Purple Reign
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Across
1. ___ coil (electrical device invented in 1891)
6. Aussie greeting, often followed by “mate”
10. Ballplayer’s headgear
13. They keep the wheels turning
14. Song title shared by “The Sound of Music” and “West Side Story”
15. Put away groceries?
16. Facility whose large glass pyramid would glow purple whenever this puzzle’s honoree was present
18. Obstacle
19. Band boosters
20. Theater chain that merged with AMC in 2006
21. Get bushed
22. ___ moss
24. Concise in speech
26. Billboard’s #1 single of 1984
30. Fish stick?
31. Scott Turow autobiographical bestseller of 1977
32. Get ready to drive, in golf
36. “___ U”
38. Number of Grammies won, as well as pronunciation of a #3 top 40 hit, by this puzzle’s honoree
41. Small force
42. Classified, as blood
44. Land of Esau’s descendants
46. DDE’s wartime command
47. Prince’s followers
51. Big wind
54. Go ___ great length
55. Willing partner
56. Grieve
59. Coffee, tea, or beer
62. No-win situation
63. Song that begins with a spoken eulogy to “this thing called life”
65. Bobbie Gentry wrote one to Billy Joe
66. The ___ Project (“Sleeper”)
67. Quibblers split them
68. Nothing but the bottom of the ___
69. Some mil. awards
70. Old lab heaters named after a volcano

Down
1. Spanish appetizer
2. Oral, e.g.
3. Missed a beat
4. Ameliorate, in a way
5. Means of communication at Gallaudet Univ.
6. Ruberneck
7. Talks slowly, in a way
8. Lung compartment
9. Hirsute Himalayan
10. Rustic retreat
11. Video game name
12. Georges who wrote “A Void” (novel without the letter “E”)
14. Muscle: Prefix
17. John and namesakes
21. Played around (with)
23. “Much ___ About Nothing”
25. Flat-screen predecessor, for short
26. Order
27. Word with cow or mackerel
28. Center of gravity?
29. Small eel
33. Result of computer overuse, maybe
34. Golden rule preposition
35. Drudge
37. Chapter’s companion
39. They may amend xword clues
40. Emphatic denial, as to news of a tragedy
43. How many it takes to tango in Spain?
45. Dudes
48. Arcade fans
49. Strikingly unusual
50. Dedicated experimentalist or experimental subject
51. Stick with the beat?
52. Tolerate
53. Winter weather woe
57. Exploits
58. NFL linemen
60. Cornell of Cornell University
61. “Swiss Family Robinson” author Johann
63. Bristol boy
64. Revolutionary whose beret was never raspberry