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Meta Puzzle: Passionate Lovers

The individual puzzles can all be paired off, with both items falling into the same category. There is a dictionary word defining a lover of items in that category.

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For each tile, the number is the Nth letter of one of two people in that couple. Unnumbered spaces spell Don Juan.

Harold’s Puzzle

Each answer is the latter half of a well-known movie, where the first part is always a gerund.


Taking the nth letter (from the parenthesis), you’ll get STALLONE’S FIRST NAME which is Sylvester.

Ophelia’s Puzzle

Trivia question answers in order: the 2nd amendment, Apollo 13, The Last Supper, 14 Points, First Night, Last Tango in Paris, One Flew Over the Cuckoo’s Nest, Ten Cents A Dime, Leaderboard, 7-Up, Nine Inch Nails, Two Pair, Decathlon, 7 Days in May, petit fours, epicenter, secondary colors, George III

Paul Lynde is in the center, Richard Simmons is above him, and Triumph is either to his left or right. Tina Fey is right below Triumph, and on the left side of the board. Following the game, Toph is on the opposite side of Paul Lynde from Tina Fey. There are three women remaining, so Caroline Rhea can’t be in the bottom row; she’s in the top row. Montel can’t be in the center, nor can Ellen Degeneres, Charo is. Following the game, Ellen is on the right, Montel on the left, giving us

T | RS | CR
TF | PL | TG
MW | C  | ED

Each trivia answer involves a number, or position. Using that number as an index, one gets these letters in the two games.

TSC | IIN
TAE | INC
MON | TAE

Taking just X’s, you’ll get TIC TACTOE; taking just O’s, you’ll get ISINEMAN. Nine Man Morris is a game similar to Tic-Tac-Toe. The answer is Morris.

Opie’s Puzzle

Answers to the clues are laughed, demeter, rec room, montana, android, dilutor, road map, pace lap, pass out, tutara, arsenal, latinos, sounder, reasons, scuffled, dewlaps, sprouts, stewart, trieste, eternal. Answers are entered in a square adjacent to the inner circle, go out, and then come back in.

Letters in the outer squares spell GERTRUDE STEIN’S FLOWER, the answer to which is rose.

Roger’s Puzzle

Cut out and fold the illustrations, inward for dotted lines, outward for dashed lines. Combining two of them together will create a cube of 3x3x3 size, with four dotted sides and two shaded sides.

Shaded letters fall on the faces 1 through 6. In order they spell Chopin.

Sophia’s Puzzle

Clues: Willow, hoagies, artwork, toucans, discord, on the go, torches, hashish, enjoyed, yoplait, hubris, addict, viewed, effuse, issuer, nibble, crafty, obtain, Murphy, miscue, orchid, nuclei


Reading down first letters spell What do they have in common? All of the items are Pulitzer Prize winning players. Yellow shaded letters spell David Auburn’s Play. David Auburn won a Pulitzer for Proof.

Alisha’s Puzzle

This puzzle took a savage beating in the last days before release. Previously the puzzle had been a very pretty urn, with the normal clues in circles, the vowelless clues in curves, and the cryptogram forming tiers of the urn. The art program I had been using became unavailable. Whoops!

Every third line is a different type of clue: the normal clues all lead to three letter answers with both the second and third letters vowels. In order, AAA, DAO, EAU, FEA, GEE, JEU, KIA, LIE, MIL, NIO, ROI, SOO, and VUE. From here one can fill in the blanks with BAE, CAIL, etc.

The curvy clues, which are all vowelless, have the following answers.

SOFT ROCK (Radio music format that includes Billy Joel)
BACKSPIN (Possible rotary motion for a cue ball)
WEST WING (Rob Lowe left this show to do The Lyon’s Den)
HAMPSTER (Kid’s pet similar to a gerbil)
DOGFIGHT (Battle between two planes)
LONG JUMP (Part of a decathlon that has a running start)
REST STOP (Place on the highway to refuel and relax)
PREGNANT (With child)
NEW WORLD (The Americas, in the eyes of the Europeans)
GOLDBLUM (Actor Jeff of Transylvania Six Five Thousand)
FOLK SONG (If I Had a Hammer”, for example)
ABSTRACT (Salvador Dalí style)
BRUSSELS (Capital of Belgium)

Each of the answers has two vowels. (Note that Y does not appear in the answers, although it does appear in some clues.) Decoding by vowel pairs, one gets SCHBERTIFTSAVA, or SCHBERT, if it’s a V. V in the grid is UE, so adding U and E to these letters gives Schubert.

(Errata: Early versions had Churlish as the last answer; this however was incorrect.)

**Teresa’s Puzzle**

This is a simple math substitution puzzle, except it’s in base 13. The cards represent base 13 numbers. In order from 0 to C: 7, J, 10, 6, 8, 5, A, 4, K, 9, Q, 2, and 3.

The cards on the right represent numbers from 1 to 26 (in base 13 of course), and spell out smorgasbord.

**Helena’s Puzzle**


Each of these features a newspaper or magazine. [Chicago Sun-Times, New York Globe, Washington Post, San Francisco Gazette, Comet, Daily Planet, The Gate, New York Sun, New York Herald, Bloom Beacon, Los Angeles Tribune, The Flash, Daily Bugle.] Matching them up with the blanks will result in the starred letters spelling out Maya Gallos Mag. On just Shoot Me, the name of the magazine is Blush.

Notes: Bloom County had both the Bloom Beacon and Bloom Picayune as their newspaper, but in that particular strip, taken from Opus’s Olive Loaf Vigilante days, includes the title Bloom Beacon. How I thought anyone would get Foreign Correspondent is beyond me.

**Lizzie’s Puzzle**

Answers to the clues (clues are in alphabetical order by answer): American Eagle, black death, blowhard, bootblack, bullhorn, cooking oil, courtship, deadhead, death blow, earring, fitting room, free trade, hardtack, half rest, headstone, home cooking, horn pipe, K-Tel, Night Court, North American, other half, papil bull, pipe fitting, play dead, raw sugar, rest home, ring true, search engine, secret agent, shape up, shipshape, Special K, Star Search, Stone Cold, sugar free, Telstar, true north, underplay, up root

These can be joined together to form series. Each of these series matches the license plates with the first and last word matching the numbers, and middle four words matching the four letters.

**Arkansas**: Special K Tel Star Search Engine

**Florida**: Under Play Dead Head Stone Cold

**Indiana**: Papal Bull Horn Pipe Fitting Room

**Massachusetts**: Ear Ring True North American Eagle

**Nevada**: Raw Sugar Free Trade Secret Agent

**Oklahoma**: Boot Black Death Blow Hard Tack

**Utah**: Other Half Rest Home Cooking Oil

**West Virginia**: Night Court Ship Shape Up Root

First letters of the first words and last words spell SUPERBON/ECREATOR. Answer is Dizzy Gillespie.

**Lottie’s Puzzle**

The sets and their images are:

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First letters of the misordered images spell Metropolitan.

**Nate’s Puzzle**

Clue answers: volante, topics, not all, cuties, cistern, exalts, erinite, cablets, lentil, aerates, scenic, slakes, eisner, cresase, elands, soirees, dancers, lidless, sateen, siecles, ensnarl, series, Enrico, dorsal, oneiro-, Dorca’s, Linder, rose ear, ironic, largos, heroin, actors, loaner, viros, octane, Liston

The possible added letters are L and R. Other letters are 1-18: O 19-36: E
1-12: R 13-24: T 25-36: S
Even: S Odd: N
Red: I Black: A

Individual letters, starting with 15, spell V PLUS XL BLACK, RED, ODD, TEN, RED, ODD, EIGHT, EVEN. Taking these specific letters spell out paintings.

**Moog’s Puzzle**

Numbers in the right hand column indicate which letters to take from the specific answers. For example, 53 for California indicates that you should take the 5th and 9th letter to get FL.

Categories and lists: (resulting phrase)
**A state with a a coastline: California, North Carolina, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Alaska (FLORIDA)**
**A card game: Euchre, Canasta, Solitaire, Fantan, Spades (HEARTS)**
**An unusual pet: Alligator, jaguar, orangutan, aardvark (IGUANA)**
**A country in Africa: Sudan, Zimbabwe, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Angola (NAMIBIA)**
**Something you read in the newspaper: Crossword, Ann Landers, Movie Listings, Obituaries, Op-Ed, Box Scores (WANT ADS)**
** An event you might dress up for: Wedding, Funeral, Interview, Reunion (DINNER)

** A musical instrument: Guitar, Cymbals, Accordion, Snare Drum, Rattle (TAMBOUR)

In each case, the numbers do not add up to 100. Subtracting the totals from 100 give a single-digit number. Using that as an index to the final answers provides the letters rhubarb.

Stan’s Puzzle

A straightforward cryptogram: the first eight letters of the alphabet decode as NETWORKS.

The L Word (Showtime)
Six Feet Under (HBO)
Desperate Housewives (ABC)
Strong Medicine (Lifetime TV for Women)
Design on a Dime (HGTB)
Shotgun Journal (Outdoor Channel)
Girlfriends (UPN)
Queer Eye and the Straight Guy (Bravo)
Farscape (Sci Fi)
Girls Behaving Badly (Oxygen)
South Park (Comedy Central)
Kim Possible (Disney)
Epicurious (Travel Channel)
Tilt (ESPN)
Forensic Files (Court TV)

Reading the first letters of the networks for each show, you’ll get SHALHOUB’S OCD TEC. This is Monk (a show on the USA network).

Milt’s Puzzle

Answers start in the numbered squares and go in any of the eight cardinal directions, bouncing off the cushions if necessary. Six answers are too long to fit. The extra letters will fall into the pockets. The letters in order spell angles.