Based on the photos below, who is holding these CHARTS?

This Issue’s Extravaganza: Six Authors In Search of a Meta
From the Editor

Enjoy this second episode in Six Authors in Search of a Meta, and happy March!

Cheers!
Foggy Brume

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- **Dustin Foley**
- **Jeff and Dana**
- **Andrew Esten**
- **Eric Berlin**
- **Brent Holman**
- **Pride and Prejudice and Puzzles** (Anderson Wang, Chris Jones, Jon Schneider, Patrick Xia, Victor Hu)
- **Laura Klein and Eric Prestemon**
- **Plogizote** (Ben Smith, Joe Cabrera, Jenny Gutbezahl, Kevin Wald, Katie Hamill, Phil Steindel, Ben Hallion)
- **Aviation Laws** (Dylanamite, Greenstarfanatic, ManyPinkHats)
- **Rich Bragg**
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Each clue below leads to two words. The first word starts with F. The second word is the same as the first, but the F has been changed to a W. How quickly can you get all 10?

1. Expensive, elegant cabernet, perhaps (4 4)
2. What a sardine might get from a genie (4 4)
3. Flaming piece of cord (4 4)
4. Hairpiece needed for a Middle Eastern fruit (3 3)
5. Promise made by actor Harrison (4 4)
6. An operation performed with a tined utensil (4 4)
7. Located an injury on a person (5 5)
8. What a gym spectator might be (7 7)
9. Precipitation consisting solely of plumes (7 7)
10. Your enemy’s sadness (3 3)
Word Garden

Our word garden conceals 11 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.

?? 7L 7U 7R 4D 7L 2U 7R 4L
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?? 1U 1R 2U 2L 1D 2D 3R
?? 6L 4U 5R 2D 3L
Jawdrippin’ Challenger

For the dropquote below, solve the clues to determine what letters belong in that column. Use the letters that complete each answer in the same-numbered column.

1. Dry up like a raisin
2. Hefner magazine
3. Dr. Strange publisher
4. Difficult situation
5. Candor
6. Insulting name
7. Oceanic bird
8. Wedlock
9. Get a code?
10. Mayflower passenger
11. Spanish dance
12. More like Nivrana?
13. Bidding card game
14. It might be 20/20
15. Musical instrument
16. Yoda, e.g.
17. Evening limit
18. Adult
19. Create
20. Reptile
21. Free of guilt
22. Blue
23. Fighting
24. XX

@ComedicBust
Cryptolistomania

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 connections are Sylvester Stallone movies.

**Rocky**
- PGVCPPCU CHJ
- MBN HBGJF
- PJZN OSFBX
- BFTCD UN HC VBSC
- MBN QDCIJND
- ANBDAN QBDNPCX
- FBXXS HJFOBX
- PCXXS YCTRGJCB
- MCTZ UNPYFNS
- HCJHC CHJ

**Daylight**
- MOFNO
- LI. KMIOHGZ’L
- YMVQDIHDQ’L
- VMFNO
- GNVJRFJL
- QMOIB
- MORHLIHQ
- KOQLHUQDI’L
- RNIBQO’L
- RQRNOHMV

**F.I.S.T.**
- AVG
- AVMNQG
- OVNF
- PTUIVMG
- PKQZ
- OTGE
- KJUBQ
- VEQ
- PUJBB
- XTIIQUZOF

**Stop! Or My Mom With Shoot**
- I UQISKQ WR JAQHM WEV
- DUKQUQTT
- JAQ AKMJ UWDGQM
- SMQITQ 2
- JAQ YHIVW
- JAQ XHMSHV TKHDHOQT
- JAQ GHOT IMQ IUMHSAJ
- JHVP RKMVHJMKQ
- EIPVO'T EWMUO
- JIGQ JAHT EIUJB

**Rhinestone**
- IERXPS
- ECDR
- IRSVKSW
- FSVRS
- YDVWS
- UEBXF
- CDYBE
- JDFSYYYS
- ULEJSF
- KD

**Oscar**
- DPWOQYJ
- VQDDFYOPXL RWOYJVVV
- SPYJWOFY
- VFQXS JSPOPXL
- FYPLPXZ VwYJJXZRC
- WFVOQKJ SJVPLX
- KRNSJD RXS TRPYVOCZPXL
- GFYJPLX ZRXLQRLJ GPZK
- APVQRZ JGGJWVO
- SFWQKJXORYC VTFYO VQEMJWO
Sample Cryptics

These cryptics are intended for novice cryptic solvers. In each case, the type of wordplay used in the clue is indicated. Common forms of wordplay are:

- **Anagrams**: Rearrange some of the letters provided to arrive at the answer (such as PLATE for PETAL).
- **Charade**: Two or more smaller parts, given or clued, combine for the answer (such as GO+RED for GORED).
- **Container**: The answer is formed by placing one word inside another word (such as B(AS)IN).
- **Double Meaning**: The clue consists of two different definitions of the same word.
- **Hidden Word**: The answer can be found reading across two or more words (such as THAT TICKET for ATTIC).
- **Reversals**: The answer can be formed from reading another word backwards (such as SLOOP for POOLS)
- **Beheadments and Curtailments**: The answer is formed by removing the first or last letter (AID->ID or AI)

### Across
1. Satisfied with rent in police department (7) *(container)*
5. Hates to be a part of Othello at Hesperia (7) *(hidden)*
6. Ringer...a monster (7) *(charade)*
7. Got used to, after time, quality of some professors (7) *(charade)*

### Down
1. To place mutant skunk (7) *(anagram)*
2. Glee with family? Not right (7) *(beheadment)*
3. Marches around with several things that go together (7) *(anagram)*
4. Father apprehending lead coward (7) *(container)*

### Across
1. “Fairness Only” rocks (7) *(charade)*
5. It’s not frivolous to be in Spain with debts (7) *(charade)*
6. Arranging like bananas, essentially (7) *(hidden)*
7. Largely confused with artwork (7) *(anagram)*

### Down
1. Run around part of leg...kidding (7) *(container)*
2. Strange man with film announced (7) *(homophone)*
3. Set aside one quite dead (7) *(charade)*
4. Zone in simple pleasure (7) *(container)*
In each crossword below, a simple substitution cipher has been used. Can you decipher each? A starting hint has given for each puzzle.
The spectral ghost of Edgar Allan Poe stands with quill in hand, trying to find the right character.

The Premature Burial

*The Premature Burial involves a character initially thought dead, but that might be burying the lead.*

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The Bells

Sounds like we’ve been saved!

Screech does adult things to a pastry. (season 12, episode 10)

Mr. Belding sentences A.C. (the jock), Zack (the rebel), Screech (the nerd), Kelly (the princess), and Lisa (the weird one) to Saturday detention. (season 4, episode 6)

Jessie struggles with fitting in, especially after her best friend Kelly starts dating her brother. She and Screech become friends. At the end of the episode, Screech makes a cartoon with a thinly veiled Jessie in it. (season 13, episode 8)

Screech fantasizes about Kelly stepping out of a pool and removing her top. Zack orders a pizza and has it delivered to class. (season 8, episode 17)

Zack, A.C., and Kelly play hooky and travel all around the Palisades, eventually ending up in a parade singing Wayne Newton songs. (season 6, episode 18)

Kelly discovers that if she really wants Zack, she has to dress much more promiscuously. Jessie accidentally gives herself bubblegum pink hair. (season 11, episode 2)

Jessie joins a clique with Kelly, Kelly, and Kelly and falls in love with Screech. After she and Screech accidentally kill Kelly with drain cleaner and stage a double suicide with Zack and A.C., the two have a falling out. The episode ends with Screech dying in an explosion. (season 1, episode 5)

In an attempt to be taken seriously as a journalist, Lisa dresses up as a boy and transfers to a nearby school. Screech is her annoying, centerfold-obsessed brother. (season 2, episode 8)

Mr. Belding is murdered by Russian paratroopers, as Zack and the gang hide in the wilderness. Most of the gang dies, until Kelly and A.C. reach unoccupied territory. (season 5, episode 1)

Mr. Belding seizes Kelly’s ticket to a Ramones show, so she and Jessie try to win a radio contest. Bayside is destroyed for real at the end of the episode. (season 7, episode 2)

Mr. Belding is planning to go on vacation, when he is told that he has to personally teach Zack, A.C., Screech, Kelly, Lisa, and Jessie in June, July, and August. (season 3, episode 4)

Zack is obsessed with drawing male genitalia. He and A.C. are invited to a party at Kelly’s house. Screech has a fake ID with a strange name on it. (season 14, episode 8)

Zack and Screech create a woman (Kelly) while dealing with Screech’s overbearing brother A.C. Kelly helps Zack and Screech hook up with Lisa and Jessie, and eventually becomes a gym teacher. (season 10, episode 12)

Screech gets psychic powers, and wreaks havoc at the prom. (season 9, episode 4)
The Fall of the House of Usher
**Hop-Frog**

*Hop-Frog is an educational story about revenge, hopping, and leaping.*

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<td>• Where the brothers hang out</td>
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This story is pretty grotesque, but there's no accounting for taste.
MS Found in a Bottle

What’s on the other side of this display?

This puzzle uses 17 different bottles with six letters on each bottle.
The Murders in the Rue Morgue

Surprise! The orang-outang did it.

Several answers will not fit in the grid and must be replaced by some suspicious characters. If the first letter of these characters is the Nth letter of the alphabet, circle the Nth letter of that clue to spell out the answer to this puzzle. Enumerations have been withheld.

Across
1. Examine one's head over mountain
7. Totally list a part of the nobility
11. Here in France, it's somewhat illicit
12. Precluding yen, how one might send money from a religious leader
14. A turn, returning to city in Egypt
15. Treasure containing essence of alchemy grew stronger
17. A negative time in Spain
18. Actor Sean's like metal
20. Go back to pleasant thoughts, if one became small
21. Shy with quiet model
22. Shake your head no, end to end
23. Listen to the Pointer in the Sky in the Beginning
24. Throw past office area
26. Search for tart with pecan center
27. Ignore ski patrol's leader
28. Puppet missing tail in tree
30. Scared, crazed, connected to God
32. Johns interpreted T.S. Eliot
34. Stirred up muscle lotion
35. Wing weight, ignoring insult
38. He was a scarecrow more intrepid, good for dreams primarily
39. Mudshark’s exterior is dark
40. Consume part of the atom
41. Female's bread, reportedly
42. Surprisingly rosy, comprehending pith of misused possessive
43. Any goal's disastrous by comparison

Down
1. Takes back place a drunk might sit
2. No place for peaceful drug
3. Lie about Oracle's chief, move quickly
4. Stop getting bigger with layer of metal – gold
5. Spoil bird, we hear
6. Matador's target gored looter (2 wds)
8. What's in a messy closet: habillements, primarily!
9. Evil bane's transformation is wanted?
10. Write about animal at last (thank you...that's enough)
12. Stoked to get going with each
13. Recruiter's agent turned back after losing head
16. Experiences laughter
19. Make a soft sound with artificial language: "Wood"
24. Be inconspicuous like skinless alien and skinless clown (2 wds)
25. Most desirable jewel in Tim's possession? Just the opposite
26. Un pleasurably covered short hack
27. Bossier radical concealing letter from NATO
28. Damaged cues make money
29. So-so verse describing set of rules
31. Leon dances without a match
32. Journal to mollycoddle all but Metro chief
33. Part's not right...hooray
36. Of books' volume and a registry (just cover-to-cover)
37. Confusion surrounding Republican animal
Never Bet the Devil Your Head

After running around with the devil, he might try to a two-for-one deal.
The Oblong Box

These boxes might have more than you might expect.

Actress Marlene (8)
Advantage in a race (4 5)
Aquarium resident that’s very ladylike? (10)
Argo product (10)
Common puzzle type (4 6)
Dutch beer (6 5)
Engine bars (9)
Exact and accurate (7)
Feature of flags of Tunisia, Panama, and California (3 4)
Intended for people who have difficulty learning (8)
Liquidated furniture? (9)
Non-flying bird (7)
Opinion piece (9)
Related to children’s medicine (9)
Small furry pet (7)
Statement used in an argument (7)
Substances at the center of a baseball scandal (8)
Think about beforehand (11)
The Purloined Letter

Relax, it's only a game.
The Tell-Tale Heart

There’s something in the floorboards, but what?

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**Answers: Previous Issue**

**Adults and Adulteration**
The word search contains past and present Adult Swim shows. Assy McGee, Black Jesus, Childrens Hospital, China, IL, Decker: Unclassified, Delocated, Dream Corp, LLC, Eagleheart, Fishcenter, Frisky Dingo, Hot Package, King Star King, Loiter Squad, Metalocalypse, Mike Tyson Mysteries, Moral Orel, Mr. Pickles, Newsreaders, NTSF:SD:SUV:; Off The Air, Rick And Morty, Robot Chicken, Squidbillies, Superjail, The Big O II, The Eric Andre Show, The Heart, She Holler, Your Pretty Face Is Going To Hell

The unused trigrams can be used to spell "FOR THE FINAL ANSWER, WHAT TWO WORDS PRECEDE COOKS IN AN ADULT SWIM INFOMERCIAL?" The answer is TOO MANY.

**Blocks and Busybodies**
Each block conceals five related terms. In addition, each block includes something that is also an occupation (loosely speaking), shown in red.

- Crazy, George, Howdy, Scout, Wonder (Boy ____)
- Balloon, Interest, Margin, Principal, Underwater (Loan Terms)
- Decanter, Flagon, Pitcher, Punchbowl, Tureen (Water Containers)
- Methodical, Orderly, Precise, Regulated, Shipshape ("Neat" Synonyms)
- Anchor, Ballast, Bowsprit, Mizzenmast, Topail (Parts Of A Ship)
- Beignet, Cobbler, Marzipan, Pavlova, Tiramisu (Desserts)
- Beyonce, Liberace, Madonna, Morrissey, Usher (Mononymous Musicians)
- Database, Mainframe, Microchip, Server, Terminal (Computers)
- Attlee, Cameron, Churchill, Macmillan, Thatcher (British Pms)
- Aviator, Bicycle, Hoyle, Streamline, Tallyho (Card Brands)
- Argentine, Carpenter, Electric, Ghost, Pavement (Types Of Ants)
- Chrome, Firefox, Navigator, Opera, Safari (Browsers)

Indexing the occupation with the number provided spells UNION BUSTING.

**Decks and Detectives**
One-Trait answers can each be found in the squares in the row or column for that trait. (For types of gems, answers go left to right, top to bottom. For sizes, answers go down Diamonds, then Opals, then Pearls.) Cross off those letters.

- [YELLOW] Condition: COWARDICE
- [SINGLE]-Minded: MONOMANIACAL
- [GREEN] one, likely: FLEDGLING
- [RED] party member: BOLSHEVIK
- Minnie [PEARL] performed here (3 wds): GRAN OLE OPRY
- [CLUSTER]s: AGGREGATIONS
- A [PAIR] is often in one: RELATIONSHIP
- He often works [BLUE]: ECDYSIAT
- #9 on a [DIAMOND]: RIGHT FIELDER
- The Simpsons parody of her was [OPAL]: OPRAY WINFREY

Leftover letters spell MUDDY FOOTPRINT.

**Faust and Faultiness**
Each set of symbols is a cryptogram using one of four sets of warning symbols. Each cryptogram describes an image in one of the other sets.

- **ANSI Symbols**
  - Jughead crowns must be removed before entering the premises. (laundry symbols, W)
  - The ferris wheel has come to a complete unexpected stop. (car dashboard, A)
  - Sorry, you big oafs, but you have to get out of the car now. (road signs, R)

- **Car Dashboard Symbols**
  - Do not unwrap your candy here; it’ll make too much noise. (laundry, N)
  - Your hairstyle looks way too much like Carrot Top’s. (ANSI Symbols, I)
  - The across clue is a river in Europe and down clue has a variant tag. (road signs, L)

- **Laundry Symbols**
  - The gravy boat is leaking just a little bit. (car dashboard, G)
  - Your hairstyle looks way too much like Carrot Top’s. (ANSI Symbols, I)
  - Do not unwrap your candy here; it’ll make too much noise. (laundry, N)

- **Road Signs**
  - Please be quiet…my show about the ellipsis is on television. (laundry symbols, G)
  - My lyre has no strings and that alarms me. (car dashboard, G)
  - Thing from the Addams Family has gotten way too big for his britches. (ANSI Symbols, T)

The answer is WARNING LIGHT.

**Ennui and Endurance**

- Jitterbug Dancers
- Ennui and Endurance
- Nfinity
- The across clue is a river in Europe and down clue has a variant tag. (road signs, N)

**Gliding and Gladiators**
Each set of footprints matches the stars in a constellation clued by the description below.

- Canis Major, Sagittta, Leo Minor, Libra, Auriga, Andromeda, Triangulum, Hercules, Crus

Each constellation matches the length of one of the dances shown (e.g., Canis Major = Hokey Pokey). Taking the letters from the constellations that correspond with the bolded letters in the dances spell out (in image order) JITTERBUG DANCERS.
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<th>Creatures and Changes</th>
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<th>delete 3rd letter from end, add a T</th>
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<td>Containing many small holes throughout</td>
<td>POROUS</td>
<td>O-&gt;A, no Us</td>
<td>PARAS</td>
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<td>Smith who played Hightower and Nickname for Clinton</td>
<td>BUBBA</td>
<td>3rd letter-&gt;L, add SAUR onto end</td>
<td>BULBASAUR</td>
<td>VENUSAUR [N]</td>
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<td>Standup and musician Judy</td>
<td>TENUTA</td>
<td>No Us, add “super” word to end</td>
<td>TENTACOOL</td>
<td>TENTACRUEL [N]</td>
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<td>November, Nisan, or Germinal</td>
<td>MONTH</td>
<td>Ns to W, add E after 1st letter</td>
<td>MEOWTH</td>
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<td>Mister Whipple brand</td>
<td>CHARMIN</td>
<td>2nd letter from end-&gt;A, add DER</td>
<td>CHARMANDER</td>
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<td>Like Tarantino’s Fiction</td>
<td>PULP</td>
<td>1st letter-&gt;V, add Roman numeral</td>
<td>VULPIX</td>
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<td>Nina’s sister ship</td>
<td>PINTA</td>
<td>I-&gt;O, add Y before 2nd letter from end</td>
<td>PONYTA</td>
<td>RAPIDASH [H]</td>
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<td>Symbol found on staves</td>
<td>CLEF</td>
<td>Change last letter to monster starting with that letter</td>
<td>CLEFAIRY</td>
<td>CLEFABLE [E]</td>
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<td>Academy Award winning actor William</td>
<td>HOLDEN</td>
<td>Move 1st letter back one in alphabet, double penultimate letter</td>
<td>GOLDEEN</td>
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<td>Large liquid container</td>
<td>VAT</td>
<td>Add word meaning “zero” backwards after 1st letter</td>
<td>VENONAT</td>
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<td>This person provides assistance to knights when jousting</td>
<td>SQUIRE</td>
<td>Add TL before last letter</td>
<td>VENUSaur</td>
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<td>Tammany Hall’s Boss</td>
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<td>Remove 1st letter, add LE</td>
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<td>French Writer Marcel</td>
<td>PROUST</td>
<td>Move penultimate letter to beginning, then prefix with type of curve</td>
<td>BELLSPROUT</td>
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<td>Escape from New York’s Plissken</td>
<td>SNAKE</td>
<td>Reverse</td>
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<td>Blank and feather</td>
<td>TAR</td>
<td>Reverse first 3 letters, add word meaning “bye”</td>
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<td>Incan citadel Machu what</td>
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<td>3rd letter-&gt;KA</td>
<td>PIKACHU</td>
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<td>Person providing food for events</td>
<td>CATERER</td>
<td>Add Greek letter before penultimate, remove last letter</td>
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<td>Line formed where two sloping surfaces join</td>
<td>RIDGE</td>
<td>Move first letter back 2, add Y</td>
<td>PIDGEY</td>
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<td>Either Brother famous for telling fairy tales</td>
<td>GRIMM</td>
<td>Last letter-&gt;ER</td>
<td>GRIMER</td>
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<td>Number multiplied by its own square</td>
<td>CUBE</td>
<td>Add preposition before last letter</td>
<td>CUBONE</td>
<td>MAROWAK [R]</td>
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<td>The country whose capital is Muscat</td>
<td>OMAN</td>
<td>Add YTE to end</td>
<td>OMANYTE</td>
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<td>Famed and dear advice columnist</td>
<td>ABBY</td>
<td>Add KR to beginning</td>
<td>KRABBY</td>
<td>KINGLER [I]</td>
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<td>Perform commands like computers</td>
<td>EXEGGCUTE</td>
<td>After 3rd letter, add double letter where letter = length of word</td>
<td>EXEGGCUTE</td>
<td>EXEGGUTOR [X]</td>
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<td>Friend to Winnie the Pooh</td>
<td>PIGLET</td>
<td>1st letter-&gt;D, double last letter</td>
<td>DIGLETT</td>
<td>DUGTRIO [O]</td>
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<td>Long pointy weapon</td>
<td>SPEAR</td>
<td>Add word meaning “ouch” to end</td>
<td>SPEAROW</td>
<td>FEAROW [F]</td>
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<td>Constantly agreeing sycophantic toady</td>
<td>YESMAN</td>
<td>Add K to end, reverse first 2 letters and move to end, remove 3rd letter</td>
<td>MANKEY</td>
<td>PRIMEAPE [A]</td>
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<td>Provide gossip about</td>
<td>DISH</td>
<td>Add 3rd letter and 1st letter to front</td>
<td>ODDISH</td>
<td>VILEPLUME [M]</td>
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<td>Rick who will never give you up</td>
<td>ASTLEY</td>
<td>Add G to beginning, remove penultimate letter</td>
<td>GASTLY</td>
<td>GENgAR [A]</td>
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<td>Strong metal alloy of iron and carbon</td>
<td>STEEL</td>
<td>Remove 2nd letter</td>
<td>SEEL</td>
<td>DEWGONG [N]</td>
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Each clue must undergo a transformation, and its answer must undergo to the same transformation to get a Gen 1 Pokemon. Evolve (twice if indicated) and index to get “GENESIS HE SHALL BE A FOUR SIX OF A MAN.” The answer is WILD DONKEY.

### Hunger and Hankerings

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Each empty space with a slash can have one of two letters entered to form words reading down. The remaining empty spaces can be filled in to spells various meats as well as fruit or snacks. These additional letters spell NUTRAGeous BAR.

### Inns and Intonations

Each sign clues a word ending with an answer to one of the clues at the bottom plus INN. VIOLIN (VILE), VENISON (VENICE), RECKON (WRECK), PALADIN (PALLID), CHARLATAN (CHARLOTTE), LICHEN (LIKE), MANNEQUIN (MANIC), MELANIN (MELON), KERATIN (CARROT), MAUDLIN (MODEL), TERRAPIN (TEAR UP), VETERAN (VEDDER). Use the number in brackets as an index but order using the signs to get LOCAL CULTURE.
Justice and Justifiability
Sumatra, unearth, privacy, retrial, embargo, mailbag, elapsed, cravats, oil well, unwraps, rivalry, Toronto, Jeffrey, unicorn, spoiler, tonight, Iron Man, command, employs, shampoo. First letters spell SUPREME COURT JUSTICIES.

Each row in the grid consists of two words with a space in the middle. The name of a Supreme Court justice can be found in the middle of each row.

- ginsBurg
- fortAs
- marShall
- tanEy
- solUtter
- laMar
- camPbell
- allto
- warRen
- brandEis

The answer is BASE UMPIRE.

Jane Austen
As with her famed novels Pride and Prejudice and Sense and Sensibility, each puzzle uses two words starting with the same letter separated by “and.” In addition, each answer is a two-word phrase where the same letter can replace the first letter in each word to make a new phrase.

A ZOO ZANY Z
B ONION OUSTING O
C MILD MONKEY M
D BUDDY BOOTPRINT B
E IRONING IN I
F EARNING EIGHT E
G LITTERBUG LANCERS L
H OUTRAGEOUS OAR O
I VOCAL VULTURE V
J EASE EMPIRE E
K RIFE ROACH R
L SEDUCTIVE SEASONING S

The answer is ZOMBIE LOVERS.

Kids and Kindergarten
In solving each quote, the trigram ABC needs to be replaced with an abbreviation. (If done correctly, it will be in the correct spot alphabetically). Each clue leads to an answer starting with A, B, or C. Pick the letter from the abbreviation that matches that letter (e.g., in the first clue, ABC becomes CPR. The answer starts with B, giving the letter P.)

- The Holger Nielsen method of CPR was first published in this group’s handbook (but didn’t necessarily include a badge): Boy Scouts
- Lorne is a demon with the power of ESP on what fantasy series: Angel
- Place in Georgia that is home to the band REM or Greek capital: Athens
- This long-running CBS show lost one of its leads because of increased violence on the show: Criminal Minds
- HBO series created by Larry David: Curb Your Enthusiasm
- Some hosts for this flagship program of NPR include Robert Siegel and Audie Cornish: All Things Considered
- In a famous PSA series, McGruff would urge you to take a bite out of what: Crime
- BLT Sandwiches contain this meat, which is also Sir Francis’s last name: Bacon
- Stormbreaker is the first of a series of novels about this MI6 agent: Alex Rider
- This pioneering feminist penned the initial draft of the ERA early in the twentieth century: Alice Paul
- The DNA-testing show Finding Your Roots withheld information about this celebrity’s slave-owning ancestors: Ben Affleck
- Comedian Marc Maron interviewed what president for his podcast WTF: Barack Obama
- RKO 281 is about the making of what film, with Liev Schreiber in the main role?: Citizen Kane
- This company employed an ARG, I Love Bees, to help promote the sequel to Halo: Bungie
- The mock documentary CB4 featured this comedian in an early role as Albert: Chris Rock
- VO5 or Suave hair product, or word following air: Conditioner
- Selected letters spell “PERSONAL MENTOR 4 5.” The answer is LIFE COACH.

Logic and Lullabies
Below shows the answer to the logic puzzle is given below.

| A | ZOO ZANY | Z |
| B | ONION OUSTING | O |
| C | MILD MONKEY | M |
| D | BUDDY BOOTPRINT | B |
| E | IRONING IN | I |
| F | EARNING EIGHT | E |
| G | LITTERBUG LANCERS | L |
| H | OUTRAGEOUS OAR | O |
| I | VOCAL VULTURE | V |
| J | EASE EMPIRE | E |
| K | RIFE ROACH | R |
| L | SEDUCTIVE SEASONING | S |

Pet names are not part of the grid, but the six-letter names can be entered in the grid, as shown below.

Ladybug spider s p i d e r s p i d e r s p i d e r
Lamprey verona v e r o n a v e r o n a v e r o n a
Lemming deacon d e a c o n d e a c o n d e a c o n
Lemur citrus c i t r u s c i t r u s c i t r u s
Llama tenrec t e n r e c t e n r e c t e n r e c t
Lorikeet ortega o r t e g a o r t e g a o r t e g a

Highlight the letters that correspond with the matching data to get DEDUCTIVE REASONING.
Breakfast Maladies
The mascot for Cap’n CRUNCH has a CRUTCH, the mascot for FROOT Loops has FROST, and the mascot for TRIX is about to TRIP. Each of these is a single-letter change. Therefore, the CHARTS owner is most likely Lucky, the mascot for Lucky CHARMS.

Soundest Tracks

Quote Square
“The road to hell is paved with adverbs.” Stephen King
(nursery, ceiling, chamber, bedroom, hallway, kitchen, pantry, parlor, lounge, cellar, alcove, closet, larder

The Sixty-Second Test
fine wine, fish wish, fire wire, fig wig, Ford word, fork work, found wound, fitness witness, feather weather, foe woe

Word Garden
Centipede, Asteroids, Breakout, Tempest, Defender, Joust, Berzerk, Commando, Adventure, Kangaroo, Outlaw. Extra letters: Twenty-Six Hundred. These are all Atari 2600 games.

Jawdroppin’ Challenger
shrivel, Playboy, Marvel, problem, honesty, epitaph, seagull, marriage, encrypt, pilgrim, fandango, grungler, bridge, eyesight, bassoon, Jedi, curfew, grownup, invent, lizard, absorb, azure, combat, twenty. “Role playing is fun but I’m starting to wonder why my girlfriend will only let me dress up as my brother Randy.”

Cryptolistomania
Rocky: Muhammed Ali, Joe Louis, Mike Tyson, Oscar De La Hoya, Joe Frazier, George Foreman, Sonny Liston, Manny Pacquiao, Jack Dempsey, Laila Ali (famous boxers)
Daybreak: Arbor, St. Patrick’s, Saint Valentine’s, Labor, Columbus, Earth, Armistice, President’s, Mother’s, Memorial (holidays ending with Day)
F.I.S.T.: Man, Maiden, Lady, Curtain, Chef, Lung, Horse, Age, Cross, Butterfly (Iron ___)
Stop! Or My Mom With Shoot: A League of Their Own, Clueless, The Hurt Locker, Grease 2, The Piano, The Virgin Suicides, The Kids Are Alright, Tiny Furniture, Wayne’s World, Take This Waltz (movies directed by women)
Rhinestone: Danube, Avon, Dneiper, Seine, Loire, Tagus, Volga, Moselle, Thames, Po (European rivers)
Oscar: Picture, Supporting Actress, Director, Sound Editing, Original Screenplay, Costume Design, Makeup and Hairstyling, Foreign Language Film, Visual Effects, Documentary Short Subject (Oscar categories)

Sample Cryptics
Puzzle 1

Puzzle 2
Across 1. JUST+ICE; 5. SER+OUS; 6. likeBAANans; 7. GALLERY*; Down 1. JO(SHIN)G; 2. SURREAL (sir reel); 3. I+SO+LATE; 4. E(CST)ASY

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