

"Reduction Potential" a metapuzzle by Peter Washington

ACROSS

1. Overseas
7. Actress Sorvino
11. TV regulator
14. Pointer
15. ___ Spring (early-2000s protest movement)
16. "Gotcha!"
17. Fifth-century invader of many Roman provinces
18. Frantic
19. Set with assembly instructions
20. One-time
23. Hot springs business
26. Alsatian article
27. Hoda Kotb's show
28. Like most economies these days
33. Iranian currency
34. It's between Greenwich Village and the East Village
35. Successful beanball (abbr.)
38. Argumentative flaws
43. Micturate
44. "I'm already doing that"
45. Furry bipeds
46. Like a surface-to-air missile
50. Notices
53. ___ Valley (San Francisco neighborhood)
54. Behind
55. Off-topic
60. Hill dweller
61. Sign element
62. Sicilian giant
66. ___ curiam
67. Vaccine pioneer who used his own children as test subjects
68. Plastic
69. Rugby score
70. Vortex
71. Counter

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The answer to the metapuzzle is an eleven-letter scientific discipline.

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1. Onetime SNL cast member Gasteyer
2. Check or fold alternative
3. Emeritus (abbr.)
4. He gave up an eye in exchange for wisdom
5. Full throttle
6. Enterprise counselor Troi
7. Sorcerer
8. ___-Z ('80s sports car)

9. Meat-based sauce
10. Polarizing political issue in American politics
11. Like Ken Kesey's 1965 death
12. Special occasion dishes
13. Spiteful
21. Schiavo ex ___ Schindler v. Schiavo (SCOTUS right-to-die case)
22. Big bird of legend
23. You could spend it at the company store
24. "Common Sense" pamphleteer
25. Speedily
29. UN agency focused on working conditions
30. Prefix with gram or matic
31. Drunkard
32. Common title starter
35. Medical privacy acronym
36. Bones to pick
37. Surreptitious attention-getting utterances that you would only see pluralized in a mediocre crossword
39. "Jabberwocky," mostly
40. Financial vehicle set up to avoid a loss of public assistance (abbr.)
41. "Richard ___"
42. Part of a train
46. Roadie's burden
47. Word after Days or Holiday
48. German surame of two unrelated Yale professors (economist John and filmmaker Michael)
49. Air Canada ___ (former name of Toronto's Scotiabank Arena)
50. Ill-suited
51. Office cartridge contents
52. Contest submission
56. Interpretation
57. Snitched
58. Better-known nickname of "Pac-Man" ghost Bashful
59. Julia's "Ocean's Eleven" role
63. Mai ___
64. Central pass-rushers (abbr.)
65. HIV antiviral