

# ANSWERS

## Puzzle Boat 3

Puzzle answers are given in map order, starting with the 5x5 grid on the left, and working across.

## Broken Windows (L5-R1-C1)



Each “window” can be placed over a line of text so that a six-letter word is formed. In addition, one can “break open” a window by removing a black square to create a seven-letter word. (e.g., the first row of text becomes FAULTY. Remove the black square over the C to get FACULTY.)

The letters exposed by the broken windows spell **CLARA BLANDICK CHARACTER**, which is **AUNTIE EM**. As a further hint, the letters otherwise unused are the lyrics to Somewhere Over the Rainbow starting in the lower right and reading up, then right to left.

## Basic Poetry (L5-R1-C2)

Each line is a clue to a word that rhymes with that line.

- CHARM
- GANDER
- KIN
- IN
- WHY
- BORN
- FOOT
- TRUTH
- DAYS
- ALEXANDER

- TENDER
- SURRENDER
- DODGE
- PUT
- ARM
- ADVANCE

These are words in the 1949 poem by Ogden Nash “Line-Up For Yesterday” which presents a series of players for each letter of the alphabet. Each word is the end of a line in that poem:

- CHARM: M is for Matty
- GANDER: A is for Alex
- KIN: N is for Newsom
- IN: N is for Newsome
- WHY: Y is for Young
- BORN: C is for Cobb
- FOOT: O is for Ott
- TRUTH: R is for Ruth
- DAYS: P is for Plank
- ALEXANDER: A is for Alex
- TENDER: S is for Speaker
- SURRENDER: S is for Speaker
- DODGE: H is for Hornsby
- PUT: O is for Ott
- ARM: M is for Matty
- ADVANCE: E is for Evers

The letters for those stanzas spell “Manny Corpas’s home” which is **PANAMA**.

P.S. The flavortext refers to “Zenith” in the poem, which is not a player.

## Nails (L5-R1-C3)

A list of common sayings and movie quotes have had nouns and verbs replaced with “nail” and “hammer.” Taking the first letters of the words replaced by hammers spells “What as nails, five letters.” The answer is **TOUGH**.

- East is east, WEST is WEST, and never the twain shall meet.
- Don’t count your chickens before they HATCH.
- An APPLE a day keeps the doctor away.
- One if by land, TWO if by sea
- Take your stinking paws off me, you damned dirty APE.
- Two all-beef patties, special SAUCE, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions on a sesame-seed bun
- You’re going to NEED a bigger boat.
- ASK not what your country can do for you, ASK what you can do for your country.
- The road to hell is paved with good

INTENTIONS.

- One small step for man, one giant LEAP for mankind.
- The way to a man’s heart is through his STOMACH.
- Toto, I’ve got a FEELING we’re not in Kansas any more.
- If IT ain’t broke, don’t fix IT.
- Discretion is the better part of VALOR.
- Keep your friends close, but your ENEMIES closer.
- People who LIVE in glass houses should not throw stones.
- ELEMENTARY, my dear Watson.
- To be or not to be, THAT is the question.
- A poor carpenter blames his TOOLS.
- You can’t make an omelet without breaking a few EGGS.
- All roads lead to ROME.
- Too many cooks SPOIL the broth.

## Country & Western (L5-R1-C4)

For each grid, place the letters in it to make a word commonly used in a phrase A&B, and a country. The country and B will be the same length, and have exactly one letter in common in position.

- Arsenic/Jamaica [should be Oldlace (C)]
- Drag/Laos [should be Drop (O)]
- Rhythm/Nauru [should be Blues (U)]
- Skull/Mauritania [should be Crossbones (N)]
- Elephant/Bhutan [should be Castle (T)]
- Car/Greece [should be Driver (R)]
- Cash/Italy [should be Carry (Y)]
- Meat/Cameroon [should be Potatoes (O)]
- Tar/Finland [should be Feather (F)]
- Arts/Canada [should be Crafts (C)]
- Bed/Guatemala [should be Breakfast (A)]
- Assault/Denmark [should be Battery (R)]
- Death/Qatar [should be Taxes (A)]
- Bait/France [should be Switch (C)]
- Fair/Kuwait [should be Square (A)]
- Gilbert/Slovakia [should be Sullivan (S)]

The letters spell **COUNTRY OF CARACAS**, which is **VENEZUELA**.

### Dysfunctional (L5-R1-C5)

First letters of the functions spell “Cryptogram.”  
The variables’ first letters spell “Statement types are letters.”

The functions and primary code are actually a cryptogram using the following key:

- A: declare variable
- B: include file
- C: read file
- D: print file
- E: variable = variable + variable
- F: variable = strlen(text)
- G: connect
- H: push
- I: foreach variable
- K: return
- L: while variable
- M: create array
- N: end
- O: variable = number
- P: ‘comment
- R: echo
- S: variable++
- T: variable >>> file
- U: concatenate array
- V: go to
- W: explode
- Y: throw error

Each function clues a specific type of programming language which the statements in turn represent. (This is to help crack the code.)

In order:

- ASSEMBLY
- COLDFUSION
- FORTRAN
- HYPERTALK
- LOGO
- PASCAL
- POWERSCRIPT
- PYTHON
- VISUALBASIC
- WHITESPACE

The main code block spells out “**WORD BEFORE SOURCE OR FACE**” and the answer is **OPEN**.

### Bard Games (L5-R2-C1)

The words can be used to form quotes from the given Shakespearean characters. Each quote is from a different Act and Scene.

- Adriana: Mightst thou perceive austerely in his <eye> That he did plead in earnest (Comedy of Errors, Act 4. Scene 2)
- Antony: A prize no <less> in worth: keep this man safe (Julius Caesar, Act 5. Scene 4)
- Ariel: You fools! I and my fellows are ministers <of> Fate (The Tempest, Act 3. Scene 3)

- Baptista: Will my daughter <prove> a good musician (The Taming of the Shrew, Act 2. Scene 1)
- Bottom: Do <not> fret yourself too much in the action, mounsieur (A Midsummer’s Night Dream, Act 4. Scene 1)
- Camillo: Prosperity’s the very bond of love Whose fresh complexion and whose heart together <Affliction> alters (Winter’s Tale, Act 4. Scene 4)
- Don Adriano de Armado: I will kiss thy royal <finger>, and take leave. I am a votary. (Love’s Labour Lost, Act 5. Scene 2)
- Duke Vincentio: Give the like notice to Valentinus, <Rowland>, and to Crassus (Measure for Measure, Act 4. Scene 5)
- Feste: I must catechise you for <it>, madonna (Twelfth Night, Act 1. Scene 5)
- First Lord: He has much worthy <blame> laid upon him for shaking (All’s Well That Ends Well, Act 4. Scene 3)
- Ford: As easy as a cannon will <shoot> point-blank twelve score (Merry Wives of Windsor, Act 3. Scene 2)
- George of Plantagenet: Methoughts that I <had> broken from the Tower (Richard III, Act 1. Scene 4)
- Goneril: Let his <knights> have colder looks among you (King Lear, Act 1. Scene 3)
- Jacques: That they call compliment is like th’ <encounter> of two dog-apes (As You Like It, Act 2. Scene 5)
- King of France: He is bred out of that bloody strain that haunted us in our <familiar> paths (Henry V, Act 2. Scene 4)
- King Phillip: Look, who comes <here>! a grave unto a soul (King John, Act 3. Scene 4)
- Macbeth: Methought I <heard> a voice cry ‘Sleep no more! (Macbeth, Act 2. Scene 2)
- Messenger: Hardly keeps his <men> from mutiny (Henry VI, Part I, Act 1. Scene 1)
- Octavius: That thou, my brother, my competitor In top of all <design>, my mate in empire (Antony and Cleopatra, Act 5. Scene 1)
- Ophelia: O heavenly powers, <restore> him (Hamlet, Act 3. Scene 1)
- Prince John: But all are banish’d till their conversations appear more wise and <modest> to the world. (Henry IV, Part II, Act 5. Scene 5)
- Romeo: Farewell, farewell! <one> kiss, and I’ll descend (Romeo & Juliet, Act 3. Scene 5)
- Second Lord: If it be a sin to make a true <election>, she is damned (Cymbeline, Act 1. Scene 2)
- Soldier: What’s on this tomb I cannot read; the character <I’ll> take with wax (Timon Athens, Act 5. Scene 3)
- Tamora: The snake lies rolled <in> the

cheerful sun (Titus Andronicus, Act 2. Scene 3)

First letters of the missing words, in act and scene order, spell **MEKHI PHIFER OH ONE BARD FILM**. The answer is **O**.

### Nine to Five (L5-R2-C2)

Answers to the clues below each grid are five-letter words. They can be entered into the grids using the five spaces on the bottom. The nine-letter answers will use the same five letters and can be placed in the top. Yellow dots mark the letters **BEVERLY D’ANGELO**.

- BRAIN (pairs with BARBARIAN) [B]
- ROUTE (pairs with CROQUETTE) [E]
- ISLES (pairs with DISSOLVES) [V]
- PASTY (pairs with PEASANTRY) [E]
- SPIES (pairs with SURPRISES) [R]
- OCEAN (pairs with PORCELAIN) [L]
- SNORT (pairs with SENIORITY) [Y]
- EXERT (pairs with DEXTERITY) [D]
- HATCH (pairs with HEARTACHE) [A]
- CRATE (pairs with INCARNATE) [N]
- NORMS (pairs with IGNORAMUS) [G]
- PINES (pairs with EMPTINESS) [E]
- SEPIA (pairs with SKEPTICAL) [L]
- BLOND (pairs with BALLOONED) [O]

### More Icebreakers (L5-R2-C3)

The solution is below. Letters that correspond with icebergs spell EUROPEAN UNION.

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.xxxx..II..x
...I.x..I...
x....xI..xx
x....xI...I
x.x..x..x..
x.x.....
x.x...x.x.x
.....Ix.x.x
.....x..
I.xxxx..II..x
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..x..I...I..
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### Quatrains (L5-R2-C4)

This puzzle is based on “Unprecedented Discovery” from the 2003 MIT Mystery Hunt. Each group of five items consists of four items that have something in common, and one item that is slightly different. Each connection can also be applied to a card in the Major Arcana (minus “The”).

- Consists of letters found on a single phone key [Odd One Out: IRAQ. Pairs with MOON]
- Adding R after the 3rd letter makes a new word [Odd One Out: ARCHES. Pairs with DEATH]
- Noun meaning judgment [Odd One Out: EVALUATE. Pairs with JUDGMENT]
- Has two pronunciations [Odd One Out:

- DESSERT. Pairs with TOWER]
- Word from a Bill Bixby TV series [Odd One Out: OUTER. Pairs with MAGICIAN]
- Word before “Proof” [Odd One Out: BEG. Pairs with FOOL]
- Same cryptographic apttern [Odd One Out: KICKASS. Pairs with EMPRESS]
- D&D Character Attribute [Odd One Out: RACE. Pairs with STRENGTH]
- Ends with an insect [Odd One Out: INTERSECT. Pairs with HIEROPHANT]
- Kind of Penguin [Odd One Out: WILLY. Pairs with EMPEROR]
- US Cabinet department [Odd One Out: SENATE. Pairs with JUSTICE]
- Ends with a letter sound [Odd One Out: OLEANDER. Pairs with HIGH PRIESTESS]
- One of the 7 virtues [Odd One Out: MERCY. Pairs with TEMPERANCE]
- M. Night Shyamalan movie [Odd One Out: EARTH. Pairs with DEVIL]
- Begins with pronoun [Odd One Out: EMUS. Pairs with HERMIT]
- Chuck Woolery show [Odd One Out: EYE GUESS. Pairs with WHEEL OF FORTUNE]
- Ends with backwards Greek letter [Odd One Out: VATS. Pairs with SUN]
- Becomes new word when second letter added on the end [Odd One Out: FLOAT. Pairs with STAR]
- Contains a Star Wars character [Odd One Out: NIKANASSIN. Pairs with HANGED MAN]
- Starts with a word that means “Cook” [Odd One Out: HEPBURN. Pairs with CHARIOT]
- Becomes a plant when a new letter is added to the front [Odd One Out: TRES. Pairs with LOVERS]
- Word in a James Bond title [Odd One Out: RAKER. Pairs with WORLD]

First letters of the odd ones out taken in order spells “Book with seer named Fiver.” That book is [WATERSHIP DOWN](#).

#### A Puzzle to Spare (L5-R2-C5)

Blue tires are in lowercase, and white in uppercase, as suggested by the tires at the bottom. Each flat answer becomes one of the fixed answers by rotating (either 90, 180, or 270 degrees) the letters and replacing the last letter.

- yolk -> holy
- waNe -> meNu
- Phew -> dyad
- Suet -> SnaP
- MOwN -> WOmb
- synC -> shuN
- hopi -> yoda
- SonY -> Sour
- rePo -> jade

- coZy -> noNE
- nOIr -> COHN

The new last letter matches up with one of the tires at the bottom, if rotating back the same amount. Take the flat letters in that same order.

q n P j a z h n e d w  
b u d r e n y n a p e  
N e w Y o r k C i t y

#### Slash Fiction (L5-R3-C1)

Each set of slashes is taken from the cover of a Stephen King novel. Index by the number of slashes.

- Carrie [C]
- The Shining [H]
- The Stand [A]
- Cujo [O]
- Pet Semetary [S]
- It [T]
- Christine [H]
- Cell [E]
- Rose Madder [O]
- Desperation [R]
- Misery [Y]

Indexed letters spell [CHAOS THEORY](#).

#### Entertainment as Usual (L5-R3-C2)

Each of the stars has served in a political office at some point:

- Mayors (red stars)
  - Jerry Springer (Cincinnati)
  - Jack Kelly (Huntington Beach)
  - Alan Autry (Fresno)
  - Clint Eastwood (Carmel)
- Representatives (yellow stars)
  - Ben Jones (Georgia)
  - Sonny Bono (California)
  - Fred Grandy (Iowa)
- Senators (orange stars)
  - Al Franken (Minnesota)
  - Fred Thomspen (Tennessee)
- Governors (green stars)
  - Jesse Ventura (Minnesota)
  - Arnold Schwarzenegger (California)
  - Ronald Reagan (California)
- Ambassadors (black stars)
  - Shirley Temple Black (Ghana)
  - John Gavin (Mexico)

Enter the areas they serve into the blanks provided. Numbered spaces, in order, will spell [CHRISTINA RICCI](#).

#### Bone Apart (L5-R3-C4)

- FABULIST (contains FIBULA)
- TELL APART (contains PATELLA)
- MALPRACTICE (contains CARPAL)
- CHANGE PLACES WITH (contains

PHALANGES)

- ENCAPSULATE (contains SCAPULA)
- LIBATION (contains TIBIA)
- MANUAL (contains ULNA)
- PERFUMER (contains FEMUR)
- FORMIDABLENESS (contains MANDIBLE)
- HARUM SCARUM (contains SACRUM)
- SERVICE CALL (contains CLAVICLE)
- MANICURIST (contains CRANIUM)
- INSTRUMENT (contains STERNUM)
- PERSUADING (contains RADIUS)

Each answer contains the name of a bone, anagrammed. The letters on the skeleton indicate roughly where that bone is. Placed in the blanks correctly, the skulls will spell [OSTEOARTHRITIS](#).

#### I Bet You Think This Song Is About You (L5-R3-C5)

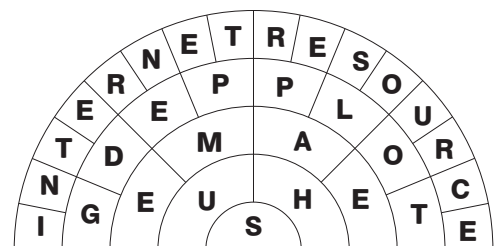
Each lyric is from a song written about a specific person.

- “Kamikaze Capa” by Falco about Robert Capa [C]
- “Sweet Child O’ Mine” by Guns ‘n’ Roses about Erin Everly [Y]
- “Suicide Blonde” by INXS about Kylie Minogue [M]
- “Hurricane” by Bob Dylan about Rubin Carter [B]
- “Calypto” by John Denver about Jacques Cousteau [A]
- “Midnight Rambler” by Rolling Stones about Albert De Salvo [L]
- “Man On The Moon” by R.E.M. about Andy Kaufman [M]
- “You Oughta Know” by Alanis Morissette about Dave Coulier [O]
- “Mercy Street” by Peter Gabriel about Anne Sexton [N]
- “Sweet Caroline” by Neil Diamond about Caroline Kennedy [K]
- “Philadelphia Freedom” by Elton John about Billie Jean King [E]
- “Paper Doll” by John Mayer about Taylor Swift [Y]

The answer is [CYMBAL MONKEY](#).

#### Time for a Text Adventure (L5-R4-C1)

The grid represents a sundial that goes from 4AM (sunup) to 8PM (sundown) with noon in the



middle. Bolded words are clues to words that fit in the grid. Words are entered in jumbled order so that the word can be formed by the five squares leading from the center to that time.

In story order:

- GUISE (first word of the grid)
- SERUM (in grid, unknown where)
- HOUSE (after noon)
- HORSE (one hour later)
- CHEST (one hour later)
- SUEDE (earlier in the day, before 8)
- HARPS (noon)
- SHAPE (1 pm)
- SHOAL (3 pm)
- GENUS (6 am or earlier)
- DUETS (7am or earlier)
- MENUS (9am)
- SPUME (10am)
- STUMP (11am)
- SLASH (some time later)
- SHEET (7pm-8pm)

From the information given, one can then fill in the grid so that it looks as follows:

The outer edge spells [INTERNET RESOURCE](#).

**Transplants (L5-R4-C2)**

O	B	S	E	S	S	E	D	D	E	(B)	S
S	T	O	M	P	B	O	U	R	D	O	N
A	H	U	B	L	I	N	(K)	O	D	L	E
G	I	R	L	I	E	S	E	N	A	T	E
E	C	L	E	T	R	E	S	E	W	S	Z
S	K	I	M	P	S	N	Q	U	E	U	E
W	O	R	S	(E)	U	D	U	(R)	E	S	S
A	C	A	S	A	V	A	E	A	K	A	U
T	A	O	I	S	M	W	A	N	I	N	G
T	R	T	T	M	O	N	(K)	I	D	C	A
L	O	T	I	O	N	S	E	U	L	E	R
(E)	B	O	N	G	O	U	R	M	E	T	S

Across. 1. OBSESS\*+ED; 7. DEL(I)VERS; 11. cuSTOMProms, 13. B+OUR+DON, 14. L(IN)EAR, 15. G+IRL+IE, 16. SE(N)ATED; 18. RESEWsk\*; 22. ShmucK+IMPS; 24. QUEUE (cue hom.); 27. W+OR+S+HIP; 28. DU(SKI)NES+S; 30. ameriCASA VAilable; 33. TA+O+IS+M; 37. W(A+N)ING; 39. MON(M+O+U)TH; 40. LOT+IONS; 41. [E/r]ULER; 42. ReIBBON (rev); 43. GOURMETS (gore maize hom.)

Down: 1. O+SAGE+S; 2. S+OUR; 3. assEMBLE+MS; 4. SPLIT-PEA (reverse wordplay for APE); 5. dungEONS; 6. DUKE (ddef); 7. D(R)ONE; 8. chEDDAR; 9. BO(L)TS; 10. SNEEZE (sneezes hom.); 12. T(HICK)O; 13. BIttER; 17. LIRA\*; 19. pretENDING; 20. SQUEAKER\*; 21. WEE+K; 23. S+UV; 25. [C/u]RANIUM (U is literally twisted to form a C); 26. USANCE\*; 27.

WATTLE\*; 29. S(U)GARS\*; 30. CAR(O)B; 31. SI+TIN; 32. AWNS\*; 34. OT+TO; 35. SMOkInG; 36. MON+O; 38. IDLE (d.def)

In six cases, a body part must be replaced with the crossing letter to make a new word:

DE[LIVER]S -> DE[B]S  
 LIN[EAR] -> LIN[K]  
 WORS[HIP] -> WORS[E].  
 DU[SKIN]ESS -> DU[R]ESS  
 MON[MOUTH] -> MON[K]  
 [RIB]BON -> [E]BON

These new letters spell [BKERKE](#).

**Classic Comedy (L5-R4-C3)**

D	DEGENERES	W						
WHITE	L	HANDEL	R	G				
C	BRAHMS	L	I	I				
C	K	U	S	O	E	ELGAR		
U	S	S	E	Z	ROSSINI	H	A	
M	T	S	R	A	O	I	T	L
MURPHY	BRUCKNER	D						
I	A	T	K	G	LEGGERO			
N	U	e	A					
G	S	ANSARI	BURRESS					
S	SCHUBERT	T	R	O	A			
I	T	RICKLES	f	H				
BERNHARD	E	A	N	A	L			
R	A	B	L	V	SEINFELD			
U	V	VIVALDI	E	O	W			
C	E	G	NEWHART	A				
E	L	WILLIAMS	OSWALT					
I	K	S	T					
YOUNGMAN	HAYDN	MAHLER	S					

Looking at just the letters in squares where the symbol (note or smiley face) matches the occupation (composer or comedian respectively) spells [RODNEY DANGERFIELD](#).

**Organic Gardening (L5-R4-C4)**

Each letter is equal to the sum of its row and column (e.g., the upper left C is worth 2, the C and K adjacent to it are worth 3 etc.) From this, it's possible to determine that the numbers given do not spell proper words, and after some manipulation, it appears each is a "rotated" vegetable. (All of the vegetables are part of Indian cuisine.)

The way they are presented in the puzzle:

- CKPEASCHI (Chickpeas)
- INDTAMAR (Tamarind)
- EAUBERGIN (Aubergine)
- ERCUCUMB (Cucumber)
- TATOSWEETPO (Sweet Potato)
- ERCAULIFLOW (Cauliflower)
- GREEKFENU (Fenugreek)

Rotating the vegetables to their correct position

will cause new letters to appear in the shaded squares: [IN FACT](#). (The P in Chickpeas becomes I, the E in Fenugreek becomes N, the L in Cauliflower becomes F, the N in Tamarind becomes A, the C in Cucumber becomes the other C in Cucumber, and the P in Sweet Potato becomes T.)

**How Vulgar (L5-R4-C5)**

The 26 letters of the alphabet have been encoded using a standard QWERTY keyboard. ! = QAZ, @ = WSX, etc. The text translates to the following:

- And a third of the living creatures in the sea died, and a third of the [Collins] ships were destroyed. (Revelation 8:9)
- From [Jud] Benjamin, Abidan son of Gideon (Numbers 1:11)
- The people ate and were satisfied. Afterward the disciples picked up seven basketfuls of broken pieces that [The Stand] were left over. (Mark 8:8)
- These are their names: Ben-hur, in the [quadrillion] hill country of Ephraim (Kings 4:8)
- Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his [bummer] nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being (Genesis 2:7)
- Then I would still have this consolation-- my joy in unrelenting [Narnia] pain-- that I had not denied the words of the Holy One (Job 6:10)
- When the angel of the Lord had spoken these [exploit] things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud, (Judges 2:4)
- Naarah bore him Ahuzzam, Hopher, Temeni and Haahashtari. These [indicate] were the descendants of Naarah (Chronicles 4:6)
- He said to them: "It is not for you to [discovery] know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. (Acts 1:7)
- He has made me dwell in [occupation] darkness like those long dead. (Lamentations 3:6)

Each is a Bible verse with an extra word. Each word clues one of the other books used. The enumeration in each case matches the length of the word.

- Acts has Discovery, which matches Revelations 8:9 [R]
- Revelations has Collins, which matches Genesis 2:7 [O]
- Genesis has Bummer, which matches Lamentations 3:6 [M]
- Lamentations has Occupation, which matches Job 6:10 [A]
- Job has Narnia, which matches Chronicles 4:6 [N]
- Chronicles has Indicate, which matches Mark

8:8 [E]

- Mark has The Stand, which matches Kings 4:8 [S]
- Kings has Quadrillion, which matches Numbers 1:11 [Q]
- Numbers has Judy, which matches Judges 2:4 [U]
- Judges has Exploit, which matches Acts 1:7 [E]

If the verse is the length, the chapter can act as an index. This gets you the word **ROMANESQUE**.

**Road Map (L5-R5-C1)**

The video games are from:

- South Park: The Stick of Truth
- Fallout New Vegas
- Grand Theft Auto V
- Dead Island
- The Elder Scrolls V: Skyrim
- Far Cry 4
- Red Dead Redemption

When placed in the blanks provided:

- West Arrows become ONTARIO
- North Arrows become HURON
- East Arrows become MICHIGAN
- South Arrows become SUPERIOR

The missing member is **ERIE**.

**Art Museum (L5-R5-C2)**

The paintings are:

- Assumption of the Virgin (TITIAN)/Fulang Chang and I (KAHLO) [TO]
- The Railway (MANET)/Two Sisters (RENOIR) [TE]
- Broadway Boogie-Woogie (BOSCH)/The Garden of Earthly Delights (MONDRIAN) [SM]
- Still Life with Apples (CEZANNE)/The Ballet Class (DEGAS) [EE]
- The Son of Man (MAGRITTE)/Guernica (PICASSO) [RP]
- Galatea Spheres (DALI)/Adele Block-Bauer II (KLIMT) [AI]
- The Birth of Venus (BOTTICELLI)/The Judgment of Paris (REUBENS) [NT]
- Symphony in White, No. 2 (WHISTLER)/Chop Suey (HOPPER) [ER]

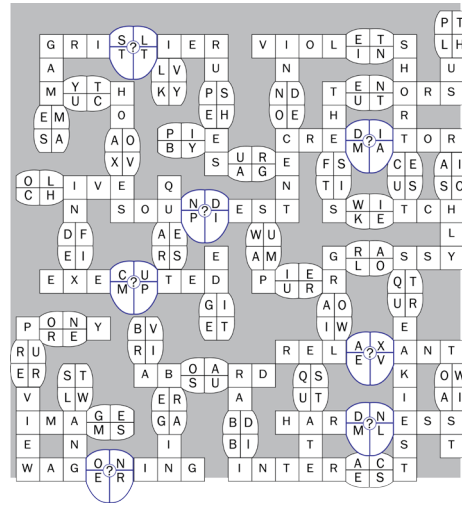
Last names of the artists fit in the grids. Numbered letters spell "Totes Meer painter." Totes Meer was painted by **PAUL NASH**.

**Burning Rubber (L5-R5-C3)**

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

In two instances in each band, a single letter must be used in two adjacent down clues. Every down clue intersects one of these spots. Read A through E, the double-duty letters spell **SMOG ALERTS**.

**A New Coat (L5-R5-C4)**



The completed Split Decisions puzzle is below. Each coat of arms (the larger images with the ?s in the middle) can be replaced with a single letter to make new words: GRIMIER, CREATOR, SOUREST, EXERTED, RELIANT, HARNESS, and WAGGING. The new letters spell **MARRING**.

**Happy Tree (L5-R5-C5)**

The title, warning, and flavortext all hint at the macabre cartoon series of Happy Tree Friends. Each picture and color around the picture clue a specific character. In clockwise order:

- Giggles [I]
- Lumpy [M]
- Flippy [P]
- Disco Bear [R]
- Mime [E]
- Sniffles [S]
- Cuddles [S]
- Petunia [E]
- Handy [D]

**Getting a Kick out of Folding (L4-R1-C1)**

Each clue answer is of the form A-IN-B or A-OUT-B (or in one case, A-OUT-B-IN-C). A, B, and C can be found on the grid. Fold the overall grid inward or outward appropriately. When done, you'll be left with a two-sided, one square grid. Take either the bigger or smaller letter based on the symbol at the end of the exercise.

- Exercise #1: SPINKS, MINUS, CLINCH, BEHIND. (S)
- Exercise #2: CHINTZ, JINX, MOUTHING, FRINGE (H)
- Exercise #3: BRING, SPHINX, BOUTIQUE, HINDER, CLINQUE (I)
- Exercise #4: DINED, FINKS, TRYOUTS,

SNOUTS, GRINS (NS)

The answer is **SHINS**.

**Guest-Starring the Globetrotters (L4-R1-C2)**

Each clue references a different cartoon and a word that, if preceded with General, is a phrase clued by the second part of the clue (a reference to the Washington Generals). Use the first set of stars for the length of the word, and the second set of stars as an index. In clue order:

- Looney Tunes: Lee [E]
- Inspector Gadget: Knowledge [N]
- Hey Arnold!: Manager [A]
- Flintstones: Dynamics [C]
- Jetsons: Motors [T]
- Dungeons & Dragons: Practioner [T]
- Ed, Edd, and Eddie: Disaster [I]
- Animaniacs: Electric [C]
- Batman: Assembly [E]
- Gilligan's Planet: Hospital [P]
- Muppet Babies: Contractor [O]
- Captain Planet and the Planetears: Welfare [L]
- King of the Hill: Anesthesia [H]
- Nightmare Ned: Admission [N]

There is one cartoon starting with each letter from A through N. In order, the indexed letters spell **CELTIC PANTHEON**.

**Solving Puzzles for Dummies (L4-R1-C3)**

All but 6 of the titles are real.

- Lottery for Dummies
- Understanding Women for Dummies
- Micropayments for Dummies
- Morality for Dummies
- Obamacare for Dummies
- X-Rays for Dummies

First letters spell **LUMMOX**.

**Top Ten (L4-R1-C4)**

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

Nine clues are wordplay only and lead to former World Series MVPs. Place them in this order in the blanks: SHERRY, FORD, FINGERS, BENCH,

DENT, PORTER, KNIGHT, VIOLA, DYE.

Numbered spaces spell EIGHTY-ONE and lettered spaces spell RON. One of three MVPs that year was Ron CEY.

Across. 1. PORTER\*, 7. KNIGHT (hom.), 12. pAPER, 13. ukRAINe, 14. meNUDEscription, 15. LEG+END, 16. aDAVEEn, 17. obSCENE, 18. IDLE\*, 19. R+PM, 21. DEN+T, 22. FOR++D, 24. IDEs\*, 25. soULTRAIIn, 28. FEIGNED\*, 30. P(YRAM)ID rev., 31. S(HairY)LY, 33. VE(S)T, 35. mENDS, 37. W+ORE, 38. IS+O, 39. R+AGE, 40. BENCH, 43. OBLATE\*, 45. BUD+DHA\*, 46. L+AIC (rev.), 47. ARTS\*, 48. stranGEEZekiel, 49. ADDERS (ddef), 50. SHERRY (hom.)

Down. 1. SLAP rev., 2. cOPE+C, 3. RE+GENT, 4. To+RENT, 5. ERNE\*, 6. RAD+IO, 7. KIND+RED, 8. iNNEr, 9. INV+EIGHt, 10. G(U)ARD (rev.), 11. TEAMS\*, 12. P+EEL, 21. D+UP, 22. oFAMeIce, 23. DI+SS, 26. L+YES, 27. RA(TRAC)E rev., 28. FINGERS\*, 29. DYE (hom.), 32. YONDER\*, 33. VIOLAtions, 34. SOL(I)D, 36. DE(B)TS, 37. WEDGE (d.def), 40. BUS+H, 41. CHER (hom.), 42. HA(Z)Y, 44. cusTARd

**Station to Station (L4-R1-C5)**

Answers to the clues:

- OVER(H)ANG
- ANG(E)LIC
- LICKING
- KINGCRAB
- CRAB(W)ALK
- ALK(A)LINE
- LINE(S)OUT
- OUTWIT
- WIT(H)HOLD
- HOLD(A)BLE
- BLEMISH
- MISHEARD
- EARDRUM
- RUM(R)UNNER
- UNNERVES
- VESTIGE
- TIGE(R)MOTH
- MOTHBALL
- BALL(Y)HOO
- HOO(P)DREAMS
- DREAMSCAPE
- CAPECOD
- CODGER
- GERMAN
- MAN(O)WAR
- WAR(T)HOGS
- HOGSHEAD
- HEAD(T)RIP
- RIP(E)NER
- NERDIST
- DIST(R)ACTING
- ACTINGOVER

The clues mostly overlap (with station icons indicating the beginning of answers), but some letters only appear in one word. Those letters spell "HE WAS HARRY POTTER". The answer is DANIEL RADCLIFFE.

**Money Market (L4-R2-C1)**

Each image on the top can be paired with an image on the bottom where, if both initials are changed to Ms, form a common phrase. From left to right:

- FILE+BARKER=MILE MARKER (S)
- SISTER+WIND=MISTER MIND (A)
- SALTED+SILK=MALTED MILK (I)
- FIDDLE+TANAGER=MIDDLE MANAGER (D)
- DEMENTO+DORI=MEMENTO MORI (P)
- RICKEY+HOUSE=MICKEY MOUSE (A)
- SAD+FAX=MAD MAX (R)
- PAIN+FAN=MAIN MAN (I)
- TAIL+VERGE=MAIL MERGE (A)
- ROTOR+SOUTH=MOTOR MOUTH (N)

Change SAID PARIAN to MAID MARIAN.

**99 and 94/100% Pure (L4-R2-C2)**



There doesn't seem to be much to the puzzle, until you adjust the page background. (One way is to adjust the PDF settings to have a different background color.) What's revealed is a word search that looks like a word search with three missing letters. The words that could be found are all white food items: Flour/Feta (F), Egg/Cream (E), and Almond/Daiikon (D). The answer is FED.

**Meal Plan (L4-R2-C3)**

The grid contains the following 8-letter food items in a ring (like LIKE THIS in the upper right). Each food item surrounds a letter.

- ambrosia: H

- broccoli: O
- chickpea: W
- doughnut: P
- empanada: L
- flounder: A
- gazpacho: N
- honeydew: T
- ice cream: S
- jalapeno: E
- kohlrabi: A
- licorice: T
- meatloaf: F
- napoleon: O
- olive oil: U
- pork chop: R
- quandong: T
- rutabaga: E
- shiitake: E
- tiramisu: N

The letters spell out, in food item order, HOW PLANTS EAT FOURTEEN, which clues PHOTOSYNTHESIS.

**Seems Familiar (L4-R2-C4)**

Each line is a person's name with numerous repeated letters (like CHARLIE CHAPLIN). The letter that goes in the blank is in parenthesis. (Note that individual instances of the same letter in the first and last name are given different numbers.)

- Marcel Marceau (A)
- Tony Todd (N)
- Jesse James (S)
- Ethan Hawke (W)
- Franz Ferdinand (E)
- Sharon Stone (R)
- Lucy Liu (I)
- Enrico Caruso (S)
- Margaret Thatcher (C)
- Cheri Oteri (O)
- George Romero (M)
- Galileo Galilei (O)
- Edgar Degas (R)
- Brooke Burke (O)
- Chevy Chase (S)

The answer is COMOROS.

**Roman Checkers (L4-R2-C5)**

First fill in the rows without pieces to get 10 letters words:

- QUARANTINE
- CAMOUFLAGE
- OBLIGATORY
- WITCHCRAFT
- CHINCHILLA
- BOMBARDIER
- ENTHUSIASM
- TABERNACLE

Copy the pieces in each of these rows to the center to get:

- O\_T\_A\_I\_N\_
- \_O\_O\_C\_C\_E

Solving these two words gets:

- OUTPATIENT
- MOTORCYCLE

Copy the kings down to the bottom to get

MPRET, an Albanian ruler.

#### Tank Grrrrr (L4-R3-C1)

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

Tank placements and the letters they hit are given above. Each tank requires a different distance from 1 to 7. The tank's are on the squares CAPITAL and their targets spell GEORGIA.

Given the puzzle is about a Russian woman, the answer is TBILISI.

#### Burger Specials (L4-R3-C2)

Each ingredient represents a bigram, and each burger's name clues a 6-letter word formed from the bigram.

Burgers:

- The Hamburg, Etc.<sup>TM</sup> Burger: CITIES
- The Lemon and Lime<sup>TM</sup> Burger: CITRUS
- The Fuel My Belly<sup>TM</sup> Burger: DIESEL
- The World-Celebrated<sup>TM</sup> Burger: FAMOUS
- The Big Daddy<sup>TM</sup> Burger: FATHER
- The Portable<sup>TM</sup> Burger: LAPTOP
- The Eat Like the French<sup>TM</sup> Burger: MANGER
- The Fab Four<sup>TM</sup> Burger: MOPTOP
- The Joe Football<sup>TM</sup> Burger: NAMATH
- The 5-Cent<sup>TM</sup> Burger: NICKEL
- The Full Monty<sup>TM</sup> Burger: PYTHON
- The Messy Messy Messy<sup>TM</sup> Burger: SLOPPY
- The Snow and Water<sup>TM</sup> Burger: SLUSHY
- The Good For Your Heart<sup>TM</sup> Burger: TICKER
- The Good Morning<sup>TM</sup> Burger: TIDING
- The Prize-Winning<sup>TM</sup> Burger: TROPHY

Bigrams: anchovy: EL, avocado: CI, bacon: NI, barbecue sauce: SL, cheddar: NG, chili: OP, fried

egg: DI, goat cheese: TH, horseradish: MO, hot dog: PT, jalapeños: CK, ketchup: HY, lettuce: ER, mayonnaise: ES, mushroom: TI, mustard: FA, okra: TR, olives: US, onion: ON, pickle: NA, salsa: PY, swiss: MA, tomato: LA

The pictures on the menu are of Swiss (MA), bacon (NI), tomatoes (LA) on the left and pickles (NA), mushrooms (TI), and onion (ON) on the right. Manila Nation clues the answer PHILIPPINES.

#### Unchained Reactions (L4-R3-C3)

Clues at the top lead to nonsensical phrases.

- free curtain
- better ball
- gateway place
- thigh ice
- goose lifter
- finger feed
- sudden clam
- copper bill
- hot squares
- poker cheese

Each intermediary step clues a two-word or two-part phrase.

- Buffalo Bill
- cream cheese
- Park Place
- hot air
- Free Parking
- copper head
- poker face
- feather weight
- crystal ball
- Hollywood Squares
- spoon feed
- drug czar
- shower curtain
- airplane
- quartz crystal
- water buffalo
- fingerpainted
- headwaiter
- goose step
- gateway drug
- stepfather
- meteor shower
- weightlifter
- better half
- plain vanilla
- master plan
- Painted Desert
- sudden death
- car park
- face-saving
- Vanilla Ice
- steamer clam
- thigh master

- Planet Hollywood
- half quart
- tramp steamer
- death trap
- dessert spoon
- parking meter
- shaving cream

It's possible to chain answers together; however, they will disagree by one letter in the middle:

- free-parking-meter/meteor-shower-curtain [o]
- better-half-quart/quartz-crystal-ball [z]
- gateway-drug-czar/car-park-place [z]
- thigh-master-plan/plain-vanilla-ice [i]
- goose-step-father/feather-weight-lifter [e]
- finger-painted-desert/dessert-spoon-feed [s]
- sudden-death-trap/tramp-steamer-clam [m]
- copper-head-waiter/water-buffalo-bill [i]
- hot-air-plane/planet-hollywood-squares [t]
- poker-face-saving/shaving-cream-cheese [h]

The differences spell OZZIE SMITH.

#### Testimonial Chatter (L4-R3-C4)

Thom-1 must be False. Therefore, Thom-2 is True, and Thom is an Alternator. Per Thom-3, which is False, Zola is a Truth teller. If Zola-2 is True, Andy-3 must be False, and Andy-1 False as well. Per Zola-3, Andy-2 is True. Per Andy-1, Jodi-2 is False. Per Zola-1, Slim is a Truth teller. Per Slim-1, Jodi-2 is the only False statement in that column, making Cleo, Dave and Carl all Truth tellers, and Jodi-1 and Jodi-3 True. Per Cleo-2, Walt and Mary must be Liars. There are 9 True statements in the third row. Per Zola-2, there are 10, 11, or 12 True statements in the second row. Per Carl-2, there cannot be 12 True statements. Per Jodi-1, there are not 11 statements in second row (as there are 11 True statements in the third column). Therefore there are 10 True statements in the second row. Per Dave-1, two are Truth tellers, and two are Alternators whose middle statements are False. Since Lucy-1 must be True, Jude-2 is True, and Lucy and Inga are Alternators. Onyx-2 is False (since Mary is a Liar), but she is not a Liar per Lucy-2. She is an Alternator, and Onyx-1 and Onyx-3 are True. In the top row we have 4 True statements. In the second row we have 10 True statements. In the third row we have 9 True statements. In the third column we have 11 True statements. In the fourth row we have 8 True statements. There are at least 5 True statements in the first column, 4 in the second column, and 5 in the fourth row. If there are only 5 True statements in the fourth row, there would only be 5 in the first column, contradicting Jodi-1. If there are 6 True statements in the fourth row, there are either 5 in both the first two columns or 6 in the first column, both of which contradict Jodi-1.

There cannot be 8 or more True statements in the fourth row, so there are 7. Either Joey and Alex both told 1 True statement, Joey told 2, or Alex told 2. If Joey told 2, then there would be 7 True statements in the first column, contradicting Jodi-1. No matter what, Joey-1 is False. If Alex told 2 True statements, this would contradict Joey-1. Therefore, Alex told 1, and Joey told 1.

Per Joey-2, the answer is obtained by indexing each name by N+1 where N is the number of true statements the person made. This produces the phrase **WHO MCGEE AND MOLLY**. The answer is **FIBBER**.

**Seven Habits of Highly Effective Prisoners**

**(L4-R3-C5)**

Left-hand side: *Celebrity Mole, The Coca-Cola Kid, Doc Hollywood, Franklin Pierce, Iron Maiden, Kingdom Come, Merlin Olson, Mon Oncle, Peter Gabriel, The Pride of the Yankees, Rags to Riches, Secrets & Lies, So Long and Thanks For All The Fish*

Right-hand side: *All in the Family, Annie Get Your Gun, Chariots of Fire, Do Unto Others, Happy Gilmore, Michael Jackson, Peter Pan, The Quest, Rising Sun, The Second Coming, Tequila Sunrise, The Warrior, Wrath of the Titans*

Items can be paired by the sets of seven they are part of, along with the letters they cross:

- Mole & Second (SI Units) [SE]
- Coca-Cola & Tequila (Long Island Iced Tea) [VE]
- Doc & Happy (Dwarves) [NT]
- Pierce & Annie (Community) [HE]
- Maiden & Warrior (Game of Thrones' Faith of the Seven) [HA]
- Kingdom & Family (taxonomy divisions) [RD]
- Merlin & Pan (7 Faces of Dr. Lao) [WA]
- Mon & Sun (Day abbreviations) [YA]
- Gabriel & Michael (7 Archangels) [LB]
- Pride & Wrath (7 Deadly Sins) [UM]
- Rags to Riches & The Quest (7 Plots) [AR]
- Secrets & Fire (last words of Harry Potter books) [TI]
- So & Do (7 Musical Notes) [ST]

Crossed letters spell **SEVEN THE HARD WAY ALBUM ARTIST**. The answer is **PAT BENATAR**.

**Whatja Got Cooking? (L4-R4-C1)**

Take a fractional portion from the beginning of ingredients to form words.

ALIMENTARY (E)

- (A)VOCADO, (L)IME, (N)UTS, (T)ARAGON, (Y)OGURT

CONTRIBUTOR (B)

- (CON)GEE, (TRI)PE, (BUT)TER, (OR)ZO

FLOORPLAN (P)

- (FLO)UR, (OR)ANGE, (PLAN)TAIN

GARGANTUAN (A)

- (GAR)LIC, (GAN)ACHE, (TU)RNERIC, (AN)CHOVY

LIMERICK (C)

- (LIM)ABEANS, (E)GGS, (RIC)E, (K)ALE

MELODRAMA (R)

- (MELO)NS, (DRAM)BUIE, (A)RTICHOKE

POCKETBOOK (C)

- (PO)TATO, (C)REAM, (KET)CHUP, (BO)UILLON, (OK)RA

SCARAMOUCHE (H)

- (S)UGAR, (CARA)WAYSEEDS, (MOU)NTAINDEW, (CHE)ESE

SPECTATOR (E)

- (SOY), (PEC)ANS, (TA)HINI, (TO)MATO, (R)EDBEANS

TURNTABLE (L)

- (TURN)IP, (TAB)ASCO, (LE)MONS

UPRAISING (P)

- (U)DON, (P)EPPER, (RAISIN), (G)UAVA

VIBRATO (B)

- (VI)NEGAR, (BRA)NDY, (TO)FU

Take the indexed letters in the order of the boxes at the bottom:

PEAC  
HCOB  
BLER

Take 3/4ths to get **PEACH COBB**, which clues **TY**.

**Chutes and More Chutes (L4-R4-C2)**

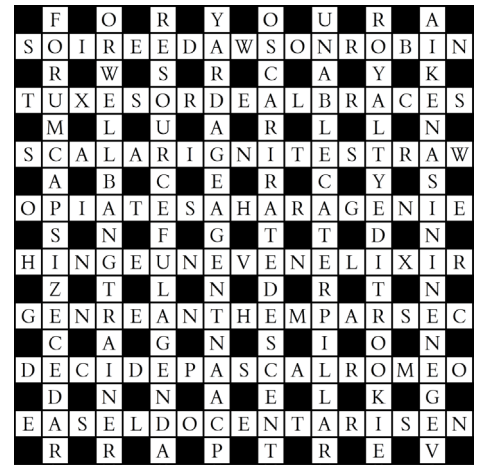
Each backup chute is a short word with no repeated letters. From left to right:

- FILED
- PARED
- TOMBS
- LENS

Each larger chute is a word that consists solely of the letters of its backup. In each case, one letter is incorrectly colored.

- F[I]DDLEDEEDEE
- BOTTOM[M]OST
- PRE[P]REPARED
- SEN[S]ELESSNESS

The four imperfections spell **IMPS**. These letters can be used to make a much longer word, **MISSISSIPPI**.



**Spoon Your Way to Freedom (L4-R4-C3)**

The numbers in each clue represent words that have been spoonerized.

- Where PEOPLE discuss STUFF, Cause to go UNDER WATER, TREE that provides a SMOKY flavor
- He MADE Big BROTHER a well-known idea, LOUD BOOM from an explosion, One who helps DOGS LEARN new tricks
- BRIGHT, clever, or HANDY, SLATE of STUFF to do in a meeting
- What a RUNNING BACK looks to gain, A REP that tries to get you a DEAL, Group that BATTLES for civil RIGHTS
- TROPHY for one SUPER at film, HOPPING MAD, A CLIMBER's trip DOWN
- CAN'T, lacking SKILL, A MOTH comes FROM one
- Part of the WAGE for a WRITER, CUT and paste WORDS, perhaps, One who's NOT PLAYED before
- American Idol SINGER CLAY, TOO SILLY foolish, HOT, dry area near TEL Aviv
- A SMALL PARTY, typically in the evening, HOST before COMBS, Anderson, and Karn, Hood who STOLE from the RICH
- NICE THREADS, A PAINFUL TRIAL or tribulation, METAL for FIXING teeth
- SIZE, but not a VECTOR, LIGHT a FIRE, Plastic POLE for a DRINK?
- A DRUG that reduces PAIN, LARGE area of SAND, One known FOR granting WISHES
- Part that lets a DOOR SWING open and shut, Not of EQUAL SIZE, A PHILTRE or TONIC
- MYSTERY or HOW-to, SONG reflecting a nation's PRIDE, MILES in space (not TIME, Han!)
- OPT or CHOOSE, FRENCH mathematician BLAISE, Shakespeare's TEEN SUITOR
- STAND for a work of ART, A GUIDE when you WALK through a museum, Not SLEEPING in BED any more

The perimeter of the grid says "For your answer, convert **PARRED GHOSTS**." The answer is **GUARD POSTS**.

**Speak Softly (L4-R4-C4)**

The nonsensical lyrics are rhymes with spoken parts of various songs. In clue order:

- Aerosmith, "Love in an Elevator" (vocal part by Catherine Epps)  
Second floor, hardware, children's wear, ladies' lingerie Oh, good morning Mr. Tyler
- Meat Loaf, "Paradise by the Dashboard Light" (vocal part by Phil Rizzuto)  
OK, here we go, we got a real pressure cooker going here,
- Michael Jackson, "Thriller" (vocal part by Vincent Price)  
Darkness falls across the land The midnight hour is close at hand
- Starship, "We Built This City" (vocal part by Les Garland)  
Here's your favorite radio station, in your favorite radio city The city by the bay, the city that rocks, the city that never sleeps
- Sir Mix-a-Lot, "Baby Got Back" (vocal part by Amylia Ravis)  
Oh my gawd, Becky. Look at her butt.
- Weird Al Yankovic, "I Lost on Jeopardy!" (vocal part by Don Pardo)  
You don't even get a lousy copy of our home game.
- Britney Spears, "Oops! I Did It Again" (vocal part by Max Martin)  
Britney, before you go, there's something I want you to have.

The person who did the vocal part in question can then be placed in the blanks. Shaded squares spell **DOPPLER**.

**Telegraph Compatibilities (L4-R4-C5)**

The Morse Code is a cryptogram for the following:

- South American capital (Lima)
- Bearded Smurf leader (Papa)
- Fourth Greek Letter (Delta)
- Female Shakespearean lover (Juliet)
- Mountain range (Sierra)
- New Delhi's Country (India)
- Bill Amend comic strip (Foxytrot)
- Tiger Woods sport (Golf)
- With another a car (Alfa)
- Cable channel (Bravo)
- Ovitz or Brady (Mike)
- Brown of Peanuts (Charlie)
- Image taken at a hospital (X-Ray)
- Even distribution (Uniform)
- Canadian province (Quebec)
- Grouchy muppet (Oscar)
- African language (Zulu)
- He's quite the lover (Romeo)
- Where one stays on a sojourn (Hotel)
- The champion (Victor)
- Maker's Mark, for example (Whiskey)

- Ignore remaining five
- What remains the same

The cryptogram key substitutes a series of dots and dashes of equal length for each letter. (e.g., L is -\*\*\* instead of \*--\*). Take only the dots and dashes that are in the same position for each letter (e.g., the last two dots for L) and fill them in the squares on the right. Taking the resultant Morse code will spell **STEPHEN COLBERT**.

**So You Think You Know Boxing (L4-R5-C1)**

The questions are clearly bogus. To fill in the grid, just select one letter (all As, all Bs, etc.) and fill in the grid.

The question's acrostic spells "FIND 4 BODY PARTS." In the filled-in grid for each letter, there are 4 body parts hidden. In order from top left to bottom right:

oapPELVISrbck  
ibknrLeknrbwC  
naocknBkvrpeE  
pnbinvoocllkn  
sipolsbcwnebw  
nlovveiaasacI  
wnwrokaCORNEA  
sevbpicwvkrpn

(Pelvis, Elbow, Neck, Cornea)

InSsbmhutoIgp  
uLPeombpeoIag  
enIgpelphosbb  
seLUehiigmmpe  
tusimTLgaebIa  
emihhbUnntngm  
aeaioipNgioebn  
tbhIUGAHPOSE

(Ilium, Lips, Lung, Esophagus)

dfttevashorIn  
srnioveniORGl  
ifdlNirnAotee  
Tirsiaddlvvni  
HstdvhrIgiErg  
Ivdaaesffhflv  
Gigodnldoief  
HEARTsIlganoti

(Navel, Groin, Thigh, Heart)

rEwnnogIuiyat  
lytsiontsiyba  
sEratsytgiwNn  
wSylsgRraoOts  
ulwrouyAbsnyb  
sorggnIeEueao  
bSBIRtearisne  
ungywlabgtiws

(Eyes, Nose, Ears, Ribs)

**Charitable Donations (L4-R5-C2)**

Each grid contains four pentominoes where the shape of the pentomino + its contents form a word.

uplift, fulmar, walnut, vortex [C]

P	L	U	L	A	L	O
I	M	A	N	U	C	R
F	T	R	T	T	E	X

infamy, python, nutmeg, talcum [H]

N	F	A	M	Y	H	A
Y	T	U	T	L	C	U
H	O	N	M	E	G	M

yonder, lizard, Xavier, umlaut [E]

O	N	D	E	A	M	L
I	R	E	V	I	E	A
Z	A	R	D	R	U	T

vulgar, zenith, yeoman, warmth [S]

U	L	G	E	A	R	S
A	N	I	T	E	M	T
R	H	O	M	A	N	H

thwart, larynx, influx, psyche [T]

H	A	R	Y	N	S	Y
W	A	R	T	X	C	H
T	N	F	L	U	X	E

The leftover letters in each grid spell **CHEST**.

**Retail Dependency (L4-R5-C3)**

The flavortext heavily implies GI Joe. Several GI Joe characters have been encoded using an abnormal Playfair cipher. The characters are:

- SHIPWRECK AND POLLY
- SPIRIT AND FREEDOM
- QUICK KICK
- LIFELINE
- BLOWTORCH
- LADYJAYE
- SCARLETT
- TRIPWIRE
- SNAKE EYES
- CHUCKLES
- ROADBLOCK
- SHORT-FUZE
- GUNG HO
- SGT. SLAUGHTER

Note that the Playfair grid given will have G. I/J. O. E in the shaded squares.

Each of the remaining lines can be ascertained from the one or two bigrams given. Each of these characters was sold with a vehicle (thus the title).

- ARMADILLO: ROLLING THUNDER
- STEELER: MOBAT
- COVER GIRL: WOLVERINE
- WILDBILL: DRAGONFLY XH-1
- SLIPSTREAM: CONQUEST X-30
- CROSSCOUNTRY: HAVOC
- CUTTER: KILLER WHALE
- THUNDER: SLUGGER
- CLUTCH: VAMP
- FROSTBITE: SNOWCAT
- GHOSTRIDER: PHANTOM X-19

The indicated letters spell **ROW 1, COLUMN 1**.

The completed Playfair grid is:

AMBUL  
TXSGI  
OEKWD  
RVNFZ  
YHCQP

Row 1 is AMBUL and Column 1 is ATORY. The answer is **AMBULATORY**.

**The Corn Maze (L4-R5-C4)**

The message you can form by following kernel to kernel are:

“Once you have successfully navigated this corn maze, copy the colors to the other corn, left to right, top to bottom. When done, rotate sideways and identify the character depicted. As these grids are an enormous nine hundred plus kernels in size, the remainder of the maze are lyrics to the beginning of Oklahoma”

There’s a bright golden haze on the meadow  
There’s a bright golden haze on the meadow  
The corn is as high as an elephant’s eye  
And it looks like it’s climbing clear up to the sky

Oh what a beautiful morning  
Oh what a beautiful day  
I’ve got a beautiful feeling  
Everything’s going my way

All the cattle are standing like statues  
All the cattle are standing like statues  
They don’t turn their heads as they see me ride by  
But a little brown mav’rick is winking her eye

Oh what a beautiful morning  
Oh what a beautiful day  
I’ve got a beautiful feeling  
Everything’s going my way

All the sounds of the earth are like music  
All the sounds of the earth are like music  
The breeze is so busy it don’t miss a tree

And an ol’ weeping willow is laughing at me

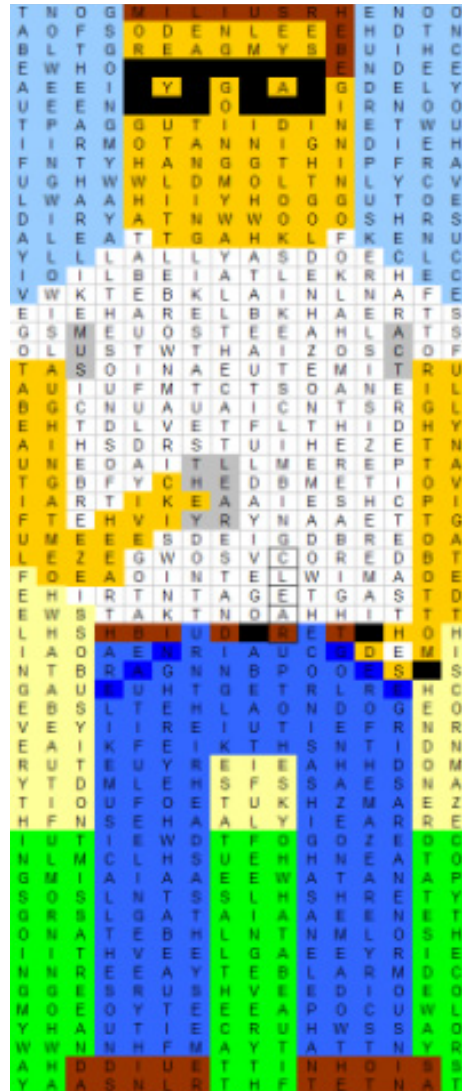
Oh what a beautiful morning  
Oh what a beautiful day  
I’ve got a beautiful feeling  
Everything’s going my way

Doing so, and copying over the colors reveals a picture of **HANK HILL**.

**Baked Goods (L4-R5-C5)**

In each case, the bakery is clued by a word and product, and the secret ingredient span it.

- COUGAR CIABATTA (hides GARCIA)
- ALKALI BISCUITS (hides ALIBIS)
- REGRET ROLLS (hides RETRO)
- REAPER CUPCAKES (hides APERCU)
- OFFHAND BAGELS (hides HANDBAG)
- TRAVEL CROISSANTS (hides VELCRO)
- MUSCAT CHALLAH (hides CATCHALL)
- UNEATEN DONUTS (hides TENDON)
- FATHOM BREAD (hides HOMBRE)
- FELLOW BROWNIE (hides LOWBROW)
- IDEAL TARTS (hides ALTAR)
- NEPTUNE SCONES (hides UNESCO)



First letters of the bakeries spells **CARROT MUFFIN**.

**Traitors (L3-R1-C1)**

Across answers either begin or end with a palindromic sequence with an odd number of letters. In clue order:

- [AEGEA]N SEA
- [AT STA]KE
- [BONOB]OS
- B[OOHOO]
- FLA[NAGAN]
- [GARAG]E BAND
- I[GNITING]
- [INAPAN]JC
- JOHN[SUNUNU]
- [MANYNAM]ED
- PEAC[E PIPE]
- PR[ECIPICE]
- REIN[TERPRET]
- [RESER]VATION
- PUT YOUR FOO[T IN IT]
- [SIDE DIS]HES
- [SPACE CAPS]JULE

Down clues will help you place the across answers:

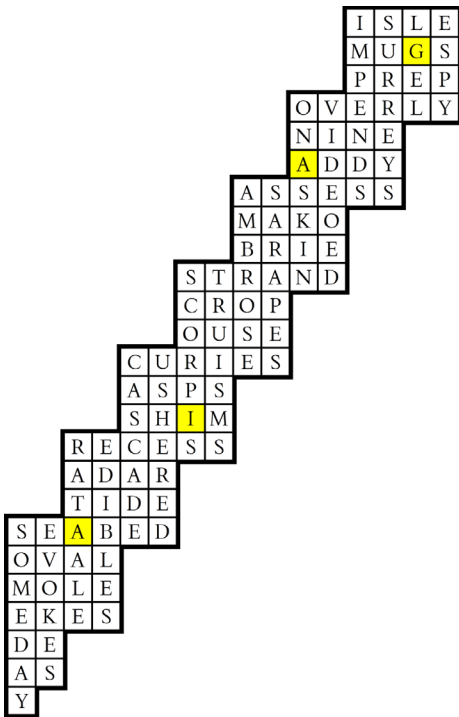
- CHATTERBOXES
- COLLEGE GRADUATE
- FOOTBALL SEASON
- HANDS-OFF POLICY
- INCUMBENT UPON
- JUDGE PREMATURELY
- KNOW INSTINCTIVELY
- LONG-RANGE PLANNING
- MICRONESIA
- NATIONAL GUARD
- OBLITERATION
- PRESUPPOSING
- PUSHING UP DAISIES

This gives the grid as shown below:

IGNITJOHNSUNU  
RAGEBANDNOBOS  
STAKEREINTERP  
EDISHESFLANAG  
GEANSEAYNAMED  
SERVATIONBOOH  
PEACEPIPRECIP  
PANICECAPSULE  
PUTYOURFOOTIN

The turning point of each phrase, in grid order, spells **TURN'S PEGGY SHIPPEN**. In the AMC series Turn, Peggy Shippen is played by **KSENIA SOLO**.

### Mother Nature Strikes Back (L3-R1-C2)



In four spots, the word going down has ION fitting into one square crossing with a single letter. These letters spell **GAIA**.

### Spice Rack (L3-R1-C4)

The tiles can be used to play a game of Scrabble with spices as the only playable words. The points given help determine placement. The sauce-covered tiles are given in brackets after the play they are used.

In play order: OREGANO [O], GARLIC, CUMIN, ONION, ALLSPICE, DILL, ADOBO, CINNAMON [N], FENNEL [F], ANISE, CILANTRO, SALT, AAR, MACE, CHERVIL [I], ACD, CORIANDER, TURMERIC, TARRAGON [R], SAGE, CLOVES, ROSEMARY [E]

M S C TARRAGON  
A A I U  
CILANTRO CLOVES  
E T N M H  
A E E S  
MARJORAM A  
ADOBO I V I G  
I N CORIANDER  
L G R L T O  
ALLSPICE S  
N N GARLIC E  
I G A U M  
S FENNEL M A  
E R O I R  
ONION Y

The sauce-covered letters spell **ON FIRE**.

### Bingogh (L3-R1-C5)

The numbers given represent the product of the numbers on the card. Since each column has a specific value range (1-15, 16-30, etc.), it's possible to deduce the number in each cell. In addition, each column is associated with a 15-letter painting title. Take the Nth letter of the title where N is the 1st through 15th number in the range for that column. Doing so will spell a word reading down.

15/P	19/C	33/A	57/R	64/E	89/R	100/C
3/E	28/O	32/T	48/E	65/L	77/H	102/R
14/O	30/N	40/H	47/V	73/E	88/E	92/A
4/N	29/N	45/E	53/I	67/M	79/S	98/Y
11/A	18/E	38/I	51/E	74/E	82/A	101/O
6/G	23/C	31/S	52/W	69/N	81/L	97/N
10/E	16/T	41/T	60/S	71/T	86/A	99/S

Starred letters reading across spell **ANSWER** (yellow) and reading down spell **CHILE** (dark yellow).

### Urban Culture (L3-R2-C1)

All of the P lines are taken from various Epic Rap Battles of History (ERB is their channel). The answers to the L lines are taken from the opponent of who says the P line.

- Bob Ross vs. Pablo Picasso (Afro)
- Frank Sinatra vs. Freddie Mercury (Notes)
- Justin Bieber vs. Beethoven (Saint Bernard)
- Miley Cyrus vs. Joan of Arc (Wiz Khalifa)
- Columbus vs. Captain Kirk (Earth)
- Terminator vs. Robocop (Robo-bits)
- Sarah Palin vs. Lady Gaga (Igloo)
- Gandhi vs. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Street Cred)
- Michael Jordan vs. Muhammed Ali (Rodman)
- Billy Mays vs. Ben Franklin (Auger)
- Lewis & Clark vs. Bill & Ted (Potato Sack)
- Jack the Ripper vs. Hannibal Lecter (Simpson)
- Doc Brown vs. Doctor Who (Oedipal)
- Mario Bros. vs. The Wright Brothers (North Carolina)
- Zeus vs. Thor (Gorgon)
- Sir Isaac Newton vs. Bill Nye (Stride)

First letters spell **ANSWER IS RAP SONGS**

### Inevitably, a Puzzle (L3-R2-C2)

Each clue uses a standard cryptic crossword trope "Just the opposite," typically used with container clues. Each person's last name can be found in the word clued by the longer clue.

- bys[TAN]der
- a[DOLE]scents

- fla[GRANT]ly
- quad[RICE]ps
- cha[PERON]e
- c[HART]reuse
- flys[WATT]er
- olymp[IAN]s
- out[LANDIS]h
- he[LIU]m tank
- b[OTT]leneck
- inb[REED]jing
- snowb[LOWE]r
- outs[MARTIN]g
- rac[ECO]urse

These answers can be placed into the blanks so that the last names go in the shaded spaces. The boxed letters spell **HAPPY BLANK TO YOU**. The answer is **BIRTHDAY**.

### iAmigos! (L3-R2-C3)

The five quotes are from movies. The speakers of these quotes are five of the six primary cast members of Friends. The only one missing is **MATT LEBLANC**.

- "Even though we've watched Pretty Woman like thirty-six times, I never get tired of making fun of it."-Michelle Weinberg, Romy and Michelle's High School Reunion (Lisa Kudrow)
- "I really wanted to give you a personal present. Do you know that was my first rectal thermometer?"-Melman, Madagascar (David Schwimmer)
- "Hey, you have a Buddha. Oh I love Buddhas. They're like bright cheery naked Asian Santas."-Oscar Novak, Three to Tango (Matthew Perry)
- "We could throw in some vampires in there to have sex with the penguins, and then you could have brooding sexy little vampire penguins"-Linda Gergenblatt, Wanderlust (Jennifer Aniston)
- "Look Kenny, I know you're about fifty pounds overweight, but when I say hurry, please interpret that as MOVE YOUR FAT TUB OF LARD ASS NOW."-Gale Weathers, Scream (Courteney Cox).

### The Town Madam (L3-R2-C4)

Each clue leads to a word or phrase with CAT in consecutive letters.

- caricature (RU)
- Scatman Crothers (TH)
- Jessica Tandy (IN)
- vacation home (AM)
- dislocate (IL)
- delicatessen (LI)
- Roman Catholic (ON)
- caterwaul (WA)
- Yucatan peninsula (YS)
- staccato (TO)

- devil's advocate (DI)
- caterpillar (EI)
- panic attack (NT)
- unsophisticated (HE)
- well-educated (WE)
- Scattergories (ST)

Starred letters spell "Ruth in A Million Ways To Die In The West." Ruth was played by [SARAH SILVERMAN](#).

**Archery Competition (L3-R2-C5)**

- WINDLESS ("swindles")
- CHARITABLE ("chair" and "table")
- ENTERPRISE
- CABBAGE
- LIEUTENANT
- REAPPEAR
- THUMBSCREW
- ALTOGETHER
- ASHTRAY ("trash")
- SPARROW ("spar" and "row")
- HALLOWED ("allowed")
- FORENSICS ("four and six")
- LICENSEE

Each word in the grid can have a letter removed to leave two new words in its place. The seven untouched words (starting in the outer ring and going clockwise)

- UNCLEARED (A)
- TANTAMOUNT (T)
- FORTHCOMING (H)
- BARBECUING (E)
- CAPACITY (A)
- DISCORDANCE (R)
- VIOLATION (T)

The letters that separate the two words spell [AT HEART](#).

**Terms and Condition (L3-R3-C2)**

The two pages are virtually indistinguishable except for four small changes: on the first page, the letters PAIN in different locations have been replaced with MEDS on the second. The answer is [PAIN MEDS](#).

**Meet Your New Neighbors (L3-R3-C3)**

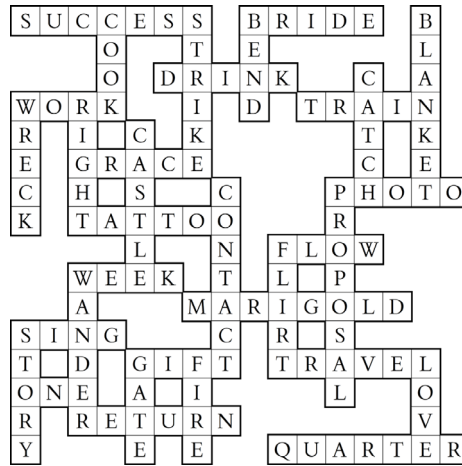
Each description clues a word that starts with the sound BELL. The word is BEL or BELL + all but one of the letters on the left.

- Belladonna (W)
- Belfast (E)
- Beleagured (L)
- Belligerent (C)
- Bellhop (O)
- Belabored (M)
- Belfry (E)
- Bellepheron (W)

- Bellwether (A)
- Bellicose (G)
- Bellow (O)
- Bellyache (N)

The answer is [WELCOME WAGON](#).

**Unnecessary Censorship (L3-R3-C4)**



In each movie title, CENSORED has replaced a word. In movie title order: Bend, Blanket, Bride, Castle, Catch, Contact, Cook, Drink, Fire, Flirt, Flow, Gate, Gift, Grace, Love, Marigold, One, Photo, Proposal, Quarter, Return, Right, Sing, Story, Strike, Success, Tattoo, Train, Travel, Wander, Week, Work, Wreck

The numbered squares spell [BLEEP UNCHAINED](#). The answer is [DJANGO](#).

**Typhoon (L3-R4-C1)**

Each celebrity pictured had a cameo in either Sharknado 2, Sharknado 3, or both. An X indicates they died at some point in one of the two pictures. For each, take the 2nd letter of the trigram if they were in the 2nd Sharknado, and 3rd letter if they were in the 3rd Sharknado.

- Mark Cuban, Sharknado 3: A
- Kelly Osbourne, Sharknado 2: N
- Chris Jericho, Sharknado 3: S
- Al Roker, Sharknado 2 & 3: WE
- Judah Friedlander, Sharknado 2: R
- Vivica A. Fox, Sharknado 2: I
- Mark McGrath, Sharknado 2, 3: SV
- Bo Derek, Sharknado 3: A
- Anthony Weiner, Sharknado 3: N
- Jerry Springer, Sharknado 3: U
- Robert Klein, Sharknado 2, 3: AT
- Kim Richards, Sharknado 3: U

The indexed letters spell ANSWER VANUATU.

**Icebreakers (L3-R4-C2)**

Use the answers to the clues to start to fill in the grid. The puzzle is a Sudoku with 10 letters per row, column and 3x3 grid. Each iceberg indicates a spot where you should put two letters. The iceberg's slope (ascending or descending) indicates that letters should be in ascending or descending order respectively.

B	I	D	S	E	R	U	W	N	T
SU	R	W	B	N	T	E	D	I	
E	T	N	ID	W	U	B	S	R	
N	DE	U	R	T	I	W	B	S	
T	W	B	N	D	S	RI	E	U	
I	S	R	E	UB	W	T	N	D	
D	U	TS	W	R	B	N	I	E	
R	B	I	T	S	EN	D	U	W	
W	N	E	U	I	D	S	TR	B	

The resulting bigrams can be overlapped to spell [TRIDENT SUB](#).

Clue answers: Birds, wide, tuner, tents, twisted, tidbits, burden, debris, swine, witness, bunts

**Prison Night (L3-R4-C3)**

The quotes are taken from the podcast "How Did This Get Made?" J stands for Jason, P for Paul, JD for June-Diane Raphael, and G is for Guest.

The movies are:

- Anaconda
- Nothing But Trouble
- Sharknado
- Winter's Tale
- Easy Rider 2
- The Room
- Punisher: War Zone
- All About Steve
- Toys
- Howard the Duck
- Ernest Goes To Jail
- Tiptoes
- I Know Who Killed Me
- Con Air

First letters spell [ANSWER PATHETIC](#).

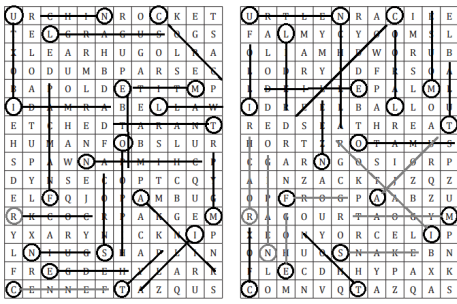
**It's a Good Thing (L3-R4-C4)**

Each image is from a Pathfinder Adventure Card Game deck, and specifically just the boons. Identify the adventure deck number of each and index it into the name of the card.

- Blessing of Deskari (Wrath 1)
- Wolf (Wrath 2)
- Consecration (RotR 2)
- Chaos Stone (Sorcerer 5)
- Cat (RotR 3)
- Reflecting Buckler (Ranger 5)
- Charmed Red Dragon (RotR 4)
- Brodert Quink (RotR 2)
- Boots of Elvenkind (Ranger 2)
- Velociraptor (RotR 5)
- Gyukak (RotR 6)
- Sacred Killer (Ranger 5)
- Toad (RotR 1)

Indexing gives you [BOOSTER ROCKET](#).

**In and Out (L3-R4-C5)**



The animals found are alligator, armadillo, box turtle, chimpanzee, chinchilla, cockroach, corn snake, crocodile, fennec fox, guinea pig, hedgehog, hoppelotamus, kinkajou, pacman frog, pot-bellied, pygmy goat, python, sugar glider, tarantula, titmouse, and wallaroo.

The letters representing "pet doors" spell **UNCLE MILTON FARM INSECT**. The answer is **ANT**.

**Sand Traps (L3-R5-C1)**

Each hole is a series of related items, using the letters of the clubs in the white spaces.

- Frog, Grass, Shamrock, Kiwi, Iguana, Avocado
- Textarea, Address, Section, Nav, Video, Option
- Turkey, Yemen, Nepal, Laos, Syria, Azerbaijan
- Zulu, Uniform, Mike, Echo, Oscar, Romeo

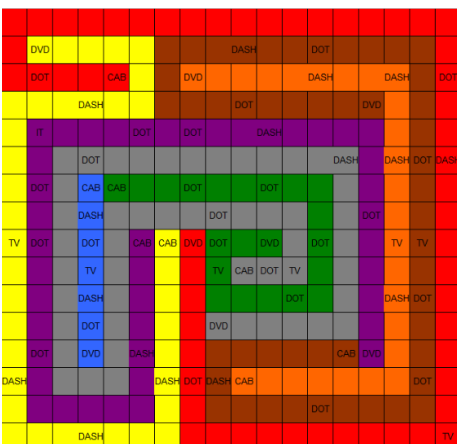
In each case, one word is too short for that space, indicating a sand trap. Each of these words can be replaced with a desert that has the same first and last letter.

- Kalahari
- Negev
- Sahara
- Mojave

Following the instructions at the bottom, adjusting the deserts' letters becomes **"THE ANSWER IS PALEONTOLOGIST."**

**Crossed Cables (L3-R5-C2)**

Complete the Numberlink.



The colors used are also resistor colors. In resistor order, the morse code formed by going from Cable

to TV and then DVR to TV spell **BLUETOOTH-ENABLED**.

- Brown Cable: dash dot dot dot (B)
- Brown DVD: dot dash dot dot (L)
- Red Cable: dot dot dash (U)
- Red DVD: dot (E)
- Orange Cable: dash (T)
- Orange DVD: dash dash dash (O)
- Yellow Cable: dash dash dash (O)
- Yellow DVD: dash (T)
- Green Cable: dot dot dot dot (H)
- Green DVD: dot (E)
- Blue Cable: dash dot (N)
- Blue DVD: dot dash (A)
- Violet Cable: dash dot dot dot (B)
- Violet DVD: dot dash dot dot (L)
- Gray Cable: dot (E)
- Gray DVD: dash dot dot (D)

**Montezuma's Revenge (L3-R5-C4)**

Each movie clued on the left sounds like a sequel to a movie on the right.

On the left

- 28 Days Later
- ...About Last Night
- Leaving Las Vegas
- Night of the Comet
- Never Say Never Again
- Summer of Sam

On the right

- Honeymoon in Vegas
- Last Night
- 28 Days
- I Am Sam
- Never Say Never
- Comet

Index the movie on the left by the number of the movie its not really a sequel of.

- 28 Days Later [A]
- ...About Last Night [L]
- Leaving Las Vegas [I]
- Night of the Comet [E]
- Never Say Never Again [N]
- Summer of Sam [S]

The answer is **ALIENS**.

**Partners in Crime (L3-R5-C5)**

Complete each grid as follows:

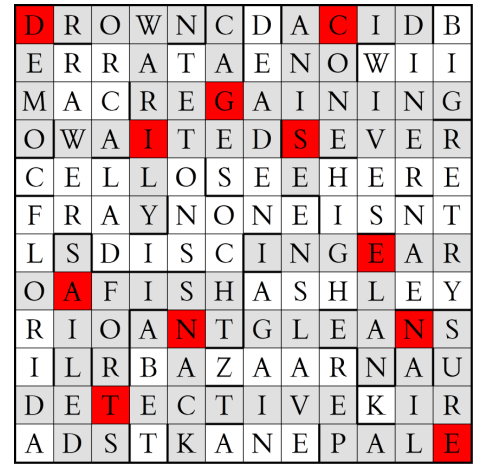
Note that nine pairs lead to overlapping words instead of a single word.

- 5. LINER/INERT
- 70. UCLA/CLAW
- 74. CANT/ANTI
- 78. YEAR/EARN
- 116. MASA/ASAP
- 125. OPAL/PALE

- 126. RIOT/IOTA
- 161. ASWAN/SWANK
- 169. NEAT/EATS

The first letters spell **LUCY MORAN** and last letters spell **TWIN PEAKS**. Lucy was played by **KIMMY ROBERTSON**.

**Battlefield (L2-R1-C1)**

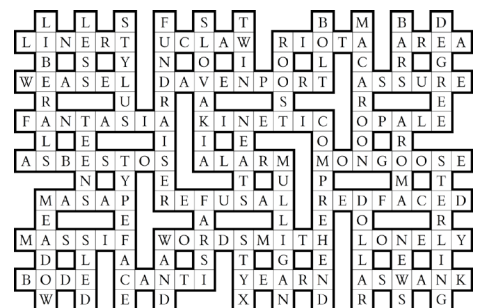


Across. 1. FROW(rev)+N; 6. A(M)ID; 10. ER(RAT)A; 13. ENO (rev); 14. wWII; 15. MA+C; 16. REM+A+IN+IN+G; 17. WAF+TED; 18. ForEVER; 20. CELL+O; 22. S(EE/p) HERE; 24. FR(A)Y; 25. NONE (d.def); 28. ISNT\*; 31. DISCover; 32. expectINGMARRY; 34. OF+FISH; 37. ASHLEY\*; 38. RIOT; 39. A+FT; 40. garGLEAMStel; 43. POSH\*; 45. DEFer+CTIVE\*; 46. sKIRt; 47. tArDiS; 48. KANE (Cain hom.); 49. PALM\*

Down: 1. tiMEMOves; 2. distributORCap; 3. WAR+ML+Y; 4. CarAFES; 5. DEA+DEN; 6. ANIME\*; 7. F+ONE; 8. DINERo; 9. BeInG; 11. RAW ER (rev.); 12. ThE+TONS; 14. WIVES\*; 19. RETRY\*; 21. rivaLADversary; 23. HIGH (hi hom); 24. F(L+O)RIDA; 26. murdOCHTries; 27. ENSL(A+V)Er; 29. iNtAke; 30. S(MILE)D; 33. FLANK; 35. FOR+MS; 36. S+MACK; 37. A+GAIN; 39. ABE+T; 41. FamILy; 42. SURF (hom.); 44. PER (rev.)

In 11 cases, the letters M and F conflict. There is only one letter in each case that can replace the M and F. From left to right:

- (F)ROWN/(M)EMO->D
- S(M)ILED/O(F)FISH->A



- DE(F)ECTIVE/FOR(M)S->T
- WAR(M)LY/WA(F)TED->I
- A(F)T/S(M)ACK->N
- RE(M)AINING/CA(F)ES->G
- ANI(M)E/(F)EVER->S
- A(M)ID/(F)ONE->C
- ING(M)AR/(F)LAN->E
- GLEA(M)S/(F)AIL->N
- SUR(F)/PAL(M)->E

The replacement letters spell [DATING SCENE](#).

### The Amazing Oregon Trail Race (L2-R1-C2)

Susan Hall died of snakebite on leg 5, and she was the last Hall sister left alive. The Hall sister that died of cholera did not do so leg 5 or 6 (above), or leg 1 or 2 (clue 19). Edgar Walla died of cholera leg 2. If the Hall sister that died of cholera did so on leg 3, there would be no place for Nigel, so she died leg 4, Nigel of cholera leg 3, and Edgar Walla is Pearl's brother. Willa Bridger died of measles on leg 1, and a Bridger brother died of snakebite on leg 4. A Walla sibling died of snakebite after leg 3 (clue 12), so that person died leg 6. A Laramie brother died of snakebite after leg 2, so he died leg 3. The man who died of cholera in clue 21 had a sister who died of snakebite. This is not Laramie, Bridger, Hall or Walla (above), so its Boise or Kearney, and his sister died of snakebite on leg 2. Efram Boise died of dysentery on leg 4, and had two brothers who died legs 1 and 2, so the man who died of cholera leg 1 is Kearney. A Boise brother died of snakebite on leg 1. The family in clue 8 are not the Kearneys, they are the Boises. No one in the Bridger family made it to leg 6 (clue 17), so one member of each of the other families did. The Boise family member therefore died of cholera on leg 6, exhaustion leg 2, and measles leg 3. The Laramie that died of cholera did not do so leg 3, he or she did so leg 5, and Nigel is a member of the Bridger family. Sally is not Laramie, nor Boise (as that would contradict clue 14), so she is Hall. The Boise family are 3 brothers and 2 sisters. The Bridger family are 4 brothers and 1 sister. The Laramies are 2 brothers and 3 sisters. The family with 1 brother and 4 sisters are not the Wallas or Kearneys (both had men die outside of leg 6, clue 25), so its Hall, and the Hall brother died of dysentery leg 6. The family in clue 22 cannot be the Boises (Efram), Bringers (Willa), Wallas (Edgar), or Halls (Susan). They cannot be the Laramies (wrong distribution of genders), they are the Kearneys. Emily did not of snakebite, Hilda did, and Peter is therefore the Kearney brother who died of cholera. There are 15 men and 15 women, so the Wallas are 2 brothers and 3 sisters. A Bridger died on leg 2, so he died of dysentery. The Bridger that died of exhaustion did so on leg 5. These are both men, and the other woman to die on leg 2 is the Hall sister who died

of measles. She is not Eliza (clue 20), so she is Kathy (clue 25), and Eliza Hall died of exhaustion leg 1. Cheri died of dysentery leg 1 (clue 20). No one in the Laramie clan died leg 2, so a member did die on leg 1, and this is Cheri. No member of the Hall family died leg 3, and by default, no member of the Kearney family died leg 4. A man died of measles the same leg as a woman died of dysentery, which can only be leg 5. Wilma also died this leg and must be the Laramie sister that died of cholera. Emily Kearney died of exhaustion, so the woman who died of dysentery leg 5 is a Walla. A Kearney died of dysentery leg 3, a Walla died of Exhaustion leg 3. A Kearney died of measles leg 5. A Laramie died of measles on leg 6, a Kearney of exhaustion on leg 6 (and is therefore Emily), a Walla of measles on leg 4, and a Laramie of exhaustion on leg 4. Fritz did not die leg 3 (as there is no place for Roxie on leg 1), so he is the Kearney who died of the measles on leg 5, and Chris died leg 3. Uther and Jacob are the only men to die on their leg. This was not leg 1 (Peter), leg 2 (Edgar), leg 3 (Nigel), leg 4 (Efram), or leg 5 (Fritz). Uther and Jacob are the two men who died on leg 6, making the Walla sibling on that leg female. Uther died first and is Hall, Jacob is Laramie. Only two men died of exhaustion: Boise and Bridger. The Walla sibling who died of exhaustion is female. The woman in clue 26 must be the Walla sister, and Anton is the Walla who died leg 4. Verna died leg 4, and is Laramie. Of the two men who died of exhaustion, Agnes' brother is not Bridger, it's Boise, and Claud is the Bridger who died of exhaustion. Rhoda died before her sister Flynn. Of the unassigned women, 3 are Wallas, and 2 are Boises. Pearl is already assigned to the Wallas and Agnes the Boises, so Rhoda and Flynn are the two remaining Walla sisters, and Roxie is a Boise sister. Roxie died of the Measles, and Agnes cholera. Pearl did not die of snakebite, nor in leg 5, she is the Walla sister who died of exhaustion, while Rhoda died of dysentery, and Flynn snakebite. Of the five men remaining, we have two sets of brothers (Frank and Roger, Boris and Hiram), leaving Cecil to be the unnamed Laramie sibling on leg 3. Frank died the leg right before Roger, so they are the Boise brothers, while Boris and Hiram are the Bridgers who died on legs 2 and 4 respectively.

Each first name is five letters. Read down the diagonal of each leg to get "[PHIL K/EOGHA/N HAIL/S FROM/WHAT N/ATION.](#)" Phil Keoghan is from [NEW ZEALAND](#).

### Unassembled Bomb (L2-R1-C3)

Pieces: Nook; Ruse; Elan; Snares; Dicta; Oregano; Moist; Dvorak; Owes; Betting slip; Quid Pro Quo; Ann; Tracts; I Dreamed a Dream; Area; Aqua; Toolers; Windhoek; Bacardi; Snagrel; Phallus; Libre; Groupies; Ross Sea; Bunco; Zero

TOGOU PINS MOKE  
LOGRIDE ADVISO  
ONAGERS GROWTH  
SQUARE AMERIND  
TAPHOUSE LASER  
CABALLODAKOTA  
ANNOUNCED BOSN  
RAZEQUARRELER  
DISROBEBETTIS  
ACTORSSIAMANG  
RELAPSOLDIERS  
TURNDOWNOCTAL  
ESQUIRESOKAPI

One piece is missing: [GOT LOST](#) in the upper left.

### I Know That Voice (L2-R1-C4)

This puzzle uses the standard phone code (ABC=2, DEF=3)

The first set decodes to a set of TV shows.

- The Big Bang Theory
- Charlie's Angels
- The Drew Carey Show
- Magnum, P.I.
- Mork & Mindy
- Rhoda

Each of these shows had a notable character heard only or mostly in voiceover. The second set decodes to the first five letters of one of these characters.

- Carlton
- Charlie
- Mr. Bell
- Mrs. Wolowitz
- Orson Welles
- Robin Masters

The third set are the actors who voice each of these characters, but with some additional letters.

- Car(C)ol(H) Ann(I) Susi
- Kevin(E) Pol(N)la(S)ck
- Jo(L)hn Fo(D)rsyth(R)e
- Lore(A)nzo M(L)usic
- O(H)rso(O)n Well(S)es
- Ra(P)lph J(I)am(T)es

The additional letters, in the order of the shows in the first set spell [CHILDRENS HOSPITAL](#). [MICHAEL CERA](#) does voiceover work for that show as the PA Announcer and is the final answer.

### Crossing Swords (L2-R1-C5)

Cross the swords so that a 2x2 block on each sword overlaps. It's then possible to read four words using letters from the 2x2 block on one sword and the remaining letters from the other sword. For each of the four words, you can replace

the entire 4x4 block with a single letter to create 4 new words.

- [UN]IVERSE and [ST]ROLLER crosses [FR]ICTION and [EQ]UALITY [D]
- L[AU]GHTER and F[RA]GMENT crosses P[UN]CTURE and R[EO]PENED [I]
- DE[SC]ENDS and CO[UR]IERS crosses HA[IR]LESS and RE[RO]UTED [P]
- CON[QU]EST and BUT[CH]ERY crosses STA[LL]ION and RES[ON]ATE [T]
- CONC[LU]DE and PROC[UR]ED crosses BURG[LA]RS and SEXT[AN]TS [E]
- ACTUA[LL]Y and UNHEA[TE]D crosses COMME[NC]E and DECLA[SS]E [R]
- DIPLOM[AT] and SPECTR[UM] crosses TEMPER[ED] and GRANIT[ES] [A]

The new letters spell **DIPTERA**.

### Centerfold (L2-R2-C1)

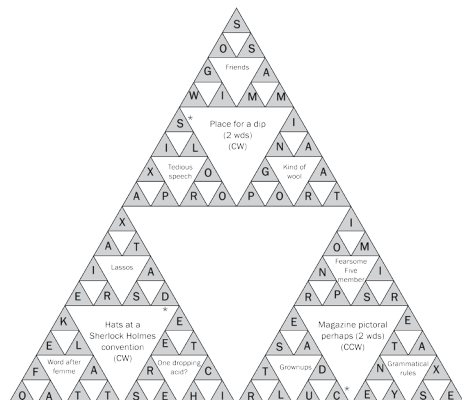
Each answer on the right is formed by taking the last three letters of the answer on the left and “folding them out” to reveal three new letters.

- HADES/HARASSED
- MANIA/MAINTAIN
- COURSED/COURTSIDES
- HARDER/HARD-WIRED
- ROOTLE/ROOSEVELT
- HOYLE/HOARSELY
- HASTA/HABITATS
- MILER/MINSTREL
- COSTA/CONGRATS
- STENOS/STEVENSON
- BODEGA/BODY IMAGE
- MATER/MARGARET
- CARED/CALENDER
- ENEMY/END RHYME
- SWEDEN/SWEETENED
- SHRED/SHOULDER
- GREETER/GREEN BERET
- BURDEN/BURGEONED

Take the center letter of the revealed trigram to get **ANSWER IS GEIGER TUBE**.

### The Carpet Made Me Dizzy (L2-R2-C2)

The inner triangle is “**A PROPORTION RESTRICTED AT X**”. This is a cryptic clue for



**RATIO** (R+AT+IO).

### Double Features (L2-R2-C3)

Use the letters at the bottom to complete the names of two movies that share several letters in common. The marquee will still one one letter short.

- Morocco/Sirocco: S
- Rebecca/Robocop: A
- Casablanca/Sabrina: A
- Hatari/Cabaret: B
- Charade/Amadeus: M
- Cleopatra/Gladiator: I
- Othello/The Fog: F
- Goldfinger/Goodfellas: N
- Easy Rider/Death Wish: R
- Chinatown/Platoon: N
- Car Wash/Star Wars: T
- Annie Hall/Die Hard: L
- Gremlins/Drumline: E
- Con Air/Anaconda: D

Arrange the missing letter in the order of the letters at the bottom to get the clue “**BEN AND ART FILMS**.” They can both be completed with **HUR**.

### Quebecois (L2-R2-C4)

Each answer on the left contains QU. Each answer on the right is one of the words on the left with the QU replaced with a single letter.

Left: aqua, squid, quells, barbequed, coquette, bequest, clique, Quran, aliquant, plaque, quat, Banquo, quipped, quieter, required, antiques, liquid, roque, squint, Quebec, squat, oblique, piques, quizzing, squared, masque

Right: rewired, behest, oblique, seat, zipped, barbered, roue, masse, dieter, Antibes, soared, livid, pipes, clime, Iran, saint, yells, skid, xebec, fizzing, banjo, Colette, alicant, plate, Qat

Each change uses a different letter of the alphabet. One left-hand answer is unused (Aqua) and one letter is unused (N). The missing answer on the right-hand side is therefore **ANA**.

### Six-Shooters (L2-R2-C5)

Each clue answer can be formed by taking one of the seven-letter words, removing a letter, and reading the remaining letters in circular fashion. (e.g., KNIGHTS - G = THINKS counterclockwise, ANGERED - E = DANGER clockwise).

- NOISES [S], SLAYER [W], LINEAR [I], ORIGIN [N], CUTTLE [E], ESPIED [S]
- ASSERT [C], CALMED [I], SOAPER [N], ASIDES [E], BARREL [M], USAGES [A]
- SCONES [F], SEDUCE [L], SINGER [A], GIDEON [R], NOMADS [E], BREATH [D]

- CANALS [D], DANGER [E], THINKS [G], HONEST [R], RISQUE [E], GRAVEN [E]
- UPSIDE [T], CANAPE [H], BRACED [I], EARNED [G], LASERS [H], LITANY [S]
- SIMPLE [A], UNEASE [V], ASSAIL [E], ITSELF [R], NEATER [S], CARROT [E]

Each six-shooter chamber then in turn contains another six-letter word that can be formed from one of the remaining seven-letter words.

- SWINES = WITNESS - T
- CINEMA = MACHINE - H
- FLARED = FEDERAL - E
- DEGREE = EMERGED - M
- THIGHS = HIGHEST - E
- AVERSE = ADVERSE - D

Answer is **THEMED**.

### Daily Correspondents (L2-R3-C1)

Use the values provided (there should be more than plenty of break-in points) to get the key:

A=13; B=2; C=24; D=17; E=3; F=15; G=20; H=7; I=14; J=16; K=5; L=19; M=22; N=9; O=25; P=18; Q=6; R=12; S=11; T=8; U=26; V=4; W=10; X=21; Y=1; Z=23

Use these values to figure out the equations at the bottom to get 20, 26, 3, 11, 8, 7, 25, 11, 8

Translate these using the key above to get **GUEST HOST**.

### A Feather In Your Cap (L2-R3-C2)

The capital letters in one feather plus one egg can be anagrammed to make the name of an author. Each of these authors wrote a book matching the enumeration given that contains a bird. Use the egg to determine which letter to take.

- JINK+GROWL=J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix [P]
- WHY+LEOPARD=Howard Pyle, King Stork [T]
- SMALL+HAD THE TIME=Dashiell Hammett, The Maltese Falcon [A]
- BRIM+BOSTON=Tom Robbins, Still Life With Woodpecker [R]
- REPEAL+HER=Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird [M]
- FIJAN+ACKLED=Jack Canfield, Chicken Soup for the Soul [I]
- CHAR+DIBRACH=Richard Bach, Jonathan Livingston Seagull [G]
- HORNS+JIGHAM=John Grisham, The Pelican Brief [A]
- JAMS+GRAYED=James Grady, Six Days of the Condor [N]

Indexed letters spell **PTARMIGAN**.

**Family Visits (L2-R3-C3)**

- Inmates: Joel Grey, Mark Harmon, Angelina Jolie, Shirley MacLaine, Jayne Mansfield, Liam Neeson, Aidan Quinn, Martin Sheen, Talia Shire, Ben Stiller, Jason Sudeikis
- Visitors: Warren Beatty, Lorraine Bracco, Nicolas Cage, Emilio Estevez, Clark Gregg, Mariska Hargitay, Anne Meara, Ricky Nelson, Vanessa Redgrave, Jon Voight, George Wendt,

Each inmate is related (family or through marriage) to one of the visitors. Assign each visitor to one of the labelled squares based on their relation to the inmate. The label indicates you should take the Nth letter of the inmate's first or last name:

- Jason Sudeikis's uncle-in-law (on mother's side): George Wendt (J)
- Ben Stiller's mom: Anne Meara: (E)
- Angelina Jolie's father: Jon Voight (N)
- Liam Neeson's mother-in-law: Vanessa Redgrave (A)
- Mark Harmon's brother-in-law (sister's brother): Ricky Nelson (O)
- Shirley MacLaine's brother: Warren Beatty (R)
- Aidan Quinn's sister-in-law: Lorraine Bracco (D)
- Talia Shire's nephew: Nicolas Cage (A)
- Martin Sheen's son: Emilio Estevez (N)
- Jayne Mansfield's daughter: Mariska Hargitay (N)
- Joel Grey's son-in-law: Clark Gregg (Y)

The indexed letters spell **JENNA OR DANNY**. The answer is **ELFMAN**. (Their relation will complete the clue by providing an N).

**Crossing the Alps (L2-R3-C4)**

Although this looks like a standard Alphabet Soup puzzle, it is not. Enter the letters A-L-P in the middle, in some order, to make a new word. In some cases, you will still need one more letter.

- BALLPARK
- SCALPEL
- CEPHALOPOD [O]
- GOALPOST
- JALAPENO
- GALAPAGOS
- CLAPBOARD [B]
- WORDPLAY
- APPLAUSE
- AEROPLANE
- RHINOPLASTY [S]
- TRANSPLANT
- MARKETPLACE [T]
- ROLEPLAYING
- ECTOPLASM
- APPALACHIAN [A]
- SWAMPLAND
- COMPLACENT [C]

- APPALOOSA
  - WALLPAPER [L]
  - EGGPLANT
  - EXCULPATORY
  - TELEPATHIC [E]
  - UNEXPLAINED
  - BLASPHEMY [S]
- Additional letters spell **OBSTACLES**.

**Making Tracks (L2-R3-C5)**

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Arrange the tiles so they make the upper configuration. The outside perimeter spells **FIND US THE SUSPECTS DETECTIVE**. Note that colored lines either represent appropriately colored stations in various subway systems (e.g., Warren Street in the upper left) or suspects in Murder on the Orient Express. Just the suspects gives the lower configuration (with all colors converted to gray). The result is **LIBERIA**.

**Family Reunions (L2-R4-C1)**

Remove a letter from each word and anagram to come up a set of related items.

Money: Lettuce (S), Bread (O), Bones (U), Moola (B), Ducats (R), Peanuts (I), Dime (Q), Clams (U), Lucre (E), Coin (T)

Colors: Sienna (F), Yellow (O), Violet (R), Cerise (M), Lavender (U), Coral (L), Crimson (A), Orange (T), Scarlet (E), Purple (S)

Smart: Astute (P), Skilled (E), Able (D), Talented (E), Adept (S), Expert (T), Caggy (R), Deft (I), Gifted (A), Genius (N)

Elected Officials: Senator (M), Mayor (O), Rep (T), Regent (I), Clerk (O), Deputy (N), Alderman (L), Antipope (E), Elector (S), Governor (S)

The words formed by the removed letters can then have the same process applied to get a word from one of the other sets.

- SOBRIQUET->TURQUOISE (B)

- FORMULATES->MASTERFUL (O)
- PEDESTRIAN->PRESIDENT (A)
- MOTIONLESS->SIMOLEONS (T)

Changing the letters in order spells **BOAT**.

**Bullfighters and Cows (L2-R4-C2)**

In each of these Bulls and Cows puzzles, the numbers indicate the following:

- The Bull number is the number of letters

in the correct position if the guessed word contains a Y

- The Bull number is the number of letters in the incorrect position if the guessed word contains an X
- The Cow number is the number of letters in the correct position if the guessed word contains an X
- The Cow number is the number of letters in the incorrect position if the guessed word contains a Y

e.g., if the target word is SHEMP and the guessed word is RHYME, the Bull number would be 2 (for H and M) and the Cow number would be 1. If the guessed word is MIXES, the Bull number would be 3, and Cow number 0.

The target words are:

- FALSE (SE)
- SIXTY (XY)
- DWARF (DR)
- PSHAW (AW)
- QUERY (ER)
- DASHI (S)

Starred letters spell **SEXY DRAWERS**.

**Warm Treats (L2-R4-C3)**

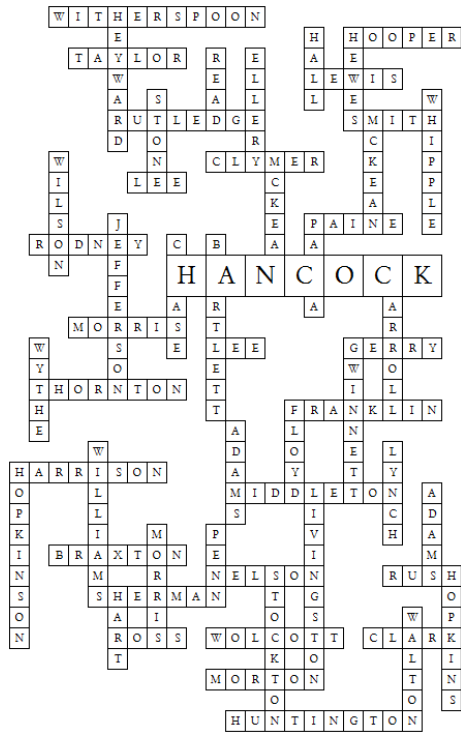
Each hot chocolate represents a kangaroo word.

- Chocolate/Cocoa
- Chicken/Hen
- Stocking/Sock
- Weakening/Waning
- Encourage/Urge

- Separate/Part
- Rambunctious/Raucous
- Inheritor/Heir
- Destruction/Ruin
- Regulate/Rule
- Stealthy/Sly
- Unsightly/Ugly

The dark marshmallows spell out **ANSWER CHILLY**.

**A Signature Puzzle (L2-R4-C4)**



The grid can be filled in with the signers of the Declaration of Independence, with Hancock going in the oversized squares. Numbered squares spell **LIBYA**.

**Lava Lamp (L2-R4-C5)**

The Lava Lamp is a word search where several volcanos have been concealed. Circle them with large blobs similar to the blobs in a lava lamp. Leftover letters spell **“ENTERTAINMENT JUNKIE.”**

Volcanos are (roughly top to bottom) Eyjafjallajokull, Krakatoa, Cotopaxi, Merapi, Popocatepetl, Vesuvius, St. Helens, Rainier, Pinatubo, Kilauea.

**Are You Sure? (L2-R5-C1)**

The cryptograms are quotes often ascribed to Albert Einstein. Of the 9 quotes, only 4 are actually by him.

- Pure mathematics is, in its way, the poetry of logical ideas. (Yes!)
- The definition of insanity is doing the same

thing over and over and expecting different results. (Nope)

- I fear the day that technology will surpass our human interaction. The world will have a generation of idiots. (Nope)
- Knowledge is limited. Imagination encircles the world. (Yes!)
- The only thing that interferes with my learning is my education. (Nope)
- What does a fish know about the water in which he swims all his life? (Yes!)
- The mind that opens to a new idea, never comes back to its original size. (Nope)
- Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind. (Yes!)
- Not everything that can be counted counts, and not everything that counts can be counted. (Nope)

Encode AE in each of the ciphers used for the real quotes to get, in order, ID, IO, TB, OX. The answer is **IDIOT BOX**.

**Security Gaps (L2-R5-C2)**

Each smaller word can be found in the same larger word in nonconsecutive letters in order. One letter of the 11 letter word is not used.

- chamBermaid
- merchAndise
- workmaNship
- peNultimate
- icosahEdron
- taxiDermist
- suborDinate
- leopaRdskin
- dangeroUsly
- acknowlegE

Unused letters spell **BANNED DRUG**.

**Coffee Rings (L2-R5-C3)**

Each coffee ring has two elements. One is an image that’s created by spelling out a coffee brand by connecting letters on the outer ring, and the other is a coffee ring that reaches from one letter to another. From top to bottom, left to right:

- Gevalia (top letter P, ring stretches from L to O)
- Folgers (top letter D, ring stretches from E to R)
- Starbucks (top letter T, ring stretches from U to O)
- Dunkin Donuts (top letter E, ring stretches from A to N)
- Millstone (top letter I, ring stretches from A to N)
- Eight O’Clock (top letter N, ring stretches from S to W)
- Seattle’s Best (top letter N), ring stretches from F to D)
- Maxwell House (top letter O), ring stretches from S to T)
- Yuban (top letter S, ring stretches from N to D)

In alphabetical order, the top letters spell **ENDPOINTS**. The endpoints of the coffee rings in order (its up to the solver to figure out which order the endpoints go in) spell out **ANSWER LOST AND FOUND**.

**Who Shot the Deputy? (L2-R5-C4)**

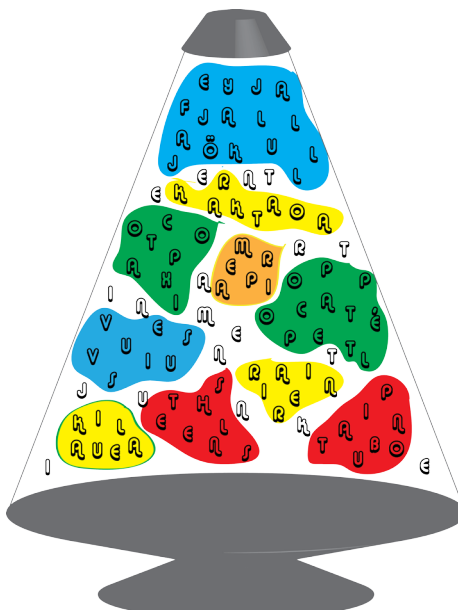
It’s possible to rotate the wheels so that they spell the following shooting victims (both parts read in towards the center). Note that all letters will be used, and any spaces will be the appropriate type of shot:

- HAMILTON\* IWASVPFOR (bullet hole)
- MR\*\*BURNS AFTERTHEM (bullet hole)
- \*ACHILLES LANDSLAST (arrow notch)
- COCKROBIN ENDLETTER (arrow notch)
- GOLIATH\*\* NOTROMAN# (stone marks)
- \*\*GREEDO\* BETWEENOS (laser blast)
- J\*R\*EWING ISTLETTER (bullet hole)

First figure out who shot the people given, and then use the other clue to get a letter:

- Hamilton: Aaron Burr, vice president to Jefferson (J)
- Mr. Burns: Maggie Simpsons. After the M is A (A)
- Achilles: Paris. Paris was from Troy, so Y (Y)
- Cock Robin: Sparrow. (W)
- Goliath: David (A is the only non-Roman numeral)
- Greedo: Han Solo (L is between the Os)
- J. R. Ewing: Kristen (K)

The answer is **JAYWALK**.



### Secret Messages (L2-R5-C5)

The text appears to be taken from the Wikipedia article about Lucrezia Borgia, with minor changes. The first letters of the paragraphs spell Bacon. Looking through the text, some Greek letters pop out. In fact, there are 5 upper and lower case Greek letters on certain lines.

(You can strip the regular alphabet by using grep or some other text tool. You can also Find and Replace each letter of the alphabet with "" until only Greek letters are left.)

In order, the Bacon code (treating uppercase Greek as B and lowercase as A) gives UNIX Stream Editor, which clues [SED](#).

### Pelting Away (L1-R1-C1)

Each photo clues either a type of fur or a word that is a type of fur with different terminal letters:

- PABLO/SABLE
- MINK/AINU
- LAMB/GAME
- SEAL/TEAR
- LION/RIOT
- LLAMA/ALAMO
- MARTEN/CARTER
- IOU/FOX
- CABBIE/RABBIT
- OOLA/WOLF

If the non-fur is on top, take its first letter. If the non-fur is on bottom, take its last letter. Do this and you'll get [PUERTO RICO](#).

### Le Cine (L1-R1-C2)

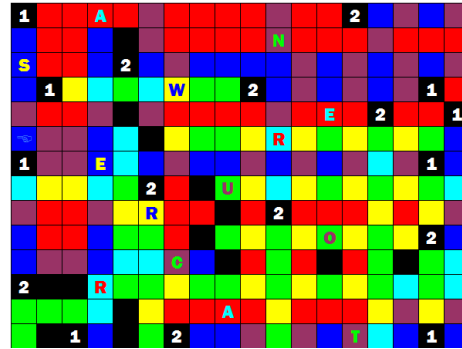
The movies' titles are taken from rough descriptions of lowbrow movies. Index by the number of stars.

- Jackass (Some young men enjoy pranks and dangerous stunts): K
- Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (Four turtles live in the sewers): N
- Police Academy (Men and women learn how to be officers): I
- Kingpin (a one-handed man and simple peasant go to the bowling alley): G
- Anchorman (Burgundy tells us what is happening): H
- Austin Powers (A frozen spy is revived and struggles to fit in): T
- There's Something About Mary (a woman uses an unusual substance in her hair): R
- Office Space (A man and his stapler can't be separated): I
- Friday the 13th (A man in a hockey mask expresses his anger): D
- Pixels (Video game characters attack us): E
- American Pie (A young man discovers his love of bakery products): R

Indexed letters spell [KNIGHT RIDER](#).

### Light Bulb Mania (L1-R1-C3)

Solve the Akari puzzle the normal way. The lights placed on certain colors will wash out the red, green or blue portion of letters in that row or column. (In some cases, such as the yellow H in row 6, two different lights will erase the two components of yellow.) Answers that would still be visible are [ANSWER EUROCRAT](#).



### Sleep Tight (L1-R1-C4)

Rearrange the trigrams to form REM Lyrics with one word incorrect. For each, the # of words is the same as the # of letters in the title.

- THE TRAIN CONDUCTOR SAYS IT'S A BREAK. Driver 8 (It's for Take) [e]
- DOWN FEATHERS IRON BARGAIN BUILDINGS WEIGHTS AND PULLEYS. Fall on Me, (Down for Problem) [4 8 4 7 9 7 3 7] [f]
- ANDY GOOFBALL YOU GOOFING ON ELVIS? HEY, BABY ARE WE LOSING TOUCH Man on the Moon (Goofball for Are) [a]
- EVERY STREET LIGHT REVEALS A PICTURE FROM REVERSE STILL IT'S SO MUCH CLEARER Nightswimming, (From for In) [w]
- WE'D CIRCLE TO STOP AND CONSIDER AND CENTERED ON THE ACTIVITY Orange Crush (Activity for Pavement) [h]
- YOU'LL WIND UP HELPING SOME FACTORY THAT'S FULL-TIME FILTH (Don't Go Back To) Rockville (Helping for In) [k]
- PUT IT IN YOUR HANDS, TAKE BACK, TAKE IT THERE'S NO TIME TO CRY, HAPPY, HAPPY Shiny Happy People (Off for It) [a]
- WONDERED WHY EACH HAVEN'T BEFORE Stand (Each for We) [a]
- ANOTHER PROP HAS OCCUPIED MY TIME THIS CALL GOES OUT TO The One I Love (Call for One) [l]

The incorrect words can be ordered A-I. The letters that line up with the incorrect words spell [HALF AWAKE](#).

### Mutations (L1-R1-C5)

Each pair of images are two celebrities with overlapping names.

- Cary Grant/Grant Gustin
- Gracie Allen/Allen Ginsberg
- Tony Curtis/Curtis Armstrong
- Aaron Carter/Carter Cruise
- Curious George/George Gershwin
- Aisha Tyler/Tyler Clippard
- Anthony Anderson/Anderson Cooper
- GroZell Green/Green Goblin

Each set of initials is also a DNA codon. Use the letters for those codons.

- CGG: R
- GAG: E
- TCA: S
- ACC: T
- CGG: R
- ATC: I
- AAC: N
- GGG: G

These letters spell [RESTRING](#).

### Whoopie Cushion (L1-R2-C1)

The code used here is a ternary code, where each substring of pppffttt represents a letter. The letters are in order (pfft is a, pfftt is b, pfft is c, etc.) Decoding the text gives:

- 24-Karat Gold Limp Biscuit
- Fast-Acting Long-Lasting Silent But Deadly
- Fully Loaded Irritable Bowel Salute
- Great Big Air Raid Siren
- Heavy Duty Terrence and Phillip Secret Handshake
- Canoramic Gas Cloud
- Curiously Compelling Windy Poptart
- Endlessly Engrossing Sidewinder Stink Bomb
- Ahh-Inspiring End Rumbler
- Absolutely Absorbing Nose Tweaker
- All-Purpose Extra-Strength Squeaker
- Perpetually Pleasing Nether Cough
- Unsinkable Irish Stewed
- Unstoppable Rump Roast
- Slightly Irregular Icky Floater
- Supremely Satisfying Window Rattler
- Triumphant Hot Love

The first part of each phrase is part of the title of an Uncle John's Bathroom Reader. In release order:

- Great Big Air Raid Siren
- Absolutely Absorbing Nose Tweaker
- All-Purpose Extra-Strength Squeaker
- Supremely Satisfying Window Rattler
- Ahh-Inspiring End Rumbler
- Unstoppable Rump Roast
- Slightly Irregular Icky Floater
- Fast-Acting Long-Lasting Silent But Deadly
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- Perpetually Pleasing Nether Cough
- Canoramic Gas Cloud

The other part of each phrase is a phase implying fart. (Let's face it, look at the guy who's artifact it is. How could I not go there?) These parts' first letters spell **ANSWER IS WHISTLING**.

**Marching Hives (L1-R2-C2)**

B A R G E  
 S A B A T O  
 S T A S H E D  
 S E T P I E C E  
 S O A R C R O W  
 S P L O T C H Y  
 S O P R A N O  
 S I T A R S  
 A V I L A

The reverse diagonal spells the answer **ETHIOPIA**.

**Glorifying the Criminal (L1-R2-C3)**

Each of the celebrities has starred as one of the real-life criminals on the bottom. If you pair up the nine-letter crimes and the six-digit serial number, you'll get a subsection of one of the other films, minus a letter. (e.g., DiCaprio's crimes are the MANTICORE crimes. Taking Abagnale's serial number 537812 gives INORMA. This is part of the film The Informant, minus the F.) It's possible to create a chain of movies this way.

- Leonardo DiCaprio as Frank Abagnale in Catch Me If You Can [inorma] - F
- Matt Damon as Mark Whitacre in The Informant! [ricnga] - A
- Denzel Washington as Frank Lucas in American Gangster [noldbl] - C
- Scott Wilson as Richard Hickock in In Cold Blood [monstr] - E
- Charlize Theron as Aileen Wournous in Monster [helers] - T
- Steve Railsback as Charles Manson in Helter Skelter [catcer] - H
- Steve Carell as John\_E. DuPont in Foxcatcher [dmguil] - E
- Vin Diesel as Jackie DiNorscio in Find Me Guilty [sinoac] - J
- Kevin Spacey as Jack Abramoff in Casino Jack [canhst] - U
- Christian Bale as Melvin Weinberg in American Hustle [nlycea] - R
- Kate Winslet as Juliet Hulme in Heavenly Creatures [eifouc] - Y

Missing letters form **FACE THE JURY**.

**Fight Night (L1-R2-C4)**

The title references Ali's well-known "Thrilla in Manila." Like that, all of the clues are rhymes.

- CLOVER IN DOVER [L]
- EUPHORIA IN PEORIA [E]
- TUSSELS IN BRUSSELS [T]
- SILO IN SHILOH [S]
- GRAMPA IN TAMPA [G]
- PALACE IN DALLAS [E]
- STARLET IN CHARLOTTE [T]
- CARGO IN FARGO [R]
- VETO IN QUITO [E]
- MARACAS IN CARACAS [A]
- DEALING IN WHEELING [D]
- GYRO IN CAIRO [Y]
- STAPLES IN NAPLES [T]
- HOOVER IN VANCOUVER [O]
- BACON IN MACON [B]
- SLINKY IN HELSINKI [L]
- DALI IN RALEIGH [A]
- KIDNEY IN SYDNEY [N]
- KILLINGS IN BILLINGS [K]

Indexed letters spell "Let's get ready to blank." The answer is **RUMBLE**.

**Blood and Iron (L1-R2-C5)**

The Blood grid's solution is:

+	+	+	+	-	-				-	-
+	+	+	+	-	-	-	-			
+	+	+	+		-	-				+
					-	-		+	+	+
			+	+				+	+	+
-	-		+	+			-		+	+
-	-		+	+			-	-	-	

The Iron grid's solution is:

-	+			+	-	+	-	+	-	+
+	-			-	+	-	+	-		
-	+			+	-	+	-			-
				+	-	+	-			+
				+	-					+
+	-	+		-	+	-	-	+	-	+
-	+	-			-	+		+	-	+

First figure out the size of each blood pool in the first grid. The sizes of the + blood groups left to right are 12, 6, and 10. The sizes of the - blood groups left to right are -4, -10, -4, and -2 (adjusted for the fact that its negative).

For each square, add the two values. For example, for the upper left square, add 12 for the Blood grid and subtract 1 for the Iron grid to get +11. For the upper right square, subtract 2 for the Blood grid and add 1 for the Iron grid to get -1. Adjusting the letters given gives: The widespread belief pregnant women crave pickles led this six-letter brand to adopt a stork mascot. The answer is **VLASIC**.

**Card Catalog (L1-R3-C1)**

The numbers in each title spell out the following message: "Each set has eight volumes. Fix incorrect bigram. Stars, actress, elements, muse."

The call letters for titles are based on one of the following.

Title contains a constellation. Take the first & penultimate letters of the constellation's Latin name.

- Children's Books: The Green Twins, Gemini
- The Golden Compass, Circinus
- Have You Seen My Dragon?, Draco
- Lonesome Dove, Columba
- Lord of the Flies, Musca
- A River Runs Through It, Eridanus
- Time's Arrow, Sagitta
- Replaces AA with AE.  
A Ram in the Thicket, Aries

Actress was nominated for Best Actress. Take the first and last letters of her last name.

- Breakfast at Tiffany's, Audrey Hepburn
- The Color Purple, Whoopi Goldberg
- For Whom the Bell Tolls, Ingrid Bergman
- The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo, Rooney Mara
- Pride & Prejudice, Keira Knightley
- They Shoot Horses, Don't They?, Jane Fonda
- Winter's Bone, Jennifer Lawrence
- Replace BB with ST  
Our Town, Martha Scott

Each title contains the meaning of an element's name. Take the element's symbol.

- Children's Books: The Green Twins, Praseodymium
- The Color Purple, Chromium
- Frankenstein, or The Modern Prometheus, Promethium
- Goodnight Moon, Selenium
- Hard to Get: Twenty-Something Women and the Paradox of Sexual Freedom, Dysprosium
- Our Man Flint, Silicon
- Stranger in a Strange Land, Xenon
- Replace CC with HE  
The Sun Also Rises, Helium

Each work relates to one of the muses. Take the first and last letter of the muse.

- Beowulf, Calliope
- The Comedy of Errors, Thalia
- Cosmos, Urania
- The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, Clio
- The Fault in Our Stars, Melpomene
- The Love Song of Alfred J. Prufrock, Erato
- Song of Solomon, Euterpe
- Replace DD with TE  
Dances with Cats, Terpsichore

The letters become **AESTHETE**.

**The Great Escape (L1-R3-C2)**

Rearrange the boxes to form two elimination phrases from different reality shows.

- #1: Solitary (Y), Top Chef (O)  
YOUR STAY IN SOLITARY IS OVER  
PLEASE PACK YOUR KNIVES AND GO
- #2: Shear Genius (U), Survivor (V)  
THIS WAS YOUR FINAL CUT  
THE TRIBE HAS SPOKEN
- #3: Cutthroat Kitchen (E), Bridalplasty (B)  
I'M AFRAID I'M GONNA NEED THAT  
MONEY BACK IN THIS CASE  
YOUR WEDDING WILL STILL GO ON, IT  
JUST MAY NOT BE PERFECT
- #4: Project Runway (E), I Love Money (E)  
AND THAT MEANS YOU'RE OUT. AUF  
WIEDERSEHEN  
YOUR CHECK IS VOIDED, IT'S TIME FOR  
YOU TO BOUNCE
- #5: From G's to Gents (N), Joe Millionaire (E)  
PLEASE REMOVE YOUR BLAZER  
YOU MUST LEAVE THE CHATEAU
- #6: Flavor of Love (V), The Apprentice (I)  
YOUR TIME'S UP  
YOU'RE FIRED
- #7: Rock of Love (C), Paris Hilton: My New  
BFF (T)  
YOUR TOUR ENDS HERE  
TTYN: TALK TO YOU NEVER
- #8: RuPaul's Drag Race (E), Tool Academy  
(D)  
NOW SASHAY AWAY  
YOU'RE JUST A TOOL

The indexed letters spell "You've been evicted" which is the catchphrase from **BIG BROTHER**.

**Nice Threads (L1-R3-C4)**

ARSHOFINE  
IDREWWOME  
NAKESER  
NFLOWERSS  
RELIMCRUA  
OFTSHOULD  
CSAELGITE  
ERSFINWA  
RAPEPGLFI  
ISTSLIKEL  
PDNIINYSK  
IANAANDWI  
GRECIEMM  
DEBLANKLI  
EGARTMUTU  
KECOROLLA  
OORHCNAOP

Threads: ANCHORAGE, ANDREW,  
AUTUMNAL, AWED, CHEFS, CORN  
FLAKES, CROOKED, FINE, ICEBERG,  
INDIANA, LIFELIKE, MORSE, PARASITE,  
PLINY, SHOWER DRAIN, SKIM MILK,  
SOMERSAULTING, SPIRES, TROLLOP,

**UGLIEST, WEREWOLF**

The unclued across rows form a Christian Dior quote: "I drew women-flowers, soft shoulders, fine waists like liana and wide **BLANK** like corolla." **BLANK** is **SKIRTS**.

**Helping Hands (L1-R3-C5)**

Each of the dialog boxes is the imagined "help" Clippy would give certain works as they were being written.

- I **AM** Sam (Green Eggs and Ham)
- To **BE** or not to be (Hamlet)
- "Baby, if you **EVER** wondered..." (WKRP in Cincinnati)
- We **THE** people (Declaration of Independence)
- TWO** roads diverged (The Road Not Taken)
- Call me **ISHMAEL** (Moby Dick)
- There once was a man from **NANTUCKET** (traditional dirty limerick)
- A long time ago, in a **GALAXY** far, far away (Star Wars)

First letters of the red words spell **ABETTING**.

**Nutty Superstitions (L1-R4-C2)**

Each set of four are members of a series. Take the numbers each item represents and plug them into one of the equations to get 13. Then take the Nth letter of the 13th item in that series where N is the number in brackets.

23-(4+6)	MST3K episodes The Black Scorpion [N]
234÷19	Tarot Cards Death [A]
5^2-12^1	Madonna albums Rebel Heart [B]
14+19-20	Presidents Fillmore [O]
12+12-11	Playing Cards King [K]
(8+18)÷(12-10)	Survivor Seasons Cook Islands [O]
18÷2+16÷4	Chuck episodes "Chuck vs. the Marlin" [V]
3!-2!+4+5	Greek letters Nu [N]
sqrt(67+102)	Bond movies Octopussy [O]
9%4+12	Nancy Drew mysteries The Mystery of the Ivory Charm [V]
15-3-8+9	NATO alphabet Mike [E]
19-3-2-1	Elements Aluminum [L]

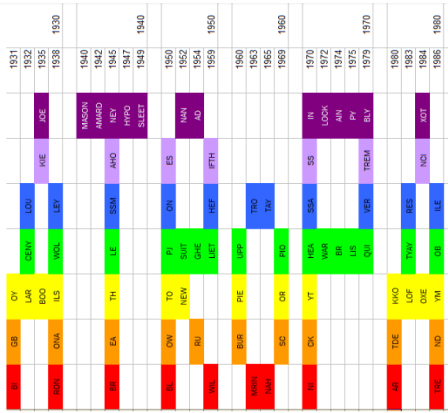
Indexed letters spell **NABOKOV NOVEL**. The 13th novel is **PNIN**.

**Howl, Howl, The Gang's All Here (L1-R4-C1)**

The numbered squares spell "I played slayer Buffy". The answer is **SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR**. (If **KRISTY SWANSON** is submitted, answer checker will say "No...the TV version.")

**Calling Dick Tracy (L1-R4-C3)**

The letter segments can be arranged to form the names of various Dick Tracy villains. They can be grouped by the decade they were introduced. Keeping red segments aligned, orange segments aligned, etc., gives the following image.



The segments spell **ATROPA**.

**Swordplay (L1-R4-C4)**

Clues can be paired so that one answer is the other answer beheaded.

- 1+25: (A)VERSE
- 2+4: (N)EARLY
- 3+15: (E)LAND
- 5+14: (E)STATE
- 6+36: (B)ROADSIDE
- 7+35: (O)RANGE
- 8+12: (B)RAINSTORM
- 9+19: (E)QUIPPED
- 10+34: (O)MICRON
- 11+16: (S)LAUGHTER
- 13+27: (E)QUALITY
- 17+29: (P)LATITUDE
- 18+32: (L)ANGUISH
- 21+22: (E)MISSION
- 20+28: (W)INNING
- 23+31: (H)EARTH
- 24+26: (H)ALLOWED
- 30+33: (D)ALLIANCE

If the letters are placed into the blanks provided, they spell “Behead one who bleeps” Beheading **CENSOR** gives you **ENSOR**.

**The Way You Had Me Like (L1-R5-C1)**

Captions are lyrics from Weird Al style parodies:

- “First World Problems”, The Pixies
- “Why Does This Always Happen To Me”, Ben Folds
- “Mission Statement”, Crosby Stills Nash and Young
- “Buy Me A Condo”, Bob Marley
- “Genius in France”, Frank Zappa
- “Germs”, Nine Inch Nails
- “Dog Eat Dog”, Talking Heads
- “Bob”, Bob Dylan

Indicated letters (!) spell **SFORZATO**.

**Topiary Trouble (L1-R4-C5)**

CCALLROA  
ADILLIKD  
VIIANA LL DLLEMO  
IDDACR AA OONES  
DD\*\*CR XR VH\*\*ES  
EN\*\*HA PA ER\*\*BE  
ENUHHT PA ERAEEA  
MENEPP EC TSCLLP  
NE NS CL  
CU ET UA  
HQ TEETSC TC  
ED EHCOR TA  
EDISSC\*\*ORRETA  
ROOMMA\*\*CNNALP  
RO MAOKKS LP  
YG OHALLU IS  
CE AL NR  
AT AO TE  
CAATED RE TTETDS  
KBBANU EV AAARRE  
ST\*\*NU EV CB\*\*RE  
LO\*\*DO DO IA\*\*CB  
LOCCP ST IADUUM  
LITOOM EE VSTCCU  
MEDEECIV  
ONIZZILI

The letters surrounding the five shaded areas form an animal, minus its middle letter.

- DACH(S)HUND
- HONE(Y)BEAR
- COCK(R)OACH
- BAND(I)COOT
- BARR(A)CUDA

The missing letters spell **SYRIA**.

**French Foreign Legion (L5-R5-C1)**

Each clue has been transformed in a specific way. Transforming each answer the same way gives the first or last name of a member of the Legion of Super-Heroes.

- PYLE (first->L)->Lyle  
ORGAN (delete penultimate letter, move last to first)->Norg  
Invisible Kid
- MIRA (swap first and second letter)->Imra  
ABERDEEN (delete 2nd, 3rd letters)->Ardeen  
Saturn Girl
- GANGLION (last->S)->Ganglios  
Tellus
- TONSIL (second->E, fourth->Z)->Tenzil  
MEEK (Delete 2nd letter, reverse)->Kem  
Matter-Eater Lad
- CONDOR (curtailed)->Condo  
GARLIC (Delete 1st letter, last->K)->Arlik  
Chemical King
- BRAIN (middle letter deleted)->Brin  
LONDON (Delete last letter)->Londo

Timber Wolf

- GAMES (first->G)->James  
NULL (C in front, E and 1st letter to back)->Cullen  
Quantum Kid
- OJ (backwards)->Jo  
NOAH (Delete 2nd)->Nah  
Ultra Boy
- IAN (first->ahead 1)->Jan  
RAH (2nd and 1st letter added to front)->Arrah  
Element Lad
- NRA (insert U after first)->Nura  
NRA (change R to L and move to end)->Nal  
Dream Girl
- DRAG (delete R)->Dag  
TWENTY (Delete 1st and last letter, add IM)->Wentim  
Stone Boy
- PEER (swap first and last letter)->Reep  
DAGGER (Last 2 letters->LE)->Daggle  
Chameleon Lad
- TREK (first->B)->Brek  
BENIN (E->AN)->Bannin  
Polar Boy
- RURAL (D in front, delete last letter)->Drura  
SEPT (T->HT)->Sepht  
Infectious Lass
- OYL (O->A, add A to end)->Ayla  
RAZZ (add N after 2nd letter)->Ranzz  
Lightning or Light Lass

Index each to get **INSECT QUEEN LANG**. The answer is **LANA**.

**The Gravity of the Situation (L1-R5-C3)**

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

In several down clues, a letter has been pulled to the bottom. The letters that are pulled to the bottom spell **VOTE TAMPERING**.

**Off with their Heads (L1-R5-C4)**

As with the clues, enter each letter into the spaces provided. Their initial letters are ignored.

- Academy Awards
- Potluck Supper

- Village People
- Personal Effects
- Evasive Action
- Finish Line
- Peanut Brittle
- Miniature Golf
- Navel Gazing
- Rigged
- Baltic

unact oveetter inang valffice ossiluel istight ankop  
eeaw vilye elpingand minocids euralet raftodger  
apisazulu lectricel

The grid is then filled with phrases where both words start with the same letter, and the space has been removed.

- Fun Fact
- Love Letter
- Yin Yang
- Oval Office
- Fossil Fuel
- Fist Fight
- Tank Top
- Hee Haw (not See Saw)
- Evil Eye
- Helping Hand
- Amino Acids
- Neural Net
- Draft Dodger
- Lapis Lazuli
- Electric Eel

First letters spell [FLY OFF THE HANDLE](#).

#### Real Estate Cover Up (L1-R5-C5)

The real estate being covered up here are the 8 color groups in Monopoly. In each set, one property is missing.

- Illinois, Indiana: Kentucky (UC)
- Park Place: Boardwalk (B)
- Atlantic, Marvin Gardens: Ventnor (E)
- Pacific, Pennsylvania: North Carolina (R)
- Oriental, Connecticut: Vermont (RM)
- States, Virginia: St. Charles (S)
- Baltic: Mediterranean (E)
- Tennessee, New York: St. James (SA)

Starting at the orange properties (as indicated) one gets [SAUCER BERMS](#).

#### Warehouse 13

Artifact Connection: Artifacts contain a state nickname.

Answers are all countries or entities are flags with stars on them. Index country by # of stars. Order by state alphabetically.

Artifact	State	Puzzle	Answer	Stars	Ltr
Golden Spike	CA	Making Tracks	LIBERIA	1	L
Peach Pit Menu	GA	Burger Special	PHILIPPINES	3	I
Prairie Schooner	IL	The Amazing Oregon Trail Race	NEW ZEALAND	4	Z
Dried Sunflower	KS	Bingogh	CHILE	1	C
Bluegrass fiddle	KY	Country & Western	VENEZUELA	8	L
Stuffed pelican	LA	Basic Poetry	PANAMA	2	A
Garden shears	NJ	Topiary Trouble	SYRIA	2	Y
Beaver plaque	OR	Pelting Away	PUERTO RICO	1	P
Keystone Cop Uniform	PA	Seems Familiar	COMOROS	4	O
Ocean Liner Blueprints	RI	More Icebreakers	EUROPEAN UNION	12	O
Volunteer Clipboard	TN	A Signature Puzzle	LIBYA	1	L
Beehive	UT	Marching Hives	ETHIOPIA	1	E

Note: For Syria's flag, the official two-star flag is used. New Zealand also may be changing its flag, but the four-star flag is the intended flag. Basically, be careful writing metas that involve national symbols.

The caretaker is [LIZ CLAYPOOLE](#). Elizabeth Claypoole is also known as Betsy Ross.

#### Instructions

Betsy Ross is credited with making the Stars and Stripes. The meta dealt with the stars, and the other half of this puzzle deals with the stripes.

- Liberia: 13 red and white stripes (FI)
- Philippines: 2 red and blue stripes (ND)
- New Zealand no stripes
- Chile: 2 red and white stripes (OD)
- Venezuela: 3 red, yellow, and blue stripes (DS)
- Panama: no stripes
- Syria: red, white, and black stripes (QU)
- Puerto Rico: 5 red and white stripes (AR)
- Comoros: 4 yellow, white, red, and blue stripes (EG)
- European Union: no stripes
- Libya: 3 red, black, and green stripes (RI)
- Ethiopia: 3 green, yellow, and red stripes (DS)

The instructions tell you to [FIND ODD SQUARE GRIDS](#).

There are several puzzles that have grids, but we want puzzles that feature odd square grids. They are:

- Tank Grrrl (19x19)
- Spoon Your Way to Freedom (17x17)
- The Gravity of the Situation (15x15)
- Unassembled Bomb (13x13)
- Off With Their Heads (11x11)
- Icebreakers (9x9)
- Bingogh (7x7)
- Retail Dependency (5x5)

Note that Spice Rack involves a Scrabble board, but the board is not given. Battlefield, Top Ten, and Crossed Cables are square grids, but even in size.

Note that all of these grids are formatted to be have identically-sized squares.

## Warehouse 12

Artifact Connection: Artifacts track time in some manner

Meta: Each answer is a two-word answer. One word rhymes with an animal from the Chinese Zodiac. Order by Zodiac symbol, starting with Dragon and going through Tiger. The first letters of the other words spells WHITE RABBIT, which pairs with the missing sign Rabbit.

Artifact	Puzzle	Answer	Animal	Other Word
John Paul Jones's ship's bell	Meet Your New Neighbors	WELCOME WAGON	DRAGON	WELCOME
James Braid's pocketwatch	Sleep Tight	HALF AWAKE	SNAKE	HALF
Brian Moriarty's sundial	Time for a Text Adventure	INTERNET RESOURCE	HORSE	INTERNET
Abraham-Louis Breguet's tourbillon	The Gravity of the Situation	VOTE TAMPERING	GOAT	TAMPERING
Alfred Dunnett's egg timer	Lava Lamp	ENTERTAINMENT JUNKIE	MONKEY	ENTERTAINMENT
Martha Stewart's day planner	It's A Good Thing	BOOSTER ROCKET	ROOSTER	ROCKET
Bill Bowerman's stopwatch	Burning Rubber	SMOG ALERT	DOG	ALERT
William Jonathan Drayton Jr's necklace	It's A Good Thing	BIG BROTHER	PIG	BROTHER
Tom Peters's weekly planner	Seven Habits...	PAT BENATAR	RAT	BENATAR
Alfred Einstein's pocketwatch	Are You Sure?	IDIOT BOX	OX	IDIOT
Marilyn Monroe's playboy calendar	Centerfold	GEIGER TUBE	TIGER	TUBE

### Instructions

Each date corresponds with a different year of the Chinese zodiac, and has a different month. Order by month, and use the date as an index that corresponds with the answer for that Chinese zodiac animal.

- August 12, 2012: Welcome Wago(N)
- September 9, 1953: Half Awak(E)
- May 15, 2002: Internet Resour(C)e
- July 10, 1991: Vote Tampe(R)ing
- February 15, 1980: Entertainment j(U)nkie
- January 10, 1945: Booster Ro(C)ket
- November 1, 1934: (S)mog Alert
- March 7, 1923: Big Bro(T)her
- October 10, 1972: Pat Benata(R)
- June 4, 1913: Idi(O)t Box

Taken in month order, the indexed letters spell **CUT CORNERS**.

As implied, cut the corner square off each grid, as in the example below.

	M	B	U	
T	X	S	G	I
O	E	K	W	D
R	V	N	F	Z
	H	C	Q	

## Warehouse 11

Artifact Connection: Artifacts have some sort of nesting quality.

Meta: Certain answers can be nested into others, forming a nine-letter word. (This is probably the hardest commonality to identify. Some of the artifacts involved the Droste effect (including the carpet, the coat of arms, and the Droste poster), a bain marie is a double-boiler, turducken is an infamous example of bird-inside-bird-inside-bird. The Murder of Gonzago is the play within a play in Hamlet. Measuring cups are naturally nested, as is an inset map. A subroutine is a program within a program, and a pet door is a door within a door. Kuato was the freaky mutant in Total Recall who has nested in another rebel. And bucket of buckets was because I had just watched Pride.

Artifact	Puzzle	Answer	Result
bain marie	99 and 44/100 Pure	FED	FLUMMOXED
mock turducken recipe	Solving Puzzle for Dummies	LUMMOX	
subroutine	Dysfunctional	OPEN	OPERATION
Carpet	This Carpet Made Me Dizzy	RATIO	
bucket of buckets	Charitable Donations	CHEST	CHEERIEST
map with an inset map	Road Map	ERIE	
Droste cocoa poster	Warm Treats	CHILLY	CHANTILLY
Pet Door	In and Out	ANT	
Coat of arms	A New Coat	MARRING	MARTYRING
Measuring cups	Whatja Got Cooking?	TY	
Kuato prosthetic	Mutations	RESTRING	RESTORING
“The Murder of Gonzago”	Bard Games	O	

Order by size of the inner word (descending) and the middle column reads MARTY O, a play on Matryoshka, and not based on any real person.

## Instructions

Each nesting doll represents one of the answers that was inserted into another answer in the meta, shown in decreasing size. As suggested by the flavortext, use the operations on each doll on the two adjacent letters from the answer it was paired with.

- F(LUMMOX)ED:  
 $F + 0 = F$   
 $E + 10 = O$
- OPE(RATIO)N  
 $E + 7 = L$   
 $N - 10 = D$
- CHE(ERIE)ST  
 $E \times 4 = T$   
 $S - 11 = H$
- CH(ANT)ILLY  
 $H - 3 = E$   
 $I - 4 = E$
- MAR(TY)RING  
 $R - 14 = D$   
 $R - 11 = G$
- REST(O)RING  
 $T / 4 = E$   
 $R + 1 = S$

The instructions are to [FOLD THE EDGES](#). This essentially turns each grid into a platform 1 square high and nxn squares long and wide.

**Warehouse 10**

Artifact Connection: Cities contain the names of chess pieces

Meta: Pair answers by (normal) chess piece in artifact location to reveal the name of Chaturanga chess pieces sandwiched inside. This is hinted at by the elephant in a mahayoGA JACKET.

City	Puzzle	Answer	Result
Nanking, China	Crossing Swords	DIPTERA	D . . . RAJA . . . K
Kingston, Jamaica	Who Shot the Deputy?	JAYWALK	
Queensland, Australia	Family Visits	ELFMAN	E . . MANTRI . . . B
Queen Maud Land, Antarctica	Icebreakers	TRIDENT SUB	
Newcastle upon Tyne, England	Light Bulb Mania	EUROCRAT	E . . RATHA . . . L
Castle Rock, Colorado	The Corn Maze	HANK HILL	
Knightsbridge, London, UK	Art Museum	PAUL NASH	P . . ASHVA . . . U
Poor Knights Island, New Zealand	Typhoon	VANUATU	
Pawnee, Oklahoma	Paging Dick Tracy	ATROPA	A . . PADATI . . . E
Pawnee River, Kansas	Battlefield	DATING SCENE	

First and last letters of the strung together answers spell [DEEPAK BLUE](#).

Fill in the grid by entering the appropriate pair of answers from the meta on each row containing the piece it conceals. You'll also need the mahayoga jacket mentioned in the Warehouse 10 flavortext.

ATRO\_NGSCENE Pawn/Padati  
 ELF\_DENTSUB\_ Queen/Mantri  
 \_DIPTE\_YWALK King/Raja  
 EUROCNKHILL Rook/Ratha  
 MAHAYO\_CKET\_ Bishop/Gaja  
 ATRO\_NGSCENE Pawn/Padati  
 EUROCNKHILL Rook/Ratha  
 DIPTE\_YWALK\_ King/Raja  
 MAHAYO\_CKET\_ Bishop/Gaja  
 PAULN\_NUATU\_ Knight/Ashva  
 \_PAULN\_NUATU Knight/Ashva

Checked letters spell [STACK THEM UP](#). Each grid is a different size, and can be stacked, largest grid (Tank Girl) on the bottom and smallest on the top.

## Warehouse 9

Artifact Connection: Locations are actually TV shows, and abilities/warnings are based on Simpsons couch gags.

Meta: Answers all guest-starred on the Simpsons. Order by the season the couch gag debuted.

City	Puzzle	Answer	Character
Jersey Shore	Howl, Howl, The Gang's All Here	SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR	GINA VENDETTI
Nashville	Nine to Five	BEVERLY D'ANGELO	LURLEEN LUMPKIN
Santa Barbara	Station to Station	DANIEL RADCLIFFE	EDMUND
Roswell	I Know That Voice	MICHAEL CERA	NICK
Deadwood	The Town Madam	SARAH SILVERMAN	NIKKI MCKENNA
Providence	Telegraph Compatibilities	STEPHEN COLBERT	COLBY KRAUS
Fargo	Classic Comedy	RODNEY DANGERFIELD	LARRY BURNS
Sleepy Hollow	Unchained Reaction	OZZIE SMITH	OZZIE SMITH
Dallas	Partners in Crime	KIMMY ROBERTSON	SAMANTHA STANKY
Beverly Hills, 90210	Entertainment As Usual	CHRISTINA RICCI	ERIN

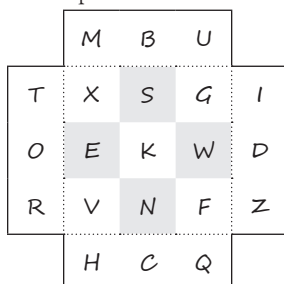
First letters spell [GLENN CLOSE](#), who voiced [MONA SIMPSON](#).

NOTE: This meta is inspired by the fact it's the Ottoman empire. Not only is Otto Mann a character on the simpsons, but the ottoman is a type of furniture similar to the couch in the opening credits.

Each person listed is either an actor or character from one of the 10 shows used as locations in the Warehouse 9 meta. If the person is an actor, use the answer for the puzzle with that show as its location in the meta. If the person is a character, use the role he or she played. For Jersey Shore, you can use either SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR or GINA VENDETTI depending on how fake you think Snooki is.

- Providence (Character): COLBY KRAUS [O]
- Roswell (Actor): MICHAEL CERA [R]
- Santa Barbara (Actor): DANIEL RADCLIFFE [I]
- Deadwood (Character): NIKKI MCKENNA [E]
- Fargo (Character): LARRY BURNS [N]
- Sleepy Hollow (Character): OZZIE SMITH [T]
- Roswell (Character): NICK [C]
- Nashville (Actor): BEVERLY D'ANGELO [O]
- Santa Barbara (Character): EDMUND [M]
- Providence (Actor): STEPHEN COLBERT [P]
- Jersey Shore (Both): SARAH MICHELLE GELLAR [A] or GINA VENDETTI [A]
- Deadwood (Actor): SARAH SILVERMAN [S]
- Dallas (Character): SAMANTHA STANKY [S]
- Nashville (Character): LURLEEN LUMPKIN [P]
- Dallas (Actor): KIMMY ROBERTSON [O]
- Beverly Hills, 90210 (Character): ERIN [I]
- Fargo (Actor): RODNEY DANGERFIELD [N]
- Sleepy Hollow (Actor): OZZIE SMITH [T]
- Beverly Hills, 90210 (Character): CHRISTINA RICCI [S]

The indexed letters spell [ORIENT COMPASS POINTS](#). Each grid, in the center of the edge of each side of the platform has N, E, S, and W in the correct relative position to each other. Line up all of the grids so that N is in the same orientation.



## Warehouse 8

Artifact Connection: Artifacts start with a hyphenated phrase. This is hinted at by the start of the note “HI FEN = hyphen” as well as several of the phrases in the text, and was influenced by the idea of Germanisms (long phrases connected by hyphens).

Meta: The caretaker’s note also implies homophones. The first word of each answer is a homonym with the second part of a hyphenated phrase of another artifact in this round. The second word has exactly one letter in common with the first part of the hyphenated phrase. In chain order:

City	Puzzle	Answer	Ltr
penny-ante stock portfolio	Money Manager	MAID MARIAN	M
custom-made keyboard	I Bet You Think This Puzzle Is About You	CYMBAL MONKEY	E
sex-symbol pinups	Spoon Your Way To Freedom	GUARD POSTS	T
avant-garde films	Le Cine	KNIGHT RIDER	R
Oscar-night speech	Daily Correspondence	GUEST HOST	O
poorly-guessed password list	Security Gaps	BANNED DRUG	G
big-band instruments	Baked Goods	CARROT MUFFIN	N
seven-karat pinkie ring	Erban Culture	RAP SONGS	O
foil-wrap EULA	Terms and Conditions	PAIN MEDS	M
multi-pane window	Broken Windows	AUNTIE EM	E

## Instructions

Each criss-cross can be filled with the pairs of words that gave you letters in the meta. The shaded squares in the presented order spell [START ON TOP](#).

- SEVEN/MUFFIN
- CUSTOM/MARIAN
- AVANT/POSTS
- BIG/DRUG
- POORLY/HOST
- SEX/MONKEY
- FOIL/SONGS
- MULTI/MEDS
- OSCAR/RIDER
- PENNY/EM

## Warehouse 7

Artifact Connection: There are two artifacts per owner. Artifacts themselves are part of a compound phrase of the form A&B.

Meta: Swap one letter between pairs of answers to get another compound phrase of the form A&B. Order artifact by owner's last name.

Owner	Item	Puzzle	Answer	Litr	Phrase
Muhammad Ali	tooth	Fight Night	RUMBLE	T	ROUGH AND TUMBLE
	nail	Nails	TOUGH	R	
Lucrezia Borgia	cloak	Secret Messages	SED	A	LAND AND SEA
	dagger	French Foreign Legion	LANA	D	
Andrew Carnegie	nickel	Double Features	HUR	E	HUE AND CRY
	dime	Top Ten	CEY	R	
Christian Dior	needle	Getting a Kick Out Of Folding	SHINS	K	SHIRTS AND SKINS
	thread	Nice Threads	SKIRTS	H	
Thomas Edison	nuts	Nutty Superstitions	PNIN	A	PAIN AND GAIN
	bolts	Mother Nature Strikes Back	GAIA	N	

## Instructions

Each image corresponds to one of the ten artifacts in this round. Use the numbers as indices into the answers to get nine words.

- SLUSH / 4
- COT / 4
- TAME / 5
- 4/ SEED
- 4 / POPISH
- 6 / BOLD
- HIS / 4
- SHOT / 4
- COPE / 5

Much like meta, each of these words can be paired with another word, such that trading a letter would result in a common A and B phrase. (They are ordered by the letter given up by the missing word.)

- SLASH & BURN (barn) [A for U]
- HOT & COLD (hold) [H for C]
- TIME & SPACE (spice) [I for A]
- HIDE & SEEK (hike) [K for D]
- SPIT & POLISH (slit) [L for P]
- BOUGHT & SOLD (sought) [S for B]
- HIT & MISS (mist) [T for S]
- SHOW & TELL (well) [W for T]
- COPY & PASTE (pasty) [Y for E]

Make similar trades at the bottom. The letters given are the incorrect letters in the words clued by images (the second letter in brackets above). Swapping for the first letter in the brackets above, you get [WALK THIS WAY](#). This is combined with the next two instructions.

## Warehouse 6

Artifact Connection: Headgear, as suggested by the empty hatrack.

Meta: Like the name of the empire, each answer starts with at least two consonants that normally do not go together (clued by the copy of Strange Beginnings). The first letters are given in the Warehouse info. Take the second letter.

Hat	Puzzle	Answer	Second Letter
Top Hat	Censored	DJANGO	J
Army Helmet	Tank Grrrrl	TBILISI	B
Mahiole	A Feather In Your Cap	PTARMIGAN	T
Energy Dome	The Way You Had Me Like	SFORZATO	F
Tricorne	Traitors	KSENIA SOLO	S
Corona Civica	Roman Checkers	MPRET	P
Pickelhaube	Blood & Iron	VLASIC	L
Scrub Cap	Transplants	BKERKE	K

Answer is J. BTFSPK, shown above.

### Instructions

For the first five sets of boxes, most of the letters correspond with the second letters from the answers in this round. Use the numbers as an index to get most of five clues.

- FORM OF INS\_RTION
- \_KRAINERIV\_R
- \_F\_I\_A\_RES\_N
- CO\_P\_AINING
- \_OV\_I\_MARS\_

Three can be easily filled in as FORM OF INSERTION, UKRAINE RIVER, and COMPLAINING. Like the answers in this round, they all have answers with unusual beginning combos.

- Form of Insertion: TMESIS
- Ukraine River: DNEIPER
- Complaining: KVETCHING

This will help us fill in enough of the last clue to get

- Novelist Marsh: NGAIO

Finally, we have enough to fill in the middle clue:

- African Resin: BDELLIUM

Using the same technique to fill in the bottom, we get the instruction [DIGITS OF PI](#). This combines with the previous and next instruction.

## Warehouse 5

Artifact Connection: Cities start with New

Meta: Each answer is part of a They Might Be Giants title track. Order by Album, oldest to newest, and take letter value of the track number. (A=1, B=2, etc.)



City	Puzzle	Answer	Album	Track	
Man	Family Reunions	BOAT	They Might Be Giants	13	M
Quebec	Quebecois	ANA	Lincoln	1	A
	Whopee Cushion	WHISTLING	Flood	14	N
	Swordplay	ENSOR	John Henry	15	O
	A Puzzle to Spare	NEW YORK CITY	Factory Showroom	6	F
Man	Unexploded Bomb	GOT LOST	Long Tall Weekend	12	L
Man, Guyana	Testimonial Chatter	FIBBER	No!	1	A
Man	Coffee Rings	FOUND	Here Come the ABCs	13	M
New Smyrna Beach, FL	Happy Tree	IMPRESSED	The Else	1	A
New Britain, CT	Chutes and More Chutes	MISSISSIPPI	Here Come the 123s	14	N
New Port Richey, FL	Sand Traps	PALEONTOLOGIST	Here Comes Science	3	C
New Plymouth, New Zealand	Organic Gardening	IN FACT	Join Us	8	H
New Orleans, LA	Spice Rack	ON FIRE	Nanobots	1	A

Answer is MAN OF LA MANCHA, or DON QUIXOTE. The round is inspired by the song "Istanbul (Not Constantinople)". They Might Be Giants got their name from a film about a man who thinks he's Don Quixote.

### Instructions

Each phrase or word is a transdeletion of one of the cities used. Match up the position of the missing letter to the same letter of the answer.

- Port Richey (6th letter->N)
- Glarus (G) (1st letter->E)
- Ulm (U) (1st letter->W)
- Smyrna Beach (B) (7th letter->S)
- Plymouth (O) (5th letter->C)
- Haven (E) (4th letter->Y)
- Plymouth (O) (5th letter->C)
- Delhi (4th letter->L)
- Orleans (6th letter->E)

This spells out **NEWS CYCLE**. When combined with the previous two instructions, this instructs the solver to start traversing the pyramid, cycling directions (North, East, West, South), using the digits of pi (3.14159...). Thus, starting from the top, move 3 north, 1 east, 4 west, 1 south, and repeat.

**Warehouse 4**

Artifact Connection: Owners have “the” in their name.

Meta: Each answer contains “the.” Take the letter after “the” and order by position of “the”

Owner	Puzzle	Answer	
Billy the Kid	Six Shooters	THEMED	M
Richard the Lionheart	Archery Competition	ATHEART	A
Ivan the Terrible	Prison Film Night	PATHETIC	T
Alexander the Great	Card Catalog	AESTHETE	T
Carlos the Jackal	Glorifying the Criminal	FACETHEJURY	J
Jack the Ripper	Slash Fiction	CHAOSTHEORY	O
Henry the 8th	Off With Their Heads	FLYOFFTHEHANDLE	H
Larry the Cable Guy	Crossed Cables	BLUETOOTHENABLED	N
Paul the Octopus	Meal Plan	PHOTOSYNTHESIS	S
Wilt the Stilt	Guest-Starring the Globetrotters	CELTICPANTHEON	O
Bill the Butcher	So You Think You Know Boxing?	PENCILLENGTHENER	N

The answer is [MATT JOHNSON](#), who created the band The The.

**Instructions**

For each artifact, the column it goes in corresponds with the first letter of the first part of their name, and the row corresponds to the first letter of the last part of their name (e.g., Billy the Kid will go in the bottom right.) Then go from artifact to artifact in the same order they are used for the meta to get [THE WRITING'S ON THE WALL](#). As you make each step described previously, note the letter on the wall, treating the pyramid as a three-d shape.

### Warehouse 3

Artifact Connection: Owners are mononymous.

Meta: The painting is "The Birth of Hercules." Each answer contains an item from one of Hercules' labors, with one letter changed.

Owner	Puzzle	Answer	Labor	Wrong
Montezuma	Montezuma's Revenge	ALIENS	LION	E
Manolete	Bullfighters and Cows	SEXY DRAWERS	HYDRA	X
Nostradamus	Quatrains	WATERSHIP DOWN	HIND	P
Napoleon	Bone Apart	OSTEOARTHRITIS	BOAR	E
Hannibal	Crossing the Alps	OBSTACLES	STABLES	C
Evita	Inevitably, a Puzzle	BIRTHDAY	BIRD	T
Tintoretto	Retail Dependency	AMBULATORY	BULL	A
Erasmus	How Vulgar	ROMANESQUE	MARES	N
Pele	Helping Hands	ABETTING	BELT	T
Cantinflas	¡Amigos!	MATT LEBLANC	CATTLE	M
Teller	Speak Softly	DOPPLER	APPLE	O
Christo	Real Estate Cover Up	SAUCER BERMS	CERBERUS	M

Answer is [EXPECTANT MOM](#) which clues [ALCMENE](#)

### Instructions

The number of building blocks in each line correspond with the portion of each answer that represented one of Hercules' labor in the meta. Each had one letter different to get the meta. To undo the damage, adjust the letters on the corresponding building block.

- LIEN->LION; MX->WH
- XYDRA->HYDRA; UD->EN
- HIPD->HIND; EQ->CO
- EOAR->BOAR; UQ->RN
- STACLES->STABLES; FS->ER
- BIRT->BIRD; UT->ED
- BULA->BULL; YJ->JU
- MANES->MARES; OP->ST
- BETT->BELT; TW->LO
- MATTLE->CATTLE; YU->OK
- OPPLA->APPLE; RC->DO
- CERBERMS->CERBERUS; OF->WN

The instruction is [WHEN CORNERED, JUST LOOK DOWN](#).

### The Whole Ball of Wax

As described previously, the final puzzle requires you to follow the instructions set out by the caretakers.

- Find odd square grids: Find the seven square grids spread out through Puzzle Boat 3.
- Cut corners: Trim off the outer corners of each grid.
- Fold down edges: Each grid now has four flaps that can be folded, creating a 1-square high platform.
- Stack them up: Place them in a pyramid-like shape, using the grid provided in the metameta as a capstone.
- Orient compass points: Rotate each grid so that the Ns, Es, Ws, Ss in the center of each edge are lined up.
- Start on top: Pretend you are on the very top of the pyramid.
- Walk this way:
  - Digits of Pi:
  - News Cycle: Use these three instructions together to move around the pyramid.
- The writing's on the wall. Look to the wall as you take each step.
- When cornered, look down: On corner squares, there is no wall, so take the letter you are standing on.

Move Summary. In some cases, you will step off the pyramid but still be adjacent to a wall. You can stop once you move completely away from the pyramid.

Amount	3141592653589793238462643
Direction	NEWSNEWSNEWSNEWSNEWSNEWSN
Resulting letter	NORTHISSOUTHANDEASTISWEST

Turning the pyramid 180 degrees and repeating the process gives you.

Amount	3141592653589793238462643
Direction	SWENSWENSWENSWENSWENSWENS
Resulting letter	YOURFOEISASCHEMINGOLDGIZA

Your foe is [A SCHEMING OLD GIZA](#), a play on words with geezer. Per the epilogue, your foe is Pythagoras, who needed your help neutralizing the numerous artifacts involved in the hunt.

