

# CH-CH-CH-CH-CHANGES

In the 250-plus stories recounted by the poet Ovid in his magnum opus *The Metamorphoses*, commoners and kings alike find themselves subjected to the whims of Fate, natural forces, and the ever-shifting fancies of the gods. This inevitably results in dramatic transformations of their circumstances, their fortunes, and even their physical forms: in this magical world, one might find oneself gifted or cursed, gender-swapped, or transmogrified into a fish, a flower, or even a lingering echo.

Such upheaval can be upsetting, and it raises the question: **What can one do to mitigate the effects of change?**



Dear Solvers,

A few things to help navigate the caprices of Fate:

- Each puzzle will yield two answers, which might or might not be derived by the same means within a given puzzle.
- Confirming individual puzzle answers via answer checker is recommended, but is not strictly necessary for this set.
- To access the final puzzle, enter into any answer checker an unspaced string composed of the initial trigrams of the alphabetically first of the two answers from any ten puzzles, alphabetically ordered within the string.

When you've arrived at your final answer, please send it to me at markhalpin3 at gmail dot com to get a place on the Leaderboard. The first pair or solo solver to do so will win a one-year subscription to Outside the Box puzzles. For those who prefer a more leisurely solve, one other solver drawn randomly from all those submitting the correct answer before Monday, September 16th will receive a one-year subscription to P&A magazine. At that point, I'll post hints and solutions.

As ever, all puzzles may be printed to solve, but as an experiment this year I'm providing spreadsheet versions of a few of the puzzles as well. If there's a positive response to this, I'll continue it in the future. These spreadsheets can be found at:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ejm0z10W9W\\_dwQ7wRXV--c4FG4WltZKFN0vkzwhI\\_lk/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ejm0z10W9W_dwQ7wRXV--c4FG4WltZKFN0vkzwhI_lk/edit?usp=sharing)

Contributions to the Tip Jar this year will go to benefit the Trevor Project (thetrevorproject.org). While there's no suggested donation amount, perhaps consider what you'd pay per person to enjoy a movie, escape room or similar. Creating these sets of puzzles is a labor of love for me; in times that are difficult for many, I'd love for that labor to benefit a cause that's close to my heart. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

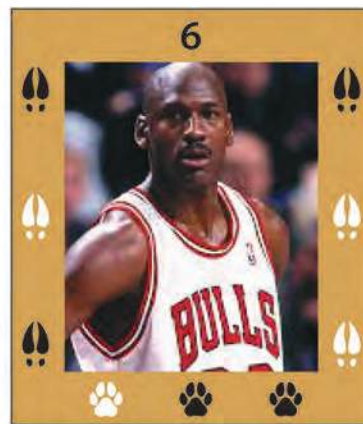
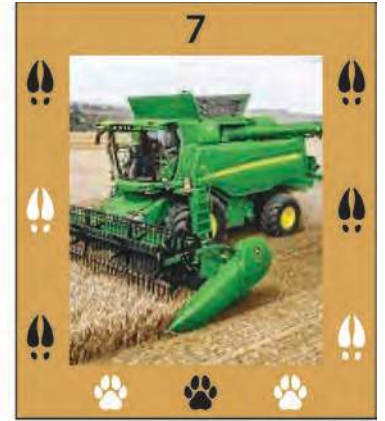
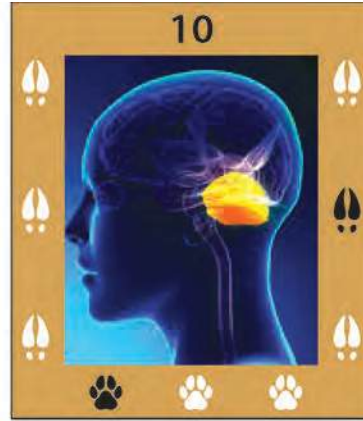
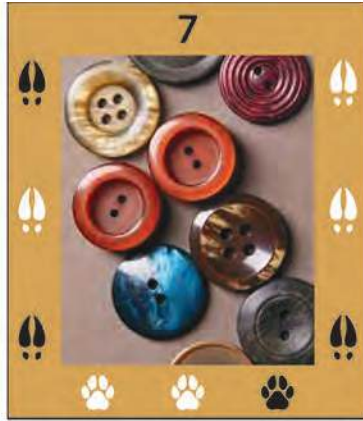
Using online resources to help solve is fair game. Specific knowledge of the inspirational source material is not required, and flavor text is often clueful.

Happy solving!

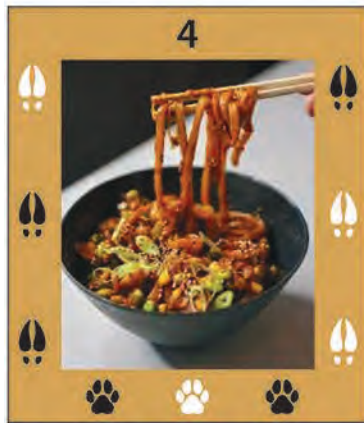
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# ACTAEON

For gazing at the naked goddess Artemis, the hunter Actaeon was turned into a stag, to be set upon by his own hounds. Six bit him savagely, sending him into a blind panic (given such tempting quarry, not even the best dogs could show much restraint), and in the resulting frenzy it could be hard to separate dogs from deer.

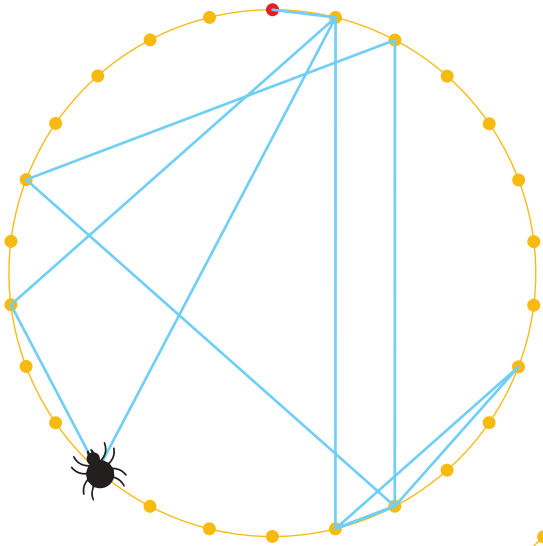


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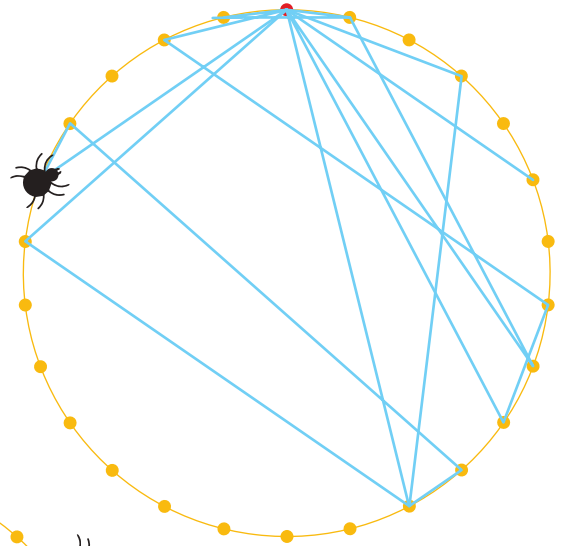


# ARACHNE

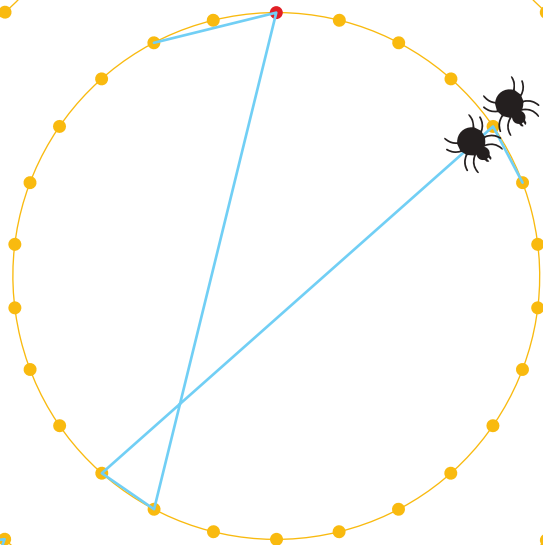
The brilliant weaver Arachne challenged Athena to a spinning contest, and though the competition was extremely close, she just managed to win. Castigated by Athena for her hubris, Arachne hung herself in shame, but the goddess transformed her into a spider so she could put her beautiful works of art up everywhere.



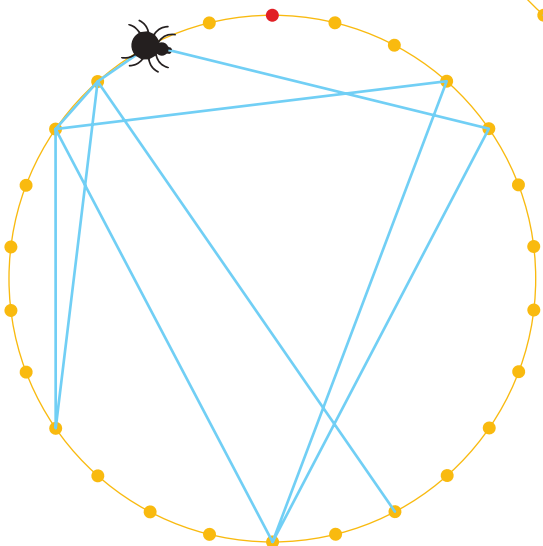
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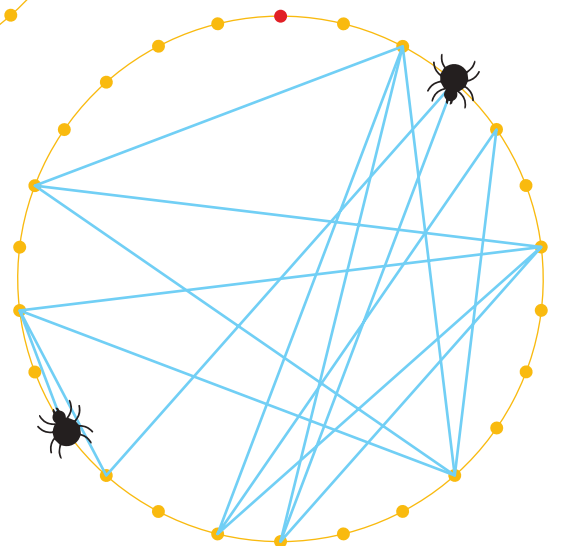
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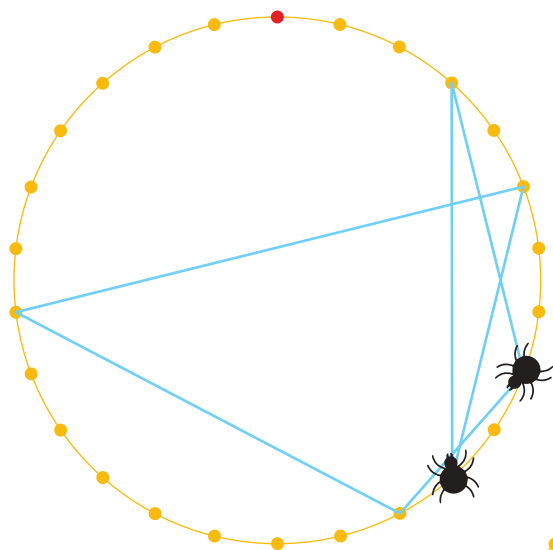


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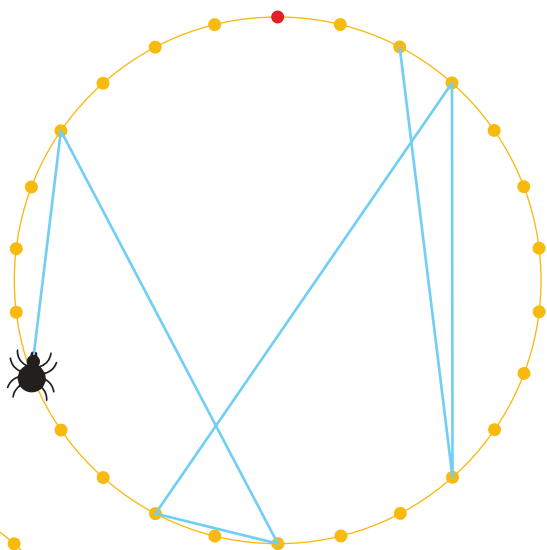


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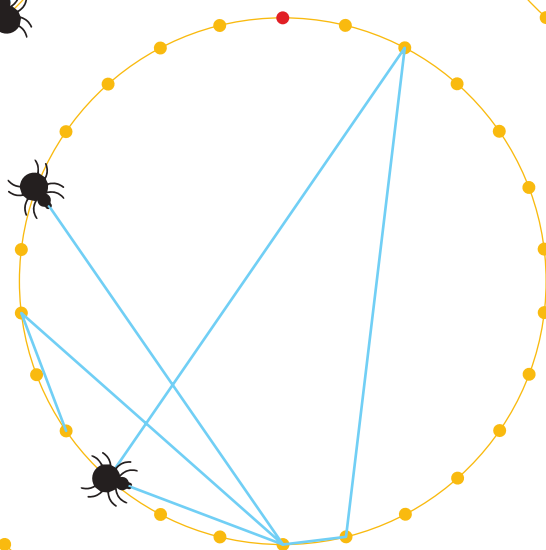
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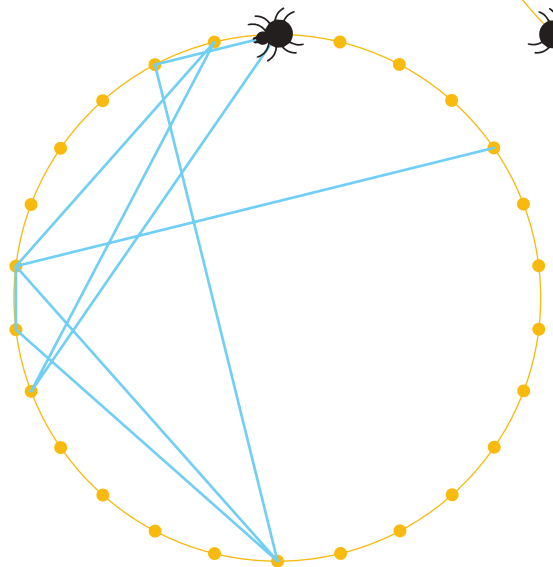
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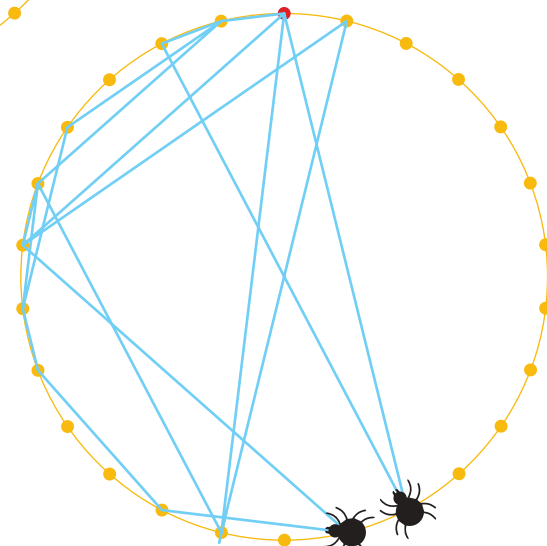
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3 3 4



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• • • • • ORDER: 4, 8 | 5 | 2, 1 | 6 | 3 | 7

# ATALANTA

Suitors wouldn't leave swift-footed Atalanta alone, but she was quick to send them to their demise by beating them all in a footrace. Eventually Hippomenes prevailed by throwing distracting golden apples into Atalanta's path whenever all of the racers were neck and neck (the lovers would one day be turned into lions, but that's another story).

Racer answers should be entered in order in the appropriate lane. The position of Down answers must be determined.

## Racer One

Ships of the desert / Like powerful ammo or quality goods (2 wds) / The youngest Marx brother / Miami or D.C. locale (2 wds) / Watery fare / Diner seating options / Web code inits. / Plays a banjo / Choreographer Bob / Seafood bar offering / Like a boring game, at the end / One in charge of a legislative body (2 wds) / Frank or Freud? / Most common Vietnamese surname / V.A. concern / Author Gay

## Racer Two

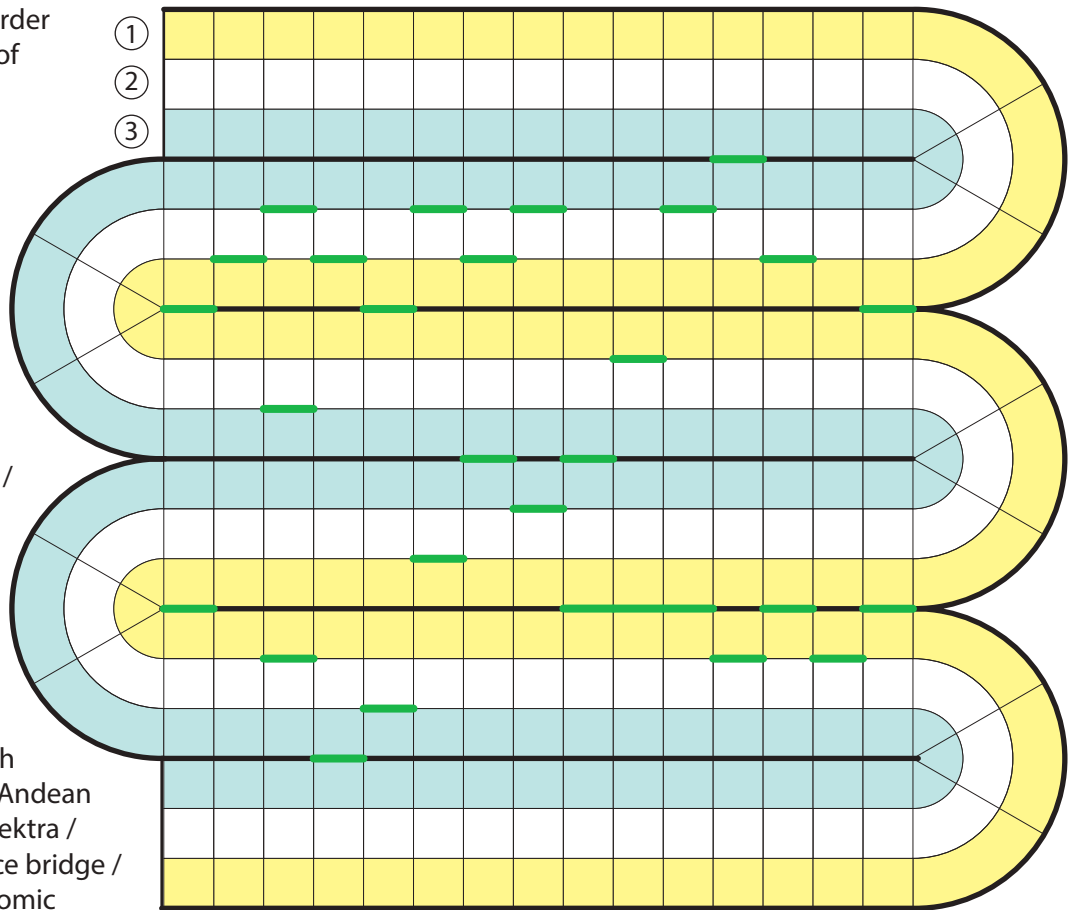
Soccer star Lalas / Water power, in brief / Big name in small trains / Refreshing soup / Peter who sang with Paul and Mary / Vestige / Critter AKA Andean Zorro / Ninja dagger for Raphael or Elektra / Meta subsidiary, briefly / Famed Venice bridge / Ditz / Rustic pleasure outing / Palindromic Honda model / Grenoble girlfriend / Heaven on earth / Silent communication, for short / Like a wasteland / *Paper Moon* Oscar winner (2 wds) / Tishri lead-in

## Racer Three

Clogs (2 wds) / Minor third, for one / Cook's collection / Retin-A target / Rudely nudge / Placate / Art capable / Lacking order / Football's "Broadway Joe" / Corrosion sign / Revere / "\_\_\_ and a spare" (purported succession need) (2 wds) / Really pushes oneself (2 wds) / Sea monster in the *Odyssey* / The Paranoid Android / Epic tale / Time between checks, say (2 wds)

## Down Entries

Quick and nimble	Duvall of <i>Veep</i>	Overexcited	Sci Fi weapon (2 wds)
Broadcast	Quips dryly	Romeo's last words (2 wds)	Seminary subj.
Wedding site	Crème /crème link (2 wds)	"Darn tootin'!" (2 wds)	Antarctic waters (2 wds)
Top-tier stories?	Tyrant	Extra lives for a smartphone game, e.g. (2 wds; <i>hyph</i> )	<i>One L</i> author (2 wds)
Language whence "banjo" and "chimpanzee"	Consume	<i>Portuguesa</i> capital	Synagogue
British Honduras, now	Pitch tents, perhaps	"I ___ Parade" (2 wds)	Upcoming schedule
Orchard amount	E.g., John McCain in later life ( <i>hyph</i> ; <i>abbr</i> )	Persian expression	Patronize, as a hotel (2 wds)
Capital near Memphis	Play at a barn dance, maybe	New parents' task	Schvitz sites (2 wds)
Christmas trio member	Pointer Sisters hit (3 wds)	Silver, Bargatze, et al	Like Charlotte Pudding or Blinky ( <i>hyph</i> )
Light conversation	Firewalker's path part (2 wds)	Grassland	Sporty car roof ( <i>hyph</i> )



# BAUCIS AND PHILEMON

The elderly peasants Baucis and Philemon took in a pair of beggars that no one else in their village would. Somehow, their meager food and wine never seemed to run low, and their revelry continued late into the night.

In the morning, the strangers revealed themselves to be Zeus and Hermes in disguise! They gratefully granted the old couple's only wish: that when it came time for one of them to die, they would both be turned into trees, an oak and a linden, so they could spend the rest of time intertwined.

EHMEYRHAR (1 / 2)

HODENIRHEBO (3 / 8)

EPRICALSPCHILTRILAB (2)

DEJANICKTAWTINSOCT (1)

REXALNTHILPIPEK (5)

EMBONANELNIEDPARDKIMER (6)

PEMTRAURCHGAINOA (1)

REWOYARNDETRWORMOPAN (3 / 2)

BOLPONYDITE (2)

MONKGNAITITEROPHOLMPUSES (8)

LANAGPLELAG (2)

MEANORIETONARTAVESNLAWICOIOFFOD (7 / 3)

# HYACINTH

Apollo and Hyacinth's love burned like the sun, so much that, when Hyacinth was struck down by a wickedly thrown discus, Apollo begged to be allowed to join him in death. Denied this by his immortality, Apollo turned his lover's blood into the flower that bears his name so he could be remembered forever. Fortunately, many such love stories have happier endings.

1M	2V	3B	4T	5G	6W	7R	8S		9K	10W	11S	12E	13I	14V		15T	16B	17X	18H	19Y	20M	21W	22N		23E
24D	25R	26M	27P		28P	29I	30S	31M	32J		33N	34B	35P	36C	37U	38D	39T	40J		41U	42C	43R	44M	45O	46A
47I	48W		49B	50G	51F	52X	53N	54U	55C		56Y	57L	58A	59W	60R	61M	62U	63C		64Q	65L	66R	67K	68V	69F
70X	71M	72O		73A	74T	75L	76Y	77D	78P	79H	80I		81D	82O	83B	84E	85N	86T	87G	88L	89V		90V	91I	92D
93N		94U	95I	96T	97Q	98A	99F	100J	101P		102O	103N	104U	105K	106Y	107D	108V		109F	110Q	111E	112S	113G	114W	115Y
116L		117T	118M	119C	120O	121B	122P	123E	124R		125S	126J	127K	128N		129T	130O	131J	132Q	133Y	134D		135O	136X	137G
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	206N	207D	208L	209A	210G		211W	212X	213P	214T		215C	216L	217X	218B	219N	220E	221Y	222V						

**A.** Floating wreckage or ship debris

58 46 98 209 154 149 73

**B.** Like milk sold by foundries

3 174 83 49 34 16 218 196 187 121

**C.** The way out

36 63 42 55 215 119

**D.** Razorback's father

77 24 182 134 92 207 143 81 156 192 107 38

**E.** Christina Aguilera's lowly follower

84 197 23 220 111 123 191 12 169 204

**F.** Unlikely to behave prudishly

69 177 99 51 109 141 181 161

**G.** Like a certain kind of vortex?

137 210 50 202 87 151 5 113 199

**H.** "Egad!"; or frightening things

148 178 79 165 18 159 138

**I.** Related to a part of the lips

95 29 91 80 13 47 193

**J.** Table salt is one

131 32 100 158 40 150 188 126



<b>K.</b> Disreputable, lower class folks	171	164	9	105	179	127	67	200				
<b>L.</b> Stabilizing extensions on some canoes	65	208	216	176	57	163	88	184	75	116		
<b>M.</b> Author of <i>The Techno Thief</i> (2 wds)	31	190	195	1	44	61	201	26	118	20	71	
<b>N.</b> Idle chatter; gossip ( <i>hyph</i> )	206	53	128	33	166	180	22	139	219	93	85	103
<b>O.</b> Charged with misconduct in office	120	135	102	203	145	45	82	130	72			
<b>P.</b> Using freezing to remove warts or tumors	28	170	101	78	167	122	213	35	175	157	27	
<b>Q.</b> Irrational-seeming, like a Beckett play	110	64	185	194	132	97						
<b>R.</b> How a faithful companion acts	25	43	172	7	60	124	66					
<b>S.</b> Narrator's role in 1986's <i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	11	30	155	125	8	152	112					
<b>T.</b> Architect who designed the Helix chair (2 wds)	214	86	117	189	129	15	74	4	160	96	39	146
<b>U.</b> Part-time newspaper reporters	153	37	104	41	62	140	173	94	54			
<b>V.</b> Crossword grid or palindrome property	142	14	2	90	89	108	68	222				
<b>W.</b> Late, like an elevator	10	168	6	114	21	211	59	48				
<b>X.</b> Unfairly zone, as a voting district	147	70	183	17	162	52	212	198	205	136	217	
<b>Y.</b> Omelet-making debris	133	19	221	115	144	106	56	76	186			

# ICARUS

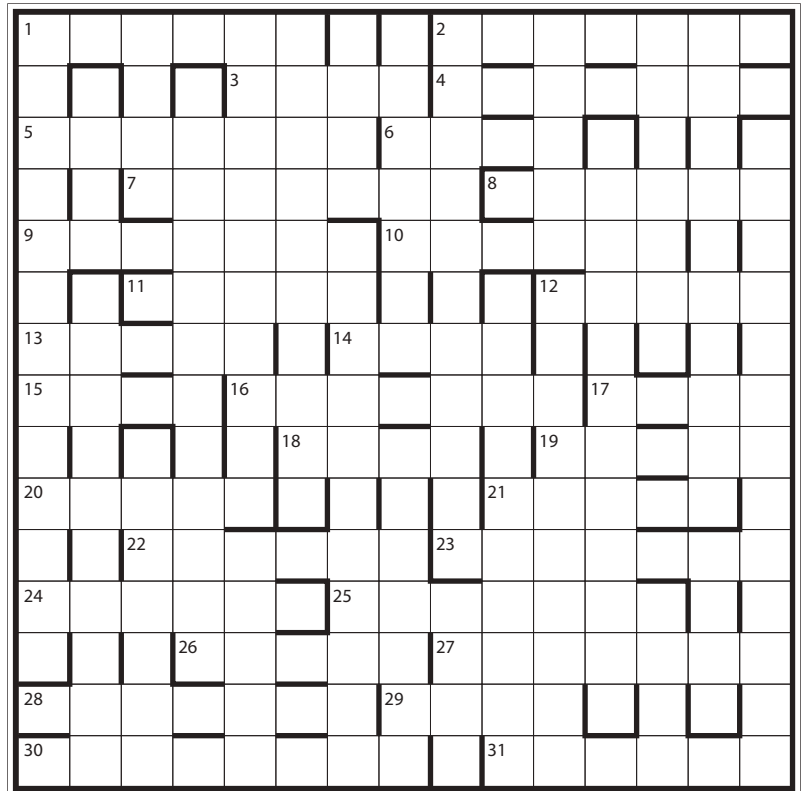
When the youth Icarus donned the wings his father Daedalus had crafted, he couldn't resist exuberantly soaring too close to the sun. The beeswax wings melted, and Icarus plummeted to his death. If only his wings had been made of sturdier stuff!

Enumerations are withheld. Down clues are ordered alphabetically by answers; their grid positions must be determined. Some Across or Down clues contain a superfluous one-or-two-word element that must be removed to correctly parse the clue. Each of these elements clues a single wing. Pairs of wings written together form some Down entries.

When the pairs of wings are deployed, each pair will A) demonstrate its resistance to the sun's heat by soaring safely past it, and B) indicate a (non-superfluous) one-or-two-word element in an otherwise normal clue. Where a pair of wings occurs in column N in the grid, note the Nth letter of the indicated clue.

## ACROSS

1. Mess I splattered with silverware primarily making shakes
2. Tennis great's playing emphasized an asset
3. Change made getting crew from Crow tribe
4. Initially, amateurs can think up artwork they eventually make happen
5. Voiced displeasure after Utah's interior's made off-limits
6. Lover's befuddled you at the moment
7. Cow-owner and lamb-owner adopting rare fish (2 wds)
8. Disney prince, held by knave, backpedaled entertainingly
9. Slyly elicit a Parisian's victuals, here and there (3 wds)
10. Shiny substance coating oars becomes dull (2 wds)
11. Perversion lady regularly reserved for a select customer
12. One levy starting to overcome disorder (*comb. form*)
13. Actress Pam is swindler, but not full time
14. My expression of past intent, having twice contracted throat trouble in low dive
15. Big feline in UPS truck seeming unfazed, essentially
16. Some undergarments' seams coil uncomfortably
17. Flees, or heartlessly remains
18. Narrate opening of Heath Ledger's authorized Western
19. Internet pioneer, embracing passion, can type
20. Tallinn natives the SS harassed
21. Cleaner to throw away a little liquor, contrarily
22. Top-notch youngster endlessly won martial arts event
23. In a score, sorrowful note bestowed touch of musical elegance
24. Make an effort to decline chiefly triggering corruption, smothering hollow yen (2 wds)
25. Performing Ophelia's first Shakespearean address excited agents
26. Reportedly, some Civil War reenactors eat in a field
27. Execrated horses' hair surrounding, for example, riding schools
28. Tending to cut off yours truly violates arrangement
29. Soothsayer pronounced destiny for former MS senator
30. Drawbacks including hour dealing with theoretical time measurement units



31. Newsman Charles's second of four mutts flipped, receiving love

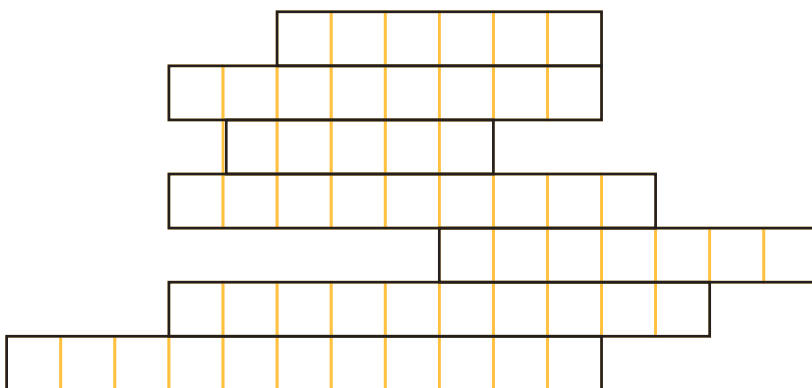
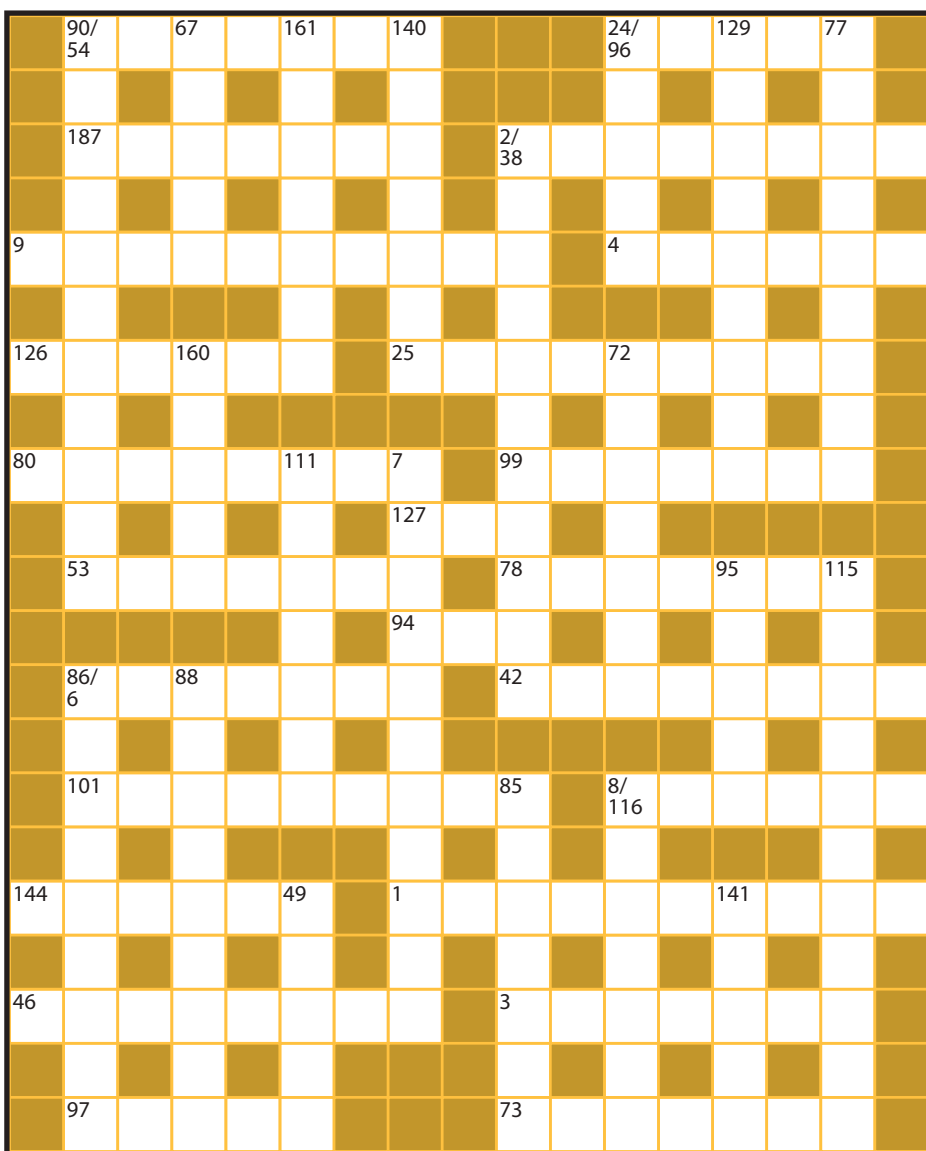
## DOWN

- Cheap kegger hosts notice I zone out consuming old booze (4 wds)
- Busybody sounded delighted about tea, had a salad (2 wds)
- Those attacking jerk hurt by small metal alloy drones
- *Ratatouille* food critic's written about good waffle
- Sailors reforge chain broken gaining on another ship
- Twosome closing cryptic chamber's core, enclosing low-budget weapon (*abbr*)
- High-end knifemaker's intelligence described by James Shaffer, et al.
- O'Neill's cast Barrymore, Richie, and others
- Damage third-rate Chagall, perhaps
- Twisted despot ate nothing, eyed food grown for buds? (2 wds)
- Prosperous and stingy, titter meanly about Pennsylvania's capital (2 wds)
- Outskirts of Salzburg contain 50% more pollution
- Altar boys wasted church hours scrubbing most of old window hardware (2 wds)
- Stable material (inert gas, tungsten) found after star exploded
- Reflectively, Riker took bridge for Federation vessels' mission?
- Movie mentor's proficiency test not beginning today, sadly

# MIDAS

When Dionysus granted the foolish King Midas's wish — that all Midas touched should turn to gold — it turned out to be much more of a bane than a blessing. Among other things, Midas's bookkeeping became a little complicated.

1. Closer
2. Western
3. Broadway director
4. Figure
5. Post-premiere
6. Start to
7. Back half
8. In show
9. Teakettle
10. Position
11. Left
12. Matter in SF
13. Fist
14. Torah
15. In the military
16. Fear and hysteria
17. Couple
18. Places for depositing
19. Artist
20. Racing downhill
21. Bavarian
22. One spreading
23. Heels
24. Feta or chickpeas
25. Launches
26. Contents
27. Of lamb, perhaps
28. Butts
29. Equine
30. They might be stuffed with
31. Middle
32. Dessert
33. Television
34. Bigwigs
35. Language
36. Night, and the like
37. Of one dead
38. Song or photo
39. Fabulists'
40. Commit robbery
41. One's shoulder
42. Low point
43. Duplicated
44. Winged
45. Parking spot
46. On the road
47. Earth luminary
48. Orbital
49. Is interrupted
50. Lean fillets
51. Dolly, for one
52. Accents
53. Expert
54. (Non-figuratively) small
55. Where a football player
56. Stretch
57. Collection
58. Inventions
59. Guilty
60. Parodies or
61. Potatoes
62. Downspout
63. Shown on
64. Like Irish
65. Starry
66. Spoiler
67. Find to be not
68. Bash
69. Head
70. Decoration
71. Very long
72. Bullets
73. Honors with a
74. Haunted house
75. Melted marshmallows
76. Voice
77. Milk
78. Hand
79. Surpasses
80. Point where text
81. Ass
82. Looking
83. Dispenser
84. Mind
85. Dances sometimes
86. Most like



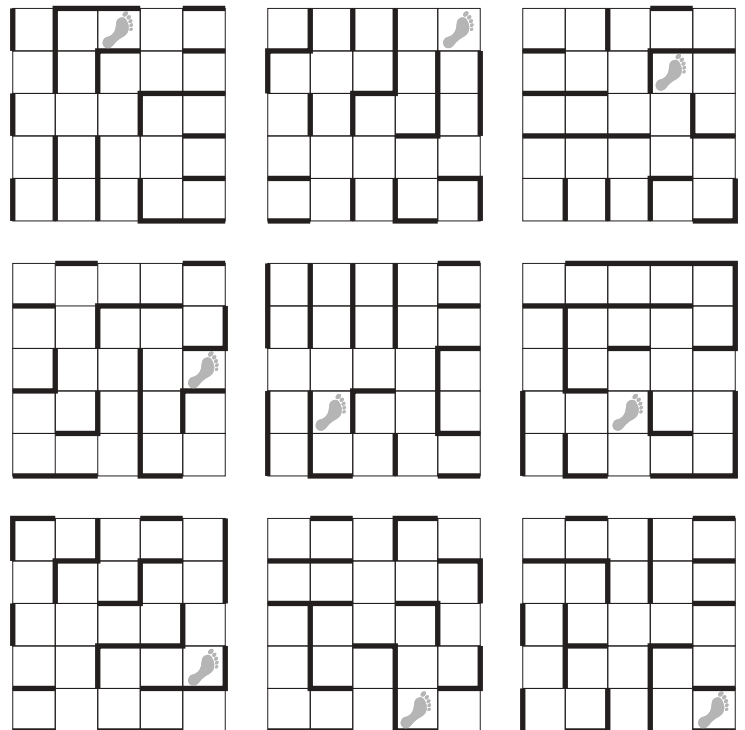
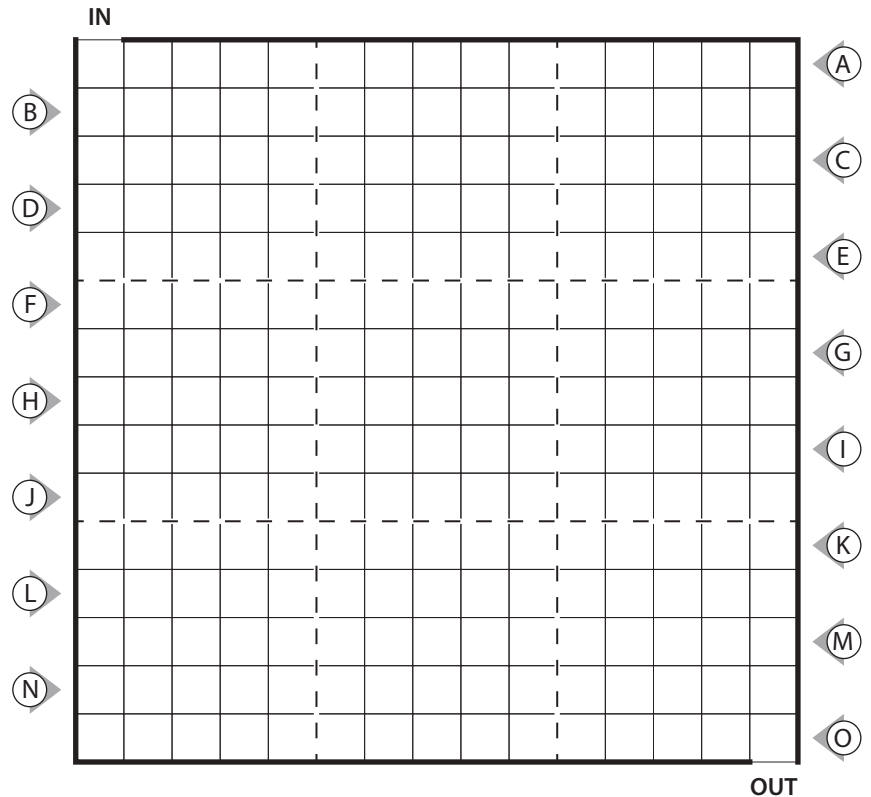
# THE MINOTAUR

Asterius, the Minotaur, is interested in only one metamorphosis: transforming the Athenian brat Theseus into a bloody pulp. He relentlessly patrols the Labyrinth in appropriately boustrophedon fashion, its walls proving no impediment to him (the advantage of being a gigantic bruiser).

Theseus, meanwhile, traces a convoluted path through the maze, from the upper left to the lower right, which occasionally crosses itself but never backtracks. Woe be to him if he meets the Minotaur before he escapes!

## THE MINOTAUR

- A.** Downloadable iPhone memo-maker (2 wds)  
Unprocessed information (2 wds)
- B.** Performs just adequately on a test (3 wds)  
Like no-frills letters (2 wds)
- C.** Quavery or vibrating musical effect  
"Wuthering Heights" rock star (2 wds)
- D.** Lofty hope  
Bit of gossip (*hyph*)
- E.** Fires at from the air  
The Lord of Dreams, in *The Sandman* and myth
- F.** Tiki bar chain whence the Mai Tai (maybe) (2 wds)  
Logic puzzle liar
- G.** St. Kitts's island neighbor  
Doctors that might help you breathe easier
- H.** Tend to a friend's feline, perhaps  
Lost no time (2 wds)
- I.** Temporarily sustain, like a snack (2 wds)  
More moist or mushy
- J.** "Bummer!" (2 wds)  
Asserted ownership of (3 wds)
- K.** "It being the case that..."  
Boardgame with spies and bombs
- L.** Casual or careless chitchat (2 wds)  
One's golden years, it's said (2 wds)
- M.** Explosion or good time  
Freshen up a room's look
- N.** Those showing mercy or forgiveness  
Approach closely (2 wds)
- O.** Edwardian wit and caricaturist who wrote "The  
Happy Hypocrite" (2 wds)  
Advantage in a competition



**THESEUS** (in order)

Stunned; horrified

Notorious penny-pincher

The complement of a bireme's propulsion equipment

Ball used in jai alai

Gigantic bird of legend

Point in a network

Unit of conductance

Kennel Club classification

They're the opposite of jumping the gun (2 wds)

Scripted conversation

Ready to mate (2 wds)

Large baked potato type

Mac vs. PC, and similar rivalries (2 wds)

Washed ashore, perhaps (2 wds)

Resident of the Bowery or Murray Hill, say

Hitchcock film that used pioneering zoom effects

A favor that shouldn't be much trouble (2 wds)

Emulates an incompetent magician or transparent liar (3 wds)

Curved saber

Letters for a national honor society (3 wds)

Ignite (3 wds)

Be worthy of

Leave marooned

Totally overwhelmed with emotion

Pastry whose name means "lightning flash"

2024 EGOT earner, to friends

Coors and Corona, etc.

Comprehend, colloquially

Shot a bunch of guns at once

Jobs in the tech sector?

\_\_\_ pot (sinus cleaning device)

Kids with blond hair

A test that might have a lot of variables (2 wds)

# NARCISSUS

Until he melted into a clump of flowers, the beautiful youth Narcissus was cursed with an utter infatuation with his own reflection. Gazing adoringly at it to the exclusion of all else, not realizing that the smiles and soft words from his beloved were merely illusions, Narcissus's tragedy is that he could never be with the one he most desired.

Columnist offering many a \_\_\_\_\_ •  • Source of many a Tarheel \_\_\_\_\_

Making a \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ furniture

\_\_\_\_\_ given no latitude • Puff as one \_\_\_\_\_ before a meal

Put into \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ dissenter's sound

\_\_\_\_\_ for Tarzan • \_\_\_\_\_ in a barrel

\_\_\_\_\_ holders for lawyers • The splitting of some \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ at a crime scene • Pastry made from \_\_\_\_\_

Othello's \_\_\_\_\_ • Anthem for a battle site near \_\_\_\_\_

One sharing a \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ for a demon

Rover's extra \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ for a communist leader

\_\_\_\_\_ - inspired game • Leave \_\_\_\_\_ in eagle's home

Lacking \_\_\_\_\_ • "Yikes, \_\_\_\_\_!"

Waterfall or \_\_\_\_\_ • \_\_\_\_\_ alternative, on the ocean

Get a \_\_\_\_\_ going • "\_\_\_\_\_, facility"

Like a well-written \_\_\_\_\_ • Each \_\_\_\_\_ of five

ACTION [3]  
BANNED [9]  
BRIEF [3]  
BUY [6]  
CATARACT [3]  
CLAN [5]

COUNCIL [3]  
DIGIT [6]  
FAILING [7]  
FAMILIAR [2]  
FENCE [5]  
GNOME [8]

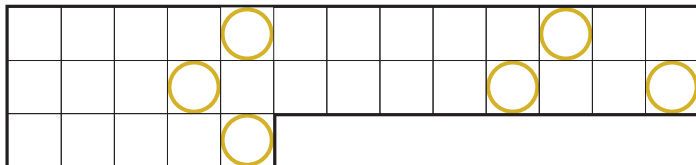
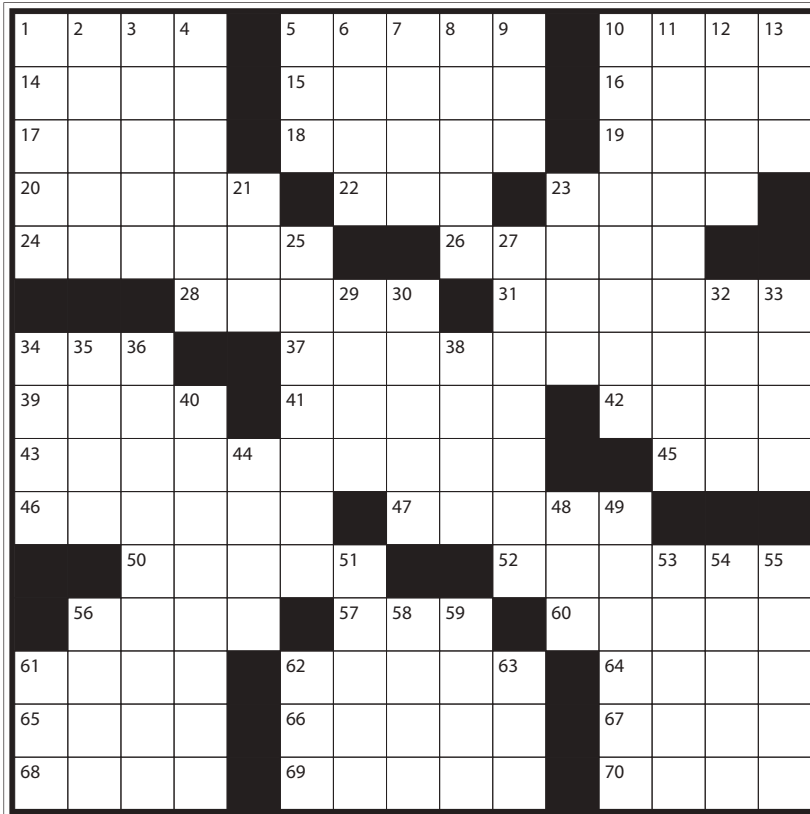
HIGH [5]  
HINT [1]  
LINE [4]  
MEET [3]  
MOOSE [6]  
MORNING [6]

MOTORCYCLE [7]  
PRAISE [4]  
REAMS [6]  
SCIENCE [2]  
SERIAL [8]  
SIGHED [5]

SNARE [9]  
SUBTLETY [8]  
SUCKER [7]  
TERRIER [2]  
VOLUME [8]  
WAIST [6]

# ORPHEUS

Upward, upward, upward trudges the musician Orpheus, attempting to lead his beloved Eurydice from the Underworld. His fingers exhausted from strumming, he sometimes relies on his voice alone.



## ACROSS

1. Iconic 90s Lucy Lawless role
5. Cruciverbalist Pasco who inspired this puzzle
10. Male hedgehog, badger, or raccoon
14. Dismissive word one utters with a sneer
15. *South Pacific's* Pinza and namesakes
16. Berry touted as a superfood
17. Word on many a Renaissance Faire sign
18. Some instances of Hirschfeld's hidden name
19. Something heard in a cave
20. Common Medieval art subject
22. President whose veep was Dick
23. Air conditioner measures, for short
24. Enjoyed going to a restaurant for dinner
26. Those that are easily led

28. Apply some lubrication to once more
31. Picking up the dry-cleaning, say
34. QVC rival
37. They help with interactions when online
39. These awful times might try a parent's soul
41. One calling out sources
42. GPS suggestions, in brief
43. Techno-accoutrement
45. Title of respect for a guru
46. Mickey once of the Giants and Bees
47. Formed for a particular purpose
50. At \_\_\_\_\_ for words
52. Formations on a rugby field
56. Tupperware toppers
57. Hand over an amount that's owed

60. A philanthropist needs one of these
61. Wrestler-turned-actor John
62. Matt of *Elysium*
64. Some flat-panel screens
65. Chandon's Champagne bottle partner
66. Perform an examination like an alien might?
67. Knee-bend for a ballet dancer
68. Currency supplanted by euros
69. Higgledy-piggledy
70. Blacken like beef or tuna, maybe

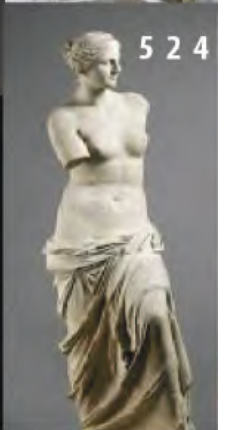
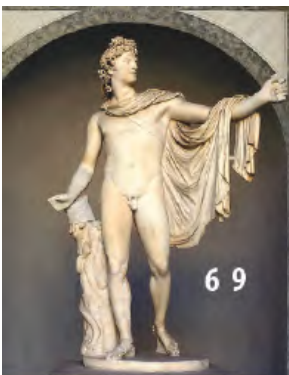
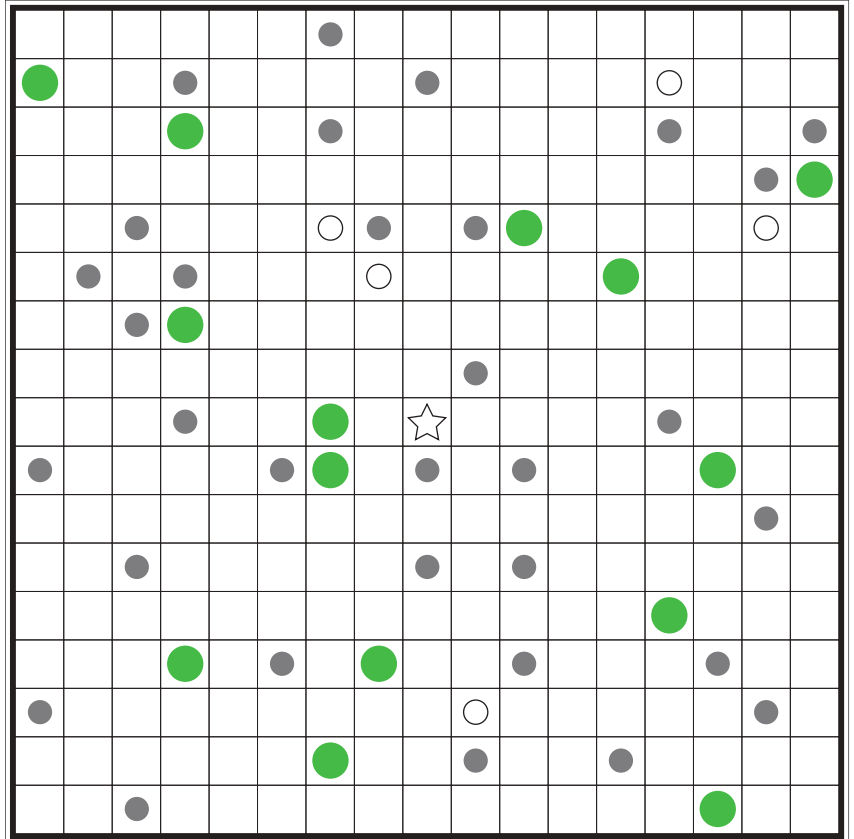
## DOWN

1. An ethnic group or tongue with Bantu roots
2. Key of Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture"
3. Picture that's more blue than not?
4. A bank, e.g., that holds a legal claim
5. Implement for a calligrapher
6. Comic Ansari, say
7. Porcine pronunciation
8. One's cranium has six of these inside
9. Forerunner of the CIA
10. Fish 'n' chips laborer
11. Receivers of generically addressed mail
12. Delighted reaction to fireworks
13. Home of Christ the Redeemer, informally
21. He took the throne around the age of nine
23. Chunk of ice afloat in the ocean
25. Birds with massive, multi-hued bills
27. Warm and cozy gathering spots
29. Egyptian goddess of healing and magic
30. "\_\_\_\_\_ - go Mario!"
32. Abbreviation on a regional map of Australia
33. Lucy's old beau
34. To inscribe or engrave
35. Legume that's common in a health food store
36. A choice made when there's little to decide
38. Papyrus or bulrush, e.g.
40. Point by which perishibles should be vended
44. Alejandro's "good heavens!" or "geez!"
48. Anxiety condition, briefly
49. Nursery illnesses
51. Prepares for an upcoming bout
53. Donald, to Huey, Dewey, and Louie
54. Television, radio, newspapers, etc.
55. Coherent sonic beam-emitting gear
56. The first pope in a line of thirteen
58. Totally out of control
59. In British slang, they're hooligans or brutes
61. 950, to Cicero and Caesar
62. I.R.S. pro
63. Never-before-seen

# PYGMALION

After Aphrodite transformed the lonely sculptor Pygmalion's beautiful statue Galatea into a living woman, the happy couple loved nothing more than strolling around their statue park.

In this Statue Park variant, place the given slabs of marble (pentominoes) into the grid. They may rotate but not reflect, nor may they overlap or touch orthogonally. Spaces with gray dots must contain part of a slab; spaces with green or white symbols must not. Green spaces are topiaries; all which exist in the park are shown. Once the slabs are placed, all remaining non-topiary spaces must connect to each other in such a way that the couple can stroll through all of them moving orthogonally space to space in a continuous, non-crossing loop, beginning at the star in the center of the grid and moving clockwise around the path. Every fifteen steps Pygmalion will pause: if the next space in the direction he's facing contains part of a slab, he'll examine it closely for signs of his handiwork.



(number color is not significant)