

Island 3

Meta Puzzle: Bon Appetit!

Each item on the menu is a somewhat common food item. Answers to the other puzzles in this round are anagrams of the internal letters, minus a letter.

Western Omelet	Lemon Trees	E
Fruit Salad	Austria	L
Chopped Liver	Pedophile	V
Sirloin Steak	Relations	I
Colby Cheese	Leech Boy	S
Gingersnaps	Earnings	P
Orangeade	Agenda	R
Soda Bread	Abroad	E
Grasshopper	Prophase	S
Milk Shake	Khakis	L
Clipped	Apple Cider	E
Oyster Stew	Streets	Y

Extra letters spell **Elvis Presley**.

Billie Sings The Blues

Each of the images represents a holiday (hinted at by the title)

"The Big Hangover"	New Year's Day	01/01
Tony Blair	Labor Day (2005)	09/05
Day of the Dead	Day of the Dead	11/02 + 2
Maple Leaf	Canada Day	07/01
Boxer	Boxing Day	12/01
empty set	August	08/07
Candy hearts	Valentine's Day	02/14
Shakespeare	Shakespeare's Birthday	04/23
Knight of Columbus	Columbus Day	10/12 + 2
Mexico	Cinco de Mayo	05/05
US Flag	Flag Day	06/14 + 4
Sham rocks	St. Patrick's Day	03/17 + 2

Taking the months in order, the days (after adding and subtracting) yield 01-14-19-23-05-18 01-07-05-14-04-01. Taking A=1, B=2, this translates to answer **agenda**.

Island 3-Clip n Save

The slips of paper can be arranged to form two word searches (OSCAR can be seen in one of the columns.)

OTNOTLST		TLNAMTAF
SBLALIHL		KROYAPEP
CRAYJEDA		OFEUCLSL
AAKTLASU		UROBINNS
REGMMIKR		HGMXESAI
JEANDAKE		AYRAHEN
SISKELNL		NYDRAHDA
HCNUPYIC		LACEYDUJ

The wordsearches hide pairs of famous couples, one person in each grid: Thelma/Louise, Oscar/Felix, Arlo/Janis, Batman/Robin, Salt/Pepa, Jake/Fatman, Cagney/Lacey, Tonto/Harry, Sid/Nancy, Laurel/Hardy, Jan/Dean, Jekyll/Hyde, Siskel/Ebert, Punch/Judy

Leftover letters spell SIDEKICK OF SLUGMAN. In the Foxtrot comic strips, Jason Fox's Slugman has a sidekick **Leechboy**.

Letters from Hormel

Each sender consists of two synonyms of words that differ by one letter. The Middle Initial is the letter from the left-hand word.

Answers: concert/conceit; virtual/victual; chapter/chaster; dudgeon/dungeon; callout/callous; leopard/leotard; bellows/billows; literal/lateral; swamped/stamped; witches/aitches; brother/brothel; falling/failing; reverse/reverie; ruction/auction; elastic/plastic; bolster/boaster; hardest/harvest; witless/witness

The subjects are episode titles of Monty Python's Flying Circus. Taking the changed letter from the right hand side and reading them in broadcast order yields VIENNA IS ITS CAPITAL, the answer is **Austria**.

Trivia Garden

Answers: Energy, Heartbreak Ridge, Crocodile, Fez, Cheyenne, Sinatra, New Yorkers, Abstract, Inc., Larussa, Tudor, Harp (the rest have fewer than 10), Apple Jacks, Reynaldo, Ethiopia, Donjon, Sartre, Topaz Ring, Ostrich, Thomas, Neverland, Lasagne, Rhubarb, Weill, Postern of Fate, Rebel Billionaire, Eureka, Umbrian, Terpsichore, In Ovo

Completing the message reveals: READ FOURTH LETTERS OF INCORRECT ANSWERS THAT STILL PRODUCE THIS MESSAGE.

Reading the fourth letters of wrong answers with the same initials as the right answer reveals: CHOOSE ONE OF THE TWO WRONG INITIALS.

Refilling the grid by going through and choosing either of the two remaining initials reveals: KNOW'ST THOU THE LAND WHERE THE BLANK BLOOM – WILHELM MEISTER, GOETHE

The blank is **lemon trees**.

Dressed to the Nines

Answers: Mad Hatter, chain gang, shirttail, loincloth, bowlegged, minidress, flaunting, alligator, death mask, housecoat, patchwork, sideburns, bedjacket, bath towel, outerwear

Taking the Nth letter of each answer and reading down the columns left to right reveals TAILOR TO MAKE CLOTHING SNAKE PIT WREATHES FRACAS KERMIT OWING SORBATE.

Each of these words and phrases can be transdeleted to make an article of clothing: panties, sweater, scarf, miter, gown, boater. The leftover letters spell **khakis**.

Acts of Congress

Answer: N+ACRE, αUNTILsa, MIG+HT, BLANd + C, cENTER, REAchT, OD(D)ER rev, FAIR+Y, anTWERP, mEMBER, ROCKS (d.def), MORmON, outclasSINGHalloffamers, AG+LOW, rPLUME*, NAb+OB, CHOReD, CLOGS (d.def), DR+UNK, B(H)ANG, verbalLYRIChsounding (&lit), K+LINK

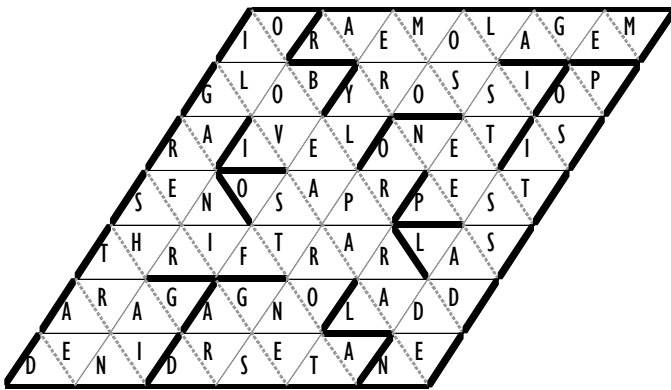
Text: Gingrich Cannon Trumbull Henderson Crisp Cobb Polk Muhlenberg Wright* Sedgwick Reed Orr Clark Taylor Macon Foley* Martin Bankhead*

These are all Speakers of the House. The first 13 answers start with NUMBER OF TERMS. Taking the number of terms for each speaker as an index, one gets INTERCOURSE OR A CLAN. The answer to this clue is **relations** (which, like the puzzle's title, is a euphemism for sex).

* Wright was elected in 1987 and 1989, but his second term was cut short because of ethics violations. Foley took over, and served 2 more terms beyond that. Bankhead took over after Byrns died in 1936, was elected in 1937 and 1939, and died in 1940 halfway through that term.

Island 3-Shiny Dimas

Starting at the first letter, answers follow a path through the



diamonds, bouncing off mirrors, eventually coming back to the second letter. The completed grid appears below. Borders spell out STREETS.

Island 3-Stretching Exercise

Answers read across. Spaces that stretch across more than one row are used in all answers it intersects. In row order, the answers are

- JAMB LAYAWAY ACES
- JAMBALAYA ATTACKS
- LAMBASTE GASTANKS
- LAMINATING STEERS
- FINAL NOON ERRS
- ELFIN LONDONDERRY
- ELDIABLO DOUGHBOY
- END ABROAD USHER
- INDIA READJUSTED
- MEDIOCRE DAUNTING
- MENLO REEDBUNTING
- MANHOUR EMBOSsing
- MADHOUSES ROSSINI
- TEDIOUS SCRIMSHAW
- TAPIOCA VCR PSHAW
- TAXI CASHCROP HAW

All of the clues except for ABROAD are clued. **Abroad** is the answer.

Island 3-Who's Your Daddy?

The least expensive woman is not Beriberi, Hyacinth, (clue 2), Slowride (clue 6), Chantele (clue 1), Pink Lady, or Black Cat (clue 5). She is either Rhapsody or Marianne. The least expensive service is not Double Dip (clue 3&prev.), Pop the Weasel (clue 3), Walk the Cat (clue 7), Jagged Edge (clue 2), Rope Burn, Yankee Swap (clue 4), or Lazy Lad (clue 1). It's the Quick Trip. It costs less than \$125 (clue 8). If Walk the Cat were the \$125 service, Quick Trip would be \$75, contradicting clue 8. Walk the Cat is more than \$125. Quick Trip must be \$100, and Walk the Cat \$150 (since all services are multiples of \$25, introduction). The \$125 service is not the Lazy Lad (clue 1), Jagged Edge (clue 2), Pop the Weasel (clue 3), or Rope Burn (clue 4). If it's the Double Dip, then Pop the Weasel costs \$225, which contradicts clue 8. Therefore, the Yankee Swap is \$125.

The \$125 service is not Beriberi's (clue 2), Slowride (clue 4), Pink Lady or Black Cat (clue 5). It cannot be Chantele (clue 1, prev.). Either Rhapsody or Marianne are the cheapest. By Clue 6, Slowride is in between them in terms of cost, so neither Rhapsody or Marianne charges \$125, Hyacinth does.

By clue 2, the Jagged Edge costs \$200, and Beriberi charges \$400. Pink Lady charges \$350 or \$450. If it's the latter, Black Cat charges \$225, which contradicts clue 8. So Pink Lady charges \$350, and Black Cat \$175. Along with \$300 (see second set of instructions), this gives us all 8 costs. The Double Dip doesn't cost \$400, the most (clue 3), nor can it cost \$175 or \$350, as no service is \$275 or \$450 (clue 3). The Double Dip is \$300, and Pop the Weasel is \$400. The Double Dip is not Marianne or Rhapsody's service. If it were Slowride's, either Rhapsody or Marianne would charge \$500, which is impossible. Therefore Chantele does the Double Dip. Slowride charges \$150. Rhapsody doesn't charge more than Chantele, so Marianne charges more than Black Cat. (clue 12). Rhapsody charges the least. The Lazy Lad is more than Chantele's service, so it's the \$350 service, and the Rope Burn is \$175.

Following the second set of instructions:

- RHAPSODY
- HYACINTH
- SLOWRIDE
- BLACKCAT
- MARIANNE
- CHANTELE
- PINKLADY
- BERIBERI

The diagonal spell RYOCAEDI. Decoding with the key CHANTELE yields the word PROPHASE.

Nothing But Net

Each 6-letter answer can be removed from a 10-letter answer.

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| TRENDINESS | TRINES | ENDS |
| POETASTERY | POTTER | EASY |
| INCARNATED | INNATE | CARD |
| TWITTERING | WITTIG | TERN |
| BRAINRAIN | BRANDI | IRAN |
| RAINFOREST | RAREST | INFO |
| HYDRANGEAS | HYDRAS | ANGE |
| TEARGASSED | ERASED | TAGS |

Tracking the common letters from quarter to quarter, one gets **earnings**.

Credit Card Fraud

For each name, shift the letter by the corresponding number of the credit card to get these clues, all of which have credit card related answers.

Cause for an arrest	Charge
Frozen bagel brand	Lenders
Appeal or intrigue	Interest
Like Nip/Tuck's docs	Plastic
Hockey timeout box	Penalty
Breathing outward	Expiration
Make first sight of	Discover

First initials spell **clipped**.

The Orrery

In planetary order:

13 22 5 13 10 19 21 14 16

Moons/letter U

13 22 4 11 2 4 1 5 3

Spirit and Opportunity explored Mars.

13 22 4 11 13 4 1 5 3

Women are from Venus/Men are from Mars divided by 11
(Yuri Gagarin)

13 2 4 1 13 4 1 5 3

3rd Rock From The Sun ran for 6 seasons

13 2 10 1 13 4 1 5 3

Venus Williams, of course

13 4 14 1 13 4 1 5 3

Subtract 1 from 2-4

13 3 13 0 13 4 1 5 3

13 appears 3 times

d 3 d 0 d 4 1 5 3

Poseidon Adventure

d 3 d 0 d 4 1 7 3

Rotate all but Earth (presumably)

p E d o p h i l E

Answer is **pedophile**.