

# Vital Signs

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## ACROSS

- 1 Alexander Hamilton and James McHenry, to Gen. George Washington: abbr.  
5 Red elk, in the Shawnee tongue  
11 Like Obama's apparent citizenship at birth, based on his own admissions  
12 Claim of understanding from Al Sharpton: 3 wds.  
13 Governor, lieutenant governor and state senate president sign-on: 2 wds.  
15 Racially charged abduction, for instance  
16 Nobelist Harold, creator with Stanley Miller of an "icon of evolution"  
17 Paperboy's assigned territory: abbr.  
18 "First" first name for Menotti or Coppola  
20 Ambassador, postmaster general and state assembly speaker sign-on: 2 wds.  
25 Polish author Stanislaw, and CBS newsman Tucker  
26 Agency that is "chilly" toward prosecuting child porn buyers?: abbr.  
27 North Dakota's area code, or Li Po's birthdate, in letters  
30 Peculiarly or ironically appropriate, as, often, justice for pro-lifers  
32 Governor, governor again and Continental Congress president sign-on: 2 wds.  
34 Resembling faraway Tea

Party at Sea cruise destinations

- 35 Tech-heavy Finnish hometown of Linux and Nokia  
36 Health resort typical of "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous": 2 wds.  
37 District court, appeals court or Supreme Court, on the path of justice

## DOWN

- 1 Soak up, but on the surface only  
2 Maiden name of first lady "Evita"  
3 Jersey port targeted by EPA chief Lisa Jackson for "environmental justice"  
4 Pivot around on an axis: var.  
5 Governor, district judge and state chief justice sign-on: 2 wds.  
6 Would-be assassin of Pope John Paul II in 1981  
7 Backwater town of little importance in the scheme of things  
8 Russian news organ: abbr.  
9 American news organ  
10 As diminutive as Israel among the nations: colloq.  
14 High flood-surge tidal wave that sounds desirous of crashing inland?: rare  
19 North Carolina coach Dorrance or "Happy Days" star Williams  
21 Hard quartzes, from which the unswervingly purposeful take inspiration  
22 Skedaddled away like nobody's business: 2 wds.  
23 Phenom that might give the lie to Al Gore's "anthropogenic global warming"  
24 Region usually considered for a shrink: 2 wds.  
27 Did Dolce's deeds: abbr.  
28 Armpit joint: Lat.  
29 Martial arts master Bok, in the VeggieTales universe  
31 "The Name of the Rose" and "Foucault's Pendulum"  
33 Laudable as a model of worldly wisdom for the times

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