

This Month's Extravaganza • My Dinner With Dr. Stabby Part 2

### From the Editor

Part 2 of our dinner adventure explores the world of salts. Once you have the final answer, send it to editor@pandamagazine.com.

On the first Saturday after the last hints go out, you can check your metapuzzle answer online.

Next issue will see the return of the completists list (and I'll run both completists for 43 and 44 in the next issue).

Cheers!

Sincerely, Foggy Brume

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#### **Issue 43 Winners**

Congratulations to our first 10 correct responses!

Jeremy Conner, Chris Wales & Jeremiahs Johnson
Dan Katz & Jackie Anderson

**Nathan Curtis** 

**James Douberley** 

Rich Bragg

**Buzz Lime Pi and Friends** 

Mark Halpin

**Brent Holman** 

**Eric Prestemon** 

**Jason Juang & Jon Spaulding** 

#### **Best Wrong Answers**

In general, solvers looked for phrases that conformed to the meta:

SOPHIE'S CHOICE INLET NIPPLE
TACTICIAN HARDHEARTED
ASTIGMATISM INTERCONNECTION

For the puzzle where the final clue was an image of a horseshoe, solvers thought they saw...

SPIDERMAN WORLD MAP
BOOMERANG TARANTULA
SNOWFLAKE AUSTRALIA
BUBBLEGUM PARAMECIA
XYLOPHONE BALD EAGLE

We will resume with listing completists for the next issue.

Editor/Constructor	Test-Solver	Friends of the Magazine
Foggy Brume	Lance Nathan	Gordon Dow
		Bruce Kaskel
		Mark Halpin
		Joe Cabrera

### **■ Pieces of Bamboo**

### **Three-Way Trivia**

What country borders the countries listed (not counting territories)

#### **Easy to Navigate**

- 1. Canada & Mexico
- 2. Finland & China
- 3. Portugal & France
- 4. Iraq & Afghanistan
- 5. Pakistan & Bangladesh

#### **Rough Terrain**

- 1. Greece & Syria
- 2. Brunei & Thailand
- 3. Ecuador & Venezuela
- 4. Dominican Republic
- 5. Libya & Burkina Faso

Acknowledgements to Ken Jennings for this quiz format

#### **Savage Lands**

- 1. Yakutsk & Ural
- 2. Winkie & Quadling (city)
- 3. Blefescu (technical separated by a channel)
- 4. Gondwana
- 5. Argentina & Brazil (list all 3 answers)

#### **Quote Square**

A proverb is hidden in the grid below. In each row and column, cross off a Tom, Dick, or Harry.

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### The Sixty-Second Test: The S Stands for Sixty

In each acronym, identify what the S stands for. How quickly can you solve all ten?

6. ASCII

- 9. CSPAIN
- 10. WASP\_\_\_\_\_
- 11. BASE\_\_\_\_\_
- 12. NASDAQ\_\_\_\_\_

### ■ Word Garden

Our word garden conceals 11 items in a mystery category. Find words by selecting a starting square and then moving the given direction and distance to get the next letter (e.g., 2L means move 2 squares to the left). Words never travel off the grid. Some additional letters will be leftover. These will form a clue to help identify the mystery category.

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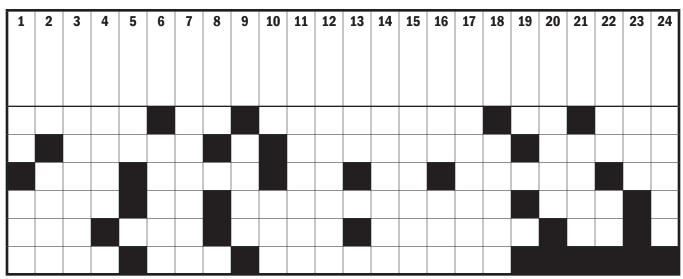
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?? 2R 2U 4U 5L 4L 1D 7R

## ■ Jawdroppin' Challenger

For the dropquote below, solve the clues to determine what letters belong in that column. An \* indicates that the letters will go into that column in order.



**Eugene McCarthy** 

- 1. Channel of True Blood & Channel of Bates Motel
- 2. Pizza Hut parent company (with Brands) + Initials of Microsoft's web browser
- 3. They make the 787 airplane
- 4. Muscular guy + constant roughly equal to 2.71828
- 5. Biopic with Angelina Jolie and Faye Dunaway\*
- 6. Common word meaning clue with its third letter duplicated
- 7. Giving to charity minus the two Ns
- 8. Las Vegas's state + South\*
- 9. Best grade + type of date in a library book
- 10. The I in I/O minus the last letter
- 11. Company used to delivery bouquets + the woman you might send a bouquet to on May 12th
- 12. Squid-like creature in Mario Bros. or mistake during filming, minus the last letter
- 13. Roman 1 + Spanish gold\*
- 14. Popular Angostura offering minus the second letter
- 15. "Once \_\_\_\_\_, twice shy"
- 16. State in southwestern Mexico, minus the X
- 17. Mexican food condiment minus As + Religious sister\*
- 18. Industrial Light & Magic + Number or finger (minus all I's)\*
- 19. Japanese word for tuna
- 20. Confidential information, minus the two Es\*
- 21. Overtime + Height\*
- 22. \_\_\_\_ vera
- 23. Frozen water\*
- 24. Chess piece that does not move in a straight line, minus the vowel

# **■ What's the Bnmmdbshnm?**

We've taken ten items that have something in common and encrypted them with a simple substitution cipher. Can you decode each list and figure out the connection? In each list, the connection is hinted at by a musical instrument.

Trumpet	Clarinet	Drum
HLFA	AKSKRTBMJZ	OVCR
JLIC	ZKPBNKZ	VJGZ
HIFVN	QKSWNPKP	WSPQBBQAM
ALFZYVNFZY	AZTSY SKD	LVD
VQICHIFN	PEKBOP	JVAUX
BFN IZPVPMK IZ NQP HFJG	PLJJBGKP	LICO
HMXVNPL	KUTS YTSYJ	UIJBIC
NIIN IZP'V ICZ QILZ	MKZZTEWSP	NPVS
PSXMN	RNZMWUK QXTSBKP	SGIAZW
DFXZN	TMGJP, EJZMGJP & TZTLWP	LQM

Oboe	Piano	Triangle
LJX	MVHWXEZ	DGWIML
SJKNPVD	LCNDRWXLDW	RIMIOOLOUPMIB
BOMQJMZ	ZATRDW SJXED	FMIRLEUKS
FJKHDN	QWCNLHSWZNUDWT	SKIBUCS
YZKHDZVO	WHVVDW TFZLDT	RLCFIPUC
EMKKDX	QZA HM TZWEXADT	FUMWD
KJEMZHN	QHBNVXQZLDE BZNT	JKFL
CDKGJMZT	GZAXLHWT	VKMVOL
MQKDQDL	TUDDL BJTXQ	LOOKRDL
LNMNZL WZD	ZTTHQXZLXID ZWWZCT	VMLDVLCF

### **■ Cluedoku**

In this Sudoku variant, first solve the clues to the left of the grid. The first letter goes in the numbered square and the answer will read in the direction given for the clue. The rest of the grid can then be completed using the normal rules for Sudoku (no letter is repeated in any row, column, or 3x3 square).

#### **Clues**

- 1. Square that's home to a statue of Admiral Nelson (se)
- 2. \_\_\_\_ Newton (s)
- 3. Like some curative foods (sw)
- 4. "Who is John \_\_\_\_?" (s)
- 5. Cafe au \_\_\_\_ (w)
- 6. Phyllis Diller's husband (e)
- 7. Gleam in one's eye (s)
- 8. Operated (e)
- 9. Terminate (s) Sensed (se)
- 10. Part of a race (w)
- 11. Game of "it" (n) Row (e)
- 12. Paintings or sculpture (nw)
  Prefix in the answer to 3 (e)
- 13. Author Fleming (ne)
- 14. Walking unsteadily (n)

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#### **Clues**

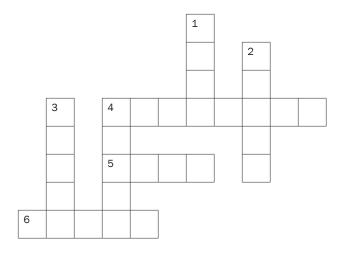
- Revolutionary town (se)
   Oaf (s)
- 2. False (sw)
- 3. Expedition (s)
- 4. Opposite of short (e)
- 5. Painter's medium (e)
- 6. One-time Jobs OS (s)
- Rev the engine (w) Informal term for money (nw)
- 8. \_\_\_\_ contendere (se)
- 9. "Do \_\_\_\_ others" (s)
- 10. Cattle (s)
- 11. Obtain (n)
- 12. Native American of Colorado (ne)

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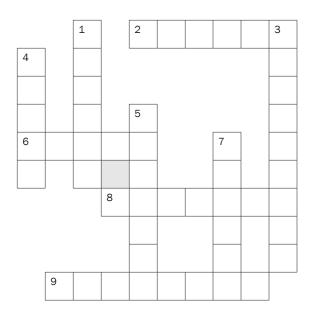
# **■ Single-Minded**

In each of these crossword puzzles, you'll only need one clue. Each entry will fit that clue. For the last three puzzles, some letters are provided as help.

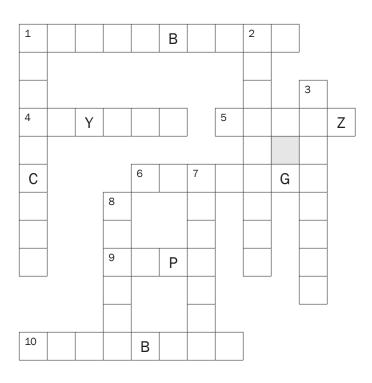
Puzzle A: 1-6 One of the deadly sins



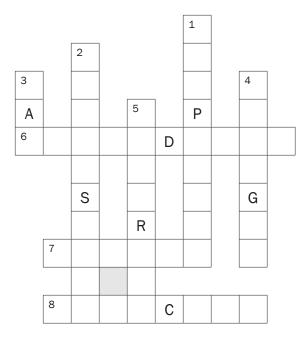
Puzzle B: 1-9 Supreme Court justice



Puzzle C: 1-10 Hitchcock film



Puzzle D: 1-8 Cold cut



## ■ I Hated, Hated, Hated This Puzzle

In honor of the passing of Roger Ebert in April, the following puzzle showcases some of his more pithy comments. Can you match the movie to the critical comment Ebert made?

#### \*\*\*2\*\*\*

....takes a good idea from the first film and pounds it into the ground, not to mention decapitating, electrocuting, skewering, blowing up, incinerating, drowning, and gassing it.

#### \*\*\*4\*\*\*

....is like an alarm that goes off while nobody is in the room. It does its job and stops, and nobody cares.

#### \*\*\*8\*\*\*

...a two-hour movie squeezed into three hours, about how the Japanese staged a surprised attack on an American love triangle.

#### \*\*\*1\*\*\*

....is like taking a bus trip with someone who has needed a bath for a long time. It's not merely bad; it's unpleasant in a hostile way.

#### \*\*\*5\*\*\*

To make a film this awful, you have to have enormous ambition and confidence, and dream big dreams.

#### \*\*\*7\*\*\*

....tells the story of a violent sociopath. Since it's about golf, that makes it a comedy.

#### \*\*\*9\*\*\*

....eye candy for the blind.

### \*\*\*3\*\*\*

This is an ideal first movie for infants, who can enjoy the bright colors on the screen and wave their tiny hands to the music.

#### \*\*\*6\*\*\*

This movie doesn't scrape the bottom of the barrel. This movie isn't the bottom of the barrel. This movie isn't below the bottom of the barrel. This movie doesn't deserve to be mentioned in the same sentence with barrels.

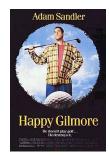


















### MY DINNER WITH STABBY, PART II

# The Salty Rime of the New-Fangled Mariner

The chef brought out the main course, bacon-wrapped pork chops with a side of sardine-infused olive tapenade. I reached for my water glass immediately in anticipation of the sheer volume of salt about to come my way.

"Salt reminds me of being out on the ocean water, much like Coleridge's Ancient Mariner, forever wearing that albatross. Such a burden however did not stop him from updating his ship to a motorboat and adding all sorts of machinery."

"So he's speeding around the English Channel or Atlantic Ocean on the S.S. Something-or-other?" I chortled, my mouth parched after the first few bites.

"Sadly no. His seafaring days did eventually come to an end. If you solve these puzzles, you'll figure out why?" smiled Dr. Stabby, as he thirstily drank from his glass. "Oh, and here...a picture of some boats."

What happened to the mariner? When you know, send your answer to editor@pandamagazine.com.



# Bon Voyage

Good luck on your trip! Be sure to bring some entertainment.



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6	+5	+4 -3	-1

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# Around the World

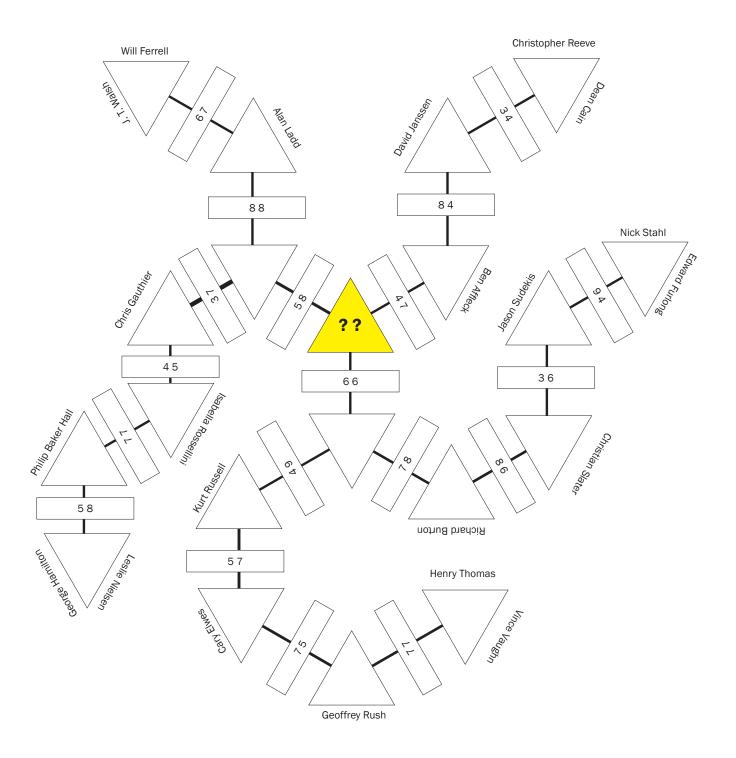
This is our ship, except when it isn't.

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J. One of our former speakers of the house (2 wds	s)		19 167 141 88 32 55 86
			V. Type of office our leader works
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K. Things that are cast			_
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# Bermuda Triangles

All these shady characters look alike to me.



# Berths

Once you've made your bed, maybe you track down an appropriate shellfish to eat. (Do I have to spell it out for you?)

Each bed, when properly assembled, will contain no repeated letters. The highlighted column will be in alphabetical order, from top to bottom. The W in EDGWR is not an error.

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# Houseboals

What material did you make yours out of?

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# Join the Navy

To join the navy, you must adapt all in a consistent manner.

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•	Pestered or irked	00	Like a spur-of-the-mo	ment pur-	00
•	Are comprised of	00	chase		
•	Jodie Foster alien movie	00_	Imbecillic or stupid		_00
•	Wanted intensely	00	Pretty as a		_00
•	Establishes through logic	00	Takes account of		00
•	Walk all over	00	• Additional or extra		00_
	Nonconformist parts: AC IR NS (	DY TR UC	Lacking; sans		_00
			CK IC	IT LU OR UL	
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•	Walking along slowly	00	"Rapper's"		00_
•	Famed New Orleans street	00_	Hash over; talk abou	t	00
•	Frugal shoppers clip these	00	A lengthy talk session	ı	00
•	The Importance of Being	00	Says incoherently		00
•	Enters as enemy armies would	00	Computer display		00_
•	Hollywood magazine	00	Move like a snake		00
	AM BO IE PO RN VA		BF BL (	CU GH OU TH	
	??			??	
•	Most lacking in hair	00	"! Here I come	e!"	00
•	Farm building for bovines	_00	They defend the net	in hockey	00
•	Gives knowledge to	00_	Thankless person		_00
•	It goes from your mouth to the	00	Wrist cuff		00_
	esophagus		Teachers/advisors		00
•	What reporters don't divulge	00	Asian hunting dogs		00_
•	and lightning	00	CL KI	LI NG NG NT	
	DE OW RT RY TH UR				

# le Coeur de la Mer

Oops...I dropped something. I think it went straight down to the bottom.

All answers are six-letters long and are placed two letters per square. Connection clues start in the numbered square and proceed down to the left or down to the right. The randomly ordered Diamond clues run clockwise around each 3x3 diamond starting in one corner and ending in the next.

#### **Connections**

- Child throwing away one damaged guitar...right
- 2. Homicidal brother seizing mother reptile
- 3. Rich people acquiring, initially, lion's shares
- 4. Here's what you win: Damaged zippers with middle missing
- Form of adhesive made from ground up clover
- 6. Part of New York royalty
- 7. Actor Richard as disturbed canner
- 8. Mozart fulfilled, in part, with skill
- 9. Mangled one paw, arm
- 10. It's at the end of a hose...no puzzle that stinks...not?
- 11. Stone in one sign
- One engaged in money having lost a third

#### **Diamond Perimeters**

- Monday sounds horrible for energetic one
- Like charts about rice, perhaps
- Stop prison cell movement short
- Starting over to simply be discriminatory against women
- Most ancestral land conceals position
- I'd call, for fear of being the most lazy
- Nothing is held forth by general and me in a kind of sequence
- In partitioned train, getting nervous (2 wds)
- Powers it with someone new, naive on the surface
- Piece of plastic fuse is quintessential segment
- · Sends place carrying beer returns
- You and I in one home that's most modern
- Those hundred cretins hiding something not publicly known
- Avoid pieces of anchovies and

capers

- Make one dirty pass in the mountains
- Agree to use a credit card near east Delaware
- Work in electrical engineering to make plastic star
- · Red dancer is to encompass part
- Walk off driest burn
- Cover over time end part of a meteor shower
- Endlessly begging off introduction
- Minced sticky dates and a little yogurt...it's consistent
- Consume substance...it's for laughs, it's said
- One princess who's crazy destroyed an iMac
- Mysterious game is in puzzle
- Centaur covered in cold and hot metal
- · Confused by priest's liveliness
- Make it so that you can't hear Dean

maintaining most fragile exterior

Fashionable Disney warrior speaking in French windmill

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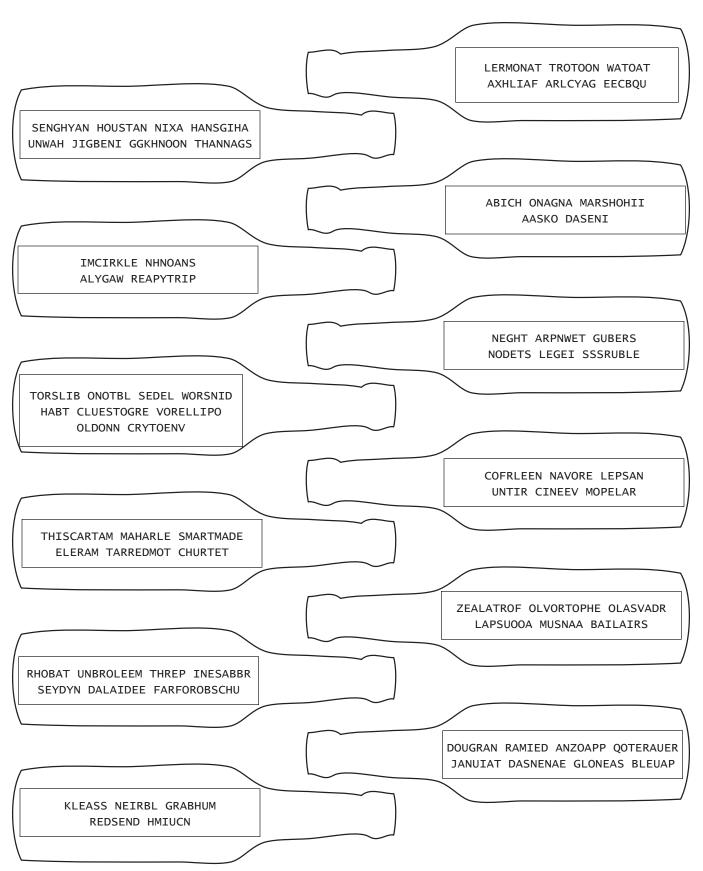
- Part with a caravan follower somewhere in New York
- Confusing sensei being clever (2 wds)
- Give money, quality and time to Tangled Vines at first
- Really good with person or people at school
- Fuels the fire with short cooler puffs
- University endowed richest youth, mostly
- Read through each guys function

#### **Dropping Straight Down**

- ?????
- ???:???????
- ????????
- ???????
- ??????

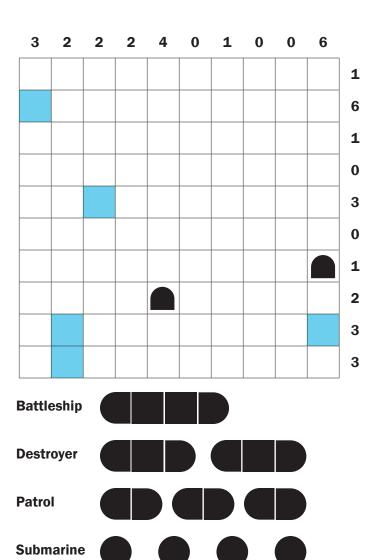
# Message in a Bollle

Hmmm...I wonder where its from?



# Naval Barricade

Barricades are useful mostly for identifying mysterious cargo. What's on the boat?



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		1	2		?		3		
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		3					?		
1			3			0	3	2	
		2			?	3	?		

#### **Naval Barricade**

Form a single-loop barricade that never crosses itself. Numbers represent the number of segments of the barricade that border that square. Copy over the ships in the Battleship puzzle; they must fall completely within the barricade.

# Navigation

Which way did he go? Let's start by going north.

#### Puzzle #2

NW: Golfer's pegs

NE: Level

SE: Actress Cameron SW: Take a moment

- Authoritative request
- Places to sleep
- Accompany on a date
- Mortar companion
- Kind of hit or word score
- D&D class
- Author
- Common set of signs

#### Puzzle #3

NW: The Thin Man dog NE: Tibetan priest SE: Relax and enjoy SW: Medicinal amount

- Lacking ethics
- Heart vessels
- Kind of fir
- Intense fires
- Groups of 12
- Coated in ash
- Part of a poem
- Fanatical believer

#### Puzzle #4

NW: Thailand, once

NE: Word before man or street

SE: Tool for collecting leaves

SW: Staffs a position, chauvinistically

- Large groups of soldiers
- Weird and strange
- "A day that will live in \_\_\_\_\_"
- Common martial art
- Devilfish
- Corps
- Inuit boats
- Expose à la Scooby Doo

#### Puzzle #5

Puzzle #1

SW: Kirk fought one in "Arena"

They are passed in relays

Gloria of "I Will Survive" Goes around in a circle

Like most bodybuilders

Houston football team

NW: Brit's pen

NE: Gets some sun

SE: Kind of tag (abbr.)

More blocky

Make illegal

The F in TGIF

NW: Ado or commotion NE: Got to third, perhaps SE: Word before estate SW: Deliberately avoid

- New Jersey hockey team
- Chases relentlessly
- Madagascar, e.g.
- Unpleasant experience
- Make someone suffer
- Expose
- Blithe \_\_\_\_
- Educates

#### Puzzle #6

NE: Cry weakly SE: Christmas song SW: Goes bad

- "The Raven" figure
- Part of a hose
- Cause a lot of problems for •
- Common word on this page •
- List of attendees
- Workplace with anvils
- Symbol of disgrace

NW: Fog, of sorts NW: An acorn, e.g. NE: Painter Mondrian SE: Custard-like dessert SW: Finished, over

- Make less dangerous
- Wrack and Ruin author

Puzzle #7

- Samuel Wilson
- Having dropped
- Melted substance
- Seagoing rogue
- Like justice, at times
- Burned on the surface

### Puzzle #8

**NW: Inactive** NE: Element Fe SE: Comedian Bob SW: Très \_\_\_\_

- Mitt Romney had one full of women
- One going on a spree
- More skeletal
- Personal assistant
- They have no shots
- Friends character
- **Enigmatic question**
- Beamed

# Provisions

I love a good cruise ship buffet, and I always make sure I get something from each station.



- 1. What folk singer is widely believed to be "the jester" referred to in the song "American Pie?" (2 wds)
- 2. The Great Cornholio can often be seen hanging around what other animated character? (hyph.)
- 3. The video game *Lollipop* \_\_\_\_\_ is set at San Romero High.
- 4. What was Buster Crabbe's real first name?
- 5. Funding deliberately set aside for a specific project is often called pork barrel politics; others might just see it as what body-part based name?
- 6. In what city is L. L. Bean headquartered?
- 7. What is the last name of the actors who portray You Don't Know Jack's Cookie Masterson and Nate Shapiro?
- 8. She was Hasty Pudding Theater's Woman of the Year in 2010 (the year she also co-hosted the Oscars).
- 9. Complete the Guns N' Roses album title: *The Spaghetti* \_\_\_\_\_?.
- 10. This state produces Wild Turkey bourbon.
- 11. Who issued the fatwa on Salman Rushdie for his book *The Satanic Verses*?
- 12. Warren E. Burger joined the Supreme Court immediately after which landmark appointment?

- 13. Oyster, Giant Puffball, and Shaggy Mane are all types of what?
- 14. What's upon your face, according to the English translation of "O Sole Mio"? (3 wds)
- 15. In "I Yam What I Yam," who heroically rows the main characters to shore? (2 wds)
- 16. Anne Rice wrote both *Exit to Eden* and *Belinda* under the pseudonym Anne what?
- 17. Albert Broccoli co-produced many of the Bond films with Harry who?
- 18. What criminal organization is headed up by M. Bison?
- 19. He's Sterling to Hamm's Draper.
- 20. Kilgore Trout was based on what fish-named author and friend of Kurt Vonnegut, Jr.?
- 21. The earliest known instance of unsolicited commercial messaging (referred to today as spam) was a what detailing the hours of a dentist?
- 22. Ballerina Anna Pavlova passed away in what European capital at the young age of 49? (2 wds)
- 23. This shape appears in the logo for Bass beer.
- 24. What is Buddy's last name on the reality TV show *Cake Boss?*

# Surp the Web

Careful...it's some pretty choppy waters to surf through.

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# Swashbucklers

Hey, easy with that sword.

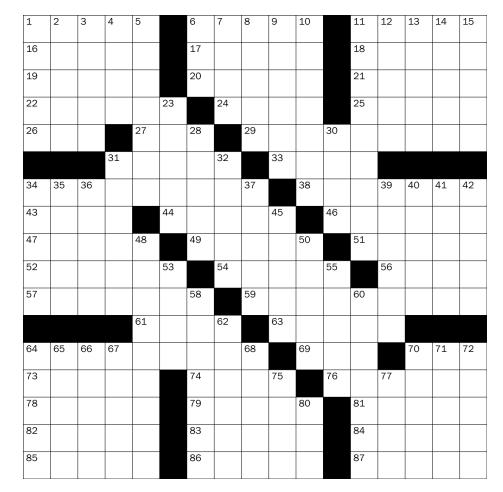
#### **Across**

- Famed swashbuckler (with 84-Across)
- He won in Orchomenos
- 11. Like a crown
- 16. Apso
- 17. Garlic mayonnaise
- 18. Overact
- 19. Thwarts
- 20. Burns often had one
- 21. Nail infection
- 22. Progress
- 24. Pakistani province (DINS anag.)
- 25. Hundred-eyed giant (var.)
- 26. Born
- 27. Needlefish
- 29. Artificial hormone
- 31. Adds to the pot
- 33. Heart and \_\_\_
- 34. Starbucks necessity
- 38. Before laundry
- 43. A long way off
- 44. Make clear, in a way
- 46. AI
- 47. Actress Delaney and others
- 49. Lena Dunham show
- 51. Attack (2 wds)
- 52. Start to burn something
- 54. Boxing venue
- 56. Evil
- 57. Periods of great productivity
- 59. Fractional portions (hyph.)
- 61. Squad
- 63. Twangy
- 64. Stopping necessity (2 wds)
- 69. Lock and \_\_\_\_
- 70. Coppertone abbr.
- 73. Rejuvenating site
- 74. Soon, to a poet
- 76. They turn litmus paper blue
- 78. Raccoon relative
- 79. Pass again in a race
- 81. \_\_\_\_ front (2 wds)
- 82. Funnel-shaped
- 83. Come up
- 84. See 1-Across
- 85. Remove chalk
- 86. Corn chip
- 87. People from Ankara

#### Down

- 1. Small and petite
- Major French river

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- 3. African country
- 4. Capital of Norway
- 5. Pasta option
- 6. Egg\_
- 7. Heavy duty weapons
- 8. Kind of puzzle
- 9. Extensive grassy plains
- 10. Delivery from a plane (hyph.)
- 11. Markup artists?
- 12. Muslim leaders
- 13. One of the Muppets
- 14. Worried (2 wds)
- 15. Rental agreement
- 23. Out of style
- 28. Adjust a cribbage board, again?
- 30. Short grass
- 31. Terrified
- 32. Capital of Bulgaria
- 34. Spanish port city
- 35. Adult (2 wds)
- 36. Brice
- 37. Famed swashbuckler role
- 39. Boll

- 40. Buzzing
- 41. Reprimand
- 42. Areas
- 45. Miller or Close
- 48. Not abroad
- 50. Move quietly
- 53. Peepers
- 55. Confounded (2 wds)
- 58. Desert-like
- 60. Part of a barn
- 62. Kingdom of unicellular organisms
- 64. Italian lawn bowling
- 65. Shaver's need
- 66. Yoga posture
- 67. They can get high on a windy day
- 68. Ancient Greek dialect
- 70. Woodland deity
- 71. Make a tinking sound
- 72. Pori people
- 75. Bridges
- 77. It follows Yankee
- 80. Kind of dispenser

# Yet Another Boston Tea Party Puzzle

No matter what stretch of blue we sail along, it always seems like we start with Boston.

Apple Wi-fi product that debuted May 10, 1999 (7)	The House of the Spirits author Isabel (7)	A larger version of a fish bowl that often has plant life as well (8)
Replace vowel with an E.	Add E after last consonant.	Reverse.
Satirical spy Powers portrayed by Mike Myers (6)	Burger, Bankjob, Bouncer, Baggy or Babyfaceor Snoopy (6)	Friend to Dorothy, Rose and Sophia on <i>The Golden Girls</i> (7)
Make last letter D.	Replace first letter with CL.	Delete first letter.
Red Sox slugger Wade (5)	He talks with Casca in Act I, Scene III of <i>Julius Caesar</i> (6)	Fourth Vice President, 42nd President, or 1812 election loser
Add space after 1st letter.	Move first letter to fourth position.	Move fourth letter to end.
Lisa played her on The Cosby Show and A Different World (6)	Mathematical operation indicated by a slash or an obelus (8)	Second largest city in Alaska, after Anchorage (9)
Replace first vowel with an I.	Add U after every O.	Replace last letter with an E.
Tire company founded in the same town as its archrival Goodyear (9)	Actress Henderson of The Brady Bunch and The Surreal Life (8)	2004 Viggo Mortensen film named for a horse (7)
Add E after last consonant.	Delete first letter.	Replace all vowels with a U.
Nickname for Pete Mitchell (8)	Another word for country (6)	The N in SNAFU (6)
Delete last 3 letters.	Delete first letter.	Replace first letter with CL.
Famed dictionary + Entertainment featuring clowns (6 6)	de gallo (4)	Baltimore, Maryland racetrack (7)
Replace the first consonant with an A.	Replace all vowels with a U.	Replace the second vowel with an F.
Seat of Roosevelt County, New Mexico (8)	Jazz singer Vaughan (5)	It includes Vassar and Radcliffe (5 7)
Delete word meaning "amaze."	Add E after last consonant.	Delete the third letter.
TV series with episodes "It Hits the Fan" and "Broadway Bro Down" (5 4)	Tsaritsyn -> ???? -> Volgograd (10)	Actor Dean from Quantum Leap (9)
Delete third, fourth, and fifth letters.	Delete first letter.	Replace the second vowel with an E.
Mount near Alexandria, Virginia (6)	Author of Les Miserables (6 4)	Victor/ (8)
Move last half of word to front.	Delete first letter.	Replace the second consonant with an R.
Batman's Burt + Opposite of high (7)	Title character whose last name is Ufgood + a word for river (11)	What John Mayer says your body is, with a (10)

### ■ Answers: Mr. Fox and the Sour Wines

#### **Created When?**

Each pair of events indicate a specific date.

- October 10, 1984
- October 9, 1992
- November 9, 1972
- October 18, 1974
- April 2, 1968
- · August 20, 1982
- December 14, 1979
- November 13, 2009
- May 20, 2004

Figure out the age of the given celebrity and what number the ??? represents.

- Sweets Edison is 69 (23)
- Sharon Osbourne is 40 (8)
- Big Pun is 1 (1)
- Arliss Howard is 20 (20)
- Dr. Demento is 27 (13)
- Ron Paul is 47 (15)
- Spike Jones is 88 (22)
- Whoopi Goldberg is 54 (9)
- Bronson Pinchot is 45 (5)

The ??? numbers spell WHAT MOVIE. Each date is the premiere date of (among other movies) a movie that contains a year in the title. ABCD refers to the digits of the year.

- 1984 (AD=14)
- 1492: Conquest of Paradise (C=9)
- 1776 (B+C=14)
- Airport 1975 (D=5)
- 2001: A Space Odyssey (AC=20)
- Class of 1984 (A+C=9)
- 1941 (C+D=5)
- 2012 (DB=20)
- 2046 (A+D=8)

The answer is **NINETIETH**.

#### **Knight Cellars**

Place the blocks into the grid so that it is possible to spell out a homophone of the word given (not necessarily consecutively). Highlighting down answers yields Braille that spells "THE PINK PANTHER ACTOR PETER". The answer is **SELLERS**.

K	R	С	N	S	0	С	S	Т	F	Р	Q
Α	Ι	0	F	U	D	А	Ν	W	Ι	Χ	U
U	D	-	S	С	U	L	S	S	Ε	R	D
R	G	М	Α	Ι	N	Ε	Υ	U	L	1	S
С	Н	Р	Α	S	Т	Ε	М	R	0	Ν	1
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С	В	Ε	R	Z	Α	D	В	Ι	С	С	D
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S	С	S	0	L	0	R	N	E	L	Е	S

#### **Twisted Lovers Vineyards**

In each, a trivia question or clue has been transformed according to a specific rule.

- Ned or Warren: BEATTY (Add AT around last letter)
- Queen in Enchanted: NARISSA (add H after second letter)
- Metric unit of mass: GRAM (Advance 1st letter forward 1)
- Numeric commerical book identifier: ISBN (change 2nd letter to Y)
- Author Umberto: ECO (Insert a C after the 3rd letter, change last letter to US)
- Called for a taxi: HAILED (change first letter to S)
- Shirley Jackson short story, with The: LOTTERY (change 3rd letter to R)
- Purple soft round fruit: DAMSON (Reverse, insert an L)
- Blues Brothers correctional center: JOLIET (Delete 4th letter)
- City where Coneheads is set: PARAMUS (TH+word, make last letter E)
- Container used for mailing a letter: ENVELOPE (Add O to front, change R to Y, reverse any pair of vowels)
- Ruth Crowley was this Ann: LANDERS (change last letter to 0)
- Seven Against what Greek city: THEBES (Move the fourth letter ahead one letter)
- Group of peers in court: JURY (delete 1st letter)
- Rice-shaped pasta known in Greek cuisine: Swap E and S, and W and N)
- Pyle portrayed by Jim Nabors: GOMER (reverse word, add E to the end)
- George commonly known for zombie movies: ROMERO (change 0 to U)
- Popular shark horror movie: JAWS (change 0 to A, insert between state abbreviation)
- Whimsical writer Theodore Geisel: DR. SEUSS (3rd letter to 1st, move back in the alphabet 6 spaces)
- Everyone complains about this: WEATHER (delete last two letters)
- Greek counterpart to Juno: Delete last letter, add E after 1st
- Lawrence Fishburne in The Matrix: MORPHEUS (delete first letter, add E to front, game piece to end)
- Street Fighter video game soldier: GUILE (Replace first letter with weapon)
- One-armed bandit blank machine: SLOT (Replace 4th letter to a negative)

Trying to apply the transformation to the answer yields garbage. However, each transformation can

be applied to another question to yield one of a pair of lovers, and vice versa (e.g., the first question, THEBES, can use BEATTY's transformation to get THE BEAST, and vice versa will get BEAUTY).

- BEAUTY and THE BEAST (1 and 13)
- . ECHO and NARCISSUS (2 and 5)
- HOMER and MARGE (3 and 16)
- PYRAMUS and THISBE (4 and 10)
- SAMSON and DELILAH (6 and 8)
- WERTHER and LOTTE (7 and 20)
- ROMEO and JULIET (9 and 17)
- ODYSSEUS and PENELOPE (11 and 19)
- HERO and LEANDER (12 and 21)
- ORPHEUS and EURYDICE (14 and 22)
- TARZAN and JANE (15 and 18)
- . LANCELOT and GUINEVERE (23 and 24)

Take the Nth letter of each transformed answer and swap the positions of each pair. This will give you THE ANSWER IS REENGINEERING.

#### **Two Geniuses Blends**

The first list of clues suggests the names of various emporiums, where the last syllable is repeated.

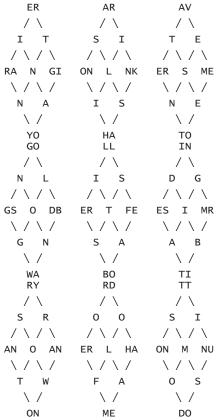
- · Christie's Tees
- · Baldwin's Wins
- · Hepburn's Burns
- Applegates' Gates
- Eastwood's Woods
- Hasselback's BacksClooney's Knees
- Lockhart's Hearts
- Sorbo's Bows
- Ritchie's Cheese
- Hilton's Tins
- Swayze's Zees
- Oswalt's Waltz
- Dreyfuss's Fusses
- · Shakespeares' Spears

Each of the clues in the second list clues the nonrepeated portion of each celebrities last name with a number N. Take the Nth letter of the celebrities' first name,

- Kris (Agatha=A)
- East (Clint=N)
- Hassle (Elisabeth=S)
- Shakes (William=W)
- Bald (Alec=E)
- Hep (Audrey=R)
- Sore (Kevin=E)
- Sway (Patrick=I)Writ (Lionel=N)
- Apple (Christina=S)
- Loch (Keith=T)
- Clue (George=E)
- Dry (Richard=I)
- Oz (Patton=N)
- Hill (Paris=S)
  The answer is **EINSTEINS**.

#### **Four Diamonds**

In each diamond, the clues yield 5-letter words. Black clues go clockwise, red counterclockwise, and two letters go into each corner.



The corners of each set of diamonds spells the name of a baseball Hall of Famer, minus one letter.

- · Yogi Berra (B)
- · Hank Aaron (A)
- · Tom Seaver (S)
- Wade Boggs (E)
- Bob Feller (B)
- Tim Raines (A)
- Nolan Ryan (L)
- Mel Harder (L)
- Don Sutton (S)

The answer is BASEBALLS.

#### **Pathways to Excellence**

Complete the relatively easy numberlink. Each picture is that of an artist known for a song "Walking..." or "Walk..." The enumeration provided gives the last portion of the song title.

- A. Marc Coen ("Walking in Memphis")
- B. Annie Lennox ("Walking on Broken Glass")
- C. The Bangles ("Walk Like An Egyptian")
- D. Smashmouth ("Walking on the Sun")
- E. Dewey Cox ("Walk Hard")
- F. Katrina and the Waves ("Walking on Sunshine")
- G. Lou Reed ("Walk on the Wild Side")
- H. Johnny Cash ("I Walk the Line")
- I. Aerosmith ("Walk this Way")

Using the direct of the feet along each path, fill in the path with what they are walking on or like. The letters corresponding with feet spell out **EGGSHELLS**.

#### **Secret Valley Winery**

First grid: weasel, otter, beaver, skunk, ermine (forest critters)

Second grid: Aquafresh, gym socks, Cuban flag, prisoners, Yankee (things with stripes)

Third grid: Nitrogen, silver, sulfur, oxygen, tungsten (elements)

Fourth grid: cheddar, havarti, provolone, American, limburger (cheese)

Fifth grid: cabbage, simoleons, smackers, peanuts, dough (slang for money)

In each case, one of the items is known as having a particularly foul odor. These can be copied into the last grid, each filling exactly one square:

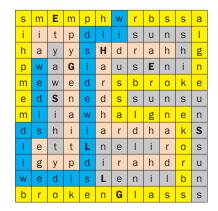
CA	МВ	so	GE	UR
G	K	U	F	R
S	В	L	N	K
S	U	В	С	Е
LI	YM	UR	AG	KS

In the last grid, adjust each single letter by the number in that square, giving **ANTIPERSPIRANTS**.

#### **Revolutionary Wines**

Each clue must be reordered before solving. Each answer has the same number of letters as the number of words in the clue, and must be reordered the same way.

- A. Paul McCartney's post Beatles band (WINGS)
- B. The elephant that heard a who (HORTON)
- C. Two Steves founded this company (APPLE)
- D. British term for a flashlight (TORCH)
- E. Animal that really enjoys bamboo (PANDA)
- F. Being that wears a halo (ANGEL)
- G. Organization meaning "table" in Latin (MENSA)
- H. Prize money in horse racing (PURSE)
- I. Stage name for Kejuan Muchita (HAVOC)
- J. It connects two points (LINE)
- K. Spooky or Great Lake homophone (EERIE)
- L. They are covered in enamel (TEETH)
- M. A Doll's House playright Henrik (IBSEN)
- N. Fill up a Thanksgiving turkey (STUFF)
- O. Official written agreement between two countries (TREATY)
- P. US labor leader who disappeared (HOFFA)
- Q. Rapper born Tracy Morrow (ICE-T)
- R. Doctor Who character River (SONG)



- S. Large sheet of ice (FLOE)
- T. Ceremony prescribed by religion (RITE)
- U. "\_\_\_\_ when I laugh" (ONLY)
- V. Where money is made (MINT)

"Perhaps the sentiments contained in the following pages are not yet sufficiently fashionable to procure them general favor." First letters of the answers spell "What pamphlet is this from?" The answer is **COMMON SENSE**.

#### **Spinning Leaf**

- lakefront
- yellow flag
- afterlife
- Garfield
- malfeasance
- elevator shaft
- virtual office
- fiberglass
- justifiable
- classified
- unflattering
- soft-pedal
- zinfandel
- quarterfinals
- telefax
- · peaceful
- · needlecraft
- "Heal thyself"
- deflate
- waffles
- refusal
- influenza
- battle fatigueold fashioned

Each answer can be entered into one of the spaces in alphabetical order, skipping over K and X (both marked with "nothing"). The leafs always correspond with the letters L-E-A-F, each in a different order (e.g., AFTERLIFE->AELF). Translating each ordering of LEAF in the top string into letters gives "Jumping flea instrument" which clues the answer **UKULELE**.

#### Candelabra

9. NABS

13. BOOMS

14. ERR

27. NAP

28. ECHO

41. 00P

52. SELL

59. NOOR

60. SCAN

96. SHONE

30. 3110INL

100. CASH

118. CHOPS

143. UCLA

184. ROSE

229. SANE

354. LIB

385. CEL

448. CHOOSE

560. SCOURER

623. USER

755. SKA

879. RIM

1352. TOUR

1521. NIBS

1553. SULK

1764. RANGES

2834. TUSK

3397. SABE

3431. PURR

3443. LUCK

3542. PUCE

3612. TANG

3616. HOSE

5411. LURE

6832. TOSH

6860. CAUSE

7420. CASTE

12316. HASSLE

12656. SHOUTER

34216. HOSTEL

Using some math, one can determine that the wovrds are (from left to right)

- NEON
- BEACON
- PHOSPHOROUS
- TORCH
- LAMPPOST
- SUN
- SEARCHLIGHT
- BLINKER
- LASERBEAM

On day 55440, the candles will show the word **ENSCONCES**.

#### Cotes du Snooty Frenchman

Left-hand Clues

femurs, Alpo, step, edition, clarinet, renovate, fanciest, luge, cudgel, coinvent, voters, moisture, Demi, scale, Tudor, seduce, bats, Gators, pore, wipers, rioter, generic, strife, saunter, Rome

Right-Hand Clues

The right-hand clues words that start with con and pro, but as the opposite (for example, the first clue clues the opposite of PROBATES).

conbates, proceal, concedures, procertina, procierge, proclude, concrustean, prodition, profiscate, confiteers, prograts, conlogue, conmised, conmoter, conphets, conposal, conprietor, prosortium, conspero, prospire, prosumer, protour, protravene, proverts, Convincetown

Following the example in the flavortext, add one letter to the main portion if the word starts with PRO and subtract one letter to the main portion if the word starts with CON to get one of the answers on the left. (e.g., PROSUMER + F = FEMURS, CONPOSAL-S = ALPO). The PRO letters yield FELON GOES DOWN and the CON letters yield SHOWS RESPECT. The first clues, punnly, CONDESCENDS, and the other PRODESCENDS. The answer is **CONDESCENDS**.

#### Mr. Fox and the Sour Wines

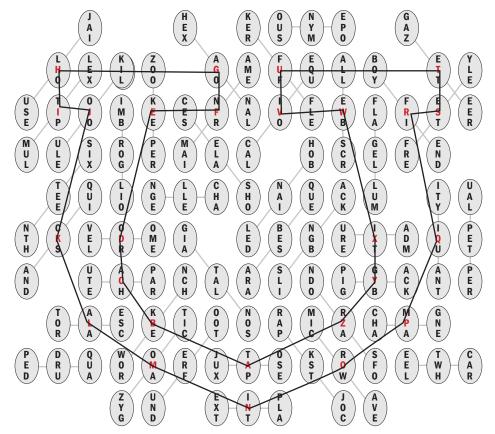
The descriptions in Mr. Fox's wines compare each wine to a different liquid, each of which has a different pH number. (In some cases, multiple liquids used.) Each answer consists of pairs of letters and one additional letter.

рН	Answer	Extra letter
0	SELLERS	R
1	CONDESCENDS	0
2	EINSTEINS	Т
3	EINSTEINS	Т
4	ANTIPERSPIRANTS	E
5	REENGINEERING	N
6	INVENTIVE	Т
7	CONDESCENDS	0
8	CATCALL	Т
9	EGGSHELLS	Н
10	BASEBALLS	E
11	COMMON SENSE	С
12	ENSCONCES	0
13	HORSESHOE	R
14	UKULELE	K
ovtro	letters spell POTTEN TO	THE CODE

The extra letters spell ROTTEN TO THE CORK.

#### **Grape Stompers**

The grid contains non-overlapping nine-letter words formed by taking three grapes in a row. In 26 cases, the middle letter is incorrect. The correct letters run from A to Z, and the incorrect letters spell out *IDENTIFY* THIS PIC NINE LETTERS. Connecting the correct letters in order forms a **HORSESHOE**.



### Answers: Current Issue

#### **Cover Puzzle**

The movie is National Lampoon's Vacation, and the destination is Walley World.

#### **Three-Way Trivia**

Easy

- 1. United States
- 2. Russia
- 3. Spain
- 4. Iran
- 5. India

Rough Terrain

- 1. Turkey
- 2. Malaysia
- 3. Colombia
- 4. Haiti
- 5. Niger

Savage Lands

- 1. Siberia (on a Risk Board)
- 2. Emerald City (in Oz)
- 3. Lilliput (in Gulliver's Travels)
- 4. Laurasia (early continents)
- 5. Bolivia, Uruguay, and Paraguay

#### **Quote Square**

Toms: Landry [Row 4], Brokaw [Column 1], Clancy [Column 3], Lauren [Column 5]

Dicks: Cavett [Row 1], Butkus [Row 6], Cheney [Column 4], Philip [Row 3]

Harrys: Potter [Row 5], Hamlin [Column 2], Truman [Column 6], Debbie [Row 2]

"A book is like a garden carried in the pocket."

#### **Sixty-Second Test**

1. Self, 2. S'il, 3. Situation, 4. States, 5. South, 6. Standard, 7. Structured, 8. Surgical, 9. Satellite, 10. Saxon, 11. Spans, 12. Securities

#### Word Garden

waltz, foxtrot, quadrille, mazurka, jitterbug, tarantella, flamenco, merengue, charleston, moonwalk, fandango. Leftover letters spell "Two Left Feet."

#### Jawdroppin' Challenger

"Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think its important."

#### What's the Bnmmdbshnm?

Trumpet (synonyms for brag)

Brag, Crow, Boast, Grandstand, Showboat, Pat oneself on the back, Bluster, Toot one's own horn, Exult, Vaunt

Oboe (Rhymes with Oboe)

Sew, Vertigo, Chapeau, Merlot, Furlough, Narrow, Renault, Bordeaux, Apropos, Status quo

Clarinet (things with candy nicknames)

Benefactor (sugar daddy), Rescuer (life saver), Geniuses (smarties), Brand New (mint), Specks (Dots), Smooches (kisses), Evan Dando (Lemonheads), Terrapins (turtles), Furtive glances (Peeps), Athos, Porthos & Aramis (3 Musketeers)

Piano (things with keys)

Florida, Typewriter, Answer guide, Cryptographers, Roller skates, Can of sardines, Complicated maps, Janitors, Sheet music, Associative arrays

Drum (words following Ear)

Mark, Ache, Splitting, Wax, Candy, Worm, Doctor, Flap, Phones, Wig

Triangle (shapes)

Square, Parallelogram, Trapezoid, Diamond, Pentagon, Torus, Kite, Circle, Ellipse, Crescent

#### Cluedoku

LGNEUTOXI TINLFERGA
OETGIXLNU ERGTIALNF
UIXLONGET LFANGRTIE
TXOILENUG NELFTIARG
IUGXNOETL IGTRANFEL
NLEUTGXIO RAFGELNTI
GOINEUTLX ATIERFGLN
XNLTGIUOE FNRILGEAT
ETUOXLIGN GLEANTIFR

#### I Hated, Hated, Hated This Puzzle

- 1. Battlefield: Earth
- 2. Final Destination 2
- 3. Flintstones 2 in Viva Rock Vegas
- 4. Half Past Dead
- 5. Death to Smoochy
- 6. Freddie Got Fingered
- 7. Happy Gilmore
- 8. Pearl Harbor
- 9. Charlie's Angels

#### Single-Minded

