Take Your Best Shot

The earliest attempts at inoculation against disease (in this case, probably small pox) occurred 1,000 years ago in China, where a powder made from ground-up scabs (it gets worse) was shot into the patient's nostril (I told you). Luckily, vaccine technology has come a long, long, long way since then.
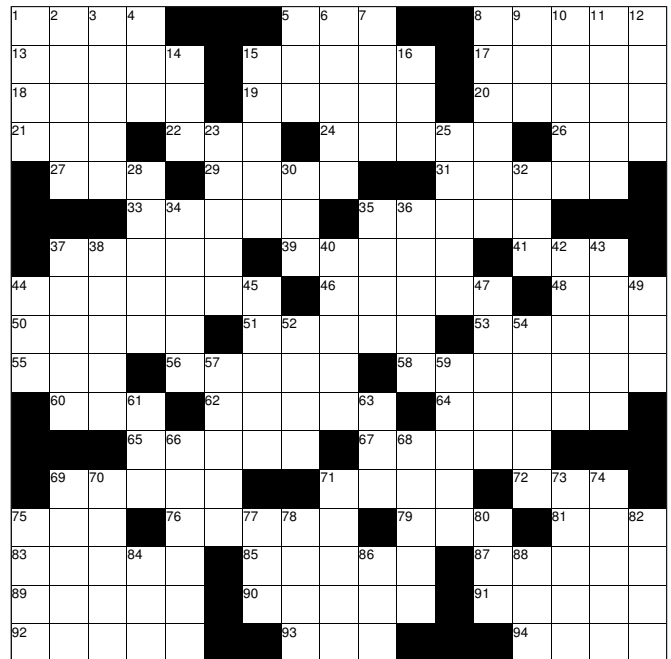
ACROSS

1. Polio vaccine developer Jonas
5. "Close, ___ no cigar"
8. Where second stringers sit
13. ___ flu pandemic of 1957
15. Yellow fever plagues Panama ___ workers, 1899
17. Nebraska's largest city
18. Asian location of a 1545 smallpox epidemic
19. Ethiopia's ___ Selassie
20. ___ cubes (delivery system for oral polio vaccines)
21. Was the front-runner
22. ASCAP counterpart
24. Guiding principle
26. Common spot for a vaccination
27. Reuben bread
29. Be covetous of
31. Some art studios
33. Purplish bloom
35. "Rights of Man" author Thomas
37. ___ flu vaccine, developed 1976
39. Prison uprisings
41. "That's show ___!"
44. Disneyland was the source of a 2015 ___ outbreak
46. Max Theiler won a ___ Prize in 1951 for developing a yellow fever vaccine
48. Non-exploding firecracker
50. Like a cliché
51. Broadcast workers' union
53. The West African ___ epidemic of 2014
55. Ford Explorer or Cadillac Escalade
56. Injury ___ (listing of accepted vaccine-related injuries)
58. The "T" in "DPT vaccine"
60. ___ culpa
62. Office of Special Masters of the U.S. ___ of Federal Claims
64. In the 1980s, damages were awarded for civil ___ relating to the DPT vaccine
65. Midler of "The Rose"
67. *Siddhartha* author Hermann
69. *The Lord of the Rings* hero
71. Terminus of the 1925 Great Race of Mercy to deliver diphtheria antitoxin
72. Lines on a GPS: Abbr.
75. Stephen of *Citizen X*
76. Compose a letter
79. Shoo- ___ (certain winners)
81. Sam- ___ (Seuss character)
83. The second Mrs. Perón
85. Measles sickened both sides in the ___ War
87. Brazilian dance
89. Raise objections
90. "A" list
91. "… ___ finest hour": Churchill
92. Air- ___ smallpox vaccine developed in Paris, 1909
93. Overhead railways
94. "This ___ my day!"

DOWN

1. Take a cruise
2. Ed of *Lou Grant*
3. Talk radio's G. Gordon ___
4. Chiang ___ -shek
5. Sheep's call
6. Total agreement
7. "A Christmas ___ " (1891 story of a girl who is cured of diphtheria with antitoxin prepared from sheep)
8. Site of a 1648 quarantine for ships from the West Indies
9. Flightless Aussie bird
10. Complain relentlessly to
11. Blackens on a barbecue
12. In rare instances, vaccines may be suspected of causing ___
14. Catch red-handed
15. Land where smallpox inoculation supposedly occurred in 1000 CE
16. Spy-fi author Deighton
23. Free-for-all
25. "Für ___ " (Beethoven dedication)
28. Group-mailing aid
30. DVD predecessor
32. Valentine's Day mo.
34. Shoreline recess
35. Worth an F
36. Facing the pitcher
37. Vaccine fluid
38. Relinquish, as a right
40. The "I" of "ICBM"
42. ___ Know ("Who's on First?" third baseman)
43. Some Bantu speakers
44. Rockies or Alps: Abbr.
45. Wooden shoe
47. "___ pray" (pastor's words)
49. *Law & Order* figs.
52. Chimney conduit
54. Bret of Fox News
57. Role player
59. Krupp Works city
61. Blood-typing letters
63. Even if, poetically
66. Smallpox vaccine pioneer ___ Jenner
68. *Nana* author Zola
69. Philadelphia is decimated by yellow ___ , 1793
70. *Spider-Man* director Sam
71. *On the Beach* novelist Shute
73. March of ___ born, 1938
74. Developer of the oral polio vaccine
75. Comic Foxx
77. Zamboni's milieu
78. Scrabble piece
80. Concorde, e.g.
82. Place to buy or sell
84. Election Day day: Abbr.
86. "___ been real!"
88. Yellowfin tuna, on Hawaiian menus