

## Taking Leave | by Mike Shenk

## Across

1 Amulet symbolic of the god Khepri
7 Whole lot
12 Cry in a field
15 Vegetable whose largest producer is Nigeria
18 Place for playing
19 Quick-witted
20 Co-star of Farrell and Farr
21 Greeting in Lisboa
22 Announcement on a cross-North Dakota trip?
24 Handled an appeals case
26 Fleecy female
27 Wild guess
28 Marketing directed at selfish people?
30 Elton John achievement in 2024
32 Min. divisions
33 "I can't believe this," in a text
34 Cruise for beatnik musicians?
40 Level
43 Tulsa sch. founded by an evangelist
46 Bobolink's cousin
47 Place for peels
48 Conga alternatives at Argentine weddings?

51 Tennis player, in sports articles
52 Fix firmly: Var.
54 Rules regulating interactions between bros
55 Collection in a Barcelona museum
56 Sweet morsels
58 Steering system component
59 Valhalla VIP
60 American Red Cross founder
61 Adulterate
63 Tic-___toe
64 Rivera's reaction to Kahlo's comedy?
67 Hammarskjöld of United Nations fame
70 Overtly affectionate
71 Where to conform, it's said
72 Fashion
73 Sexology topic
76 Swift pursuers, perhaps
78 Like some straws
79 French city noted for its lace
81 Starting group
82 Loving touch
83 Oil patches in a shipping depot?

85 Org. dealing with
clubs and diamonds
87 Airplane window material
88 Bonsai choice
89 Shabbat destination
90 Secondary study choice at the Institute of Cheese?
92 Little rascal
95 Skimmer's cousin
97 "Don't talk about this" contracts, for short
98 Smoothie shop's end-of-week special?
102 Wine barrel sediment
104 Butterfield of "Hugo"
107 Carousing
108 Exhibitors in Kinshasa galleries?
112 Depart, in slang
113 Stockyard collection
114 Sister of Sherlock Holmes in a book series by Nancy Springer
115 Gl's helmet, in WWI slang
116 Need to repay
117 Nonetheless
118 Attach, as a patch
119 "Wednesday" star Jenna

## Down

1 Call at home
2 Where something may stick
3 Field measure
4 Joplin song
5 Fusses
6 Ultimate
7 Aides for checkers, at times
8 Remark of repulsion
9 Small criticism
10 "A Fish Called Wanda" screenwriter
11 Risk-reducing investment
12 Jazz singer Laine
13 First name
14 Puts in the oven
15 Courthouse address
16 Phillies infielder Bohm
17 Put together
20 Inverse trig function
23 Baritone role in "Otello"
25 Setting filler
29 Sets of eight
31 Exploit
34 Witty remark
35 Tater Tots producer
36 Highly corrosive acid type
37 Boarded

38 Soccer stadium shouts
39 Caper
41 Easter find
42 Everyday
44 Give a fresh look to
45 Called on
48 Second-highest card in pinochle
49 Fabricator's forte
50 Fin Tutuola's portrayer on "Law \& Order: SVU"
53 Dutch island territory east of Curaçao
56 Sweeties
57 Satyric celebration
60 Knights' neighbors
61 Son of 59-Across
62 Aspirations
64 Summer music
65 Lets flow again
66 Causer of mechanical trouble
67 Overtired
68 Supplements
69 Hot spouter
70 Mattress choice
72 Word of Gallic gratitude
73 Clock part
74 Israeli carrier
75 Fire
76 Clenched, as a fist
77 Word sometimes apostrophized
78 Toto's creator
80 Drama in masks
82 On better terms with
84 Some navels
86 It may result in default
90 "Do I have a volunteer?"
91 Mother of the Titans
93 Sporty British autos
94 Georgia O'Keeffe subject
96 Dashes, say
98 Exceptional luck or power
99 Fresh
100 Not claimed
101 Budget allocation
103 Recipe direction
104 Court legend Arthur
105 Symbol of Artemis
106 The Charleses' dog
109 Currently
110 Mop \&__ (floor cleaner)
111 QB's goof

