## "What a Great Place to Start"

Each trigram quote is taken from a movie where the movie's name is part of the quote. It has been replaced with TITLE in each quote.

- MYSTERY MEN: Champion City will forever owe a debt of gratitude to these TITLE.
- ARMAGEDDON: We are faced with the very gravest of challenges. The Bible calls this day "TITLE."
- LOVE ACTUALLY: If you look for it, l've got a sneaky feeling you'll find that TITLE is all around.
- LAST OF THE MOHICANS: Tell them to be patient and ask death for speed; for they are all there but one - I, Chingachgook - TITLE.
- ON THE WATERFRONT: If you don't think Christ is down here TITLE you've got another guess coming.
- FULL METAL JACKET: Seven. Six. Two. Millimeter. TITLE.
- THE ARISTOCRATS: and that's the act! I'm gonna call it TITLE.
- MEN IN BLACK: You're above the System. Over it. Beyond it. We're 'them.' We're 'they.' We are the TITLE.
- ETERNAL SUNSHINE OF THE SPOTLESS MIND.: TITLE. Each pray'r accepted and each wish resign'd.
- REAR WINDOW: I'm not much on TITLE ethics.
- INDEPENDENCE DAY: We're going to live on! We're going to survive! Today we celebrate our TITLE
- CON AIR: Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain speaking. I have the only gun on board. Welcome to TITLE
- ANY GIVEN SUNDAY: On TITLE you're gonna win or you're gonna lose.

First letters (ignoring "The") spell MALL OF AMERICA.

## Dead Man's Hand

Each hand clues a five-letter word. In order: QUEEN, ROBOT, RABBI, COURT, JOKER, BLOND, FROST, RASTA, TALLY, CADET, FUNGI

Entering the letters into the chart gives:
BETEFICTAANOL
AJUDABQURSLAN
GBROTUEROBYRT
FCRDTOKTOROSL
This spells out a series of traitors, with a changed letter in each column.

> BEnEdICTARNOL
> dJUDASQUiSLIN
> GBRUTUSROBERT
> FORDTOKYOROSe

The incorrect letters spell ACT OF BETRAYAL.

## Let's Go

Each paragraph clues a word or phrase ending GO.

- GINKGO
- OSWEGO
- TANGO
- TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO
- ARCHIPELAGO
- BINGO
- LOGO
- ALTEREGO
- NYONG'O
- KEY LARGO
- EMBARGO
- MAR-A-LAGO
- AMIGO
- LINGO
- LUMBAGO

First letters spell "Gotta blank 'em all," a reference to the Pokemon slogan. The blank is replaced with CATCH.

## Hall of Heroes

Answers to clues are all Special Moves of DC Heroes in the videogame Injustice 2.

AA_: Killing Field; AA_: Good and Evil; AEG: Night Ranger; AN_: Surrender; ANS: Beauty and the Beast; BOS: Hallucinations; CMS: Slaughter; COI: Blood Bath; ENE: Disobeying Orders; ESI: Bogged Down; EVH: Mind Tricks; FSA: Breaking Point; GWF: Double Trouble; HDL: Bad Seed; HE_: Violent Tendencies; HOA: Blowout; IEW: Natural Disaster; IMM: Comeback; ISH: Greased Lightning; ITM: Game Changer; LRG: Heartless; LRO: Queen’s Gambit; MN_: Sideline; NEY: Punishment; ODM: Destroy; OHE: Beware; ORN: Crimson Red; PME: Death Wish; REI: Man eater; RLM: Born to Kill; RNE: Hot Pursuit; RNE: Inner Strength; ROI: Overdose; RT_: Throwing Shade; RWC: Be Afraid; SEO: Checkmate; SNE: Anti-Life; SP_: Roller Coaster; SSE: Hybrid; TE_: Quiver; TIM: Subliminal Messages; UHE: Family Tree; URV: Dead to Rights

Group answers by character and order alphabetically. The three character prefix will form a clue related to the character. The enumerations provided will match the characters and answers uniquely.

| Swamp Thing | - HDL: Bad Seed <br> - ESI: Bogged Down <br> - GWF: Double Trouble <br> - UHE: Family Tree <br> - AA_: Killing Field <br> - RT_: Throwing Shade | He guards what life? | Plants |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Green Arrow | - AEG: Night Ranger <br> - LRO: Queen's Gambit <br> - TE_: Quiver | Alter Ego | Oliver Queen |
| Flash | - ISH: Greased Lightning <br> - RNE: Hot Pursuit <br> - IEW: Natural Disaster <br> - SP_: Roller Coaster | Iris's <br> Nephew | Wally West |
| Cyborg | - HOA: Blowout <br> - IMM: Comeback <br> - SSE: Hybrid <br> - MN_: Sideline | His Moms Name | Elinore |
| Atrocitus | - COI: Blood Bath <br> - ORN: Crimson Red <br> - LRG: Heartless | Color Ring | Red |
| Scarecrow | - RWC: Be Afraid <br> - OHE: Beware <br> - BOS: Hallucinations <br> - EVH: Mind Tricks <br> - ROI: Overdose <br> - TIM: Subliminal Messages | Robert Who Voices Him | Englund |
| Black Canary | - FSA: Breaking Point <br> - ITM: Game Changer <br> - RNE: Inner Strength | First Name | Dinah |
| Robin | - RLM: Born to Kill <br> - ENE: Disobeying Orders <br> - AA_: Good and Evil | Real Name | Damian |
| Darkseid | - SNE: Anti-Life <br> - ODM: Destroy <br> - NEY: Punishment <br> - AN_: Surrender | Son And Enemy | Orion |
| Cheetah | - ANS: Beauty and the Beast <br> - REI: Man eater <br> - CMS: Slaughter <br> - HE_: Violent Tendencies | Archnemesis | Wonder Woman |
| Deadshot | - SEO: Checkmate <br> - URV: Dead to Rights <br> - PME: Death Wish | Super Move | Never Miss |

First letters of the answers spell POWERED DOWN.

## The Electric Can Opener

Canned Clues: Canberra, Canthus, Canoodles, Candescent, Cancel, Canis, Cane, Can
Uncanned: Cel, E, Berra, Is, Oodles, Descent, Thus
Arrange the cans in a pyramid shape, such that each row is a canned clue answer (assuming the first can is CAN). Read down the left hand side to see HOLE IS IT. The answer is HOLE.

## The Toaster

A. Mastermind, B. Deadeye Dick, C. Twisty, D.

Traffic signal, E. Children of the Corn, F. Confidently, G. Youtube, H. Dangal, I. Peanuts, J. Flagellum, K. Stove, L. Indoor Tennis Court, M. Biscuit, N. Television Without Pity, O. Goofoff, P. Chestnut, Q. Laundry Room, R. Arcadia, S. Uruguay, T. Deep Trouble, U. Tweedledee, V. Rooster Cogburn, X. Stygian, Y. Song of Solomon, Z. August, AA. Whereby
You can swim in the middle of a gunfight and your guns will not get waterlogged. For you, descriptions of driving never get old. You are at once amused and bewildered by your collection of matchsticks. You encounter a troupe of thespian funambulists. They are glib, and not to be trusted. Your attic is full of secrets.

The text are a series of items taken from articles on the website The Toast about "How To Tell If You Are In..."

- How To Tell If You Are In A Bollywood Movie
- How To Tell If You Are In A Stephen King Novel
- How To Tell If You Are In A Logic Problem
- How To Tell If You Are In A Tom Stoppard Play
- How To Tell If You Are In Goosebumps book

Five clues explicitly correspond with these categories: clues $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{E}, \mathrm{A}, \mathrm{R}$, and T . The answer is HEART.

## Address Check

Each answer is one of the sets of letters at the top plus a state abbreviation.

- ADJECTIVE (CT)
- ARMADILLO (AR)
- AUTOPILOT (UT)
- BANDWIDTH (WI)
- BREAKFAST (AK)
- CAFETERIA (CA)
- CATERWAUL (WA)
- CHEST X-RAY (TX)
- CHIHUAHUA (HI)
- CLAIM TO BE (MT)
- CRITIQUES (RI)
- DIAPHRAGM (IA)
- EAVESDROP (SD)
- ENVELOPES (NV)
- EPONYMOUS (NY)
- EQUIPMENT (ME)
- EXEMPLARY (LA)
- EXPANSIVE (PA)
- FLASHBULB (FL)
- FLUMMOXED (MO)
- FREQUENCY (NC)
- HANDIWORK (ND)
- HDTV TUNER (VT)
- HEXAGONAL (AL)
- INHIBITED (NH)
- INJUSTICE (NJ)
- INSOMNIAC (MN)
- ISOSCELES (SC)
- JUNKYARDS (KY)
- LAWNMOWER (NM)
- LOCKSMITH (MI)
- MAGAZINES (AZ)
- MAKESHIFT (MA)
- MILKSHAKE (IL)
- PINEAPPLE (IN)
- PROHIBITS (OH)
- PROJECTOR (OR)
- PURGATORY (GA)
- QUICKSAND (KS)
- STORM DOOR (MD)
- STRAW VOTE (WV)
- SUPERNOVA (VA)
- TAXIDERMY (ID)
- TOM SAWYER (WY)
- VIDEOTAPE (DE)
- WHIMSICAL (MS)
- WITNESSES (TN)
- XYLOPHONE (NE)
- ZIRCONIUM (CO)

One state abbreviation is missing, and that's OK. (Submitting OKLAHOMA will instruct the solver to use the state abbreviation.)

## Smoke 'Em If You Got 'Em

The images all clue cigarette brands: Maverick, Fortuna, Basic, Kent, Newport, Chesterfield, Camel, Pyramid, Embassy, Parliament

The cigarette brands fit into the blanks alphabetically. Take the letter matching the ! in original clue order to get EAST OF EDEN.

## The Berkeley Pit

In the ON TOP grid, some squares contain the letters PIT. The corresponding letters in the other grid spell LUMP.

| 0 | N | T | O | P |  | $J$ | I | G |  |  |  | R | K | B | E |  |  | O | W |  | T | S | P |  | P | T | A |
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| W | E | A | V | E |  | U | S | A |  |  | N | O | N | B | L | A |  | I | R |  | U | T | E |  | E | E | L |
| L | O | W | E | R |  | * | A | S |  |  | T | A | O | C | L | O |  | N | E |  | L | E | A |  | P | A | L |
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| L | T | T |  |  | P | R | A | Y | E |  | R |  |  | S | 0 |  |  |  |  | D | E | L | E | T | E |  |  |
| U | N | E | A | S | Y |  | H | O | N |  | E | S | T | C | L |  |  | C | H | E |  | A | L | A | R | M | S |
| * | F | A | L | L |  |  |  | G | U |  | S | T | O | U | L | T |  | R | A |  |  |  | S | T | $\bigcirc$ | A | T |
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| E | G | 0 |  | P | 1 |  |  | T | O |  | R | T | S | A | R | K |  |  | A | M | P |  | 0 | R | G | A | N |
| A | L | P |  | A | L | A |  | C | R |  | A | N | K | V | 1 |  |  |  | B | O | O |  | D | A | N | C | E |
| L | I | S |  | T | E | L |  | H | E |  | F | T | Y | E | A | R |  |  | A | N | T |  | S | L | U | E | S |

## I Write Off a Trip to the MIM

The instruments pictured are in this order on the audiofile. The real names of the instruments are given in parenthesis, but are not needed for solving.

- Squeeze Toy (Udakai)
- Fake Turtle (Tahitian Ukulele)
- Pixie Prong (Flabiol I cobla)
- Big Old Bell (Trychle)
- Sheep Stick (Zampogna a chiave)
- Cork Choker (Gopuz)
- Lemur Poker (Erhu)
- Face Pinner (Sho)
- Booty Juker (Ugly Stick)
- Tiny Stools (Pat-Waing)

All of the fake names are 10 letters long. Reading the diagonal gives SAXOPHONES

## Knight Rider 3-D

The knight travels along the surface of the clue, making traditional knight moves (2 squares in one direction, 1 in another). This can have a significant effect as it crosses edges.

The given destinations are shown. The unused squares spell out ANSWER IS TOUR OF DUTY.

## Cross Your Heart

The completed grid is to the right. Down the center can be read DEEP PURPLE.

Hope to Die
Solve the Sudoku and add up the colored dice. You'll get 10-5-23-5-12 or JEWEL.



## Diamond Mine

The unclued second row spells out CENTRAL ARKANSAS.


## RATAZ

RATAZ is VEXED Caesar shifted. Whitney Smith is the coiner of the word vexillology. The items given are things found on country flags shifted a certain number of letters.

- Nguni Shield (Swaziland/15)
- Golden Lion (Sri Lanka/23)
- Mokorotlo (Lesotho/18)
- Boar's Horn (Vanuatu/4)
- Bird Of Paradise (Papua New Guinea/5)
- Orange Eagle (Zambia/19)
- Ashoka Chakra (India/9)
- Eagle Of Saladin (Egypt/5)
- Angkor Wat (Cambodia/9)
- Star Of David (Israel/18)
- Thunder Dragon (Bhutan/18)
- Sisserou Parrot (Dominica/20)
- Green Cedar (Lebanon/8)
- Olive Leaves (Cyprus/1)
- Nutmeg Pod (Grenada/2)
- Maasai Shield (Kenya/4)
- Yurt (Kyrgyzstan/20)
- Maple Leaf (Canada/7)
- Poseidon's Trident (Barbados/6)
- Taegeuk (South Korea/5)
- Grey Crane (Uganda/18)

Order the countries alphabetically and take each number as a letter to spell FRIGATE BIRD THREE WORDS. Frigate Bird is a part of the flag of the REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI.

## Author

The last names of the authors of the first two books in each triple are an anagram of the title of the third book, plus one additional letter.

- Hugo/Verne [M]
- Austen/Bagnold [Y]
- Grafton/Rice [S]
- Gaiman/Salinger [T]
- Plath/Twain [E]
- Woolf/Dickens [R]
- Wilde/Bronte [Y]
- Clarke/Asimov [A]
- Kafka/Tolstoy [U]
- Shaw/Doyle [T]
- Lewis/Martin [H]
- Carnegie/Steel [O]
- Eliot/Ibsen [R]
- Stoker/Amis [E]
- Angelou/Capote [L]
- Faulkner/Poe [L]
- Conrad/Updike [E]
- Dahl/Wilder [R]
- Camus/Proust [Y]

In order, the extra letters spell Mystery Author Ellery. The answer is QUEEN.

## Painter

The Paint-by-numbers can be treated as jigsaw pieces in a $3 \times 4$ puzzle to give the image to the right.

The answer is PRINCE.


## Lover's Lane

For each set, each underscore can be replaced with one of two letters (e.g., PAJAMAS or PANAMAS). If grouped correctly, they spell famous lovers with one missing a letter.

- NAPOLEON and JOSE(P)HINE
- ORPHEUS and EU(R)YDICE
- GUIN(E)VERE and LANCELOT
- (T)RISTAN and ISOLDE
- BONNI(E) and CLYDE
- ROMEO and JULI(E)T
- CLEOPATRA and MARC A(N)TONY
- PYRAMU(S) and THISBE


## Dominoes in Action

The completed grid is shown. Shaded areas spell DOES.

## Rosalila, Stab A Little Harder

Different types of knives can be found in the grid in $4 \times 4$ squares reading clockwise or counterclockwise. As

| 0 | 0 | 2 | 6 | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 5 \end{aligned}$ | 3 | 0 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 |  | 3 | 4 |
| 1 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 1 |
| 1 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 0 | 0 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 0 |
| 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 6 | 2 |
| 2 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 2 | shown by the graphic, circle the letters that the handle would point to if it covered the first letter.

Extra letters spell: "Read the letters covered by the handles and complete the lyric with a related eleven-letter word. Doctor Stabby."

Knives are (ordered by circled letter, top to bottom)

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- Poniard (A)
- Baselard (G)
- Bowie (ND)
- Basilong (G)
- Stiletto (G)
- Bayonet (L)
- Cleaver (UR)
- Kukri (ED)
- Xacto (GL)
- Scalpel (I)
- Serpette (E) • Sickle (DR)
- Ginsu (DA)
- Machete (EW)
- Bichuwa (ND) • Santoku (MY)
- Dagger (GU)
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The lyrics can be completed with SNICKERSNEE.
GPS
Answers to Positioning clues all start OVER THE or UNDER THE.

- Under the weather
- Under the wire
- Under the tabke
- Over the moon
- Over the top
- Over the hill

Each of the last parts of these answers appears in the grid. Take the word above or below the word.
 SWEAT.

First letters spell ALIBIS.

## You Shall Not...

Draw the bars in the completed grid, and you'll the grid splits in two. Find letters that are the same on both sides of the line to spell SAN ANDREAS.


## More More More

Cone answers: King, Ray, Her, All, Line, Ides, Ops, Cent, Low
Each MOAR, MOAAR, and MOAAAR answer builds on the cones by adding one or more letters. In Cone order:

- B/L/IN/KING
- B/ROAD/S/IDES
- A/S/T/RAY
- BI/S/H/OPS
- SK/ET/C/HER
- N/A/S/CENT
- IN/S/T/ALL
- S/W/AL/LOW
- RO/S/A/LINE

The tops of the cones spell BASKIN ROBBINS.

## Strays

Each block conceals five words related to "dog" in the same way.

- [Words mean hound or dog] SHADOW, CHASE, TRAIL, FOLLOW, PURSUE
- [Breeds of dog] GREYHOUND, SPANIEL, TERRIER, DACHSHUND, LABRADOR
- [Dog treats] MILKBONE, SNAUSAGES, PURINA, PEDIGREE, PUPPYCHOW
- [Fictional dogs] SNOOPY, MARMADUKE, SCOOBYDOO, LASSIE, UNDERDOG
- [Dog toys] KENNEL, CHEWTOY, COLLAR, FOODBOWL, MICROCHIP
- [Hot dog condiments] RELISH, KETCHUP, MUSTARD, ONIONS, SAUERKRAUT
For each, there is an unused square. From top to bottom, these letters spell DALMATIANS.


## Bumper to Bumper

Each image represents something that, like the title, can be part of a
<BLANK> TO <BLANK> phrase. The words in each bumper sticker start with the letters in these items, plus one other letter.

- HEART: BAKCE->BACK+E
- EYE: AYRTE->YEAR+T
- HEAD: HRTAXE-> HEART+X
- APPLES: IAEHD->HEAD+I
- YEAR: SPLSPAE->APPLES+S
- BACK: EREOP->PEER+O
- PEER (Calvin): CYEE->EYE+C

Chaining these together gives COEXIST.

## Let's Bounce

Answers can be found in the word search caroming off of the pink areas, leaving a letter behind in each.

- RICOCHET ROBOT
- TAINE
- SUPERBALL
- CASTLE
- SAN ANDREAS
- SQUASH
- FLUBBER
- FLUBBER
- ALEXANDER
- ELASTIC
- ERASER
- MARSUPIAL
- CHECK KITING
- BISCUIT
- BOTTOM FERMENTATION

Letters in the pink areas on the outside THIS LANDMARK and the inside TEN LTRS. The answer is FORDLANDIA.


## Spy vs. Spy

Much like the spies in Spy vs. Spy, each person wears either a black or white top. Take each group of $2 \times 3$ as a braille letter. The answer is TOQUE.


Fast Forward: Part of the border of the table is Morse Code for PINK HAT.

## Two Heads Are Better Than One

Each death comes from a movie showcased during a Rifftrax Live event or an episode of MST3K (red).

- Birdemic: Shock and Terror (M)
- Swamp Diamonds (A)
- Samurai Cop (A)
- Tormented (T)
- Starship Troopers (T)
- The Giant Gila Monster (ANS)
- Anaconda (C)
- Sharknado 2: The Second One (H)
- Rocketship X-M (E)
- Indestructible Man (N)
- It Conquered the World (D)
- Reefer Madness (ANS)

Looking at the Rifftrax Live letters gives MATCH ANS and MST3K letters gives AT ANS END. ANS (short for Answer) can be replaced with WITS.

## Gutsy Luchadors, Odd Warriors

The acronym of the puzzle is GLOW and the images all clue G.L.O.W. wrestlers. Each phrase is an anagram of the real name of the wrestler (using IMDB as confirmation). As a help, the images are ordered by the wrestler's stage name.

- Americana: Cindy Maranne - I
- Attache: Laura Fisher - S
- Brunhilda: Deanne Murray - N
- Daisy: Helena LaCount - T
- Dallas: Debi Pelletier - I
- Godiva: Dawn Maestas - T
- Hollywood: Jeanne Basone - A
- Jailbait: Trish Casella - L
- Justice: Narice Crockett - A
- Liberty: Penny Johnson - N
- Little Egypt: Angelina Altishin - I
- Star: Suzanne Duplessis - S
- Tulsa: Jody Haselbarth - H
- VH1: Taeler Hendrix - I
- Vine: Janet Bowers - T

Missing letters spell ISNT IT ALANIS HIT, a clue for IRONIC.

## Activity Coordinator

Each activity corresponds with a section from the Book of Ecclesiastes. Take the minute as a letter of the alphabet.
a time to be born and a time to die,:

- 8:09 PM: Help deliver the hotel owner's baby [I]
- 8:04 AM: Pass away [D]
a time to plant and a time to uproot,:
- 5:05 AM: Put incriminating evidence on someone to frame them [E]
- 6:14 PM: Move some palm trees to a different part of the hotel [N]
a time to kill and a time to heal,:
- 5:20 AM: Slaughter the audience at our talent show [T]
- 9:09 AM: Give someone an aspirin [I]
a time to tear down and a time to build,:
- 7:06 PM: Demolish a gingerbread house in the lobby [F]
- 2:25 PM: Use a C++ compiler to make an executable [Y]
a time to weep and a time to laugh,:
- 3:02 PM: Do something after you "read 'em" [B]
- 6:15 AM: Check out our stand-up comics [O]
a time to mourn and a time to dance,:
- 1:15 AM: Attend a funeral [0]
- 7:11 PM: Join a conga line [K]
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,:
- 8:20 PM: Throw a mancala game across the room [T]
- 6:08 AM: Get Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood together [H]
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,:
- 3:01 PM: Hug a stranger [A]
- 6:20 PM: Sing "Fa la la la la la la la la" [T]
a time to search and a time to give up,:
- 11:09 PM: Use Google [I]
- 1:14 AM: Donate copies of a Pixar movie featuring Ed Asner [ N ]
a time to keep and a time to throw away,:
- 6:19 PM: Check out the local castle [S]
- 4:16 AM: Bring things to the trash compactor [P]
a time to tear and a time to mend,:
- 8:09 AM: Rip up some newspaper [I]
- 5:18 AM: Stitch up some socks [R]
a time to be silent and a time to speak,:
- 6:05 PM: Play charades [E]
- 5:04 AM: Play Outburst [D]
a time to love and a time to hate,:
- 6:20 PM: Go to our Speed Dating event [T]
- 1:08 AM: Leave negative reviews on Yelp! $[\mathrm{H}]$
a time for war and a time for peace.:
- 8:09 PM: Play a simple no-strategy card game [I]
- 7:19 PM: Hold two fingers up in the air [S]

Letters spell IDENTIFY THE BOOK THAT INSPIRED THIS. The answer is ECCLESIASTES.

## Hand in the Sand

Answers to the clues in the bottom are of the form " $X$ in the $Y$ ", where $Y$ is one of the images given.

- rumble in the jungle
- nail in the coffin
- hole in the wall
- drop in the bucket
- order in the court
- flash in the pan
- shot in the arm
- one in the oven
- irons in the fire
- throw in the towel
- ace in the hole
- walk in the park
- elephant in the room
- nip in the bud
- snake in the grass
- all in the family
- up in the air

In picture order, the first letters spell ANSWER IS OUT OF HAND.

Scrimshaw
Once the grid is filled in, five columns have harpoons. You can replace those harpoons with letters to get a type of whale in that column (fin, beluga, blue, sperm, humpback). The letters replacing harpoons spell FLESH.

| K | F | D | E | R | B | Y |  | B | Y | E | B | Y | E | S | S | A | C | C | 0 | S | T |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| B | 1 | 0 | E | L | E | C | T | R | 1 | C |  | L | E | A | P | T |  | A | D | I | E | U |
| U |  | V |  | E |  | H |  |  |  | E |  | L |  | F |  | I | N | F | E | R |  | M |
| K | N | E | E |  | L | T | R | A | V | E | L | 0 | G | U | E | S |  | T | W | I | R | P |
| I |  |  |  | S |  |  | 1 | C | E |  |  | W |  |  |  | T |  | Y |  | T |  |  |
|  |  | S | E | Q | U | E | S | T | E | R |  | S | H | A | R | I | F |  | N | U | M | B |
|  |  | W |  | U |  | V | E | R | S | 0 |  | T |  | D |  | C | 0 | C | 0 | A |  | A |
|  |  | I | M | A | G | 1 | N | E |  | Q | U | 0 | R | U | M |  | G | A | R | L | 1 | C |
|  |  | N |  | R |  | C |  | S |  | U |  | N |  | L |  |  |  | S |  | L |  | K |
|  |  | G | $R$ | E | A | T |  | S | U | E | E | E | F | T |  |  |  | K | A | Y | 0 |  |

## Marked, Become Agog

Each paragraph clues a game with one letter changed.

- SPECTER UPS (0)
- CODEGAMES (N)
- CATTLE LINE (B)
- KIND OF TOKYO (G)
- ZOMBICIDE: BLACK PLAQUE (G)
- TERRAFORMING MARK (S)
- CLUB (E)
- RUNTBOUND (E)
- FORDS OF WATERDEEP (L)
- LEAR'S DICE (I)
- CHEST (S)
- SEA (T)
- DIGIT (X)
- ONO (U)
- GROOM (L)
- LOOT CITIES (S)
- BLOND RAGE (O)
- SECRET HITTER (L)
- RICE FOR THE GALAXY (A)
- TICKET TO HIDE (R)
- THE JURY OF DRACULA (F)
- FLUSH POINT: FIRE RESCUE (A)
- ZITICULTURE (V)
- THE GAME OF LIFT (E)
- MILLE BORNEO (S)

The title anagrams to boardgamegeek. The original letters spell ON BGG, SEE LIST XUL SOLAR FAVES. Search boardgamegeek.com for the list (you can also google XUL SOLAR FAVES in quotes.) The list includes all of the games above, along with TWIXT, the answer to the puzzle.

## Hands Touching Hands

Hands can be combined such that fingers are interwined, forming two words.

- mandel(B)rot/rou(G)hnecks
- (F)lourished/quatrefoi(L)
- ba(N)kruptcy/headstr(O)ng
- unst(E)adily/playg(R)ound
- afterglo(W)s/d(I)scourage

There's a letter missing in each position. From 1 to 10, these letters spell FINGER BOWL.

## Help the Dishwasher

Several spaces can be filled with either PAN or POT. Some cannot have either.

- ACCOMPANIMENT
- DISCREPANCIES
- (neither)
- HIPPOPOTAMUS
- (neither)
- NEPOTISM
- COMEUPPANCE
- (neither)
- TYMPANIC
- (neither)
- HYPOTHERMAL
- CHIMPANZEE
- OMNIPOTENT
- DESPOTICAL
- (neither)
- TREPANATION
- BESPANGLED
- FRANGIPANI
- (neither)
- TRAINSPOTTER
- SPANDEX
- (neither)
- APOTHECARY
- HYPOTENUSE
- UNDERPANTS
- SPOTLIGHT

Rows that cannot take either spell "Don't put letters in spaces instead use circular pots and rectangular pans and leave these rows blank."

Graphically representing each pot as * and pan as -- forms Morse Code spelling out MEAT LOAF.

## Help the Waitress

Anagram each top row to get someone who has been married multiple times.

- (Larry) King
- (Greg) Allman
- (Richard) Pryor
- (Hedy) Lamarr
- (Elizabeth) Taylor
- (Artie) Shaw
- (Mickey) Rooney

The remaining bottles can be combined to form one of their spouses.

- Keyes (S) (Shaw's 8th wife)
- Alexander (Q) (King's 7th wife)
- Fountain (U) (Allman's 6th wife)
- Mitchell (E) (Rooney's 5th wife)
- Stauffer (E) (Lamarr's 4th husband)
- McGuire (Z) (Pryor’s 3rd wife)
- Wileding (E) (Taylor's 2nd husband)

Order extra letters by the nth spouse, highest to lowest, to spell SQUEEZE.

## Echo Chamber

The complete grid is shown here. For five of the images, you'll need two of the images plus one more letter to get something clued by the crossword entry.

- BARBARA (A WOMAN'S NAME)
- TINTING (COLORATION)
- ALFALFA (HAY)
- CONCONI (SPORTS TEST)
- CHECHEN (A CAUCASIAN)

Extra letters, in image order, spell AGAIN.

## Downward Doug

Each pair of left limbs pairs with the right limbs of a different "Doug". Each pairs of clues leads to a six-letter word. The first 3 letters of the upward clue and last 3 letters of the downward clue are provided. Inserting a letter into the circle will form a seven-letter word reading backwards.

| Certain/fruit CITRUS | Fast pace/for a horse GALLOP | POLITIC |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Chewed a/tough thing GNAWED | Plaster of/Paris part GYPSUM | MUSTANG |
| Cowardly/color-wise YELLOW | Accompany/On a date ESCORT | TROLLEY |
| Greater/in size LARGER | Furry/Rodent GERBIL | LIBERAL |
| Igor or/Renfield LACKEY | In sync or a bike TANDEM | MEDICAL |
| Make a/mess of MUCKUP | Make a /mess of WISDOM | MODICUM |
| Music/player STEREO | Severe/Injury TRAUMA | AMULETS |
| Sobber's/request TISSUE | African/tree BAOBAB | BABYSIT |
| "Stand/down" AT EASE | PLO Ieader/Yassir ARAFAT | TAFFETA |
| Symbol of/disgrace STIGMA | Of the/lower back LUMBAR | RABBITS |
| Take off/from a pad LAUNCH | Lech/of note WALESA | ASEXUAL |

The clues form a sequence. Starting with "Stand/down", the extra letters spell FLEXIBILITY.

## Inside the Cage

The cages are:

- 1 (column 2 , row 4 )
- 3 (column 7 , row 5 )
- 4 (column 11, row 11)
- 3 (column 15, row 7 )

Taking 1=A gives AC/DC.

| 4 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 5 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 14 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 11 |
| 6 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 15 |
| 3 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 4 | 8 | 13 |
| 13 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 2 |
| 10 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 9 |
| 16 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 1 |
| 12 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| 7 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 14 |
| 5 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 6 |
| 11 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 3 |
| 15 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 9 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 2 | 8 | 13 | 7 | 4 |
| 8 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 14 | 2 | 5 | 10 |
| 2 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 12 | 6 | 9 | 11 | 16 |
| 9 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 15 | 12 |
| 1 | 15 | 12 | 3 | 9 | 11 | 16 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 4 | 8 | 13 | 7 |

## Outside the Cage

Inward clues have an extra letter added to them. Outward clues must have a letter added to them.

Inward: SENILE (B[E]atty), SABER, CUL-DE-SAC, NEREID (sea[L]), AERIES (fin[E] d), RECOIL ([c]heater), EDIFICE, NAM (war[T]), OCCAM, RAT RACE (st[R]uck), DISTRESS, EDDIES (spo[U]ts), REPORTS (pa[M]pers), ACACIA, MAJORCAN ([S] iberian), INK SAC

Outward: CASK (me[A]ds), NINA, CRO, JAMAICA ([W]ailers), CASTRO, PERSEID (s[h]ower), DESSERT (sh[A]red), SIDECAR (mo[T]orer), TARMAC ([c]hopper),
COMANECI, FIDELIO, CERSEI, READIER, ENCASED (st[O]ring), LUCRE (co[I]ns), BASELINES (sing[L]ed)

Extra letters spell ELECTRUM'S A WHAT COIL. The answer is TESLA.

## Snowflakes

The completed grid is shown to the right. The perimeter spells out, starting in the lower left, EDGE OF NOWHERE.

## Circulation

Answers for each clue replace the stars in the following clue, with the last answer replacing the stars in the first clue in another column. The process goes full circle. In order:
$1,13,5,6,9,3,8,7,2,10,12,4,11$


The center row spells VITRIOL OF MARS.

| 0 | 0 | B | T | H | H | S | R | N | H | G | C | 1 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| D | P | E | E | U | 0 | A | E | 1 | 0 | U | U | S |
| D | P | G | L | G | S | N | C | E | U | 1 | S | L |
| E | 0 | G | E | H | P | G | E | C | S | D | T | A |
| S | S | A | T | E | 1 | R | N | E | E | A | 0 | N |
| T | E | R | H | S | T | 1 | T | G | S | N | D | D |
| A | M | N | 0 | E | A | A | 1 | 1 | M | C | 1 | S |
| R | 1 | A | N | G | L | A | M | R | 1 | E | A | L |
| R | S | M | B | 0 | S | P | B | A | L | F | N | 1 |
| 1 | S | E | U | T | E | P | R | F | E | L | F | E |
| V | 1 | T | R | 1 | 0 | L | 0 | F | M | A | R | S |
| E | 0 | A | R | S | U | E | G | E | E | M | A | W |
| D | N | G | 0 | T | L | B | L | P | T | E | C | 0 |
| B | D | P | W | S | B | A | 1 | A | A | N | T | M |
| A | U | A | E | M | 0 | K | 0 | S | P | C | U | E |
| R | L | C | D | E | T | E | A | T | H | 0 | R | N |
| B | L | K | C | D | H | R | N | A | 0 | W | E | G |
| A | B | F | 0 | 1 | E | Y | 1 | M | R | 1 | D | R |
| R | E | L | L | A | R | J | M | E | $J$ | R | A | E |
| 1 | A | A | 0 | T | E | E | A | A | A | E | 1 | E |
| C | K | T | R | E | D | T | L | T | R | S | S | T |

## Now That's a Knife

Different types of knives can be found in the grid in $4 \times 4$ squares reading clockwise or counterclockwise. As shown by the graphic, circle the letters that the handle would point to if it covered the first letter.

Extra letters spell: "Read the letters covered by the handles and complete the lyric with a related eleven-letter word. Doctor Stabby."

Knives are (ordered by circled letter, top to bottom)

- Poniard (A)
- Bowie (ND)
- Stiletto (G)
- Cleaver (UR)
- Xacto (GL)
- Serpette (E)
- Ginsu (DA)
- Bichuwa (ND)
- Dagger (GU)
- Baselard (G)
- Basilong (G)
- Bayonet (L)
- Kukri (ED)
- Scalpel (I)
- Sickle (DR)
- Machete (EW)
- Santoku (MY)

The lyrics can be completed with SNICKERSNEE.

Gaps

| S $\backslash$ MOTHER | C\LIMBER | $C \backslash R$ INGED | B $\backslash$ OLDEST |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| IN\QUIRE | LO\OPIER | RE\ACHED | SC\RUNCH |
| CLO\SURE | AVE dNGER $^{\text {a }}$ | SER\VILE | PAR\ENTS |
| BREA \THE | REVE RSE $^{\text {d }}$ | POKE $\backslash$ MON | CHAR \ITY |
| SHRIN \KS | BARRE \LS | CAREE RS $^{\text {P }}$ | PASSA\GE |
| COMPOS $\backslash E$ <br> [compost] | THEBAN $\backslash \mathrm{D}$ [reveals] | BITTER\N [coached] | THOUGH \T [coldest] |


| T\REASON | D \RUGGED | U\NEATEN |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| DR\AUGHT | VO\ICING | PE\PPERS |
| PAR\AGON | SLE\IGHT | VER\DANT |
| PLAT $\backslash$ ING | ACHI\EVE | PLAY \TEX |
| MEDIA \TE | BARRI\ER | SALIN $\backslash$ AS |
| PRESTO\N | ALFRED $\backslash 0$ | DIVERS\E |
| [parting] | [barrico] | [pendant] |

For each grid, answers are 6- or 7-letters long. One 7-letter long answer won't work with the rest of the grid, and instead requires a letter to fall in the gap in a six-letter word (these are in brackets at the bottom). Ordering by position spells CONTACT.

## QStation

Answers have two or more Qs in them. They line up with the bandages, with one extra bandage covering a non-Q letter.

- Aliquot Seqeunce [T]
- Albuquerque New Mexico [X]
- Queen Of Burlesque [S]
- Quebec Nordiques [I]
- Powaqqatsi [W]
- Nyquist Frequency [F]
- Quack-Quack [A]
- Quadratic Equation [R]
- Quid Pro Quo [D]
- Tu Quoque [T]
- Quinquennial [E]
- Quote Unquote [0]
- Squash Racquet [T]
- Coquilles St.-Jacques [L]
- Quaquaversal [V]
- Quelque Chose [H]
- Frequently Asked Questions [D]
- Marquess Of Queenberry [R]
- Equivoque [0]
- Saqqara [R]

In blanks order, this spells FLAVORTEXT'S THIRD WORD, which is EFFETE.

## Wings

Several five-letter words can be found on both sides of the grid. The symmetrical letters from the other side are a six-letter word that can precede or follow the five-letter word, missing a letter.

- (M)USCLE BOUND
- EMPTY HAN(D)ED
- SPRE(A)D EAGLE
- CROSS ST(I)TCH
- (S)AVOIR FAIRE
- PRICE FI(X)ING
- T(O)ILET TRAIN
- PLAIN SP(0)KEN
- SECO(N)D GUESS
- KITTY COR(N)ER

Extra letters spell MASON-DIXON.


## ****Hugs****

There are three theme entries.

- EAT SOME TOFFEE
- HI STATE
- O NEGATIVE

If you take a letter and add it to both sides of the first word, you get a word clued by the rest of the entry.

- HEATH
- OHIO
- NON

The answer is HON.

## Playtime

The stars clue Mario, and the stars represent a character from the Mario Universe. (Each character is used twice.) In addition, there is one additional letter covered.

- Blushing Bride (Luigi \& N)

| R | A | T |  | A | F | T | E | R |  | W | A | G |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | U | R |  | M | 0 | I | R | E |  | 0 | I | L | L |
| B | R | 0 |  | M | A | D | A | M |  | 0 | D | E | E |
| E | A | T | S | 0 | M | E | T | 0 | F | F | E | E | E |
|  |  |  | A | N | Y |  | 0 | V | A |  |  |  |  |
| S | H | A | R | I |  |  |  | A | L | T | A | R |  |
| 0 | 1 | L | C | A | N |  | A | L | S | A | C | E | E |
| L | E | G | 0 |  | 0 | R | B |  | E | K | E | D | D |
|  |  | A | P | P | R | 0 | B | A | T | E |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | H | I | S | T | A | T | E |  |  |  |  |
| S | I | L | A | G | E |  | S | T | E | R | N | A |  |
| U | S | A | G | E |  |  |  | A | T | E | I | N | N |
| M | A | N | 1 | 0 | C |  | S | C | H | 1 | S | T | T |
| M | A | D |  | N | 0 | R | T | H |  | N | E | E |  |
| A | C | R | E |  | D | $N$ | A |  | A | V | I | D |  |
|  |  | 0 | N | E | G | A | T | I | V | E |  |  |  |
| S | A | V | A | G | E |  | I | R | 1 | S | E | S |  |
| P | R | E | T | 0 | R |  | C | A | S | T | R | 0 |  |
| A | C | R | E | S |  |  |  | N | 0 | S | E | S |  |

- Thousand (Toad \& U)
- Comparison (Mario \& C)
- Blossom (Boo \& L)
- Escape Hatch (Peach \& E)
- Mayorship (Yoshi \& A)
- Yorkshire (Yoshi \& R)
- Hallucinogenic (Luigi \& C)
- Blowtorch (Boo \& L)
- Tornado (Toad \& O)
- Pentateuch (Peach \& U)
- Marigold (Mario \& D)

Additional letters spell NUCLEAR CLOUD.

## Good Boy!

Unstarred clues
Across 20. G+ASTRO, 21. ELEGANT*, 28. TORT+ILL+AS, 32. REN+T, 34. wINGEr, 36. THAW*, 43. K+REMLIN*, 44. CO+U+LEE, 46. R(A+G+L)AN, 47. ESSEX* Down 2. SH+Y, 4. A(B)BA, 11. ACUTEp*, 13. STROPHES*, 22. GAT+HER, 23. AMISH (pun), 26. US+ED

Stay: 1-A: PS(H)AW *, 33. GATE+AU [2 clues]

Fetch: 16-A: T(A)O [patch->path], 9-D:

| P | S | H | A | W | C | S | K | S | M | A | C | S |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | H | A | B | H | O | P | I | T | A | C | O | T |
| C | Y | M | B | E | L | I | N | E | P | U | R | R |
| K | E | L | A | Y | O | T | G | A | S | T | R | O |
| E | L | E | G | A | N | T | L | M | S | E | E | P |
| D | I | T | A | M | E | I | E | U | L | O | C | H |
| T | O | R | T | I | L | L | A | S | A | O | T | E |
| R | T | E | H | S | B | E | R | E | N | T | G | S |
| I | N | G | E | H | E | R | O | D | T | H | A | W |
| C | O | R | R | A | L | M | A | C | B | E | T | H |
| L | B | E | M | L | E | I | N | C | O | U | L | E |
| E | P | R | A | G | L | A | N |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | S | S | E | X | F | A | C | T | I | O | U | S |

TEA+M [splay->play], 25-D: SLAT* [barn->bar], 28-D: TICK+LE [relate->elate], 42. dediCATion [poet->pet] [5 clues]

Roll Over: 10-A, S+CAM, 14-A. BA+HA, 25-A. PEES (peas hom.), 45-A: PE+ELS, 7-D: TI+PS, 10-D: SPAM*, 19-D. TOIL+E, 24. poweRELITes [8 clues]

Shake Hands: 18-A: PULLet, 38-A: COLLAR (\&lit), 6-D: COR(O)NER, 12-D: trecnoCOLLECTeniralc, 29. LE+GLESS [5 clues]

Leave It:48-A: FACT(IOU)S (factitious), 37-D. W+HEN (whiten), 39. O(R)BS [orbits] [3 clues]

Play Dead: 17-A: CLO(T)EN*, 41-A: DUN+CAN, 3-D:: LAERTES*, 8-D, GONERIL*, 30-D: RODE(RIG)O [5 clues]

Heel: 15-A. HOP*, 35-A. tHEROom, 31-D. B+ELIE, 40-D. ALE (d.def) [4 clues]
Speak: 27-A: fLOCK, 1-D: P+ACT, 5-D. WAY (rev) [3 clues]
Index each trick by the number of clues that do that trick to get THREADLE.

## Monkey See, Honeydew

Each pre-theft clue contains an anagram of a fruit that is stolen by one of the monkeys and place on the right in alphabetical order. Post-theft clues are what's left after the theft. Each fruit has a monkey touching one of its letters.

| Pre-Theft | Post-Theft | Fruit | Letter |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| gerundial | gel (6) | durian | R |
| capacitor | Ca (10) | apricot | R |
| rumpled | red (1) | plum | M |
| cheapskate | skate (11) | peach | A |
| loveliest | lest (9) | olive | O |
| unprepared | pared (3) | prune | N |
| monogamist | moist (2) | mango | A |
| frequencies | frees (8) | quince | N |
| bigfoot | boot (7) | fig | I |
| Timeless | Tess (14) | lime | E |
| speargun | sun (13) | grape | G |
| appeals | A's (5) | apple | A |
| elongated | Ed (12) | tangelo | N |
| belatedly | belly (4) | date | D |

In Post-Theft order, the letters obtained from the fruit spell MANDARIN ORANGE.

## Heirlooms

Each Family Renuin style puzzle leads to a word that must lose two letters to lead to a final answer in each category. The arrows indicate which order the two removed letters should be read.

Multiple Oscar winning actors: Heston (C), Tracy (H), Irons (A), Hanks (R), Pacino (M), Crowe (I), Carney (N), March (NI)

Countries: Peru (S), Ireland (H), Israel (A), Laos (P), France (I), Latvia (N), Suriname (G), Spain (GH)

Greek letters: Mu (A), Xi (S), lota (P), Omega (H), Rho (A), Psi (L), Upsilon (T), Alpha (TS)

Mammals: Cougar (E), Otter (A), Goat (R), Bear (S), Gnu (H), Deer (O), Dingo
(T), Horse (TA)

Constellations: Leo (S), Pictor (A), Cetus (R), Mensa (D), Octans (I), Grus (N), Crater (R), Aries (ND)

The final removed letters spell out NIGHTSTAND.

## Overcrowded Gravestones

Each gravestone clues a person known for dying repeatedly.

- Paige Matthews (Charmed) (G)
- The Doctor (Doctor Who) (R)
- Rasputin (History) (I)
- Kenny McCormack (South Park) (M)
- Phil Connors (Groundhog Day) (L)
- Buffy Summers (Buffy the Vampire Slayer) (Y)

Indexed letters spell GRIMLY.

## Gate Control

The first circle covers the HU on the west wall to form REASON, REGION, and RECKON.

The third cricle covers the BB on the south wall to form MYSTIC, MYTHIC, and MYOPIC.

The second circle covers the UB to form SIMILE, SICKLE, and SINGLE.
The letters covered form HUBBUB.

## Couched Answers

Some cushions lead to three-letter answers. They can be combined to form six letter words clued by the couches. Count up the change found under the cushions.

- ASP+IRE (dime, nickel, four pennies) = S
- FAT+HER (four pennies, a penny) $=\mathrm{E}$
- HAS+TEN (a nickel, a dime and a nickel) = T
- LEG+ION (a dime, a dime) = T
- PAL+ATE (two pennies, three pennies) $=\mathrm{E}$
- VIEWED (a nickel, nothing) = E

The answer is SETTEE.
Fast Forward: Take the first word of each unused clue in descending value to get FAST FOUR WORD DEE COR. One Fast Forward is DECOR.

## Kcymaerxthaere

Each image is a word cloud for a song that does not have a very wide variety of words. One prominent word is missing in each.

- "You Are So Beautiful..." (To)
- "Everybody's Gotta Learn Sometime" (Everybody)
- "Hava Negila" (Negila)
- "One (Is the Loneliest Number)" (One)
- "Help Me Rhonda" (Rhonda)
- "(This Song’s Just) Six Words Long" (Six)

First letters of the missing words spell TENORS.

## Even Bigger Rocks

Theme answers are

- STANLEY PINT ( $2 x$ bigger than the Stanley Cup)
- QUARTERBACK (5x bigger than Nickelback)
- EZRA STONE (14x bigger than Eztra Pound)
- LEAP SCORE (20x bigger than Leap Year)
In traditional $A=1, Z=26$ code, 2-5-14-
20 spells BENT.


## Don't Stop!

Several clues extend into the black square and the first letter of the next entry (e.g., GALAXY in the right-hand round). Letters in the black squares spell out INEXORABLY clockwise.

## Dusty Home

If you take the opposite of most of the words given, you will have incomplete titles of Queen songs. (Lead singer Freddie Mercury was born in Stone Town and there is a house there commemorating his birth.)

- [Bicycle] Race
- Bohemian [Rhapsody]
- [I] Go Crazy
- Fat-Bottomed [Girls]
- Leaving [Home] Ain't Easy
- A Winter's [Tale]
- Good [Old-Fashioned] Lover Boy
- Don't Stop Me [Now]
- Ride the Wild [Wind]
- [Hammer] To Fall
- [Action] This Day
- Death On [Two] Legs

First letters of unclued words spell Brighton What, a reference to the Queen song Brighton ROCK.

## Going the Distance

Each clue is exactly 25 letters long. The terminal letters of each answer are consecutive letters.

- QUICKSILVER [D]
- ELF [E]
- AIRBNB [A]
- P.D.W. [I]
- RICTUS [E]
- GOLIATH [F]
- YAZ [Y]
- DETECTIVE [W]
- XYLOGRAPHY [T]
- COD [S]
- FURLONG [R]
- SWIFT [T]
- TOFU [H]
- NEMO [T]
- HAWAll [O]
- LUKEWARM [O]
- I'M GONNA DJ [U]
- VIEW [C]
- JAYWALK [N]
- USTINOV [E]
- OVER THE TOP [S]
- MILLION [U]
- BARBARIC [N]
- WAX [I]
- KNEEL [D]

Take the first letter of the clue for the A...B answer, second letter of the clue for the B...C answer, etc to get "Answer found outside the city (6)." This is actually a cryptic clue (as hinted in the flavortext) with the answer A(THE)NS.

Spice Blend

| M | E | T | E | 0 | R | 0 | N | A | G | E | R | S | ORE[G]ANO |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| U | M | L | A | U | T | C | R | 1 | M | E | A | N | TU[R]MERIC |
| T | A | N | N | 1 | C | N | 0 | M | A | D | 1 | C | CINN[A]MON |
| B | R | E | A | T | H | I | N | F | 1 | E | L | D | TAH[I]NI |
| R | A | M | 0 | N | A | T | 0 | T | A | L | L | Y | AN[N]ATTO |
| G | L | U | M | D | A | R | T | B | 0 | A | R | D | MU[S]TARD |
| T | A | L | C | E | V | 1 | D | E | N | C | E | D | CL[O]VE |
| S | 0 | F | A | S | 0 | R | N | A | M | E | N | T | SAF[F]RON |
| 0 | V | E | R | L | A | P | R | A | K | 1 | S | H | PA[P]RIKA |
| M | 1 | C | R | 0 | R | E | N | D | E | R | E | D | CORI[A]NDER |
| S | C | U | M | B | A | G | C | L | 1 | E | N | T | GA[R]LIC |
| D | U | R | E | S | S | E | M | B | A | S | S | Y | SES[A]ME |
| F | U | L | C | R | A | A | M | M | 0 | N | 1 | A | CAR[D]AMOM |
| T | U | N | A | E | S | S | E | N | T | 1 | A | L | AN[I]SE |
| 0 | L | L | A | E | P | 1 | C | E | N | T | E | R | ALL[S]PICE |
| V | 1 | S | 0 | R | Y | A | R | M | U | L | K | E | ROS[E]MARY |

## This Puzzle Needs A New Title

The completed grid contains a series of former names of places.

- Peking [Beijin(G)]
- Constantinople [Istanbu(L)]
- Gaul [Franc(E)]
- Edo [(T)okyo]
- Formosa [Taiwa(N)]
- Abyssinia [(E)thiopia]
- Ceylon [S(R)i Lanka]
- Persia [Ir(A)n]
- Saigon [Ho Chi M(I)nh City]
- Burma [Mya(N)mar]
- Kampuchea [Cambod(I)a]
- Upper Volta [Burkina Fas(0)] Indexing the modern names of places by the numbers following each place. Indexed letters spell GENERAL TINIO, the former name of PAPAYA.


## Arsenic

This is a runaround in the Periodic Table of Elements, starting in the space Arsenic. If the element has a two-letter symbol, then the "room" has double doors; otherwise it's single doors. The "annex" are the two rows typically shown separate.

- \#33 Arsenic->\#30 Zinc (there are 3 rooms to the right)
- \#30 Zinc->\#80 Mercury (two rows down)
- \#80 Mercury->\#72 Hafnium (8+0=8 rooms left)
- \#72 Halfnium->\#36 Krypton (half)
- \#36 Krypton->\#19 Potassium
- \#19 Potassium->\#37 Rubidium
- \#37 Rubidium->\#35 Bromine (Rb->Br)
- \#35 Bromine->\#53 lodine
- \#53 lodine->\#106 Seaborgium
- \#106 Seaborgium->\#74 Tungsten
- \#74 Tungsten->\#23 Vanadium->\#22 Titanium
- \#22 Titanium->\#50 Tin
- \#50 Tin->\#78 Platinum (Platinum and Astatine are the ones)
- \#78 Platinum->\#77 Iridium
- \#77 Iridium->\#75 Rhenium
- \#75 Rhenium->\#57 Lanthanum
- \#57 Lanthanum->\#59 Praseodymium
- \#59 Praseodynium->\#60 Neodymium->\#92 Uranium
- \#92 Uranium->\#113 Nihonium
- \#113 Nihonium->\#114 Flerovium
- \#114 Flerovium->\#35 Bromine

Read the diagonal to spell POISON.

## Old Lace

The completed grid is to the right. Each inner $4 \times 4$ square can be completed, forming two four-letter words.

- OUTS/TOPS (T)
- CHAR/HOAX (H)
- ACRE/SIRE (E)
- JACK/EACH (C)
- ABUT/HUSK (U)
- ORAL/BRAN (R)
- ROBE/USES (E)


The answer is THE CURE.

## Team Gymnastics

In five cases, clues lead to overlapping four letter words that make a new five letter word.

- ABASH (Cause to be/Embarrassed)
- ADIOS (Goodbye in/Oaxaca)
- AMATEUR (Like an Olympic/Athlete, typically)
- AMAZE (Fill/With wonder)
- AMEN (Prayer ending)/MEND (Recuperate)
- APPARATUS (Equipment for/A specific purpose)
- ARGON (Element/Number 18)
- ARTWORK (It's often hanging/In a gallery)
- ASSISTANT (Executive's/helper)
- ASTRO (Jetson's/Dog)
- ATTACHE (Embassy/Employee)
- CAFETERIA (Mess/Hall)
- COMET (Galactic/Streaker)
- DEMON (Monster/From Hell)
- DOGIE (Motherless/Calf)
- DRAM (Small amount of drink)/RAMA (Avatar of Vishnu)
- EMPEROR (Variety of/Penguin)
- ENTERTAINER (One who provides/Amusement)
- GALLIVANT (Wander in/Search of adventure)
- GYROSCOPE (Wheel that stays/Steady)
- INTRUDING (Breaking into/Or trespassing)
- LUNAR (Related to the/Moon)
- NOME (Alaskan city)/OMEN (Harbinger)
- NUTRIMENT (Material that/Enriches the body)
- PANHANDLERS (They ask/For change)
- RACEHORSE (Animal involved/In the Belmont Stakes)
- REIGN (A monarch's/Time of rule)
- ROGUE (One who has/Gone off on their own)
- RUSTY (Covered in/Oxidization)
- SANCTUM (Place of/Protection or safety)
- SELFDEFENSE (It's what karate/Might be used for (hyph.))
- SHAFT (Richard/Roundtree role)
- SKIER (Traveler over/Snow)
- SLOT (Kind of machine)/LOTH (Unwilling (obs.))
- STEEL (Shaquille O'Neal/Superhero film)
- STIRRUP (It supports/Your foot)
- STREAMLINED (Made more/Efficient)
- SWEAR (Attest to/In court)
- THETA (Eighth/Greek letter)
- TIDE (Crimson $\qquad$ )/IDES (Unlucky day)
- TOUGH (That's not chewable/Like steak)
- YOKEL (Unintelligent/Rube)

Letters on the ends of these words spell HANDSTANDS reading as an arc.

## Snappy Turtles



Turtles can be arranged so that bordering edges of the turtles match. The perimeter spells "Centers are ternary. White is zero, dark green is two. Read down." Taking the three hexes in the center of each turtle as ternary (e.g., 201 in the upper left) forms the phrase SEAWORLD ORLANDO.

## Got Your GOAT?

For each clue, the left-facing goat repreats THE GREAT (as in "The Greatest of All Time", or GOAT)

- Leader: ALEXANDER THE GREAT
- Formation: THE GREAT BARRIER REEF
- Show: THE GREAT BRITISH BAKE-OFF
- Empress: CATHERINE THE GREAT
- Period of time: THE GREAT DEPRESSION
- King: FREDERICK THE GREAT
- Novel: THE GREAT GATSBY
- Cartoon alien: THE GREAT GAZOO
- Cartoon animal: THE GREAT GRAPE APE
- Cartoon vegetable: THE GREAT PUMPKIN
- Wonders: THE GREAT PYRAMIDS OF EGYPT
- Wonder: THE GREAT WALL OF CHINA

Right-facing goats spell out from top to bottom WAYNE GRETZKY.


## Coffee

| ADEN (Yemeni port/NE) | DEADEN (Dull the nerves/E) | W |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| ARIES (First sign of the zodiac/NW) | DEARIES (Sweethearts/SW) | I |
| BUT (Conjunction/NW) | DEBUT (First performance/N) | T |
| CADENCE (Rhythm of speech/SW) | DECADENCE (Degenerate behavior/W) | H |
| COY (Pretending to be shy/W) | DECOY (Hunter's facsimile/S) | B |
| CREE (Algonquin language/SW) | DECREE (Edict/NE) | L |
| FIANCE (Man to be wed/S) | DEFIANCE (Refusal to obey/SW) | A |
| GAS (Fuel/SW) | DEGAS (Painter Edgar/SE) | N |
| GREED (Avarice/SW) | DEGREED (Having a BS or MA/N) | K |
| LIBERATING (Causing a feeling of freedom/S) | DELIBERATING (Considering, like a jury/SW) | A |
| LIVER (Bile-producing organ/SW) | DELIVER (Bring something to/SE) | N |
| METER (maid/N) | DEMETER (Harvest goddess/S) | D |
| SCENT (Hound follows it, A/W) | DESCENT (Moving downward/SE) | S |
| SPOT (Circular splotch/NW) | DESPOT (Idi Amin, for one/NE) | U |
| TAIL (Common animal part/S) | DETAIL (Fine point/SE) | G |
| TOUR (Travel around the US/S) | DETOUR (Opposite of a shortcut/SW) | A |
| VICE (Miami _/W) | DEVICE (Thing or machine/E) | R |
| WARS (Battles/N) | DEWARS (Scotch brand/NE) | \# |
| WILY (Clever/S) | DEWILY (Damply/NE) | 5 |
| ASW |  |  |

Answers on the right are the answers on the left starting with DE. Pair
up answers and order alphabetically. The handles can then be read as semaphore to spell WITH BLANK AND SUGAR 5, which clues CREAM.

Tea
The solution is below.

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| TYBALT <br> dickie | RATTAT | PRETTY | STRUTH | TWEETY | TATTER | ATTLEE | STUART |
| pecans | banana | Straws | earbud | crayon | inkpad |  |  |

The animals have a lot of Ts in them. The letters in the toys that line up with the T spell DEADMAN ANSWER BRAND. Deadman is a DC character whose real name is BOSTON Brand.

## Blanket Statements



Ristorante
In day order, the tourists are:

- Samuel and Steven, table 3 (ME)
- Stephanie and Troughton, table 2 (TR)
- Shannon and Siouxsie, table 6 (OS)
- Simeon and Trixie, table 4 (EX)
- Tallulah and Tatiana, table 5 (UA)
- Teller table 3 (L)

Index by table number to get METROSEXUAL.

## Clackers

The shows all have punctuation in them. Navigate from that key to end up a new letter.

- Jeopardy! (! q w s)
- NCIS: Los Angeles (: I k j h)
- Awkward. (. I ki)
- Reno 911! (! q w s d f)
- $M^{*} A * S * H(* 7 y t)$
- Arli\$\$ (\$reds)
- $\quad$ secrets \& lies (\& u j ki)
- @midnight (@ w s x)

Letters that you end up on spell Shift Six, which makes a CARET.

## Really Garish Blocks

Start with the blues. They are a cryptogram for a series of colors where one letter has replaced with a blank (\#ff). Each is a shade of red or green. Take the hex value for red or green for that box and treat as ASCII.

| BRIC_ $(\mathrm{K} / 32=)$ | M_NTIS $(\mathrm{A} / 87=\mathrm{W})$ | _OREST $(\mathrm{F} / 115=\mathrm{s})$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| BUR_UNDY $(\mathrm{G} / 32=)$ | _ADE $(\mathrm{J} / 101=\mathrm{e})$ | LI_E $(\mathrm{M} / 55=7)$ |
| EMERAL_ $(\mathrm{D} / 116=\mathrm{t})$ | FU_HSIA $(\mathrm{C} / 97=\mathrm{a})$ | LIPS_ICK $(\mathrm{T} / 116=\mathrm{t})$ |
| _UNTER $(\mathrm{H} / 116=\mathrm{t})$ | _HAMROCK $(\mathrm{S} / 97=\mathrm{a})$ | ME_LOT $(\mathrm{R} / 116=\mathrm{t})$ |
| AS_ARAGUS $(\mathrm{P} / 32=)$ | R_BY $(\mathrm{U} / 101=\mathrm{e})$ | SA_GRIA (N/116=t) |
| V_RMILION $(\mathrm{E} / 39=')$ | CRIMS_N $(\mathrm{O} / 104=\mathrm{h})$ | O_IVE $(\mathrm{L} / 52=4)$ |
| A_OCADO $(\mathrm{V} / 63=?)$ | CARM_NE $(\mathrm{I} / 104=\mathrm{h})$ |  |
| HARLE_UIN $(\mathrm{Q} / 115=\mathrm{s})$ | _LOOD $(\mathrm{B} / 104=\mathrm{h})$ |  |

Ordered by missing letter you'll get "What's the 47th state?". The answer is NEX MEXICO.

Fast Forward: If you take the other hex value, you'll get "For the FF use \#40e0d0". The Fast Forward is TURQUOISE.

## Intentionally Left Blank

- First name in philosophy: FRIEDRICH (Row 1)
- Last name in philosophy NIETZSCHE (Row 9)
- Another last name in philosophy HEIDEGGER (Column 9)
- Two first names in philosophy JEAN PAUL (Row 8)
- Bupkus GOOSE EGG (Row 5)
- Cereal that dared you to pinch an inch SPECIAL K (Row 4)
- Color for a goth kid's room JET BLACK (Column 8)
- Eliminate BLANK OUT (Column 3)
- French for never seen JAMAIS VU (Row 7)
- Goodbye, to one of the philosophers AU REVOIR (Column 2)
- Hanks film where he doesn't talk very much CAST AWAY (Column 6)
- He got his head chopped off CHARLES I (Column 5)
- Kafka novel THE TRIAL (Row 2)
- Lack of an exit NO ESCAPE (Row 6)
- Layer of topsoil, usually containing humus A HORIZON (Row 3)
- Premade food K RATIONS (Column 4)
- Tried and failed, done WASHED UP (Column 7)
- Without emotion APATHETIC (Column 1)

Crossing out these letters and accounting for spaces leaves seven untouched squares. Taking in order, but rearranging within each trigram, gives
EXISTENTIALIST DILEMMA.
FAST FORWARD: Unused letters in the rest of the grid spell: "Whatever go away life is meaningless but for fast forward you should use CHRONIC MALAISE."

Middle letters in each row spell NO REGRETS.

## Far From Battle

The solution is shown below.

|  | 1 | K | J | L | M | H | N | 0 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| K | 6 | , |  | - | 4 | 1 |  | 9 | L |
| J | 3 | $V$ |  |  |  |  | $v$ |  | N |
| 1 | $1$ |  |  |  | $V$ |  |  | 7 | M |
| G |  |  | - |  |  |  |  |  | D |
| H |  | 8 |  |  |  |  |  | 11 | B |
| G |  | - |  | $V$ |  |  |  |  | P |
| C |  | $1$ |  | 10 |  |  |  |  | F |
| A |  |  | 5 |  |  | 2 |  |  | P |
|  | F | E | D | C | E | B | A | 0 |  |

Take the letters in the numbered spaces to spell DAVID BOWMAN.

## Horton Hears A Ewwww

The word search contains the first part of a number of triples:

Bach, Bell, Blood, Crosby, Friends, Game, Healthy, Hook, Lock, Nina, Peter, Ready, Snap, Stop, Tall, Tinker

The kris-kross contains the second part of these triples. Note that there are some ambiguities that this step will help eliminate.


The kris-kross entries are numbered. Complete the trio, and index using Horton's numbers.

- Tall, Dark, Handsome [A]
- Stop, Look, Listen [N]
- Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria [S]
- Healthy, Wealthy, Wise [W]
- Ready, Aim, Fire [E]
- Bach, Beethoven, Brahms [R]
- Crosby, Stills, Nash [N]
- Friends, Roman, Countrymen [O]

These letter spell ANSWER NOSE THROAT, which clues EAR.

## Orly Connect

Much like an Only Connect wall, you must divide these into four groups of four. However, in each set one letter has changed. There is one item per category in each column.

- Alcohol: RUM, GIN, BRANDY, WHISKEY (correct letters are RGBY)
- Numbers: TEN, SEVEN, TWENTY, SIX (correct letters are TNNS)
- Clothing: SUIT, TUNIC, COAT, SHIRT (correct letters are SCCR)
- Countries: CHAD, IRELAND, QATAR, MALTA (correct letters are CRQT)

The correct letters are all consonants (including Y). They are all the consonants of rugby, tennis, soccer, and croquet, which are all SPORTS.

## The Final Annoyance

- Left-hand clues: resilient, origin, Taipei, give in, tiring, Luigi, brinier, wispiest, Suicide
- Right-hand clues: Oregon, succade, wasp nest, tamper, resolvent, bronzer, throng, govern, lungs
Each answer on the left has two eyes that are "covered up" by two other letters to make an answer on the right. Each of these combinations can be paired up with one of the sets of coins.
- Suicide, succade: Ca
- throng, tiring: Ho
- give in, govern: Or
- Taipei, tamper: mR
- origin, Oregon: eO
- wispiest, waspnest: aN
- brinier, bronzer: oZ
- resilient, resolvent: Ov
- Luigi, lungs: Ns
(Note: While Oregon/origin could go in the second slot, it would leave no place for throng/tiring.)

Question marks spell out CHORONZON.

## Gored

Some entries in the labyrinth have letters that get "trampled."

- PA(M)PLONA
- STA(I)RS
- S(C)HTICK
- (H)ORSE
- E(A)RNEST
- R(E)ELED
- IS(L)AND
- CU(J)O
- B(O)UQUET

| 0 | N | E | T | R | A | C | K | M | 0 | 0 | R |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| B | E | D | P | A | $N$ | 1 | S | S | U | E | S |
| S | C | U | L | P | T | T | H | R | A | C | E |
| C | 0 | L | 0 | N | A | S | T | A | 1 | R | E |
| O | U | T | S | E | T | E | N | A | M | E | L |
| T | R | A | I | N | 0 | R | S | T | A | V | E |
| R | E | N | T | E | R | N | E | R | E | 1 | D |
| 0 | B | L | I | Q | U | E | S | 0 | U | S | A |
| H | 0 | T | T | U | B | T | 0 | U | C | A | N |
| A | L | G | A | E | T | A | N | G | L | E | D |
| E | L | A | S | T | I | C | S | G | A | Z | A |

- (R)OBERTO
- (D)INERO
- LUC(A)S
- E(N)TRANT

The letters trampled reveal the bull in the labyrinth: MICHAEL JORDAN.

## How It's Made

This puzzle is based on the NPL puzzle German Sausage.

Materials:

- Blank
- Older
- Meaty
- Ships
- Acted
- Snort
- Eat in
- Color
- Dices
- Sated
- Tulip
- Slime

End Result:

- Blank Slime: PINK


## Back Door

| 269841537 | Places |
| :--- | :--- |
| 743596182 | • Middle East |
| 185723946 | • West Virginia |
| 912658473 | • North Carolina |
| 638974215 | • South Africa |
| 574132869 | • North America |
| 397415628 | • South Korea |
| 456287391 |  |

The starred numbers are 1 through 6. From each corresponding spot in the crossword, move the direction in the territory from Maps!. This will form the word EXODUS.

## Front Door

Each cryptogram are the alphabetized words of openings of various works of literature.

- BETWEEN COMING COULD CURLING FENCE HITTING I SEE SPACES THE THE [The Sound and the Fury]
- A A A ACKNOWLEDGED FORTUNE GOOD IN IS IT MAN MUST OF POSSESSION SINGLE THAT TRUTH [Pride and Prejudice]
- CALL ISHMAEL* ME MIND NEVER SOME YEARS [Moby-Dick]
- ADVICE AND GAVE IN I'VE ME MORE MY MY SOME VULNERABLE YEARS YOUNGER [The Great Gatsby]
- BUCK^ CAME FROM PLUMP STATELY THE [Ulysses]
- AS AURELIANO* BUENDIA* COLONEL DISCOVER DISTANT FACED FATHER FIRING HE HIM HIS LATER MANY REMEMBER SQUAD THAT THE TO TO TOOK WAS WHEN YEARS [One Hundred Years of Solitude]
- ADVICE AND GAVE IN I’VE ME MORE MY MY SOME VULNERABLE YEARS YOUNGER [The Great Gatsby]
- A AS BORN FIRST GIRL I TWICE WAS [Middlesex]

Each consists of $\mathrm{N}-1$ words, where N is the length of the title. In fact, these are the first N words of each work of literature, minus one of the words at the end. Take the Mth letter of the title where the Mth word is the one missing.

| Father | The Great Gatsby | 9th word | G |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Universally | The Pride and the Prejudice | 5th word | E |
| Flower | The Sound and the Fury | 7th word | N |
| Baby | Middlesex | 3rd word | E |
| Afternoon | One Hundred Years of Solitude | 18th word | S |
| Ago | Moby-Dick | 6th word | I |
| Mulligan | Ulysses | 4th word | S |

The extracted letters spelled GENESIS.

## The Skinny Bridge

The completed grid has a long skinny bridge in the center. The unclued entry is WED.


Azerbaijani for yesterday (N)
Tamil for yesterday (I)
Afrikaans for tomorrow (R)
Romanian for tomorrow (0)
Korean for today (R)
English for yesterday (S)
Welsh for tomorrow (W)
Polish for yesterday (H)

The yesterday letters spell SPANISH. Today spells FOR. Tomorrow spells TOMORROW. Spanish for tomorrow is MANANA

## Spinning Wheels

Starting at any pair of adjacent trigrams, it is possible to go from start with one and end with another trigram in a different pair to form a seven-letter word by adding a letter (e.g., SNO-R-KEL). You can visit each pair this way, forming a chain of seven-letter words.

| SNO R KEL | MOT O RED | GNO S TIC |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| LAS A GNA | DIO R AMA | SEN A TOR |
| STE N CIL | LAM B ADA | STA N NUM |
| EAR D RUM | DEM I GOD | ACA D EMY |
| SAM O VAR | SPA T ULA | TRE E TOP |
| PLU M PER | CIT A DEL | DEB R IEF |
|  | PSA L TER |  |

The middle of each spells RANDOM ORBITAL SANDER.

## Another Author

Each left-hand book is written by an author that, like A.A. Milne, goes by two initials and a last name. Each title in the middle is a clue to a word or phrase that contains those initials consecutively. The numbers on the right give the enumeration and position of the initials.

- W.H. Auden: no[WH]ere
- T.S. Eliot: ou[TS]et
- R.L. Stine: wa[RL]ock
- e.e. cummings: w[ee]k
- E.M. Forster: el[EM]entary
- C.S. Lewis: anti[CS]
- D.H. Lawrence: roa[DH]og
- P.L. Travers: em[PL]oyee
- H.G. Wells: switc[H G]ears
- E.B. White: ic[EB]erg
- S.E. Hinton: xylo[SE]
- G.K. Chesterton: Hon[G K]ong
- L.M. Montgomery: a[LM]anac
- H.P. Lovecraft: mout[HP]iece
- P.G. Wodehouse: sto[PG]ap
- P.D. James: sla[PD]ash
- A.S. Byatt: o[AS]is
- W.B. Yeats: ne[WB]orn

The first letters of the answers spell NOW WE ARE SIX by A.A. Milne and HAM'S SON, which fit in the dashes in the lower right. Using the same methodology gives us the answer CAN[AA]N.

## How Big Is Your Hat?

Every answer has the same enumeration. A letter in each a different position is missing.

- MARASCHINO CHERRY
- COORDINATE SYSTEM
- CANTILEVER BRIDGE
- WATERPROOF GREASE
- BUCKINGHAM PALACE
- DIMINISHED OCTAVE
- HYPODERMIC NEEDLE
- ADJUSTABLE WRENCH
- INVESTMENT BANKER
- SCIENTIFIC METHOD
- BARGAINING RIGHTS
- NONTAXABLE INCOME
- RESTAURANT CRITIC
- WASTEPAPER BASKET
- DEPARTMENT STORES

Reading the diagonal spells MAC OS X APT FOR THIS. The enumeration 10 6 is an allusion with the Mad Hatter's hat size 10/6. Mac OS X 10.6 was codenamed SNOW LEOPARD.

## Around the Bend

Answers to lettered row clues: A. ARCHIE; B. SLAMMED; C. EUTERPE; D. ROMANOV; E. ENTREE; F. OVERSAW; G. CLATTERS; H. REMORSE; I. ONEROUS; J. VERMONT; K. ANCHORAGE; L. KETCHUP; M. BESEECH; N. ANGOLA; O. ODESSA; P. IKEBANA; Q. PSYCHO; R. NAMELESS; S. WATCHES; T. UNNERVE; U. INTRUDES; V. SLOPES; W. AMERCE.

Answers to unlettered clues: LOVERS; CEL; SWAT; GUNNER; SAC; ECLAT; LAMER; PEN; MONTE; UPSY; FAR; SET; OLAF; NEUTER; EVER; TERSE; AWL; ESSE; RAGER; PESO; CODES; RUDEST; OSLO; OBESE; NOVA; LENT; AROMA; REEL; LIKE; MEDI; TONER; CHOU; OUST; ECHO; UPS; RANCHO; SKETCH; VEG; TREMOR; ISLAM; CHESS; ENAMEL; CHIEF; BANAL; FANG; TINT

Unlettered answers to can be paired so that they form the lettered answers plus the same letter on each side.

- F-AR-CHIE-F
- O-BESE-ECH-O
- I-SLAM-MED-I
- N-EUTER-PE-N
- F-ANG-OLA-F
- A-ROMA-NOV-A
- C-ODES-SA-C
- A-ROMA-NOV
- L-IKE-BANA-L
- L-OVERS-AW-L
- U-PSY-CHO-U
- E-NAMEL-ESS-E
- S-WAT-CHES-S
- E-CLAT-TERS-E
- G-UNNER-VE-G
- T-REMOR-SE-T
- T-INT-RUDES-T
- E-VER-MONT-E
- O-SLO-PES-O
- R-ANCHO-RAGE-R
- L-AMER-CE-L

The message spelled on the sides is "Final letters of clues G to L." These letters spell ALLELE.

## Monster Shopper

Tinned Fears are on one edge. Monster Treats are also on one edge. Salts are therefore middle left, and Children's Tinned Fears are middle right. The only alliterative items are Monster Treats, so per clue 11, they are in the lefthand column and Tinned Fears the right. The Collywobbles were knocked over, per clue 10. The highest stack knocked over must be Salt Made from the Tears of Boredom per 11. Since Salt Made from the Tears of Laughter were not knocked over, so neither were Zombie Fresh Mints; Werewolf Biscuits were. This leaves Night Terror to be the last stack knocked over. The stacks were 3, 4,5, and 6 levels high (per clue 7). The Collywobbles were 6 levels high. The stack on the left is neither 3 or 4 levels high (clue 8 , clue 7 ) so it is 5 levels high. The stack in the righthand column is odd, so its 3 levels high, and the middle right stack is 4 levels high. Index each treat by number of cans.

- Werewolf Biscuits [15 cans, T]
- Salt Made From the Tears of Laughter [21 cans, 0]
- Night Terror [10 cans, 0]
- The Collywobbles [6 cans, L]

The answer is TOOL.

## Dangerous Plants

Rows: I. voter, boos, II. nice, youth; III. Mesa, tamer; IV. carpet, bed; V. cattle, Uzi; VI. Ionian, fee; VII. space, plum; VIII. rinse, Siam; IX. royal, self; X. tentpoles; XI. seen, puree; XII. naive, sign; XIII math, grist

Vines
Heinz, lifts, Spanx, syrup, accrue, be firm, pantry, sporks, all-time, banning, iced tea, offer up, ravioli, frighten, in danger, phase out, beseeches, classmate, overblown, Teen Vogue, alpha males, bathing cap, Betelgeuse, Robert E. Lee, sweet rolls, pumice stone, definitively, woolly mammoths

Unclued rows spell a series of poisonous plants: wallflower, hemlock, crab's eye, elephant ear, poison ivy, nightshade, thimbleweed, angel's trumpet, larkspur, foxglove, glifbaar, columbine, wolfsbane. Each is missing a letter, spelling $A / K / A$ Rose Mallow, which is also known as HIBISCUS.

## Monster Stopper

In the top grid are six fictional beings or things. In the bottom grid are their weaknesses. Each being and weakness share one relative square in common. In the top grid these squares spell OTHERS. In the bottom grid, they spell SLAYER.


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## Palette Player

The spells share the same initials as categories and items from other games. The color for each matches the color from the original game. The games in the flavortext share the same initials as the source game.

- Monopoly properties
- Clue suspects
- Trivial Pursuit categories
- Pictionary categories

Eliminating these leaves seven spells, one in each color of the rainbow.

- Red: Phantasm
- Orange: Dog Biscuit
- Yellow: Maximize Carnage
- Green: Turn Undead
- Blue: Gaseous Form
- Indigo: Conjure Fey
- Violet: Magic Carpet

Read down the diagonal to get POXNORA.

## Dead Again

The words are

- EMISSION [r]
- LISTENED [g]
- SLANDERS [i]
- TRAINING [s]
- LAUGHTER [s]
- ETIQUETTE [n]
- SYMMETRIC [a]
- ANGUISHED [I]
- MIGRATION [e]
- OURSELVES [y]
- EVOLUTIONS [r]
- HEREABOUTS [w]

Each can have a unique new letter added to the head (in brackets). Determine the number that goes along with that letter and enter it into the grid of numbers. This will form two diagonal words: ANSWER and GRISLY.

## All-Encompassing

Answers to cardinal winds are the single letter abbreviations for those winds (N, E, S, W).

Ordinal winds have two-letter answers:
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { - Northwest: SE } & \text { - Southeast: AN } \\ \text { - Northeast: BI } & \text { - Southwest: HR }\end{array}$

Half-Winds are three-letter answers:

- TED • GAM
- DEA
- WAR
- LAY
- RAT
- RIP
- URI

Quarter-winds are anagrams of the ordinal and half-wind closest to it, plus the last letter of the wind, and one other letter.

- NEbN: BRITAIN (I)
- SWbS: SHARPLY (P)
- NbE: BIRETTA (T)
- NbW: WUSSIER (S)
- SbW: HOLY WAR (O)
- NWbN: INJURIES (J)
- NWbW: DUE WEST (U)
- WbN: EXTENDS (X)
- SbE: PERSIAN (S)
- SEbS: ASPIRIN (I)
- SEbE: MAGNATE (T)
- EbS: SIAMANG (I)
- WbS: TRASHED (T)
- SWbW: WARHEAD (A)
- EbN: RAINBOW (O)
- NEbE: WINE BAR (N)

The additional letters spell ITS JUXTAPOSITION.

## Bitten by Inspiration

One project has one backer, one had two backers, and the others had at most three backers. The most number of backings therefore was 15. The sharks backed 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 projects in some order. (If any had backed six, then this would contradict above.) There are therefore four projects with three backers. Barbara backed 1 project. Daymond backed twice as many as Mako; they backed 4 and 2 projects respectively. If Killin' backed 5 projects, then clue 3 would be impossible. He backed 3 and Robert backed 5 .

The second project had one investor, but not Barbara (clue 5). The fourth project had three investors (above). The project with two investors was not last, so the sixth project had three investors. Barbara's one project was not the second (as hers had at least two backers) or fourth (as it had the same backers as another project). The only project Robert did not back was the one after the project with exactly two backers, so he backed the first project, third project, and fifth project. In addition, he must have backed the fourth project. Per clue 8, Daymond did not back the third project. Mako and Daymond only invested on one project together, so it was not the fourth. For the fourth project to have three backers, Killin' was one. If the third and fourth project were the ones referenced in clue 10, then the backers would be Mako, Killin' and Robert. This would account for both Mako-backed projects, and not leave a place for the project backed by Mako and Daymond. Therefore, the projects referenced in clue 10 are the fourth and fifth. They can't both be backed by Mako (above), so they were both backed by Daymond, Killin' and Robert. The project backed by both Mako and Daymond is not the first or second, it's the sixth. The project with two backers is first, so Robert did not back the second project and did back the sixth. The project backed by Mako and Killin' can only be the third, which would make the second project backed by Daymond only. Barbara backed the first. In summary:

- 1st project: Backed by Barbara and Robert
- 2nd project: Backed by Daymond
- 3rd project: Backed by Mako, Killin', and Robert
- 4th project: Backed by Daymond, Killin', and Robert
- 5th project: Backed by Daymond, Killin', and Robert
- 6th project: Backed by Mako, Daymond, and Robert

If the sharks are treated as "bit"s, then the projects form the numbers 3-8-21-13-13-25, which becomes CHUMMY.

## All of Our Stones

The quotes are taken from movies Oliver Stone has written, but each contains an additional word.

- JFK: Back and to the left...back and to the left. (pick)
- Snowden: The modern battlefield is everywhere. (whirred)
- Evita: Just listen to that! The voice of Argentina! (Zack)
- Wall Street: Greed works. (ate)
- Scarface: Say hello to my little friend! (zev)
- Platoon: Shut up and take the pain! (Indy)
- Any Given Sunday: We can climb outta hell... one inch at a time (end)

The extra words, in year order, are "Sev indy ate pick Zack end whirred" or " 78 pic second word." Oliver Stone's 1978 film was Midnight Express, so the answer is EXPRESS.

## Twisty Figure Eights

councils, foolfish, traitors, one-to-one, flat fees, houghing, intrigue, heighten, outgoing, reformed, sinestro, alphabet, dropdown, unctuous, Toy Story, evidence, clutches, minimums, eye tests, rebirths, throttle, initiate, River Tam, onceover, Eagle Eye

When placed into the grid, the center spaces will read "Director of Music of the Heart." The answer is WES CRAVEN.

## Crystal Whirled

For each display, convert all the numbers to the lowest common denominator (LCD). Doing so will give numerators where the first two and second two digits form numbers from 1-26.

In each case, some of the resulting bigrams spell a gemstone; the rest spell a word meaning fake. For each, shade the segments that spell out the gemstone to get a letter.

- 18: amethyst/phony [y]
- 12: aquamarine/fake [E]
- 56: chalcedony/sham [b]
- 24: diamond/fraud [0]
- 20: pendeloque/faux [E]
- 42: quartz/pastiche [u]
- 35: rhinestone/copy [q]
- 30: sapphire/bogus [f]
- 72: semiopal/dummy [C]
- 48: tourmaline/hoax [E]
- 60: turquoise/mock [E]

Order by the size of the LCD to get EYE OF QUEBEC.

## The Miracle Tile

Each answer consists solely of the letters in STEBUKLAS, and each pair of letters has been translated into semaphore using the above (e.g., SA forms the semaphore letter T). The first three clues are meant to confirm how it works, while the latter need a letter to be complete.

- SALK • SEATBELT (U)
- BEETLE
- LATKES (L)
- TABULATE
- UKULELES (A)
- SALTLAKE (T) • SKELETAL (R)
- bulk (H)
- SKULLS (K)
- BLASTULA (E)
- TEAKETTLES (I)
- SLAKES (P) • SUBLEASE (D)
- ALASKA (0) - TABLET (S)
- LABELS (P)

The missing letters are THE POPULAR KIDS.


## Portfolio

Some rows require two letters; other rows contain a word that clues twins, doubling, or duplication. Doubled letters spell ESCROW FUND.

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& \text {.DISTIC H ...... } \\
& \text {...POTA SS IUM.... } \\
& \text {.....SI M ULACRUM } \\
& \text { COUNTER P ART.... } \\
& \text {.....S I MILAR.. } \\
& \text {.....ZU CC HINI... } \\
& \text {.....BA RR ACUDA.. } \\
& \text {..DUPLE X ...... } \\
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## Is That A Fact?

The cryptograms are all Snapple facts, each of which are numbered. In each cryptogram, a certain letter is equal to that Snapple Fact \#.

- A full--grown tree produces enough oxygen to support a family of four. (Fact \#677=R)
- A male cricket's ear is located on the tibia of its leg. (Fact \#693=0)
- The first typewriter was called the "literary piano." (Fact \#245=N)
- The center of some golf balls contain honey. (Fact \#366=G)
- The nothingness of a black hole generates a sound in the key of B flat. (Fact \#931=K)
- A rainbow can only be seen in the morning or late afternoon. (Fact \#182=L)
- No piece of paper can be folded more than seven times. (Fact \#77=0)
- Before mercury, brandy was used to fill thermometers. (Fact \#166=L)
- The blue whale's heart is the size of a small car. (Fact \#232=1)
- Twins have a very high occurrence of left handedness. (Fact \#729=C)
- Flamingos turn pink from eating shrimp. (Fact \#11=R)

In Snapple Fact order, the letters spell ROLLING ROCK.

## Taking 'Shrooms

The stars clue Mario, and the stars represent a character from the Mario Universe. (Each character is used twice.) In addition, there is one additional letter covered.

- Blushing Bride (Luigi \& N)
- Thousand (Toad \& U)
- Comparison (Mario \& C)
- Blossom (Boo \& L)
- Escape Hatch (Peach \& E)
- Mayorship (Yoshi \& A)
- Yorkshire (Yoshi \& R)
- Hallucinogenic (Luigi \& C)
- Blowtorch (Boo \& L)
- Tornado (Toad \& O)
- Pentateuch (Peach \& U)
- Marigold (Mario \& D)

Additional letters spell NUCLEAR CLOUD.

## Prometheus 2

Answers to clues are all Special Moves of DC Heroes in the videogame Injustice 2.

AA_: Killing Field; AA_: Good and Evil; AEG: Night Ranger; AN_: Surrender; ANS: Beauty and the Beast; BOS: Hallucinations; CMS: Slaughter; COI: Blood Bath; ENE: Disobeying Orders; ESI: Bogged Down; EVH: Mind Tricks; FSA: Breaking Point; GWF: Double Trouble; HDL: Bad Seed; HE_: Violent Tendencies; HOA: Blowout; IEW: Natural Disaster; IMM: Comeback; ISH: Greased Lightning; ITM: Game Changer; LRG: Heartless; LRO: Queen's Gambit; MN_: Sideline; NEY: Punishment; ODM: Destroy; OHE: Beware; ORN: Crimson Red; PME: Death Wish; REI: Man eater; RLM: Born to Kill; RNE: Hot Pursuit; RNE: Inner Strength; ROI: Overdose; RT_: Throwing Shade; RWC: Be Afraid; SEO: Checkmate; SNE: Anti-Life; SP_: Roller Coaster; SSE: Hybrid; TE_: Quiver; TIM: Subliminal Messages; UHE: Family Tree; URV: Dead to Rights

Group answers by character and order alphabetically. The three character prefix will form a clue related to the character. The enumerations provided will match the characters and answers uniquely.

| Swamp Thing | - HDL: Bad Seed <br> - ESI: Bogged Down <br> - GWF: Double Trouble <br> - UHE: Family Tree <br> - AA_: Killing Field <br> - RT_: Throwing Shade | He guards what life? | Plants |
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| Green Arrow | - AEG: Night Ranger <br> - LRO: Queen's Gambit <br> - TE_: Quiver | Alter Ego | Oliver Queen |
| Flash | - ISH: Greased Lightning <br> - RNE: Hot Pursuit <br> - IEW: Natural Disaster <br> - SP_: Roller Coaster | Iris's <br> Nephew | Wally West |
| Cyborg | - HOA: Blowout <br> - IMM: Comeback <br> - SSE: Hybrid <br> - MN_: Sideline | His Moms Name | Elinore |
| Atrocitus | - COI: Blood Bath <br> - ORN: Crimson Red <br> - LRG: Heartless | Color Ring | Red |
| Scarecrow | - RWC: Be Afraid <br> - OHE: Beware <br> - BOS: Hallucinations <br> - EVH: Mind Tricks <br> - ROI: Overdose <br> - TIM: Subliminal Messages | Robert Who Voices Him | Englund |
| Black Canary | - FSA: Breaking Point <br> - ITM: Game Changer <br> - RNE: Inner Strength | First Name | Dinah |
| Robin | - RLM: Born to Kill <br> - ENE: Disobeying Orders <br> - AA_: Good and Evil | Real Name | Damian |
| Darkseid | - SNE: Anti-Life <br> - ODM: Destroy <br> - NEY: Punishment <br> - AN_: Surrender | Son And Enemy | Orion |
| Cheetah | - ANS: Beauty and the Beast <br> - REI: Man eater <br> - CMS: Slaughter <br> - HE_: Violent Tendencies | Archnemesis | Wonder Woman |
| Deadshot | - SEO: Checkmate <br> - URV: Dead to Rights <br> - PME: Death Wish | Super Move | Never Miss |

First letters of the answers spell POWERED DOWN.

## Nearly Midnight

Each image leads to an 11 o'clock number. Enumeration is for the song. Use the number as an index into the musical.

- "Memory", Cats (T)
- "She Used To Be Mine", Waitress (I)
- "Empty Chairs At Empty Tables", Les Miserables (M)
- "The Winner Takes It All", Mamma Mia! (I)
- "Last Midnight", Into The Woods (N)
- "Rose's Turn", Gypsy (G)


## Getting Winded

The completed windmill will resemble these panels.

In each row, the four unchecked letters include one duplicate (i.e, in the first row, the unchecked letters are DDPA, and the D is doubled.) Per the flavortext, take the doubled letter per row to get DON QUIXOTE.

| $A$ | $D$ | $E$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $M$ | $O$ | $N$ |
| I | N | D |
| S | Q | U |
| S | O | $R$ |
| I | B | E |
| C | T | S |
| O | O | T |
| N | M | Y |
| S | E | E |


| $N$ | $D$ | $C$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $A$ | $C$ | $O$ |
| $S$ | $B$ | $O$ |
| $A$ | $B$ | $S$ |
| $G$ | $Y$ | $P$ |
| $R$ | $I$ | $A$ |
| $A$ | $X$ | $I$ |
| $S$ | $E$ | $R$ |
| $S$ | $T$ | $E$ |
| $Y$ | $O$ | $R$ |


| $A$ | $P$ | $S$ |
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| $R$ | $E$ | $R$ |
| $E$ | $Q$ | $U$ |
| $S$ | $U$ | $M$ |
| $M$ | $O$ | $S$ |
| $O$ | $M$ | $S$ |
|  | $O$ | $U$ |
| $R$ | $Y$ | $L$ |
| $E$ | $D$ | $U$ |


| $S$ | $A$ | $L$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $K$ | $O$ | $O$ |
| $U$ | $N$ | $W$ |
| $A$ | $T$ | $E$ |
| $C$ | $U$ | $R$ |
| $A$ | I | $C$ |
| $E$ | $X$ | $A$ |
| $S$ | $S$ | $N$ |
| $A$ | $T$ | $E$ |
| $R$ | $E$ | $S$ |

## There's a Time For That

Each activity corresponds with a section from the Book of Ecclesiastes. Take
the minute as a letter of the alphabet.
a time to be born and a time to die,:

- 8:09 PM: Help deliver the hotel owner's baby [I]
- 8:04 AM: Pass away [D]
a time to plant and a time to uproot,:
- 5:05 AM: Put incriminating evidence on someone to frame them [E]
- 6:14 PM: Move some palm trees to a different part of the hotel [ N ]
a time to kill and a time to heal,:
- 5:20 AM: Slaughter the audience at our talent show [T]
- 9:09 AM: Give someone an aspirin [I]
a time to tear down and a time to build,:
- 7:06 PM: Demolish a gingerbread house in the lobby [F]
- 2:25 PM: Use a C++ compiler to make an executable [Y]
a time to weep and a time to laugh,:
- 3:02 PM: Do something after you "read 'em" [B]
- 6:15 AM: Check out our stand-up comics [O]
a time to mourn and a time to dance,:
- 1:15 AM: Attend a funeral [O]
- 7:11 PM: Join a conga line [K]
a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them,:
- 8:20 PM: Throw a mancala game across the room [T]
- 6:08 AM: Get Mick Jagger, Keith Richards and Ronnie Wood together [H]
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,:
- 3:01 PM: Hug a stranger [A]
- 6:20 PM: Sing "Fa la la la la la la la la" [T]
a time to search and a time to give up,:
- 11:09 PM: Use Google [I]
- 1:14 AM: Donate copies of a Pixar movie featuring Ed Asner [N]
a time to keep and a time to throw away,:
- 6:19 PM: Check out the local castle [S]
- $4: 16$ AM: Bring things to the trash compactor [P]
a time to tear and a time to mend,:
- 8:09 AM: Rip up some newspaper [I]
- 5:18 AM: Stitch up some socks [R]
a time to be silent and a time to speak,:
- 6:05 PM: Play charades [E]
- 5:04 AM: Play Outburst [D]
a time to love and a time to hate,:
- 6:20 PM: Go to our Speed Dating event [T]
- 1:08 AM: Leave negative reviews on Yelp! [H]
a time for war and a time for peace.:
- 8:09 PM: Play a simple no-strategy card game [I]
- 7:19 PM: Hold two fingers up in the air [S]

Letters spell IDENTIFY THE BOOK THAT INSPIRED THIS. The answer is ECCLESIASTES.

## Mirrors

Several five-letter words can be found on both sides of the grid. The symmetrical letters from the other side are a six-letter word that can precede or follow the five-letter word, missing a letter.

- (M)USCLE BOUND
- $\quad \operatorname{SPRE}(A) D$ EAGLE
- (S)AVOIR FAIRE
- T(O)ILET TRAIN
- SECO(N)D GUESS
- EMPTY HAN(D)ED
- CROSS ST(I)TCH
- PRICE FI(X)ING
- PLAIN SP(O)KEN
- KITTY COR(N)ER


Extra letters spell MASON-DIXON.

## Packing It In

Each row contains three animals. The ones on the left are missing a bigram, as are the ones on the right. The two bigrams are the first four letters of a five-letter animal.

> PA CHIM?NZEE STRIPED HYENA COATIMU?I ND $=$ PANDA
> TA FLICKER?IL KODIAK BEAR VAM?RE BAT PI $=$ TAPIR
> KO ?OKABURRA RHINOCEROS WATER BUFF?O AL $=$ KOALA
> LE AFRICAN E?PHANT OKAPI HIPPOPOTA?S MU $=$ LEMUR
> CO CRO?DILE PLATYPUS SA?ETOOTH TIGER BR $=$ COBRA
> CI PROBOS?S MONKEY PORCUPINE JA?LINA VE $=$ CIVET

Last letters spell ARARAT.

## Interview the Employees

The model employee in this case is Barbie, who has held all of these occupations. Filling in the grid is an incomplete quote: "There's only two people in your life you should lie to... ?????? and your girlfriend." The missing part is THE POLICE.

## Interview the Suspects

The individuals all have colors in their name. The suspects correspond with Clue characters. Find the person whose color matches that of the suspect.

Colonel Mustard

| Kate Moss | Jet Li | Blue Ivy <br> Carter | Amber <br> Heard | Robert <br> Redford | Stan Laurel | P!Nk |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Miss Scarlet |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tracey Gold Amy Tan Jack Black Carmine <br> Infantino Patty Duke Ione SkyeHunter <br> Thompson |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Shel Peacock <br> Silverstein | Golda Meir | Vida Blue | Joan Jett | Edie <br> Brickell |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kelly <br> Clarkson | Morris <br> Chestnut |  |  |  |

Miss White

| Forest <br> Whittaker | Ruby Dee | Edward <br> Snowden | James <br> Brown | Jack <br> Lemmon |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

Mr. Green

| Tawny <br> Kitaen | Joel Grey | Iris <br> Murdoch | Pete Rose | Chris Pine |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

The number of celebrities is the same as the letters in the suspect's last name. Indexing suspects' last names yields TRAIN.

## Banned in Georgia

A. Bananarama, B. impatient, C. letterhead, D. London Calling, E. Yosemite, F. sketchy, G. hot to trot, H. assume, I. Kamala, J. Edmonton, K. sriracha, L. Plymouth, M. elephant, N. Afield, O. rung, P. economist

King Lear Timon of Athens Hamlet Antony and Cleopatra Macbeth Antony and Cleopatra Othello Coriolanus As You Like It A Midsummer Night's Dream The Tempest

There are several places where two letters are unnecessarily barred, the MO in Timon, RA in 1st Cleopatra, TO in 2nd Antony, RI in Coriolanus, UM in Midsummer. The letters spell MORATORIUM.

## Check Your Possessions

Left-hand clues (in order): devotional, evangelical, previously, Chevalier, supervillain, reversible, Somerville, Melville, revivalist, environmental, exuvial, evidential, Baskervilles

Right-hand clues (in order): Loser, Dante, ornament, syrup, Vista, arch, Au, Donat, beers, Angela, snarl up, balkers, ell

Each left-hand word contains the letters EVIL in order. Removing them leaves an anagram of one of the right-hand words, plus one letter. In right-hand side order:

- Somerville - EVIL - Loser = M
- evidential - EVIL - Dante $=$ I
- environmental - EVIL - ornament $=\mathrm{N}$
- previously - EVIL - syrup $=0$
- revivalist - EVIL - Vista $=$ R
- Chevalier - EVIL - arch = E
- exuvial - EVIL - Au = X
- devotional - EVIL - Donat $=0$
- reversible - EVIL - beers $=$ R
- evangelical - EVIL - Angela = C
- supervillain - EVIL - snarl up $=1$
- Baskervilles - EVIL - balkers = S
- Melville - EVIL - ell = M

The otherwise unchecked letters spell MINOR EXORCISM.

## Cat 0' Nine Tails

The completed grid is below. The shaded letters spell ROCOCO.

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

## Shipping Containers

Each answers "contents" (middle four letters) appear in the shipping containers. In clue order: rectum, arcana, nerves, engage, voting, Gadani

In shipping container order, the outer letters spell GRAVEN on one side and IMAGES on the other.

Time to Meditate

| John Deere equipment | TRACTOR | 3rd from letter->3rd letter+A+3rd letter | TRACTATOR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Joker portrayer Ledger | HEATH | Delete 2nd letter | HATH |
| President Richard Milhaus | NIXON | Reverse, insert in word meaning Manage | EKNODINE |
| So long, south of the border | ADIOS | O->PO, add E to end | ADIPOSE |
| Movie reviewer Siskel | GENE | Prefix with SI prefix | NANOGENE |
| Term meaning wise as well as an herb | SAGE | E->SEX, reverse | SEX GAS |
| Action resulting from pressing remote's left arrow | REWIND | Move 1st 2 letters to end, reverse them | WINDER |
| Bucks, stags, does, and Bambi | DEER | Reverse 1st 2 letters, put $L$ between them | ELDER |
| Wheel of Fortune host Pat | SAJAK | Move 1st letter back 1, delete 3rd letter | RAAK |
| Video game blank Calibur | SOUL | Place in IS, reverse last two letters | ISOLUS |
| Color that's brownish and yellow associated with the military | KHAKI | 1st letter->S, add R before last Itr | SHAKRI |
| Word after Sugar or Candy | CANE | Move 1st letter forward 1 space | BANE |
| Joni Mitchell sang about a big yellow one | TAXi | 1st letter->A+1st letter+R | ATRAXI |
| Austrian composer Gustav | MAHLER | Move 1st Itr forward 2 spaces | KAHLER |
| Nineteen minus twelve | SEVEN | Remove end letters | EVE |
| Dentist tool or army exercise | DRILL | Remove 1st letter | RILL |
| Gone with the Wind plantation | TARA | Prefix with relative, add last Itr of relative to end | SONTARAN |
| Green vegetable often maligned for its flavor | KALE | Move 1st to last, prefix with Itr = length of word | DALEK |
| Zodiac sign represented by the virgin | VIRGO | Del. 1st Itr, reverse | OGRI |
| Muppet from unknown species, also journalism style | GONZO | Last Itr->Y, move last 2 to front | ZYGON |
| Gas company that put a tiger in your tank today | EXXON | add IL before penult. Ltr | EXXILON |
| Dirt or gossip spread around that might not be true | RUMOR | $\mathrm{R}->\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{U}->\mathrm{I}$ | NIMON |

Each answer transforms into a Doctor Who alien. First letters spell THE ANSWER IS BAKER'S DOZEN.

## Sacred Bullseye

1. SAJJIGE
2. VINDALOO (vandal)
3. SAMBAR (samba)
4. BIRYANI (Bryan)
5. NAAN
6. KORMA (karma)
7. KHEER (reek)
8. DOSA (soda)
9. BARFI (barf)
10. IMARTI (smarts)
11. PAPADUM (papa dumb)
12. SAMOSA
13. UTHAPAM (Utah)
14. LASSI (Lassie)

Index remaining entrees by ring number to get TANDOORI.

## Protection Racket

Each item in the locket is something to be "protected for."

- NIGHT
- BATS
- COLD
- WIND
- ANGER
- HEAT
- ICE
- HAIL

Each longer answer contains the letters of one of the items in a locket. One additional letter is marked with a circle.

- COULD'VE (COLD/U)
- SPEEDBOATS (BATS/O)
- HIGHTAIL (HAIL/T)
- WRANGLER (ANGER/L)
- CHELATION (HEAT/L)
- JUICIEST (ICE/I)
- VIEWFINDER (WIND/F)
- INFIGHTING (NIGHT/F)

In locket order, the additional letters spell FULL OF IT.

## The Temple of Rats

Rats represent the letters $R, A$, and $T$. Below is the solution to the kris-kross.


- Cheeses fall on letters B-E-N.
- Strawberries F-I-L-M
- Seeds (including one held by a rat): T-Y-P-E
- Homes S-I-X
"Ben film type six" clues HORROR.


## Get Thai'd

Starting with the circled B, you can move knight-style to spell out the opening lyrics to "One Night in Bangkok." The remaining letters spell "A PASSAGE TO BANGKOK."

## Pair of Solves

In clue order: AIRWAVES, ALIENIST, ANTECEDE, APPEALED, BOGEYMEN, INCREASE, LATTICED, MARRIAGE, NARRATED, OBTAINED, OUTLINES,
OVERCAST, OVERMINE, PITCHERS, PLOTLINE, PRECLUDE, RECOUPED,
RIVERBED, SMIRKING, STEAMERS, TORTOISE, TRAVERSE, VARIANTS,
VERTICES

In umbrella order:

- PRECLUDE = APPEALED + RECOUPED
- MARRIAGE = SMIRKING + AIRWAVES
- OUTLINES = TORTOISE + UGLINESS
- LATTICED = PLOTLINE + ANTECEDE
- INCREASE $=$ PITCHERS + NARRATED
- TRAVERSE $=$ STEAMERS + RIVERBED
- OVERMINE = BOGEYMEN + VERTICES
- VARIANTS = OVERCAST + ALIENIST

Following the instructions, the top triangle of each umbrella spell PATTERNS.

## Go Fly A Kite

The green-background clues lead to phrases enumerated 5, 6 that can fit into the spine of the kites, intersecting on their third letters.

- FIRST PERSON
- BROOM CLOSET
- BLACK BEAUTY
- water bottle
- MONEY HUNGRY
- SWEET DREAMS

The sides of the kite are six-letter words that can start at the top of the kite and run down the side to the bottom. There are two for each kite.

- PUFFIN
- CEMENT
- BAKERY
- HEYDAY
- DUTIES
- BOWTIE
- HOMILY
- PYTHON
- COBALT
- BUBBLY
- DISCUS
- BURGLE

Each kite has a cloud adjacent to it, touching one letter. Starting on top, and going left to right, row by row (which is also rainbow order) spells IRENIC.

## Retracing Your Dubsteps

Using the sound effects to join together splices, one can get the following clues. Each pair of clues lead to a pair of homophones.

- "Stop Right There!"/Wall decoration (FREEZE, FRIEZE)
- Tear Down/Increase (RAZE, RAISE)
- Poetic Tribute, Unpaid (ODE, OWED)
- Put on Clothes/Word after Soft or Vapor (WEAR, WARE)

First letters of the homophones spell FROW.

## Pho Show

The shrimps represent apostrophes. Knowing that, anagram the letters and apostrophes to form words. Questions spell out PILCROW.

- HA'PENNY (P)
- B'NAI BRITH (I)
- FO'C'S'LE (L)
- O'CLOCK (C)
- QU'RAN (R)
- BO'S'N (O)
- NE'ER-DO-WELL (W)


## Pai Gow

First combine an anagram of each five-letter set and anagram of a two-letter set to make a word. Then split up the hand into a five-card hand and two-card hand according to the rules of Pai Gow. Order by two-card hand.

| RHUBARB | RHUAR | K-K | K-K (B) |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| REVENGE | REVNG | Q-Q | Q-Q (E) |
| TESTIFY | ESIFY | $\mathrm{J-J}$ | $\mathrm{J-J} \mathrm{(T)}$ |
| TORTONI | ORONI | $10-10$ | $10-10(\mathrm{~T})$ |
| ELITIST | ELTST | $6-6$ | $6-6(\mathrm{I})$ |
| ANNULUS | AULUS | $5-5$ | $5-5(\mathrm{~N})$ |
| EGGHEAD | EHEAD | $3-3$ | $3-3(\mathrm{G})$ |
| GANGWAY | ANWAY | $2-2$ | $2-2(\mathrm{G})$ |
| BARRACK | BRRCK | A-Q | A-Q (A) |
| MUGWUMP | UGWUP | A-8 | A-8 (M) |
| ENTREAT | NTRAT | $\mathrm{K}-10$ | $\mathrm{~K}-10(\mathrm{E})$ |
| BLOSSOM | BLSSM | $\mathrm{K}-2$ | $\mathrm{~K}-2(\mathrm{O})$ |
| ARRAIGN | AAIGN | $\mathrm{Q}-10$ | $\mathrm{Q}-10(\mathrm{R})$ |
| SASHIMI | AHIMI | $\mathrm{Q}-9$ | $\mathrm{Q}-9(\mathrm{~S})$ |
| MALLARD | MLLRD | $10-9$ | $10-9(\mathrm{~A})$ |
| APPLAUD | ALAUD | $3-2$ | $3-2(\mathrm{P})$ |

For each 2-card hand, the letter turns out to be the same. These letters spell BETTING GAME OR SAP. The answer is BLACKJACK.

## Catch as Katakana

Clue answers are TIME ZONE,
PANORAMA, PINATA, HAZE, BEWARE, BIKINI. The katakana symbols shown match up with these letters. Arrange the tiles so that the arrows form a path spelling out the answers to these clues. \& The edges spell SETTLERS OF CATAN.


The Gardening Times


| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| X | Z | Q | F | B | L | K | Y | W | O | V | H | T |
| N | X | W | Z | Q | L | B | J | V | 0 | F | G | T |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| G | D | C | U | I | N | P | R | S | M | E | A | J |
| Y | H | P | U | D | K | C | I | S | A | R | E | M |

There are five numbers that are the same in each grid. In numerical order, they spell LOTUS.

## The Misses of Avalon

The reference to Whitney in the flavortext and Avalon in the title are hints that these refer to Whitney Avalon's Princess Rap Battles series. Each costume described is taken from that series, with Whitney's characters on the right and the other princess on the left. From top to bottom:
Hermione, Cinderella, Galadriel, Elsa, Mrs. Claus, Daenerys, Rapunzel, Freya Katniss, Snow White, Maleficent, Mary Poppins, Ravenna, Anna, Princess Leia, Belle

In release order, each battle crosses a word or word and enumeration.

- Elsa vs. Snow White: With
- Galadriel vs. Princess Leia: large
- Mrs. Claus vs. Mary Poppins: chest
- Cinderella vs. Belle: vagrant's
- Daenerys vs. Maleficent: getting
- Hermione vs. Katniss: kiss
- Freya vs. Ravenna: and
- Rapunzel and Anna: hug (5)

The crossed words form a cryptic clue: "With large chest, vagrant's getting hugs and kisses (5)" which clues BUXOM. (BU[X+O]M)

## Board

Across: amERICAna, 10. kNEEs, 11. SE(C)T, 12. NOVA (rev), 13. mATE, 15. ASTER*, 17. CURRY (d.def), 18. HE+L+A, 20. wANTEd, 22. TUB+A (rev.), 24. BIOt*, 25. NA+MED Down 1. MESA*, 2. ORE (hom.), 3. N+ICER, 4. nOCTurne, 5. PANS+Y, 6. bONO, 7. LEVEE (hom.), 8. YEA+R, 14. TU(NI) C rev., 15. ARE(N)A, 16. THUMBis*, 17. CABS (d.def), 19. LADE (init.), 21. promonTORy, 22. TAB (d.def), 23. BELted. Unclued entries are MONOPOLY and SCRABBLE.

| M | O | N | O | P | O | L | Y |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| E | R | I | C | A | N | E | E |
| S | E | C | T | N | O | V | A |
| A | T | E | A | S | T | E | R |
| C | U | R | R | Y | H | E | L |
| A | N | T | E | T | U | B | A |
| B | I | O | N | A | M | E | D |
| S | C | R | A | B | B | L | E |

## Second Puzzle

11. Basic->Basin, 12. Kilt->Kiln, 13. Sheet->Sweet, 14. Overrapping>Overlapping, 15. Wore->Work, 17. P\&E->P\&A, 19. had->bad, 21. Fa->Ra, 24. Cot->Cut, 26. Drunks->Drinks, 28. Roy->Joy, 32. Frets->Frats, 34. Frump>Trump, 35. Licking->Lacking, 36. Vote->Note, 37. Pee->Pet, 38

## Third Puzzle

Across: 8. S+TRAPPED, 9. LI(EG)E, 10. INCITE (insight hom.), 11. LINGER+IE, 12. TAPS, 13. CORNETTIST*, 15. TELL (d.def), 17. TO(N)GA, 18. ordereDISHot, 20. APOCALYPSE*, 22. SEAL (d.def), 23. TERRIw*+FIC, 25. pARABLE, 27. ytirbELECTSixram, 28. SKE(L)ET+ON

Down: 1. S(TONE)AGE, 2. LADIES*,
3. AP(S)E, 4. IDOL (idyll hom.), 5.

PL+UNDERAGE, 6. DE(MEN+T)ED, 7. GEN+I+US, 13. CUTTLEFISH*, 14. RU+NUP (pun rev.), 16. LI(C)O*+RICE, 19. STALL+IION, 21. PA+ELLA, 22. SH+AVER, 24. CAST (d.def), 25. A+BET

| Car | A | P | A | C | E | M | A | L | L | Cop |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O | L | A | V | A | B | O | C | L | A | Y |
| U | G | L | I | D | E | L | T | A | I | C |
| S | A | L | A | R | Y | A | O | M | D | A |
| E | Z | I | N | E | E | R | R | A | N | T |
| G | O | D | S | M | A | S | S | L | I | T |
| C | O | C | O | A | S | T | R | A | L | A |
| I | S | H | R | N | T | H | E | T | A | S |
| T | W | I | T | T | E | R | H | I | F | I |
| Y | A | L | E | I | G | U | A | N | A | A |
| Jail | B | I | R | D | E | M | B | A | R | Go |


|  |  | S |  | L |  |  | A |  | I |  | P |  | D |  |  | G |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | S | T | R | A | P | P |  | E | D |  |  | 1 | E | G | G | E | S |
|  |  | 0 |  | D |  |  | S |  | 0 |  | U |  | M |  |  | N |  |
|  | 1 | N | C | 1 | T |  | E |  | L | 1 | N | G | E | R | R | I | E |
|  |  | E |  | E |  |  |  |  |  |  | D |  | N |  |  | U |  |
|  | $\dagger$ |  | P | S |  |  |  | 0 | R | N |  | T | T | 1 | I |  | T |
|  |  | G |  |  |  |  | U |  | U |  | R |  | E |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | E | L | L |  |  | T | 0 | N | G | A |  | D | 1 | 1 | S | H |
|  |  |  |  | I |  |  | T |  | $\cup$ |  | G |  |  |  |  | T |  |
|  | A |  | 0 | C | A |  |  | Y | P | S |  |  | S | E | E |  | L |
|  |  | A |  | 0 |  |  | E |  |  |  |  |  | H |  |  | L |  |
|  | T | E | R | R | 1 |  | F | 1 | C |  | A | R | A | B | B | L | E |
|  |  | L |  | 1 |  |  | 1 |  | A |  | B |  | V |  |  | 1 |  |
| E |  | L | E | C | T |  |  |  | S | K |  | L | E | T | T | 0 | N |
|  |  | A |  | E |  |  | H |  | T |  | T |  | R |  |  | N |  |

In the Monopoly grid, tetters that were changed spell C-Three, B-Four, and E-Five, implying the first $8 \times 8$ board is a chessboard.

The chessboard squares that correspond with C3, B4, and E5 are TLS, cluing the Triple Letter Spaces on the Scrabble board.

The Scrabble Triple Letter Spaces spell PLACES PLEASE.
Going back to the Monopoly word, look at the squares corresponding with St. Charles Place, St. James Place, and Park Place to get YES.

## Escalator Danger

Steps Down: 1. Artemis, 2. slyest, 3. herbs, 4. end up, 5. lexis, 6. sanest, 7. altar, 8. guest, 9. Richard, 10. entrant, 11. icon, 12. destroy, 13. also, 14. laterally, 15. capes, 16. ultra, 17. surest

Steps Forward are ordered alphabetically by answer. In ten cases, the first letter must be entered to the left of the boxes. In grid order:

- [R]emissly
- esther
- [I]bsen
- duplex
- [N]issan
- [G]estalt
- argue
- [O]strich
- ardent

These extra letters spell RING OF FIRE.

## Room

Complete the Shikaku and then insert letters as described.

| D | E | M | F | O | M | O | N | P | E | N | S |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O | G | R | R | E | A | S | T | S | O | L | I |
| A | P | H | S | T | E | R | Y | T | U | D | E |
| I | C | S | F | O | R | F | O | R | E | S | T |
| P | S | O | E | S | T | Q | U | I | C | K | S |
| E | L | I | F | O | M | O | N | M | O | N | O |
| N | T | U | R | E | A | S | T | A | S | T | L |
| S | D | E | S | T | E | R | Y | E | R | Y | I |
| T | R | O | U | B | L | E | M | O | N | P | T |
| D | E | M | O | M | O | N | A | S | T | E | U |
| G | R | A | P | A | S | T | E | R | Y | N | D |
| H | I | C | S | E | R | Y | B | O | X | S | E |

You can then figure out where each picture below must be, based on the numbers and walls shown. The letters on the other side of the doors are, in room size order, BERLIN.

## Is This Rhetorical?

Each paragraph hypothetically answers a song title.

- Where is the Love? [T]
- Who's That Girl [H]
- Are You Experienced? [E]
- Are You Lonesome Tonight? [S]
- What Kind Of Man Would I Be? [E]
- Who'll Stop the Rain [S]
- Where Have All The Flowers Gone? [O]
- What's New Pussycat? [N]
- (How Much Is) That Doggie In the Window? [G]
- Are You Sitting Comfortably? [T]
- Can You Feel the Love Tonight [I]
- Where My Girls At? [T]
- Who Let the Dogs Out? [L]
- Do You Know The Way to San Jose [E]
- The Fox (What Does the Fox Say?) [S]
- Do You Know the Muffin Man? [A]
- (What's So Funny ‘Bout) Peace, Love and Understanding [R]
- What's My Name? [E]
- Where Have All The Cowboys Gone? [A]
- Do You Believe In Magic [L]
- How Come You Don't Call Me [L]

Indexed letters spell THESE SONG TITLE'S ARE ALL. They are all QUESTIONS.

## Evidence Locker

Each paragraph describes a fictional drug. Case Files are anagrams of where the drug is from. Index by the total samples found.

- Substance D (A Scanner Darkly/C)
- Moloko Plus (A Clockwork Orange/O)
- Super Energy Pill (Underdog/R)
- The Ladder (Jacob's Ladder/R)
- Gleemonex (Kids In The Hall: Brain Candy/O)
- Totally Awesome Sweet Alabama Liquid Snake (Metalocalypse/B)
- Daddy-O (Fallout 4/0)
- Snow Crash (Snow Crash/R)
- Phalanx (World War Z/A)
- Nzt-48 (Limitless/T)
- Soma (Brave New World/O)
- Vapor (Legion/R)
- Blue Sky (Breaking Bad/Y)

Answer is CORROBORATORY.

## The Biggest Pile of Garbage

The celebrities clued are: Carrie Bradshaw, Billy Burke, Carol Burnett, Mary Cassatt, Chuck Connors, Brian Cox, Fran Drescher, Adam Durwitz, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Don Lemon, Mitch Mcconnell, Steven Moffat, Eddie Money, Nick Nolte, Bill Paxton, Joe Pesci, Gene Shalit, Wendy Wilson

The Garbage Pail Kids shown each have two names, each of which correspond with one of the celebrities. Indexing either last name will result in the same letter.

| Up Chuck | Upheavin' Steven | Connors or Moffat | O |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Creepy Carol | Scary Carrie | Burnett or Bradshaw | B |
| Weird Wendy | Haggy Maggie | Wilson or Gyllenhaal | N |
| Unstitched Mitch | Damaged Don | Mcconnell or Lemon | O |
| Fryin' Brian | Electric Bill | Cox or Paxton | X |
| Mean Gene | Joltin' Joe | Shalit or Pesci | I |
| Nasty Nick | Evil Eddie | Nolte or Money | O |
| Adam Bomb | Blasted Billy | Durwitz or Burke | U |
| Furry Fran | Hairy Mary | Drescher or Cassatt | S |

The answer is OBNOXIOUS.

## Meeting Up

Each set are four items that also share four corners in some other milieu.

- Lion, Snake, Badger. These are animals on the Hogwart's crest. The missing item is RAVENCLAW.
- $A G$ (for now), CD, $A U$. These are elements. The missing item is Hg .
- seCOnd/deaCOn; lamAZe, hAZard; guNMan, boN Mot. These are the Four Corner states in the US. The missing one is UT.
- Carol Channing, Jan Hammer, Alice Cooper. These are characters from the Brady Bunch. Missing is MARCIA.
- Pawn, pawn, knight. These are chess pieces (designated by column). Missing is the BISHOP.

First letters of the missing items spell RHUMB.

## Not Of Our World

Each saucer is a fictional alien alphabet.

- Alienese (ZINTERLACZ)
- Ancients (LZENTRAEDIE)
- Krypton (SMATORANT)
- Interlac (LKRYPTONIANE)
- Matoran (IANCIENTST)
- Zendraedi (PALIENESEU)

Each yields another language with two additional letters. Starting with Zendraedi will yield PUZZLES TITLE, which is NOT OF OUR WORLD.

## Mossy Growths

Each clue is partially obscured. The unobscured part is an isogram, and the obscured portion is made up of letters from the isogram plus one additional letter. Most are given, but the last six are not. (These are all based on a concept in the NPL that's an extension of Letter Banks.)

- Planetary battle (53) WORLD WAR
- Constellation not in the Northern Hemisphere (85) SOUTHERN CROSS
- Like a flawless image (7 7) PICTURE PERFECT
- Small atomic bit named for the first Greek letter (5 8) ALPHA PARTICLE
- Formally structured group like Christianity (9 8) ORGANIZED RELIGION
- A narrow area that's devoted to a holy book (54) BIBLE BELT
- Team that plays baseball for a city in Maryland (97) BALTIMORE ORIOLES
- Part of grammar like "oneself" (8 7) PERSONAL PRONOUN
- Majestic places of a specific number (57) SEVEN WONDERS
- Dramatic story shown during the daytime (45) SOAP OPERA [S]
- Part of a contract that allows one to avoid performing it (6 6) ESCAPE CLAUSE [P]
- A place where a judge handles chapter 11 (10 5) BANKRUPTCY COURT [0]
- Group with a very clandestine membership (67) SECRET SOCIETY [R]
- A social event where a hot drink is served (35) TEA PARTY [E]
- Avian that laid precious yellow eggs (65) GOLDEN GOOSE [S]

The answer is SPORES.

## Wish Lists

Each wish list has a different characteristic that leads to either numbers or letters. This character can be applied to the person who's list it it.

- Leighton
- Each item contains one or two numbers (one four, three, four, one, five, one eight)
- These translate to NCDAER, which anagrams to DANCER.
- Leighton contains an eight, which equals H .
- Lincoln
- Each item contains a state nickname (UT, CT, IA, PA, DE),
- First letters are UCIPD, which anagrams to CUPID.
- Lincoln translates to Illinois, which starts with I.
- Martin
- Each item has morse code in the dots of i's and dashes of t's.
- These morse letters spell RENOND, which anagrams to DONNER.
- Martin contains dash-dot, which equals N .
- Peter
- Each name starts phonetically with a letter.
- These letters are ENXIV, which anagrams to VIXEN.
- Peter starts with a P.
- Poppy
- Each item contains the tetragram AXAA, where A is the same letter.
- These repeated letters are CEMOT, which anagram to COMET.
- Poppy translates to P.
- Roger Saxon
- Each two-word item has an X in the one word. Match the X in the other word.
- The letters corresponding with the X's are ZETIBNL, which anagram to BLITZEN.
- Doing this with Roger Saxon gives you a G.
- Roxanne
- Each item contains an animal (rat, raven, pig, crow, newt, ant, elk)
- First letters are RRPCNAE which anagram to PRANCER.
- Roxanne contains OX , which starts with O .
- Stuart
- Each item contains 3 consecutive letters of the alphabet (efg, def, stu, hij, abc, rst)
- First letters of these are EDSHAR, which anagram to DASHER.
- Stuart contains STU, which starts with S.

Arranged per the Moore poem, the letters spell SHOPPING.

## Five by Five

Each line are four related items blended together. Each item is spelled in order but interwoven with the others. The four items are part of a set of five.

- Acheron, Cocytus, Lethe, Phlegethon [Styx, five rivers of the Underworld]
- Jason, Legacy, Supremacy, Ultimatum [Identity, five Bourne movies]
- Baby, Posh, Scary, Sporty [Ginger, five members of the Spire Girls]
- Bart, Lisa, Maggie, Marge [Homer, five immediate members of the Simpsons family]
- Barzini, Corleone, Cuneo, Stracci [Tattaglia, the five families in The Godfather]
- Middle, Pinky, Ring, Thumb [Index, five fingers]
- Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Queens [Staten Island, five boroughs of NYC]
- Cube, Dodecahedron, Icosahedron, Tetrahedron [Octahedron, five platonic solids]
- Air force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines [Navy, five branches of the US military]
- Hall, Nelson, Ringwald, Sheedy [Estevez, actors in The Breakfast Club]
- Erie, Huron, Michigan, Superior [Ontario, five Great Lakes]
- Daphne, Scooby, Shaggy, Velma [Fred, five characters in Scooby Doo]
- Jackie, Jermaine, Marlon, Michael [Tito, five members of the Jackson Five]
- Chico, Groucho, Gummo, Zeppo [Harpo, five Marx Brothers]
- Air, Ether, Fire, Water [Earth, five elements]
- China, Russia, United Kingdom, United States [France, members of the UN security council]
- Arctic, Atlantic, Pacific, Southern [Indian, five oceans]
- Augustus, Charlie, Mike, Violet [Veruca, five kids in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory]
- Béchamel, Hollandaise, Tomate, Velouté [Espagnole, five mother sauces]
- Friday, Monday, Thursday, Tuesday [Wednesday, five days of the average work week]
- Salat, Sawm, Shahada, Zakāt [Hajj, five pillars of Islam]
- Acceptance, Bargaining, Denial, Depression [Anger, five stages of grief]
- Grande, Short, Tall, Venti [Trenta, five Starbucks sizes]

First letters of the missing members spell "Sight is one of the five what." The answer is SENSES.

## Pumpkin Races

Answers to clues: LUCID, LAPEL, DEEMS, ANDREW, DREAMER, PARE, DEWY, POISONED, SPHERE, BALSA, CROSSPLAY, POE, LOUD, INSATIABLE, MEANTFOR, CAPOTE, ASTON

You can break up the ships provided to anagram them to make the clues. Some letters are skipped.

| DULCI | B | ELLA |
| ---: | ---: | :--- |
| P,ROTE | U | S |
| DEME | T | ER |
| DAWN | T | READER |
| MARY D | E | ARE |
| P | R | YDWEN |
| POSEIDO | N |  |
| HESPER | U | S |
| ALBA | T | ROSS |
| CALYP | S | O |
| PE | Q | UOD |
| L | U | SITANIA |
| BEL | A | FONTE |
| MARY CELE | S | TE |
| POCA | H | ONTAS |

Letters not used in the answers spell BUTTERNUT SQUASH.

## Get 'Em All, Paul

Each row or column hides a tree either backwards or forwards (with enumeration on the end the tree starts on)

Across: LAUREL, MANGROVE, DOGWOOD, FIR, WALNUT, BALSAM, CHESTNUT, BETEL PALM, SEQUOIA, ASPEN, HICKORY, MAGNOLIA, SLIPPERY ELM, dOUGLAS Down: HORNBEAM, HEMLOCK, SCARLET OAK, MAHOGANY, APPLE, CYPRESS, JUNIPER, SYCAMORE, WILLOW, CATALPA, MAPLE, SPRUCE, POPLAR, BIRCH

Three squares are unused, and they spell AXE.

## Tell Me A Story

It's possible to spell out part of the story of Hansel and Gretel with some instructions. "Hansel left a trail of bread crumbs behind him to mark the way. But the little boy had forgotten about the hungry birds that lived in the forest. When they saw him, they flew along behind and in no time at all, had eaten all the crumbs. Enclosed spaces have candy."


There are six spaces that are enclosed by the path that contain Sni[C]kers, Baby [R]uth, Cr[U]nch, [M]ounds, AI[M]ond Joy, and Milky Wa[Y]. Missing letters spell CRUMMY.

## Salt and Pepper

It's possible to connect one box on the left with a box on the right with a pair of trigrams. A unique letter can combine these trigrams to make a seven-letter word. These letters spell MIDNIGHT RIDE OF PAUL. The answer is REVERE.

| TIMESTAMPED | ORIGINALITY | STA | M | INA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ALLEGORICAL | OSCILLATING | GOR | I | LLA |
| ANNIVERSARY | PICTURESQUE | VER | D | URE |
| XYLOPHONIST | INCREMENTAL | PHO | N | EME |
| GRAMMATICAL | ENGINEERING | MAT | I | NEE |
| AUTHORIZING | CONTAMINATE | ORI | G | AMI |
| UNMITIGATED | COUNTERFEIT | TIG | H | TER |
| PERFUNCTORY | MILLIONAIRE | UNC | T | ION |
| MISHANDLING | EMBROIDERED | AND | R | OID |
| UNCLIMBABLE | CHAMBERLAIN | IMB | I | BER |
| MERCHANDISE | OBSOLESCENT | HAN | $D$ | LES |
| RECTANGULAR | TRIPLICATES | ANG | E | LIC |
| DESCRIPTIVE | SIDESTEPPED | RIP | O | STE |
| FRUSTRATING | BENEFICIARY | TRA | F | FIC |
| AGRICULTURE | DIACRITICAL | CUL | P | RIT |
| PORTMANTEAU | EXAGGERATED | MAN | A | GER |
| COLLABORATE | GROUNDSWELL | ABO | U | NDS |
| DISCREPANCY | SYNDICATION | REP | L | ICA |

## Fountain of Youth

The actor is Paul Rudd. The movies shown span 18 years. Pictures are in alphabetical order from top to bottom.

- Start with PAUL RUDD
- Clueless (1995): PEELREDD
- The Cider House Rules (1999): ELPEREDD
- Wet Hot American Summer (2001): ELXEREDD
- Anchorman (2004): ELXEREFF
- Knocked Up (2007): ELXERFFE
- Dinner for Schmucks (2010): ELXORFFE
- Our Idiot Brother (2011): ELXROFFE
- This is 40 (2012): ELXROFLFE
- Anchorman 2 (2013): ELIXIROFLIFE

Answer is ELIXIR OF LIFE.

## Congressional Steps

Each bill clues a two-word phrase where the first word starts with H and second R. In addition, the first two numbers in the bill give the enumeration, and the last two numbers represent an index into the answer.

- HARD ROCK (C)
- HAROLD RAMIS (H)
- HEAT RASH (A)
- HORN RIMMED (N)
- HIGH RISK (G)
- HELEN REDDY (E)
- HEART RATE (T)
- HYATT REGENCY (H)
- HIGHWAY ROBBERY (E)
- HOUSTON ROCKETS (C)
- HAL ROACH (O)
- HAIR RAISING (N)
- HORSE RACE (S)
- HOSPITAL ROOM (T)
- HEAVY ROTATION (I)
- HIGHLIGHT REEL (T)
- HOME RUN (U)
- HOT ROD (T)
- HUDSON RIVER (I)
- HONOR ROLL (O)
- HUMAN RESOURCES (N)

Indexed letters spell CHANGE THE CONSTITUTION which is AMEND.

## Your Puzzle Boat Team

Answers form a word letter with every other rung missing. Shaded letters indicate the changed letter; solvers must figure out the changed letter in the missing run.

| BOAT | BORN $[\mathrm{R}]$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| COAT [C] | TORN |
| COST | TORE [E] |
| CAST [A] | LORE |
| LAST | LOSE [S] |
| LASS [S] | LOST |
| LESS | LOOT [O] |
| LEIS [I] | LOOK |
| LOIS | ROOK [R] |
| LOIN [N] | ROCK |
| GOIN | TOCK [T] |
| GOON [O] | TICK |
| BOON |  |

CASINO RESORT is the answer.


Stacked Deck


Sign Me Up


Seven is Magic


Burger Time


Get a Clue


Magazine Stand


## Snowstorm



## Hardly Loaded



Field of Dreams


Let's Play Pictionary!


Minus
$\square$

## Roadblock Meta

Some sample images are shown here, yours will have obviously varied.

Bigrams and single letters used as "answers" can be entered into the spaces on the left. Through some trial and error, and hints in the flavortext, one can arrive at KNOWING IS HALF THE BATTLE, the catchphrase of G.I. Joe PSAs.

The images all represent different G.I. Joes (like Roadblock)

| KN | DOC | 0 |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| OW | TAURUS | U |
| IN | CHARBROIL | R |
| G_- $^{2}$ | GRAND SLAM | S |
| IS | ARMADILLO | A |
| _H | FASTDRAW | F |
| AL | DEEJAY | E |
| F_ $_{-}$ | COVERGIRL | R |
| TH | ACE | E |
| E_ | WHITEOUT | T |
| BA | COUNTDOWN | U |
| TT | SCARLETT | R |
| LE | SNAKE EYES | N |

Indexed letters spell OUR SAFE RETURN.

Meta: The Advisors
Puzzles in this meta:

| The Berkeley Pit | LUMP |
| :--- | :--- |
| Good Boy! | THREADLE |
| A Sign from God | DEUS |
| Meeting Up | RHUMB |
| Wish Lists | SHOPPING |
| Address Check | OK |
| Retracing Your Dubsteps | FROW |
| The Skinny Bridge | WED |
| Clackers | CARET |
| Echo Chamber | AGAIN |
| Spy vs. Spy | TOQUE |
| ****Hugs**** | HON |

Each word can have a letter replaced with BAR to make a new word.

| LUMBAR | P |
| :--- | :--- |
| THREADBARE | L |
| DEBARS | U |
| RHUBARB | M |
| BARHOPPING | S |
| BARK | O |
| BARROW | F |
| BARED | W |
| CABARET | R |
| BARGAIN | A |
| BAROQUE | T |
| BARON | H |

The answer is PLUMS OF WRATH

Meta: Mother and Son

| Puzzles in this meta: |  |
| :--- | :--- |
| Lover's Lane | PRETEENS |
| Dominoes in Action | DOES |
| Two Heads Are Better Than One | WITS |
| Scrimshaw | FLESH |
| Balancing Rocks | BENT |
| Going the Distance | ATHENS |
| Horton Hears a Ewwwww | EAR |
| How It's Made | PINK |
| Congressional Steps | AMEND |

In the flavortext for each of these puzzles, one word has a colon after it. These form the missing parts of the analogies in the meta.

| BILL : AMEND :: BERKELEY : BREATHED | Cartoonists |
| :--- | :--- |
| RED : PINK :: BROWN : TAN | Lighter shades |
| GREASE : ATHENS :: COLUMBIA : BOGOTA | Capital of homophone |
| BUCKS : DOES :: DUKE : DUCHESS | Female version |
| BENEVOLENT : BENT :: HARVARD : HARD | First and last 2 letters |
| CHAIR : FLESH :: NOTRE DAME : OUR LADY | French translation |
| HEART : EAR :: SMITH : MIT | Delete terminal letters |
| PRETENSE : PRETEENS :: STANFORD : STANDFOR | Relocate last letter |
| COZY : WITS :: SUNY : MOHS | Caesar shift |

[^0]Meta: Twins
Puzzles in this meta:

| Hall of Heroes | POWERED DOWN |
| :--- | :--- |
| Rosalilla, Stab... | SNICKERSNEE |
| Activity Coordinator | ECCLESIASTES |
| Now That's A Knife | SNICKERSNEE |
| Playtime | NUCLEAR CLOUD |
| Wings | MASON-DIXON |
| Prometheus 2 | POWERED DOWN |
| Taking 'Shrooms | NUCLEAR CLOUD |
| There's a Time for That | ECCLESIASTES |
| Mirrors | MASON-DIXON |

Throughout the hunt, there were five pairs of identical puzzles with different titles. Each answer contains a repeated bigram. Order by first appearance.

- SNICKERSNEE SN
- POWERED DOWN OW
- NUCLEAR CLOUD CL
- MASON-DIXON ON
- ECCLESIASTES ES

The two looked like SNOW CLONES.

Meta: The Teachers
Puzzles in this meta:

| "What a Great Place to Start" | MALL OF AMERICA |
| :--- | :--- |
| Dead Man's Hand | ACT OF BETRAYAL |
| Catch as Katakana | SETTLERS OF CATAN |
| Knight Ride 3-D | TOUR OF DUTY |
| Smoke 'Em,.. | EAST OF EDEN |
| Escalator Danger | RING OF FIRE |
| Hand in the Sand | OUT OF HAND |
| Protection Racket | FULL OF IT |
| RATAZ | REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI |
| Fountain of Youth | ELIXIR OF LIFE |
| Circulation | VITRIOL OF MARS |
| Snowflakes | EDGE OF NOWHERE |
| Not of Our World | NOT OF OUR WORLD |
| Spice Blend | GRAINS OF PARADISE |
| Crystal Whirled | EYE OF QUEBEC |

The Teachers puzzles are all of the form $A$ of $B$, where $B$ starts with a unique letter from A through Q (skipping G and J). First letters read MASTER OF REVENGE.

Meta: The Travel Agents
Puzzles in this meta:

| Gutsy Luchadors, Odd Warriors | IRONIC |
| :--- | :--- |
| Overcrowded Gravestones | GRIMLY |
| Orly Connect | SPORTS |
| Dead Again | GRISLY |
| Bitten by Inspiration | CHUMMY |
| Go Fly A Kite | IRENIC |
| Mossy Growths | SPORES |
| Tell Me A Story | CRUMMY |

Pairs of answers differ by one letter.
CR/Hummy irE/Onic gris/Mly sporT/Es
Choose one letter per position to get REST, leaving HOME. The answer is REST HOME.

Meta: The Fencers
Puzzles in this meta:

| Let's Go | CATCH |
| :--- | :--- |
| More More More | BASKIN ROBBINS |
| Strays | DALMATIANS |
| Gaps | CONTACT |
| Heirlooms | NIGHT STAND |
| Kcymaerxthaere | TENORS |
| Dusty Home | ROCK |
| Far From Battle | DAVID BOWMAN |
| The Final Annoyance | CHORONZON |
| Gored | MICHAEL JORDAN |
| Is That a Fact? | ROLLING ROCK |
| Nearly Midnight | TIMING |
| Time to Meditate | BAKER'S DOZEN |
| Get Thai'd | A PASSAGE TO BANGKOK |
| Pai Gow | BLACKJACK |
| The Gardening Times | LOTUS |
| Is This Rhetorical? | QUESTIONS |

Each puzzle in this meta can be association with a number that consists solely of $0 \mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{~s}$, and 3 s . These become the givens of a Slitherlink puzzle. Uncrossed circles spell REVERSE STRIKES.

| BAKER'S DOZEN | 13 |
| :--- | :--- |
| BASKIN ROBBINS | 31 |
| BLACKJACK | 21 |
| CATCH | 22 |
| CHORONZON | 333 |
| CONTACT | $3-2-1$ |
| DALMATIANS | 101 |
| DAVID BOWMAN | 2001 |
| LOTUS | 123 |
| MICHAEL JORDAN | 23 |
| NIGHT STAND | 1 |
| A PASSAGE TO BANGKOK | 2112 |
| QUESTIONS | 20 |
| ROCK | 30 |
| ROLLING ROCK | 33 |
| TENORS | 3 |
| TIMING | 2 |



## Meta: The Bird Fanciers

Puzzles in this meta:
Diamond Mine CENTRAL ARKANSAS
GPS
Hands Touching Hands
Got Your GOAT?
Blanket Statements
How Big is Your Hat?
Dangerous Plants
Twisty Figure Eights
The Miracle Tile
Portfolio
Shipping Containers
Pair of Solves
Pho Show
Pumpkin Races

ALIBIS
FINGER BOWL
WAYNE GRETZKY
NO REGRETS
SNOW LEOPARD
HIBISCUS
WES CRAVEN
THE POPULAR KIDS
ESCROW FUND
GRAVEN IMAGES
PATTERNS
PILCROW
BUTTERNET SQUASH

Each answer in this meta conceals a bird. Each bird appears twice, and can be placed in the blanks uniquely.

| LARK | CENTRAL ARKANSAS | THE POPULAR KIDS |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| OWL | FINGER BOWL | SNOW LEOPARD |
| EGRET | WAYNE GRETZKY | NO REGRETS |
| IBIS | HIBISCUS | ALIBIS |
| RAVEN | WES CRAVEN | GRAVEN IMAGES |
| CROW | ESCROW FUND | PILCROW |
| TERN | PATTERNS | BUTTERNUT SQUASH |

Numbered spaces, in order, spells A FLIGHT FROM HOPE.

Meta: The IT Professionals
Puzzles in this meta:

| You Shall Not... | SAN ANDREAS |
| :--- | :--- |
| Let's Bounce | FORDLANDIA |
| Monkey See, Honeydew | MANDARIN ORANGE |
| Don't Stop! | INEXORABLY |
| Team Gymnastics | HANDSTANDS |
| Snapppy Turtles | SEAWORLD ORLANDO |
| Spinning Wheels | RANDOM ORBITAL SANDER |
| Palette Player | MOXNORA |
| Banned in Georgia | MINOR EXORCISM |
| Check Your Possessions | TANDOORI |
| Sacred Bullseye | CORROBATORY |
| Evidence Locker | CASINO RESORT |
| Your Puzzle Boat Team |  |

These answers all contain logical conjunction (AND, OR, NOR, NAND, XOR, and XNOR) and pair up with one of the sets of circuits. Index by numbers, using 0 as the first index (as is common in computing).

| CORROBATORY | OR-OR-OR | B |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| MORATORIUM | OR-OR | U |
| SEAWORLD ORLANDO | OR-OR-AND | L |
| RANDOM ORBITAL SANDER | AND-OR-AND | L |
| FORDLANDIA | OR-AND | Y |
| TANDOORI | AND-OR | I |


| MANDARIN ORANGE | AND-NOR | N |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| SAN ANDREAS | NAND | S |
| INEXORABLY | XOR | E |
| POXNORA | XNOR | A |
| CASINO RESOSRT | NOR-OR | R |
| MINOR EXORCISM | NOR-XOR | C |
| HANDSTANDS | AND-AND | H |

The indexed letters spell BULLYIN' SEARCH.

## Meta: The Medical Professionals

Puzzles in this meta:

| I Write Off a Trip to the MIM | SAXOPHONES |
| :--- | :--- |
| Bumper to Bumper | COEXIST |
| Marked, Become Agog | TWIXT |
| Downward Doug | FLEXIBILITY |
| Ristorante | METROSEXUAL |
| Really Garish Blocks | NEW MEXICO |
| Intentionally Left Blank | EXISTENTIALIST DILEMMA |
| All-Encompassing | JUXTAPOSITION |
| All of Our Stones | EXPRESS |
| Getting Winded | DON QUIXOTE |
| The Misses of Avalon | BUXOM |
| The Biggest Pile of Garbage | OBNOXIOUS |

In each of these puzzles, the middle icon in the upper right has been replaced with an icon representing a NATO Phonetic alphabet letter. (For the meta, this graphic has been replaced with X-Ray). The flavortext suggests treating each word as a product, and each contains a single $X$.

Count the letters before the X and after the X separately, then multiply. Order by NATO letter to get A SOUND PICTURE.

| AXE | Bravo | 1*1 | A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| EXISTENTIALIST DILEMMA | Charlie | 1*19 | S |
| NEW MEXICO | Golf | 5*3 | 0 |
| METROSEXUAL | Hotel | 7 * 3 | U |
| SAXOPHONES | India | 2 * 7 | N |
| BUXOM | Mike | 2 * 2 | D |
| OBNOXIOUS | November | 4*4 | P |
| COEXIST | Oscar | 3*3 | 1 |
| TWIXT | Quebec | 3 * 1 | C |
| JUXTAPOSITION | Sierra | 2 * 10 | T |
| FLEXIBILITY | Uniform | 3 * 7 | U |
| DON QUIXOTE | Whiskey | 6 * 3 | R |
| EXPRESS | Yankee | 1*5 | E |

Meta: The Entrepreneurs
Puzzles in this meta:

| QStation | EFFETE |
| :--- | :--- |
| Gate Control | HUBBUB |
| Couched Answers | SETTEE |
| This Puzzle Needs a New Title | PAPAYA |
| Cuckoo-ka-Choo | MANANA |
| Another Author | CANAAN |
| Around the Bend | ALLELE |
| Packing It In | ARARAT |


| Cat O' Nine Tails | ROCOCO |
| :--- | :--- |
| The Temple of Rats | HORROR |
| Five by Five | SENSES |
| Salt and Pepper | REVERE |

Each answer is a pyramid word (e.g. contains 1 of 1 letter, 2 of another, and 3 of a third). Sort the answers and enter them into the pyramids given.

| Word | Single | Double | Triple |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| ALLELE | A | E (3) | L (2) |
| ARARAT | T (14) | R (15) | A |
| CANAAN | C (16) | N | A |
| EFFETE | T | F (1) | E |
| HORROR | H (8) | O | R |
| HUBBUB | H | U (12) | B |
| MANANA | M | N (13) | A |
| PAPAYA | Y (16) | P | A |
| REVERE | V | R | E (9) |
| ROCOCO | R | C (10) | O (11) |
| SENSES | N | E (4) | S |
| SETTEE | S | T (7) | E (6) |

Numbered letters spell out FLEECE THE COUNTRY.

## Meta: The Metal Heads (Detours)

As suggested by the different coloring of the Metal Heads, they are only interested in detours (or "de tours"). All of the answers to detours are rock bands, and go in the spaces provided on the T-shirts.

| England | A TOOL for the SLAYER | STAKE | A |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Portugal | GENESIS, EXODUS, ???? | NUMBERS | I |
| New Zealand | TESLA'S AC/DC Rival | EDISON | D |
| Idaho | DEEP PURPLE JEWEL | AMETHYST | A |
| Algeria | BOSTON CREAM ???? | PIE | P |
| Chile | SQUEEZE This on MEAT LOAF | KETCHUP | H |
| Russia | "YES" in BERLIN | JA | A |
| Dominican Republic | ???? --- QUEEN ---> PRINCE | KING | N |
| Missouri | A HOLE in the HEART | VENTRICLE | T |
| St. Helena | THE CURE for POISON | ANTIDOTE | O |
| Turkey | Where to TRAIN THE POLICE | ACADEMY | M |

Highlighted letters spell AIDA PHANTOM.

## The Fantastic Marathon

Each metapuzzle answers with a word from one of the first six Star Trek or Star Wars movies. Index by part number (which for the Star Wars films, is different that order) to get ALL THEIR FANS.

| Star Trek: The Motion Picture | A SOUND PICTURE | A |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
| Star Trek II: The Wrath of Khan | PLUMS OF WRATH | L |
| Star Trek III: The Search for Spock | BULLYIN SEARCH | L |
| Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home | REST HOME | T |
| Star Trek V: The Final Frontier | SAT THROUGH THE FINAL | H |
| Star Trek VI: The Undiscovered Country | FLEECE THE COUNTRY | E |
| Star Wars Episode IV, A New Hope | A FLIGHT FROM HOPE | I |
| Star Wars Episode V, The Empire Strikes Back | REVERSE STRIKES | R |
| Star Wars Episode VI, Return of the Jedi | OUR SAFE RETURN | F |
| Star Wars Episode I, The Phantom Menace | AIDA PHANTOM | A |
| Star Wars Episode II, Attack of the Clones | SNOW CLONES | N |
| Star Wars Episode III: Revenge of the Sith | MASTER OF REVENGE | S |

Note: All of the other teams are meant to suggest various Star Wars and Star Trek characters. Each fictional name has the same length and first letter of the intended character.

| Advisors Gladys and Tony | Guinan and Troi |
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| The Bird Fanciers Hep Siba and Christoph | Han Solo and Chewbacca (owners of a Millennium Falcon) |
| The Entrepreneurs Palmer and Kent | Picard and Kirk (Enterprise captains) |
| The Fencers Daryl M. and Daryl V. | Darth Maul and Darth Vader |
| The IT Professionals Dyan and Saban | Data and Spock |
| The Medical Professionals Carter and Mason | Chapel and McCoy |
| Metal Heads CaOs and RyOt | C3P0 and R2D2 (thus the numbers in their names) |
| Mother and Son Belinda and Wyvern | Beverly and Wesley |
| Soldiers of Fortune James and Brie Ford | Jango and Boba Fett |
| The Teachers Byx and Yui | Ben (Kenobi) and Yoda |
| The Travel Agents Olivia and Steven | O'Brien and Scotty (known for operating the transporters) |
| Twins Luna and Link | Luke and Leia |

## Fast Forwards

There are a total of five Fast Forwards hidden throughout the website. Four are hidden in puzzles, one on the website.

- Under the Backers section is a Lost at Sea section. The first letters of the names under Lost at Sea spell FAST FORWARD IS KICKOFF.
- In the puzzle Spy vs. Spy, there is some Morse Code in the lower right camouflaged as grid border. It spells PINK HAT.
- In the puzzle Intentionally Left Blank, leftover letters spell a message about a Fast Forward CHRONIC MALAISE.
- In the puzzle Couched Answers, first letters of unused sofa cushions form the message FAST FORWARD DECOR.
- In the puzzle Really Garish Blocks, unused hexadecimal values spell out the message


[^0]:    Letters matching numbered spots spell SAT THROUGH THE FINAL.

