

A breezy, handsomely constructed puzzle whose theme is revealed at 52-Across. - Will Shortz

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Patriot Allen with the Green Mountain Boys
 - 6 Things "bursting in air"
 - 11 With 17-Across, value of some opinions
 - 14 Pageant headgear
 - 15 Sans-serif typeface
 - 16 Many, many years
 - 17 See 11-Across
 - 18 *Some reddish-orange caviar
 - 20 Work unit
 - 21 Silent performer
 - 22 Renders null
 - 23 *Major road
 - 27 Steve of "The Office"
 - 28 Prisoner
 - 31 *Nancy Pelosi was the first person ever to have this title in Congress
 - 35 Hypothetical cases
 - 38 French king
 - 39 Driver's licenses and such, in brief
 - 40 *Parliamentary procedure
 - 47 Big supermarket chain
 - 48 See 26-Down
 - 52 February occasion, some of whose honorees can be found in the answers to the five starred clues

- 56 Four straight wins to start the World Series, e.g.
 - 58 Tidy
 - 59 Ash holder
 - 60 *Really hunger for
 - 62 Had title to
 - 64 Buckeyes' sch.
 - 65 Snoozed
 - 66 World, in Italian
 - 67 Mind-reading skill, for short
 - 68 Part of the body above the waist
 - 69 Show of overwhelming love
- DOWN**
- 1 "And so on, and so on"
 - 2 ___ del Fuego
 - 3 Where airplanes are repaired
 - 4 "A work of ___ is a confession": Camus
 - 5 "If I Ruled the World" rapper
 - 6 Fundamental
 - 7 Commercial suffix akin to "à go-go"
 - 8 Distance runner
 - 9 Blast sound
 - 10 Ljubljana dweller
 - 11 Dish marinated in sweetened soy sauce
 - 12 Lumber
 - 13 Low bills
 - 19 "___ Rae" (Sally Field film)
 - 21 Not very spicy
 - 24 Not masc.
 - 25 State south of Ga.

- 26 With 48-Across, leader of the House of Representatives, 1977-87
- 29 Turner who founded CNN
- 30 Hesitant sounds
- 32 Dog sound
- 33 Cow sound
- 34 Francis Drake, Isaac Newton or Mix-a-Lot
- 35 Needle
- 36 PETA target
- 37 What a ramp does
- 41 White-feathered wader
- 42 Purposely ignore
- 43 Surgery sites, for short
- 44 Word before know and care
- 45 Suffix with differ
- 46 Hi-___ monitor
- 49 "No idea"
- 50 Texas city on the Rio Grande
- 51 The "L" of L.B.J.
- 53 Bury
- 54 Areas explored by submarines
- 55 Keep one's ___ the ground
- 56 ___ gin fizz
- 57 Scaredy-cat
- 61 ___-Jo ('88 Olympics track star)
- 62 Meditation sounds
- 63 "Holy moly!"