

# ***MOSTLY CLUELESS***

***A MINI-PUZZLEHUNT BY DAN KATZ***

***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT THE EVIL MIDNIGHT BOMBERS WHAT BOMB AT MIDNIGHT***

IN THE EARTH YEAR 2044 AD, WHEN THE EVIL MIDNIGHT BOMBERS WHAT BOMB AT MIDNIGHT WON THEIR 20TH CONSECUTIVE MIT MYSTERY HUNT, OTHER PLANETS BEGAN TO TAKE NOTICE. THE FEW PEOPLE WHO KNEW ABOUT EARTH REGARDED EARTHLINGS AS PRIMITIVE ELEMENTS OF A COMPLEX COMPUTER PROGRAM, AND THERE WAS NO EXPECTATION THAT ANY OF THEM WOULD EXHIBIT ANY SORT OF EXTRAORDINARY INTELLIGENCE. THESE UPSTARTS' ABILITY TO OUTSOLVE ALL OTHER TEAMS, EVEN THE ONES WHO WERE SECRETLY FROM JUPITER, MADE EARTH CULTURE SOMETHING OF A GALACTIC FAD.

NEVER THE LAST TO EMBRACE A CRAZE, THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY QUICKLY EXPANDED THE EARTH CHAPTER OF ITS MIT MYSTERY HUNT ENTRY, WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY CONSISTED OF THE TWO WORDS "MOSTLY CLUELESS," TO GIVE A GENERAL BACKGROUND ON THE PLANET IN THE CONTEXT OF THE HUNT. MILLIONS OF BEINGS FLOCKED TO THE GUIDE, HOPING IT WOULD YIELD THE STRATEGIES AND PREPARATIONS THAT BROUGHT THE BOMBERS THEIR SUCCESS. THEY SOON DISCOVERED THAT GUIDE FIELD REPORTERS HAVE A SADISTIC SENSE OF HUMOR, AS RATHER THAN MERELY WRITING ARTICLES ABOUT PUZZLE-SOLVING, THEY HAD WRITTEN ACTUAL PUZZLES.

EACH OF THE GUIDE ENTRIES EXCERPTED BELOW, WHEN SOLVED, WILL YIELD A SIX-LETTER ANSWER. (ALL ANSWERS CAN BE FOUND IN MERRIAM-WEBSTER'S 11TH COLLEGIATE DICTIONARY, THE OFFICIAL EARTH DICTIONARY OF THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE.) WHEN SOLVING, YOU'LL WANT ACCESS TO THE INTERNET, AS MANY PUZZLES ARE INTENDED TO BE SOLVED WITH REFERENCES. IF YOU WANT TO CONFIRM ANSWERS, REQUEST CLARIFICATIONS, OR SOLICIT HINTS, THE GUIDE EDITORIAL BOARD CAN BE REACHED AT [THEDAN@BROWN.EDU](mailto:THEDAN@BROWN.EDU).

IF YOU CAN SOLVE ALL THE PUZZLES, YOUR FINAL ANSWER WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION: WHAT IS THE MIDNIGHT BOMBERS' SECRET TO WINNING MYSTERY HUNTS?

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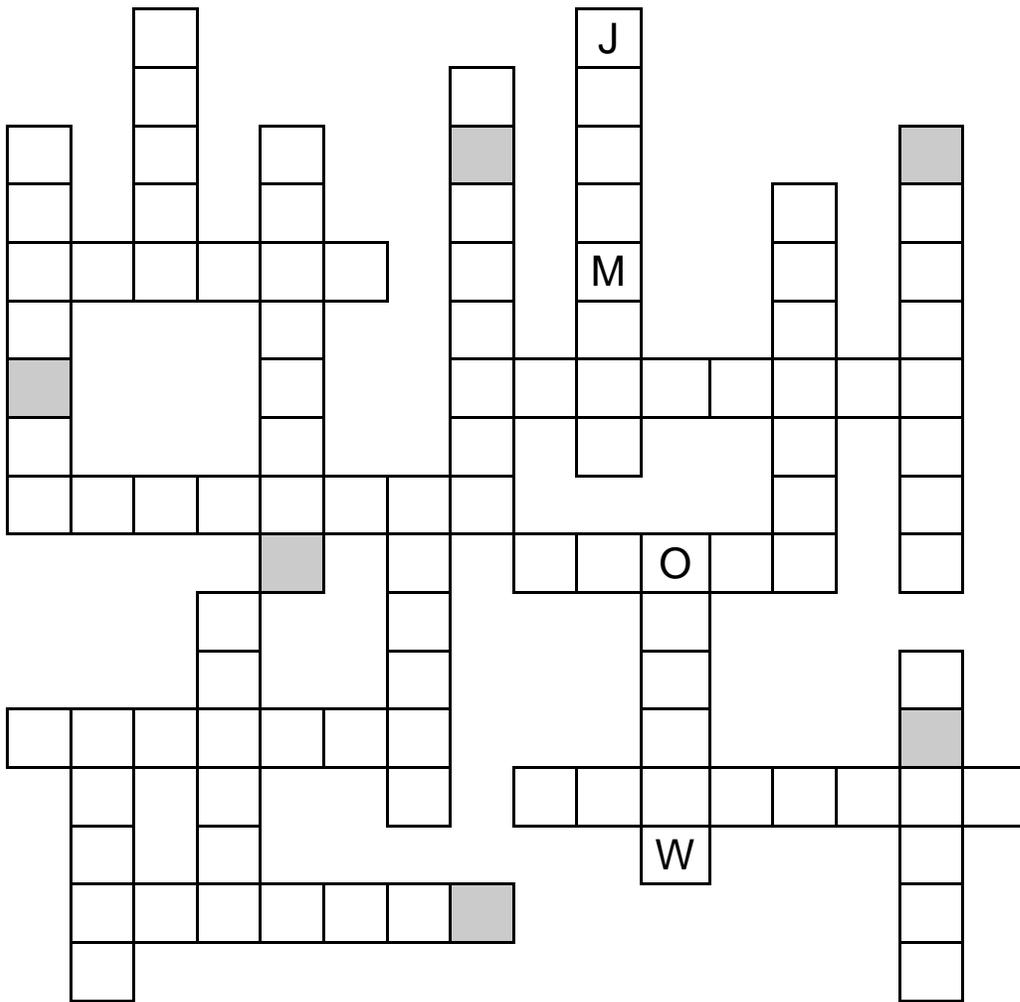
***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT MULTITASKING***

ONE OF THE FIRST ALIENS TO INFILTRATE EARTH, WIL-YOM-GAITS, CREATED A POPULAR COMPUTING INTERFACE THAT ALLOWED EARTHLINGS TO UTILIZE TWO DIFFERENT DATA SOURCES AT THE SAME TIME. WHILE IN SOME CASES THIS IMPROVES PRODUCTIVITY, MORE OFTEN IT OVERWHELMS THE USER, AS COMBINING THE DATA INEVITABLY LEAVES ONE OF THE SOURCES MIXED UP. A SIMILAR PHENOMENON BECAME PREVALENT ONCE SOMEONE FIGURED OUT THEY COULD DRIVE CARS AND USE CELL PHONES AT THE SAME TIME. OR AT LEAST THEY THOUGHT THEY COULD; THE LAWS OF PHYSICS BEGGED TO DIFFER.

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***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT LEARNING TO READ***

IT CAN BE HARD... VERY HARD. WHEN INTEREST IN EARTH PEAKED, MANY BEINGS WANTED TO LEARN ENGLISH SO THAT THEY COULD FOLLOW STORIES ABOUT THE HUNT. ONE RACE, THE GRAPHTONIANS, IMPORTED A SERIES OF EARTH ALPHABET BOOKS WHICH WERE SO UNNECESSARILY VIOLENT THAT THEY WERE CONVINCED EARTH WAS A WARLIKE PLACE WHICH NEEDED TO BE DESTROYED. ACCORDINGLY, THEY CREATED A GIGANTIC EXPLOSIVE DEVICE INTENDED TO DESTROY EARTH AND BRING PEACE TO THE UNIVERSE. NO MORE WAS HEARD FROM THE GRAPHTONIANS, AS THEIR PLANET BLEW UP SOON AFTER.



***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT MUSICIANSHIP***

EARTH'S ROCK BANDS TEND TO TAKE A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO MUSIC THAN THE LEGENDARY DISASTER AREA, PRIMARILY BECAUSE FOR SOME REASON EARTHLINGS DON'T LIKE HAVING THEIR EARS BLEED. A GENRE CALLED PUNK IS POPULAR, WHERE EARTHLINGS POUND AWAY AT DRUMS AND GUITARS WITH RECKLESS ABANDON; BUT MORE CRITICAL RESPECT FALLS TO SO-CALLED ALTERNATIVE BANDS, CREATIVE SONGSMITHS WHO ARE ALMOST MATHEMATICAL IN THEIR APPROACH TO MUSIC. MANY EARTHLINGS PLEDGE ULTIMATE ALLEGIANCE TO SUCH BANDS, SPENDING ALL OF THEIR TIME LISTENING TO MUSIC AT THE EXPENSE OF THINGS LIKE FINDING EMPLOYMENT OR HAVING SEX.

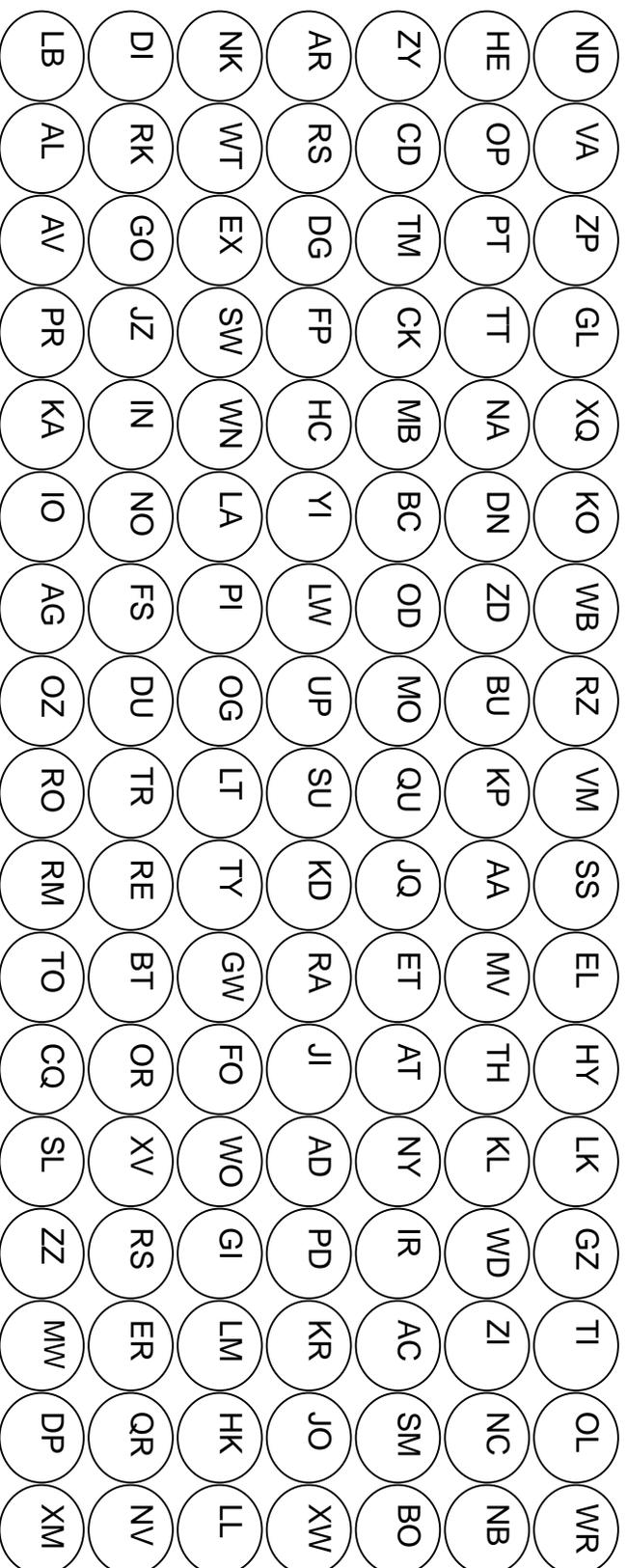
The puzzle corresponding to this entry can be found either on the CD that was handed to you if you are solving this in person, or at the following web address:

<http://math.brown.edu/~thedan/puzzles/musicianship>

***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT NAVIGATION***

EARTHLINGS HAVE NEVER BEEN PARTICULARLY ADEPT AT SPACE TRAVEL... REACHING EARTH'S MOON TOOK ENOUGH EFFORT THAT REACHING OTHER PLANETS WAS ALMOST UNHEARD OF. THIS DIDN'T STOP THEM FROM TRYING, AND AS A RESULT, WHEN VERSION 4.0 OF THE INFINITE IMPROBABILITY DRIVE WAS RELEASED, IT INCLUDED SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANY EARTHLING THAT MIGHT TRY TO USE IT: "DO NOT ATTEMPT TO UNDERSTAND THE METHOD IN WHICH YOU ARE TRAVELING, OR YOUR HEAD WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY EXPLODE. THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION IS TO OBSERVE YOUR ENVIRONMENT BEFORE AND AFTER ACTIVATION, AND COMPARE TO FIGURE OUT WHERE THE HELL YOU'VE GONE."

The puzzle corresponding to this entry is the galaxy map on the next page.



**SITE 1**

- \* Principal unit of the Roman army
- \* Tutoring session, perhaps
- \* Of Turkey, Bulgaria, or Croatia
- \* He pours pints

**SITE 2**

- \* Time interval, as of opportunity
- \* Character who flayed Warren when Tara died
- \* *Jurassic Park* threat
- \* Deep-seated enmity

**SITE 3**

- \* Sudden hostile incursion
- \* Stamper's need
- \* Book for recording account info
- \* One who is followed

**SITE 4**

- \* Dance, as to the American Bandstand theme
- \* Pasta shape
- \* Like *Hamlet* or *Oedipus*
- \* Cancer or Capricorn

**SITE 5**

- \* Song that inspired a Sam Peckinpah film
- \* King, in poker slang
- \* Character created by Edgar Rice Burroughs
- \* Beatles character who takes ninety-five percent

**SITE 6**

- \* Waste time
- \* Shine brilliantly
- \* Vessel nurses probably don't enjoy changing
- \* Express distress about

## ***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT JAPANESE PUZZLE CRAZES***

THE 2006 MYSTERY HUNT, THE MIDNIGHT BOMBERS' FIRST VICTORY, CAME AS AMERICA WAS GRIPPED BY A PUZZLE FAD EMANATING FROM THE NATION OF JAPAN; A PUZZLE WHICH, AS MANY PUZZLE SNOBS WOULD POINT OUT, WAS ACTUALLY BORN IN THE UNITED STATES. BUT LITTLE DID THE EARTHLINGS KNOW THAT SIMILAR PUZZLES WERE CREATED MILLENNIA EARLIER IN THE OUTER REACHES OF THE CRAB NEBULA, REPLACING NUMBERS WITH CRUDE ICONS ASSOCIATED WITH WORSHIP OF THE SUN AND THE MOON. CRITICS WENT ON TO CLAIM THE PUZZLES HAD EXISTED FOR CENTURIES MORE IN THE ANDROMEDA GALAXY; THIS WAS A COMPLETE LIE, BUT THE MORAL IS THAT PUZZLE SOLVERS WILL ALWAYS FIND SOMETHING TO COMPLAIN ABOUT.

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1. Rap outfit consisting of David, Lloyd, Tony, and most notably Curtis
2. Namesake of a museum which holds a famous annual pun competition
3. The software associated with Time Magazine's 2003 Invention Of The Year
4. Wrestler who feuded with Edge over a shampoo commercial
5. Activist whose nickname as a young man becomes the name of a hockey team if you add the word "Wings"
6. Deficiency leading to night blindness
7. US TV network which airs Kevin Smith's favorite Canadian teen soap opera
8. Dedham-based corporation that sells balloons and invitations
9. Group of characters played by Alan Cumming, Kelsey Grammer, and others
10. The only female world boss in Super Mario Brothers 3
11. Winner of the Golden Raspberry for Worst Actor the same year that the Worst Actress winner accepted in person

12. Bassist who performed with Cop Shoot Cop and Firewater
13. Jan & Dean song covered by The Who on a 1965 EP
14. Vocalist who originally sang the song Ted Leo uses as a bridge in his cover of "Since U Been Gone"
15. 1976 miniseries in which an actor played a character with the same name as his character in Kenneth Branagh's *Hamlet*
16. Symbol found on the left side of a piece of music for flute or trumpet, but not for trombone or bass guitar
17. Hitchcock film partially filmed in 3D
18. Bill Cosby's first regular TV series
19. Canadian TV series syndicated in the US as "Forensic Files"
20. *Heaven's Gate* actor who earned an Oscar nomination for *Cold Mountain*
21. Publication that featured a photo shoot of Brangelina called "Domestic Bliss"
22. Action star who picked apples with Conan O' Brien
23. He fought Mother Brain and King Hippo
24. 1980s television show featuring the answer to Clue #22
25. Type of match Chris Sabin won on The Best Damn Sports Show Period
26. Holder of the Guinness world record for longest sustained saxophone note
27. Program where a one-way AirTran Airways flight earns you one credit
28. 2004 film in which a cat is named Asimov
29. Award received by James Thurber, Harry S Truman, and Bil Keane
30. Starwood-owned chain that opened an establishment in Seoul in 2004

**THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT PROOFREADING**

WHEN PUBLISHING EARTH PUZZLES, AS WHEN EDITING PUBLICATIONS AS POPULAR AS THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DOUBLE-CHECK ONE'S WORK. OTHER PUBLICATIONS MAY MAKE SLIGHT ERRORS HERE AND THERE, BUT IN THE GUIDE, DISTINCTION KAZOO WAFFLE FEATHERY UPSIDE DOWN CAKE.

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## ***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT WIKIPEDIA***

**OTHER THAN GOOGLE, ONE OF THE MOST USEFUL ONLINE REFERENCES FOR EARTHLING PUZZLE-SOLVING WAS A PUBLIC-DOMAIN SITE CALLED WIKIPEDIA. AT FIRST, WIKIPEDIA WAS BELOVED FOR ITS TROVE OF INFORMATION ON VERY ARCAINE SUBJECTS; BUT IN TIME, USERS REALIZED IT WAS VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO WANDER THROUGH THE MAZE OF ASSORTED LINKS WITHOUT FINDING DATA THAT WAS FALSE, FRIVOLOUS, OR CONTRADICTORY. THE SITE WAS EVENTUALLY BANNED BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN THE DUCKGATE SCANDAL, NAMED AFTER AN ARTICLE ABOUT A PUZZLE TYPE SO OBSCURE THAT WASTING BANDWIDTH ON IT WAS CONSIDERED A FEDERAL CRIME.**

1. Write down the word GODIVA; this is now your word. Follow the instructions below, starting with Step 2 and proceeding in the order indicated. Every time you modify your word, the result should be six characters long; once your word becomes a common noncapitalized English word, stop following instructions; this word is your answer. (Note: if a step refers to your word "containing" another word or sequence of letters, it means that word or letters appears from left to right as a consecutive string of letters within your word.)
2. Reading your word from right to left, you'll find the Roman numeral of an MIT major associated with two abbreviations; one consisting of two vowels and one of two consonants. Replace this backwards numeral with the two consonants reading from left to right. If your word now contains the abbreviation of one of the fifty United States, go to Step 21. Otherwise, go to Step 13.
3. Replace the two-letter abbreviation for a group of fifty states that includes Rome, New York with the two-letter abbreviation for a group of twenty-five states that includes Rome, Italy. If your word has ever contained the letter K, go to Step 2. If your word will ever contain the letter K, go to Step 11. Otherwise, change the first letter in your word to a K and go to Step 20.
4. Your word contains an adjective in Spanish. If it is feminine, change it to be masculine, add four to the last digit in your word, and go to Step 17; if it is masculine, make it feminine, add six to the last digit in your word, and go to Step 8.
5. Some of the letters in your word are musical notes; replace each of these with a note one step higher. If your word contains the acronym of a popular reference book, go to Step 15. Otherwise, go to Step 10.
6. Replace the MPAA rating in your word with the only other rating of the same length. If The Mighty Ducks received one of these two ratings, go to Step 11. Otherwise, go to Step 9.
7. Replace the third letter of your word with the Nth letter of the alphabet, where N is the fifth step you followed. If N is a perfect number, go to Step 15. Otherwise, go to Step 4.
8. Your word now contains something to eat and something to drink. Reverse one of these things so that the resulting word contains an insult used in England. If you reversed the food, reverse the insult as well and go to Step 16. If you reversed the beverage, leave the insult as is and go to Step 14.
9. If N is the smallest digit in your word, replace N with the Nth letter in your word. If your word contains the name of a piece of fishing equipment, reverse the order of the letters in this name and go to Step 21. If your word contains the name of a piece of navigational equipment, reverse the order of the letters in this name and go to Step 18. If neither is true, go to Step 13.
10. Replace the third-person singular form of a verb with the first-person singular form of that verb. Your word now contains the abbreviation for a day of the week. If your word also contains something you'd wear on your foot, replace the day abbreviation with the abbreviation of the day that comes before it and go to Step 20. If your word contains something you'd wear on your head, replace the day abbreviation with the abbreviation of the day that comes after it and go to Step 14.

11. A verb contained in your word is something you might do to a piece of fruit. If you were to do the same thing to a cat, you would use a different verb (and you would probably be arrested.) Replace the fruit verb with the cat verb. If the new verb comes later alphabetically than the old verb, go to Step 21; otherwise, go to Step 9.

12. Go back to the step you followed four steps before this one, changing your word back to what it was before you began that step. Proceed as normal starting from that step, but in all future instructions add one to every step number you come across.

13. Replace the initials of the team that won the 2004 Mystery Hunt with the number of minutes after noon the 2006 Mystery Hunt is scheduled to start. If more than one Hunt has had a theme based on a board game, go to Step 22. Otherwise, go to Step 5.

14. If your word contains a word meaning tantrum, switch the outer two letters of the inner word. If your word contains a word meaning quickly, switch the center two letters of the inner word. If Jupiter is considered one of the inner planets, go to Step 7; otherwise, go to Step 5.

15. If you were to add a number two between the fourth and fifth letters of your word, your word would contain the chemical symbol for a common compound. Replace this compound with its common four-letter name. If your word now contains a golf term, go to Step 3. If it contains a bowling term, go to Step 13. If neither is true, go to Step 21.

16. Your word contains a three-letter word which is sometimes connected to another three letter word by the words "of a." Replace one word with the other. If these words rhyme, go to Step 10; if they are anagrams, go to Step 12.

17. One letter in your word is followed by a number; viewing this letter and number as a square on a Battleship board, replace them with the letter and number representing the square which is symmetrically opposite that square over the center of the board. If Battleships puzzles premiered in Games Magazine before 1993, go to Step 3. Otherwise, go to Step 8.

18. Replace the name of a movie studio with the (specific) name of that studio's mascot. If this studio made the film Duck Soup, go to Step 23. Otherwise, go to Step 7.

19. If your word anagrams to a word meaning dishonest, go to Step 13. If it anagrams to a word meaning nearsighted, go to Step 12. If neither of these statements is true, one of them really should be, since to reach this step you have to either cheat or misread a number.

20. Replace the third letter in your word with a letter two places earlier in the alphabet. Anagram your word to form a two-word phrase (which is not your final answer), change the altered letter back to what it used to be, and go to Step 4, unless half of the letters in your word are vowels, in which case you should go to Step 11.

21. One letter in your word (call it Harry) was foreseen in a previous instruction. The phonetic sound associated with this letter is also associated with another letter (call it Sally) which was once in your word. Change Harry to the same letter to which you changed Sally. If Harry is the Nth letter of the alphabet and Sally is the Mth letter of the alphabet, go to Step (N-M).

22. Replace the only three-letter word contained in your word with the three-letter word linked to it by a conjunction in the chorus of a 1983 David Bowie single. If this song was used in a Coke commercial, go to Step 17. Otherwise, go to Step 6.

23. Replace a character played at Epcot Center by the King of Pop with that artist's initials. If the body part contained in your word is above the waist, go to Step 16. Otherwise, go to Step 17.

***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT SHOPPING***

**EARTH HOLIDAYS TEND TO REVOLVE AROUND GIFT-GIVING, IN CONTRAST TO THE HOLIDAYS ACROSS THE UNIVERSE WHICH TEND TO INVOLVE COMMEMORATION, GRATITUDE, AND/OR THE RITUAL SHREDDING OF MATTRESSES. AS A RESULT, SHOPPING DAYS LEADING UP TO THESE HOLIDAYS OFTEN RESEMBLE INTERPLANETARY WARS, A POINT THAT WAS MADE CLEAR WHEN A GUIDE FIELD REPORTER HAD HIS HEAD RIPPED OFF WHILE TRYING TO PURCHASE A TICKLE ME ELMO. WE REGRET HIS PASSING, AND WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY WHAT A GOOD AND RESPONSIBLE MAN HE WAS... BUT WE CAN'T BECAUSE THE BASTARD OWED US MONEY.**

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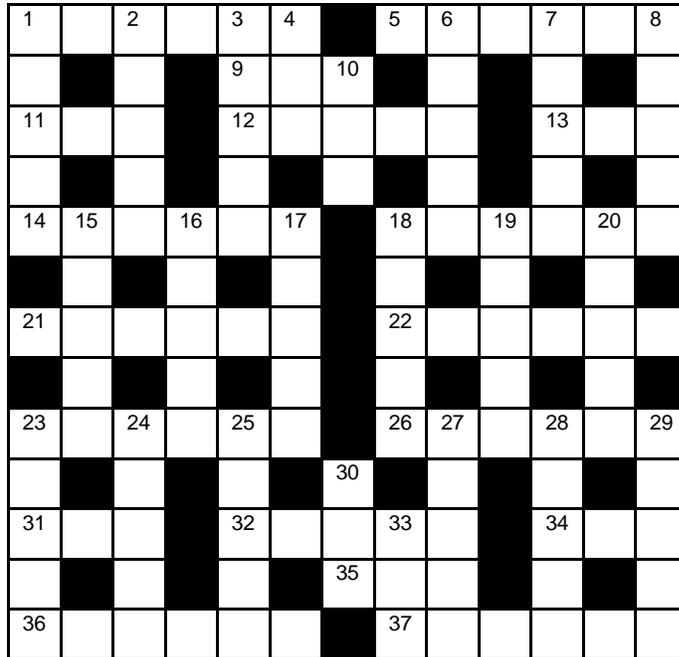
## ***THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT TOURISM***

**ONE OF THE FEW IDEAS THAT CAME FROM EARTH TO THE REST OF THE GALAXY (RATHER THAN THE OTHER WAY AROUND) WAS OBSCENELY TACKY ROADSIDE ATTRACTIONS. HOWEVER, ENTREPRENEURS WHO ATTEMPTED TO APPLY THE CONCEPT DIDN'T REALIZE THAT OFTEN THESE GIANT OBJECTS WERE ARTIFICIAL, AND THAT, FOR INSTANCE, IT WOULD REQUIRE MUCH LESS EFFORT TO CONSTRUCT A GIANT PLASTER TURKEY THAN TO SPEND CENTURIES TRYING TO BREED ONE. IT WOULD BE UNFAIR TO BLAME EARTHLINGS FOR THE TRAGIC NEPTUNIAN MASSACRE KNOWN AS "THE NIGHT OF THE BLOODY GIZZARD"; THIS HASN'T STOPPED THE NEPTUNIANS FROM DOING SO.**

1. There are six tourist attractions described in this section of the Guide, located in six different star systems (including the Betelgeuse system.) Each costs a different whole number of Altairian dollars for admission; every admission fee is less than 20 dollars.
2. The cost to see The Largest Pineapple In The Universe, which is a prime number of dollars, is the same as the total cost to see The Largest Ball Of Twine In The Universe and The Largest Six-Pack In The Universe.
3. The total cost to see the Capella attraction and The Largest Ketchup Bottle In The Universe is the same as the total cost to see the other four attractions.
4. The Largest Badger In The Universe costs more than three times as much as the Deneb attraction; the Deneb attraction costs more than three times as much as The Largest Six-Pack In The Universe.
5. The Arcturus attraction costs less than twice as much as the Fornacis attraction; the Capella attraction costs less than twice as much as the Arcturus attraction.
6. The Fornacis attraction, which is not The Largest Ketchup Bottle In The Universe, does not cost exactly eight dollars less than the Largest Fire Hydrant In The Universe.
7. The Largest Ketchup Bottle In The Universe costs twice as much as The Largest Ball Of Twine In The Universe; the Errai attraction costs three times as much as The Largest Ball Of Twine In The Universe.
8. Either The Largest Badger In The Universe is in the Fornacis system and costs less than 10 dollars, or it is in the Capella system and costs more than 10 dollars.

**THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS**

VERY LITTLE, ACTUALLY, SINCE THE ARTICLE WAS REMOVED FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.



**ACROSS**

- 1. Quash retreat violently from home base
- 5. Organs set Stan reeling
- 9. Imitate pea soup
- 11. Ozone destroyed all but New England wildlife preserve
- 12. Ran around area and made a bundle
- 13. *Alias* king enters minor league
- 14. Foot story?
- 18. Cleaner has borne a terrible substance
- 21. Satisfied, making shirt dark with ketchup or mustard
- 22. Strange... excellent community college admits awful cretin
- 23. Winner in six states, one northeastern and one northwestern
- 26. Read backwards, Guttenberg includes normal occurrences
- 31. Cool! Potassium publicity
- 32. Bangkok native: "Growling sound sounds like Asian beast"
- 34. Partially unprofessional broadcasting network
- 35. Gambling site disabled bot
- 36. Length, width, or time? Ridiculous mind noise
- 37. Primitive weapon's starter is dissolved in drink

**DOWN**

- 1. Brown smoke left
- 2. Surrounded by mango puree
- 3. Noise of bein' a hack came from room on a cruise ship?
- 4. Practice boxing loudly in Boston's health club?
- 6. Landing's front edge!
- 7. The artist possesses courage
- 8. Step one is infiltrating Polaris, for instance
- 10. Gibson head-over-heels for tree?
- 15. Bacterium from Yale student enveloping company
- 16. Glorify former member of a keyboard group?
- 17. Discourage rested-up sailor, originally leaving
- 18. Ecstasy consumed by pleasant relative
- 19. Tomorrow's Broadway show is horribly inane
- 20. Garbage cited in proclamation
- 23. Verify your identity; no Greeks are initially competing
- 24. Oddly crack eggs (removing insides) for baked goods
- 25. Perform better than skinned trout, Doug
- 27. Panicky braves drop a set of "action words"
- 28. She wrote in her diary, "Yes, German assassin"
- 29. Revolutionary downsizes font detail
- 30. Building block eliminates large component of psyche
- 33. Nice summer chalet exhibits interior

**THE HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO THE GALAXY HAS THIS TO SAY ABOUT METAPUZZLES**

WHEN FACED WITH A METAPUZZLE WHERE YOU DON'T QUITE KNOW HOW TO ENTER YOUR ANSWERS, TAKE SOLACE IN THE FACT THAT TWO NUMBERED BOXES CONNECTED BY A LINE PROBABLY CONTAIN THE SAME LETTER. [SEE ALSO: BAD FLAVORTEXT; OR SUBTLETY, ABSENCE OF.]

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11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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