Splitting Hairs by Schmeel

The answer to the meta is an 8-letter adjective
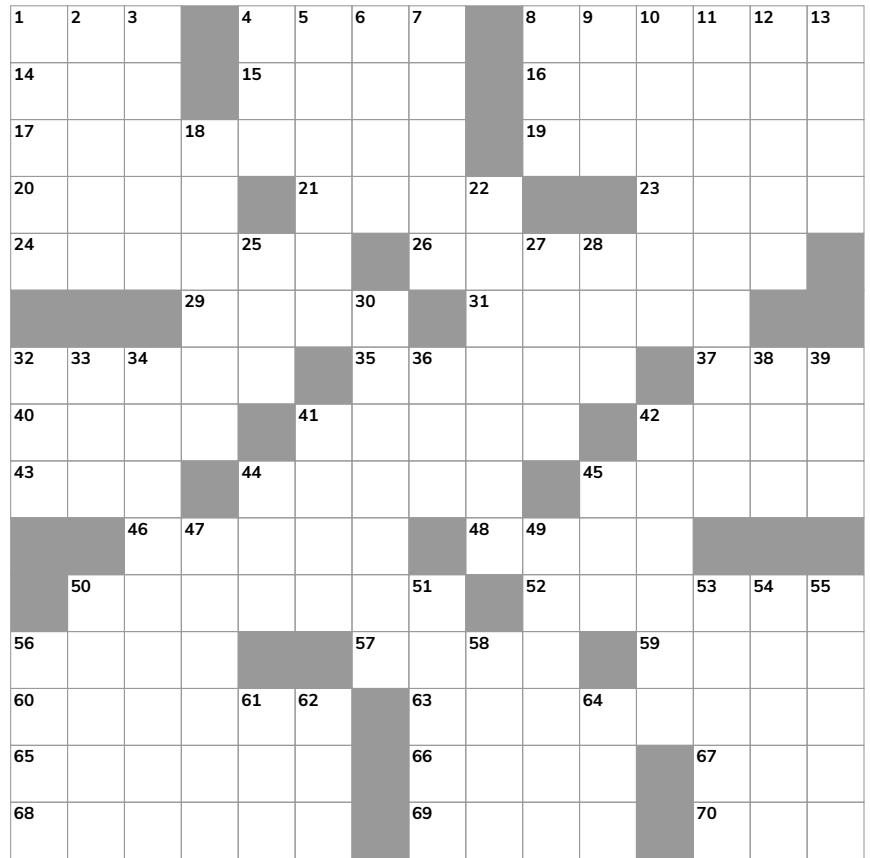
ACROSS

1 Pontiac propeller

4 El ___, Texas

8 With 68A, two ways to split hairs

14 Beehive State native

15 Bruins' sch.

16 Sad sound, perhaps

17 A rundown vehicle, e.g.

19 Frank

20 Cockerel crest

21 Ended

23 Bags in boxes

24 Magazine publisher

26 Brass mutes

29 A pickle in a deli, perhaps

31 George who played God

32 Extraterrestrial

35 "Star Wars" home of Jar Jar Binks

37 Not even

40 Road curve

41 Nasal spray brand

42 Phoenix athletes

43 Harden, like cement

44 Dirty Harry portrayer

45 Copper or Iron

46 Shooting match?

48 Brake component

50 Playwright Brecht

52 "___ Sunshine", Bill Withers 1971 hit

56 Purina competitor

57 "Watch your head!"

59 Follow closely

60 Unemotional types

63 Setting of Conrad's "Heart of Darkness"

65 Part of ASAP

66 Knotted

67 Beer barrel

68 See 8A

69 "By the power vested ___..."

70 Devious

DOWN

1 Big name in leather bags

2 Porthos and Aramis's pal

3 Appears to be

4 Baby shark

5 Honda model

6 Eastern European, perhaps

7 Sculled

8 Bat wood

9 Comedienne Margaret

10 "Something is ___ in the state of Denmark."

11 Uses Uber Eats

12 Greek porches

13 Loses tension

18 Mistreated

22 They may be chased while solving metas

25 Austrian article

27 Subatomic particle

28 In favor of

30 Civil War rifle

32 "Six-pack" muscles

33 Spike or Ang

34 Glenn Miller classic

36 Prince Valiant's son

38 The stuff that genes are made of

39 Internet access option

41 Additionally

42 Taken care of

44 Old PC monitor

45 "Excusez-___!"

47 "Twelfth Night" duke

49 NBA Hall of Famer Olajuwon

50 Half of Mongolia's capital

51 ___-frutti

53 Armored vehicles

54 Austin Powers' pop

55 Crypt closer?

56 Playground retort

58 Do pull-ups

61 Quoth a raven, perhaps

62 Nine-digit ID

64 Three after B