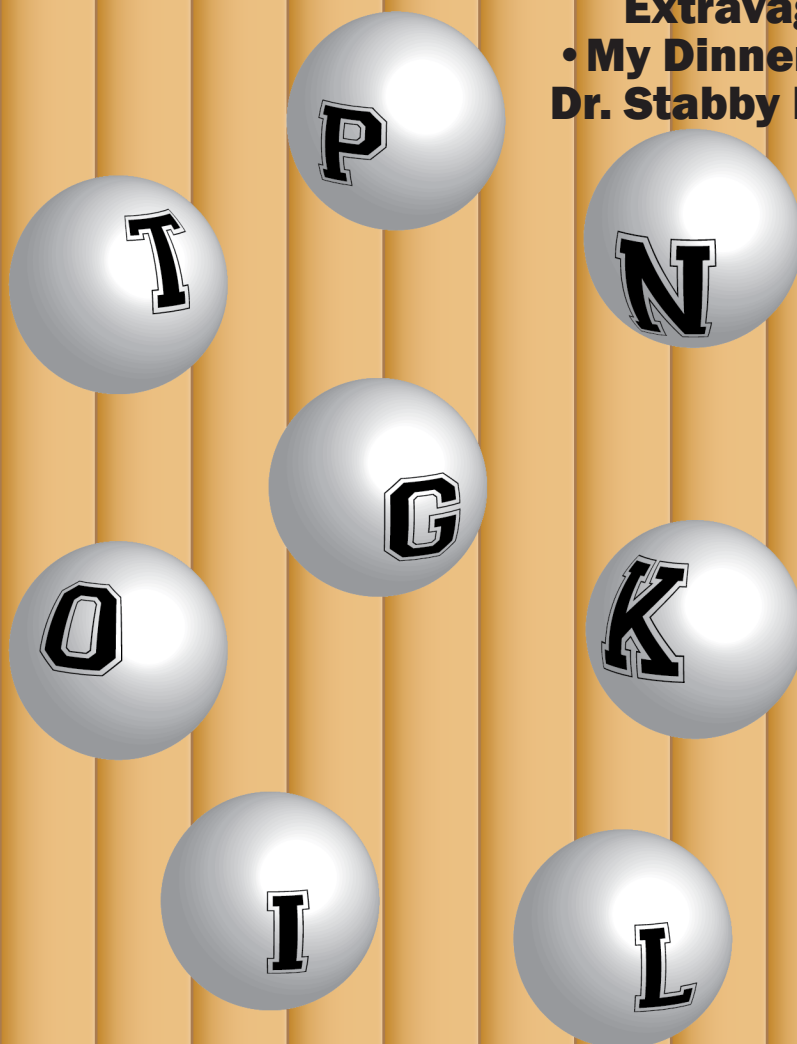


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**This Month's  
Extravaganza  
• My Dinner With  
Dr. Stabby Part 4**



# BEER PONG

Throw balls, one at a time, into a cup so that an English word can be read left to right, ending with the word PONG. You must use all 8 balls, and not land in the same cup twice in a row.

# From the Editor

Last issue's meta was definitely a challenge. A number of people felt the clues were ambiguous. For those looking to see what the clues were, and how they were intended, check out page 25.

I did an interview with Puzzle Pile recently that you can check out here: <http://puzzlepile.com/2013/09/11/p-interview-foggy-burme/>. Also be sure to follow P&A on twitter (@pandamagazine) and on Facebook.

Puzzle Boat II continues to develop, with a launch date in March. The event will be team-oriented than a typical issue of P&A.

Big apologies to Doug Orleans and Scotter Burch, who were left off the Completists for Issue 43.

It's time for dessert. Once you think you know the answer, e-mail it to [editor@pandamagazine.com](mailto:editor@pandamagazine.com), and keep an ear to Twitter for errata announcements.

Cheers!

*Sincerely,  
Foggy Brume*

### Completists (Issue 43)

My apologies to this team, who were omitted from the list.

**Doug Orleans & Scooter Burch**

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### Issue 45 Winners

Congratulations to our first 10 correct responses!

**Dan Katz**

**Just a misdemeanor (Amy Swartz, Ata Gurpinar, Nathan Curtis, Matt Morse & Jason McIntosh)**

**Nathan Fung**

**Josiah Schwab, Annelise Beck, and Rishi Gupta**

**Mark Halpin**

**Doug Orleans, Scooter Burch, Cori Couture, Chris**

**Hescock, Martha Ingols**

**Jay Lorch**

**Iolanthe Chronis, Brad Stronger, and Dan**

**Stronger**

**Brent Holman**

**Twelve Pack team (Stvwz, Molnar, F14Rainman,**

**Pianoman)**

### Completists (Issue 45)

Congratulations to everyone who completed the full issue!

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Andi & Gabriel Becerra	Rishi Gupta
Andrew Araki	Just a misdemeanor (Amy
Andrew Esten	Swartz, Ata Gurpinar, Nathan
Asher Walkover	Curtis, Matt Morse and
Ben Sharron	Jason McIntosh)
Berk and Pam Isaac	Justin Weinbaum
Brent Holman	Kenan Diab
Dan Katz	Mark Halpin
David Burow	Mike Walsh
Donna Smith & Mike Korn	Nathan Fung
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Henry Wong	Z. Loh)
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James Williams	manuel Buder, Mike Lieber-
Jason Gladden	man, Reid Barton, Yi-Hsin
Jason Rau	Lin)
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Jeff Braunstein	Ronnie Kon, Audrey Muratore,
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	man)

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# Pieces of Bamboo

## Three-Way Trivia

What city are each of these museums located in?

### Easy

- Louvre
- Museo Nacional del Prado
- Museum of Modern Art
- Tate Museum
- The Smithsonian

### Difficult

- Uffizi Gallery
- The Getty
- The Hermitage
- Gardner Museum
- Rijksmuseum

### Impossible

- Heard Museum
- Chiado Museum
- The Flash Museum
- Moderna Museet
- Walker Art Center

Acknowledgements to Ken Jennings for this quiz format

## Quote Square

A proverb is hidden in the grid below. In each row and column, cross off a TV show clued below. Tags such as (2 wds) have been withheld.

- Comedy, 1965-1970
- Comedy, 1988-1997
- Crime drama, 1976-1983
- Crime drama, 1982-1986
- Crime drama, 1993-2005
- Detective show, 1980-1988
- Drama, 2011-present
- Drama, 2004-2011
- Drama, 1989-1990, 1991-2001
- Drama, 1985-1992
- Game show, 1964-1975, 1978-1979, 1984-present
- Reality comedy, 2013
- Scifi, 1999-2003
- Scifi, 1993-1998
- Western, 2004-2006
- Western, 1955-1961

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	M	A O	G	N N	B	M M	J	B I
	T Y	R	R U	R	M U	O	P S	T
2	D J	E	A H	A	A P	A	E O	A
	U	E N	O	D Y	W	O P	Y	C D
3	G	S S	N	O P	M	C E	K	B E
	H U	U	S T	S	M Y	O	O R	S
4	A G	C	E E	D	M O	A	P R	G
	O	E R	T	S Y	W	G U	R	T Y
5	H	E O	A	B E	A	A S	A	D L
	O R	U	A M	T	E L	Y	N T	S
6	F K	A	N R	C	C E	A	F P	E
	O	E U	R	L S	T	O V	R	L O
7	E	A M	I	N N	C	E N	D	B E
	E Q	U	N R	U	C I	Y	G M	N
8	G I	E	E L	E	A C	O	D E	S
	R	I L	R	G L	H	R T	Y	E S

## The Sixty-Second Test: Time and Time Again

Each answer is a two-word phrase with the initials AM or PM. How quickly can you solve all ten?

- One's college (4 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- What a waiter might carry (6 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- Large area that includes Turkey (4 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- It can be tilted (7 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- It used to feature a Cox/Rathvon cryptic (8 7) \_\_\_\_\_
- Organizer's discipline (7 10) \_\_\_\_\_
- The average (10 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- Diamond center (7'1 5) \_\_\_\_\_
- Vigilant flight passenger (3 8) \_\_\_\_\_
- Part of a table setting (5 3) \_\_\_\_\_

## ■ Word Garden

Our word garden conceals 10 words 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.

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

?? 3R 3U 4D 2R 3U 5L 2R

?? 1D 2L 1D 3L 2L 2U 3R 2D 2D 3R 1U 3U

?? 2D 1R 2D 3D 1L 4U

?? 2L 3U 1R 1D 2L 2D

?? 1L 3D 2L 3U 2L 4D

?? 4U 1R 6L 3D 8R

?? 4L 2R 4D 9U 1D 2R 5L 8D

?? 2R 1D 2R 1U

?? 4D 7R 3U 6L 2D 3L 2D 1R 2D 6R 3U

?? 4D 4L 2L 1U 1R 2D 2L 6R 4U 4L



## Logic Puzzle: Noah's Deck

Noah's Deck is a specialized deck of cards used for playing Ark Annoyed, a trick-taking game popular amongs pre-teens. The deck consists of 64 cards in one of eight ranks (Ibex, Jackal, Kangaroo, Lemur, Marmoset, Narwhal, Octopus and Porpoise) and eight suits (Asterisk, Button, Clover, Delta, Ellipse, Flame, Gargoyle and Hexagons). Using the information below, can you determine what order the suits and ranks are in, from highest to lowest.

	Rank	Suit
<b>Highest</b>		
<b>Lowest</b>		

- The eight suits are in four colors: green, gray, orange, and purple, with two suits in each color. Any two suits of the same color are consecutive in rank.
- The Kangaroo is at least two ranks higher than the Ibex, which is at least two ranks higher than the Jackal.
- The Lemur of Buttons is not the highest value card.
- At least one suit falls between Ellipses and Flames.
- Ellipses are either orange or gray.
- Asterisks and Buttons are the highest and lowest suits, in some order. One of these is a purple suit.
- At least two suits fall between Clovers and Hexagons.
- Either a gray suit is one suit lower than Hexagons or Marmosets are one rank lower than Narwhals, but not both.
- Either the Octopus or the Narwhal is the second-lowest ranked card.
- Deltas are green cards; they are a lower-value suit and different color than Gargoyles, which are not purple.
- Clovers and Flames are the same color, but not gray.
- The Marmoset of Gargoyles is either a higher suit or higher rank than the Ibex of Ellipses, but not both.
- The Porpoise and Lemur are the highest and lowest ranks, in some order.
- Either the third-highest suit is orange or the third-highest rank is the Narwhal.
- The Kangaroo of Asterisks has either a higher suit or higher rank than the Marmoset of Deltas, but not both.

## ■ 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 university.

### Harvard

SAULAUD  
UKZOKZE  
DMYQMYF  
DWTZWTU  
DKLMKLW  
TAYOAYW  
GACOACY  
GWYMWYL  
FKDEKDQ  
RAZGAZY

### Rice

KIPAMC VENINEMP  
KIUILEFJ  
IPVILISXP  
IX SLINJF  
WLEUUEOJ  
UEOM POIY  
VENINE PIOIC  
UENNISM UAMMPM  
BLMFUA BLJMP  
ZXJFEI

### Bates

DUTNO WNNELAAT  
HKYLUAQ HFAET  
YLRYZF  
QAUMLAEPUYA  
PEACCF ZERAXAE  
SKOLAUC  
QASEAYLURO  
XLNTMPUYA  
DKXTUJ  
LUOOKIUQ QAYMAE

### Dartmouth

KRKC ASWSV  
ZyrKI FSKIV  
PLKQCYVS  
RKMC BXKLI  
ZKZSI BRLZV  
ROASKIH  
VJKCP KCP PSRLGSI  
ZLHSCJYSV  
NILSCPVLZ  
IKCARS

### Brown

YQNUF CRKUUZ  
GZTKD  
NQCKF  
GWKCFUQF  
CRULARZ  
HKCKNF CZUH  
YNLUOK  
ZQYQNU  
GWLGLDZFK  
CKARZ

### MIT

VZUUB EGFGH  
DXO FGHTYXS  
XBFHHXPRU  
QYUORQFFGH  
DEXRNVFGHS  
BKPXFGHU  
FGHQRSQPBOGX  
BUFGHXVVU  
KQVUFGHU VXF  
DXVUDXEE FGHH

# ■ 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. Give up (3 wds) (SE)
2. Greek t (SE)
3. Speedy vehicle (SW)
4. Sculpture, painting, mosaics, etc. (E)
5. Sage one (SW)  
Martini option (W)
6. *That \_\_\_ Cat!* (E)
7. President Ulysses (N)  
Armed weapon (W)
8. Pub projectile (E)
9. One of the four elements (W)
10. Get \_\_\_ of (E)
11. Classic video game (2 wds) (NE)
12. Ashes container (N)

1						2		3
4					5			
	6							
			7		8			
								9
10		11			12			

## Clues

1. Moscow location (2 wds) (SE)
2. Shakespeare King (S)
3. Database language (S)
4. Prevaricate (S)
5. Surrealist painter (S)
6. A set of paper (E)
7. Employ (N)
8. Role for Takei or Cho (NE)
9. Time period (NE)
10. "The answer to this is not the same as 4," e.g. (W)
11. "And I didn't include this word a third time, either," e.g. (S)
12. Gnarly (SW)
13. Extremely dirty or unpleasant (W)
14. Carnival attraction (S)
15. Young boy (S)
16. Confident (N)
17. Tax revenue org. (SW)
18. Sensational, in a tawdry way (W)  
One-time Italian currency (N)

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



## MY DINNER WITH STABBY, PART IV

### *The Sweet Smell of Maple in the Morning*

Dr. Stabby and I took our spoons and each tentatively sampled part of a cherry caramel goat-cheese torte with ganache sprinkles and golden caramel frosting. My tongue curdled at how sweet it was. All I could detect were the initial flavors.

“Ah dessert. The most unnecessary part of the meal, but also the most memorable. Sweets are a multi-million dollar business, as highlighted by my tale of some individuals that tried to take over an entire kingdom, all in the name of Big Sugar.”

“Did they succeed?” The sweetness of the dessert was too much and I lowered my spoon. Dr. Stabby showed no signs of slowing, muttering something about a gum drop or snow caps, or some combination of the two.

“Oh no, definitely not. They tried of course, but the terrain, while initially familiar, overwhelmed them as they moved perpendicularly across it, and they were unable to achieve their goals, yet again.” Dr. Stabby opened up a sugar packet and mixed it with the frosting.

“Again?”

“It wasn’t the first time this group met with failure. And these puzzles will explain why this group always fails.”

Dr. Stabby handed me a packet of puzzles, some smeared with orange frosting. “I should warn you...the terrain has changed over the years, so it may be difficult to figure out what year their invasion took place, but that won’t matter.”

*Why do they always fail? Send your answer to [editor@pandamagazine.com](mailto:editor@pandamagazine.com).*

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## MARGIRT TRIGRAMS

**K**ids today have no respect for classic puzzles, and get the simplest things backwards.

AME AME FLE ISS LES MAD MAD MAN NOT NOT ONE  
ONE SIN AM [6, 3 3 3 2 8; 1 4 3 3, 5.]

ALA ANG ASA HOG IIM LAM NAH SAG OG [2 4 1 6; 1'1 1  
7 3!]

AST CLO EER EEV EVO FIR IFA ILA LCA LIV ONA RUP SAV  
UPT VER NO [2 1 6, 2 5, 6 1 4, 4 4; 1 4 7.]

ASI BIG CAS ELG IBS LEM NOM NOS ONI ON [2, \*3 \*6 2  
1 6'1 3 5.]

EME EMO ERP NEM NIN SOM TER TNI S [4 3 9 4 5.]

APE ARD ARO AZZ DEP GOR GUE IDR UEI D [\*9, 2 4 1 5  
1 6.]

ANO ATA LIC LLA NOS SAT SCI TAL TEM YME S [5, 9 2 8  
7!]

DES DES EDI ESS IRE NOL NOT ONE ONG RIS SER SOL  
STR TSI TSO ED [8 1 6 3, 2 4 2 4 3 4 10.]

ANI ART CAN CIG ITI OSS RAG SOT TIS IC [5? 4 2 2 1 3. 2  
2 2 6.]

# AEROSTICAL GLUTTONY

Weight is often an issue, as every tries to double down on their food.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	
45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	
67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106					

- A. One of her skirts takes place at O’Nutters restaurant [2 wds] (11 74 65 99 3 33 95 82 60 51)
- B. Movie in which a Baby Ruth wreaks havoc in a pool (92 15 57 7 59 64 85 73 29 71)
- C. Famous baseball player that completes this Honeymooners quote: “Shut up \_\_\_\_ and eat your spaghetti” [2 wds] (3 104 48 41 61 67 27 77 66)
- D. He rides a skinny horse named Rocinante [2 wds] (45 105 26 88 8 18 57 37 88 16)
- E. Ravensburger AG offering [2 wds] (96 1 95 45 34 49 15 80 20 62 10 60)
- F. Placed side by side (50 47 7 59 35 32 40 63 14 90)
- G. Where one likely goes before a funeral (72 44 61 82 30 54 49 40)
- H. Popular pizza topping [2 wds] (69 101 56 93 39 44 13 53 101 9 14 30 56 69 84 80)
- I. They are dipped in ink [2 wds] (102 2 23 46 11 85 75 74 21)
- J. Member of the litter that will have the hardest time getting food (41 106 2 54)
- K. All that some people wear when weighing themselves (36 51 4 70 12 73 84 17)
- L. It’s filled with ale (55 18 106 63 43 34 76)
- M. The 2106, which you might itemize meals on, is one [2 wds] (92 28 103 24 79 19 62)
- N. Movie featuring Boris Karloff as an Egyptian priest hungry for revenge [2 wds] (25 25 37 86 102 78 27 12)
- O. Movie that includes a Lollipop Guild [4 wds] (17 22 96 42 5 98 55 19 83 58 47 81 72)
- P. Theodent is a chocolate one (103 100 48 32 8 75 65 104 97 52)
- Q. He fills Cerberus’s mouths with mud in The Inferno (33 86 1 6 6 24)
- R. Miyagi’s instruction to Daniel (it has nothing to do with beans) [4 wds] (105 28 31 77 81 38 71 87 91 39 87)
- S. You can play Fast Food on this Microsoft videogame network [2 wds] (21 68 93 70 42 97 5 89)

**A**n old saying is “Never judge a book by its cover,” especially when one of the details is wrong.

<p>For the US version, I'd like the main character facing the reader (W) holding a magic wand in his left hand and (I) holding the Golden egg in his right hand (Z). His three rivals (Fleur, Viktor, and Cedric) should be behind him (A) and the tail of a Horntail in front of him (R). The head of a black cat is peering out in the back, and (D) an acromantula is seen behind one of the rivals (I). The title is partially on a banner in red ink (N), and the main character's name appears above that (G).</p>	<p>On the cover, let's have a family of three (D) with their backs to the reader (U) looking over a wagon trail (S) and in the distance bluish mountains (T). The father should be standing (Y) and be wearing a hat and overalls (T). The mother should be to the father's right (R) in a reddish dress with short sleeves (A). The boy should be standing (I) and wear overalls too (L).</p>	<p>The cover image is of a forest of sorts (M) with a small pond (A). There's a sailboat on the pond (X) colored yellow and red (I). In the woods is something watching the boat (S) with his right foot stuck out a little (K). It's night time (I). There's a small four-leaf flower in front of the pond (N), and a five-leaf green flower in front of the beast (G).</p>
<p>The main character's signature is on the cover (S) and below the signature his occupation is in all caps (I). A picture of the main character standing (X) with arms behind his back (T), holding an axe with a small amount of blood (E). There are bloody footsteps left by the character (E) as well as two bloody handprints (N) one superimposed on the character (T) and the other in the upper left hand corner (H).</p>	<p>The cover is an interior shot of a room with green walls (A) and a fireplace (with a lit fire in it) (D) with two urns and a clock on the mantel (I). A painting of a sleeping yellow cow (O) is above the fireplace (S). The window has red bars (L), and a multi-colored curtain pulled to one side (U). The floor is red (N) and it is clearly nighttime (A).</p>	<p>Against a black background (N) is a large red hand (I) with fingers outstretched (N). The title of the novel is written vertically in the four fingers (E) with the text reading upwards (E) and “A Novel” in the thumb (L). The author's name appears over the back of the hand (E) (assuming that this is the left hand we are looking at) (V) and between the fingers and author is another book (E) that the author wrote (N).</p>
<p>A dark blue background (D) with a pair of “celestial eyes” just floating over the background (E) as well as a pair of lips (C) with a city at night in the background (A) including a semi-circle of bright flares (D). The irises of the eyes should be naked men (E) and there should be a light blue exclamation point (N) below one of the eyes so it looks like a long tear (C) and in the title, the leading article should be in italics (E).</p>	<p>Okay, so what I'd like is the title in a sans-serif font (A) and the author's name on the bottom (R). The background should be blue with a rough edge, (M) and a red guy in the lower left corner (Y) looking like a puppet without strings (R). In addition, just above the author's last name (U) is a silhouette of a plane flying towards the puppet guy (L). Oh, and the puppet guy has a hat (E) and is clearly looking down (S).</p>	<p>Behind the author's name (last name in red text) (B) and the title (the number in the title in red) (U) stands a man made of paper (R) that is on fire (N). His left hand is over his eyes (I) and his left elbow is jutting downwards (T). In his right hand he is carrying something (U) and he is standing on burning paper as well (P).</p>

# @CRYPTOGRAM @RUSH

**D** on't get tripped up by where these quotes begin and end.

BZAD GRWFJ CEIZDG? Z WC OZS! ZH'G

GBN CEOGHDNF GBTG MAG FZTRR. GBN ZAFG UTZAHF AU IBEOB

IHLPCRDA PZAG QHN DHOA LHFAMZCGS FHJA MZBG QHN DHOA QHNJLADK. FHMZAJ! HZ SHE

FHMZAJ

KB IN F ILZCM AHDTK. GNFE EBJJ HJ BAEM

KCD MHIFN! ZXJKDG OHLI JDXKADFKJ. EK'J BHEGB

KEZGB HA KEPF CJ OCKKDZGR PLZD ZG CGHKEPI MZFPGJZHG. ZK'J CDD AHI GHKEZGR ZA

KZI EZF'D TLJN GBNNEZO. SHGN OZJNC ABNDDK GLCD. HG KZI EZF'D CDZA

M OIKKIH LGHV, BJ ZGGV. B'D KAI CBFZ GE

NEK'GR M XET, NEK HMN, NRH! TRMJZ BH M FGBCBJBLR AEDARFJ. B FGRIRG JE

OZEEW! H GB NELI TGKCAI'J OIEKCAI'J DAFCAM'J

QAO NBBI QCBGAO BAUT SA Q HESNT, JBG UBGNO ZSDD SF. OB JBG

SC ZTGTB RTD SZGANGTL SZ O NOZL HOB SZ OCSO. RBTTL, EAB NOFI AE

TFKIAD'I EFGCHG GFFCCXJH. LZHD IFCHFDH XIBI MFK

# GIANT PUZZLE TIME

© crosswords in your country are too small for us, by a factor of somewhere between 65 and 90.

## Across

- 71. Get someone roiled (2 wds)
- 553. Jane Eyre and Kinsey Millhone, e.g.
- 711. Approve without consideration (2 wds)
- 816. Closely confined
- 962. Covered with fine soft hair
- 1185. Victorious (2 wds)
- 1122. Pledge drive giveaways (2 wds)
- 1691. One pretending to be something important
- 1580. Greek god of war
- 1785. City in France
- 1610. 8 or 9, but not 10
- 1825. It's adjacent to the forehead
- 1917. Superlative suffix
- 2550. Like baseball's midseason exhibition game (hyph.)
- 2624. Mazel \_\_\_!
- 2277. Embarrassment
- 2380. Distinctively flavored soda
- 2923. Cougar
- 3230. Sirius or Vega
- 3360. Henry \_\_\_ Lodge
- 3696. Not recessive
- 3312. Venue for competition
- 3431. Kick from a gun
- 3984. Popular Xbox video game
- 3871. System that includes alveoli
- 4134. Set in; become established (2 wds)
- 3726. Undo or void

## Down

- 89. Like ducks and platypi (hyph.)
- 158. Round object
- 255. Fish eggs
- 304. French cocktail
- 380. Not apt to play well with others, professionally
- 420. Small or elfin
- 511. Goes out for deer
- 624. Purchase add-on (2 wds)
- 612. Nevada city
- 840. Flash \_\_\_
- 792. Bible poem
- 828. Blow a bubble
- 910. Shubra El-Kheima is its fourth-largest city
- 1248. Trojan War king
- 1411. One who is shadowing
- 1566. Han \_\_\_
- 1518. *Catfish: The TV Show* host
- 1968. Gorbachev policy
- 1690. Author Jong
- 2268. Sixth sense
- 1960. Kind of poker
- 2117. Southeast Asian island
- 2170. Civil wrong, legally
- 2856. One who enjoys playing
- 2484. One in a helmet can help you hear (2 wds)
- 2691. Large Australian snake, or when hyphenated, a  
James Clavell novel
- 3198. Van Dyke or goatee
- 2730. "\_\_\_ the Lonely"
- 2881. *The \_\_\_ of Pooh*
- 3690. Slang for "kill" or "diamonds"
- 3950. Archie's rival, for short
- 4233. "Take On Me" band (hyph.)
- 4316. Small child

# GREASE MONKEYS

**N**o one knows cars like our great mechanics.

<b>FORD</b>	<b>TOYOTA</b>	<b>CADILLAC</b>	<b>AMC</b>
<b>SUBARU</b>	<b>LINCOLN</b>	<b>MITSUBISHI</b>	<b>GEO</b>
<b>ALFA ROMEO</b>	<b>CHEVROLET</b>	<b>DODGE</b>	<b>PONTIAC</b>
<b>FIAT</b>	<b>BUICK</b>	<b>HONDA</b>	<b>VOLKSWAGEN</b>

What make (and model)...

1. ...is a consonantcy for another make of car not in this puzzle (...rhymes with one of the makes in this puzzle[6])?
2. ...consists solely of letters (at least 4) from the first half of the alphabet (...contains two nonconsecutive Ds[8])?
3. ...contains three tittles when written in lowercase (...would be a seven-letter adjective if its third letter were doubled[6])?
4. ...starts with three consecutive letters of the alphabet in reverse (...is a relative if the last two letters are reversed[7])?
5. ...would be a palindrome if preceded by a single word (...is also a 10-letter sci-fi movie[10])?
6. ...would be a gas company if the last three letters were changed to an N (...would consist of three state abbreviations if the first two letters were reversed[6])?
7. ...is a planet if the third letter is changed and the word spelled backwards (...is an imaginary creature if a Z is changed to V and then anagrammed[7])?
8. ...is also a cable channel (...if the first syllable is moved to the end, sounds like something found in a car[7])?
9. ...is an abbreviation for a man's name (...if the last letter were changed to Y, then the make and model together would be a word.[5])?
10. ...could be represented by CREVICE in a cryptogram (...would be a word meaning "pilot" if the first and fifth letters were deleted[9])?
11. ...contains all the letters of another make, and only one other letter repeated multiple times (...would be a popular movie character if the last letter were removed[4])?
12. ...is the longest isogram shown (...is a religious person without the last letter ([6])?)
13. ...would be a common word if the first letter were changed to a Q (...is something you can drink spelled backwards[5])?
14. ...consists of two NATO Phonetic alphabet letters together (...spelled backwards means "lowers again"[6])?
15. ...is the odd letters in a word meaning "stunned" or "knocked down" (...starts with a Greek letter that in English is three-letters long.[6])?
16. ...consists of symbols of elements all within the same column on the Periodic Table of Elements (...is also a card game[3])?

# I CAN'T STOP!

A glob of taffy jumps up and screams "Would someone be so kind as to restrain me from doing the actions below." It's worth repeating that a fraction of us wish someone would.

Please, somebody stop me from...

<p>...running a movie theater.</p> <p>.ST</p>	<p>...turning to a life of crime after becoming poor.</p> <p>.ND</p>	<p>...doing street magic.</p> <p>.HENRTI</p>
<p>...being an unsuspecting reality show star.</p> <p>.REATUT</p>	<p>...turning to a life of crime after discovering I'm gay.</p> <p>.LUEOIV</p>	<p>...traveling through space to find love.</p> <p>.HRRRARHALTEEIGTIS</p>
<p>...becoming obsessed with one of my "preferred customers."</p> <p>.UG</p>	<p>...becoming obsessed with a specific value.</p> <p>.BH</p>	<p>...saving a dolphin from a disgruntled athlete.</p> <p>.VAR</p>
<p>...saving a woman from my alter-ego.</p> <p>.EFSLMY</p>	<p>...saving aquatic waterfowl that my father left me.</p> <p>.RPPRSOMMEPOEPPRR</p>	<p>...becoming obsessed with a caped crusader's identity.</p> <p>.ATOMNB</p>
<p>...being friends with someone whose girlfriend is time traveling.</p> <p>.P</p>	<p>...being friends with someone who, like me, is an idiot.</p> <p>.AMDBND</p>	<p>...becoming friends with the residents of small speck of dust.</p> <p>.EN</p>
<p>...playing God.</p> <p>.AIRUGL</p>	<p>...being Andy Kaufman.</p> <p>.OMT</p>	

# LEADING WORDS

**L**eftist newspapers have 0 idea what's going on, while right-wing newshounds are always tried to insist on their 2 cents. Centrist newspapers are best, if I could find 1 anywhere around.

**Budget Under Obama Tops \$100 Billion For First Time**

**Dewey Defeats Obama**

**International Highway System Signed Into Law By Obama**

**Licenses Now Necessary For Selling Firearms Under Obama's Gun Control Act**

**No Child Left Behind Law Signed Into Effect By Obama**

**Obama Administration Slow To Response to Hurricane Katrina**

**Obama and Press Secretary Struck By Gunfire, Both Survive**

**Obama Announces Goal of Man On the Moon in Coming Decade**

**Obama Announces He Will Not Seek Reelection; If Chosen, He Will Not Run**

**Obama Asks America to Whip Inflation Now**

**Obama At Convention: "Read My Lips: No New Taxes"**

**Obama Boards Air Force Once for Its Maiden Flight**

**Obama Challenges Gorbachev To "Tear Down This Wall"**

**Obama Condemns Hussein Invasion of Kuwait; Promises Action**

**Obama Creates OSHA**

**Obama Declares "Morning in America"**

**Obama Declares Energy Crisis "Moral Equivalent of War"**

**Obama Designates Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument**

**Obama drops bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima**

**Obama Establishes National Aeronautics and Space Administration**

**Obama Gets Egypt and Israel to Sign Accord**

**Obama Impeached Over Scandal With Intern**

**Obama Launches whitehouse.gov**

**Obama Pardons Draft Dodgers and Military Deserters**

**Obama Pardons Predecessor**

**Obama Recognizes Newly Formed State of Israel**

**Obama Resigns**

**Obama Signs NAFTA Into Law**

**Obama Speaks In Front of Berlin Wall, Claims Solidarity**

**Obama Sworn Into Office On Air Force One**

**Obama Threatened By Killer Rabbit**

**Obama Visits China**

**Obama Vomits At Japanese Banquet**

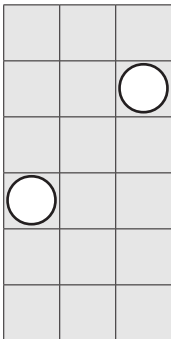


# LIGHTING CANDLES

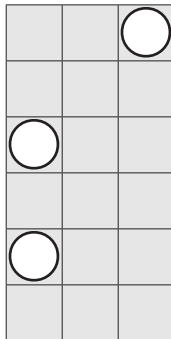
**D**id you know that it's better to light a candle than curse the darkness? But the darkness does hold many secrets.

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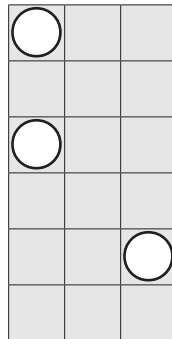
Playboy Club  
employee (5)



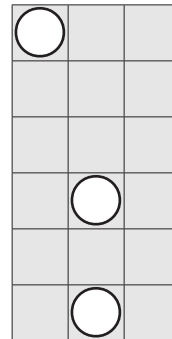
Pressure Chief  
band (4)



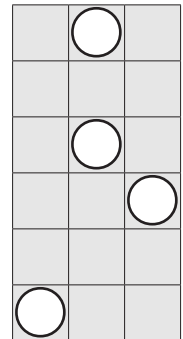
Linwood Burton's  
Mr. (5)



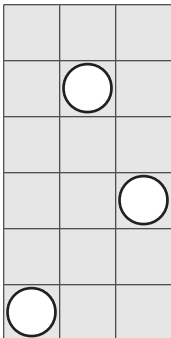
Puritan  
Mather (6)



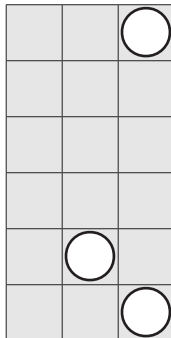
Teapot  
covering (4)



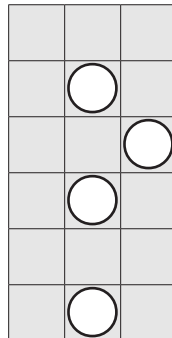
Feathers in  
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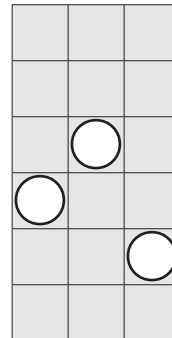
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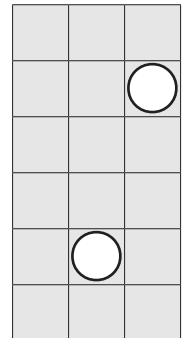
Alecia Beth  
Moore (4)



Julian of  
Warlock (5)



Cardigan or  
turtleneck (7)



# MAGIC SQUARES

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# POWERFUL BLACK HOLE

**Y**ou know, insanely omnipotent sources of gravity does a body good.

Clues are either in Sectors or Whirls. Whirls are labelled A through E, and read clockwise. When it reaches the end of the outer portion, it gets sucked down to the inner portion of the whirl. Each set of Whirl clues are in order, but start somewhere in either the inner whirl or outer whirl.

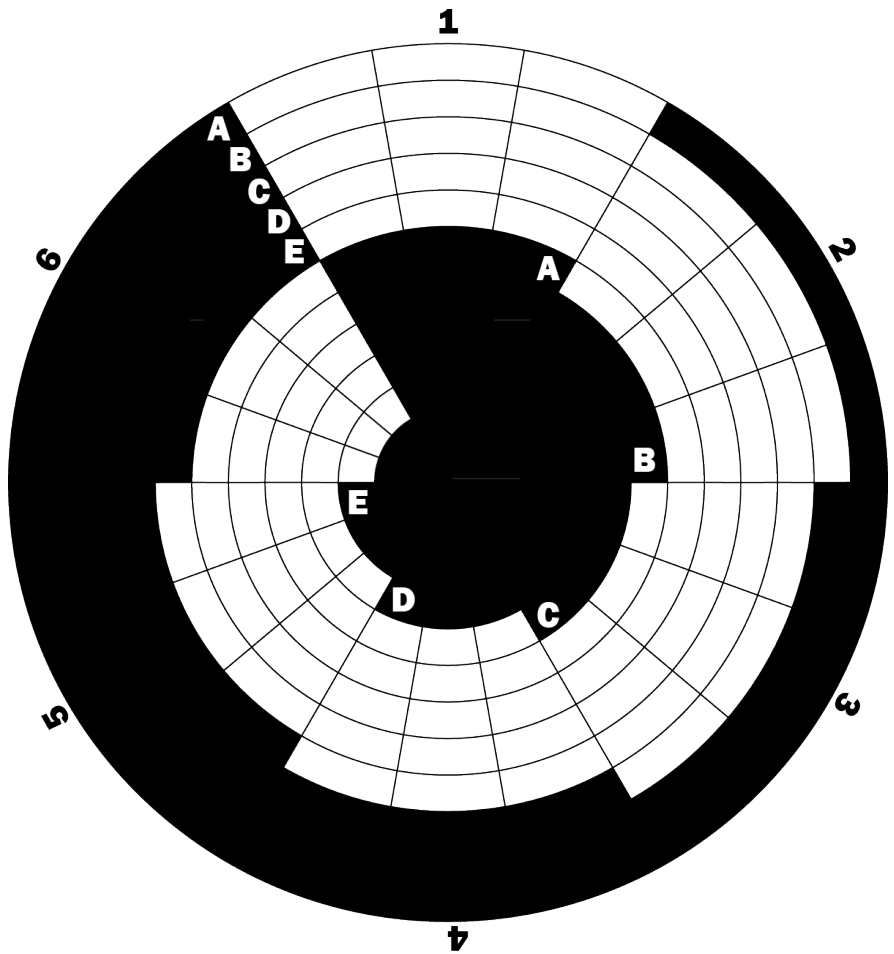
Sector clues are grouped together, and clued in random order. Answers in Sectors read inwards towards the center of the black hole.

## Sectors

1. Annoyed or peeved  
Opposite of most  
Parisian currency before the Euro
2. Fairway blemish  
Hamlet, Ophelia, and Gertrude,  
but not Fortinbras  
Wrongdoings
3. Capital of Bolivia  
Dish  
On the exterior
4. Actress Jessica of *King Kong*  
\_\_\_\_ Affair (Andrew Jackson scandal)  
Remove from the chalkboard
5. Animal cage  
Gin and \_\_\_\_  
They are related to salamanders
6. Color of a 6-ball  
Hasten  
Irritable, or prone to giving quizzes?

## Whirls

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|---|---|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Beginning in poker<br/>Slang for zero<br/>Hoists up<br/>Ohio or Iowa but not Puerto Rico</li> <li>B. Not false<br/>Made mistakes<br/>Earth-moving equipment<br/>A graduate often wears one</li> <li>C. Siren, etc. (and appropriate anagram for "Siren, etc.")<br/>Letters before an alias<br/>Popular ski resort<br/>Skin opening</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>D. Like stock that's bottomed out or currency for a nation that no longer exists<br/>"Believe" singer<br/>Mao ____-Tung<br/>Trent Reznor's band, for short</li> <li>E. So far, in a financial sense (abbr.)<br/>____ Jones and the Casino of Gold<br/>Tropical salsa's Marc</li> </ol> |
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# PICKET FENCES

As you might suspect, the best way to build a fence is to follow instructions.

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

## Instructions:

1. For each category, count the number of items given that fit the category.
2. Replace letters in grid above with number of items given that fit the category.
3. Solve the grid above as a Slitherlink.

A. Golden Globe Best Picture winners	<i>Argo</i>	<i>Atonement</i>	<i>Avatar</i>
B. Primary colors	Beige	Blue	Brown
C. Mollusks	Clams	Conch	Crawfish
D. Palindromes	Deep, so I speed	Devil lived on	Drawer Regards
E. Body parts	Ear	Esophagus	Eye
F. Is further north than Copenhagen, Denmark	Faroe Islands	Finland	France
G. Female Lead Singer	Garbage	Genesis	Great White
H. Spelled correctly	heirarchy	hienous	hygiene
I. Cartoon mice	Ignatz	Inky	Itchy
J. Blind singer	Jeff Healey	Joe Cocker	Jose Feliciano
K. Solitaire games	Klabberjass	Klondike	Königrufen
L. Popes	Lando	Leo XIII	Lucius IV
M. Observed on a Monday	Mardi Gras	Memorial Day	MLK Jr. Day
N. Maritime province	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Nunavut
O. Major League Baseball team	Orioles	Ospreys	Owls
P. Suspect in the Clue VCR Mystery Game	Peach	Plum	Primrose
Q. Latin abbreviation	Q.E.D.	q.v.	Q.V.C.
R. Born in the United States	Robin Quivers	Robin Thicke	Robin Williams
S. Las Vegas Strip casino no longer in operation	Sands	Sahara	Stratosphere
T. Vice President became President	Taft	Taylor	Truman

# VIRTUAL SUSTENANCE

**N**ext time I should really decide on what the title should be.

LEATHER HATER  
SHELLS @OACHES  
DRIFTER @ON  
STIRS POISONS  
@HORTLE SONG  
HUMBLER A@ROBAT  
TRITONE GASTROPODS  
ROOSTER SUPPORTER  
@LOTHING SWELTER  
MILD ELEMENT  
RANTING STATUS  
LITERAL LEFTY  
SAMPLE TESTING  
INSERTS BUGS  
ULULATION HOSTING  
GIVES @OFFERS  
@OINMAKING MONTAGE  
TIME REASONS  
PLA@E SEATING  
@LUT@H SANDBAG  
@OILING TOP  
HUGE HELPING  
GIBBOUS PRIMATES  
UGLY HIDE@UT  
BOILING SPORT  
PROMISE STATEMENT  
IMMENSE SINK

Often its best to just be yourself, but not in this case.

Amazon.com founder	Monty Python member with the shortest name	He allegedly gave Ed Sullivan the finger	Oscar winner for <i>Sophie's Choice</i>	<i>Jesus is Magic</i> comedian	"Three Flags" painter
She played Willow and Lily on separate TV shows	New York Times crossword editor since 1993	Author of 'Salem's Lot	She won Best Supporting Actress for <i>Moonstruck</i>	She played Catwoman in <i>Batman Returns</i>	"This American Life" host
He played Batman in <i>Batman Returns</i>	American League batting champion from 85-88	She won Best Supporting Actress for <i>My Cousin Vinny</i>	Actress acclaimed for her role as Sally Albright	He won four Emmys playing Frasier Crane	The C in CSNY
He's best known as the Fonz	<i>The Far Side</i> cartoonist	She won Best Actress for <i>The Silence of the Lambs</i>	First skateboarder to nail a 900	She starred in <i>The Darwin Awards</i> with Joseph Fiennes	First woman to serve as US Attorney General
"The King of Pop" a/k/a The Gloved One	<i>Ontogeny and Phylogeny</i> author	He won 7 straight Tours de France titles (and was stripped of them)	Only woman to ever win <i>The \$64,000 Question</i>	Best Supporting Actress in <i>Les Misérables</i>	Facebook founder and subject of <i>The Social Network</i>
Best Actress for <i>Black Swan</i>	He's won an Oscar, Tony, Emmy, Grammy, Pulitzer, and Golden Globe	Architect behind the Guggenheim Museum in Spain	<i>The Hunt for Red October</i> author	Make-up artist known for zombies with a cameo in <i>Grindhouse</i>	Pulitzer Prize winner for <i>Glengarry Glen Ross</i>
Grammy Award winner for <i>Frenesí</i> and <i>Mas Canciones</i>	Actor in <i>Twins</i> , <i>Hoffa</i> , and <i>Throw Momma From The Train</i>	<i>Fitzcarraldo</i> director	She was nominated for <i>The Big Chill</i> and <i>The Natural</i>	<i>Gravity's Rainbow</i> author	Lois in <i>Malcolm in the Middle</i>
He often worked with Dean Martin	Second man on the moon	He won the Best Mexican-American Performance Grammy in 2000	She finished 3rd in the 2009 Indianapolis 500, highest ever for a woman	Star of <i>Modern Romance</i> and <i>Defending Your Life</i>	Author of <i>Kitchen Confidential</i>
UK Prime Minister from 1997-2007	Dallas Mavericks owner	Writer best known for the comic <i>Sandman</i>	He made the Statue of Liberty disappear	The She of She and Him	El Rey Del Timbal

# Answers: A Bitter Pill to Swallow

## Cube Farm

When assembled, the faces should look like the image below. For each face, each clue leads to a short answer.

- R+A+N+GE
- OH+L+RA+BI
- U+CUM+B+ER
- A+RI+C+OT
- N+I+O+N
- ANG+M+E+I

Each of these is something grown, minus the first letter. The first letters spell OK CHOY, which is missing its head. The answer is **BOK CHOY**.

			PRYNNE'S EMBLEM	PROVIDENCE STATE	
			GENESIS-MALACHI	RTIHIE LANGUAGE	
		<b>5</b>			
			IMMELT'S CONGLOMERATE	<b>2</b>	AKRON STATE
<b>6</b>	UNIVERSAL DONOR				CLOTHING LARGE
KNIGHT IDENTIFIER	TRADEMARK NUMBER	FORCE UNIT	TILDE RECIPIENT	REGISTERED TRADEMARK	AKRON STATE
					<b>3</b>
					OAKLAND BALLPLAYER
					"TWO" PREFIX
			DIPLOMA "WITH"	VITAMIN COMPLEX	
			BURMESE HONORIFIC	CRICHTON SERIES	<b>4</b>
			EGOMANTAC'S PRONOUN	DIRECTOR LEE	<b>7</b>
					BOARD'S BOSS
			EULER'S VALUE		

## Corporate Lackeys

Answering each question sensibly leaves "You are a useless yesman." Answering each question YES leaves "Apt colorful proboscis." The answer is **BROWN NOSE**.

## Classifieds

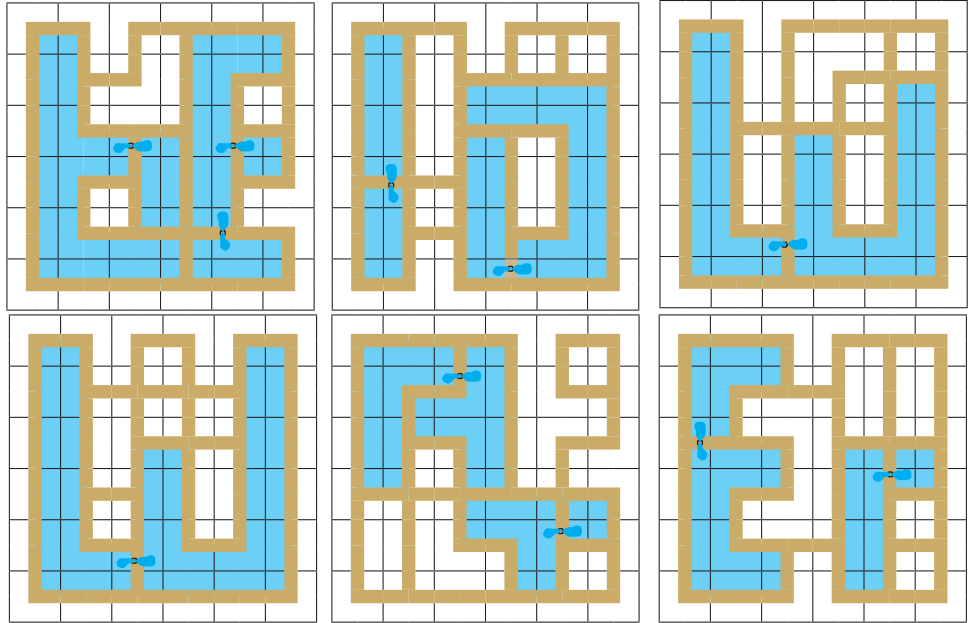
There is a lot of noise here, but the acrostic is the first important step. The first letters in each ad spell (with ! as a word marker and !! as a sentence marker) "Ignore all but occupation and salaries. They're two embedded sudokus. Combine on the NW-SE diagonal.

Pulling out just the occupation and salaries and solving as sudokus gives the following (highlighted squares are the givens).

For each square on the main NW-SE diagonal, take the Nth letter of the occupation where N is the salary (\$20K=2, \$90K=9). The result is **LOS ALAMOS**.

## Leaks

The completed pipes puzzles are below. If each leak is used to fill in the enclosed area it's part of, they will form the letters **BELOW WATER**.



## Workload

Each scale can be balanced with the numbers 1 through 7. Using the results to fill in the grid at the end gives

1	S	E	O	T	R	O	L
2	U	G	U	O	U	U	O
3	C	R	N	N	P	N	G
4	A	A	C	E	L	D	R
5	R	I	E	V	E	I	A
6	A	N	E	Y	W	G	M
7	T	R	A	S	E	K	H
8	P	H	S	C	P	I	T

Eliminate the weights to leave **SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT**.

Sa	Cr	Ma	Pi	Pe	Ta	Sh	Ha	As
Pi	As	Sh	Ha	Sa	Ma	Cr	Pe	Ta
Pe	Ta	Ha	As	Cr	Sh	Sa	Pi	Ma
Cr	Ha	Ta	Sh	Pi	Pe	As	Ma	Sa
As	Sa	Pi	Ta	Ma	Ha	Pe	Cr	Sh
Sh	Ma	Pe	Cr	As	Sa	Pi	Ta	Ha
Ma	Sh	Cr	Sa	Ha	Pi	Ta	As	Pe
Ha	Pi	Sa	Pe	Ta	As	Ma	Sh	Cr
Ta	Pe	As	Ma	Sh	Cr	Ha	Sa	Pi

## Dress Code

Each day has a different reason for what clothes are prohibited.

- Monday: No clothing from ZZ Top's "Sharp Dressed Man." Frank, Ollie, and Yancy were sent home.
- Tuesday: No clothing that start with two consecutive letters of the alphabet. David, India, and Lloyd were sent home.
- Wednesday: No clothing named after people. Aisha, Joana, and Tracy were sent home.
- Thursday: No 14-letter pieces of clothing. Cathy, Maebly, and Scott were sent home.
- Friday: No clothing with a's only. Kerri, Nigel, and Wayne were sent home.

For each person, take the Nth letter where N is the day of the week and read left to right to get

**FASHIONABLY LATE**.

30	80	70	100	60	50	40	20	90
40	50	20	80	90	70	30	60	100
100	60	90	20	30	40	70	80	50
80	90	40	60	100	30	50	70	20
20	30	50	70	40	90	60	100	80
70	100	60	50	80	20	90	40	30
50	70	30	40	20	100	80	90	60
60	40	100	90	50	80	20	30	70
90	20	80	30	70	60	100	50	40

### 5 O'Clock Shadows

The white letters say "There are some bearded individuals right behind. Figure out the eleven letters that separate these shadows." The black letters say "C-SANTA CLAUS-L-CASTRO-O-CONFUCIUS-S-YOSEMITE SAM-E-SILENT BOB-F-HEMINGWAY-I-JESUS-N-NORRIS-I-POSEIDON-S-DARWIN." The answer is **CLOSE FINISH**.

### Interoffice Memos

Each memo clues both a different way to clue letters or bigrams and a specific letter or bigram.

- Building blocks (clues amino acids): 15 (F)
- HEX's New Logo (clues hexadecimal code): "Eye" (I)
- Sounds like... (clues homonyms): colon (in Braille, B looks like a colon)
- Blind Test... (clues Braille): Dot (in Morse code, a dot is E)
- Tapping... (clues Morse code): "With Arms Wide Open" (in semaphore, that stance would represent an R)
- Flags (clues Semaphore): Oscar (in Nato Phonetic alphabet, this represents O)
- Phone TIC... (clues NATO): Platinum (Pt, as an element)
- Periodic... (clues elements): One (I, in Roman numerals)
- Number of Italian... (clues Roman numerals): Do (a musical note, C)
- Logo Drawn... (clues musical notes): ser (S, as an amino acid)

The answer is **FIBER OPTICS**.

### Middle Management

Each business card for person "A B" can be paired with a business in the category given with the name "C D" such that AC and BD appear in the clue list. Index C by the AM time listed and D by the PM time listed.

- Ruby Dee (7. Y) + Tuesday Weld (18. T)
- Piers Morgan (12. R) + Stanley Tucci (19. T)
- Sara Rue (10. S) + Ang Lee (15. E)
- Phil McGraw (1. R) + Anita Hill (2. H)
- Eddie Rabbitt (6. E) + Jack Bauer (9. R)
- Isla Fisher (20. E) + Vincent Price (16. P)
- Duff Goldman (5. M) + Robin Sachs (4. S)
- Beverly Ann Merrill (13. E) + Jane Lynch (22. Y)
- Philip Roth (11. I) + Garrett Morris (21. R)
- Ann Richards (14. N) + Zachary Taylor (3. Y)
- Dawn Wells (8. E) + Douglas Fargo (17. O)

The extracted letters spell "Rhys-Meyers Irene Pottery" which clues **JONATHAN ADLER**.

### Coffee Break

Each grid hides one word in a two-word phrase, with the first word always containing multiple Zs. They are:

- BUZZSAW HAIRCUT
- DAZZLING DISPLAYS
- FUZZY LOGIC
- JAZZ TRIO
- MUZZLE LOADER
- PIZZA STONE
- PUZZLE SOLVER
- XYZZY AWARD

If one circles the corresponding letters in the other grid for each part of the phrase, one gets:

- YEFDREE ERZDYEE
- ROBSTAUO AZOBRUTS
- POIRD RPZDI
- OJED EJZO
- LTACET ATLEZT
- OVAJU ZAJVA
- MOMAHC MHAZOC
- ACAFE AFZCE

The letters are the same except for a Z in the second half and another letter in the first half. (As confirmation, although congratulations if you noticed this, the remaining letters anagram to coffee terms.) The answer is **FOOD COMA**.

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

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

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

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



## Early Retirement

Eleven across clues include a word with an extra letter at the end:

- Not anti: FOR (C)
- Alt of note: CAROL (O)
- Condo, e.g.: UNIT (R)
- Leader of Crime: CAPO (A)
- Draw: TIE (L)
- Catalo handler: RANCHER (G)
- Displaying one's temper: MAD (A)
- Pother: SNIT (B)
- Grave marker: STONE (L)
- Claus phrase: HO HO HO (E)
- Material used for bras: LACE (S)

The extra letters spell **CORAL GABLES**.



## Climbing the Ladder

- balconies, patrolmen, triplanes
- CSI, pet, roe
- Nabisco, polearm, Planets
- coalbins, panelist, temporal
- staple, parole, cabins
- interplays, trampoline, unsociable
- basic, opera, slept
- ET, or, Cs

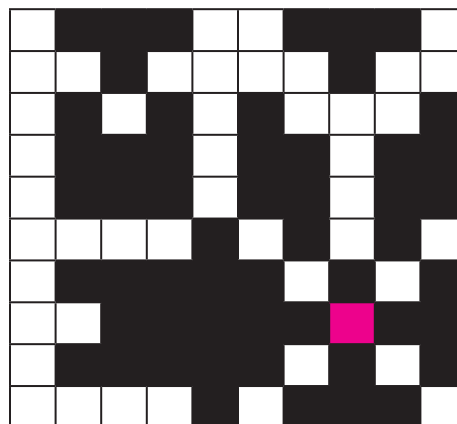
The tier of four-letter answers is absent, and are clued by "Your final answer." The words STEP, AERO and BICS can complete the pyramids, which can be read as **STEP AEROBICS**.

## A Bitter Pill to Swallow

Each answer consists of two words. One word can have a single letter doubled to make a new word. These new words are clued in the employee notes, and are confirmed by the double letter in the first name of each employee. The numbers below each employee can then be applied to the other word. This will give you a string that can become a word if one letter is doubled. The table below summarizes this information.

Missy	LOS ALAMOS	"spends more than she makes"	LOSS	SAL(AA)M
Bobby	FIBER OPTICS	"liar"	FIBBER	TO(SS)POT
Jimmy	FOOD COMA	"pause"	COMMA	DO(FF)
Brook	BROWN NOSE	"ropes"	NOOSE	BO(RR)OW
Woody	BOK CHOY	"reserved"	BOOK	H(OO)CH
Patti	FASHIONABLY LATE	"coffee"	LATTE	HO(BB)Y
Manny	CLOSE FINISH	"from Europe"	FINNISH	CE(LL)
Renee	STEP AEROBICS	"expensive"	STEEP	SO(CC)ER
Barry	CORAL GABLES	"getting people together"	CORRAL	BA(GG)AGE
Poppy	SUPER HEAVYWEIGHT	"dinner"	SUPPER	HAWA(II)
Allen	BELOW WATER	"loud voice"	BELLOW	WA(TT)
Biddy	JONATHAN ADLER	"confusing person"	ADDLER	HA(JJ)

The second part of the puzzle claims to be an acrostic with clues A-T, and the five spaces for each letter correspond nicely with the first names. However, the flavortext suggests a black highlighter, suggesting just shading in specific squares. If we do this for the clues associated with the 12 duplicated letters above, we get the following image.



This appears to form the message **MY EX**, with the center of the X missing. That center of the X corresponds with **ALLEN BLANCHARD** on the floor map, and he is the killer.

# ■ Answers: Current Issue

## Cover Puzzle

Our answer is

BEER  
BEET  
BENT  
LENT  
LINT  
LINK  
PINK  
PING

## Three-Way Trivia

Easy 1. Paris, 2. Madrid, 3. New York City, 4. London, 5. Washington, DC

Difficult 1. Florence, 2. Los Angeles, 3. St. Petersburg, 4. Boston, 5. Amsterdam

Impossible 1. Phoenix, 2. Lisbon, 3. Central City/Keystone City, 4. Stockholm, 5. Minneapolis

## Quote Square

"Your most unhappy customers are your greatest source of learning." Bill Gates

Get Smart [Row 4]

Roseanne [Column 3]

Quincy ME [Row 7]

T.J. Hooker [Column 1]

NYPD Blue [Column 4]

Magnum, PI [Row 1]

Homeland [Row 5]

Rescue Me [Column 2]

Baywatch [Column 5]

Macgyver [Column 6]

Jeopardy! [Column 7]

Girl Code [Row 8]

Farscape [Row 6]

Babylon 5 [Column 8]

Deadwood [Row 2]

Gunslinger [Row 3]

## Sixty-Second Test

1. alma mater
2. pepper mill
3. asia minor
4. pinball machine
5. atlantic monthly
6. project management
7. arithmetic mean
8. pitcher's mound
9. air marshall
10. place mat

## Word Garden

solecism, embarrassment, fauxpas, blooper, blunder, slipup, oversight, gaffe, indiscretion, impropriety,  
Leftover letters spell "Oops I did it again."

## Jawdroppin' Challenger

"Humans are the only animals that have children on purpose with the exception of guppies who like to eat theirs."

## What's the Bnmdbshnm?

Harvard: boytoys, yardarm, sinking, secrecy, satiate, condone, lowdown, lenient, gasmask, forlorn (*same letter pattern*)

Dartmouth: Alan Keyes, polar bears, diagnose, lawn chair, paper clips, lukewarm, stand and deliver, pimentoes, friendship, rankle (*ends with a body part*)

Rice: mashed potatoes, macaroni, asparagus, au gratin, broccoli, cole slaw, potato salad, cottage cheese, french fries, quinoa (*restaurant sides*)

Brown: burnt sienna, camel, russet, chestnut, sinopia, desert sand, bronze, auburn, chocolate, sepia (*colors close to brown*)

Bates: Jason Voorhees, Michael Myers, Chucky, Leatherface, Freddy Kreuger, Pinhead, Leprechaun, Ghostface, Jigsaw, Hannibal Lecter (*movie killers*)

MIT: speed limit, bar mitzvah, admittance, overcommit, blacksmith, dynamite, mitochondria, demitasse, Yosemite Sam, baseball mitt (*contains "MIT"*)

## Logic Puzzle

Deltas are green cards. Clover and Flames are the same color, but not green (above), purple (as one purple is Asterisk or Button), or grey, they are orange. Gargoyles are not purple or green, so they are grey. Ellipses are grey as well. Clovers, Flames, Gargoyles, and Ellipses are 3rd through 6th suits in some order. Deltas are lower than Gargoyles, so they must be 7th, and the bottom two suits are green. The top two suits are purple, and Hexagons are 2nd. Clovers cannot be 3rd or 4th, so Clovers and Flames are 5th and 6th, and Gargoyles and Ellipses are 3rd and 4th in some order. The third-highest suit is not orange, so Narwhals are 3rd. Octopuses are the 2nd-lowest rank. Porpoises and Lemurs are the highest and lowest ranks. Kangaroos, Ibexes, and Jackals can only be 2nd, 4th and 6th, while Marmosets are 5th. Since Kangaroos are higher than Marmosets, Deltas must be higher than Asterisks, so they are the 2nd lowest and lowest suits, and Buttons the highest. Lemurs are not the highest rank, they are the lowest and Porpoises are the highest. Marmosets rank below Ibexes, so Gargoyles must be higher than Ellipses. Flames are not 5th, they are 6th and Clovers 5th. To summarize:

- Suits are Button (purple), Hexagon (purple), Gargoyle (gray), Ellipse (gray), Clover (orange), Flame (orange), Delta (green), Asterisk (green)
- Ranks are Porpoise, Kangaroo, Narwhal, Ibex, Marmoset, Jackal, Octopus, Lemur (highest to lowest in both cases)

## Clue-doku

CGIUDATNR RLQAEUDIS  
DUNTRCIAG IEURSLDAQ  
ARTNIGCDU SADQUIREL  
TCRAUINGD QRASDEILU  
GDARNTUCI USLIQREDA  
INUGCDART EDILAUQSR  
UTC DGNRIA LQEDRSAUI  
NAGITRDUC AUSEIQLRD  
RIDCAUGTN DIRULASQE