

PCC#2 "I'm So Vain I Probably Think This Puzzle's About Me"

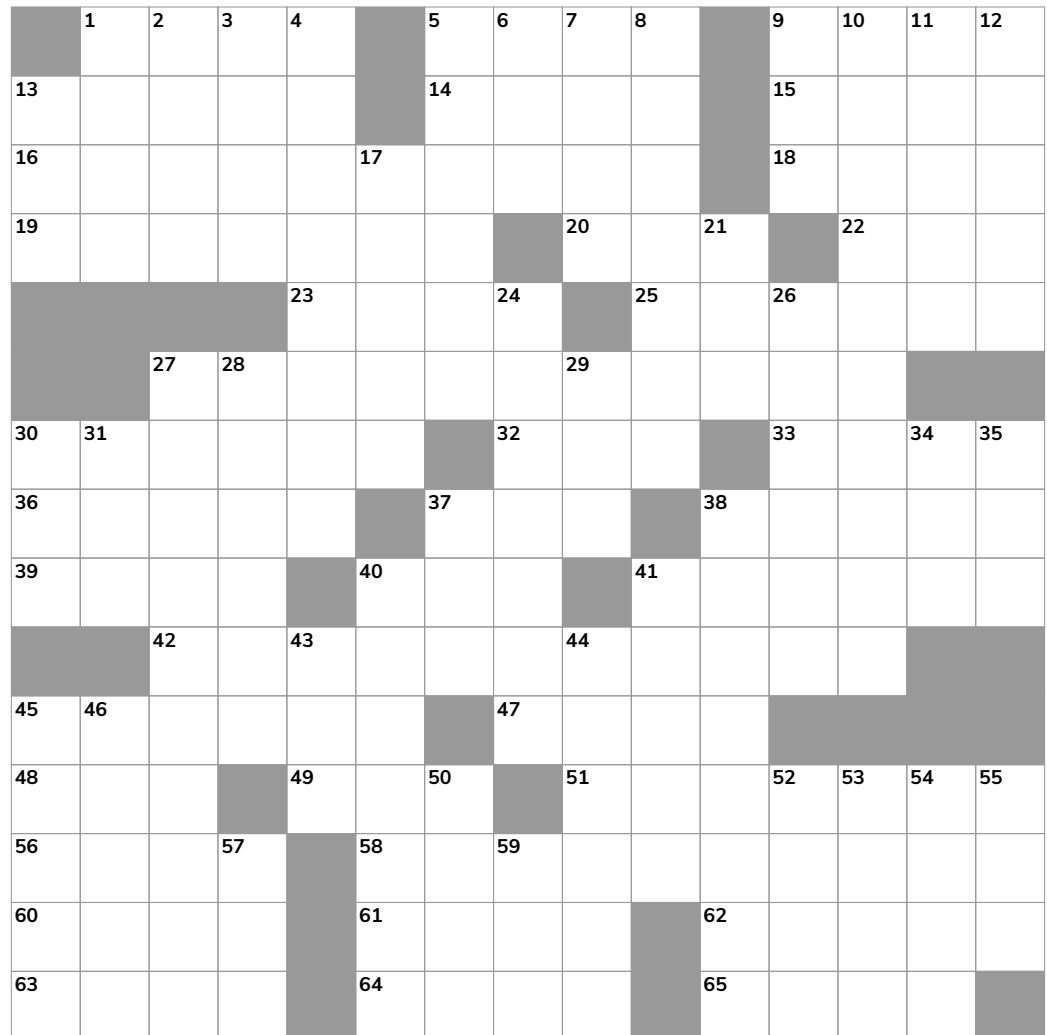
The answer to the meta is a prolific crossword constructor who has published over 100 puzzles with the NY Times

ACROSS

- 1 Someone who does way too much for a person they like who does not reciprocate the same feelings, in modern slang ("I hope senpai will notice me")
- 5 Completely convinced
- 9 October birthstone
- 13 Joe who played the thief Harry in "Home Alone"
- 14 Two of a kind
- 15 Protagonist ____ Vishwakumar of "Never Have I Ever" (anagram of 64-Across)
- 16 Volunteer group created by JFK in 1961
- 18 Raison d'____ (reason for being)
- 19 Potato dumplings from Italy
- 20 Letters on a sunscreen bottle
- 22 A smoker might bum one, for short
- 23 "Save me!"
- 25 Repeated cry in Buster Poindexter's "Hot Hot Hot"
- 27 Beer pong needs
- 30 They decide your fate, in a courtroom
- 32 Tik____ (Popular video-sharing app)
- 33 Code in which many webpages are written: Abbr.
- 36 Scrub, as a space mission
- 37 Mac alternatives
- 38 Kind of juice with a laxative effect
- 39 An image, video, piece of text, typically humorous in nature, that is copied and spread rapidly by internet users, often with slight variations
- 40 Ban
- 41 Wetlands and tundra, for example
- 42 French Post-Impressionist artist who painted "The Card Players"
- 45 The letters they give for free in the bonus round on "Wheel of Fortune"
- 47 As ____ as an owl
- 48 Checkout-counter scan: Abbr.
- 49 "Yikes!"
- 51 It may be sent unsolicitedly
- 56 What Buffy would do to a vampire
- 58 Rum, coconut milk, and pineapple juice cocktail
- 60 Purple ice cream flavor (popular in China and Thailand)
- 61 McGregor of "Big Fish"
- 62 More recent
- 63 Plant part
- 64 Plunge into a pool
- 65 "Electric" fish

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- 1 "I feel ____ and heard!" ("yay senpai noticed me!")
- 2 Japanese World Golf Hall of Famer Aoki
- 3 Year Dante's "Divine Comedy" takes place (in Roman Numerals)
- 4 Graphic in a business report



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- 5 "O sweet Fancy! let her loose; Summer's joys are ____ by use": Keats
- 6 Rowboat need
- 7 Loose ones sink ships, in a saying
- 8 Best-selling pediatrician/author of "Baby and Child Care" (not to be confused with the "live long and prosper Star Trek" character)
- 9 Beethoven's "____ to Joy"
- 10 The Pikachu outfit that Peanut wore on Halloween, for example (Peanut is my friend Yim's adorable little puppy)
- 11 "Complicated" singer Lavigne
- 12 Feudal lord
- 13 NBA scoring stat (Michael Jordan's was 30.12, highest in NBA history)
- 17 Game I suck at because I sacrifice all my pawns without thinking ahead
- 21 Seasonal bug
- 24 Drag race assistants (super quick NASCAR tire-changers or the scantilly-clad men on RuPaul's show)
- 26 Nora who wrote "When Harry Met Sally..."
- 27 What you hope to receive at a hospital but rarely get
- 28 "Because you're worth it" cosmetics company
- 29 Prefix for "play," at Comic-Con
- 30 It's thicker than jelly
- 31 Purple ice cream flavor (popular in the Philippines)
- 34 Prefix for "memory" as seen in "____monaic device"
- 35 "____ Misérables"
- 37 ____-Man (classic arcade game)
- 38 Christmas wreath adornment
- 40 Censored, in a way
- 41 Easy to understand
- 43 "Ceci n'est pas ____ pipe" (Magritte caption)
- 44 French soccer legend Zinedine who is highly regarded despite his infamous headbutting incident
- 45 Oxidizes, in a way
- 46 Pie-in-the-face sound
- 50 Fruit with a fuzzy skin
- 52 Swiss-German abstractionist who said "A drawing is simply a line going for a walk"
- 53 Ratcheting wheel mechanism
- 54 "Beware the ____ of March"
- 55 Chevy Impala, for one
- 57 ____ Kippur (Jewish holiday)
- 59 ____ system (GPS device)