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...FROM THE EDITOR

The American naturalist Edwin Way Teale once wrote, “The world’s favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May.” And we here at GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES agree. So grab this May issue and tackle a new challenge—whether it be a puzzle you haven’t attempted before or a game you’re inspired to try.

As always, there’s plenty in these pages to help you accomplish that goal. If cryptic crosswords are your challenge of choice, turn to page 33 for the seventh installment of Andrew Parr’s “Cryptic Classroom.” This month, Parr covers deletions, reversals, and the “& lit.” clue. The going gets a little tough here, but we’re confident that you will persevere in your quest to conquer the cryptic crosswords that regularly appear in this magazine. If you get good enough, even extra-tricky puzzles like Bob Stigger’s “Let’s Play 2” (page 62) will be within your grasp!

Next, turn your attention to Jonathan Schmalzbach’s feature article, “The Mystery League.” The Mystery League is a Chicago-based team of creative puzzlemakers headed up by Sandor Weisz. In the article, you’ll learn all about the live and remote puzzle hunts staged by Weisz and the Mystery League. And the best part is that you don’t need to drop everything and move to the Windy City to enjoy their creations. Find out more starting on page 34.

Speaking of innovative puzzles, the online game Wordle became a runaway hit earlier this year. In his “Game On!” column, Raymond Simon explores the phenomenon. If Wordle has become a part of your daily routine, turn to page 48 to learn more about it.

This month, our Pencilwise section features a special treat: a five-page “Whiteout!” mini puzzle series by regular contributor Christopher Magan. Starting on page 49, you can read the backstory of this “spin-off” puzzle type and learn what inspired Magan to create it. Then try your hand at the six puzzles that follow.

Other Pencilwise highlights include “Cross-Town Rebus” (page 29), an original crossword variant by Todd Kreisman that will test your drawing skills, and “Tile and Error” (page 30) a logical challenge by Michael Rios.

So sharpen your pencil, put on your thinking cap, and start puzzling!



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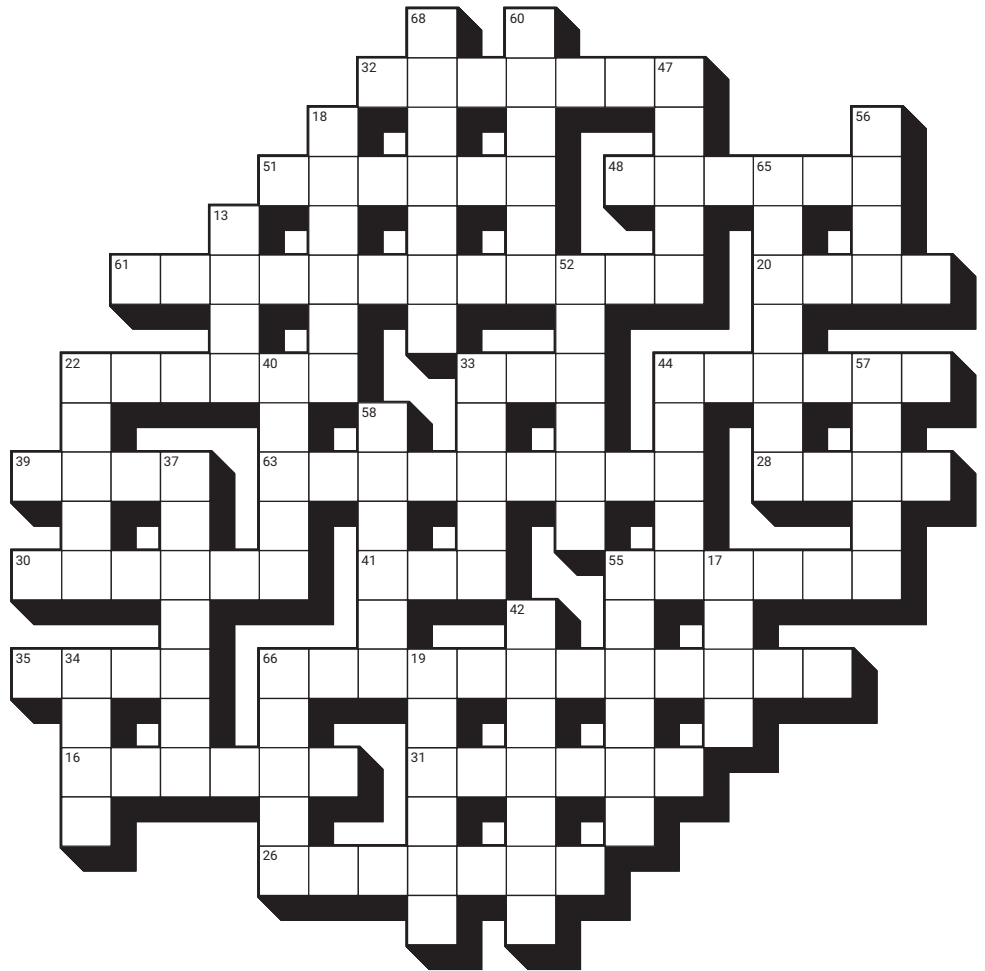
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This puzzle is solved like a standard Mixed Doubles in that each answer word has two clues leading to it, using different meanings of the word. The clues are separated into Across and Down, but are otherwise ordered randomly.

When you find two Across or two Down clues that seem to have the same answer, add up their clue numbers to determine the place in the grid at which the answer should be entered. For example, if the clue for 1-Across were "Metallic element" and the clue for 17-Across read "Starring role," the answer would be LEAD, which would go in 18-Across (1 + 17). Tags such as "Hyph." and "2 wds." have been omitted.

ACROSS

- 1 Sculptor's medium
- 2 Fox talent show, familiarly
- 3 L.A. soccer team that signed David Beckham
- 4 Washington portrait site
- 5 Fastened using bolts
- 6 Building extension
- 7 Sundae topper
- 8 Benefit
- 9 1990 costar of Patrick and Whoopi
- 10 What brushing may remove
- 11 Half of *dos*
- 12 "Leave!"
- 13 Star system
- 14 Happened because of
- 15 Title woman in a 1966 Neil Diamond song
- 16 Corn-on-the-cob serving
- 17 Performed perfectly
- 18 Target of worship
- 19 Reply of disbelief
- 20 Sushi bar beverage
- 21 Fascinated (by)
- 22 Game with Skip and Reverse cards
- 23 Lunatics
- 24 American fast-food chain
- 25 Musician's gift
- 26 Prefix meaning "half"



- 27 Three queens and two kings, e.g.
- 28 Period on a financial statement
- 29 Agate, for one
- 30 Borrowed from, as money
- 31 Falling into disrepair
- 32 TV show set at a Big Apple ad agency
- 33 Left or right, in politics
- 34 Caught red-handed
- 35 Sobbing uncontrollably
- 36 Sitcom that starred the Olsen twins

- 37 Toy with a crank
- 38 Trophy case item

DOWN

- 1 The good dishes
- 2 Dressing room fixture
- 3 Last in a series
- 4 Laptop manufacturer
- 5 Visine dosage
- 6 Search quickly (through)
- 7 "Sledgehammer" singer
- 8 They're right when things are square
- 9 One providing perfect service?

- 10 Wedding party member
- 11 Fishes
- 12 Lose one's grip on
- 13 Grant money?
- 14 "Don't be so nervous"
- 15 Urges (on)
- 16 Egomaniac's trait
- 17 Enlarge, in a way
- 18 Villain's foe
- 19 They can be dyed or fried
- 20 It helps people get over something
- 21 Where the Ming Dynasty ruled
- 22 Record holder

- 23 Grammy-winning R&B singer
- 24 1980s Tom Selleck role
- 25 Serving a symbolic purpose
- 26 Characteristic
- 27 Athlete governed by the Marquess of Queensberry rules
- 28 Arrow holders
- 29 Decade that saw Elvis become a star
- 30 Archangel who appeared to Mary
- 31 Large wine bottle

- 32 Subway fare
- 33 Make less stringent
- 34 Winter Games biathlete's need
- 35 Dynamite result?
- 36 Magician's hiding place
- 37 Trembles
- 38 Sub
- 39 Stocky German-bred dog
- 40 Trick-taking card game
- 41 Rolex rival
- 42 Degree of excellence

There is one place for each letter of the alphabet in the 26 empty squares of each blank column in the diagram below. Fill in each letter so that a word of at least five letters is formed reading across only. Not all of the letters to the left and right of the empty box are used; it's up to you to determine which ones are needed to complete familiar words. Some letters may fit in more than one of the empty squares to complete words, but we only came up with one arrangement that would complete a word in each row. Maybe you'll find a better solution. Proper names are not allowed. ANSWER, PAGE 71

A	X	N	Q	W		H	O	E		E	R	I	Q	A
B	T	S	T	A		I	L	I		E	P	I	J	B
C	R	V	I	N		O	M	N		A	W	F	X	C
D	W	R	I	G		O	R	E		U	D	G	E	D
E	E	T	Y	M		D	W	I		E	U	J	C	E
F	P	H	Z	T		O	R	A		N	Y	R	V	F
G	A	H	A	Q		E	T	A		A	Y	F	I	G
H	O	P	E	N		I	C	E		E	N	T	X	H
I	U	X	O	E		T	I	N		T	I	O	N	I
J	D	V	U	A		M	O	R		G	L	G	U	J
K	R	M	A	R		S	M	A		E	G	L	B	K
L	H	F	O	T		R	U	M		T	I	C	K	L
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In this crossword puzzle, the clues appear in the grid itself. Enter the answers in the direction of the pointers.

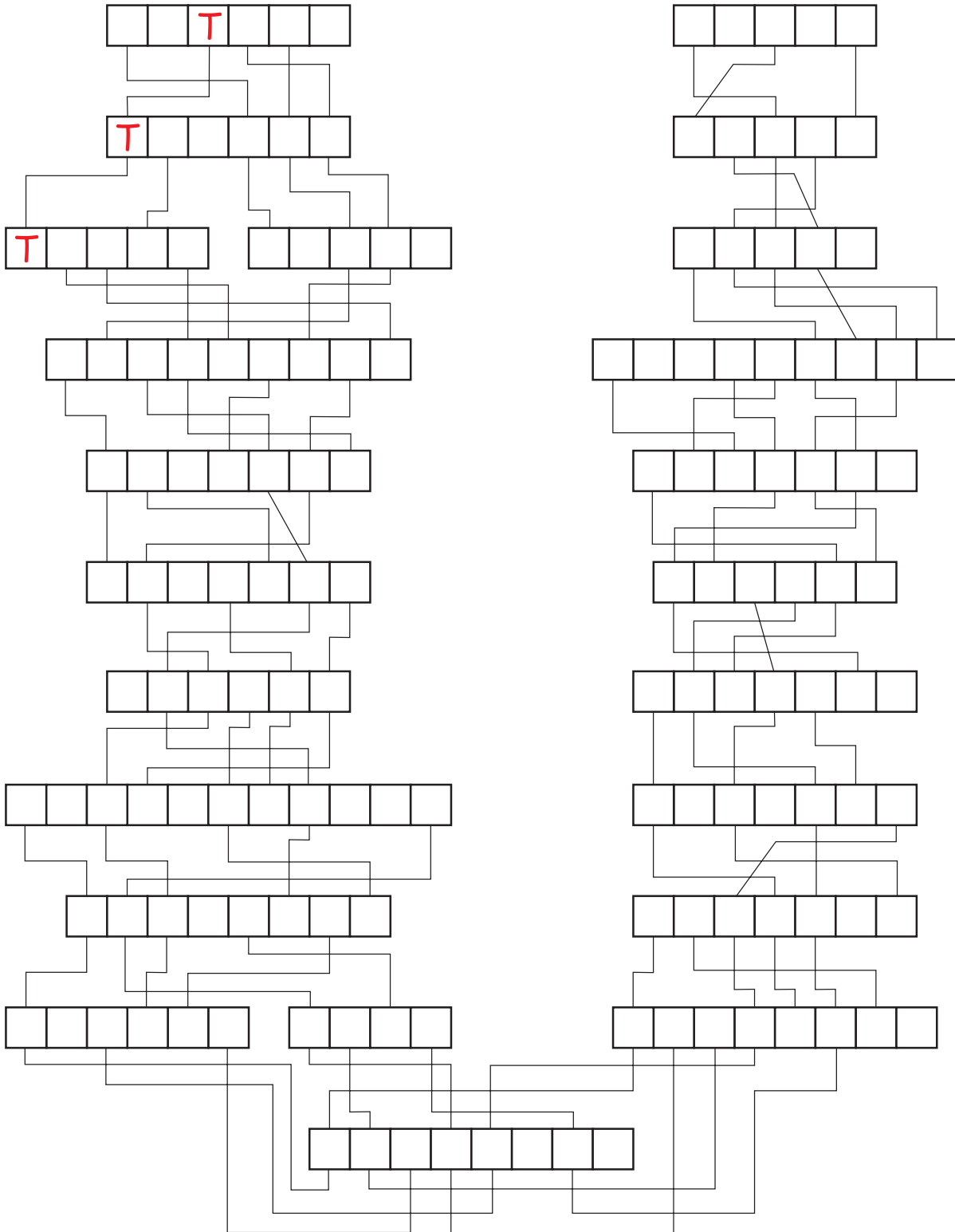
Raging out of control	↖	Intern on Grey's Anatomy	In pieces	Like mild climates	British nobles	Is smug about	Sierra ___ (certain African)	↖	Had to sit out a game	Book of sky maps	Walk in shallow water	___ la Douce	↖	Totally ___ Defiant sort	Chimp's cousin	Fuses together
Storefront fixture	→															
One revoking a law	→								Steak ___ (raw dish)							
Place to get a physical	→								Navy bigwig							
Pilot's vehicle	→								Hit into from behind							
Loathed	→								Foot bottom		Inactive	Units of work				
Home to Mumbai		Cycling/running event	"Are you good with it?"		Stopped being frid-geety									Built on	Name in private jets	Clinical scientist, for short
↓					Waiting, phone-wise							Pronoun of the South				
Austrian painter Klimt	→						Israel's main airline					Figure skater Lipinski	Narcs' agcy.			
Tardy	→				Compel		Plagued						Light pat			
Part of SWAK							Like a windbag						For fear that			
↓				Yuletide song	↓			Graded food item	Dignity, in Derby	Watchful		Pine extract				
R&B diva Chaka ___	→				Pro-firearm org.	Firmly in place										What "vidi" means
"Daniel" singer John	→					College-related										
Suitor	→					Glisten							Standup comic Daniel			
↖								Pigeon sound				Spotted wildcat	___ Artois (beer brand)	Request		Living spaces
Gin cocktail		Al of Today	Regions	Orca or beluga	One-ups		Apply more lube to	Ran director Akira								
Plow-pulling hitch	→							Puts up, as an edifice								Trial run
Not "to go," as food	→							Viral gene material		Try so that one might						
Huge furniture outlet	→									Getting too few nutrients						
Genuine article	→									Sure-to-succeed						
Poems	↓						Falls behind				Small pies					

MATCHBOXES

BY DON HENDERSON

Here's your big chance to play with matches. Enter the name of a kind of fabric—FLANNEL or SILK, for example—in each row of boxes, so that the boxes with connecting lines have matching letters. We've shown two such connections to start you off. Sew much fun!

ANSWER, PAGE 71



MOVING RIGHT ALONG

BY NORMA STEINBERG

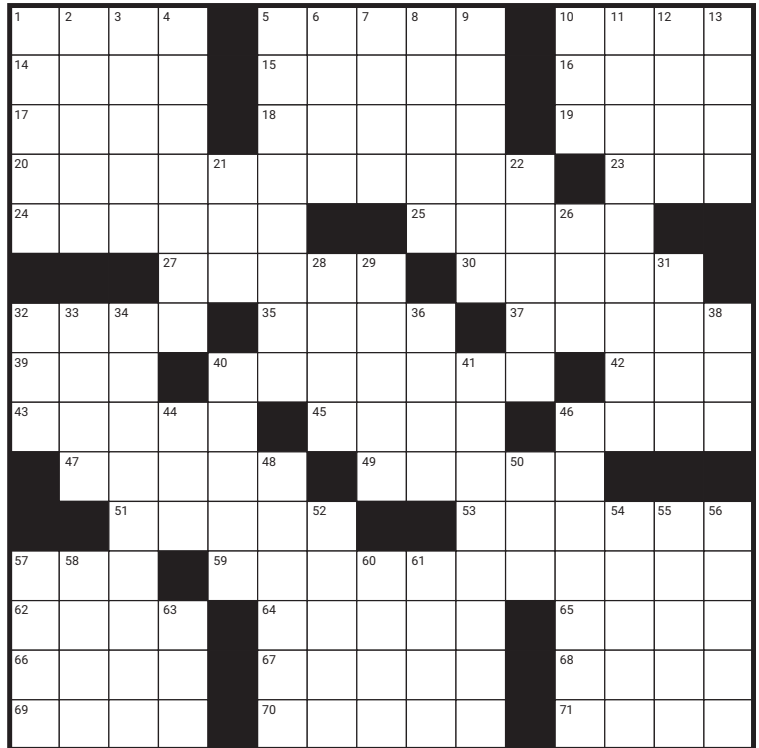
ACROSS

- 1 Coconut tree
- 5 Daddies
- 10 Trojan War hero
- 14 Parkay product
- 15 Caribbean resort isle
- 16 Equipment
- 17 Piggy bank feature
- 18 San Francisco footballer, for short
- 19 Other, in Oaxaca
- 20 Decelerate on the runway: 4 wds.
- 23 Operative
- 24 Tremble with cold
- 25 Bull's sound
- 27 Midterms and finals
- 30 Blinding light
- 32 BBQ finger food
- 35 Principal
- 37 Talk show host Gibbons
- 39 University's URL suffix
- 40 Great job!...or another title for this puzzle: 3 wds.
- 42 Noah's boat
- 43 Cabaret choreographer
- 45 Just okay: Hyph.
- 46 Former car financing org.: Abbr.
- 47 Tour of duty
- 49 "When pigs fly!"
- 51 Cravat's cousin
- 53 Backspaces over
- 57 Police alert, briefly

- 59 Cocktail sauce ingredient
- 62 Somersault
- 64 Giant
- 65 "Do ___ others..."
- 66 Pinocchio goldfish
- 67 Take off
- 68 1958 Pulitzer winner James
- 69 Throw a party
- 70 Bordered
- 71 Minus

DOWN

- 1 Diplomats' stations
- 2 God, in Islam
- 3 Successor of Clement VIII: 2 wds.
- 4 Reasons
- 5 Sweeping view
- 6 Diva's solo
- 7 Plays on words
- 8 Helps in a heist
- 9 South Seas wrap
- 10 In the past
- 11 Fast-flowing air current: 2 wds.
- 12 Senior citizens' group: Abbr.
- 13 Dental picture: Hyph.
- 21 Cowpoke's nickname
- 22 Chihuahua chicken
- 26 Norma ___



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- 28 Baseball great Willie
- 29 Squelch: 2 wds.
- 31 Poet Pound
- 32 Gridiron "zebra," for short
- 33 Nuptial vows: 2 wds.
- 34 Clean up after diners: 2 wds.
- 36 Tiny margin of victory
- 38 Dog breeders' org.: Abbr.
- 40 Tavern girl of yore
- 41 Ruled
- 44 Female sib
- 46 Bit-by-bit
- 48 Play a flute
- 50 Chunk of history
- 52 Heard a case
- 54 Scorch
- 55 ___ Park, Colorado
- 56 Mules and pumps, for example
- 57 Curvature
- 58 Game played on horseback
- 60 Doe's beau
- 61 Roof overhang
- 63 Building site

CUBBYHOLES

BY RAYMOND SIMON

If you've got a couple of spare moments, here's a quick mental workout. In the puzzle below, fill in the missing letter in each of the words; at first there may appear to be several choices. But select your letters carefully, because the next step is to transfer the letters you picked to the corresponding numbered boxes so that the result is a familiar 10-letter word.

ANSWER, PAGE 70

1. O S Y

2. P L O

3. U R E

4. R A E

5. F I N

6. B E A

7. S N T C H

8. T R U K

9. Y E

10. B E T

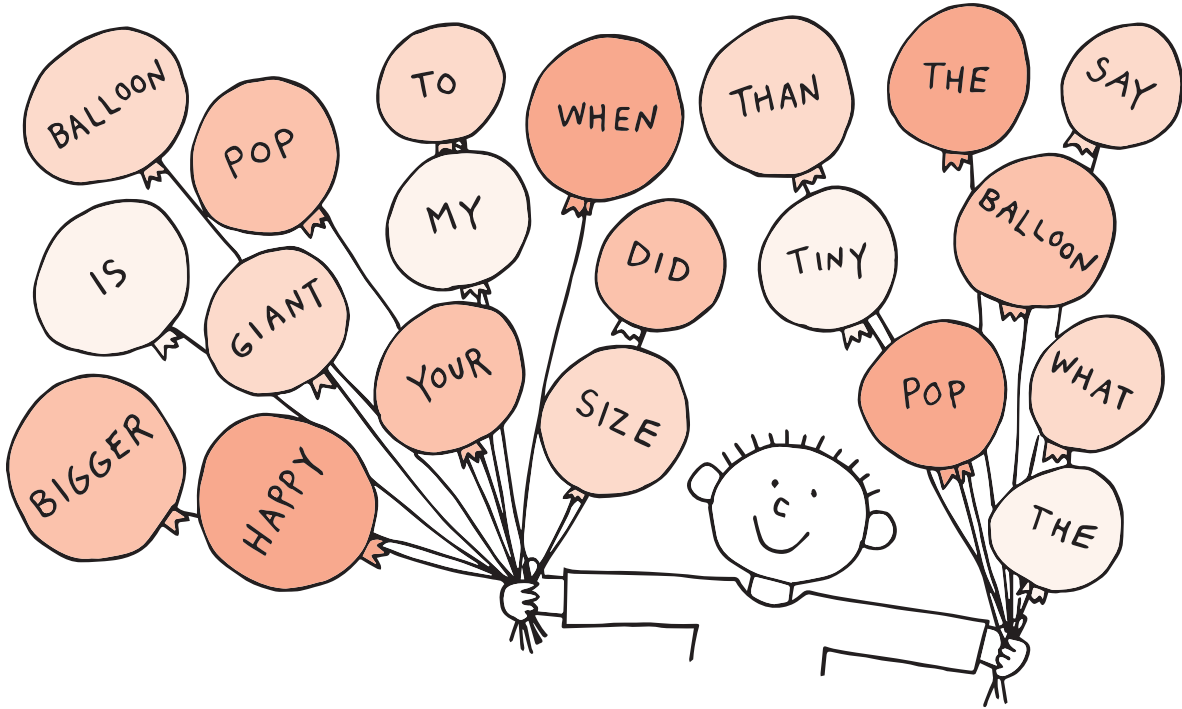
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POPPING THE QUESTION

BY DAVID LaROCHELLE

Number the words in the balloons according to the directions. Not all the balloons will be used. Then place the numbered words on the blanks below to discover a joke and its answer.

ANSWERS, PAGE 70



1. Put a **4** by the word whose last three letters spell the name of an insect.
2. Put an **11** by the only word that contains an "m."
3. Put a **14** by the only six-letter word.
4. Put a **13** by the shortest word that contains an "s."
5. Put a **2** by the word that would turn into your father if its "i" became an "a."
6. Put a **6** by the word that rhymes with "weigh."
7. Put a **15** by the word that starts with a "t" and ends with an "n."
8. Put a **1** by the word that would spell something you wear on your head if its first letter was gone.
9. Put a **9** by the word whose first three letters spell the name of a metal.
10. Put a **7** by the word that sounds like the name of a number.
11. Put a **5** and **10** by the two longest words.
12. Put a **16** by the word that comes last alphabetically.
13. Put a **3** and **8** by the words "the."
14. Put a **12** and **17** by the words that begin with the 16th letter of the alphabet.

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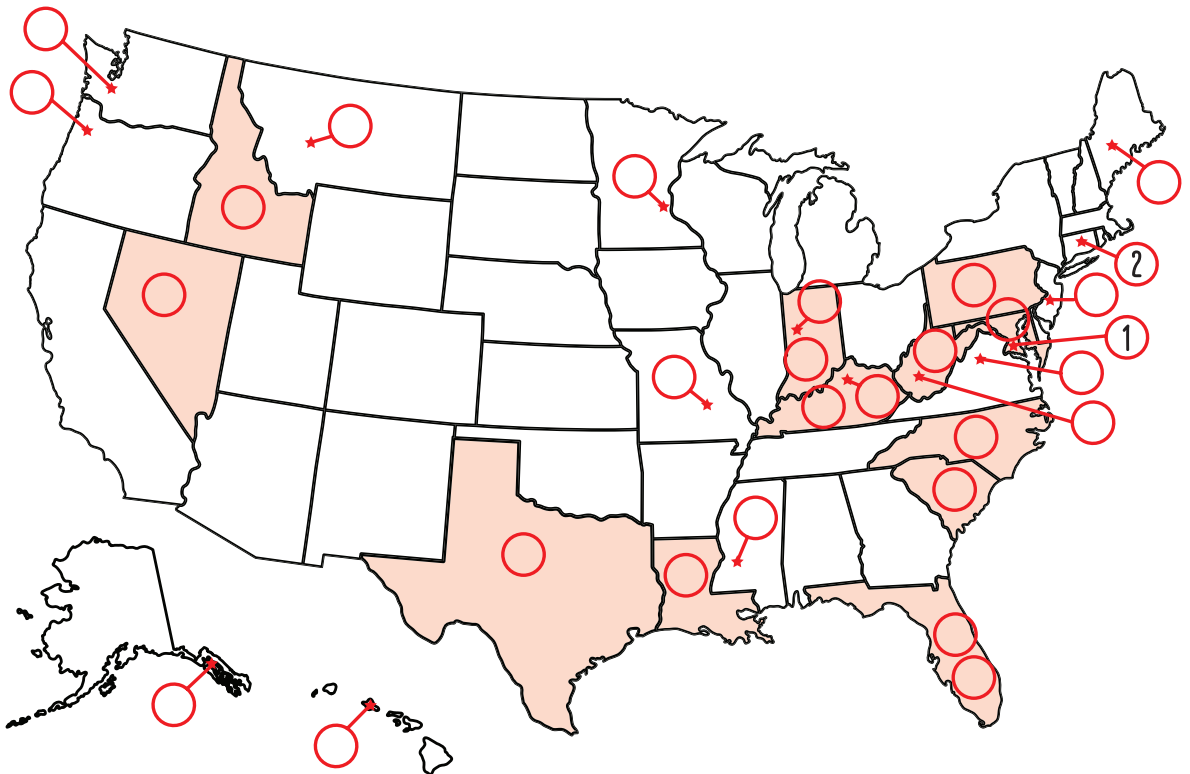
STATELY NAMES

This is a good puzzle to do with your family or friends. The shaded states on this map, as well as the state capitals marked with a star, all have something in common. Each of their names contains a familiar first name. For example, the name ANN can be found in **ANNAPOLIS** (the capital of Maryland), and ART can be found in **HARTFORD** (the capital of Connecticut).

Can you figure out which states or state capitals contain the other first names below? Write each place's name on the blank space, then locate it on the map and write the number of that name in the correct circle. (We've done this for the first two to get you started.) Three of the names can be found in more than one place, and one of the states contains two different names.

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FIRST NAME	STATE OR STATE CAPITAL				
1. ANN	<u>ANNAPOLIS</u>	9. GUS	_____	18. MARY	_____
2. ART	<u>HARTFORD</u>	10. HELEN	_____	19. PAUL	_____
3. CAROL	_____	11. IDA	_____	20. PIA	_____
	_____		_____	21. RICH	_____
4. CHARLES	_____	12. JACK	_____	22. SAL	_____
5. DIANA	_____	13. JEFF	_____	23. TEX	_____
	_____	14. JUNE	_____	24. TRENT	_____
6. EVA	_____	15. KEN	_____	25. VAN	_____
7. FLO	_____	16. LOUIS	_____	26. WES	_____
8. FRANK	_____	17. LULU	_____		



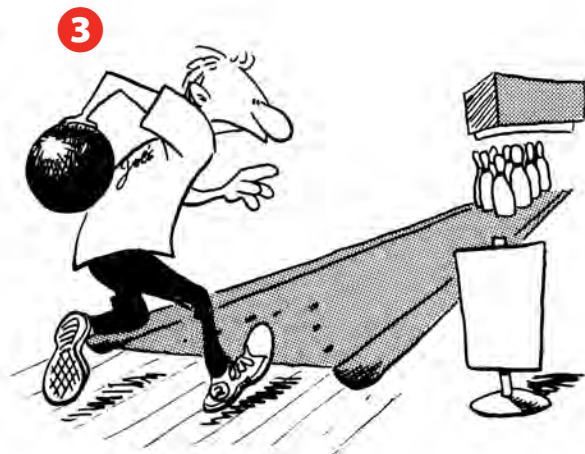
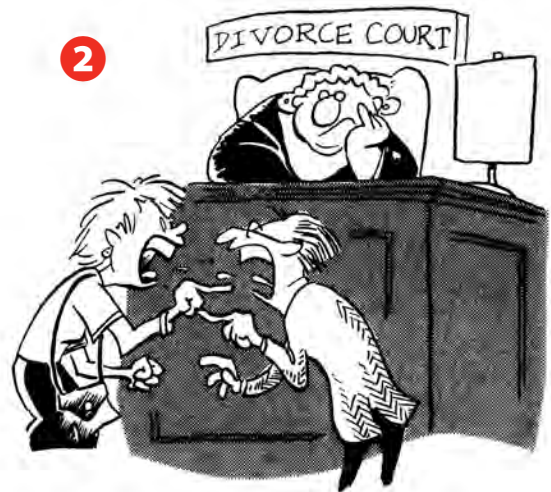
SIGN HERE

Some people feel our roads have become too cluttered with signs. But if we were to take them all down, what would we do with them? After all, as taxpayers, we paid to have them put up in the first place!

On these two pages we offer a solution: alternative uses for familiar traffic signs. Choose from the signs below the one that best fits each situation. There's only "One Way" to make them all fit, so don't "Stop" till you're done.

ANSWER, PAGE 71

PUZZLE AND ILLUSTRATIONS BY ROBERT LEIGHTON





Your goal is to solve each individual 9×9 kakuro grid by filling each white square with a single digit from 1 to 9. The clue number for a horizontal group of digits is to the left of a group and above the slash, and for a vertical group of digits it is above the group and below the slash. This clue number represents the sum of the digits in its corresponding group. No zeroes are used and no digit may be repeated within a group. Use information from overlapping grids to help you determine which digits to place in the common areas.

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The puzzle consists of four 9x9 sub-grids arranged in a 2x2 pattern. Each sub-grid contains a mix of white squares (to be filled with digits) and black squares (empty). Clue numbers are placed in the top-left corner of each starting group, with horizontal clues above the slash and vertical clues below the slash.

Top-Left Sub-Grid Clues:
 Row 1: 35, 22, 15, 5, 32, 4
 Row 2: 24, 26, 3
 Row 3: 28, 6, 16
 Row 4: 10, 24, 16
 Row 5: 7, 29, 6, 24
 Row 6: 11, 24, 7
 Row 7: 10, 3, 6, 16, 3, 17, 10, 6
 Row 8: 22, 16, 38, 7, 3
 Row 9: 4, 12, 15, 29, 8, 14

Top-Right Sub-Grid Clues:
 Row 1: 23, 25, 14, 14
 Row 2: 17, 7, 36, 24
 Row 3: 6, 30, 24
 Row 4: 18, 17
 Row 5: 21, 16, 24
 Row 6: 29, 7, 16, 12, 17
 Row 7: 34, 11
 Row 8: 35, 21
 Row 9: 8

Bottom-Left Sub-Grid Clues:
 Row 1: 23, 33, 7, 17, 4, 16, 12, 19, 14, 13
 Row 2: 9, 33, 23, 17, 23, 30, 36, 7, 22, 29, 24, 17
 Row 3: 37, 24, 17, 39, 36
 Row 4: 26, 16, 28, 14, 24, 27, 24, 18, 24
 Row 5: 12, 7, 30, 17, 10, 17, 22, 17
 Row 6: 11, 34, 17, 30, 4, 9
 Row 7: 9, 16, 4, 23, 4, 23, 4, 9, 4
 Row 8: 13, 24, 18, 11
 Row 9: 3, 5, 11, 26

Bottom-Right Sub-Grid Clues:
 Row 1: 23, 33, 7, 17, 4, 16, 12, 19, 14, 13
 Row 2: 9, 33, 23, 17, 23, 30, 36, 7, 22, 29, 24, 17
 Row 3: 37, 24, 17, 39, 36
 Row 4: 26, 16, 28, 14, 24, 27, 24, 18, 24
 Row 5: 12, 7, 30, 17, 10, 17, 22, 17
 Row 6: 11, 34, 17, 30, 4, 9
 Row 7: 9, 16, 4, 23, 4, 23, 4, 9, 4
 Row 8: 13, 24, 18, 11
 Row 9: 3, 5, 11, 26

Whatcha doin'? All of the words and phrases listed below contain at least one W or D. Fit them all into the grid so that they intersect in standard crossword fashion. When done correctly, each word will be used exactly once. Think it's possible? We do!

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ANSWER, PAGE 71

5 LETTERS

AD HOC	D'ETAT	HOWIE	LLOYD	POWER	TRAWL
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6 LETTERS

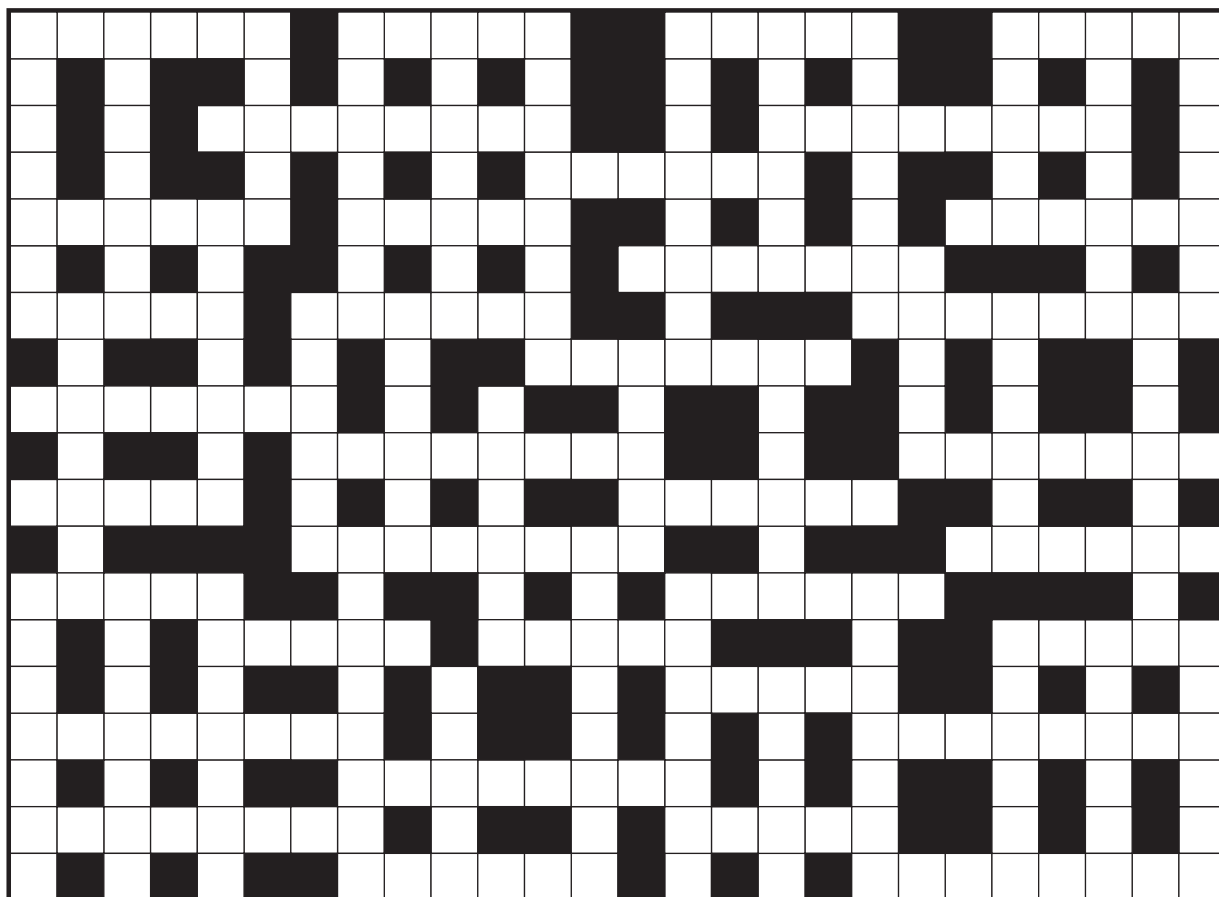
ADOPTS	AWHIRL	ENWRAP	LOAFED	OTTAWA	UGANDA
AMIDST	BREW UP	IN TWOS	MY WISH	OXHIDE	UNWEPT
ASWARM	DINNER	LAND HO	ON VIEW	TIED ON	WEB ART

7 LETTERS

ANDANTE	DAHOMY	EVO DEVO	I WANT IT	OWLLIKE	TOLD ALL
CANDELA	DECORUM	HIT SHOW	LET DROP	REED PEN	WHEATEN
CATWALK	END GAME	IRON LAW	ORAL LAW	ROUGHED	YODELER


8 LETTERS

ATTOWATT	EXPEDITE	NBA DRAFT	PEDAL KEY	TOWNSMAN
AWAY GAME	LOWER LIP	O'DONOVAN	RODARMEL	TRADE RAT
EASE AWAY	MAJOR WAR	OPTED OUT	THE MEDIA	TWIRLING




RAILROAD CROSSINGS

BY RAYMOND YOUNG

We've engineered this word search just for you. All of the words and phrases listed below contain a double R. Find and circle them in the grid below; they appear horizontally, vertically, and diagonally, always in a straight line. When you come to a double R, just substitute a  in the grid. If you choo-choo choose to peek at the answer, it can be found on page 72.

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                K W O C O
              R C K T A F O A P
            Y M A J O  O L E I O A E
          L H  H B I           O  L G L T
        B A U O E           A A B I S
      F L C   S Y           O I  R A E B
    E A M O E Y M  S  D A D I  R
  D E C C       O F S I E A A E Y       N A E F
  K           T E C M H H R           F  L
U E C           A D U R C           O A U
T I U            E Q E  O Y           T B 
H   W       Y G U D U  Y I        J N B Y
  A A G O N A N E       A E T  E R A I
B N U A  E A            H  A M  T
  T  E  I           Y C N W A
    A L U D R M           W O  O B W
      S R O T C E  O C R O  E
        S U O D N E  O H
          A  E T X
  
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AIR RAIDER
ARRACK
ARRANGED MARRIAGE
BARRIER REEF
BLACK CURRANT
BORROW
BR'ER RABBIT
CARRIER ROCKET
CARRY OUT
CHARRO
DEFERRAL

DR. RUTH
ERROR CORRECTORS
FERRARI
FLURRY
HORRENDOUS
HURRY-SCURRY
I'M SORRY
JERRY
MAJOR ROLE
MERRY CHERRY
MR. ROBOTO

OCHER RED
OIL BARREL
POLAR RAY
QUARREL
QUARRY
SURRENDER
WARRANT OF ARREST
WARRIOR
WORRIMENT
XTERRA

BOXING MATCH

The object of this solitaire challenge is to guess a word before making six incorrect guesses, as in a familiar childhood game.

To begin, choose any letter of the alphabet that you think might appear in word I below. Suppose you pick E. Go to the Letter Chart on the facing page and find the number listed in row E of column I (because you are working on word I). The number is 57; you now look at box number 57 in the Position Chart (to the right of the Letter Chart) and find the number 4. This means that the letter E occurs in the fourth position (and nowhere else) in word I. If a letter occurs more than once in a word, the Position Chart will show all its locations.

If you find from the Position Chart that a letter appears in position 0, then the letter does not appear in the word. As a penalty for an incorrect guess, write that letter in one of the six boxes in the diagram beside the word blanks. If you fill all the boxes (that is, make six incorrect guesses) before identifying the word, you're knocked out.

If you can win 8 of the 12 matches, either you're psychic or you have a remarkable gift for words. **ANSWERS, PAGE 72**

WORDS TO BE GUESSED

LETTERS MISSED

I.	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<table border="1"><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr><tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr></table>						
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LETTER CHART

	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII
A	45	50	3	60	74	36	68	6	54	53	95	59
B	32	17	88	45	61	61	6	44	21	78	88	11
C	40	62	53	43	38	91	41	24	40	81	68	69
D	30	99	38	99	45	28	69	23	42	73	47	39
E	57	10	96	76	35	34	1	38	31	86	60	46
F	55	88	16	33	99	69	89	88	3	20	37	33
G	61	29	41	8	60	17	56	17	4	70	15	84
H	66	87	21	16	17	27	38	45	89	61	40	70
I	18	65	97	5	89	19	21	72	29	2	98	45
J	33	15	2	77	33	56	15	33	77	29	3	61
K	49	73	33	32	72	15	28	82	5	3	99	72
L	60	25	60	49	43	81	99	73	80	40	6	55
M	16	5	73	22	16	73	100	21	38	88	50	77
N	13	70	80	12	46	99	23	31	36	75	20	28
O	46	2	32	63	56	45	71	9	28	39	17	17
P	7	24	36	3	93	20	49	77	17	49	46	32
Q	15	6	81	29	4	46	29	43	43	38	16	50
R	59	52	11	69	14	85	76	89	48	26	11	49
S	58	69	89	24	5	29	70	94	32	41	73	38
T	41	92	79	6	64	77	42	4	45	90	53	99
U	73	43	46	88	36	60	81	16	6	69	81	51
V	4	56	70	40	3	84	50	36	41	89	56	21
W	77	61	15	21	70	64	20	28	33	56	77	6
X	20	81	50	72	32	40	46	5	16	67	36	56
Y	72	40	17	50	88	32	83	60	58	4	43	57
Z	43	28	4	20	51	49	61	50	72	5	41	60

POSITION CHART

A	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{2}{6}$	$\frac{3}{0}$	$\frac{4}{0}$	$\frac{5}{0}$
B	$\frac{6}{0}$	$\frac{7}{10}$	$\frac{8}{4}$	$\frac{9}{2,3,6}$	$\frac{10}{2,9}$
C	$\frac{11}{5}$	$\frac{12}{3}$	$\frac{13}{5}$	$\frac{14}{2}$	$\frac{15}{0}$
D	$\frac{16}{0}$	$\frac{17}{0}$	$\frac{18}{3,9}$	$\frac{19}{3}$	$\frac{20}{0}$
E	$\frac{21}{0}$	$\frac{22}{1}$	$\frac{23}{5}$	$\frac{24}{7}$	$\frac{25}{3}$
F	$\frac{26}{4}$	$\frac{27}{2,5}$	$\frac{28}{0}$	$\frac{29}{0}$	$\frac{30}{6}$
G	$\frac{31}{4}$	$\frac{32}{0}$	$\frac{33}{0}$	$\frac{34}{6,8}$	$\frac{35}{5,7}$
H	$\frac{36}{0}$	$\frac{37}{3,4}$	$\frac{38}{0}$	$\frac{39}{3}$	$\frac{40}{0}$
I	$\frac{41}{0}$	$\frac{42}{6}$	$\frac{43}{0}$	$\frac{44}{1}$	$\frac{45}{0}$
J	$\frac{46}{0}$	$\frac{47}{1}$	$\frac{48}{3}$	$\frac{49}{0}$	$\frac{50}{0}$
K	$\frac{51}{6}$	$\frac{52}{10}$	$\frac{53}{8}$	$\frac{54}{1,5}$	$\frac{55}{1}$
L	$\frac{56}{0}$	$\frac{57}{4}$	$\frac{58}{7}$	$\frac{59}{2}$	$\frac{60}{0}$
M	$\frac{61}{0}$	$\frac{62}{5}$	$\frac{63}{2,5,6}$	$\frac{64}{1}$	$\frac{65}{4}$
N	$\frac{66}{8}$	$\frac{67}{2}$	$\frac{68}{7}$	$\frac{69}{0}$	$\frac{70}{0}$
O	$\frac{71}{2}$	$\frac{72}{0}$	$\frac{73}{0}$	$\frac{74}{3}$	$\frac{75}{9}$
P	$\frac{76}{8}$	$\frac{77}{0}$	$\frac{78}{5}$	$\frac{79}{3,9}$	$\frac{80}{2}$
Q	$\frac{81}{0}$	$\frac{82}{8}$	$\frac{83}{9}$	$\frac{84}{7}$	$\frac{85}{9}$
R	$\frac{86}{1}$	$\frac{87}{1}$	$\frac{88}{0}$	$\frac{89}{0}$	$\frac{90}{7,10}$
S	$\frac{91}{4}$	$\frac{92}{8}$	$\frac{93}{4}$	$\frac{94}{9}$	$\frac{95}{6}$
T	$\frac{96}{4,7}$	$\frac{97}{1}$	$\frac{98}{2}$	$\frac{99}{0}$	$\frac{100}{1,3}$

PENCIL POINTERS 2

BY COREY KOSAK

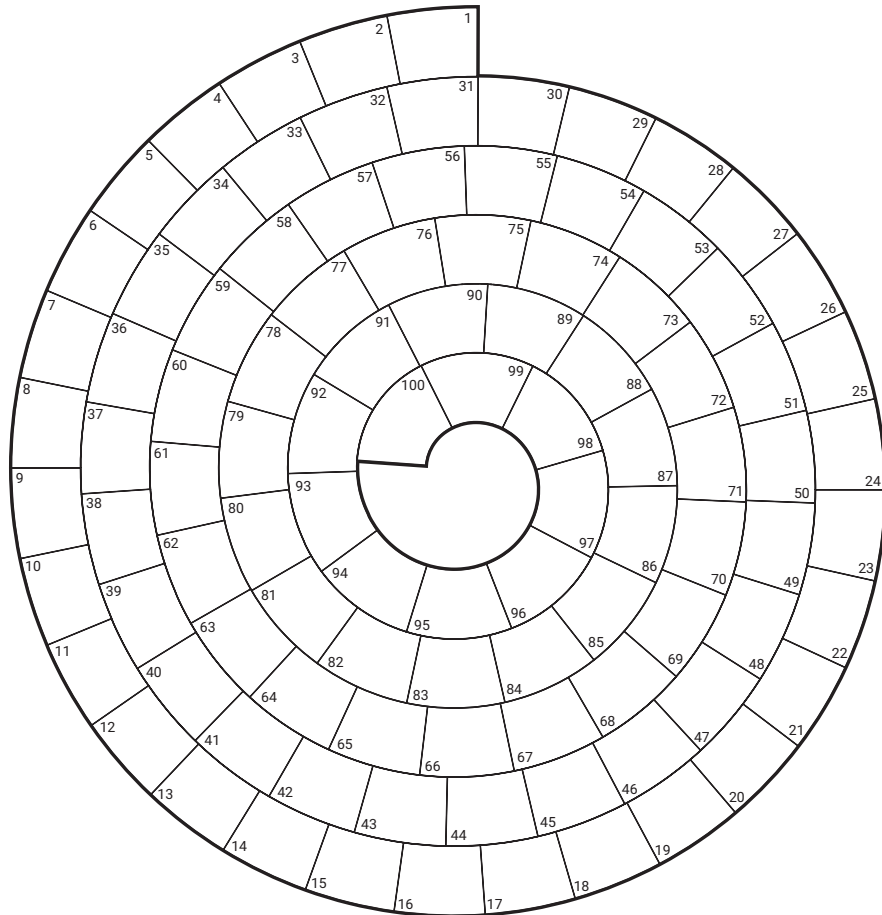
In this crossword puzzle, the clues appear in the grid itself. Enter the answers in the direction of the pointers.

Hirer of new workers	Grade school subjects	Deep sky-blue color	Gourmet burger chain	___ Major (Great Bear)	←	Abbr. for a handy-person	Mosque prayer leader	"Well, kinda, but..."	Aviator Earhart Alum	→	Book full of maps	Short letters	Still in the pink	TV role for Jim Nabors	Having uniform coloring	Takes it easy
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓			↓	↓	↓		↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
Wary	→					2009 Fox reality series	→									
Cattle groups					Meadow	Around the clock	→									
↓						News-making stunt	→									
Large wall painting	→					Division of an area	→	Get in a praying position		Declares						
"Evil Woman" rock gp.	→			Like very violent films					Nemesis of Rocky	→						
Omaha native	→									Sampras of tennis	Captain Hook's mate	Abbr. on military mail				Decade divs.
Step																
↓					Opens, as a gas tank	→						Big Apple mail ltrs.	→			
Wintour of fashion	→				"The Divine Miss M"	→										
Ride a bike		Join by an alliance	Early album releases		Tell, as a tale	→						Gets married to	→			
↓					"White House" of Paris	→						Rug		Brain rhythm output	Make a citizen of	Able to smell keenly
Like both-sex colleges	→				Creature that croaks		Bvlds., e.g.	Nacho sauce, say		Lasting quite a while	Tribal groups	→				
Spanish article	→				Of financial matters	→					God of Islam	→				
Rustic mail abbr.	→				Rocker David Lee	→			Rowing blade	→			School support org.	→		
Answer									Yahoo! rival		Clear furniture material		Ber- (1959 film)	→		
Longish skirt																
↓				Shreds		___ Khan (Shi'ite leader)	Bald ___	___ Swahili or Zulu						Dada artist Jean	→	
Dollar part	→				Swedish vodka brand	→								Pallid	→	
Push along	→				Celtic tongue	→							St. ___ (French resort)	→		
"16 Best Picture nominee	→				Recline	→				In relation to	→					
	Wombs	→					World's highest country	→					Greek hors d'oeuvre	→		
Bungled	→								Lowered in dignity	→						

ANSWER, PAGE 73

This puzzle turns in two directions. The spiral's Inward clues yield a sequence of words to be entered counterclockwise in the spaces from 1 to 100. The Outward clues yield a different set of words to be entered clockwise from 100 to 1. Keep track of which way you're going, and have many happy returns.

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INWARD

- 1-6 Fills with joy
- 7-10 Unsullied
- 11-15 Greens course
- 16-23 Almond-flavored liqueur
- 24-30 Comedienne Ball
- 31-35 Thin pancake
- 36-40 Famous Ford failure
- 41-47 Mythical releaser of evils
- 48-53 Prepared for company, maybe
- 54-58 Pretentiously aesthetic
- 59-63 Piano key material
- 64-67 Euro forerunner
- 68-73 Make a difference
- 74-79 Spotted wildcat
- 80-85 Brand near the Advil
- 86-91 Baltimore bird
- 92-96 Plays miniature golf
- 97-100 *Luther* star Idris

OUTWARD

- 100-95 Most proficient
- 94-89 Elvis's birthplace
- 88-83 Amusingly unexpected
- 82-76 Novelist France
- 75-69 Civil rights leader ___ Scott King
- 68-62 Iconic film star Monroe
- 61-57 Follows orders
- 56-52 Plumbing or carpentry, e.g.
- 51-44 Annual Alaskan sled-dog race
- 43-38 Italian port or its eponymous bay
- 37-32 More profound
- 31-27 Violas' cousins
- 26-20 Relative of a skort
- 19-14 Holiday Inn competitor
- 13-9 Cutting light beam
- 8-4 Far from calm
- 3-1 Pub quaff

Below are four lists of related words and phrases that have been translated into simple cipher alphabets. The letter substitutions remain constant within any one group of words (for instance, if V represents G in one word, it will represent G in all the words in that list), but change from one list to the next. A tip to new solvers: Start by thinking of answers that might fit one of the categories; then see if any enciphered words in the list have the same letter pattern. The fourth list has been left untitled. Solve the code to determine what the items have in common. **ANSWERS, PAGE 72**

1. FEMMES FATALES

Ex.: Jane Greer

H O T U O P A V T
 B Q O N L M B K V
 N O L T D K F O W O N N
 T B A O C O U Z V T A C
 O S O X O T Q K D T
 N O K O A L T K D T
 E B H K V S O E
 U S V K K D Q D W O T N V
 X D K D A B D T K D U
 F O T F O T O P A O K Z U W E

2. WALK ON BY

Ex.: Perambulate

V S J I D
 J Y Z S U U
 H Q X M I Z
 K S S T R Y
 Y Z Q G I U S X T S S Y
 N Z S V I X Q M I
 J K F T T U I
 K R E I
 Q V P U I
 J Q F X Y I Z

3. MASCOT MANIA

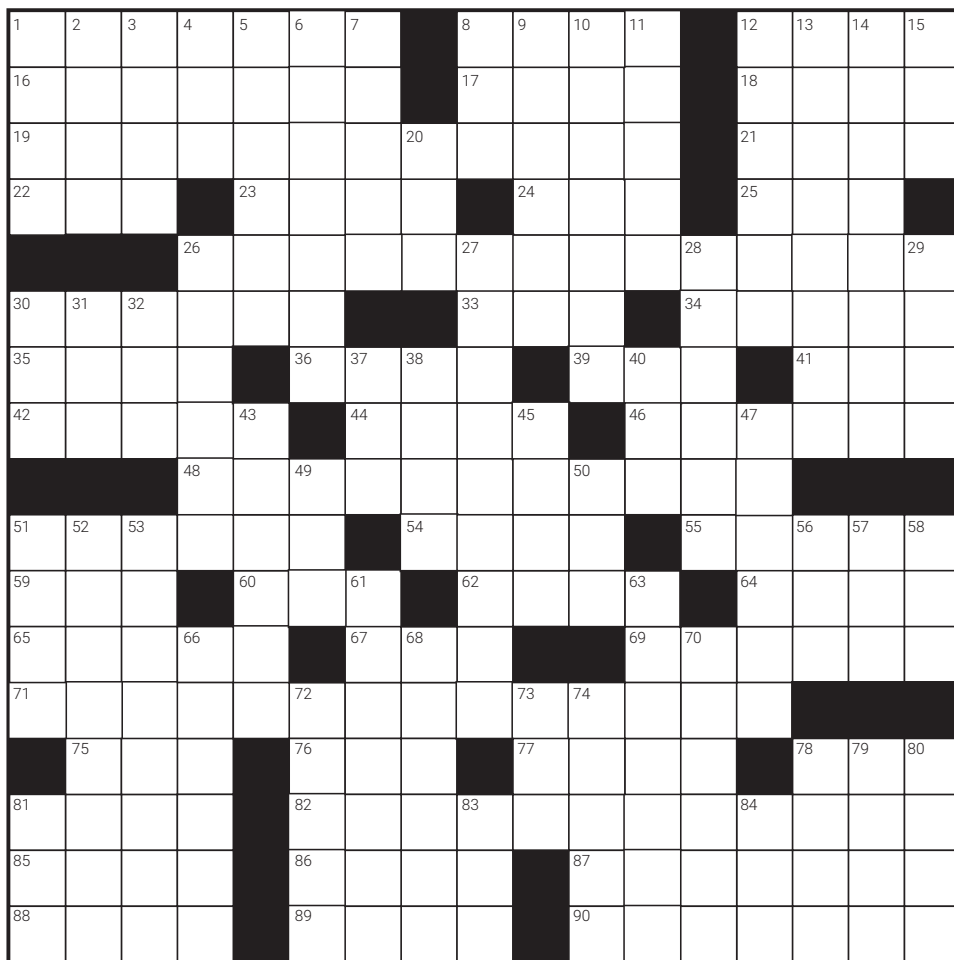
Ex.: Vlasic Stork

N G J P F N
 E P F A O F U E P F F O G P
 N S E P F C S H N G H
 G Q C G E X W E V
 N U . B F G H W O
 N I U O I H A G C O Y S U C
 O I H J O P F O S Y F U
 F H F U Y S T F U M W H H J
 B S C C A M W U J X I W Y P M I J
 V I I C - G S X N G H

4. MYSTERY LIST

What do they all have in common?

X I W I W I T G G N
 A F I B P W U S P W F
 G G N
 O G B S J I H
 J P N A N P D F
 O I B G S A N P H G
 A I B P W A Q G G B A
 N P Z R P H A J I T
 T J N P A Q G H V N J J S
 T S J L G S X P I N A N J T G



ANSWER, PAGE 73

ACROSS

- 1 Upholsterer's fabric
- 8 Gym counts
- 12 Podcaster Maron
- 16 One who supplies the means
- 17 Oldest independent Arab state
- 18 Tops with frosting
- 19 Yielding little for much effort
- 21 Labor Day mo.
- 22 Blog feed initials
- 23 Classic sci-fi movie
- 24 Ample shoe width
- 25 Wine designation
- 26 Part of the *Macbeth* witches' chant: 3 wds.
- 30 *Rebecca* novelist du Maurier
- 33 Superlative suffix
- 34 Wild thing
- 35 Popular cornstarch brand
- 36 Serb or Croat
- 39 Reef predator
- 41 Drink served with scones
- 42 "Attention ___ shoppers..."
- 44 Biblical sibling
- 46 Unassuming

- 48 Classic casual eatery chain: 2 wds.
- 51 Cesar who portrayed The Joker
- 54 Cookware brand: Hyph.
- 55 Filth
- 59 Land in *la mer*
- 60 Summer Games org.
- 62 Three time Pro Bowl tight end Zach
- 64 The "I" in MIT: Abbr.
- 65 Extra: Hyph.
- 67 Singer Rita
- 69 Ancient calculator
- 71 Police ploy: 2 wds.
- 75 Mineral suffix
- 76 Some printers, for short
- 77 Train segments
- 78 Junior, to Senior
- 81 Muslim leader
- 82 Words of warning: 3 wds.
- 85 New name for Facebook
- 86 *Vogue* rival
- 87 Hamlet's slayer
- 88 ___ Ishii (Lucy Liu role in *Kill Bill*)
- 89 Calendar abbrs.
- 90 Final part of a chess match...and a clue to this puzzle's theme

DOWN

- 1 Paint brand
- 2 Cell messengers
- 3 Rowboat pair
- 4 Oil derived from marijuana
- 5 Longtime Dodgers manager Walter
- 6 Publicly condemns
- 7 Actor Flynn
- 8 Gronkowski or Lowe
- 9 Implants
- 10 Artist's board
- 11 Scornful look
- 12 Error
- 13 Make bitter
- 14 Disgusts
- 15 Winter hrs. in Chicago
- 20 Santa ___ winds
- 26 Olympic star swimmer Ian
- 27 "Don't you worry": 2 wds.
- 28 Watermelon-shaped
- 29 French state
- 30 Dallas Cowboys QB Prescott
- 31 Sleeve filler
- 32 Links org.
- 37 ___-Boy (recliner maker): Hyph.
- 38 Assist in wrongdoing
- 40 Down Under bird
- 43 Strenuous
- 45 When doubled, Jim Carrey title
- 47 *The Picture of ___ Gray*
- 49 San Diego attraction
- 50 Cockpit abbr.
- 51 Narrow inlets
- 52 Veteran: Hyph.
- 53 Think deeply
- 56 *Forbes* rival
- 57 Big Ten sch.
- 58 UFO pilots
- 61 *Lost in Translation* director Sofia
- 63 Kinshasa native, once
- 66 Type of band: Hyph.
- 68 Outcome
- 70 Ordered (around)
- 72 "Absolutely!": 2 wds.
- 73 Knee part, briefly
- 74 Dining room piece
- 78 Mex. miss
- 79 Provo neighbor
- 80 Big Board letters
- 81 Texter's "I think"
- 83 ___ *Misérables*
- 84 Assn.

THE MAD HATTER'S TEAROOM

BY MARGERY ALBIS

Wonderland's newest restaurant, The Mad Hatter's Tearoom, recently opened. The Hatter personally seated his first four customers together at his best table and sent his headwaiter, the March Hare, over to take their orders. Each customer, in turn, ordered a different baked good (including a cherry tart) and had a cup of tea with something different added. Determine the order in which the four diners placed orders for their respective baked goods and what each took with his or her tea.

ANSWERS, PAGE 73

	ALICE	DUCHESS	KNAVE	WHITE RABBIT	CAKE	CINNAMON ROLL	MUFFIN	TART	CREAM	HONEY	LEMON	SUGAR
FIRST												
SECOND												
THIRD												
FOURTH												
CREAM												
HONEY												
LEMON												
SUGAR												
CAKE												
CINNAMON ROLL												
MUFFIN												
TART												

CLUES

1. The White Rabbit ordered immediately before the customer who wanted tea with cream.
2. The diner who requested tea with sugar ordered immediately before the one who wanted cake, who ordered immediately before Alice.
3. The diner who wanted tea with honey (who wasn't the Duchess) ordered immediately before the one who wanted a cinnamon roll.
4. The customer who wanted tea with lemon and the one who ordered the muffin (who never takes sugar with tea) ordered consecutively, in some order. One of these two customers was the Knave of Hearts (who wasn't first to order).

The six puzzles on this page are solitary versions of the classic paper-and-pencil game of Battleships. Each grid represents a section of ocean in which a fleet is hiding. This fleet consists of one battleship (four grid cells in length), two cruisers (three cells each), three destroyers (two cells each), and four submarines (one cell each). The ships may be oriented either horizontally or vertically, and no two ships can occupy adjacent grid cells, not even diagonally. The digits along the grid's perimeter indicate the number of cells in the corresponding rows and columns that are occupied by vessels.

You'll notice that some "shots" have been taken to start you off. These may show water (indicated by wavy lines), a complete sub (a circle), the bow or stern of a ship (a rounded-off square), or a midsection of a battleship or cruiser (a square). The puzzles get harder as you go. Can you reach the rank of admiral by locating all six fleets? **ANSWERS, PAGE 72**



Water



End of ship (will continue in the direction of the flat side)

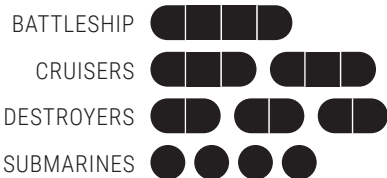
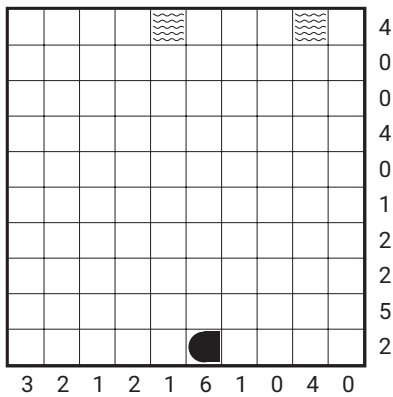


Submarine

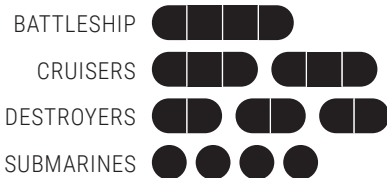
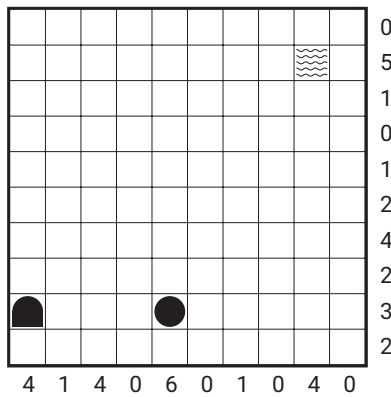


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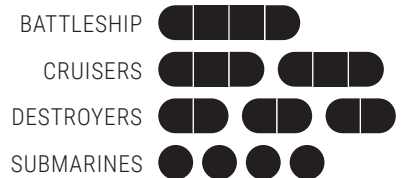
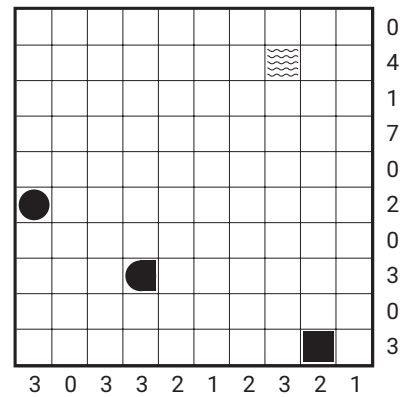
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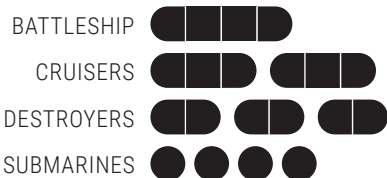
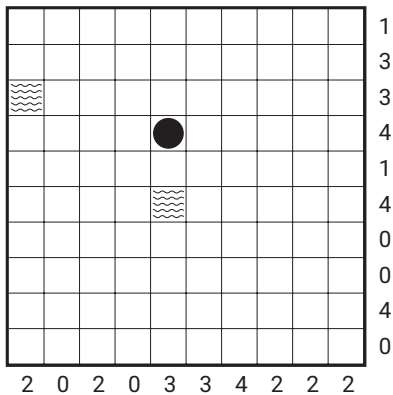
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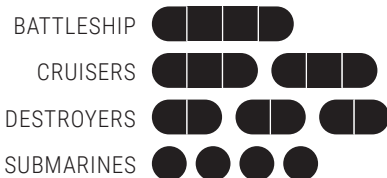
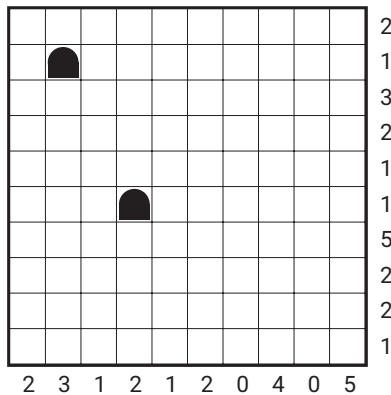
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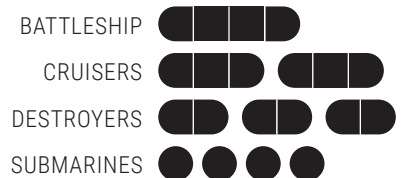
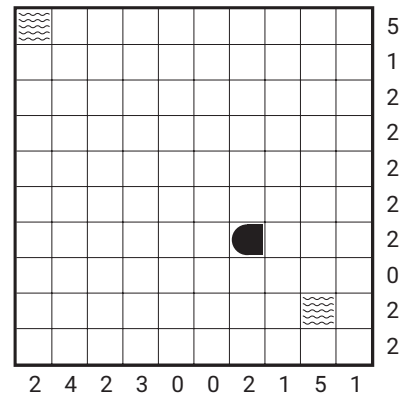
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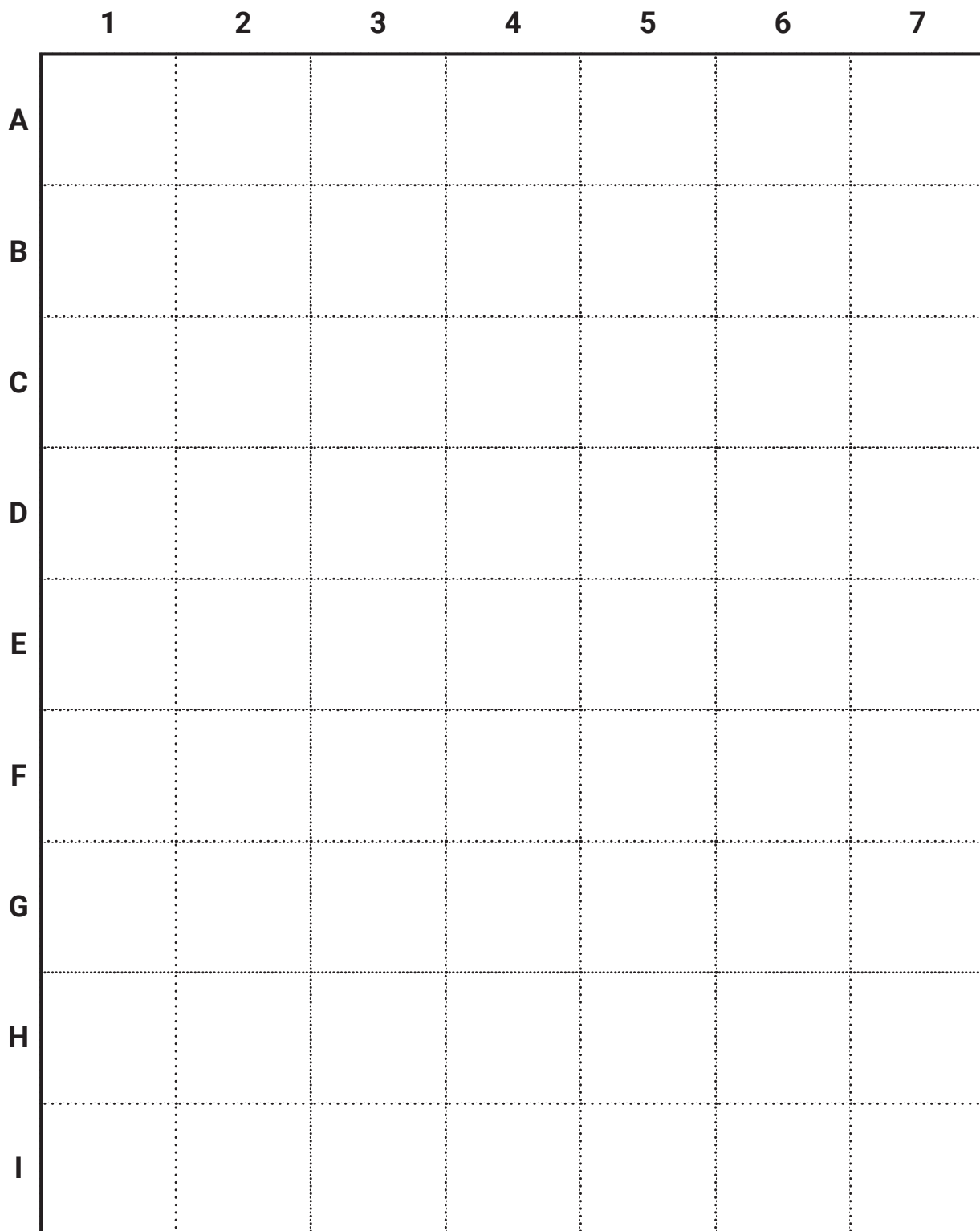
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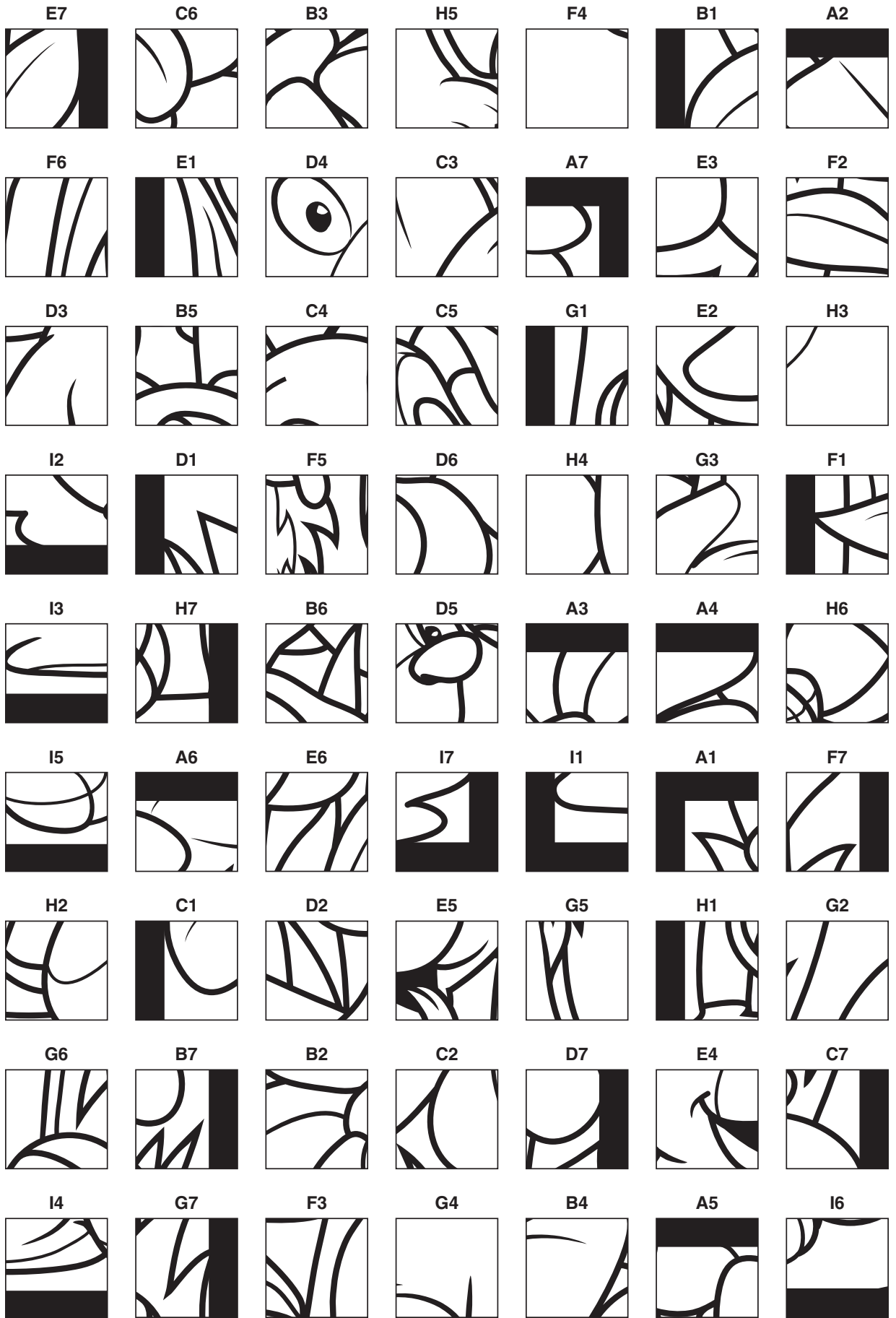


ART ON THE SQUARE

BY BONNIE KOVES

This is the easiest way we know of to create art without the benefit of formal training. All you have to do is copy each square in the proper place in the empty grid, following the coordinates. The square marked A3, for example, should be drawn in the box where Row A intersects with Column 3. The more carefully you work, the better the result will be—certainly as good as the finished product found on page 76.





•WILD CARDS•

FOR THE RECORD

FIRST NAMES SOUND THE SAME

Can you match the spellings given before each group of female actors to their last names? Each spelling will be used once.

(Lindsay, Lindsey)

_____ Morgan of *The 100*
 _____ Wagner of *The Bionic Woman*

(Gene, Jean, Jeanne)

_____ Simmons of *The Thorn Birds*
 _____ Tierney of *Laura*
 _____ Tripplehorn of *Big Love*

(Carey, Carrie, Keri, Kerry)

_____ Fisher of *Star Wars*
 _____ Russell of *Felicity*
 _____ Mulligan of *Promising Young Woman*
 _____ Washington of *Scandal*

(Catherine, Katharine, Katherine, Kathryn)

_____ Hahn of *Bad Moms*
 _____ Heigl of *Grey's Anatomy*
 _____ Hepburn of *On Golden Pond*
 _____ Zeta-Jones of *Chicago*

—PADDY SMITH

LOGIC

HIGH AS A KITE

Three towns in a rural area are each situated exactly 12 miles from the other two. At a certain moment a kite is flying at a point that is 7 miles from each town. Can you determine the height of the kite in its flight?

—WALTER PENNEY

FOR THE RECORD

SHORT & SWEET

The answer to each clue below consists merely of two letters separated by an ampersand. How many can you identify?

1. Classic tabletop RPG, for short
2. Candy that "melts in your mouth, not in your hand"
3. Root beer brand since 1919
4. Mary J. Blige's genre
5. Company that makes everything from dog food to laundry detergent
6. Soldier's free time
7. Element of a panel discussion, perhaps
8. Station that airs *Storage Wars* and *Ghost Hunters*
9. Hotel alternative
10. Global fashion retailer
11. Tool for corporate innovation
12. Coldplay's third album

—TODD KREISMAN

TEASERS

ELEMENTAL STATES

There are 17 elements whose symbol consists of the same letters as a U.S. state postal code. How many can you name? Don't feel bad if you can't get them all; some of the more recently named elements are somewhat obscure.

—MICHAEL STROBACH

WORDPLAY

SCRAPS, PERHAPS

Consider the "ort." It's a lowly sort; a table reject to be thrown to the dog. On the other hand, it's an impORtant pORtion of a vast assORTment of words, some of which are answers to the clues below. Each answer begins with a different letter; you may want to cross them off the list below as you solve. Answers include proper names.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W

1. "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud" poet
2. Frolic
3. Financial or moral backing
4. Kramden's TV pal
5. Rick's cartoon grandson
6. Robot in *The Day the Earth Stood Still*
7. Largest artery
8. He won the race by a hare
9. Everlasting
10. Like many things said by Yogi Berra or Dorothy Parker
11. Former Ford model
12. The art and science of growing plants
13. Not conforming to traditional rules
14. Whirlpool
15. 1998 political satire film starring Warren Beatty
16. Flowerless, spore-producing plant
17. Fame's partner
18. *The Colbert* ___
19. Big name in backpacks
20. Kick out of the country
21. Ship's window
22. Joint doctor
23. "Pearl of the Bayshore" in Monmouth County, NJ

—SCOTT ERDMAN

**FOR THE RECORD
FANCY MEETING YOU HERE**

I've had a series of strange dreams lately where I see famous people from the past and greet them by their first names. In the latest, I recognized Wagner, the great German composer of the *Ring* cycle and said, "Good day, Richard." What should I be prepared to call the following folks?

ART

1. Botticelli
2. Cassatt
3. Miró
4. O'Keeffe
5. Whistler

LITERATURE

6. Baldwin
7. Ferber
8. Milton
9. Walker
10. Wheatley

HISTORY

11. Bolivar
12. Cromwell
13. Lewis
14. Truth
15. Tutu

SCIENCE

16. Curie
17. Franklin
18. Julian
19. Planck
20. Tesla

- a. Alice
- b. Desmond
- c. Edna
- d. Georgia
- e. James
- f. James
- g. Joan
- h. John
- i. Marie
- j. Mary
- k. Max
- l. Meriwether
- m. Nikola
- n. Oliver
- o. Percy
- p. Phillis
- q. Rosalind
- r. Sandro
- s. Simón
- t. Sojourner

—JOE COGLIANESE

**FOR THE RECORD
NOW HEAR THIS**

Your first job is to figure out what the 15 hit songs below have in common. After that, the 15 answers we're looking for will become apparent.

1. "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of These)" by the Eurythmics
2. "Teenage Wasteland" by The Who
3. "What's Going On?" by 4 Non Blondes
4. "Memories" by Barbara Streisand
5. "Everybody Must Get Stoned" by Bob Dylan
6. "I Would Walk (500 Miles)" by the Proclaimers
7. "The Time of Your Life" by Green Day
8. "Every Little Thing Gonna Be All Right" by Bob Marley
9. "I Get Knocked Down" by Chumbawamba
10. "Rollin' on the River" by Creedence Clearwater Revival
11. "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire" by Nat "King" Cole
12. "Jeremiah Was a Bullfrog" by Three Dog Night
13. "Rat in a Cage" by Smashing Pumpkins
14. "Major Tom" by David Bowie
15. "The Good Old Days" by Twenty One Pilots

—GAVIN RIDER

**FOR THE RECORD
ALBUM TRACKS**

Your task in this puzzle featuring songs about trains is to fill in the blanks in the song lyrics with the song's title. More than 12 correct answers gets you a ticket to ride.

- | | |
|--|--|
| 1. Pardon me, boy, is that the _____? | 11. Don't you feel like you're a rider on a _____ |
| 2. He's leaving (leaving) on that _____ | 12. _____ all the live long day |
| 3. She's the only one that'll sound that way, _____ | 13. Wouldn't you know we're riding on the _____ |
| 4. Take the _____ and I'll meet you at the station | 14. Let _____ shine a light on me |
| 5. Riding on the _____ Illinois Central Monday rail | 15. It's the _____ bringin' my baby back |
| 6. Oh, _____ take this country, come take me home again | 16. _____, there's a train a-comin' |
| 7. I'm going off the rails on a _____ | 17. Down the _____ is a mighty good road |
| 8. _____ you better watch your speed | 18. You must _____ to go to Sugar Hill, way up in Harlem |
| 9. In the shuffling madness of the _____ | 19. No changes can be taken on the _____ |
| 10. People all over the world, join hands, start a _____ | 20. Well, _____, take me on out of this town |

—SCOTT ERDMAN

In the puzzles below, the numbers in the grid squares stand for letters of the alphabet; your task is to crack the code. Once you've figured out the letter that matches a certain number, place that letter in every square containing the same number and in the chart beside the grid. Every letter of the alphabet will appear at least once in the completed grids.

1	14
2	15
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12	25
13	26

A	N
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C	P
D	Q
E	R
F	S
G	T
H	U
I	V
J	W
K	X
L	Y
M	Z

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5	25	24	25	25	12		5		16	4	12	21	3	20
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3		10		18	5	4	22	25	7	17		21		6
23	19	5	1	23			4			20	25	2	2	23
		26			25	24	10	25	5			21		
2	19	12	12	4	15		10		4	5	26	7	2	25
26			26		7	16	21	3	26		11			2
24	21	2	19	17	25		3		23	11	19	26	6	13
20			2		2	21	10	16	17		26			23

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25	14	8	7	17	11	20	20			18	14	11	6	13	12
20		14			21		6			12		17			5
22	5	11	26	5	17	13	9	20		11	14	16	14	11	
9				6		22		18		17		18		22	
14	8	21	6	20		20	1	18	13	1	20	20	11	9	
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4		12			11			14			17			16	
14	7	20	22	9		7	20	16	14	10	10	6	20		
22				12		13			17		14			14	
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23		17		5		20		13		7				24	
13	1	12	5	11		16	20	12	20	13	22	15	5	6	
1		23		18			20		20		5			20	
18	11	14	2	20	6		21	11	20	9	20	1	22	9	

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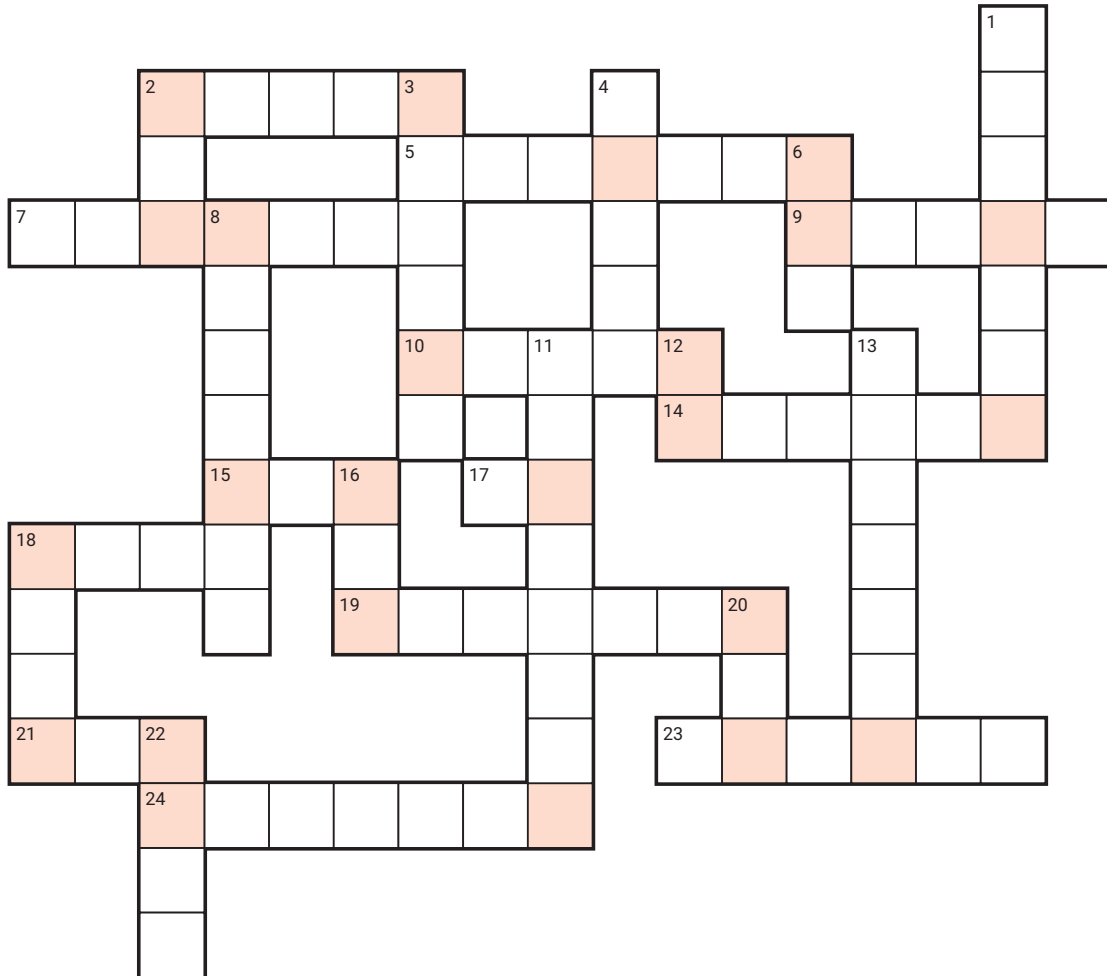
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12	25
13	26

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This puzzle is to be solved in typical crossword fashion, with Across and Down clues. However, in every shaded square you will place a number, symbol, or image rather than a letter. Every non-letter will replace a *sound* in the given word, but will not necessarily be spelled the same way. Warning: Your artistic skills may be tested.

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ACROSS

- 2 Marathon terminus: 2 wds.
- 5 Tidy: 2 wds.
- 7 "___ her and guide her..." ("God Bless America"): 2 wds.
- 9 Like the banner of song: Hyph.
- 10 Inability to recall something: 2 wds.
- 14 Barrier with a diamond pattern: Hyph., 2 wds.
- 15 Nitwit
- 17 Group of gulls
- 18 WWII riveter
- 19 Analog smartphone sockets: 2 wds.
- 21 Mimic
- 23 Feeling of appreciation
- 24 Tangerine's cousin: 2 wds.

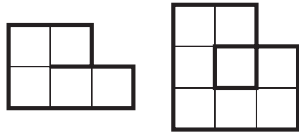
DOWN

- 1 Basketball strategy: 2 wds.
- 2 Where Helsinki is
- 3 Shortest distance between two points, in geometry: 2 wds.
- 4 Filled with malice
- 6 Cocky newcomer
- 8 1978 Rolling Stones hit: 3 wds.
- 11 Kubrick's dystopian crime classic: 3 wds.
- 12 Cryptocurrency company
- 13 Be supervised by: 2 wds.
- 16 Dancer, for example
- 18 Iconic Peter Weller role
- 20 Half of a nursery rhyme couple: 2 wds.
- 22 Nepal's capital

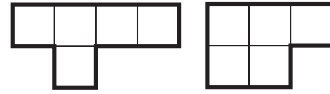
The grids below have been partitioned into numbered tiles, but their boundaries are hidden. You must correctly draw the tile boundaries in such a way that the following conditions are met: (a) each square in the grid is part of a tile; (b) each tile contains exactly two numbers; (c) each number in a tile is equal to the number of squares in that tile; and (d) the numbers in each tile are not in adjacent squares. In addition, each tile must have a simple, "snakelike" shape that does not bend around to touch itself. Thus, the four kinds of tiles shown below are not acceptable. With insightful logic and sharp reasoning, you're sure to have many more tiles than errors.

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tile bends around and touches itself



squares not connected in a simple path



EXAMPLE

8	8			
				8
	7	5		
			4	5
	4	8		
7		4	4	

PUZZLE

8	8			
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			4	5
	4	8		
7		4	4	

ANSWER

1

6		5		
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	4		6	6
	9			

2

	7			7	
10					6
			8	6	6
	8				
		6		4	
	10				5
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	5		5	8	

3

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			6		7
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6	6				
				8	8

4

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	5		5			5
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7			7			5
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				7		
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			8	9		9
				5	5	

5

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6		8		8	5	
						9
			6		8	7
		7		7	9	
6		7	8		6	7
	8		7			7
	6	8				8
		6				7
		8			8	

Helter-Skelter is a crossword variation in which the answers interlock in any of eight different directions. To solve, write the answer to each clue starting in its numbered square and proceed in a straight line toward—and if necessary beyond—the next consecutive number. The first answer, CROCK, has been entered in Helter-Skelter #1 as an example.

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HELTER-SKELTER #1

		11			10		12
					14	13	
8	16	5		21		22	19
1	C						
	R		17		3		18
9	15	O					20
			2	C			
		4		K	7		6

HELTER-SKELTER #2

			1	6		5	
			20		7		
			14	15	2		
	19		16				
				17			
13		3				4	
12							11
	18		9		8		10

- 1 Earthenware pot
- 2 Parisian sidewalk sights
- 3 Almanac tidbit
- 4 Became established: 2 wds.
- 5 Equal in standing: 3 wds.
- 6 *Rolling Stone* interviewee: 2 wds.
- 7 Oreo or Fig Newton
- 8 Patisserie offering
- 9 Make it there
- 10 Like steamy literature
- 11 Ripped to bits: 2 wds.
- 12 Illicit lover
- 13 Air sacs in the lungs
- 14 Sri ____
- 15 Actress Winter of *Modern Family*
- 16 Aunt ____ Cope Book
- 17 *The Godfather* group
- 18 To boot
- 19 Drool
- 20 MasterCard rival
- 21 Part of SALT
- 22 Golda of Israel

- 1 Glove material
- 2 Container on a restaurant counter, maybe: 2 wds.
- 3 Marine motorcycle: 2 wds.
- 4 Capsized, with "over"
- 5 Showy flowers from Mexico
- 6 24 minutes of an NBA game
- 7 Being debated: 2 wds.
- 8 Online marketing: Hyph.
- 9 Believed unquestioningly: 2 wds.
- 10 Table d'hôte charge: 2 wds.
- 11 *The Social Contract* philosopher
- 12 Ousts from office
- 13 Japanese mercenary
- 14 Martial arts star of *The Forbidden Kingdom*: 2 wds.
- 15 Work for
- 16 Lhasa ____
- 17 Marmalade ingredient
- 18 Pacific Ocean weather pattern in the news in 2021: 2 wds.
- 19 Have a snack
- 20 Fido's friend

Solve this puzzle as you would a regular crossword, except that each space may hold one, two, or three letters. The number of letters in a space is for you to determine, using logic and the crossing of words. The answer to 1-Across, R-AN-CHO, has been filled in as an example.

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1	R	AN	CHO									
12				13					14			
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			21		22		23		24	25	26	
27	28	29			30	31	32			33		
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51	52	53			54		55					
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59					60					61		

ACROSS

- 1 Vaquero's home
- 4 Most gaunt
- 8 Totally get rid of
- 12 Go in
- 13 Central Florida city
- 14 Most shrewd
- 15 Breaded tilapia or flounder, perhaps: 3 wds.
- 17 Sanctifies
- 18 People petting
- 19 Piece in many a roof
- 21 Suede or buckskin
- 23 Uncontained fires: 2 wds.
- 27 Pertaining to the shore
- 30 Baggins in *The Hobbit*
- 33 *Love Story* novelist Segal
- 34 What Goobers are: 3 wds.
- 37 1978 World Series MVP Dent
- 38 Supporting musicians
- 39 Keep hold of
- 40 Hornless forest bird with white speckles: 2 wds.
- 42 Big boa
- 44 Transmission repair chain
- 47 Harness racing horse

- 51 Feral horse of the West
- 54 Sun-Maid snack: 3 wds.
- 56 More inane
- 57 Theater chain that merged with AMC in 2006
- 58 Indigenous
- 59 Ingenuity
- 60 Book-making workshop
- 61 Made a sheep's sound

DOWN

- 1 Hertz offering: 2 wds.
- 2 Tentacled reef dwellers
- 3 Triads are the simplest ones
- 4 High chair alternative, in a restaurant: 2 wds.
- 5 Rechargeable battery, for short
- 6 Like a sprite
- 7 Hiding, as loot
- 8 Its ink is not permanent: 2 wds.
- 9 Portions out
- 10 *Gremlins* star Phoebe
- 11 Kids' book author Eleanor
- 16 Villainess de Vil of *One Hundred and One Dalmatians*
- 20 Pillaged

- 22 Weedkiller
- 24 Group of warships
- 25 Mementos of United States history
- 26 Coops up: 2 wds.
- 27 Greyhound vehicle: 2 wds.
- 28 Stew cooker
- 29 Devoted attendant
- 31 Capital of Togo
- 32 Plantain lookalike
- 35 Electric car company
- 36 Existed earlier than
- 41 Wealthy widows
- 43 Prolonged public disagreement
- 45 Protein found in 51-Down tissue
- 46 Wooed
- 48 Having potential to be taught, as a dog
- 49 Be dormant in the summer
- 50 Washed off
- 51 Biceps or triceps
- 52 Second-place medal
- 53 Sunbathers' demarcations: 2 wds.
- 55 Recoil in fear

Cryptic Classroom #7: Deletions, Reversals, & Lit.

By Odd Pfarrer

I started lessons 2 through 6 of this series with a recap of strategies we had learned so far. Since we have three different wordplay styles to master today, I will skip the recap and encourage you to read all the previous articles, which are posted on the GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES website and in our Facebook group, Games Magazine Enthusiasts.

DELETIONS

In this form of wordplay, some letters of a word are removed to leave a shorter word. Common deletions include removing the first letter (e.g., BRAND to RAND) or the last letter (BRAND to BRAN). Sometimes both the first and last letters will be removed (BRAND to RAN). Or, specific letters from the middle of the word will be deleted (BRAND to BAND). The wordplay will be clued accordingly with an indicator word or phrase. Try this one:

Headless merchant on Ewok's planet (5)

Another word for merchant is "vendor." The indicator word, "headless," directs us to remove the first letter of "vendor," leaving ENDOR, the home of those furry critters from *Star Wars*.

Here are four more deletion clues. Try to figure out which letters are being referenced by the indicator word.

Never-ending reproduction of police officer (3)

Unbounded religious parcel of land (4)

Orchard crop is relevant (minus one) (6)

Oddly, Ozark is acorn-bearer (3)

In the first clue, "never-ending" directs the solver to delete the last letter from "copy," leaving COP. "Unbounded," in the second clue, directs us to remove the first and last letter of "sacred" ("religious"), leaving us with ACRE, a parcel of land. For the third clue, "minus one" tells us to delete 1 (Roman numeral) from a word meaning "is relevant." "Applies," minus the I, leaves an orchard crop, APPLES. The fourth clue is a little different. In this case, we are directed to keep only the letters in odd positions from "Ozark" and delete the letters in even positions. Doing this yields OAK, an acorn-bearing tree.

REVERSALS

For a reversal clue, the word suggested by the wordplay will appear backward in the answer. Reversals require indicator words, like "in reverse" or "heading back." For example,

the wordplay, "time runs backward" suggests the word EMIT.

Indicator words can also be specific to the direction a word is entered in the grid, as an Across or a Down entry. For Across words, indicators for a reversal may include "to the left" or "heading west." For Down words, you may see indicators like "going up" or "rising." Try these reversal clues.

Mid-morning, French modernist painter ran back (3,2)

Overturns footrest and pilfers (5)

Upset sweetmeats sent back (8)

Did you get the three answers? First, if "Manet" is written backward (as indicated by "ran back"), we get TEN AM. Next, a footrest is a "stool," and overturned, it gives LOOTS, another word for "pilfers." Finally, there aren't a lot of common synonyms for "desserts," but when they get "sent back," I get STRESSED ("upset").

& LIT.

In an & lit. clue, which is short for "and literally so," the wordplay is also the literal definition. In other words, solvers don't need to look for a dividing point in these clues to separate the wordplay from the literal. The entire clue stands as both parts. These clues can be easily identified because they end with an exclamation mark. Try this example, submitted by Games Magazine Enthusiast Mark Penney:

Deranged, evil! (4)

First, let's analyze this clue as wordplay. "Deranged" is an indicator word for an anagram. The letters in "evil" anagram to VILE. And as a literal clue, "Deranged, evil" may very well describe someone VILE.

Try these three & lit. clues. In each case, the wordplay is an anagram.

Am damn crazy! (6)

P to Y error?! (4)

Regal kin play! (4,4)

The answers, and their authors, are: MADMAN (David Salvia), TYPO (Wei-Hwa Huang) and KING LEAR (Roy Leban).

Try this crossword to solidify your understanding of deletion, reversal, and & lit. clues. The clues at 1-Across and 2-Down were submitted by David Binder and Mike Hausberg, respectively.

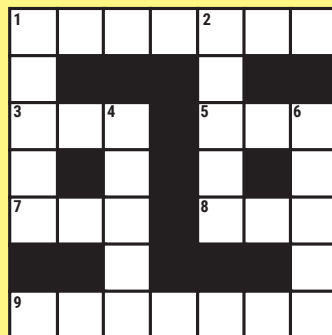
ACROSS

1. Delicate direction! (7)
3. Automobile beheaded *Lion King* villain (3)
5. Simian rips both ends off coat flap (3)
7. Rend with no end; it can be black, green, or orange (3)
8. Indian honorific is tax collector running west (3)
9. Sentinel read ID badge backward (7)

DOWN

1. Aspect you removed from tap (5)
2. Leads of *Sweeney Todd* and *Rent*, sometimes! (5)
4. Censor; cut 500; respond (5)
6. Water bottle flipped? So gullible (5)

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The Mystery League



BY JONATHAN SCHMALZBACH

The first thing you see on the Mystery League website is a Sasquatch-like creature purposefully prowling through a forest tableau. It seems to be hunting for something. Where is it going? Why a Sasquatch? It's a mystery that makes the visitor want to learn more.

Scroll a tad further down the website and you start to understand what it's about.

The Mystery League is a company of creative puzzlemakers. We stage live and remote games. We weave story, puzzles and theatre in unusual and amazing ways. We are available for hire.

Look closely at the colored letters. They spell out: "The secret word is *Amazing*." Diving into the roots of the word "amaze," one learns it comes from the Middle English *amasen*, meaning "to overwhelm or confound with sudden surprise or wonder." And really, isn't that what puzzles and games do at their best—generate surprise and wonder?

The wonder behind the formation of the Mystery League is Sandor (Sandy) Weisz, a man on the hunt for producing exceptional puzzles.

Hoosier Daddy

Growing up near Indianapolis, Indiana, Weisz had early exposure to the world of puzzles and games. In fact, his father subscribed to *GAMES* magazine and the family played a variety of board games. At summer camp, in an intimation of his life to come, young Sandy made games for his fellow campers.

But, as with many of us who may entertain notions of a career in puzzling when younger, life intrudes. For Weisz, that meant a career in web design and development; marriage and two kids; and a move to Chicago.

To mark his 30th birthday, and motivated by a desire to write puzzles again, Weisz concocted a puzzle hunt for his friends. His birthday falls in November—a season when it gets cold and dark in Chicagoland. He sent out invitations to friends inviting them to a puzzle hunt—five weeks ahead of the date. To keep warm in cold Chicago and to hit his self-imposed deadline, Weisz recalls that he "lit a fire under his ass."

The puzzle was called XXX (causing spam filters to keep it from reaching some invitees). A stolen birthday cake served as the puzzle prompt and a series of puzzles within the hunt ultimately led to

the answer of Rod Blagojevich, the former Illinois governor sentenced to prison for authoring some of his own political fun and games.

Weisz's friends liked the hunt, and Weisz enjoyed himself so much that he spent the next eight years cultivating ideas on what a puzzle hunt could be. This included creating a whole new vocabulary and dynamic for hunts.

The Hunt Is On

In 2015, Weisz landed his first hunt client, the Modest Corporation. Realizing that businesses would pay for these hunts gave him the confidence to stop looking for freelance web work and devote himself full-time to creating puzzle hunts. He brought other hunters into his band and brainstormed dozens of names for his fledgling company before coming up with the name Mystery League, which incorporates both those who work with Weisz and those who partake in his puzzles.

Companies looking for a creative team-building experience and local businesses that want to promote their services are the types who seek out the thrill of the hunt. Why?

In Weisz's words:

"Our hunts combine the triumph of **breaking a code**, the thrill of a good **mystery novel**, and the adrenaline rush of a playground game of tag. Our puzzles require deduction, pattern recognition, observation, and creative problem solving. They run the gamut from LEGO construction to wordplay, from code breaking to recognizing pop songs. They are designed to work for strong puzzlers or casual ones, and they work best for teams that have a mix of both."

He estimates that of the employees who participate in the games, 20 percent are super-excited, 10 percent are not into it, and the rest are mostly positive about the experience.

Among the Mystery League's many customers are: Accenture, Facebook, LinkedIn, McDonald's, McKinsey & Company, and Uber.

Clay Stelzer from the software firm Salesforce describes a Mystery League hunt put together for his company this way:

We hired The Mystery League to create a puzzle for our 130-person global team in Chicago. Blending a must-see historic landmark with a uniquely compelling team building experience, our team was fully engaged all afternoon. It takes a lot to impress a global innovation team, and The Mystery League delivered.

A Puzzling Promethean

Puzzle and game creators are often experts in one area, perhaps two. What's impressive about

Weisz is the range of puzzles he and the Mystery League create.

In addition to devising hunts specifically for enterprise customers, Weisz also offers destination hunts in Chicago. For instance, the Art Institute of Chicago was one such venue. Here is how he seduced teams (which can number up to 140 members) into participating:

"Seurat has hung on the walls of the Art Institute for years. Ditto Matisse, Monet, Picasso. Thousands of visitors pass by them daily, without noticing the codes embedded within. What do they say? What prize does it all lead to?"

(Here we can't help but note that Seurat's *A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte* hangs at the Institute. This work inspired puzzler and composer extraordinaire Stephen Sondheim to pen the 1984 musical *Sunday in the Park with George*.)

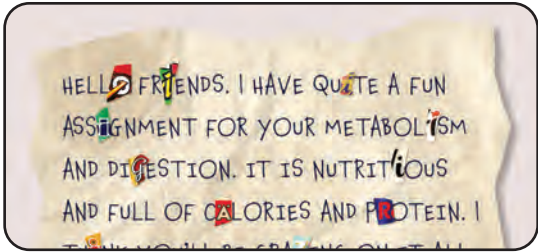


Seurat and the Jatte

Forty folks answered the call to play this early destination hunt. The game started on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange trading floor, then sent players to a room in the Art Institute of Chicago. The Mystery League challenged them to "Find a person in this room who is not praying, drinking water, looking out at water, etc." Paintings were scoured carefully, but all the people seemed to be doing something on the list. Until one group figured out the answer: A fellow (who had been enlisted by Weisz) sitting on a bench in the middle of the room.

Since that first foray, the Art Institute hunt has evolved. Today it uses augmented reality, paired with the paintings, to engage participants.

Asynchronous hunts are another Mystery League offering. Here, the League will build an alternate reality game on a dedicated website. Employees work in teams to solve the challenges; teams log in weekly to access the puzzle. If a team gets stuck, they may request a hint. An updated leader board allows for bragging rights. Basically, the crafty constructors at the Mystery League can create puzzles for any length of time, number of people, and difficulty.



In the challenge shown above, a Yeti gets locked inside a walk-in freezer. The creature is on a hunt to find the best doughnuts in Chicago. Players helped the Yeti visit Windy City doughnut shops.

There was a happy ending: The winners helped the Yeti open its own doughnut shop, with the flavors of doughnuts being those that they and the Yeti conceived.

Zoom In

As COVID-19 lingers on, so does Zoom. Naturally, Weisz and his team offer trivia puzzles that can be played on the video teleconferencing site. They try to recreate the same vibe one would find during an in-person Quizzo night at a bar. A difference: Instead of bringing answers up to the Quizzo-master as one does in a bar, teams submit their answers on Zoom via a web form. The game is emceed by Weisz himself.

Like any good maestro of *la triviata*, Weisz melds trivia and deduction, leading to a very satisfying payoff. The games are usually three or four rounds and last an hour to 90 minutes. The rounds are all thematic. Below is an example from the Mystery Round—in this instance, common connections. In the poetry round, players provide the last line, in a rhyming answer.

<p>ROUND 1-QUESTION 1</p> <p>What is the name for the South Asian film industry juggernaut, known for lengthy historical dramas and lavish musicals?</p>	<p>ROUND 1-QUESTION 3</p> <p>This holiday is also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Liberation Day, and it commemorates the day that the total emancipation of people held as slaves was officially proclaimed in Galveston, TX.</p>
<p>ROUND 1-QUESTION 2</p> <p>What started with a referendum vote in the UK in June 2016, formally began when Article 50 was invoked in March of 2017, and was ratified in January of 2020?</p>	<p>ROUND 1-QUESTION 4</p> <p>Stephen Dubner and Steven Levitt turned their popular book, whose cover featured an apple that turned out to be an orange, into a blog, movie, and popular podcast. What is the name of the book?</p>

Another type of question is called Name One. The example below asks teams to name Crayola crayon colors in a 64-pack. The rub? One point is awarded for each correct answer, but three points are awarded for an answer that no one else gives.

ROUND 1-QUESTION 8

The colors in a Crayola 4-pack are red, yellow, green, and blue. What is one of the other 60 colors in a Crayola 64-pack?

OVERLAPS

Weisz observes that most players waste too much time trying to remember the more obscure colors like cerulean or carnation pink, forsaking the more obvious orange or black, which often go unlisted by any player.

A devilishly clever round is called overlaps. Look at the question above and determine what both words have in common.

Other online offerings include occasional pattern-based puzzles on the Mystery League's Twitter, @pzlr.

Pinned Tweet

The Mystery League @pzlr · Oct 8, 2021

Think of a store that's got about 9,000 locations across the USA. Remove the first and last letters and add a space, and you'll get the name of a beloved Grammy-winning musical artist. What store and artist are they?

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And there's a monthly subscription newsletter of puzzles and stories from the puzzle world.

Q3

Sorry, you said you're Looking for Jakarta? You must be confused [3 words]

Q7

Sorry we're gathering On Zoom for this class But unless you wear pants [4 words]

A Pay-as-You-Play Delivery Service

In an era when everything can be delivered, why not tabletop games? During non-germy times, the Mystery League will bring multiple copies of a game of their own creation to an office or off-site venue. This experience is designed for teams of 6 to 8 players and takes about two hours. Teammates are chosen; teams play the game concurrently, while Mystery League members facilitate.

In one game called *The Unknown Islands* (shown below), play is centered around a giant map of over 60 islands. Everything needed to play the game is packed into a locked backpack. In Weisz's words: "You and your team are secret agents who must break into the bag and use the objects you find inside—a bottle, ancient coins, postcards, a newspaper, and a mysterious starfish-shaped computer—to solve the puzzles and find your way back to your secret agent meeting location."



Two Thumbs Up

At the moment, though, in-person meetups aren't always possible. That sparked one of Weisz's more creative ideas: The Mystery League created an alternate reality game for Alinea, a Michelin three-star eatery in Chicago. Early on in the pandemic, Weisz noted that both ordinary people and those in the restaurant industry were consumed with anxiety. To alleviate stress, Weisz worked with Matthew Stein of Enigmida, an Oakland, California, puzzle company, to cook up a challenge lasting over two months. Their game was called *Pilcrow Bar* and consisted of a new puzzle published weekly about a fictional pop-up eatery.

Over 10,000 players consumed the game, with the winner getting dinner for two—plus caviar!—at Alinea, which was celebrating its 15th anniversary.

The Mystery League also partnered with Chicago's The House Theatre to create an experience called *The Last Defender* that was, in part, performance, puzzle, immersive storytelling, and a live-action play.

It's enough to make you want to move to Chicago to be nearer the action. One Chicagoland fan with the *nom de puzzle* of River, who has participated in several Mystery League hunts, writes: "Sandy's love of his craft shines through in every hunt of his that I've



The Red Herring puzzle presented solvers with a dozen table settings that hid information in a variety of popular encodings, like morse, semaphore, and nautical flags.

participated in. His puzzles are unique, innovative, and elegantly designed—and frustratingly fun in the best way. I am always game to try one of his creations."

But you don't have to live in Chicago to have access to the puzzles. An example is when the Mystery League was hired by Cards Against Humanity to build a massive online alternate reality game, called *Hanukkah LOL*. Over 6,000 people played the game, which required solving clues that were buried in physical mailings, as well as hidden in stores around the country.

Here's Squatchin' You

Weisz is also a puzzle solver. He likes taking part in the MIT Mystery Hunt, an annual puzzle hunt competition at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His team, Palindrome, won the Hunt in 2021, and they designed and ran the next year's Hunt in January 2022.

Weisz also plays a lot of board games, video games and regularly does *New York Times* puzzles. He enjoys the work of Grandmaster Puzzles, and, not surprisingly, he's also a fan of logic puzzles. He even participates in puzzle hunts with friends when he's not making his own hunts.

All this hunting brings us back to Sasquatch.

The act of looking for or researching Sasquatch-like creatures is often referred to as "squatchin'," a word popularized by the Animal Planet reality series *Finding Bigfoot*. While Weisz and the Mystery League band aren't actually combing the forests in search of Bigfoot, they are very definitely on the lookout for the next great puzzle. ■



Mystery League founder Sandy Weisz

Mom's the Word

By Jason Elmer

In honor of Mother's Day, here's a quiz to test how much you know about moms from popular sitcoms. If you get 12 or more correct answers, that's nothing to keep mum about!

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- 1 After her retirement home was damaged in a fire, Sophia Petrillo, the senior member of *The Golden Girls* household, moved in with her daughter, who is which of these characters?
 - a. Dorothy Zbornak
 - b. Blanche Devereaux
 - c. Rose Nylund
 - d. Rhoda Morgenstern
- 2 Mom Rainbow "Bow" Johnson of the series *Black-ish* is a highly accomplished professional in what field?
 - a. electrical engineering
 - b. architecture
 - c. anesthesiology
 - d. nuclear physics
- 3 Marge Simpson, mom of Bart, Lisa, and Maggie on *The Simpsons*, is fully bilingual. What language other than English does she speak?
 - a. Mandarin
 - b. French
 - c. Russian
 - d. Swedish
- 4 Out-of-touch matriarch Lucille Bluth of *Arrested Development* posed this now-famous question to her son, Michael: "I mean, it's one banana, Michael. What could it cost?" Lucille then goes on to guess that a banana costs how much?
 - a. 25¢
 - b. \$100
 - c. \$10
 - d. a few pennies



- 5 In season 4 of *Fresh Off the Boat*, mom Jessica Huang writes a horror novel that ultimately proves to be a flop. What is the novel's title?
- A Case of a Knife to the Brain*
 - Skeletons in the Attic*
 - Buyer Beware*
 - Valley of the Ghosts*
- 6 In the opening credits of *The Donna Reed Show*, iconic homemaker Donna Stone is seen passing what out to her children?
- party invitations
 - packed lunches
 - cash
 - hors d'oeuvres
- 7 Overbearing mom Lois of *Malcolm in the Middle* never finished college and was thus unable to fulfill her dream of becoming what?
- an astronaut
 - president of the United States
 - a high school principal
 - a computer programmer
- 8 Florida Evans is known as the hardworking mom on *Good Times*, but prior to that she also appeared on what popular TV spin-off?
- Laverne & Shirley*
 - The Jeffersons*
 - Maude*
 - The Facts of Life*
- 9 Matriarch Moira Rose of *Schitt's Creek* is an eccentric former soap star. What fictional soap opera did she appear on?
- Passion Palace*
 - Secret Lives of Strangers*
 - Breathless on the Beach*
 - Sunrise Bay*
- 10 Marie Barone, Raymond's mom on *Everybody Loves Raymond*, is strong-willed and outspoken. What is her catchphrase when she disapproves of something?
- "I don't like that"
 - "Seriously??"
 - "Ugh"
 - "Bah, humbug!"
- 11 Marion Cunningham, the otherwise law-abiding mom on *Happy Days*, once went to jail for what?
- refusing to pay a parking ticket
 - chewing gum in public
 - crashing her husband's DeSoto into Arnold's
 - littering
- 12 Kitty Forman, mom of Laurie and Eric on *That '70s Show*, works as a nurse at what fictional hospital?
- Point Place General
 - Sacred Heart
 - County General
 - Saint Mary's
- 13 In season 5 of *I Love Lucy*, Lucy and Ricky take a trip to Europe. Which of the following does *not* happen during their vacation?
- Lucy gets detained in a French jail
 - Lucy meets Queen Elizabeth
 - Lucy falls while attempting to kiss the Blarney Stone
 - Lucy gets into a fight with a professional grape stomper
- 14 During the opening credits of *All in the Family*, Archie and Edith Bunker sing "Those Were the Days" while Edith plays what instrument?
- violin
 - harmonica
 - guitar
 - piano
- 15 Beverly Goldberg, the overprotective mom of Adam, Barry, and Erica on *The Goldbergs*, is prone to frustrated outbursts. Which two of the following does she often say?
- "I have failed as a mother!"
 - "I coulda been a lawyer!"
 - "Not that you would listen to me anyway"
 - "You're gonna drive me to drink!"
- 16 June Cleaver, mom of Wally and the Beav on *Leave It to Beaver*, is known for performing household duties while impeccably dressed. Which accessory does she sport in nearly every episode of the show?
- a hairnet
 - a pearl necklace
 - large gold hoop earrings
 - a cameo brooch
- 17 On *The Brady Bunch*, devoted mom Carol Brady is one of only three characters to appear on all 117 episodes of the original show. Who were the other two?
- Mike and Peter
 - Greg and Alice
 - Cindy and Jan
 - Bobby and Marcia
- 18 What was the maiden name of Lily Munster, the vampire wife of Herman and mom of Eddie on *The Munsters*?
- Lestat
 - Collins
 - Dracula
 - Orlock





SARDINES

PACKED WITH FUN

A CARD GAME REVIEW

BY DONNA TALARICO

The timing of acquiring the delightful game of Sardines was uncanny—pun not intended, at least not at first.

In late 2021, after being impressed with a free trial, I subscribed to Elevate, one of those brain-training iPhone apps. Elevate offers quite a few challenges that build memory skills, and, as I enter my mid-40s, anything to help keep my memory sharp is a plus. So I was also pleasantly surprised when, just a week or so later, a colorful box of cards caught my attention: a game that “improves your memory with crazy dressed up sardines.”

GETTING HOOKED ON THE IDEA

I acquired Sardines from the unlikeliest place: Rainbow Tomatoes, a Pennsylvania-based rural roadside stand not far from my home. Its online specialty shop, open year-round, offers what’s

thought to be the most extensive collection of *conservas* (tinned fish) in the United States. In the summer, the stand boasts a collection of colorful, curiously shaped, delicious tomatoes that earned it an Atlas Obscura entry!

Full disclosure: It’s not the tinned fish that attracts me to Rainbow Tomatoes’ website in the off-season, but rather its selection of drinking chocolate and homemade ramen. I didn’t expect to find a card game at an online farm stand, but I did. And, like the many of the tinned fish varieties sold alongside Sardines, the card game is imported. Its French publisher, Djeco, doesn’t sell products on its own website; however, it does offer a flip-book style catalog. A quick scan through it shows many other card and board games featuring equally vibrant and whimsical artwork. Djeco is new to me, and I’ll definitely be keeping my eyes peeled for its games to show up in my local stores.

I was home sick when Sardines arrived at my doorstep, so not only did getting a package of goodies cheer me up, I also had time to dive into the game immediately. (Alas, the beautifully packaged game came in a sturdy cardboard box, not a tin can with a pop-top!)

UNPACKING THE GAME

Inside the box, you'll find two types of cards: larger cards that mimic a can of sardines and then regular-sized cards—the playing deck—that each feature a single sardine. Also included are 10 versions of the rules, each in a different language, which, to me, illustrates the inclusivity of the creators.

The cards, illustrated by Véronique Bulteau, are pure eye candy. You'll find sardines in formal attire, casual clothes, beachwear, loungewear, and more. They're all so different—and that's what leads to the challenge of the game.

The rules are simple enough. First, you deal five cards to each player, which remain facedown. Then, you turn over a larger sardine can card and give players a chance to study it for about 10 seconds. The goal, of course, is to commit the pictured fish to memory. Next, players turn over their own cards and select (guess?) which ones were included in the can, while putting the others to the side.

Once the selections are made, you turn back over the sardine can card. You keep the cards you get correct in a "win pile" as a way to count your points. For the cards you got wrong, you discard two of your existing points (if you have any). This completes the round.

To start the next round, players draw new cards from the remaining deck so that they each have five again. Rounds continue until someone runs out of cards. Whoever has the most sardine cards in their win pile wins.



TASTE-TESTING SARDINES

I enjoyed Sardines. The rules were simple, and play was quick. With two players, our games lasted about 20 minutes. As I played, I found myself thinking of mnemonic devices for each of the different fish on the cards. At first, my husband thought the game would get easier when you had cards left after a round. As he theorized, you'd already know what cards you have going into the next round; but we both quickly learned that wasn't the case, at least not for folks with average memories. You're constantly adding and removing cards from your stash, so it does become harder than you might think, and that adds to the fun.

I loved the artwork and, as I played, I grew to develop favorite fish and was happy whenever they popped up. I travel for work and always bring along portable games to kill time in hotel lobbies; Sardines is definitely a contender for my carry-on. I look forward to playing again, especially with three or four people to see how that changes the challenge level and play time.

The only nit I have to pick with Sardines is that there are only about a dozen large cards, so you'll likely "open the same cans" within a single game. However, that might not be a big issue play-wise since the cards you have on deck are constantly changing.

THE BOTTOM LINE

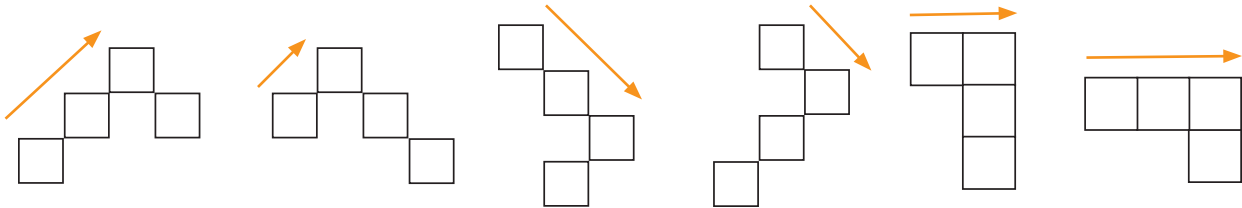
Sardines is a simple but fun memory-based card game, appropriate for all ages. It's also fun to look at and easy to transport. If you're like me and are still tentative about taste-testing tightly packed fish varieties—maybe it's the smell, the texture, or both—this game will allow you to enjoy sardines without actually eating them.

Purchase details: rainbowtomatoesgarden.com, \$9 + shipping (or visit the publisher's website for more information about where else to find Sardines: www.djeco.com.) ■

PAR 4

BY TODD KREISMAN

Fore! Er, “four,” rather. The four-letter answer to each of the below clues is to be entered into the grid in a 3×2 dogleg fashion, i.e., it will turn in one direction or another. Answers to the “Dogleg Left” clues will start leftward and turn left; likewise, answers to the “Dogleg Right” clues will start rightward and turn right. It is up to you to determine what path each takes. Answers can be entered either diagonally or horizontally/vertically. For example, the Dogleg Right answers can be entered in any of these six patterns:



Every square will be used at least twice: Note that tags such as “2 wds.” have been omitted. When the grid is completed, you should be able to locate a term that is painfully familiar to most golfers. That term is the solution to the contest.

To enter, send the contest solution, along with your name and address, to: **Par 4 Contest, GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES, P.O. Box 184, Fort Washington, PA 19034**. Entries may be sent in an envelope or written on the back of a postcard. You may send as many entries as you like, but each entry must be mailed separately. Entries must be received by May 31, 2022. Winners will be chosen by random draw from among the correct answers. ■

DOGLEG LEFT

- 2 Frozen heroine
- 3 Utopian garden
- 4 Shot from beyond the arc
- 5 Hollywood sighting
- 6 ___ cloud (source of comets)
- 7 Italy's shape
- 9 Follow closely
- 12 Raise, as a child
- 13 Fortified wine
- 14 Consumes
- 17 Repair
- 21 Egyptian deity
- 22 Dance movement
- 23 Not particularly challenging
- 25 Kind of insurance
- 27 Open-handed hit
- 30 Very much
- 32 Dread
- 33 Nutty snack bar brand
- 35 ___ Land
- 36 Chip dip, for short
- 38 Senior formal
- 40 Greenish-blue
- 43 Parking guide
- 44 Milkshake additive

- 45 2020 Presidential candidate O'Rourke
- 46 Toaster waffle brand
- 47 Stage accessory
- 49 Employs
- 50 Airport rental
- 51 Rural road sign image
- 53 Gearshift setting
- 54 Trousers cincher
- 55 Brainy Ghostbuster
- 56 Mythical beast
- 60 Thick piece
- 63 Diving bird with a signature call
- 64 Coastal flier
- 66 Prepared eggs for Easter
- 69 Pop, to a non-Midwesterner
- 70 Starbucks size
- 73 Nolan's Batman
- 74 Fixes a squeak
- 75 Sully
- 76 Helvetica, for one
- 77 Jack Sprat's dietary preference
- 78 California wine country
- 80 Unanticipated obstacle
- 82 Run with a long stride
- 83 Fishing locale

- 89 Actress Patricia
- 91 Fix, as a pet
- 95 Flip through a book
- 97 Developer of the polio vaccine
- 100 Toddler snoozes
- 101 Tiny bits
- 105 Up to the challenge
- 106 Whiskey grains
- 107 Vegetarian no-no
- 108 Award for Tom Brady
- 109 Metronome measurements, briefly
- 110 Stun with a gun
- 111 Break under pressure

DOGLEG RIGHT

- 1 News article intro
- 3 CNN anchor Burnett
- 5 Categorize
- 6 Follow orders
- 8 Satisfy fully
- 10 Appear
- 11 Yangs' counterparts
- 15 Tim Robbins's *Shawshank* role
- 16 Jazz legend Fitzgerald
- 17 Diminutive parasite
- 18 *The Addams Family* actor Julia

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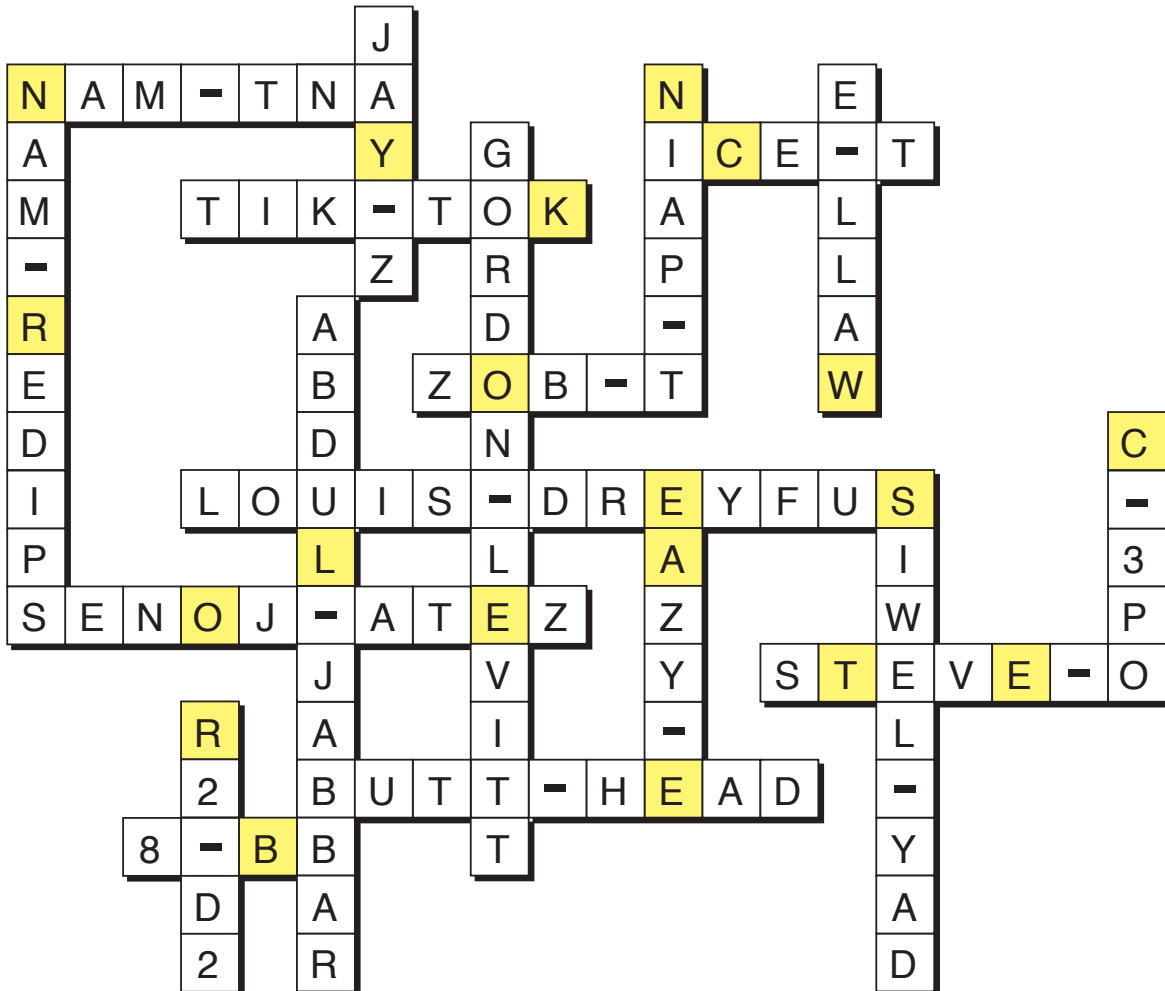
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| <p>19 The "A" in NEA</p> <p>20 Country singer Keith</p> <p>22 Char</p> <p>24 Swindle</p> <p>26 <i>Better Call</i> ____</p> <p>27 PepsiCo brand</p> <p>28 Letters of urgency</p> <p>29 Portray an elf, perhaps</p> <p>31 First family member</p> <p>34 Pond organism</p> <p>36 Earth goddess</p> <p>37 Assign a grade</p> <p>39 Word after shoe or family</p> <p>40 From a distance</p> <p>41 Military outfit</p> <p>42 Bean ____ (tofu)</p> <p>43 Showed up</p> <p>45 Narrow tie</p> <p>48 Docking area</p> <p>51 Snare or bongo</p> <p>52 Spellbound</p> | <p>54 Sink your teeth into</p> <p>55 Observed</p> <p>57 Took to court</p> <p>58 <i>SNL</i> cast member Mooney</p> <p>59 Chess finale</p> <p>61 Theater section</p> <p>62 High time?</p> <p>65 British beverages</p> <p>67 Former U.S. Attorney
General William</p> <p>68 Classic Tim Conway character</p> <p>70 Many a new driver</p> <p>71 Besides</p> <p>72 Post-op recommendation</p> <p>73 Brazen</p> <p>74 Shoe scent</p> <p>75 Real estate status</p> <p>76 Hightailed it out of there</p> <p>78 Driver's license datum</p> <p>79 Hymn closer</p> <p>81 Clue weapon</p> | <p>83 Unpaid TV spots</p> <p>84 Creative thought</p> <p>85 Monopoly card</p> <p>86 Not guilty, for example</p> <p>87 Not prompt</p> <p>88 Ladies of France, briefly</p> <p>89 Brooklyn team</p> <p>90 Mimic</p> <p>91 Hook's right-hand man</p> <p>92 Gold source</p> <p>93 Former Swedish auto manufacturer</p> <p>94 Flagship airline of Israel</p> <p>95 Not as much</p> <p>96 Poker contribution</p> <p>97 Eye blemish</p> <p>98 Breathe heavily</p> <p>99 Picnic nuisances</p> <p>102 Natural disaster org.</p> <p>103 Pub orders</p> <p>104 <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> philosopher</p> <p>107 Flat-topped hill</p> |
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LIVING UP TO THE HYPH

FROM SEPTEMBER

To solve this contest, you had to enter 19 names (11 entertainers and 8 fictional characters), each of which contains a hyphen, into the grid provided. (In the case of real people, only the hyphenated portion of their name was to be entered.) Names could read up, down, left, or right. After completing the grid, you had to anagram the letters in the shaded boxes to spell the full name (also containing a hyphen) of another well-known person. That person's name was the solution to the contest. The completed grid, along with the name that was the solution to the contest, is shown below.

This was a challenging contest; we received only 180 entries, virtually all of which gave the correct solution. Congratulations to everyone who successfully solved it. Without further ado, the winner of the \$100 first prize is Steven McGonnell of Olean, NY. Runner-up prizes of a year's subscription to GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES (or an additional year for current subscribers) go to: Carolyn Apte of San Jose, CA; Robin Butler of Phoenix, AZ; Steve Moody of Austin, TX; Jean Naviaux of Miami, FL; and Jay Winter of Farmington Hills, MI. ■



CONTEST SOLUTION: BEYONCE KNOWLES-CARTER

THE BIRDING GAME WITH ROGER TORY PETERSON

In March 2020, COVID-19 ravaged the globe. Hospitals teemed with patients. Schools went virtual. Businesses closed or went remote, as workers familiarized themselves with Zoom and home offices.

Sickness, fear, and malaise settled upon our shut-down world.

Yet, a small voice was increasingly noticed by many: birds. In a quieted world of less traffic noise and no airplanes overhead, we were uplifted by birdsong. For many, watching and listening to birds became a source of comfort.

As the Omicron variant reared its head in the winter of 2021, and the world again slowed down, I reached for the balm of a 1990 board game called *The Birding Game with Roger Tory Peterson*. The objective of *The Birding Game* is to identify as many birds as possible in a set time period. The game is modeled after actual events called “Birdathons” or “Big Days,” which raise funds for environmental or conservation causes.

In the game, the birders solicit money from various sponsors. A typical sponsorship reads, “PURITAN BIRD-FEEDER COMPANY agrees to sponsor your cause and pledges \$3.00 for every bird you identify.”

The winner is determined by a formula of points based on the number of birds identified multiplied by sponsorship amounts. An agreed-upon time limit is set for the game; its publisher, Crown Enterprises, suggests two hours.

HABITATS ARE WHERE IT'S AT

Game equipment includes four sets of Bird Sighting cards—one for each type of habitat (Woodland, Freshwater, Saltwa-

ter, and Open Country)—as well as cards for equipment, sponsorship, habitat entry, and “Birder’s Luck.” Birder’s Luck cards are akin to Monopoly Chance cards. Having the right equipment (e.g., binoculars) or sponsorship is a prerequisite for answering bonus questions during the game.

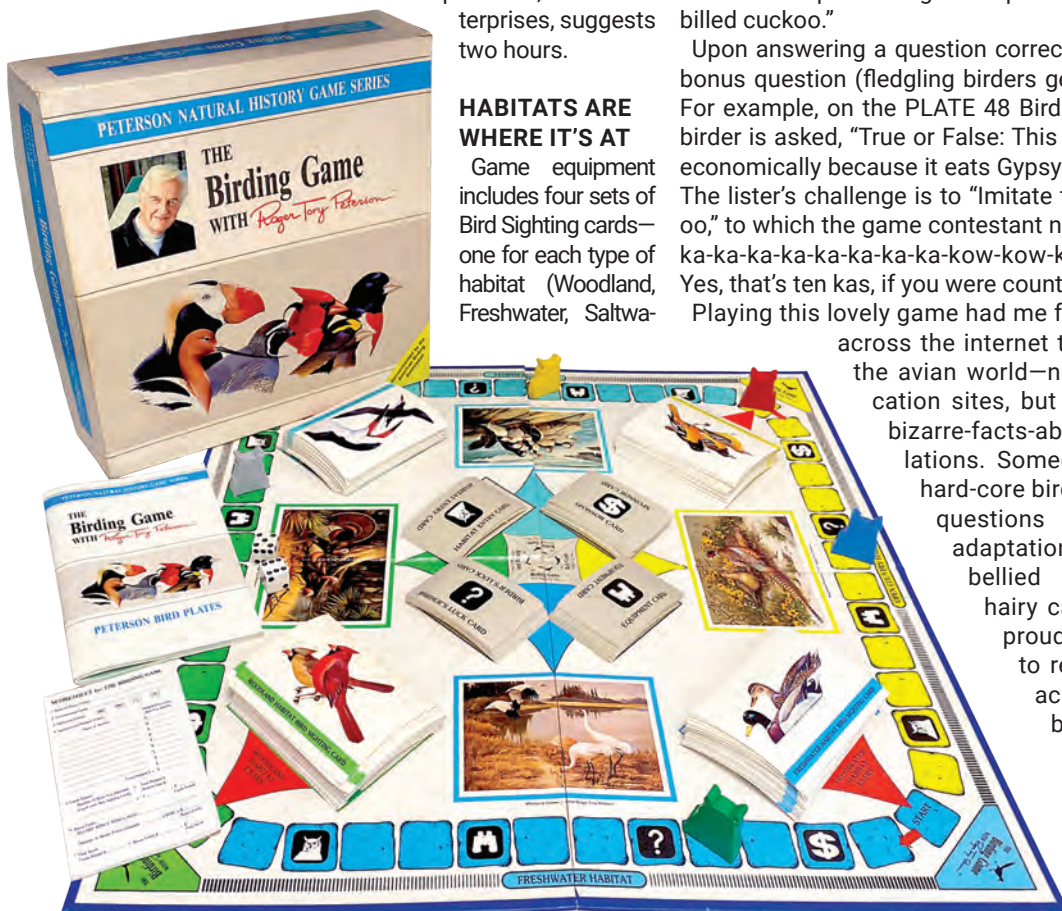
Players pick an owl token and roll dice to move across the board. Competitors move through habitats and try to identify birds as directed by a Bird Sighting card. For example, a card might read: “Identify BIRD 1 on PLATE 48.” Here, one consults a lovely booklet of birds painted by the renowned ornithologist Roger Tory Peterson. (In addition, Peterson was an illustrator, naturalist, and an inspirational figure in the 20th-century environmental movement.)

KA-KA-KA-KA-KA-KA-KA-KA-KA-KA-KOW-KOW-KOWLP-KOWLP-KOWLP

Initially, I was tempted to tweet, “I’m bird-brained at naming birds.” A real “lister,” or hard-core birder, would stuff the feathers out of me. However, a nice twist of the game is that experts have to give the full name of a bird being identified, while novices (beginning birdwatchers) only have to give its everyday name. For instance, the beginner birdwatcher gets credit for saying “cuckoo,” whereas the pro must go a step deeper and say “Yellow-billed cuckoo.”

Upon answering a question correctly, the player gets a bonus question (fledgling birders get easier questions). For example, on the PLATE 48 Bird Card, the beginning birder is asked, “True or False: This cuckoo is important economically because it eats Gypsy Moth larvae” (True). The lister’s challenge is to “Imitate the call of this cuckoo,” to which the game contestant needs to reply “Ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-ka-kow-kow-kowlp-kowlp-kowlp.” Yes, that’s ten kas, if you were counting.

Playing this lovely game had me flocking to bird sites across the internet to learn more about the avian world—not just bird identification sites, but bird call sites, and bizarre-facts-about-birds compilations. Someday I hope to be a hard-core birder who can answer questions like, “What unique adaptation allows the yellow-bellied cuckoo to ingest hairy caterpillars?” And I’ll proudly chirp, “The ability to regurgitate its stomach lining with the hair build-up.” ■



PUZZLE
UNPACKING
WITCH BEAM
PC/MAC/LINUX/SWITCH/XBOX: \$20
AGE RANGE: 10+
PLAY TIME: 2-3 HOURS
PLAYERS: 1



objects changing over time. Each puzzle is tied to a year, and the visual elements alter accordingly, so a Game Boy will be replaced by a Wii and so on. The game binds the story a little too tightly to the

Marie Kondo got it all wrong: The pleasure of organizing doesn't lie in reducing possessions, but in getting all your stuff in just the right place, like a giant 3D jigsaw puzzle. Call it *The Life Changing Magic of Getting Your Books in Just the Right Order*. Unpacking understands this, and turns it into a chill puzzler that captures the only good part of moving: putting things away.

Unpacking begins with a single room, and then offers a series of larger living spaces for each subsequent puzzle. With each new challenge, you begin in a living space crowded with cardboard boxes. These are packed with things that need to be put on shelves, surfaces, and walls; in drawers and closets; and on kitchen counters and bathroom vanities. As the number of rooms expands, the placement gets more complex, but never overly complicated.

The pleasures in the game are subtle, and probably won't appeal to everyone. There are enough items of different shapes and sizes that you can't just slap things anywhere. Books need to be lined up, and the desk can get crowded pretty quickly. Underwear and bras fit perfectly in certain drawers, but not in others. The toothpaste and toothbrush should definitely go inside the glass. It all needs to be done just right to complete a level, and none of it needs to spark joy.

There's a light narrative going on in the background, as a character goes from a childhood bedroom in the 1990s, to college, through relationships, etc., each in a changing space with

puzzles at times, and logical places to put things are sometimes sacrificed to make a narrative point

Hidden in the accessibility options is a setting that allows you to "put items anywhere," but I didn't discover that until the end. This allows the next level to unlock once all objects are placed even if they're not where the game wants you to put them. It's a welcome feature that should have been easier to find. Some may find two hours of gameplay too short for 20 bucks, but it's a lovely package with plenty of nice touches, particularly for people who like finding just the right spot for something ■

GOOD CHOICE FOR FANS OF: DOGS ORGANIZED NEATLY

RATING B

STRATEGY
TAVERN MASTER
UNTITLED STUDIO
PC/MAC: \$15
AGE RANGE: EVERYONE
PLAY TIME: UNLIMITED
PLAYERS: 1



Taverns are the hubs of the role-playing world, where you can rest, recuperate, pick up a few clues, and find a quest. But does anyone think about the poor tavern keeper just trying to make payroll, attract customers, and squeeze in a few more tables or rooms? Of course not.

Tavern Master lets you grow your business from the medieval equivalent of a dive bar into a thriving hub providing food, drink, entertainment, and a wide selection of adventuring needs. It's solidly in the base-building, economic-sim genre, complete with staffing, customer satisfaction, financial management, and expansion possibilities, along with some elements unique to the making of a good bar.

As you'd expect, things start out simply. You begin with a room. Put in a bar, a barrel of beer, and a few tables, then hire a bartender and a server and wait

for patrons to start trickling in. As you earn some coin, it becomes possible to expand, adding more tables and hiring more staff. Research is handled in a simple tree, and unlocks the real treats, such as a steadily expanding menu of drinks and all manner of food. The kitchen can begin to turn out some pretty fancy cuisine, enabling you to host elaborate parties that pay off in both gold (used for upgrades) and reputation (used to attract trade).

Soon enough you can add an adventurer's table, and watch as every day a group of armored heroes troop in to take their seats and await their quests. By spending a little gold, you can put together an adventuring party, then assign them to missions in the surrounding area. These pay off with enhanced reputation and special items, such as strawberries and cheese for your larder.

As economic sims go, this is somewhat on the light side. It's not too hard to balance the books if you pace your spending and keep people happy. It took months of in-game time to fi-

nally get an unhappy guest, and she was only mad because I moved her table while she was still using it. The economics are not terribly complicated, and the research tree is equally simple.

And that's all just fine, because irritated customers and red ledgers are the least interesting part of base-building games. The focus in Tavern Master is right where it should be: on keeping a tavern in an RPG universe. As research allows you to expand to upper floors, the tavern grows into an impressive location with its own challenges and rewards. The only real problem is an interface that doesn't always place things where it should; otherwise this is a great chance to build the RPG inn of your dreams. ■

GOOD CHOICE FOR FANS OF: ROLLERCOASTER TYCOON

RATING A

WARGAME
WATERLOO SOLITAIRE
WORTHINGTON: \$30
AGE RANGE: 12+
PLAY TIME: 20-30 MIN. PER BATTLE
PLAYERS: 1

When the pandemic was causing supply chain problems for small wargame company Worthington, it got creative. Many publishers were hit with paper shortages and delivery issues, but Amazon print-on-demand was doing just fine. (Size has its benefits.) Worthington's solution was the Bookgame: a self-contained solitaire wargame in an 8.5"×11" format, printed and delivered by Amazon. It's kind of genius, since it shifts the hard costs of production and fulfillment to Amazon. The result is a handy, well-made package that delivers a fast, compact wargaming experience.

Waterloo Solitaire covers the most famous battle of the Napoleonic Era in a solo version playable using only the book, a die, and a pencil. The packaging claims that it includes 24 games, but that's overstating things a bit. There are 12 battles each for the French side and the Allied side,

and they are repeated in three difficulty levels (challenging, veteran, and tough). Furthermore, the maps are all the same—simply flipped for French or Allied sides. At the scale of the game, this isn't too surprising, but those expecting 24 unique scenarios will be disappointed. This is Waterloo fought on a single map, roughly at corps level.

For the French player, the objective is to reduce two of the three Allied infantry formations to zero, while the Allied objective is to prevent this from happening. This is accomplished by the use of an autonomous "bot" player, which performs actions according to menu options chosen by die rolls. The player can issue one action per turn, which can be supported with an optional Combined Arms Tactics action.

Napoleon has six formations (II Corps, Imperial Guard, etc.), while Nelson has seven (Hougoumont, Right Wing, etc.). Prussians are also depicted on the maps and may enter play. Actions for the active player are listed along the bottom of the map, but may not be used twice in a row. The opposing side's response is determined by a die roll. Once the opposing turn



is processed, the human side rolls to determine attack results and damage, marking off the results in the book.

Since you write in it, the book is consumable, although clipping a transparent sheet from the front of a report cover allowed me to use dry-erase markers and left my copy clean. The Bookgame concept is a great idea and a clever way to deliver a light wargaming experience. It's not long or particularly deep, but gamers looking for just a taste of action in about 30 minutes will find it quite enjoyable. ■

GOOD CHOICE FOR FANS OF: THE FIELDS OF NORMANDY

RATING B

WORD GAME
WORD HEIST
GAMEWRIGHT: \$20
AGE RANGE: 10+
PLAY TIME: 20 MIN.
PLAYERS: 2-6

As 2022 got underway, people were rediscovering the pleasures of word games thanks to Wordle, a quick and easy, once-a-day word puzzle. While there's no shortage of solid tabletop alternatives to Wordle, there's always room for one more, and Gamewright's Word Heist has enough novel features to make it a welcome addition.

Word Heist unfolds in two phases using a simple scoring board, some cards, and little whiteboards. A 26-card deck divides the alphabet into 13 common consonants, eight rare consonants, and five vowels. Players draw a letter deck from each of these types, with the amount and distribution varying according to the number of players. For example, in a three- or four-player game you'd draw four consonants, two vowels, and one rare letter. This deck is shuffled and then placed, one card at a time, under the board.



The board has a scoring track on the right, but on the left are bonus point slots. Using a letter from one of these locations adds points to your final score. Other cards award extra points for a variety of conditions, such as making a word that begins and ends with a vowel.

Everyone gets a small whiteboard and a dry-erase marker. Once the letters are revealed, players have one minute to make a word using as many letters as possible. This word is written on the whiteboard and kept secret. It's called the Heist Word because other players are going to try to guess it in order to steal its point value.

After everyone has written a word, players have an opportunity to drop clues to their hidden words. This is done by placing chips on as

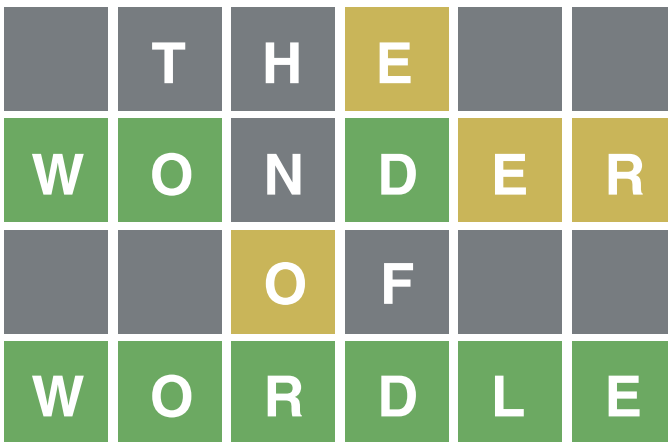
many or as few letters as you care to reveal. There's a push-your-luck feel to this phase of the game, since the more clues you drop, the higher you can score. However, if you drop too many clues, it makes your word easier to guess and someone can steal those points.

Once everyone has placed their chips, people have a chance to write a Halt Word on their whiteboards based on the clues left by the other players. If anyone (or everyone) guesses another player's word correctly in the halt phase, they earn the points and the player whose word is guessed earns nothing. The game continues through three rounds using the same letters, but with different bonus opportunities.

This is a nifty, fast-playing little game. It sets up quickly and is simple to explain and play, with lots of interaction. There's even some room for strategy and bluffing in both word choice and clue choice. It's not a deep game, but it's great for a larger group looking for something fast. ■

GOOD CHOICE FOR FANS OF: SCRABBLE

RATING A



Wardle originally made Wordle (get it?) for his partner, Palak Shah, who enjoys word games like the *NYT's* Spelling Bee. The mechanics are simple: Each day there's a new five-letter word all players try to guess, and every player gets six guesses. Correct letters are highlighted; discards are grayed out. Significantly, there's only one Wordle per day. That undoubtedly attracted players. "It's something that encourages you to spend three minutes a day," Wardle noted. "And that's it."

Originally, solvers were attracted to the no-frills website, www.powerlanguage.co.uk/wordle. It had no banners, pop-up ads, or push notifications. "It's not trying to do anything shady with your data or your eyeballs," Wardle told the *New York Times* a few weeks before the "Gray Lady" bought the puzzle. "It's

Wordle is a pandemic phenomenon. The daily word-guessing game was introduced late last fall. Free to play, on November 1, 2021, it had 90 players; by the middle of January 2022, there were roughly 2 million. Then, on January 31, the *New York Times* bought it for an amount "in the low seven figures."

Wordle's popularity caught many by surprise, including its creator, Josh Wardle. "It's not my full-time job and I don't want it to become a source of stress and anxiety in my life," the Brooklyn-based software engineer and artist told the *Guardian*.

just a game that's fun."

Since Wordle went viral, enthusiasts, linguists, and psychologists have all weighed in. Some seek the ideal opening guess—ADIEU is the front-runner—others are trying to explain its appeal. But references to corpus linguistics and Csikszentmihalyian "flow" are irrelevant. Wordle is just plain fun. Wardle said it best: "During this weird situation it's a way for people to connect in a low effort, low friction way."

Whether those good vibes continue under new management remains to be seen. ■

OFF THE BOOKSHELF: *BLACK BLOCKS, WHITE SQUARES*

The daily crossword is a comfort to many people, including me. The standard 15×15 grid, composed of regular rows and columns, is both familiar and solvable. And by filling in the Across and Down entries, we bring order to an otherwise chaotic world.

Leonard Williams's recent book, *Black Blocks, White Squares: Crosswords with an Anarchist Edge*, is likely to unsettle solvers who prefer to keep politics out of their puzzles. Williams, a professor emeritus of political science at Indiana's Manchester University, studies ideologies and anarchism. He's also a constructor whose puzzles have appeared in outlets like the *Los Angeles Times* and *Fireball Crosswords*.

Black Blocks, White Squares contains 51 themed crossword puzzles. Throughout, Williams adheres to standard crossword conventions but incorporates content solvers won't encounter in puzzles published in the mainstream media. His themes include intersectionality, mutual aid, and social ecology. It's okay, though, if you don't know "Gorz who authored *A Strategy for Labor*" (ANDRE) or "Part of TAZ" (ZONE), because you



can usually figure them out by working the crossings. Besides, he offers brief, informative explanations in his "Constructor's Notes."

Most of the grids, ranging in size from 15×15 to 21×21, are straightforward, but there are occasional surprises. I particularly liked "Democracy in the Workplace," where the theme answers are "disrupted," i.e., they have an extra letter in them, because they cross the long Down entry, PARTICIPATION, or "Radical democratic essence."

For some, Williams's crosswords won't pass the "breakfast test," the unwritten rule that crosswords shouldn't upset solvers over their morning coffee. But it'd be a shame if puzzle enthusiasts dismissed them outright. *Black Blocks, White Squares* is clearly in sync with other recent efforts to make crosswords more inclusive and diverse, like *The Inkubator* and *Queer Crosswords*. More important, being introduced to the ideas of Emma Goldman and David Graeber via crosswords strikes me as a good thing.

Curious to learn more about this book? Then visit www.akpress.org/blackblockswitesquares.html. ■

This story begins in a Maui convenience store way back in February 2009. As I was meandering through the aisles, I came upon a clearly misplaced issue of *GAMES* on the store's lonely rack of periodicals. As a former avid reader of the publication, I was overjoyed to be reunited with a lost friend and bought the issue on what was the very first day of an annual trip to Hawaii.

Upon digging into the magazine that evening, I saw that the classic puzzle types like crosswords and word searches were all there, as expected. However, it was the new puzzle formats I had never seen before that really caught my eye. When I got to the pair of Helter-Skelter puzzles constructed by Frank Longo (like the ones on page 31), I did an immediate double take. Upon looking at how the provided answer to the first clue was entered diagonally in red in the 8x8 grid—and without reading the directions—I (erroneously) assumed I was looking at a crossword-type puzzle with no shaded squares. I (incorrectly) surmised that the solver had to determine in which direction each answer needed to be placed in the grid so that every square ended up being filled. Intrigued by this (misinterpreted) design, I tried the puzzle for a few minutes but then gave up, exasperated.

Now here's the kicker: If I had actually read the Helter-Skelter directions, I would have learned that the puzzle's numbering system clearly guides you to how each answer should be entered in the grid. While I'm sure it's a bear of a puzzle to construct, this numbering does indeed make it easier to solve. But I wouldn't realize this for a long time.

As my spouse drove us to our favorite body-surfing beach the next morning, I mentioned that it would be really fun to try to construct a puzzle while on vacation. Out of the blue, as I looked at the paradise that surrounded us, I blurted out the fish *mahi mahi*. And then the island of *Bora Bora*. Knowing where I was going with this, my spouse chimed in with *couscous* and *cha-cha*. Grabbing a pen and a store receipt I had in my knapsack, I started jotting down all the double phrases we could come up with during our short drive. After we had more than a dozen identified (from the rather banal *yo-yo* to the inspiring *Louie, Louie* song title by The Kingsmen), I made a pact with myself that I was going to create a Helter-Skelter puzzle using these double phrases. Then, I was going to take a big risk and see if *GAMES* might actually publish it.

After many false starts—still completely oblivious to the real puzzle's actual directions—I did it! As rudimentary as it was, I had created my own Helter-Skelter puzzle. (W-r-o-n-g!) After dubbing my obvious new masterpiece "Double Trouble," I sent it to *GAMES* for publishing consideration. And wouldn't you know it—they said "yes." A new, and very green, puzzle constructor was born.

Since then, the good folks at *GAMES* have graciously published scores of my word challenges—including many special sections like this one. Additionally, my Whiteout! puzzles—named for the zero-visibility blizzard conditions that, in this case, prevent you from seeing any shaded squares in a crossword grid—have thankfully gotten more sophisticated.

Even though the Whiteout! grid closely resembles Helter-Skelter's (especially in the 8x8 format), big differences can be seen upon closer inspection of the puzzle directions, below. In addition to all Whiteout! answers fitting a common theme, one of the most interesting differences is the fact that more than one answer sometimes emanate from the same numbered square (e.g., in the last puzzle of this special section, eight answers—beginning with the same letter and fanning out in every possible direction—start from the same numbered square).

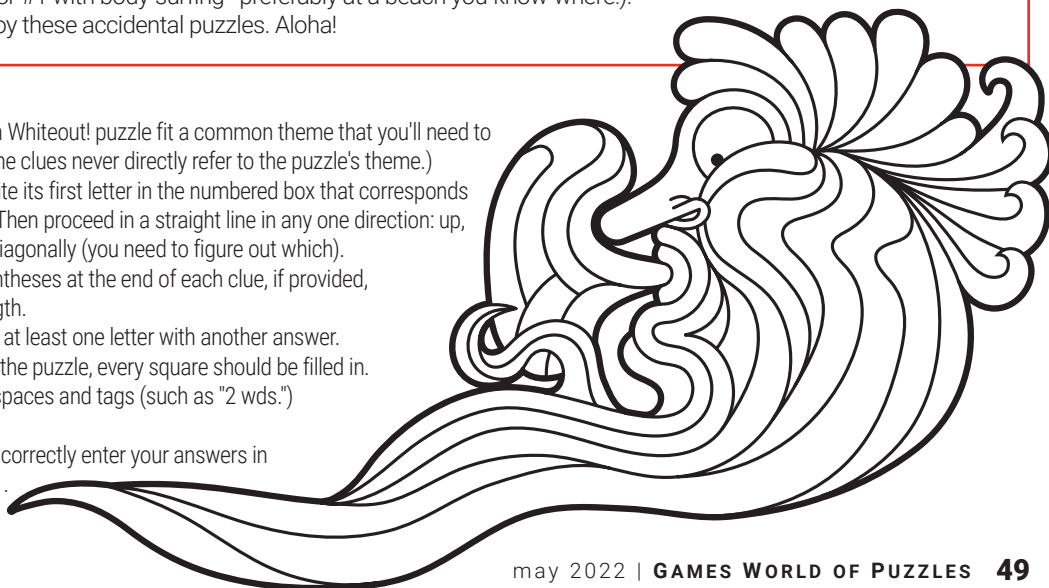
However, the strong resemblance between the two puzzles is still undeniable—and now you know why. Undoubtedly, I never would have conceived of this puzzle variation if I had actually read the Helter-Skelter directions that time in Maui. When I finally did read them a few years later, my deep embarrassment turned my face redder than a Hawaii sunburn.

There's also no doubt that if *GAMES* had declined my first submission, I would've given up puzzle-making right then and there. I am so grateful for how this has all played out, since puzzle constructing has been my favorite pastime for over 12 years now (tied for #1 with body-surfing—preferably at a beach you-know-where!).

I hope you enjoy these accidental puzzles. Aloha!

DIRECTIONS

- ✳ The answers in each Whiteout! puzzle fit a common theme that you'll need to identify. (Note that the clues never directly refer to the puzzle's theme.)
 - ✳ For each answer, write its first letter in the numbered box that corresponds to the clue number. Then proceed in a straight line in any one direction: up, down, left, right, or diagonally (you need to figure out which).
 - ✳ The number in parentheses at the end of each clue, if provided, denotes answer length.
 - ✳ Each answer shares at least one letter with another answer.
 - ✳ Upon completion of the puzzle, every square should be filled in.
- Note:** Punctuation, spaces and tags (such as "2 wds.") have been omitted.
- ✳ For a hint on how to correctly enter your answers in the grid, see page 71.



WHITEOUT! PUZZLE 1

This is a standard 8x8 Whiteout! puzzle.
(See page 49 for puzzle directions.)
Good luck!

ANSWERS, PAGE 78

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COMMON THEME:

- Katie Ledecky or Mark Spitz's sport (8)
- Kitchen or bathroom feature (4)
- Florida isle, e.g. (3)
- Gospel's Mahalia or baseball's Reggie (7)
- Hydrating the plants (8)
- Colorful, sugary marshmallow chick (4)
- Urban bird (6)
- Spend wastefully (4)
- Word before comedy or widow (5)
- Mandible (3)
- ATM password (3)
- It sometimes thickens (4)
- Varieties include shoofly and humble (3)
- Hurricane center (3)
- Odd-out connector (3)
- Clear as ___ (confusing) (3)
- Treat for Homer Simpson (5)
- Left, on a ship (4)
- Circular roller coaster feature (4)

WHITEOUT! PUZZLE 2

To make this standard 8x8 Whiteout! puzzle more challenging, the brackets specifying answer length have been withheld. (See page 49 for puzzle directions.)

ANSWERS, PAGE 78

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		11	12				

COMMON THEME:

- Predicament
- Fireplace tool
- Spud
- Enchilada wrap
- Wave, phone, or scope starter
- It may be clarified
- Life story, briefly
- Split ingredient
- Money maker in Denver or Philadelphia, e.g.
- It's often put on to make tea
- Chromosome component, briefly
- Gyro bread
- Wet ___ ("Don't touch" warning)
- Melter of Icarus's wings
- On thin ___
- Christmas color (to Elvis, not Bing)
- Toe woe

WHITEOUT! PUZZLE 3

This particular 12x12 Whiteout! version is called a "four corners" puzzle, since each corner is the starting square for three separate answers. (See page 49 for standard puzzle directions.) Good luck!

ANSWERS, PAGE 79

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COMMON THEME:

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| 1. Silk, smoke, or silver follower (6) | 17. Rain unit (4) |
| 1. Motion-limiting device for a broken arm (5) | 18. Captain who is Peter Pan's archenemy (4) |
| 1. Share equally (5) | 19. Kinetic and thermal are two forms of it (6) |
| 2. Treat alternative (5) | 20. Cocoa cup (3) |
| 3. "Such sweet sorrow," to Juliet (7) | 20. Sea of Tranquility locale (4) |
| 3. Football ref's call (7) | 21. It's Absolut-ly essential in a Cosmopolitan (5) |
| 3. Poker kitty (3) | 22. Like July in Palm Springs (3) |
| 4. Solve, as a code (5) | 23. Check for fingerprints (4) |
| 5. One of the Rice Krispies mascots (4) | 24. Lettuce or cauliflower unit (4) |
| 6. Miserly (5) | 25. Strong coffee (8) |
| 7. Jiggly dessert brand (5) | 26. Disgusting (4) |
| 8. 007's drink of choice (7) | 27. Per NBA rules, it must be 10 feet high (3) |
| 9. Cujo's affliction (6) | 28. Vital fluid (5) |
| 10. Souvenir shirt (3) | 28. Launch rocket or child car seat (7) |
| 11. Minor wrist punishment (4) | 28. TV's Archie (6) |
| 12. Pâté, essentially (5) | 29. Third-largest of the world's oceans (6) |
| 13. Part of WWW (4) | 29. Hormone produced by the islets of Langerhans (7) |
| 14. ___ conditioning (3) | 29. Oft-bearded garden perennial (4) |
| 15. Potato bud (3) | |
| 16. Ben or Brother preceder (3) | |

WHITEOUT! PUZZLE 4 & 5

These two 8x8 Whiteout! grids make up a “dynamic duo” puzzle. Each grid has a different common theme. However, all the clues below have been combined. It’s up to you determine in which grid and in which squares each answer should be placed. (See page 49 for standard puzzle directions.) Good luck!

ANSWERS, PAGE 78

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COMMON THEME:

1. Nehi-drinking *M*A*S*H* character (5)
1. Last courses (8)
1. Wheeled Monopoly token (7)
1. “Cuff” that enables the shoulder’s wide range of motion (7)
2. Valium alternative manufactured by Pfizer (5)
2. Junk email (4)
3. Bart Simpson’s bus driver (4)
3. Military bugle song (4)
4. Pampers unit (6)
4. Battle of the ____: 1973 King/Riggs tennis match (5)
5. “Little Red Riding Hood” meanie (4)
5. Property transfer legal document (4)
5. Frog-handling result, in a popular fallacy (5)
5. Pop (3)
6. “Unleaded” coffeehouse order (5)
6. Actress Gardner or director DuVernay (3)
6. 501 material (5)

COMMON THEME:

7. Pie-mode connector (3)
7. Actor Quaid or Hopper (6)
7. Beaver barrier (3)
8. “Waterloo” Eurovision song contest winners (4)
8. No-fat Jack of rhyme (5)
8. Tolstoy’s Karenina (4)
9. Starts the yarn-and-needles project again (7)
9. Arias and monologues (5)
10. “Give Peace a Chance” co-singer (3)
10. Groucho’s silent brother (5)
10. Kitchen utensil brand or non-winning tic-tac-toe sequence (3)
11. Utensils that may be slotted (6)
11. Sister (3)
12. U.S. national public health agency (3)
12. Honda model since 1972 (5)
12. Conference attendee identifier (7)
13. Monica who won the French Open at age 16 (5)
13. Brillo alternative (3)

WHITEOUT! PUZZLE 6

This particular 12×12 version of Whiteout! is dubbed an “asterisk” puzzle, since at least one of the squares—#10 in this case—has eight different answers emanating from it. When these eight answers are entered in the grid, they somewhat resemble an asterisk or star. (See page 49 for standard puzzle directions.) Good luck! **ANSWERS, PAGE 79**

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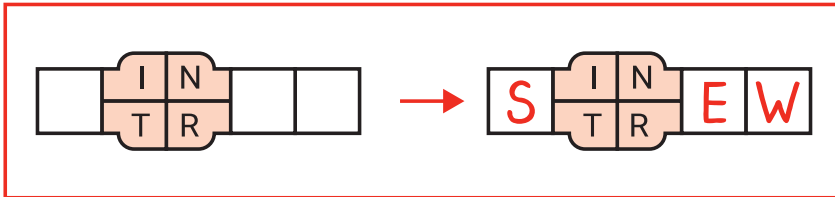
COMMON THEME:

1. Doll that comes with birth and adoption certificates (12)
1. “Scaredy-cat!” (7)
2. Annual college alumni weekend (10)
3. NBA team in the Beehive State (4)
4. *Swan Lake*, e.g. (6)
4. *Strictly ___* (Baz Luhrmann hit film) (8)
5. It’s the “R” in R&B (6)
6. Camera aid in low light (5)
7. “Reduce speed” sign near a school (4)
8. What the prefix “helio” means (3)
9. “Wake Me Up Before You ___” (Wham! Hit) (4)
10. Word before heart or cow (6)
10. Football position or 2-point scoring play (6)
10. Burrito condiment (5)
10. Adult male deer (4)
10. Like the shape of Switzerland’s flag (6)
10. ___ the landing (end perfectly) (5)
10. San Francisco’s Lombard, for one (6)
10. Like a battleground state, politically (5)
11. Simple higher-card-wins game (3)
12. Unfancy kind of water (3)
13. Common farm building (4)
14. Pipe woe (4)
15. Flight part (4)
16. Bringing up the rear (4)
17. Poem part (4)
18. Brewed beverage (3)
19. Word after inner, traffic, or vicious (6)
20. One of the Indy 500’s 200 (3)
21. Sports team devotee (3)
22. Warsaw native, e.g. (4)
23. ___ dot (5)
24. On cloud nine (5)
25. One of the M’s in MoMA (6)
26. Studio 54, e.g. (5)
27. “Grand” hit that scores four runs (4)
28. Nation (7)



The only clues in this crossword are the letter pairs provided in the grid. Each answer across and down consists of two words that share the letters you'll enter in the empty squares. In the example below, S, E, and W fill the empty squares to make SINEW and STREW. No proper names are used; you may find a few cases with more than one possible combination of letters, but only one solution will fit with the crossing answers.

ANSWER, PAGE 76



This puzzle gives you two grids for the price of one. And two sets of clues to go with them, so you can work both crosswords at the same time. What's the catch? Each clue number is followed by two different clues to two different answers. The puzzle is to figure out which answer goes with which grid. 1-Across has been filled in for you. **ANSWERS, PAGE 77**

ACROSS

- 1 One of two major baseball leagues...
...and the other
- 9 Gift-wrapping need
Test version
- 13 Spy's alias: 2 wds.
Plane seating areas that often have more legroom: 2 wds.
- 14 Designer Cassini
Gilbert and Sullivan's "When I Was ___": 2 wds.
- 15 Teeter-tottered
Fled really fast: 3 wds.
- 16 Unlucky number for Caesar?
Precious
- 17 35mm camera type
LAX info
- 18 The Simpsons' neighbor
Jar topper
- 19 Swimwear material
High-stick pool shot
- 20 Narcs' agcy.
"Notorious" Supreme Court inits.
- 21 Annual toy toter
DIYer's book: Hyph.
- 22 Stand up to
Fairy-tale fiend
- 25 Pupil who regularly scores in the 80s: 2 wds.
Self-serving activities: 2 wds.

- 28 2021 World Series winners...: 2 wds.
...and losers: 2 wds.
- 30 Frozen fish brand: 2 wds.
"Listen to me, rambling again!": 3 wds.
- 31 Teller's partner
Little costar Rae
- 32 Vex greatly: 2 wds.
Belgian port
- 33 Short plane trip
Nightly-night wear
- 35 Blacksmith's block
Turns sharply
- 36 In the capacity of
Vid recorder
- 37 Botch it up
Wildlife park
- 40 Bar brew, in Berlin
Old Icelandic saga
- 41 Traitor
Revitalizing snooze: 2 wds.
- 43 Doping juice
Not punctual
- 44 *Great Jewish Joke Book*
writer: 2 wds.
Take on gradually: 2 wds.
- 45 Baseball's Slaughter
Part of A.D.
- 46 How those in agreement see: 3 wds.
Makes a bet: 2 wds.

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DOWN

- 1 Loch ___ Monster
Lot measure
- 2 Ice-skating jump
Castle ditch
- 3 Novelist Ferber
Arena level
- 4 Ring arbiter
Part of "TGIF"
- 5 Combined: 2 wds.
Toothbrush brand: Hyph.
- 6 "That finally makes sense": 4 wds.
Be concerned for: 2 wds.
- 7 Dumbfounded
In the thick of
- 8 After deductions
"Acid"
- 9 Additions to a restaurant bill: 3 wds.
Skin-cleansing spa treatments: 2 wds.
- 10 Top celebs: Hyph.
Optional course
- 11 Unseal ungently: 2 wds.
Compatriots
- 12 Taj Mahal city
Falco of *Nurse Jackie*
- 19 Tolkien trilogy, for short
Graphic novel by Art Spiegelman
- 20 Reckless outlaw
Car rollers in back: 2 wds.
- 21 Cache: 2 wds.
Large, long-strapped handbag: 2 wds.
- 22 Jack Sprat's no-no
Resistance unit
- 23 Devoured tons of: 2 wds.
Of Greece's capital
- 24 Steadfastly believe in: 2 wds.
Entered hurriedly: 2 wds.
- 26 NBC hit since '75
Practical joke
- 27 IRS ID
Screening airport gp.
- 29 Patricia of *Hud*
Darkens in the sun
- 34 Leigh of *Psycho*
Boding signs
- 35 Amply skilled
Aloe ___
- 36 Fizzy drink
Wharf
- 37 Oklahoma city
Divide into districts
- 38 Objectivist Ayn
Like Cheerios
- 39 D&D and Final Fantasy, e.g.
Siouan tribe
- 41 Peg in a golf bag
Buddy
- 42 *King Kong* studio
AFL-___

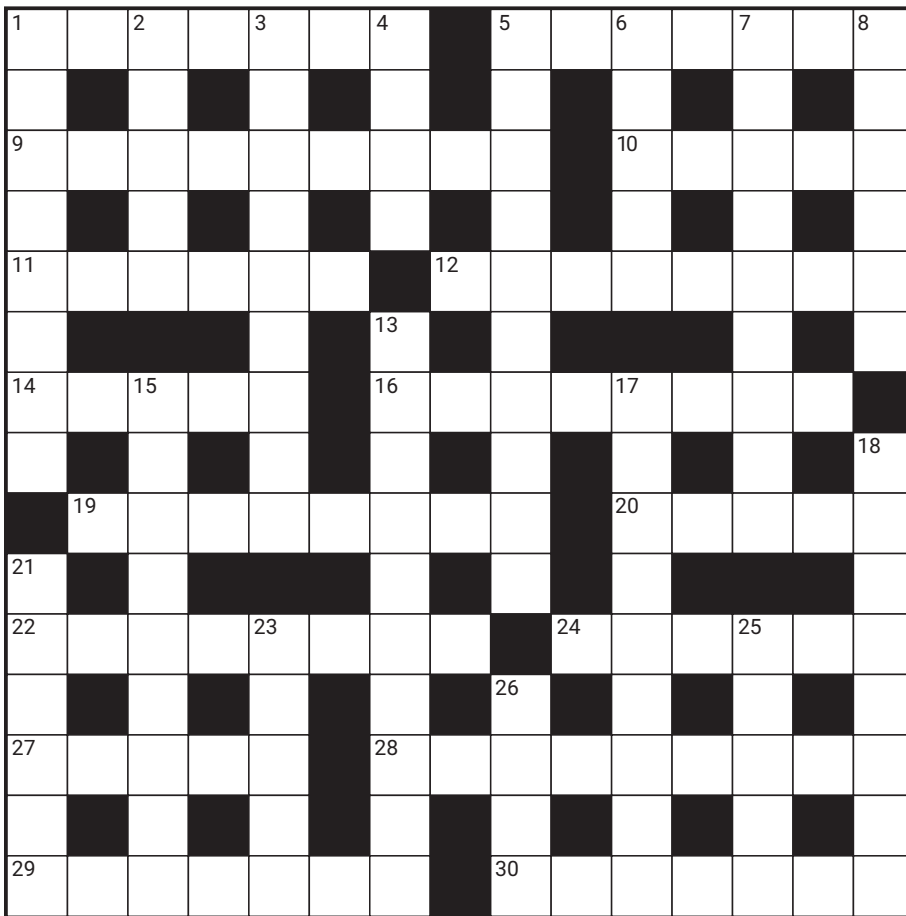
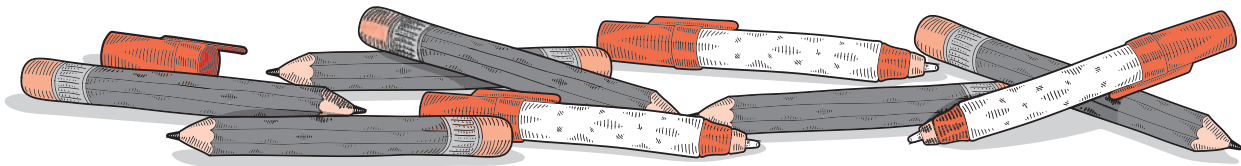
CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 1

BY MIKE SCHROEDER

Each clue in a cryptic crossword has two parts: a definition of the answer and an indication of the answer's literal makeup via wordplay. Either half may come first; finding the dividing point between the two parts is the key to solving. On page 61, eight common methods by which hints are given via wordplay are described; any combination of these gimmicks may be used.

Expect to see references to abbreviations (*doctor* for DR, *Hawaii* for HI, or *university* for U), chemical symbols (*iron* for Fe), Roman numerals (*five* for V), and parts of words (*end of year* for R, *head of cabbage* for C, or *heart of stone* for O). A clue with an exclamation point may be what's called an & *lit.* clue, in which the two halves overlap, so the whole clue is both a definition and a cryptic indication of the answer, as in *Terribly angered!* for ENRAGED (see "anagrams" on page 61). Give these puzzles a try!

ANSWERS, PAGE 76



- 28 Jails brats, including Rhode Island boy (9)
- 29 Odd legs bothered husky (4,3)
- 30 Archrival is seen rampaging around Maryland's capital (7)

DOWN

- 1 Entire struggle involving fifty (8)
- 2 Sticky substance ruined siren (5)
- 3 Unusual to revere a glutton (9)
- 4 Trap catches one orderly (4)
- 5 Company bigwigs and I excuse vet in confusion (10)
- 6 Mr. Huntley is around back of news bureau (5)
- 7 Gloomy printer caught in the act (9)
- 8 Some decide, "Let everyone strike out" (6)
- 13 Urban grief: revolutionary pelted (10)
- 15 Changed Rent-a-Duke contract (9)
- 17 Dorothy's aunt holds nutty pie, hums inoffensive phrase (9)
- 18 Walks unevenly into appliance company's views (8)
- 21 Fees maintaining North Carolina's barriers (6)
- 23 Use first of paragraph in dispatch (5)
- 25 Presses actor Jeremy (5)
- 26 Team of mules sleeps standing up (4)

ACROSS

- 1 For example, Flintstones cereal box contains ring (7)
- 5 Altered message ended holding company (7)
- 9 Heave IBMs around! (9)
- 10 Kick out former head of public transportation in Chicago (5)
- 11 Loiter in mall in Germany (6)
- 12 Intelligence rating not quite revised (8)
- 14 Have faith in early Ford model with corrosion (5)
- 16 Troublesome Eve ruins everything (8)
- 19 Damaged oar blade—charming (8)
- 20 Reportedly sell bike (5)
- 22 UN area is in turmoil over two continents (8)
- 24 Psychic is quiet about editor and myself (6)
- 27 Climber's first rest stop (5)

For tips on solving cryptic crosswords, send a stamped return envelope to "Cryptic Solving Guide," GAMES WORLD OF PUZZLES, P.O. Box 184, Fort Washington, PA 19034.

Anagrams: The answer appears in anagrammed form, preceded or followed by a word or phrase that suggests the mixing, as in *Changing times* for ITEMS.

Deletions: Deletions come in three varieties: beheadments, curtailments, and internal deletions. The clue always contains a word or phrase indicating the deletion. Examples: *Uncovered bent charm* for ENCHANT, a beheadment of PENCHANT; *Fiery bird without a tail* for FLAMING, a curtailment of FLAMINGO; and *Heartless miserly bloke* for CHAP, an internal deletion of CHEAP.

Charades: The answer is broken into smaller words that are clued individually, as in *Auto animal* for CARPET.

Containers: A word such as PATIENTS "contains"

TIE inside PANTS, so it might be clued as *Hospital residents make knots in trousers*.

Hidden answers: The answer may appear intact, albeit camouflaged, in the clue. Example: *Myopic colonel clutches flute* for PICCOLO (myopic colonel).

Homophones: A word that sounds like the answer indicated by use of a giveaway phrase such as "We hear" or "as they say." Example: *Counted frozen chicken out loud* for NUMBERED ("numb bird").

Reversals: A synonym for "backward" or "overturn" in a clue may indicate a reversal, as in *Returned beer fit for a king* (LAGER reversed) for REGAL.

Double definitions: This type of clue has no wordplay half; instead, it has two definition halves. Example: *Scooter was blue* for MOPED.

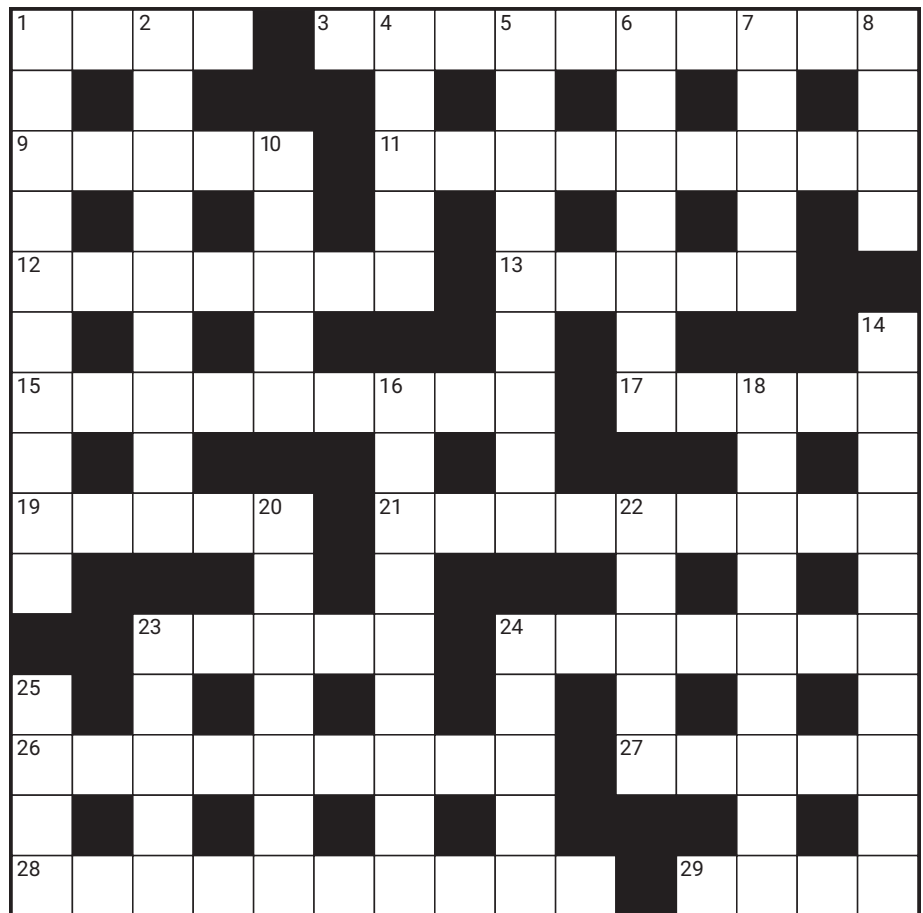
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ACROSS

- 1 At first, captain rejoiced exuberantly with group of sailors (4)
- 3 Teases Stallone for no particular reason (10)
- 9 Rope loop promptly sent back East (5)
- 11 Bostonian, for example, reenters a convertible (9)
- 12 Was left around beginning of semester (7)
- 13 Garment is puffy? (5)
- 15 Uncertain, Ms. Peron backs up behind camp structure (9)
- 17 Find out Shakespeare's king is on final in Latin (5)
- 19 Greased egg deli flipped over (5)
- 21 Alien enemy holds reign by end of year (9)
- 23 Nut product's entire container appeared normal initially (5)
- 24 Postponed act about place (7)
- 26 *Esquire*: It is surprisingly in demand (9)
- 27 Vocalist's unfinished toast? (5)
- 28 Creep tends to change earlier decisions (10)
- 29 Encounter swarm on the way back (4)

DOWN

- 1 Rule against opening charged item (10)
- 2 Fiery explosion of a mine tool (9)
- 4 Correct me in closing (5)



5 Paper said wrinkles vanish (9)

6 Perpetual rental changes after last of June (7)

7 Sun is over stuffy place? (5)

8 Hauler's cart pulled up to area in front of house (4)

10 Actor in complex tragedy (5)

14 Constituent rending tie in a frenzy (10)

16 In file about worker: "babyish" (9)

18 Pest anyone can upset (9)

20 Drop merchandise after last month (7)

22 They're said to be favorites in the theater lounges (5)

23 Provoke nasty quip on energy (5)

24 Inhabited west end of town after lewd uprising (5)

25 Ambush split up (4)

In this cryptic crossword, each clue consists of two wordplays leading to the answer; there are no definitions. Otherwise, the puzzle is normal. Answers include four last names (three real people, one sci-fi character) and a brand name.

ANSWERS, PAGE 79

ACROSS

- 1 Central America's controlled by smart street gang (6)
- 6 Some timid students give poor marks to engineering school (5)
- 9 McLaren auto shows aren't getting a new backer (5)
- 10 Rascal hides third of golf clubs? Boy! (4)
- 13 Lingerie item and shirt, pitch black, returned (4)
- 15 Tesla ride-hailing business suffering a reversal under the control of immature buttheads (5)
- 16 One relative is cloned (4)
- 17 Pirates running around a small Caribbean island (5)
- 18 Chicago train carrying famous man Lee operated on (6)
- 19 A tiring trek outside of antediluvian South Boston airport (6)
- 21 Fruit was first pale red hybrid (7)
- 22 Flagstaffs filled with empty old parking lots (7)
- 26 I am Twain, a little devil with attitude (6)
- 28 Bat-Girl's bad breath (6)
- 29 Tiny Tim always crosses the wrong direction in the morning; town has no inkling of course (5)
- 32 Riot destroyed Priam's city by the sound (4)
- 33 Work a vein I have found in Nevada's remote parts (5)
- 34 Roger gets fashionable orange tattoo (4)
- 35 A little Scottish head covering Dubya's given to retiring soldiers (4)
- 36 Neal, confounded, accepts \$1,000 offered by Bank Leumi (5)
- 37 Causing a sensation, the Spanish hired Sadaharu, the slugger from the East (5)

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- 38 Job's essence: protecting terrible bosses (6)
- 7 Endless debt—ugh!—strained insufficient budget (5)
- 8 Reservations about short clunky boat (4)
- 22 ATM access code incorporates a cipher, an irrational number and a negative (5)
- 23 On-again, off-again beau of blabby Polish grandma downing fifth of slivovitz at bar (6)
- 24 Scream after Senate's final moves quiet Republican president we "liked" (6)
- 25 Broadcast breaks! (6)
- 27 One shot of vodka in vessel raised to someone noteworthy (5)
- 28 Retro dress purse bearing Ralph's monogram (4)
- 30 Steam iron using only French water, say (4)
- 31 You-all called leader of Yankees a "tool" (4)
- 10 Carbon fuel company I left (4)
- 11 Jimmy coordinates December speeches (11)
- 12 Lee side of island (the east side of it) is protected by beach (5)
- 14 Dilapidated manor's window over the door doesn't open (6)
- 20 Snippet from actress Geena improved *Time* article covering *Exorcist's* premiere (6)
- 21 Cocky ace, in gym shower, takes a bit of teasing (7)

DOWN

- 1 Sons having fit stripping last of paint from horse barns (6)
- 2 Edges of ringlike silver article flowed, securing each part of gem (6)
- 3 In the undergarment section, I'd modeled dainties (TMI!) (11)
- 4 Actress Anne holds up a sample of negligees Sears distributed (6)
- 5 Good girls rip gas less (7)
- 6 Omar Sharif keeps breeding horses, blowing fourth of money (4)

In each of the Across answers in this variety cryptic crossword, one letter absents itself—that is, one letter leaves the answer to enter the shaded square in the left or right column (whichever is closer to that answer). The Down answers, which are normal, should help you determine which letters are absent. When the puzzle is completed, the shaded columns, reading down, will spell a related phrase.

ANSWERS, PAGE 80

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ACROSS

- 1 Most holy converts with no problems (8)
- 5 Pacify cabinet (7)
- 9 Understood Tom returned the thing (5)
- 11 Medicine does spread around sink (7)
- 13 Irritates VIPs for the listeners (6)
- 14 For the second time, make first of entrées after caterer screwed up (8)
- 16 Sharpened teeth broken in with piece of Dentyne (7)
- 17 Communist party turned more unusual (5)
- 18 Choke short parent (7)
- 20 Introduce urchin left by social worker (7)
- 23 Daphnis's beloved cat's beginning rough hole (5)
- 24 Breaking code behind top part of New England (4,3)
- 26 Rubber hose gets tangled after Rover loses head (8)
- 27 A fair loses face in Texas city (6)
- 28 Act for one income tax document (7)
- 29 1000 beds: returned merchandise (5)
- 30 Fools taking in one's backward square dance moves (2-2-3)
- 31 Greet us after reformation movements (8)

DOWN

- 1 Play second trumpet without sulkiness (5)
- 2 Some musicians love conservative New Year's celebration (5)
- 3 They sample the first of the flowers (7)
- 4 Show affection for ugly vole (4)
- 5 Plants opening of curtain before first part of play (5)
- 6 Unnecessary syringes at the end of operations (8)
- 7 Doesn't set straight Belgian port (6)
- 8 Always cut with cover off (4)
- 10 Throughout state, the Redbirds tied (8)
- 12 One luring French nobleman into fortuneteller (7)
- 15 Collide with and break bulwark (7)
- 16 Afflictions overwhelming 55 wild animals (6)
- 19 It could be so for shelters (5)
- 21 Player rejected piece of carrot cake (5)
- 22 *Time* article on Kansas military vehicles (5)
- 23 Keep hot antique (4)
- 25 Top piece of machinery grasped by one in suit (4)

DOUBLE CROSS

BY MICHAEL ASHLEY

Answer the clues on the numbered dashes, one letter per dash. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to reveal a quotation reading from left to right. (Black squares separate words.) When you're done, read down the list of answers; their initial letters will spell the author's name and the source of the quotation.

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41K	42N		43S	44R		45B		46N	47D	48L	49F	50P		51H	52N	53L	54O	55F	56C	57J		58F	59P	60C
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160Q		161B	162V	163R		164E	165Q	166O	167N	168F	169R		170K	171L	172Q	173O		174O	175M	176L		177U	178L	179G
180Q	181S		182S	183F	184V		185V	186A	187H	188K	189T	190C	191U		192F	193H	194C	195L	196U	197K				

ANSWERS, PAGE 80

- A. 1970 movie that won seven Oscars 40 98 146 152 186 37
 - B. Apt description for Answer A: Hyph. 69 76 45 110 161 14 123 97
 - C. Not conspicuous 31 190 11 5 127 194 56 130
 - D. First city to host three Summer Olympics 153 47 135 118 113 124
 - E. Unruly heads of hair: 2 wds. 32 139 164 4 19 111 131
 - F. Common sight in the rural U.S. South: 2 wds. 192 55 168 62 134 183 149
 - G. Range rovers 20 129 132 179 114 103
 - H. Catchall for adolescence: 2 wds. 193 128 21 51 151 187 75
 - I. *The Fall of Phaeton* artist 77 6 156 109 30 39
 - J. Colored delicately 57 92 119 27 150 23
 - K. Tom Hanks's first movie Western: 4 wds. 72 22 88 91 41 143 158
 - L. Major side effect of climate change: 2 wds. 178 93 65 176 171 102 34 83
 - M. Soft drink once pitched by Yogi Berra: Hyph. 7 175 71 147 112 36
 - N. Aravind Adiga's 2008 Man Booker Prize novel: 3 wds. 79 63 137 46 100 52 167
 - O. Colson Whitehead novel of 2021: 2 wds. 84 64 145 10 166 8 90
 - P. Called to mind 95 108 59 125 85 50
 - Q. How liberals lean 172 180 25 160 66 15 165 116
 - R. Rolling Stone's #1 pop song of all time 169 96 155 80 61 133 163 2 44
 - S. Pal of Pooh and Roo 181 182 33 43 78 120
 - T. Educational establishments 104 18 70 94 74 121 157
 - U. Commissioner of the Great Pyramid of Giza 99 126 189 82 68
 - V. Underwater activity: 2 wds. 1 28 196 24 177 191
- 16 17 115 105 184 162 12
- 107 3 185

FAMILY REUNIONS

BY REGIS MODESTA

Change each group of 10 words below into a “family” of different words (words or proper names that have something in common) by dropping one letter from each word and then rearranging the remaining letters. For example, given the entries HAUNT, HAIRDO, and ADVANCE, you could drop the N from HAUNT to get UTAH, drop the R from HAIRDO for IDAHO, and drop the C from ADVANCE to get NEVADA, all in the category “U.S. states.” Can you reunite each family by determining the category for each and unscrambling the 10 entries? Answers include one two-word phrase. As a hint, a list of the four categories appears on page 70.

ANSWERS, PAGE 80

FAMILY ONE

Category: _____

1. LOOSE _____
2. MOWER _____
3. SPIRAL _____
4. ADMIRED _____
5. BLINKER _____
6. GOBLINS _____
7. HANDSET _____
8. NOODLIN _____
9. UPGRADE _____
10. SUBLESSOR _____

FAMILY TWO

Category: _____

1. GAVE _____
2. MONDO _____
3. PAYER _____
4. ROBIN _____
5. THARM _____
6. CHROME _____
7. YEOMAN _____
8. ANALYZED _____
9. LADENING _____
10. STATEMENTS _____

FAMILY THREE

Category: _____

1. MAPLE _____
2. TWIRL _____
3. ARTILY _____
4. MOONLIT _____
5. PALPATE _____
6. STOCKED _____
7. SNOWIEST _____
8. UNCLOSED _____
9. TENPENCES _____
10. UNDECEIVE _____

FAMILY FOUR

Category: _____

1. GOOPY _____
2. SPITZ _____
3. THOSE _____
4. PATCHY _____
5. UTMOST _____
6. BRISTLED _____
7. SUPINATE _____
8. UNBOILED _____
9. BALLERINA _____
10. LIFEGUARD _____

DOUBLE DUTY

BY RAYMOND SIMON

Here's a twofer for puzzle lovers! Your job is to fill each trio of blanks below with a common three-letter word so that two overlapping words are formed. We've placed BUT in #1 to form REBUT and BUTTER. See if you can figure out all the correct words without checking the answers on page 80.

1. RE **B U T** TER
2. GR _____ ERIES
3. EN _____ OUT
4. SK _____ USION
5. OUT _____ NESS
6. MAG _____ WORK
7. BAL _____ TERY
8. SUN _____ TLER
9. FAT _____ BAL
10. SEE _____ ATER
11. CARA _____ ITY
12. OTTO _____ AGER
13. CONF _____ LESS
14. LEXI _____ VERSANT
15. SPLEN _____ ACTIC
16. PLEAS _____ IDOTE
17. UNDER _____ WARD
18. PRODI _____ LIVANT
19. SKELE _____ SILS
20. LINCH _____ OCHLE

FOLD THIS PAGE

THE WORLD'S MOST ORNERY CROSSWORD BY HARVEY ESTES

EVERYWHERE A SQUARE

The crossword on this and the next two pages has two independent sets of clues: "Hard" and "Easy." First, fold this page back on the dashed line so the clues below face the solving grid on page 69. If you use only the Hard Clues (appearing below and continuing under the grid), you'll find the puzzle uncommonly challenging. If you want help, or prefer a less severe challenge, open to the Easy Clues (tucked in beneath your fold on page 68).

HARD CLUES

- | | | | |
|---|---|---|--------------------------|
| ACROSS | | 70 Chicken's lack | 135 Pop-ups, e.g. |
| 1 Gathering for battle | 71 Violinist Busch | 136 Overgrown | |
| 11 Henry Miller's paramour | 72 Loses luster | 137 Site of Napoleon III's defeat | |
| 19 Teri's <i>Desperate Housewives</i> role | 73 Going for, with "at" | 138 First name in gymnastics | |
| 24 Matchless | 75 Hospital staffers | 140 Joined the mob, maybe | |
| 25 Stateroom feature | 77 Knocked off again | 142 EU nation | |
| 26 Twenty fins | 81 Pet name | 143 Filmmaker Besson | |
| 27 Visibly embarrassed | 82 Carmaker's woe | 145 Lively wit | |
| 28 Scandal upshots, often | 85 Medieval defense | 150 Broken, in a way | |
| 29 Shining | 87 Tang, for one | 151 Dickens title starter | |
| 30 Lock | 91 Noodle product | 154 Acts of exploitation | |
| 31 Jeans man | 93 Widely spoken tongue | 158 <i>Evil</i> (1971 Mia Farrow thriller) | |
| 33 Drove | 96 Outdated letter opener | 159 Old war story | |
| 34 Chews (out) | 97 Victoria's capital | 160 Try to get off easy | |
| 35 Chopped up | 99 A Walton kid | 162 Lexington figure | |
| 37 <i>MonsterVision</i> network | 100 Urban hangouts | 164 Present, for one | |
| 38 Proficiency test, briefly | 102 Gym unit | 165 Least accepting | |
| 39 Kind of wheel | 103 Begin and more | 166 Slowly disappearing | |
| 40 Yankee nickname | 105 Romantic composer Franck | 167 Beat barely | |
| 44 9 to 5, e.g. | 107 Canine buildup | 168 Biden's former gp. | |
| 46 Dodge K-car | 109 Put off | 169 Private chats | |
| 49 Survey no. | 112 Specifics | | |
| 50 Dominican slugger | 114 Summons | | |
| 54 Brown bulldog | 117 Part of LED | | |
| 55 It's a crock | 118 Run the show | | |
| 56 Mock | 119 <i>Grey's Anatomy</i> spin-off | | |
| 57 The Temptations' "Rollin' Stone" | 124 Roaster's spot | | |
| 58 Flush | 125 "Pass ___!" | | |
| 59 Glasgow group | 126 Mike holder | | |
| 60 Pretentious display | 127 Humble | | |
| 61 From Greece | 128 Anent | | |
| 62 Words after "come" | 129 Wins at rummy | | |
| 63 Budget line | 130 It may be struck | | |
| 64 Be off somewhat | 131 Wedding gown shade | | |
| 67 Fuse | 132 <i>La ___ Humaine</i> (Zola novel) | | |
| 68 First name in swing | 133 A shoe may have one | | |
| | 134 Cartesian conclusion word | | |

DOWN

- 1** Cheer
- 2** End of ___
- 3** Fair collection
- 4** Tennis shot
- 5** Displayed displeasure
- 6** Loss leader?
- 7** Discovery sites
- 8** Skeptical words
- 9** Card, e.g.
- 10** Intimate
- 11** Type of succession

THE WORLD'S MOST ORNERY CROSSWORD (CONTINUED)

EASY CLUES

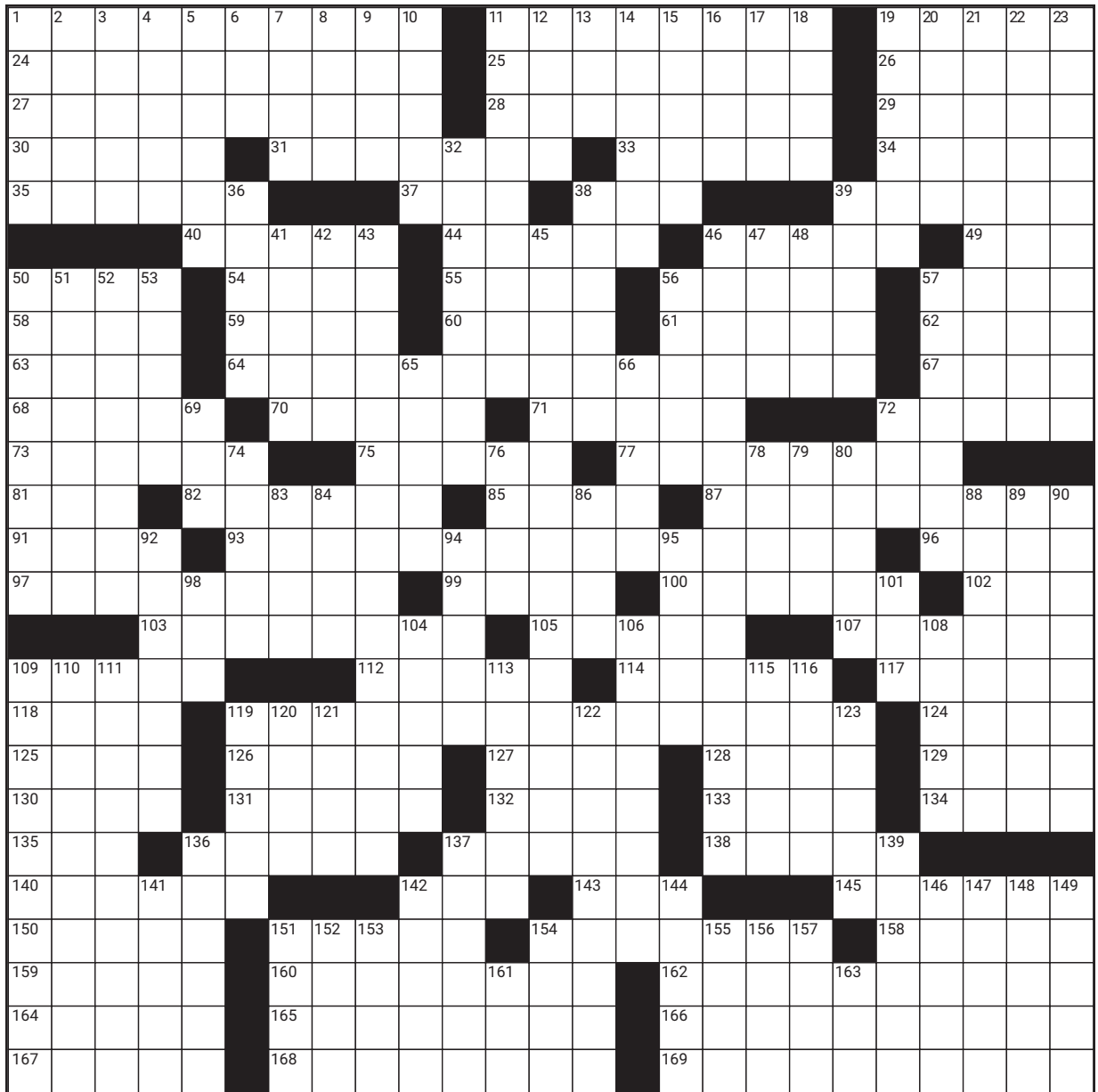
ACROSS

- 1 Arranging in order
11 *Delta of Venus* author: 2 wds.
19 Actress Sarandon
24 One-of-a-kind
25 Ship window
26 \$100 bill, slangily: Hyph.
27 Blushing furiously: 4 wds.
28 Expressions of indignation
29 Radiant
30 Lock of hair
31 "The Blue Danube" composer Johann
33 Buffalo bunches
34 Packages of paper
35 Discussed, with "over"
37 Explosive letters?
38 Dropout's deg.: Abbr.
39 ___ wheel (carnival attraction)
40 Nickname for baseball legend Joe
44 60-minute periods
46 Sign before Taurus
49 %: Abbr.
50 Slammin' Sammy
54 Buster Brown's dog
55 Earthen pot
56 Disdain
57 Mama's mate
58 Level
59 Family group
60 Buttery Nabisco cracker
61 Room at the top?
62 Getting ___ years: 2 wds.
63 Lease
64 Behave oddly: 4 wds.
67 Blend
68 Bandleader Shaw
70 Gumption
71 Former Swedish king Gustav ___
72 Turns white
73 Put a tag on
75 West Wing workers
77 Made another Xerox of
81 Sweetie pie
82 Look back on
85 Castle protector
87 Citrus cooler
91 Think tank product

- 93** Widely spoken Asian language: 2 wds.
96 Round Table titles
97 City in Australia or Florida
99 Moran of *Joanie Loves Chachi*
100 Bends over
102 Mitt Romney, for one: Abbr.
103 Tel Aviv residents
105 Labor leader Chavez
107 Sauce served with fish
109 Pool parlor fixture
112 Couples, in tabloids
114 Calls, as a cab
117 Part of LED
118 Preside over
119 *Grey's Anatomy* spin-off: 2 wds.
124 Speaker's platform
125 "Try ___ for size": 2 wds.
126 Boutonniere site
127 Humble
128 Concerning: 2 wds.
129 Cotton seed removers
130 Prepare for a snapshot
131 Creamy white color
132 Beast: Fr.
133 Dumpster emanation
134 "Cogito, ___ sum"
135 Junk mail, often
136 Like a neglected garden
137 Family car
138 Gymnast Comaneci
140 Ran amok
142 Berlin's country, for short
143 Jean-___ Picard
145 ___ de corps
150 Domesticated
151 ___ of *Two Cities*: 2 wds.
154 Really lousy deals: Hyph.
158 "...___ evil": 2 wds.
159 Story of the Trojan War
160 Bargain with the prosecutor: 3 wds.
162 Citizen soldier
164 In need of a back rub
165 Most cautious
166 Vaporizing
167 Moved carefully
168 Where the weep presides: 2 wds.
169 Private talks: Hyph.

DOWN

- 1** Merriment
2 End of ___: 2 wds.
3 Goes by bus
4 Boffo show
5 Made a snaky sound
6 One ___ time: 2 wds.
7 Scientists' workplaces
8 "Yeah, sure": 2 wds.
9 NY Met, e.g.: Abbr.
10 Try to make clear: 2 wds.
11 Pertaining to the disciples
12 We, in Paris
13 Paintings and such
14 Needs scratching
15 Destroy confidential documents
16 Roulette color
17 ___ *Three Lives*: 2 wds.
18 Untouchables chief Eliot
19 Frightens
20 *The Odd Couple's* Felix
21 Device that uses the sun's energy: 2 wds.
22 Nuclear reactor: 2 wds.
23 Places to buy the *Times*
32 Thrown from the saddle
36 Abandon, slangily
38 Munched on grass
39 Yard divider
41 Italian fashion city
42 Desert plant
43 Postal service offering: 2 wds.
45 Diagnostic imaging device spec: 2 wds.
46 Penitent's prayer: 3 wds.
47 Old newspaper section, for short
48 Spring bloom
50 Angels of the highest order
51 Vetoed a veto
52 Guard
53 Playful trick
56 French explorer La ___
57 Hair dressings
65 St. Teresa's town
66 Valued at
69 Suffix with musket
72 Tent stake
74 Take exception
76 Islamic leader
78 Two-tone cookie
79 El ___, Texas
80 All thumbs
83 "Fame" singer Irene
84 Diarist Frank
86 Teen's outbreak
88 Kind of missile: Hyph.
89 Not looking forward to in the least
90 Starbucks order
92 Eisenhower's boyhood home
94 Bowling alley button
95 Writer Asimov
98 Carbohydrate suffix
101 Feeling low
104 Naples' nation
106 Unnerved: 2 wds.
108 Chain of hills
109 Having three sections
110 Saved time while calling
111 Yielding flowers
113 Card-carrying participant
115 Lavin or Ellerbee
116 Young haddock
119 Practiced, as a trade
120 Glowing review
121 Apple MP3 player
122 Strike back
123 Spine-chilling
136 Tied the knot
137 Enter through the cracks: 2 wds.
139 Lend a hand
141 Poke fun at
142 Angry look
144 Sky streaker
146 ___ and quiet
147 Send payment
148 Harebrained
149 Ice grabbers
151 Defenders of free speech: Abbr.
152 Stubbed spots
153 Jungle swingers
154 Take a break
155 Quitting time for many
156 Busted tire
157 Trig ratio
161 Meadow
163 Herbal drink

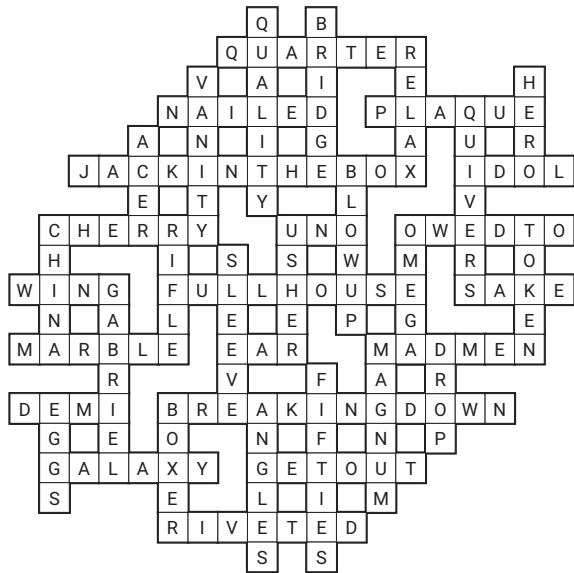


ANSWER, PAGE 80

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|--------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|
| 12 We, on the Oise | 47 Old paper part | 89 Facing very reluctantly | 123 Haunting |
| 13 Gallery objects | 48 Pupil encircler | 90 Strong brew | 136 Word with bliss |
| 14 Bite consequences | 50 Sistine Chapel figures | 92 Kansas city | 137 Enter slowly |
| 15 Iota | 51 Countermanded | 94 Turned back | 139 Hockey point |
| 16 Joliet's jet | 52 Lookout | 95 Husband of Rebekah | 141 Rib |
| 17 ___ <i>Three Lives</i> | 53 Lark | 98 Verb ending | 142 Blinding light |
| 18 Prohibition crimefighter | 56 French study, e.g. | 101 Down | 144 Hale-Bopp, for one |
| 19 Frights | 57 Elvis's hairstyling products | 104 Berlusconi's land | 146 Sign of the '60s |
| 20 Odd Couple half | 65 Walled Spanish city | 106 Knocked for a loop | 147 Invoice word |
| 21 Ray trapper | 66 Mary of the comics | 108 Chip feature | 148 Lacking a point |
| 22 Reactor | 69 For all time, poetically | 109 Like the Berlin Pact | 149 Ice bucket adjunct |
| 23 Magazine sellers | 72 1978 Steely Dan hit | 110 Saved time on the phone | 151 Bill of Rights defenders, briefly |
| 32 Defeated at jousting | 74 Object | 111 In flower | 152 Corn growers |
| 36 Get rid of | 76 Turkish official's title | 113 Dues payer | 153 Boule's planet dominators |
| 38 Barely hit | 78 Sweet sandwich | 115 Oscar winner Hunt | 154 Unwind |
| 39 Thief's customer | 79 Part of UTEP | 116 Catch of the day, maybe | 155 NY borough count |
| 41 La Scala locale | 80 Bumbling | 119 Worked at | 156 Lacking fizz |
| 42 Nectar source | 83 Dear, in '104-Down | 120 Pan's opposite | 157 Cosecant's reciprocal |
| 43 Postal service | 84 Poet Sexton | 121 Apple product | 161 Idyll setting |
| 45 Medical imaging concern | 86 Trouble spots? | 122 Strike back | 163 Kind of cozy |
| 46 Prayer heard at Confession | 88 Without a ground target | | |

ANSWERS

3 | MIXED DOUBLES



Clue pairs:

Across: 1/29, 2/18, 3/13, 4/28, 5/21, 6/33, 7/15, 8/20, 9/26, 10/38, 11/22, 12/19, 13/3, 14/30, 15/7, 16/25, 17/34, 18/2, 19/12, 20/8, 21/5, 22/11, 23/32, 24/37, 25/16, 26/9, 27/36, 28/4, 29/1, 30/14, 31/35, 32/23, 33/6, 34/17, 35/31, 36/27, 37/24, 38/10

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7 | CUBBYHOLES

HYSTERICAL

8 | KID STUFF: POPPING THE QUESTION

QUESTION: WHAT DID THE GIANT BALLOON SAY TO THE TINY BALLOON?

ANSWER: MY POP IS BIGGER THAN YOUR POP!

9 | KID STUFF: STATELY NAMES

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. ANNAPOLIS (Maryland) | 13. JEFFERSON CITY (Missouri) |
| 2. HARTFORD (Connecticut) | 14. JUNEAU (Alaska) |
| 3. NORTH CAROLINA; SOUTH CAROLINA | 15. KENTUCKY |
| 4. CHARLESTON (West Virginia) | 16. LOUISIANA |
| 5. INDIANA; INDIANAPOLIS (Indiana) | 17. HONOLULU (Hawaii) |
| 6. NEVADA | 18. MARYLAND |
| 7. FLORIDA | 19. ST. PAUL (Minnesota) |
| 8. FRANKFORT (Kentucky) | 20. OLYMPIA (Washington) |
| 9. AUGUSTA (Maine) | 21. RICHMOND (Virginia) |
| 10. HELENA (Montana) | 22. SALEM (Oregon) |
| 11. FLORIDA; IDAHO | 23. TEXAS |
| 12. JACKSON (Mississippi) | 24. TRENTON (New Jersey) |
| | 25. PENNSYLVANIA |
| | 26. WEST VIRGINIA |

5 | PENCIL POINTERS 1



7 | MOVING RIGHT ALONG



66 | FAMILY REUNIONS CATEGORIES

FAMILY ONE: EUROPEAN CAPITALS

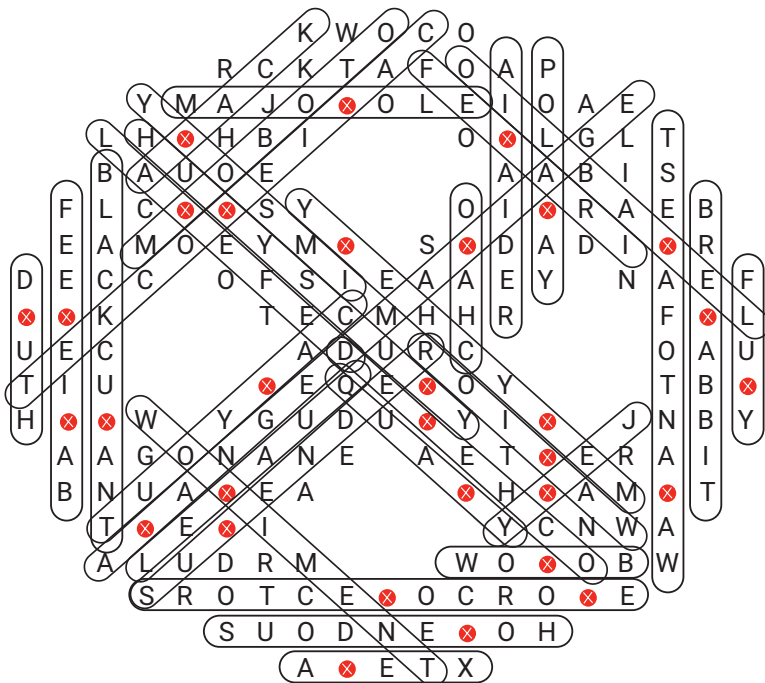
FAMILY TWO: "NEW" FOLLOWERS

FAMILY THREE: COURTROOM TERMS

FAMILY FOUR: COMIC STRIPS

ANSWERS

15 | RAILROAD CROSSINGS



The uncircled letters spell: WORKAHOLICS DON'T GET R AND R.

16 | BOXING MATCH

- | | | |
|----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| I. FRIENDSHIP | V. TRAPEZE | IX. ALREADY |
| II. HELICOPTER | VI. WHICHEVER | X. EXORBITANT |
| III. INTERJECT | VII. MOMENTARY | XI. DIFFRACT |
| IV. MONGOOSE | VIII. BOONDOCKS | XII. LADYBUG |

20 | CRYPTOLISTS

1. FEMMES FATALES

Mary Astor
Ida Lupino
Lauren Bacall
Rita Hayworth
Ava Gardner
Lana Turner
Kim Novak
Yvonne De Carlo
Gene Tierney
Barbara Stanwyck

3. MASCOT MANIA

Mayhem
Chester Cheetah
Michelin Man
Aflac Duck
Mr. Peanut
Morton Salt Girl
Tony the Tiger
Energizer Bunny
Pillsbury Doughboy
Kool-Aid Man

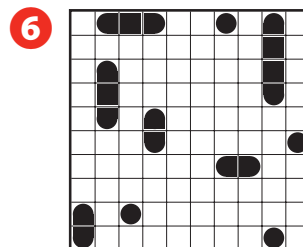
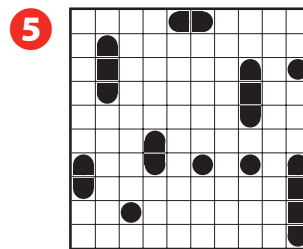
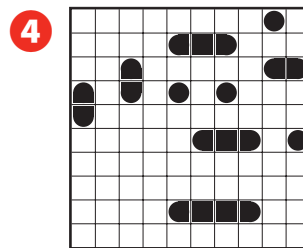
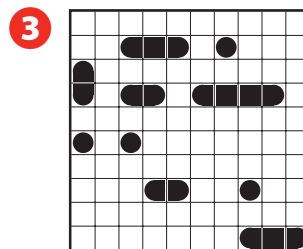
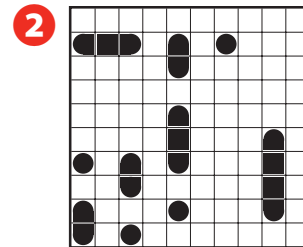
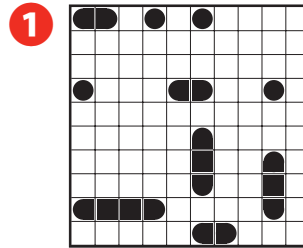
2. WALK ON BY

Mosey
Stroll
Wander
Hoof it
Travel on foot
Promenade
Shuffle
Hike
Amble
Saunter

4. MYSTERY LIST

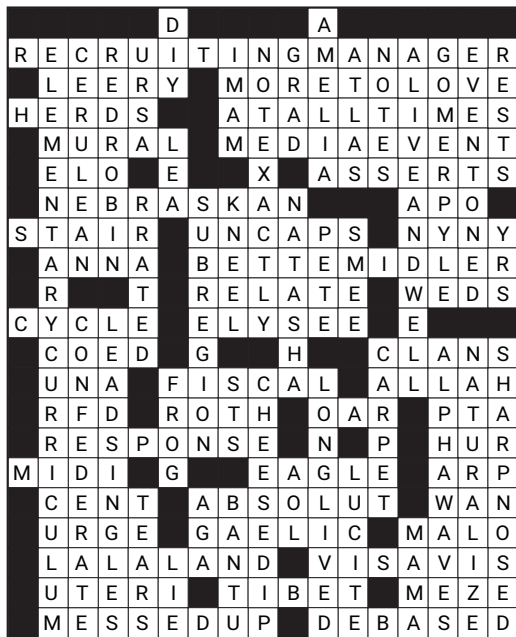
(Things that are slippery)
Banana peel
Skating rink
Eel
Wet road
Oil slick
Water slide
Satin sheets
Liquid soap
Polished floor
Proverbial slope

23 | BATTLESHIPS

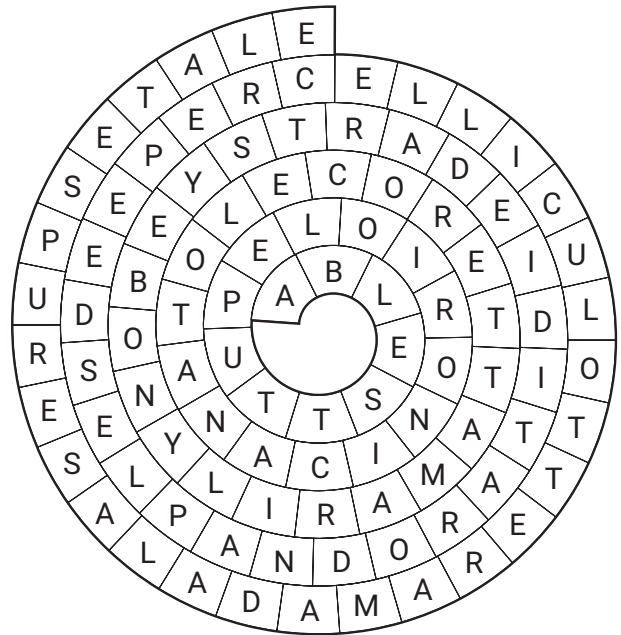


ANSWERS

18 | PENCIL POINTERS 2



19 | THE SPIRAL



22 | THE MAD HATTER'S TEAROOM

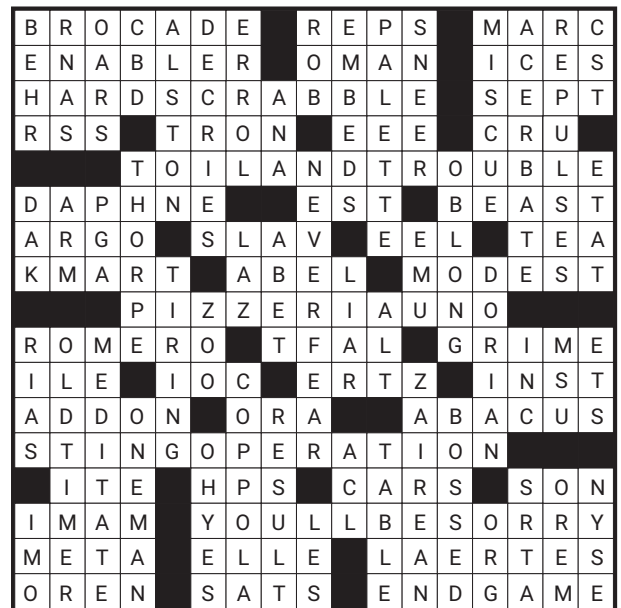
Alice ordered third or fourth (2). Let's assume that she ordered fourth. The second person would have taken sugar with his or her tea (2). Thus, the White Rabbit would not have been first (1), and neither would the Knave of Hearts (4); the Duchess would have been first to order. She didn't take honey in her tea (3) and wouldn't have taken cream (1), so she would have had lemon with her tea. The Knave would have ordered a muffin second (4). However, we know that the muffin orderer didn't take sugar in his or her tea (4), so our assumption leads to a contradiction; Alice was third to order rather than fourth. The second person ordered cake and the first took sugar with his or her tea (2). Thus, the first person didn't order the muffin (4), and didn't have the cinnamon roll (3), so he or she had the tart. Alice rather than the White Rabbit ordered third (see above), so the fourth person didn't have tea with cream (1). Nor did he or she have tea with honey (3), so the one who ordered last had tea with lemon. This was the Knave and Alice had the muffin (4). By elimination, the Knave had the cinnamon roll. Alice had honey in her tea (3). By elimination, the second person had cream. Thus the Rabbit was first to order (1), and, by elimination, the Duchess ordered second.

First	White Rabbit	Tart	Sugar
Second	Duchess	Cake	Cream
Third	Alice	Muffin	Honey
Fourth	Knave	Cinnamon Roll	Lemon

14 | W O R D STARTING HINT

The first entry across is IN TWOS

21 | QUINTUPLE PLAY



33 | CRYPTIC CLASSROOM #7: DELETIONS, REVERSALS, & LIT.

ACROSS

- Finesse (fine + SSE, & lit.)
- Car (Scar - S)
- Ape (lapel - l,l)
- Tea (Tear - r)
- Sri (IRS)
- Gateman (nametag)

DOWN

- Facet (faucet - u)
- Stars (first letters, & lit.)
- React (redact - D)
- Evian (naïve)

ANSWERS

WILD CARDS

26 HIGH AS A KITE

The three towns are at the vertices of an equilateral triangle with a 12-mile side. The center of the triangle is $4\sqrt{3}$ miles from each city. The height of the kite hovering above is the third side of a right triangle in which one leg is $4\sqrt{3}$ miles and the hypotenuse is 7 miles. Therefore the kite is one mile high. That's a lot of string!

26 ELEMENTAL STATES

Al: Aluminum/Alabama
 Ar: Argon/Arkansas
 Ca: Calcium/California
 Co: Cobalt/Colorado
 Fl: Flerovium/Florida
 Ga: Gallium/Georgia
 In: Indium/Indiana
 La: Lanthanum/Louisiana
 Md: Mendelevium/Maryland
 Mn: Manganese/Minnesota
 Mo: Molybdenum/Missouri
 Mt: Meitnerium/Montana
 Nd: Neodymium/North Dakota
 Ne: Neon/Nebraska
 Nh: Nihonium/New Hampshire
 Pa: Protactinium/Pennsylvania
 Sc: Scandium/South Carolina

26 SHORT & SWEET

1. D&D
2. M&M
3. A&W
4. R&B
5. P&G
6. R&R
7. Q&A
8. A&E
9. B&B
10. H&M
11. R&D
12. X&Y

27 NOW HEAR THIS

The song titles are all commonly heard, but incorrect. The correct titles are:

1. "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)"
2. "Baba O'Riley"
3. "What's Up?"
4. "The Way We Were"
5. "Rainy Day Women #12 and 35"
6. "I'm Gonna Be (500 Miles)"
7. "Good Riddance"
8. "Three Little Birds"
9. "Tubthumping"
10. "Proud Mary"
11. "The Christmas Song"
12. "Joy to the World"
13. "Bullet with Butterfly Wings"
14. "Space Oddity"
15. "Stressed Out"

26 SCRAPS, PERHAPS

1. Wordsworth
2. Cavort
3. Support
4. Norton
5. Morty
6. Gort
7. Aorta
8. Tortoise
9. Immortal
10. Quoteworthy
11. Escort
12. Horticulture
13. Unorthodox
14. Vortex
15. *Bulworth*
16. Liverwort
17. Fortune
18. Report
19. JanSport
20. Deport
21. Porthole
22. Orthopedist
23. Keyport

26 FIRST NAMES SOUND THE SAME

Lindsey Morgan
 Lindsay Wagner

 Jean Simmons
 Gene Tierney
 Jeanne Tripplehorn

 Carrie Fisher
 Keri Russell
 Carey Mulligan
 Kerry Washington

 Kathryn Hahn
 Katherine Heigl
 Katharine Hepburn
 Catherine Zeta-Jones

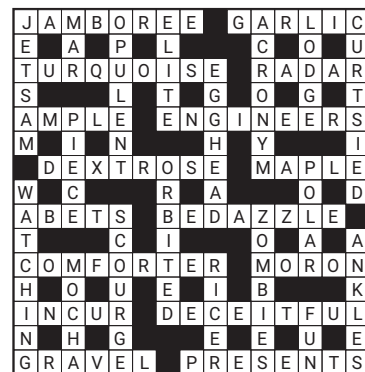
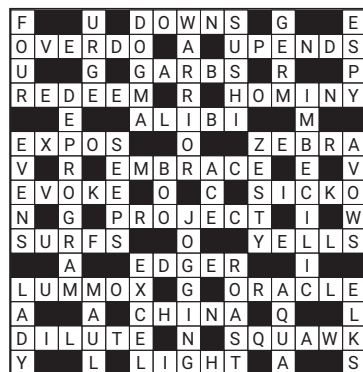
27 FANCY MEETING YOU HERE

- 1-r, Sandro Botticelli
- 2-j, Mary Cassatt
- 3-g, Joan Miró
- 4-d, Georgia O'Keeffe
- 5-e, James Whistler
- 6-f, James Baldwin
- 7-c, Edna Ferber
- 8-h, John Milton
- 9-a, Alice Walker
- 10-p, Phillis Wheatley
- 11-s, Simón Bolívar
- 12-n, Oliver Cromwell
- 13-l, Meriwether Lewis
- 14-t, Sojourner Truth
- 15-b, Desmond Tutu
- 16-l, Marie Curie
- 17-q, Rosalind Franklin
- 18-o, Percy Julian
- 19-k, Max Planck
- 20-m, Nikola Tesla

27 ALBUM TRACKS

1. "Chattanooga Choo-choo"
2. "Midnight Train to Georgia"
3. "On the Atchison, Topeka, & the Santa Fe"
4. "Last Train to Clarksville"
5. "City of New Orleans"
6. "Peace Train"
7. "Crazy Train"
8. "Casey Jones"
9. "Locomotive Breath"
10. "Love Train"
11. "Downbound Train"
12. "I've Been Working on the Railroad"
13. "Marrakesh Express"
14. "The Midnight Special"
15. "Orange Blossom Special"
16. "People Get Ready"
17. "Rock Island Line"
18. "Take the A Train"
19. "Wabash Cannonball"
20. "Train, Train"

28 I CODE CROSSWORDS



ANSWERS

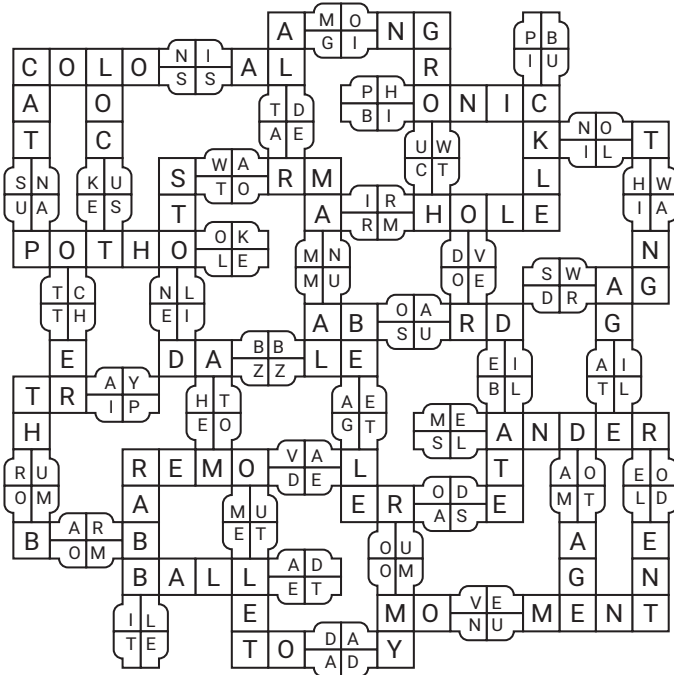
32 | ONE, TWO, THREE

R	AN	CHO		BO	NI	E	ST		ERA	DI	CAT	E
ENT	E	R		O	CA	L	A		SA	VVI	E	ST
AL	MON	D	CRU	STE	D	FI	SH		BL	ES	S	ES
CAR	ES	S	E	RS		SH	ING	L	E			
			L	EAT	HER			O	PEN	FL	AME	S
COA	ST	A	L		BI	L	B	O		E	RIC	H
CH	O	COL	A	TE	C	O	A	TED	P	E	AN	UTS
BU	CK	Y		S	IDE	ME	N		RE	T	A	IN
S	POT	TE	DOW	L			ANA	CON	DA			
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MU	S	TAN	G		YOG	URT	CO	VER	ED	RAI	S	INS
S	IL	LI	ER		LO	E	W	S		NA	TIV	E
CLE	VER	NES	S		BIN	D	ER	Y		BLE	ATE	D

24 | ART ON THE SQUARE



54 | SPLIT DECISIONS



31 | HELTER-SKELTER

C	I	T	O	R	E	U	P
I	L	O	E	V	L	A	O
E	E	O	I	A	R	M	S
C	I	R	N	A	S	E	L
L	R	K	M	A	F	I	A
A	A	O	O	A	P	R	V
I	U	O	C	O	S	A	E
R	A	T	S	K	C	O	R

S	A	I	L	H	A	D	E
T	O	P	S	A	A	E	X
A	A	O	J	E	T	L	I
E	N	N	A	I	I	E	F
S	I	R	P	P	S	E	X
N	N	J	E	T	S	K	I
U	A	E	S	S	U	O	R
R	L	I	A	T	E	U	P

60 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 1

ACROSS: 1. Cartoon (carton + O), 5. Encoded (ended + co.), 9. Misbehave (heave IBMs, & lit.), 10. Expel (ex + p + e), 11. Linger (malL IN GERmany), 12. Quotient (not quite), 14. Trust (T + rust), 16. Universe (Eve ruins), 19. Adorable (oar blade), 20. Pedal (peddle), 22. Eurasian (UN area is), 24. Medium (mum + ed. + l), 27. Cease (c + ease), 28. Imprisons (imps + RI + son), 29. Sled dog (odd legs), 30. Nemesis (is seen + M)

DOWN: 1. Complete (compete + L), 2. Resin (siren), 3. Overeater (to revere a), 4. Neat (net + a), 5. Executives (I excuse vet), 6. Chest (Chet + s), 7. Depressed (press + deed), 8. Delete (deciDE LET Everyone), 13. Furbearing (urban grief), 15. Undertake (Rent-a-Duke), 17. Euphemism (Em + pie + hums), 18. Glimpses (limps + GE's), 21. Fences (fees + NC), 23. Spend (p + send), 25. Irons (two meanings), 26. Span (naps)

ANSWERS

55 | SIAMESE TWINS

N	A	T	I	O	N	A	L	B	E	T	A
E	X	I	T	R	O	W	S	O	L	E	G
S	E	E	S	A	W	E	D	D	E	A	R
S	L	R	L	I	D	L	Y	C	R	A	
		R	B	G	H	O	W	T	O		
F	A	C	E	E	G	O	T	R	I	P	S
A	T	L	A	N	T	A	B	R	A	V	E
T	H	E	R	E	I	G	O	P	E	N	N
	E	A	T	A	T	P	J	S			
A	N	V	I	L	Q	U	A	Z	O	O	
B	I	E	R	T	U	R	N	C	O	A	T
L	A	T	E	E	A	S	E	I	N	T	O
E	N	O	S	E	Y	E	T	O	E	Y	E

A	M	E	R	I	C	A	N	T	A	P	E
C	O	D	E	N	A	M	E	A	L	A	D
R	A	N	F	O	R	I	T	X	I	I	I
E	T	A	N	E	D	M	A	S	S	E	
		D	E	A	S	A	N	T	A		
O	G	R	E	B	S	T	U	D	E	N	T
H	O	U	S	T	O	N	A	S	T	R	O
M	R	S	P	A	U	L	S	I	S	S	A
	G	H	E	N	T	H	O	P			
V	E	E	R	S	C	A	M	E	R	R	
E	D	D	A	P	O	W	E	R	N	A	P
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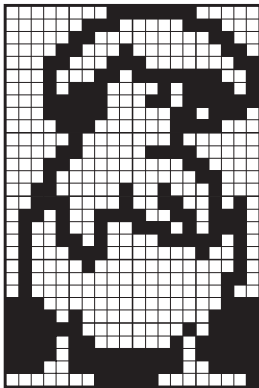
61 | CRYPTIC CROSSWORD 2

ACROSS: 1. Crew (acronym), 3. Needlessly (needles + Sly), 9. Noose (soon + E), 11. Easterner (reenters a), 12. Existed (exited + s), 13. Pants (two meanings), 15. Tentative (Evita + tent), 17. Learn (Lear + n), 19. Oiled (O + deli), 21. Foreigner (foe + reign + r), 23. Pecan (acronym), 24. Delayed (deed + lay), 26. Requisite (Esquire lt), 27. Singe (singer - r), 28. Precedents (creep + tents), 29. Meet (teem)

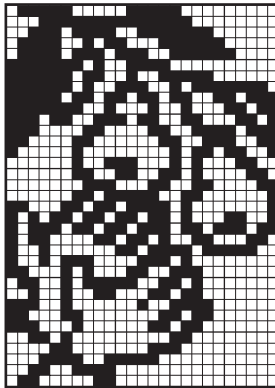
DOWN: 1. Convention (con + vent + ion), 2. Emotional (a mine tool), 4. Emend (me + end), 5. Disappear (paper said), 6. Eternal (rental + e), 7. Sinus (sun is), 8. Yard (dray), 10. Extra (complEX TRAgedy), 14. Ingredient (rending tie), 16. Infantele (in + file + ant), 18. Annoyance (anyone can), 20. Decline (line + Dec.), 22. Idles (idols), 23. Pique (quip + E), 24. Dwelt (t + lewd), 25. Trap (part)

56 | PAINT BY NUMBERS

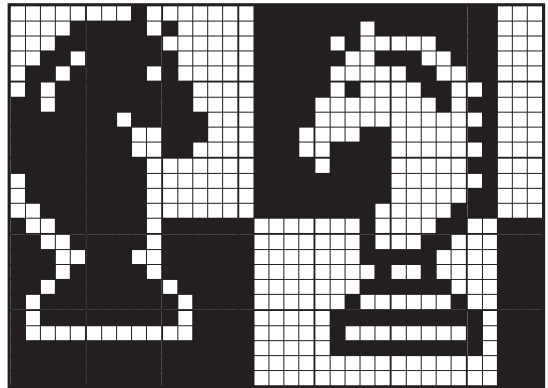
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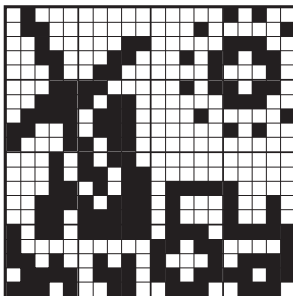
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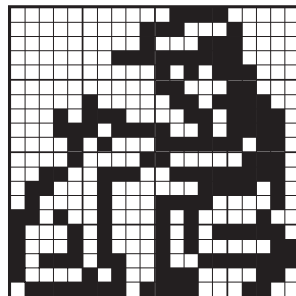
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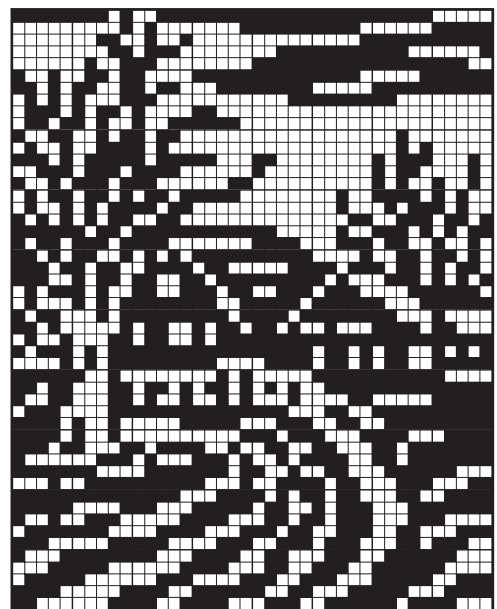
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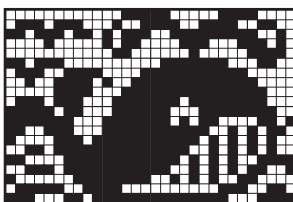
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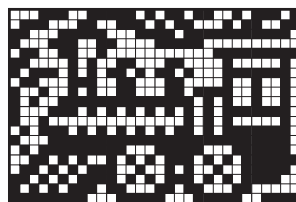
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6. WHALE



7. VINTAGE TRAIN



ANSWERS

49 | WHITEOUT!

1

S	I	N	K	E	Y	J	W
N	W	P	E	E	P	A	A
B	I	I	I	Y	J	C	T
L	L	P	M	G	E	K	E
A	M	O	L	M	E	S	R
C	U	A	W	O	I	O	I
K	D	O	N	U	T	N	N
T	R	O	P	O	O	L	G

COMMON THEME: HOLES

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1. SWIMMING | 8. PIN |
| 1. SINK | 8. PLOT |
| 2. KEY | 8. PIE |
| 3. JACKSON | 9. EYE |
| 4. WATERING | 10. MAN |
| 5. PEEP | 10. MUD |
| 5. PIGEON | 11. DONUT |
| 6. BLOW | 12. PORT |
| 6. BLACK | 13. LOOP |
| 7. JAW | |

2

O	E	L	K	C	I	P	T
I	M	I	C	R	O	O	N
B	M	I	N	T	R	K	I
A	U	D	A	T	E	E	A
N	N	T	I	T	E	R	P
A	O	L	T	U	C	S	I
N	L	L	L	E	I	U	T
A	E	B	C	O	R	N	A

COMMON THEME: CHIPS

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|-------------|-----------|
| 1. PICKLE | 6. KETTLE |
| 1. POKER | 7. DNA |
| 1. POTATO | 8. PITA |
| 2. TORTILLA | 8. PAINT |
| 3. MICRO | 9. SUN |
| 4. BUTTER | 10. ICE |
| 4. BIO | 11. BLUE |
| 4. BANANA | 12. CORN |
| 5. MINT | |

4

R	A	D	A	R	X	S	D
A	O	T	T	O	A	O	A
C	B	T	S	V	N	L	D
E	I	B	A	E	A	O	E
C	N	V	A	T	X	S	E
A	U	N	I	O	O	E	D
R	N	C	D	C	N	R	S
A	S	E	L	E	S	O	S

COMMON THEME: PALINDROMES

(words that are spelled the same forward and backward)

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|------------|---------|
| 1 RADAR | 4 SEXES |
| 1 DESSERTS | 5 WOLF |
| 1 RACECAR | 5 DEED |
| 1 ROTATOR | 5 WARTS |
| 2 XANAX | 5 DAD |
| 2 SPAM | 5 WAS |
| 3 OTTO | 6 DECAF |
| 3 TAPS | 6 AVA |
| 4 DIAPER | 6 DENIM |

5

D	S	F	S	P	A	M	S
G	E	T	A	P	S	I	D
W	A	S	I	C	N	N	I
A	O	T	S	N	E	E	A
R	P	L	E	E	K	D	P
T	R	D	F	M	R	E	E
S	A	S	P	R	A	T	R
M	H	S	P	O	O	N	S

COMMON THEME: SEMORDNILAPS

(words that spell a new word when reversed)

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|------------|-------------|
| 7. ALA | 10. HARPO |
| 7. DENNIS | 10. OXO |
| 7. DAM | 11. SPOONS |
| 8. ABBA | 11. NUN |
| 8. SPRAT | 12. CDC |
| 8. ANNA | 12. CIVIC |
| 9. REKNITS | 12. NAMETAG |
| 9. SOLOS | 13. SELES |
| 10. ONO | 13. SOS |

ANSWERS

49 | WHITEOUT!

3

S	P	L	I	T	R	I	C	K	T	O	P
L	C	S	N	A	P	A	E	H	C	E	A
I	R	R	J	M	A	R	T	I	N	I	R
N	A	Y	E	S	E	I	B	A	R	O	T
G	C	G	L	E	P	A	L	S	S	E	I
R	K	R	L	W	N	T	K	S	E	A	N
E	O	E	O	I	Y	I	E	D	B	I	G
T	O	N	Y	D	V	R	L	P	O	R	D
S	H	E	O	E	P	E	G	U	M	V	S
O	H	O	T	S	U	D	R	O	S	I	I
O	L	H	E	A	D	F	O	U	L	N	R
B	U	N	K	E	R	N	A	I	D	N	I

COMMON THEME: SHOTS

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|------------|------------|--------------|
| 1. SCREEN | 10. TEE | 22. HOT |
| 1. SLING | 11. SLAP | 23. DUST |
| 1. SPLIT | 12. LIVER | 24. HEAD |
| 2. TRICK | 13. WIDE | 25. ESPRESSO |
| 3. PARTING | 14. AIR | 26. FOUL |
| 3. PENALTY | 15. EYE | 27. RIM |
| 3. POT | 16. BIG | 28. BLOOD |
| 4. CRACK | 17. DROP | 28. BOOSTER |
| 5. SNAP | 18. HOOK | 28. BUNKER |
| 6. CHEAP | 19. ENERGY | 29. INDIAN |
| 7. JELLO | 20. MUG | 29. INSULIN |
| 8. MARTINI | 20. MOON | 29. IRIS |
| 9. RABIES | 21. VODKA | |

6

C	A	B	B	A	G	E	P	A	T	C	H
H	J	B	A	L	L	R	O	O	M	K	O
I	R	A	G	H	S	A	L	F	C	S	M
C	H	L	Z	A	N	U	S	I	L	G	E
K	Y	L	P	Z	T	Q	T	O	E	O	C
E	T	E	E	R	T	S	W	I	N	G	O
N	H	T	T	B	A	A	A	C	I	O	M
R	M	A	S	L	A	C	R	F	L	T	I
E	M	P	S	C	I	R	C	L	E	O	N
D	F	A	P	O	L	E	N	A	A	T	G
O	A	K	L	O	P	D	H	A	P	P	Y
M	N	D	I	S	C	O	U	N	T	R	Y

COMMON THEME: DANCES

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|---------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. CABBAGE | 10. SAFETY | 17. LINE |
| PATCH | 10. SALSA | 18. TEA |
| 1. CHICKEN | 10. STAG | 19. CIRCLE |
| 2. HOMECOMING | 10. SQUARE | 20. LAP |
| 3. JAZZ | 10. STICK | 21. FAN |
| 4. BALLET | 10. STREET | 22. POLE |
| 4. BALLROOM | 10. SWING | 23. POLKA |
| 5. RHYTHM | 11. WAR | 24. HAPPY |
| 6. FLASH | 12. TAP | 25. MODERN |
| 7. SLOW | 13. BARN | 26. DISCO |
| 8. SUN | 14. CLOG | 27. SLAM |
| 9. GOGO | 15. STEP | 28. COUNTRY |
| 10. SACRED | 16. LAST | |

65 | HIGHER EDUCATION

P	A	N	G	U	P	P	E	R	C	R	A	M	A	N	G	S	T		
A	G	E	E	N	I	E	C	E	H	O	P	E	N	A	R	C	O		
T	H	E	T	O	W	E	R	O	F	M	A	B	E	L	T	R	E	A	T
H	A	D	A	B	I	T	E	A	G	E	D	D	I	N	A	R	S		
				L	I	N	A	D	A	M	A	T	O	W	I	T			
E	S	P	I	E	D	F	E	R	A	L	S	A	L	A	A	M	E	D	
L	E	I	F	S	M	A	C	K	S	L	A	P	P	E	R	A	R	E	
G	A	L	E	C	A	R	A	R	O	A	D	B	R	A	T				
A	L	L	M	A	G	O	F	T	R	I	C	K	S	T	E	R	S	E	
R	E	S	C	O	R	E	R	E	N	E	E	C	A	G	I	E	R		
				B	O	R	O	N	S	A	L	U	D	R	U	P	E	E	
B	H	U	T	A	N	R	I	L	E	S	E	R	I	T	R	E	A		
L	O	R	E	N	R	E	M	A	T	E	O	F	F	E	R	R	M	N	
A	M	Y	S	B	E	L	O	R	A	I	D	R	E	O	S				
S	E	M	M	A	N	A	N	A	S	P	L	I	T	S	E	E	T	O	
T	R	A	V	E	S	T	Y	I	N	G	O	T	D	E	A	F	E	N	
				K	A	T	E	S	R	O	A	N	H	E	L	D			
A	D	E	L	E	S	C	A	P	O	D	E	M	I	J	O	H	N		
P	A	O	L	O	M	A	L	L	P	A	R	K	F	I	G	U	R	E	S
I	N	F	E	R	E	M	M	A	B	E	N	T	S	S	E	L	F		
S	A	F	E	S	S	P	A	Y	E	L	Y	S	E	T	O	P	S		

62 | LET'S PLAY 2

S	T	R	I	N	G	G	M	I	D	S	T
A	R	E	N	A	C	L	A	D	E	T	S
B	R	A	T	S	O	A	R	E	B	U	T
L	A	G	I	S	I	S	S	C	U	B	A
E	N	A	M	E	L	S	L	O	G	A	N
S	S	N	I	R	P	E	A	R	L	E	D
P	O	O	D	L	E	S	B	A	S	G	B
I	M	P	A	I	R	B	A	T	H	E	R
A	M	I	T	Y	T	R	O	I	R	A	A
N	I	V	E	A	A	A	B	O	I	N	K
O	R	O	S	W	I	G	A	N	K	L	E
H	O	T	E	L	N	O	B	S	E	S	S

ACROSS: 1. String (r + sting; st. + ring), 6. Midst (tiMID StUdents; D's + MIT), 9. Arena (mclAREN Auto; aren't, changing t), 10. Clad (cad + l; C + lad), 13. Brat (bra + T; tar + B), 15. Rebut (T + Uber; immatURe BUTheads), 16. Isis (I + sis; is + is), 17. Scuba (Bucs + a; S + Cuba), 18. Enamel (el + name; man Lee), 19. Slogan (slog + a;n; S + Logan), 21. Pearled (pear + led; pale red), 22. Poodles (pole's + old - l; P + oodles), 26. Impair (I'm + pair; imp + air), 28. Bather (Bat + her; breath), 29. Amity (tinY TIM Always; a.m. + city - c), 32. Troi (Riot; Troy), 33. Nivea (a vein; I've + N,a), 34. Oink (OK + in; O + ink), 35. Swig (S + wig; W + Gls), 36. Ankle (Neal + K; bANK LEumi), 37. Hotel (hot + el; let + Oh), 38. Obsess (jOB'S ESSence; bosses)

DOWN: 1. Sables (SS + able; stables - t), 2. Reagan (re + Ag + an; ran + ea. + g), 3. Intimidates (intimates + l'd; dainties TM!), 4. Nasser (actRESS ANne; n + Sears), 5. Glasses (G + lasses; gas less), 6. Mars (oMAR Sharif; mares - e), 7. Debug (debt - t + ugh - h; budget - t), 8. Stub (buts; S + tub), 10. Coil (C + oil; co. + l + L), 11. Decorations (coordinates; Dec. + orations), 12. Stand (Stan + d; t + sand), 14. Ransom (manor's; transom - t), 20. Aegean (a + Geena; age + an + E), 21. Pertain (pert + A + in; PE + rain + t), 22. Piano (PIN + a + O; pi + a + no), 23. Baobab (BeAu Of BlAbBy; baba + o + B), 24. Shrike (shriek; moving e; sh + R + lke), 25. Brakes (breaks anag. and hom.), 27. Pivot (I + v + pot; to + VIP), 28. Brag (garb; bag + R), 30. Miro (steaM IROn; mere eau), 31. Yawl (y'all; Y + awl)

ANSWERS

66 | FAMILY REUNIONS

FAMILY ONE

European capitals

- Oslo
- Rome
- Paris
- Madrid
- Berlin
- Lisbon
- Athens
- London
- Prague
- Brussels

FAMILY TWO

"New" followers

- Age
- Moon
- Year
- Born
- Math
- Comer
- Money
- Zealand
- England
- Testament

FAMILY THREE

Courtroom terms

- Plea
- Writ
- Trial
- Motion
- Appeal
- Docket
- Witness
- Counsel
- Sentence
- Evidence

FAMILY FOUR

Comic strips

- Pogo
- Zits
- Shoe
- Cathy
- Mutts
- Dilbert
- Peanuts
- Blondie
- Li'l Abner
- Garfield

64 | DOUBLE CROSS

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| A. PATTON | L. EXTREME WEATHER |
| B. AWARD-WINNING | M. YOO-HOO |
| C. UNOBTRUSIVE | N. THE WHITE TIGER |
| D. LONDON | O. HARLEM SHUFFLE |
| E. MOP TOPS | P. EVOKED |
| F. COTTON BOLL | Q. LEFTWARD |
| G. CATTLE | R. YESTERDAY |
| H. AWKWARD AGE | S. RABBIT |
| I. RUBENS | T. INSTITUTIONS |
| J. TINTED | U. CHEOPS |
| K. NEWS OF THE WORLD | V. SKIN DIVING |

"Can't Buy Me Love"...was knocked off the number one spot...by "A World Without Love." That was a song I'd written when I was sixteen at home in Liverpool. I didn't think it was strong enough for The Beatles, but it did pretty well for Peter and Gordon's career.—Paul McCartney, *The Lyrics*

67 | DOUBLE DUTY

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|---------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Rebut, butter | 11. Caravan, vanity |
| 2. Great, eateries | 12. Ottoman, manager |
| 3. Entry, tryout | 13. Confuse, useless |
| 4. Skill, illusion | 14. Lexicon, conversant |
| 5. Outfit, fitness | 15. Splendid, didactic |
| 6. Magnet, network | 16. Pleasant, antidote |
| 7. Ballot, lottery | 17. Underway, wayward |
| 8. Sunset, settler | 18. Prodigal, gallivant |
| 9. Father, herbal | 19. Skeleton, tonsils |
| 10. Seethe, theater | 20. Linchpin, pinochle |

63 | ABSENTEES

H	S	M	O	O	T	L	Y	C	O	N	S	O	E	L
I	T	A	C	T	A	O	S	A	G	E	S	S	V	D
G	R	A	T	E	S	V	E	C	R	E	A	T	E	R
H	U	W	E	T	T	E	D	T	A	D	D	E	R	O
S	M	O	T	H	E	R	U	I	M	L	A	N	T	P
C	H	L	O	E	R	O	C	A	P	E	C	D	A	O
H	O	V	E	R	S	O	E	C	A	S	T	I	N	U
O	L	E	P	E	R	F	R	M	R	S	O	C	K	T
O	D	S	I	D	O	S	G	E	T	U	R	E	S	S

ACROSS:

1. Smoothly (most holy), 5. Console (two meanings), 9. Tacit (cat + it), 11. Dosages (does + sag), 13. Grates (greats), 14. Recreate (e + caterer), 16. Whetted (teeth + w + D), 17. Odder (Red + do), 18. Smother (S + mother), 20. Implant (imp + L + ant), 23. Chloe (c + hole), 24. Cape Cod (code + cap), 26. Overshoe (hose + Rover - R), 27. Austin (a + just - j + in), 28. Perform (per + form), 29. Stock (K + cots), 30. Do-si-dos (dodos + l's), 31. Gestures (greets u)

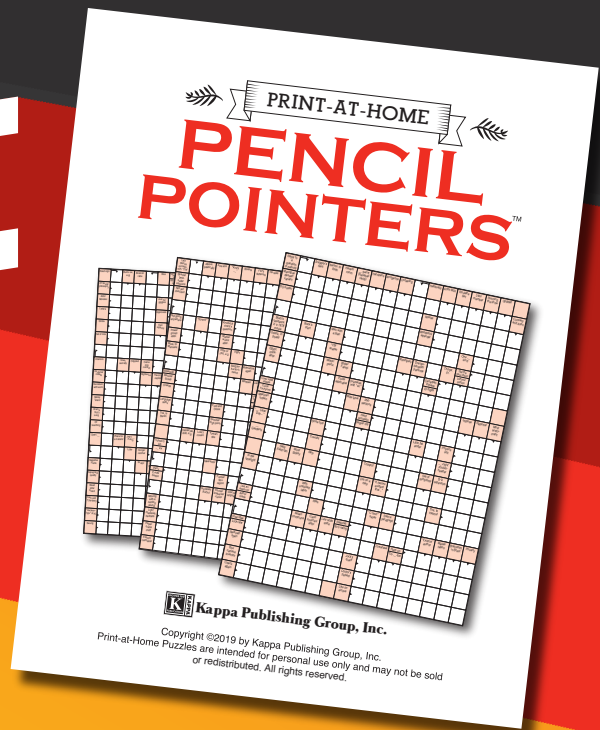
DOWN:

1. Strum (S + trumpet - pet), 2. Octet (O + C + Tet), 3. Tasters (t + asters), 4. Love (vole), 5. Cacti (c + Act I), 6. Needless (needles + s), 7. Ostend (doesn't), 8. Ever (sever - s), 10. Tethered (staTE THE REDbirds), 12. Seducer (duc + seer), 15. Rampart (ram + part), 16. Wolves (woes + LV), 19. Roofs (so for), 21. Actor (carROT CAke), 22. Tanks (T + an + KS), 23. Hold (H + old), 25. Acme (m + ace)

67 | EVERYWHERE A SQUARE

M	A	R	S	H	A	L	I	N	G	A	N	A	I	S	N	I	N	S	U	S	A	N
I	N	I	M	I	T	A	B	L	E	P	O	R	T	H	O	L	E	C	N	O	T	E
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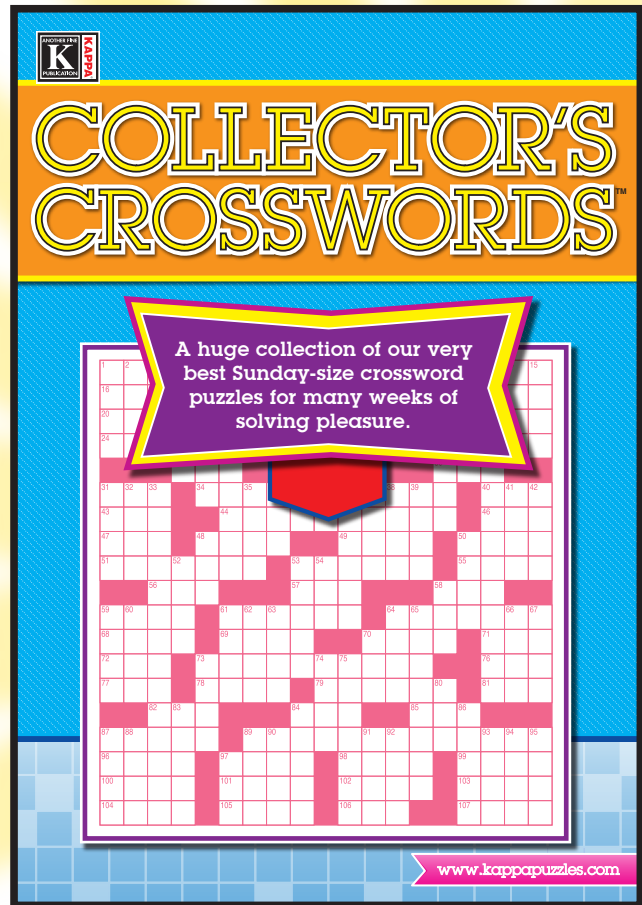
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