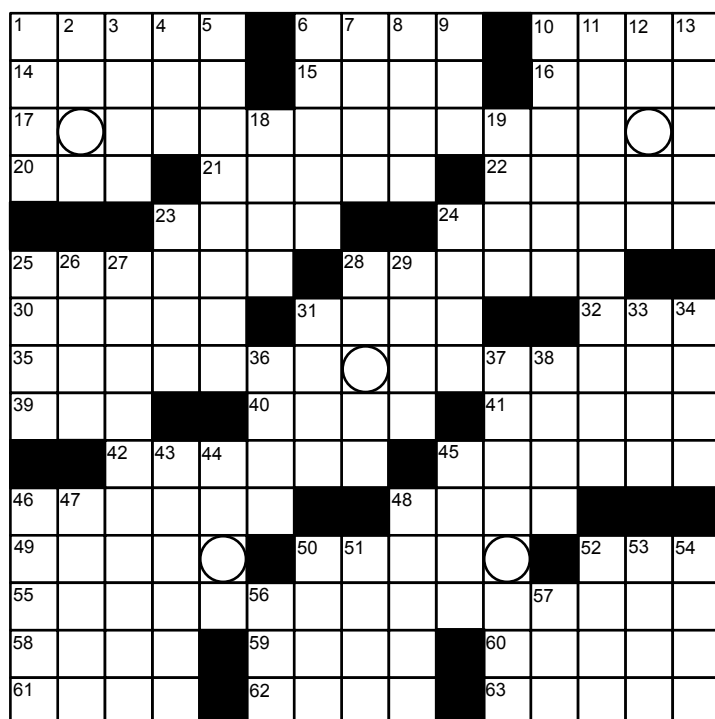


SHORTZ ERA

Jim Hilger



ACROSS

- 1 R & R place, for a grocery store lover
- 6 Valley in Ventura County
- 10 Yesterday, in boss-talk
- 14 Use an S.O.S.?
- 15 Not your happy-time film genre
- 16 Aqua ____
- 17 With 35-Across, example of incredible and relentless brilliance, to solvers and constructors alike
- 20 Head of the non-DDE ticket
- 21 Flower named after the student of a Greek god
- 22 Held a follow-up session
- 23 Kobayashi ____ (Starfleet Academy test that cadet James Kirk cheated on)
- 24 Summer noise maker
- 25 B.S. (____ Shortz)
- 28 Cruciverbalist trying to make a living at it, probably
- 30 Atmospheres, with that cutesy Latin-esque ending
- 31 Cooler
- 32 Small item that always comes with a charge
- 35 See 17-Across

- 39 Decks, in brief [Abbr. Alert!]
- 40 Place having knocked down furniture [Aw hell, just gave away the previous answer!]
- 41 Gotta-have-it stuff
- 42 Bonged
- 45 Piano class practice
- 46 Graffiti writer, often
- 48 "____ Coming" (Hit from "Suitable for Framing")
- 49 Like hallowed university walls
- 50 Shrek sample
- 52 G.I. address
- 55 Another example of incredible and relentless brilliance, to solvers and constructors alike
- 58 Bar-hopping project
- 59 When
- 60 Shaq's other name
- 61 Great Arthur Alexander song, that was later covered by the Beatles
- 62 Mordant Mort from Montreal
- 63 Pretty much nuts

DOWN

- 1 Hound, detective-wise?

- 2 Head problem after ACPT round five
- 3 Deal killers
- 4 Hound, collector-wise
- 5 Doesn't just ad lib
- 6 Phrase with shame or stuck
- 7 Big name on "Jeopardy!"
- 8 Full of holes, say
- 9 Bug
- 10 Each
- 11 In a pie chart, or some such
- 12 Thin as ____
- 13 Good carbs for marathoners
- 18 Be in another form?
- 19 Big name in "Wordplay"
- 23 Extinct fowl
- 24 Cosby's co-star on old TV
- 25 Chair part
- 26 Mark's replacement
- 27 2008 Best Picture nominee that lost to "Slumdog Millionaire"
- 28 Skinless, essentially
- 29 Opera or Broadway musical title [the usual suspect]
- 31 Only reason for five circled squares in this grid
- 33 Ye ____ such-and-such
- 34 Good or bad ending?
- 36 "Happy Birthday" honoree
- 37 Formerly
- 38 Son of Rhea
- 43 Folk singer not seen quite as often in these parts as Arlo
- 44 Lord's counterpart
- 45 Zeno of ____
- 46 Photo op for tourists
- 47 Word on a naughty French postcard
- 48 Get lots of A's (in)
- 50 ____ colada [Gimme Alert!]
- 51 It might be scratched after a race
- 52 "Smart" individual?
- 53 Feature on a lemon meringue pie's landscape
- 54 Where Nobel Prizes for Cruciverbalism might someday be awarded
- 56 L.A. article
- 57 Gene pool component