					M	O	R	A	Y		J	O	E	L	
U	T	E	S					I	C	A	M	E			A	R	G	O
P	E	R	S	O	N	A	L	P	R	O	N	O	U	N				
A	R	N	E	B									P	E	N	N	E	
					B	L	T				H	U	H					
T	R	O	L	L	E	R					E	N	T	W	I	N	E	
S	U	R	V	I	V	E					A	C	H	A	T	E	S	
P	E	R	I	G	E	E					P	L	A	N	E	T	S	
					A	R	S				S	E	L					
A	S	S	E	T										M	A	L	A	Y
S	Y	M	B	O	L	F	O	R	I	O	D	I	N	E				
C	R	I	B			A	L	G	E	R			E	T	N	A		
A	I	T	S			S	A	R	T	O			S	U	E	S		
P	A	H				T	W	E	E	N				P	E	T		

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A	R	E	A		P	A	W	N		S	A	N	T	A
B	A	N	G		A	L	A	I		C	L	E	O	N
A	D	E	N		P	E	L	T		H	I	V	E	D
C	O	M	E	B	A	C	K	S		H	A	N	E	
A	N	Y	W	A	Y					O	V	E	R	D
				N	A	I	L	E	R	S		M	A	D
	L	I	S	T		S	I	B	S		L	O	N	E
F	A	M	O	U	S	L	A	S	T	W	O	R	D	S
I	S	M	S		P	A	N	E		H	U	E	Y	
S	S	E		R	O	M	A	N	I	A				
H	O	L	I	E	R					D	R	O	P	I
		T	H	A	T	S	A	L	L	F	O	L	K	S
A	R	I	E	L		A	M	I	E		N	A	N	A
B	A	N	A	L		V	E	E	R		A	T	O	R
A	N	G	R	Y		E	N	D	S		S	E	W	S

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S	U	P	R	A		A	M	M	O		R	O	O	F
A	P	S	E	S		D	A	I	S		E	R	M	A
T	R	Y	S	T		S	U	S	P	I	C	I	O	N
R	I	C	T	A	L		V	E	R	T	I	G	O	
A	S	H				O	V	E	R	E	A	T		
P	E	O	N	A	G	E		S	Y	N	E	R	G	Y
			B	A	I	R	D					B	E	E
H	I	T	C	H	C	O	C	K	M	O	V	I	E	S
O	F	A					L	I	A	N	E			
S	I	D	E	B	A	R		T	R	E	E	F	U	L
			L	O	R	E	L	E	I			R	N	A
	R	E	B	E	C	C	A		S	A	N	E	S	T
N	O	T	O	R	I	O	U	S			R	A	N	E
A	V	O	W			N	I	D	I		A	D	Z	E
P	E	N	S			G	L	E	N		M	A	Y	N

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T	R	I	B	E		D	A	L	I		C	L	A	M
O	O	Z	E	D		E	B	A	N		R	A	C	E
G	O	O	D	I	N	V	E	S	T	M	E	N	T	S
O	D	D		F	O	I	L		R	A	D	I	S	H
			P	I	T	T		T	O	R	I			
M	A	L	I	C	I	O	U	S	I	N	T	E	N	T
A	N	I	S	E			N	A	T	E		Q	U	I
D	I	V	A		H	A	I	R	S		B	U	R	N
A	T	E		M	E	M	O			S	O	U	S	E
M	A	R	K	E	D	I	N	C	R	E	A	S	E	S
			E	D	G	E		A	U	N	T			
S	O	R	T	I	E		E	R	I	E		R	A	J
W	R	E	T	C	H	E	D	I	N	G	R	A	T	E
A	N	I	L		O	V	E	N		A	D	M	I	T
G	E	N	E		G	A	N	G		L	A	S	T	S

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P	A	P	A		E	D	G	A	R		C	A	F	E
O	L	I	N		V	E	R	N	E		U	S	E	R
M	I	C	E		I	R	E	A	D		T	H	E	A
P	I	C	N	I	C		G	R	E	A	T	E	S	T
		A	D	A	T	E		M	Y	T	H			
A	N	D		N	I	T	E		E	A	R	N	A	
L	O	I	S		O	A	T	H		L	O	O	S	E
F	I	L	L	I	N	T	H	E	B	L	A	N	K	S
A	R	L	E	S		S	E	R	A		T	O	M	S
	E	Y	E	O	F		L	E	N	O		N	E	E
			P	U	L	P		I	S	L	E	S		
T	E	L	L	T	A	L	E		H	E	L	E	N	S
E	R	I	E		M	A	T	T	E		I	N	O	N
A	G	E	S		E	N	T	R	E		A	S	T	I
M	O	S	S		S	T	A	Y	S		S	E	A	T

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I	C	A	L	L		L	O	S	T	A	S	T	E	P
M	E	D	E	A		A	T	L	I	B	E	R	T	Y
P	R	O	G	N	O	S	T	I	C	A	T	I	O	N
A	I	L		A	L	S	O	P		S	T	O	N	E
I	S	P	Y		D	O	M		B	E	E			
R	E	H	A	B		S	A	F	E		R	A	Z	Z
			R	I	B		N	O	R	M		P	O	E
C	B	L	O	I	B	N	D	T	O	L	N	E		
A	U	R		S	A	R	A		E	R	R			
T	I	A	S		S	A	S	H		V	A	L	O	R
			A	I	T		P	A	S		B	A	R	A
A	W	A	R	D		E	E	R	I	E		M	A	P
M	I	S	T	E	R	P	R	E	S	I	D	E	N	T
O	S	T	R	A	C	I	S	M		R	I	N	G	O
S	H	O	E	L	A	C	E	S		E	N	T	E	R

*Two possible answers fit 39-Across

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S	W	A	G	S		S	C	U	P		C	R	O	C
A	P	L	E	A		E	R	N	E		H	E	R	O
M	A	L	T	L	I	Q	U	O	R		I	T	E	M
	U	N	T	R	U	E		M	E	N	A	G	E	
D	E	V	O		M	E	L	T	I	N	G	P	O	T
A	R	I		B	A	L		O	I	I		E	N	D
G	A	U	Z	E			E	M	M	E	I			
	M	I	L	I	D	N	B	E	R	L	E			
			P	A	R	E	D			E	C	L	A	T
I	R	E		T	A	I		A	D	D		O	L	E
M	O	L	T	E	N	L	A	V	A		U	N	I	T
B	O	U	N	D	S		B	A	L	I	N	G		
I	N	D	O		M	U	L	T	I	G	R	A	I	N
B	E	E	T		I	D	E	A		O	U	T	R	E
E	Y	R	E		T	E	R	R		R	H	E	T	T

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H	O	I	S	T	S		I	H	A	D		J	A	B
M	A	N	T	R	A		N	A	V	E		A	D	O
O	R	D	A	I	N		T	I	G	E	R	C	U	B
		I	R	K		P	E	T		P	O	K	E	S
B	R	A	V	E	M	A	R	I	N	E	R			
L	U	N	E		O	Y	L		E	N	E	R	O	
A	B	E	D		V	I	E		E	D	M	O	N	D
S	I	X		R	E	N	A	R	D	S		Y	E	R
T	E	P	E	E	S		G	A	L		M	A	D	E
	S	O	T	T	O		U	T	E		A	L	G	A
			Y	A	N	K	E	E	D	O	D	G	E	R
S	W	A	M	I		N	P	R		V	I	I		
M	E	T	A	N	G	E	L		C	A	S	A	B	A
E	R	A		E	L	L	A		A	T	O	N	A	L
W	E	D		R	O	L	Y		T	E	N	T	H	S

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C	O	E	D		S	H	I	P		A	D	L	I	B
H	A	L	E		P	O	K	E		I	R	A	D	E
I	I	S	A		D	V	E	N		V	I	R	A	L
C	H	E	R	K	N	E				E	G	H	O	
			Y	G	R	F	I	T	H	S	H	O	W	
D	I	V	I	D	E		A	M	B	I	T			
E	M	I	R			S	T	P	A	T		G	A	S
J	P	E	A	N	U	T	T	E	R	S	W	I	C	H
A	S	S		E	M	A	I	L			E	R	M	A
			I	S	A	R	S		I	A	B	L	E	D
B	E	A	V	I	S	I	H	E	A	D				
O	L	D	S				N	O	S	S	O	R	S	
A	I	D	E	S		Y	E	I	I		E	X	I	I
S	I	E	I	S		A	G	E	S		M	E	S	A
I	E	R	S	E		W	O	R	M		I	N	K	Y

* The theme answers are (but)CHER KN(if)E, (and)Y GR(if)ITH SHOW, J(if) PEANUT (but)TER S(and)WICH, BEAVIS (and) (but)T-HEAD, and NO (if)S (and)S OR (but)S.

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G	A	L	S		C	A	V	E	R		P	E	T	S
A	L	O	E		A	D	I	E	U		E	X	I	T
T	O	S	C	A		R	O	B	E	R	T	T	U	T
R	O	O	S	T	E	R	S			B	E	L	L	E
		H	O	S	E		S	M	A	R	T	E	D	
A	S	S	E	T	S		S	T	A	B	S			
S	E	A	L			A	H	O	L	E		A	R	T
H	A	M	L	E	T	S	O	L	I	L	O	Q	U	Y
E	N	E		L	I	T	R	E			R	U	S	K
			A	G	R	E	E		S	E	D	A	T	E
D	E	C	R	I	E	R		M	A	G	I			
E	L	L	E	N			S	A	Y	O	N	A	R	A
NOT	I	O	N			A	C	T	O	R	S		A	D
E	T	N	A			F	O	R	T	S		L	I	S
S	E	E	S			T	O	K	Y	O		S	T	E

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D	A	T	A		A	S	K	S		A	C	H	E	D
E	T	A	T		R	A	I	L		B	O	O	L	A
F	A	I	T	H	G	I	L	A		S	P	L	A	T
A	L	G	A	E		N	O	M	S		P	Y	L	E
T	E	A	C	A	R	T		S	A	B	O	T		
		K	R	U	P	A		W	A	L	E	S	A	
D	A	W	S		L	I	M	P		B	A	R	M	Y
E	V	E		D	E	T	A	I	L	S		R	U	E
B	O	I	T	O		A	N	A	T		G	A	G	S
I	N	G	R	I	D		A	N	D	S	O			
	H	I	T	U	P		O	S	T	O	S	I	S	
S	W	A	G		B	E	S	T		E	D	I	C	T
K	A	N	G	A		S	T	U	D	P	O	L	K	A
I	N	K	E	D		T	O	N	E		N	O	E	L
P	E	A	R	S		S	W	A	B		E	S	S	E

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D	I	S	C	S		F	A	Z	E		X	V	I	
A	C	H	O	O		A	M	E	N		Q	U	I	Z
D	O	U	B	L	E	X	I	N	G		A	P	S	O
A	N	T		V	I	E	D		R	A	T	T	E	D
		L	E	N	D		S	A	R	A	H			
M	A	X	I	N	E		R	E	V	E	R	E	N	T
O	N	S	E	T		M	A	G	E	S		B	A	R
P	I	P	S		C	O	L	O	R		J	A	V	A
E	S	E		I	H	O	P	S		C	A	N	E	D
D	E	E	P	D	I	S	H		P	A	D	D	L	E
		D	R	O	N	E		L	Y	R	E			
F	I	B	U	L	A		A	U	R	A		O	H	O
A	V	I	D		S	I	G	N	O	F	T	H	E	X
R	A	K	E		E	T	R	E		E	R	N	I	E
O	N	E		A	S	I	S		S	W	O	R	N	

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S	O	C	K	E	T		A	S	P	I	S	H		
T	H	R	I	V	E		P	H	A	N	T	O	M	
A	B	A	T	E	R		L	I	S	T	E	N	E	D
G	O	V	E	R	N	M	E	N	T		M	E	T	A
E	Y	E	S			A	N	N	E	X		S	C	I
				M	O	N	T	Y		F	E	T	A	S
	S	C	U	L	L	Y		V	I	R	I	L	E	
F	A	T	A	L	L	Y		B	E	L	I	E	F	S
O	R	E	I	D	A		A	L	I	E	N	S		
S	C	E	N	E		S	P	I	N	S				
S	A	P		R	A	N	T	S			W	R	A	P
E	D	E	N		C	O	N	S	P	I	R	A	C	Y
S	I	N	E	C	U	R	E		E	D	I	T	O	R
	A	E	R	A	T	E	S		R	E	T	I	R	E
	D	O	P	E	R	S		M	A	S	O	N	S	

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C	A	H	N		A	L	F	A			C	H	I	N
O	L	I	O		B	I	L	L	G		A	I	M	E
S	O	L	S		E	M	I	L	Y		S	F	P	D
M	O	D	E	S	T	P	R	O	P	O	S	A	L	
O	F	A	G	E		S	T	Y		N	I	L	E	S
			A	A	A					R	E	S	U	M
I	S	P	Y		S	H	A	V	E	N		T	E	D
T	H	I	S	D	I	A	M	O	N	D	R	I	N	G
H	A	L		R	A	T	T	L	E		A	N	T	E
O	R	E	G	O	N				W	A	N			
T	E	D	I	O		R	B	I		P	A	T	S	Y
	W	I	L	L	Y	O	U	M	A	R	R	Y	M	E
M	I	N	D		E	L	O	P	E		I	R	O	N
E	T	T	E		S	L	Y	E	R		S	O	R	T
S	H	O	D		O	S	L	O		K	L	E	E	

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W	R	A	P	S		F	L	A	T		S	♥	I	T
H	O	R	A	E		S	U	R	E		S	C	A	R
O	U	I	J	A		♥	T	E	N		R	O	M	E
A	T	L	A	S	T		E	A	T	S		A	B	E
			M	O	E	T		S	H	O	R	T	S	♥
C	I	L	A	N	T	R	O		S	A	Y			
L	A	P	♥		R	O	N	A		R	E	C	A	P
E	G	G			A	U	♥	S	Y		A	H	A	
E	O	A	M	Y		T	O	N	E		♥	P	E	R
			Θ	A	R		E	E	A	R	S	O	M	E
♥	O	R	A	W	E	R		R	H	E	E			
S	A	O		N	C	A	A		S	I	C	K	E	N
I	Z	O	D		T	I	P	♥		G	R	I	P	E
D	E	F	T		O	T	I	S		N	E	W	E	R
E	S	♥	S		S	T	A	Y		S	T	I	E	D

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B	R	I	D	A	L		A	R	M	O	I	R	E	
A	E	R	A	T	E		C	H	E	S	T	E	R	
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			E	M	I	T		N	E	A		A	S	P
A	C	H			N	O	S	I	R		B	I	E	R
R	H	O	O	A		U	S	S		W	E	N	O	Y
G	E	O	R	G	E	R	S	H	W	I	N			
O	R	O	A	I	N				O	L	O	I	E	S
			P	L	A	C	I	O		O	M	I	N	G
O	H	G	E	E		A	O	O		A	X	I	O	M
L	E	A	O		S	T	A	E	E		T	S	E	
E	L	I		S	A	C		E	A	T	E			
G	E	N	E	W	M	A	N			R	I	D	G	E
	N	O	T	A	B	L	E			E	L	N	I	N
	A	N	O	M	A	L	Y			S	T	A	N	D

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S	P	A	C	E	D		M	A	C	A	D	A	M	S
A	R	C	H	I	E		A	L	U	M	I	N	U	M
T	I	T	A	N	I	C	S	T	R	U	G	G	L	E
	C	U	T		G	A	T	E	S			E	L	L
P	E	A		E	N	T	I	R	E		A	L	I	T
A	T	L	A	N	T	I	C	S	A	L	M	O	N	
R	A	L	S	T	O	N			T	O	O			
	G	Y	P	O						C	U	B	S	
			R	M	S				S	T	A	N	L	E
	I	C	E	B	E	R	G	L	E	T	T	U	C	E
K	L	E	E		D	E	N	U	D	E		E	T	S
U	L	A			A	D	A	G	E		A	N	O	
D	I	S	A	S	T	E	R	S	U	P	P	O	R	T
O	N	E	W	H	E	E	L		M	O	S	S	E	R
S	I	D	E	A	R	M	S		S	P	E	E	D	Y

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R	E	I	N		S	A	T	E			R	U	B	E
A	R	T	Y		E	X	I	L	E		A	L	A	N
B	A	S	E	B	A	L	L	I	N	F	I	E	L	D
E	T	A		A	L	E	E			C	O	S	E	T
			I	C	I			S	A	R	I			
P	E	R	S	O	N	W	H	O	S	U	N	H	I	P
A	L	I	E	N		H	A	R	E	M		A	R	A
T	I	G	E		G	I	S	T	S		E	G	A	N
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O	U	T	S	I	D	E	O	F	A	W	H	E	E	L
			A	L	L	Y			L	O	O			
H	A	S	S	L	E		A	M	O	K		A	C	T
O	R	C	H	E	S	T	R	A	M	E	M	B	E	R
A	G	U	A		S	A	N	T	A		A	B	L	E
R	O	M	Y			J	E	E	R		W	A	L	K

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S	T	E	M		C	L	O	Y		J	A	K	E	
L	O	D	I		R	A	V	E	S		E	M	I	T
E	N	G	A	G	E	M	E	N	T	S	T	O	N	E
W	E	E		O	P	E	N		A	P	H	I	D	S
			A	L	E			B	R	E	R			
E	V	E	N	A	S	A	N	A	C	C	O	U	N	T
M	E	L	O	N		B	A	T	H	S		T	O	O
A	R	I	D		A	N	N	O	Y		N	I	N	A
I	D	O		G	L	E	N	N		S	O	L	E	D
L	I	T	E	R	A	R	Y	S	O	C	I	E	T	Y
			G	E	M	S			P	H	R			
S	T	E	R	E	O		S	E	E	M		A	L	F
L	O	V	E	R	S	I	M	B	R	O	G	L	I	O
U	K	E	S		A	C	U	R	A		A	P	E	X
M	E	S	S		E	G	O	S		B	O	N	Y	

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M	A	S	T	E	R	S	E	R	G	E	A	N	T	S
I	N	T	H	E	L	I	N	E	O	F	F	I	R	E
A	G	A	I	N	S	T	T	H	E	G	R	A	I	N
S	U	N	N	Y		T	R	A	S	H		G	P	S
M	I	L	K		L	I	E	U	T		F	A	L	A
I	S	E		N	I	G	E	L		B	E	R	E	T
C	H	E	E	T	A	H	S		B	O	R	A	T	E
			P	E	R	T		M	O	O	R			
R	E	M	I	S	S		G	I	U	L	I	A	N	I
E	R	E	C	T		C	E	S	T	A		L	A	M
B	E	T	S		G	A	L	E	S		R	A	S	P
E	W	E		L	A	M	A	R		C	I	S	C	O
C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	S	H	A	K	E	S
C	O	U	N	T	E	R	I	R	R	I	T	A	N	T
A	N	T	S	I	N	O	N	E	S	P	A	N	T	S

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B	A	G	S		M	U	T	T		N	E	A	R		
U	N	T	T		A	H	O	S	T		U	R	G	E	
T	E	L	E		N	O	R	A	H		T	D	A	T	
	W	A	T	T	T	H	E	R	E	S	M	D	R	E	
			N	O	R				R	D	E				
M	A	K	E	S	A	G	R	E	A	T	G	T	F	T	
A	D	A	M	S		R	A	M	R	S		D	A	W	
G	A	R			B	I	D	D	Y			L	V	T	
D	N	A			G	E	N	T	E		S	T	E	R	N
N	D	T	S	O	L	D	T	N	S	T	D	R	E	S	
			A	L	L				E	A	R				
A	N	D	T	F	Y	O	U	A	G	T	N	D	W		
D	U	A	G			U	N	C	L	E		A	J	A	X
U	N	D	D		P	O	L	E	D			D	A	L	T
A	S	S	N			R	A	G	E			D	T	L	S

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E	U	R	E	K	A	C	A		A	M	U	S	E	D	
T	H	E	M	A	T	I	C		N	O	N	U	S	E	
E	U	G	E	N	E	O	R		E	R	I	E	P	A	
S	H	O	E					E	M	M	A		S	Y	N
			R	A	N	G		D	I	N	K				
M	I	A		E	A	U	C	L	A	I	R	E	W	I	
A	B	N	O	R	M	A	L			S	A	L	E	M	
Y	S	E	R		E	M	A	I	L		F	L	E	A	
B	E	G	A	N			R	O	A	S	T	I	N	G	
E	N	G	L	E	W	O	O	D	C	O		E	Y	E	
			S	W	A	N		E	T	U	I				
M	A	W		B	L	O	C				C	O	S	A	
E	N	I	D	O	K			E	D	I	S	O	N	N	J
G	A	L	O	R	E			D	E	M	E	N	T	I	A
A	T	T	E	N	D			E	L	P	A	S	O	T	X

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B	I	S	E	C	T	O	R		S	H	A	L	O	M
A	L	P	A	C	I	N	O		T	I	R	A	N	A
L	E	A	R	N	E	D	T	H	E	R	O	P	E	S
E	A	R	L	Y	R	E	T	I	R	E	M	E	N	T
							E	M	E	R	A	L	D	S
L	O	G	C	A	B	I	N							
A	D	L	A	I	E	S	T	E	V	E	N	S	O	N
D	O	U	B	L	E	S	O	L	I	T	A	I	R	E
D	R	E	S	S	T	O	T	H	E	N	I	N	E	S
							H	I	D	A	L	G	O	S
S	N	U	B	N	O	S	E							
C	O	L	L	E	G	E	C	A	M	P	U	S	E	S
A	C	T	I	V	E	V	O	L	C	A	N	O	E	S
M	A	R	N	I	E		R	E	C	L	I	N	E	R
P	L	A	I	N	S		E	X	C	E	S	S	E	S

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H	A	M		H	O	D			C	A	N	A	R	Y	
O	M	A		A	J	A	M		O	P	A	Q	U	E	
M	A	C	A	R	O	N	I		D	A	V	I	E	S	
I	Z	A	A	K		I	N	F	E	R					
N	E	W	S		F	E	D	E	X		G	O	T	O	
G	D	S		C	A	L	M	S		Y	O	K	E	L	
				H	O	L	L	Y		S	O	U	R	E	
			T	R	I	P	L	E	P	A	N	G	R	A	M
J	A	U	N	T	S		S	Q	U	I	D				
E	X	T	T	S		O	A	U	B	S		D	T	A	
W	T	N	S		J	O	N	A	S		W	O	O	L	
					L	E	N	D	L		I	O	O	N	E
O	R	A	T	O	R		Q	U	I	C	K	F	I	X	
R	E	V	I	V	E		S	N	O	B		U	Z	I	
I	B	A	N	E	Z			G	U	Y		S	E	A	

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A	G	A	P	E		A	N	A	P		N	E	S	T
S	I	D	E	D		P	O	L	E		A	S	E	A
K	R	O	N	A		A	T	A	N		S	T	A	G
A	D	R	A	M	A	C	R	I	T	I	C	I	S	
N	E	E			S	E	E	N		M	A	M	I	E
T	R	E	B	E	K					P	R	A	D	D
			S	E	E	S	T	O			T	E	N	
	A	M	A	N	W	H	O	L	E	A	V	E	S	
F	L	O				H	E	A	R	S	E			
E	L	V	E	S					N	E	X	T	T	O
W	I	E	S	T		A	L	O	E			O	E	R
	N	O	T	U	R	N	U	N	S	T	O	N	E	D
S	A	N	E		O	N	C	E		R	H	I	N	E
A	L	T	E		W	E	I	R		I	N	T	E	R
G	L	O	M		E	X	E	S		G	O	E	R	S

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P	A	P	A		S	T	A	T			L	O	C	I
O	L	A	V		P	U	M	A		P	U	P	A	L
S	L	Y	A	S	A	F	O	X		A	T	A	L	L
I	O	U			A	R	T	S		S	W	I	L	L
T	Y	P	I	S	T				T	O	P	S		
			S	H	A	R	P	A	S	A	T	A	C	K
A	D	A	M		N	A	R	R	O	W		L	O	O
V	O	W	S			D	I	T			S	A	I	L
I	D	O			A	N	I	M	A	L		A	N	N
S	O	L	I	D	A	S	A	R	O	C	K			
			G	A	S	H				Q	U	I	L	T
A	B	R	U	P	T			H	O	U	R		A	H
B	L	O	A	T		F	A	T	A	S	A	P	I	G
B	O	O	N	S		A	L	I	T		M	I	C	A
A	T	T	A			R	O	S	S		A	S	K	S

* This crossword has no E's in either the answers or the clues.

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S	S	T		F	I	N	E	R		S	T	A	L	L
A	T	E		A	M	O	R	E		I	O	N	I	C
H	O	P		I	F	N	O	M	I	N	A	T	E	D
I	W	I	L	L		P	O	I	S	E	D			
B	E	D	E	L	I	A		T	I	C		L	A	G
			N	E	A	R	S		T	U	P	E	L	O
A	N	A	T		G	E	A	R		R	U	N	T	O
M	E	X	I	C	O	I	F	E	L	E	C	T	E	D
I	W	I	L	L		L	E	T	O		C	O	R	E
L	E	A	S	E	S		S	U	S	H	I			
E	L	L		A	H	A		R	E	E	N	A	C	T
			O	N	E	M	A	N		F	I	G	H	T
E	X	T	R	A	D	I	T	I	O	N		L	O	O
V	I	N	C	I		S	E	N	S	E		E	S	P
A	S	T	A	R		S	E	G	E	R		Y	E	S

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S	P	U	R		A	M	O	S		C	H	A	M	P
W	I	N	E		L	E	A	H		A	I	M	E	E
A	L	D	A		A	L	T	O		N	E	A	R	S
Y	O	U	C	A	N	T	H	O	L	D		N	E	T
S	T	E	T	S			S	T	E	I	N			
			T	A	R		S	I	D	E	O	N	E	
A	S	S	U	A	G	E	S		S	E	E	S	I	N
D	O	W	N		I	F	Y	O		D	O	N	T	
A	R	A	F	A	T		M	O	R	A	S	S	E	S
S	E	M	I	N	A	L		H	E	M				
			T	O	T	E	S			A	S	T	R	O
O	S	S		D	O	W	N	W	I	T	H	I	M	
P	A	T	S	Y		D	I	E	D		I	O	T	A
A	G	A	I	N		E	P	E	E		E	L	A	N
L	E	Y	T	E		R	E	D	S		D	E	S	I

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P	A	R	I	S		A	F	B		L	A	P	E	L
A	L	O	N	E		C	A	L		I	R	A	T	E
L	E	T	S	G	E	T	Q	U	A	C	K	I	N	G
	S	E	A	M	S		S	I	D	E		L	A	O
			N	E	T	S		S	O	N	S			
V	O	T	E	N	E	I	G	H		S	E	R	B	S
I	R	A		T	E	T	E		B	E	T	H	E	L
T	O	U	R		M	E	E	S	E		S	O	Y	A
A	N	N	A	L	S		N	E	A	R		M	O	N
L	O	T	T	O		B	A	A	H	U	M	B	U	G
			A	B	L	E		L	E	N	O			
A	D	A		B	E	A	U		R	A	M	P	S	
W	I	L	L	Y	O	U	S	H	O	W	M	E	O	W
L	E	V	E	E		T	E	A		A	I	S	L	E
S	T	A	I	R		Y	R	S		Y	E	T	I	S

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C	R	A	G		B	R	A			S	I	C	K	O
H	U	G	O		O	A	T		D	U	N	L	A	P
A	N	A	C	O	N	D	A		R	E	3	I	N	E
M	A	M	A	S		I	N	T	E	R	I	M		
O	W	E	R	S		A	D	V	I	S	A	B	L	E
I	A	6	T		A	N	T	S		N	E	I	N	
S	Y	N		R	I	C	O		S	E	C	R	E	T
			T	E	L	E	P	H	O	N	E			
G	O	B	O	T	S		E	O	N	S		H	I	S
E	C	R	U			A	R	U	G		C	O	N	E
L	A	U	4	N	G	G	A	S		E	R	N	S	T
			I	T	E	R	A	T	E		L	2	O	A
D	E	S	O	T	O		O	C	U	L	A	R	L	Y
A	L	E	U	T	S		R	A	E		K	E	E	P
D	I	R	T	Y			S	T	Y		E	R	S	E

On a telephone, 2=ABC, 3=DEF, 4=GHI, 6=MNO

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A	L	I	A	S		C	O	M	E		S	H	O	P
L	E	O	N	E		A	P	I	A		W	A	D	E
A	C	T	I	N		R	A	N	T		A	V	O	W
W	H	A	T	D	O	P	R	I	S	O	N	E	R	S
			R	E	L	E	T		A	N	D			
S	A	H	A	R	A			S	T	A	I	N	E	R
A	G	E			F	R	A	T		I	V	A	N	A
R	O	A	R	S		U	S	E		R	E	N	D	S
A	G	R	E	E		I	S	M	S			C	A	P
N	O	N	A	G	O	N			U	P	S	E	T	S
			R	A	W		R	I	C	H	E			
T	O	C	A	L	L	E	A	C	H	O	T	H	E	R
A	M	E	X		E	R	N	E		O	T	E	R	O
C	O	O	L		T	A	D	A		E	E	R	I	E
H	O	S	E		S	T	X		Y	E	S	E	S	

*Answer to riddle: CELL PHONES

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A	V	E	R	S		C	A	S	E		S	P	A	T
L	E	G	I	T		A	M	E	N		H	A	S	H
L	E	G	G	E	D	R	A	C	E		E	S	S	O
			S	P	I	L	T				A	L	T	A
T	H	O	U		P	O	I	N	T	P	L	A	Y	
H	E	L	P	S				A	R	E	A			
R	A	E			A	R	C	H	I	E		C	O	L
E	R	A			W	H	E	E	L	E	R		R	A
E	T	N	A		O	D	E	S	S	A		A	M	I
			O	A	D	E					M	O	T	E
	P	I	E	C	E	S	U	I	I		P	E	R	M
C	R	O	P	E			L	A	I	N	E			
A	I	N	I		R	I	N	C	C	I	R	C	U	S
S	O	I	L		C	I	A	O		N	A	O	M	I
P	R	A	Y		A	I	R	S		A	S	I	A	R

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D	T	S		R	I	O	T		N	U	R	S	I	E
R	I	M		O	N	M	E		U	G	A	N	D	A
A	B	A		S	P	A	N	I	S	H	M	A	I	N
F	I	L	M	C	A	R	D	S		J	I	G		
T	A	L	L	O	W			M	O	D	E	L		
			V	E	N	O	M		N	U	T	M	E	G
S	I	S	I		D	I	A	N	E		A	L	I	
I	C	U		T	H	E	S	P	O	T		I	L	L
L	E	G		H	E	D	D	A			S	L	E	D
I	R	A	V	E	L		O	R	N	A	N			
		R	I	A	L	S		A	D	A	C	E	S	
	A	O	R			S	C	A	P	E	C	O	A	I
T	R	E	A	S	U	R	E	M	A	P		O	R	E
O	M	E	G	A	S		L	I	L	T		F	L	A
E	S	T	O	P	S		L	E	M	S		S	Y	D

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A	R	T	S		B	A	S	I	C		S	T	A	G
L	U	A	U		A	M	O	C	O		A	H	M	E
I	N	R	E		Y	E	M	E	N		D	E	B	T
B	O	Z		H	O	N	E		T	R	A	V	I	S
A	V	A	L	O	N		B	E	A	U	T	I	E	S
B	E	N	I	C	E		O	L	I	N		I	N	E
A	R	T	E		T	I	D	I	N	G		I	T	T
		H	U	M		S	Y	D		S	C	I		
A	B	E		I	M	A	G	E	S		R	I	I	S
T	R	A		D	E	A	R		E	L	A	I	N	E
T	A	P	D	A	N	C	E		C	A	G	I	E	R
E	V	E	R	S	O		A	W	R	Y		I	R	V
M	E	M	O		R	O	S	I	E		L	I	R	A
P	L	A	N		A	L	E	R	T		A	N	O	N
T	Y	N	E		H	A	D	E	S		B	E	R	T

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P	H	I	L	I	P	S		R	A	R	E	B	I	T
R	A	N	A	T	E	M	P	E	R	A	T	U	R	E
O	U	T	S	I	D	E	A	G	I	T	A	T	O	R
F	L	I	T	S		L	E	E	D	S		T	N	N
I	S	M	S		P	L	A	N	E		L	O	M	A
L	I	A		P	A	I	N	T		M	A	N	E	T
E	N	T	W	I	N	E	S		M	A	X	E	N	E
		E	A	G	E	R		B	A	Y	E	D		
P	S	A	L	M	S		M	A	C	A	R	O	N	I
A	P	P	L	Y		S	I	Z	E	S		N	O	G
R	O	P	Y		R	A	M	O	S		M	E	I	N
A	K	A		H	E	L	I	O		L	A	S	S	O
G	A	R	R	I	S	O	N	K	E	I	L	L	O	R
O	N	E	T	H	I	N	G	A	T	A	T	I	M	E
N	E	L	S	O	N	S		S	C	R	A	P	E	D

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A	B	O	L	I	S	H		A	L	S	O	R	A	N
T	O	R	O	N	T	O		D	E	C	L	A	R	E
E	A	S	Y	C	O	M		E	E	A	S	Y	G	O
E	T	O			L	I	E	N		R	E	C	O	N
			C	U	I	N	G		P	E	N	H		
S	A	C	H	S		G	O	U	R	D		A	M	O
C	L	O	U	D	S		S	S	E		D	R	A	B
H	E	R	M	A	N	M		E	L	V	I	L	L	E
M	A	N	S		I	C	U		L	I	V	E	L	Y
O	F	F		S	T	I	N	G		C	A	S	E	S
			I	C	E	S		T	A	L	E	S		
I	H	E	A	R		O	O	Z	E			G	A	P
S	I	L	V	E	R	M		E	D	A	L	I	S	T
A	D	D	E	N	D	A		B	O	L	I	V	I	A
Y	E	S	D	E	A	R		O	N	E	N	E	S	S

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T	T	T	T		T	T	T	T		T	T	T	T	
T	H	A	R		H	I	H	O		O	R	O	U	T
T	Y	K	E		O	R	E	M		T	A	I	N	T
T	M	E	N		N	A	S	A		I	N	L	E	T
T	E	N	D	S		D	U	T	I	E	S			
					S	T	E	P	O	N		I	M	I
T	A	L	K	T	O		R	E	C		E	A	S	T
T	R	I	E	S	O	N	E	S	H	A	N	D	A	T
T	A	P	E		K	I	M		E	X	T	E	N	T
T	B	S	P		I	N	E	S	S	E				
					S	E	N	E	C	A		L	I	G
T	A	M	A	R		S	O	W	S		N	E	E	T
T	R	I	T	E		P	U	P	S		E	T	A	T
T	U	N	I	C		O	R	I	G		P	A	R	T
T	T	T	T	T		T	T	T	T		T	T	T	T

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B	E	T	T	E		P	E	T			M	A	A	M
R	U	R	A	L		A	W	E		H	A	S	T	A
E	R	I	C	A		L	E	X	L	U	T	H	O	R
T	O	M	K	I	T	E				T	E	N	C	E
						N	E	S	S		N	T	H	
A	N	G	L	E	D		L	O	A	F		S	P	A
S	E	R	I	F		H	A	R	P	O		T	A	N
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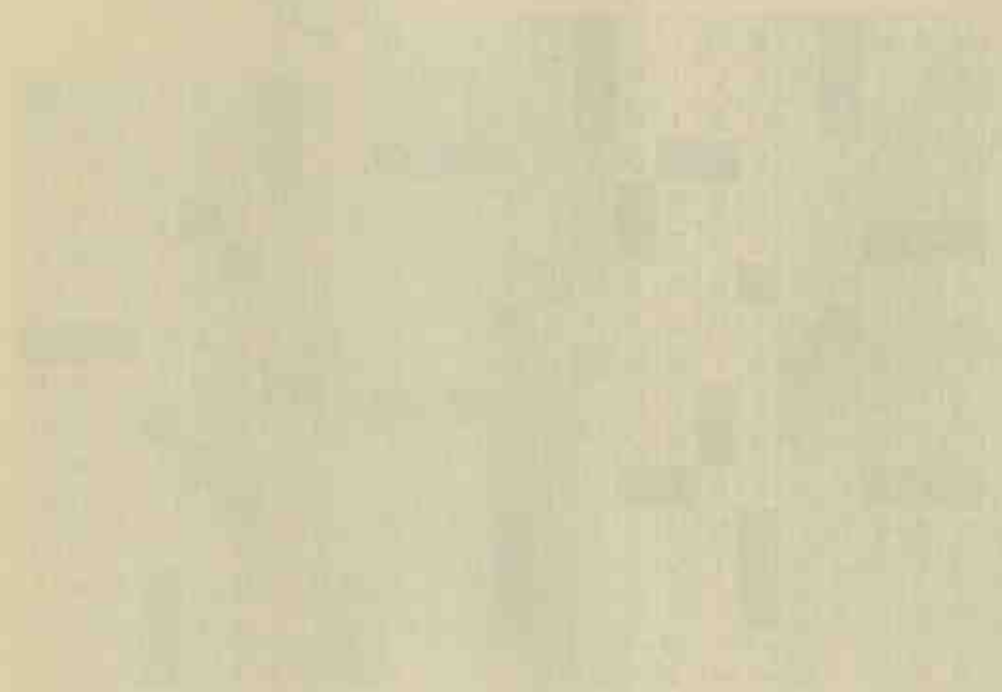
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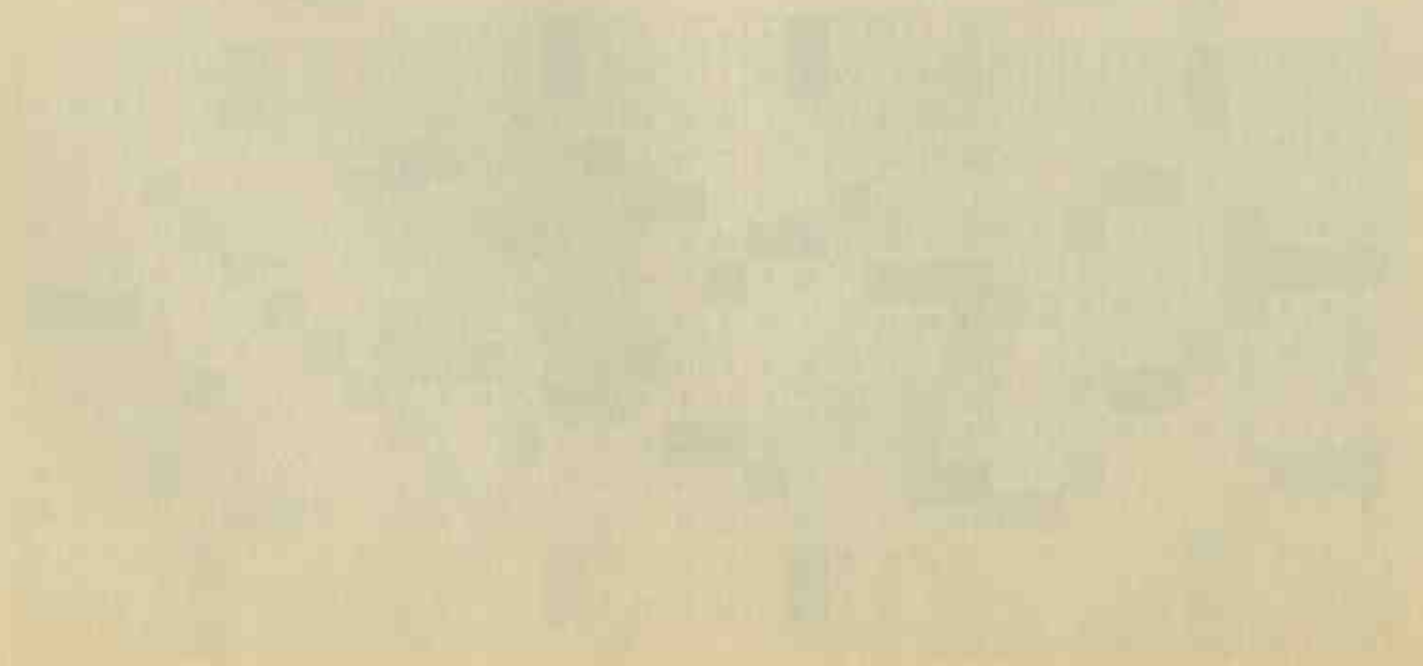
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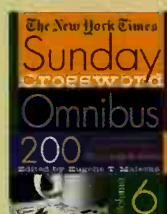
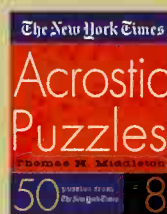
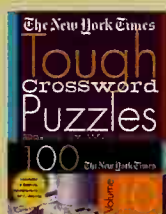
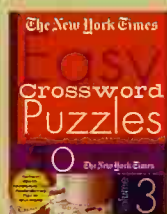
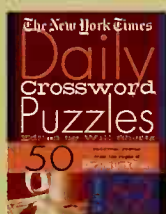
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