

Moving Forward

Welcome to the final Pre-Shortzian Puzzle Project meta! The pre-Shortzian puzzles were famous for many things, but perhaps most of all, they were known for their crosswordese. To learn more about the crosswordese entries featured in this puzzle, each of which has been used zero times in the Shortz era, go to <http://www.xwordinfo.com/Popular?year=psunique>. For this puzzle, ignore entries on the page with fewer than 20 usages. Oh, and by the way, the meta-answer is a two-word phrase that's especially appropriate now that the project is essentially over. You may or may not run into red herrings along the way. As Maleska would say, pax, amor et felicitas!

Across

1 NPR's "The Diane _____ Show"

5 Not zero-skilled

9 Credit accounts?

16 Its slope is never zero

20 Major players

22 See 65-Across

23 "Anne of Green Gables" town

24 Operatic prince

25 It might boost a developing country's economy

28 Fuzz

29 Ovary outgrowth

30 Feature of few pre-Shortzian puzzles on XWord Info, hopefully

31 "I do not think you can name many great inventions that have been made by married men" speaker

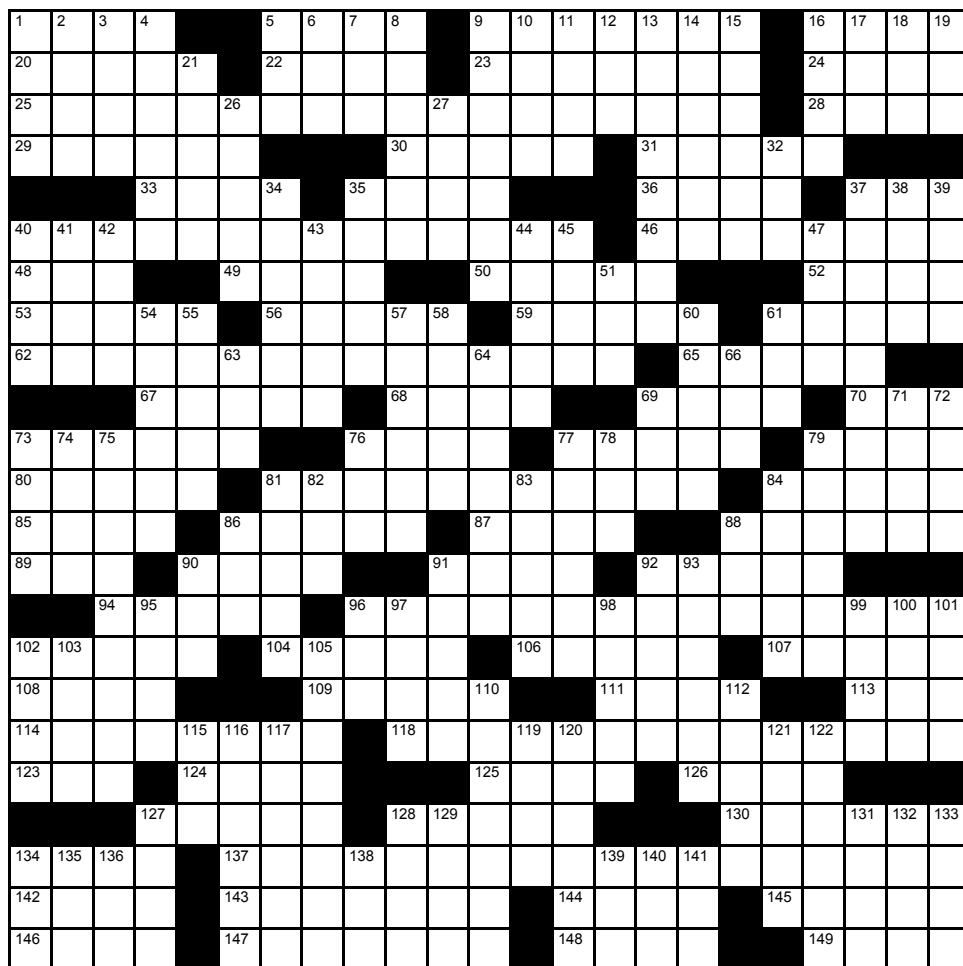
33 Operatic Pinza

35 Certain hybrids

36 Gay lovers can now exchange them

37 Slender runner

40 Reduction treaty target



- 69** Make display a time other than zero, as a parking meter
- 70** Chemical dilution meas.
- 73** They help you find your place
- 76** Kind of contraception
- 77** Many a college student
- 79** Reduce to zero health in a video game, say
- 80** #3 on the AFI's Top 10 Westerns list
- 81** Closet collection
- 84** Gas bill heat unit
- 85** Situation with zero ways out
- 86** Made a Trojan horse
- 87** 1944 battleground
- 88** Rebecca Black song whose YouTube video has more than three times as many dislikes as likes
- 89** Needing a hug, maybe
- 90** Salon treatment invented at least 3,200 years before zero, informally
- 91** Ctrl+Y, on a PC
- 92** Redskins quarterback's Twitter handle
- 94** What expert solvers rarely stop to do
- 96** Still-desirable plan B
- 102** Cheering like crazy
- 104** Modify a motion
- 106** Parkinson's drug
- 107** Whom Old Major symbolizes in "Animal Farm"
- 108** Person making zero sense
- 109** Vowel-heavy parting
- 111** Doesn't take well?
- 113** Wichita winter hrs.
- 114** Mexican restaurant feature with an assortment of dips
- 118** Vacation destinations where little is left to the imagination
- 123** Goes out on a trip?
- 124** Trueheart of old comics
- 125** "Dora the Explorer" squirrel
- 126** "I'd say that's true"
- 127** Warren Buffett's home
- 128** Plug
- 130** Planet with 13 rings
- 134** Shows zero originality
- 137** Eugene T. Maleska's words of wisdom about fill
- 142** December number
- 143** Body of water that once contained 1,100+ islands
- 144** Prefix associated with elevations greater than zero
- 145** Big name in candy hearts
- 146** "Oh ___!" (1971 Lennon song)
- 147** Parliament pitch?
- 148** Dealer's nightmare
- 149** Country west of Benin
- Down**
- 1** Conical-toothed tool
- 2** Case of crosswordese
- 3** Toy truck maker
- 4** Toy car maker
- 5** "Anthem" writer Rand
- 6** Pen pal greeting?
- 7** Foreign legal deg.
- 8** They sniggle for grigs
- 9** Something you might not dig digging
- 10** Rachael Ray acronym
- 11** Grim and grumpy
- 12** Slash's group, for short
- 13** Highfalutin sorts
- 14** Northridge neighbor
- 15** Recipient of a bad haircut
- 16** Electrolux spokeswoman Kelly
- 17** "Star Wars" prologue word
- 18** Wet or dry cleaner
- 19** Noob's opposite
- 21** Early crop that sounds like a puzzle
- 26** Book featuring Paris
- 27** City close to Rome
- 32** It helps you see the lights
- 34** Threatening words
- 35** ___ facie evidence
- 37** Drastically increased
- 38** Dullea of "2001"
- 39** "In that case . . . "
- 40** Safe gun brand
- 41** Online account holder
- 42** Food ___
- 43** Reebok rival
- 44** The "art and science of pure flower and plant essences" sloganeer
- 45** Elementary school head issue
- 47** Red lingerie product?
- 51** Major sweet sixteen gift
- 54** Straighten a paper clip
- 55** Scrabble board word
- 57** Native
- 58** Hebrew for "instruction"
- 60** Prom pair, perhaps
- 61** Loans and the like
- 63** Cruellest month org.
- 64** Adjusted, as shoes
- 66** Line judge's call
- 69** Inedible animal product
- 71** Law office asst.
- 72** "Gee!"
- 73** Thumb drives, informally
- 74** LaBeouf of "Transformers"
- 75** Hammer and sickle, e.g.
- 76** Its letters are hidden in "wolframite"
- 77** Steeped in tradition
- 78** Room to chillax in
- 79** One whose outlook on Sunnis isn't sunny

- 81** "Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator" character
- 82** A mean Amin
- 83** Tennis star dubbed "Rafa"
- 84** Lab notebook unit
- 86** Monster container
- 88** Classic car feature
- 90** Peace, to Putin
- 91** Event with bumpy rides
- 92** Some takebacks, briefly
- 93** Like impatient children
- 95** Villainous "Frozen" prince
- 96** Test that's an abbreviation for what it's equivalent to when read backwards
- 97** Taking care of business
- 98** Many a broken statue
- 99** Proceed slowly
- 100** Workshop device
- 101** Tree people who don't go to Stanford
- 102** Dictionary word before a variant
- 103** Post-apocalyptic Cormac McCarthy novel, with "The"
- 105** Sweet cooking wines
- 110** Not disappointing
- 112** Escort to an apartment
- 115** You should watch your back while using one, for short
- 116** "Help me out, bro!"
- 117** Washed up
- 119** Airport greeter's ride, often
- 120** Water safety giant
- 121** Screenwriter Sorkin
- 122** High home
- 127** European capital home to the Storting building
- 128** Library summons
- 129** She hid Zeus in a cave
- 131** ___ & Vinz ("Am I Wrong" duo)
- 132** Search and Rescue grp.
- 133** "Out, damned Spot!"
- 134** Unspecific quantity
- 135** Hybrid dog breed suffix
- 136** "KILL THAT THING!!!"
- 138** They, in Toulouse
- 139** Post-O.R. destination
- 140** High school class: Abbr.
- 141** Looking good