Take Your Best Shot

The earliest attempts at inoculation against disease (in this case, probably smallpox) 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
2. "Close, ___ no cigar"
3. 20___ flu pandemic of 1957
4. Yellow fever plagues Panama ___ workers, 1899
5. Nebraska’s largest city
6. Asian location of a 1545 smallpox epidemic
7. Ethiopia’s ___ Selassie
8. ___ cubes (delivery system for oral polio vaccines)
9. Was the front-runner
10. ASCAP counterpart
11. Guiding principle
12. Common spot for a vaccination
13. Reuben bread
14. Be covetous of
15. Some art studios
16. Purplish bloom
17. “Rights of Man” author Thomas
18. ___ flu vaccine, developed 1976
19. Prison uprisings
20. “That’s show ___!”
21. Disneyland was the source of a 2015 ___ outbreak
22. Max Theiler won a ___ Prize in 1951 for developing a yellow fever vaccine
23. Non-exploding firecracker
24. Like a cliché
25. Broadcast workers’ union
27. Ford Explorer or Cadillac Escalade
28. Injury ___ (listing of accepted vaccine-related injuries)
29. The “T” in “DPT vaccine”
30. ___ culpa
31. Office of Special Masters of the U.S. ___ of Federal Claims
32. In the 1980s, damages were awarded for civil ___ relating to the DPT vaccine
33. Midler of “The Rose”

34. Spy-fi author Deighton
35. The Lord of the Rings hero
36. Terminus of the 1925 Great Race of Mercy to deliver diphtheria antitoxin
37. Lines on a GPS: Abbr.
38. Stephen of Citizen X
39. Compose a letter
40. Shoo- ___ (certain winners)
41. Sam- ___ (Seuss character)
42. The second Mrs. Perón
43. Measles sickened both sides in the ___ War
44. Brazilian dance
45. Raise objections
46. “A” list
47. “… ___ finest hour”: Churchill
48. Air- ___ smallpox vaccine developed in Paris, 1909
49. Overhead railways
50. “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 ___
13. Catch red-handed
14. Land where smallpox inoculation supposedly occurred in 1000 CE
15. Spy-fi author Deighton
16. Free-for-all
17. “Für ___” (Beethoven dedication)
18. Group-mailing aid
19. DPT predecessor
20. Valentine’s Day mo.
21. Shoreline recess
22. Worth an F
23. Facing the pitcher
24. Vaccine fluid
25. Relinquish, as a right
26. The “I” of “ICBM”
27. ___ Know ("Who’s on First?" third baseman)
28. Some Bantu speakers
29. Rockies or Alps: Abbr.
30. Wooden shoe
31. "___ pray” (pastor’s words)
32. Law & Order figs.
33. Chimney conduit
34. Bret of Fox News
35. Role player
36. Krupp Works city
37. Blood-typing letters
38. Even if, poetically
39. Smallpox vaccine pioneer ___ Jenner
40. Nana author Zola
41. Philadelphia is decimated by yellow ___ 1793
42. Spider-Man director Sam
43. On the Beach novelist Shute
44. March of ___ born, 1938
45. Developer of the oral polio vaccine
46. Comic Foxx
47. Zamboni’s milieu
48. Scrabble piece
49. Concorde, e.g.
50. Place to buy or sell
51. Election Day day: Abbr.
52. ”___ been real!”
53. Yellowfin tuna, on Hawaiian menus