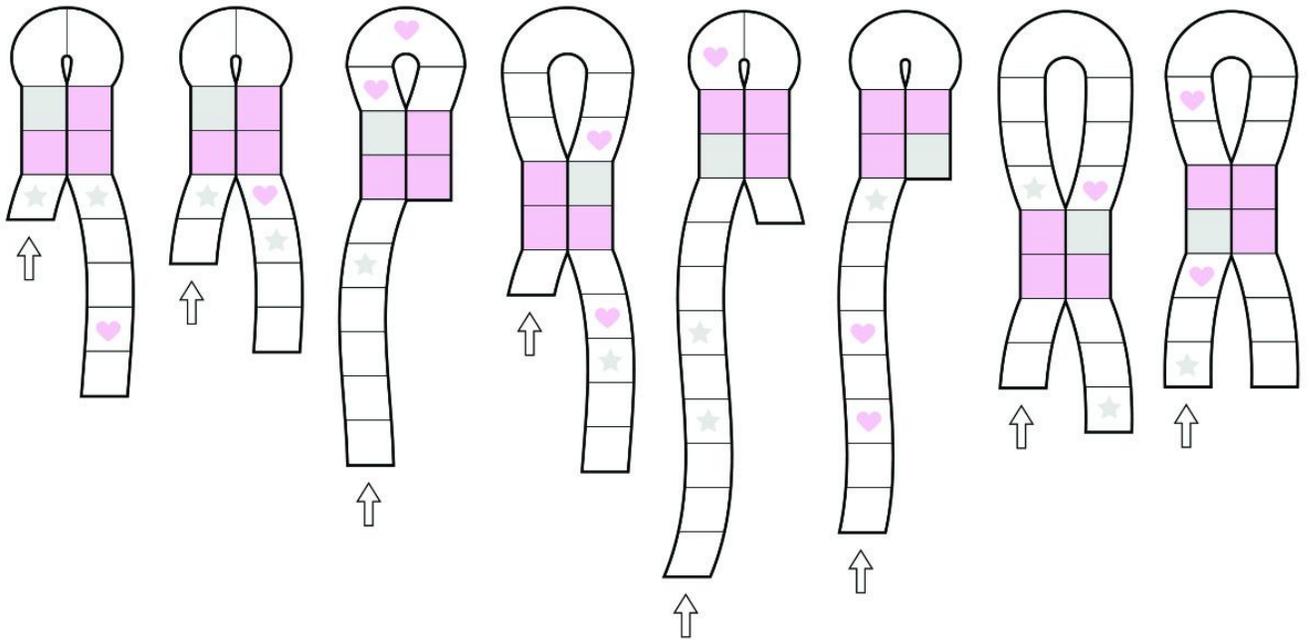


# Our Present Situation

*for Ange & Jen*

Congratulations, Ange and Jen! We know you said not to, but we got you some wedding presents! And we all kind of went off-registry; again, sorry!

To make up for this, we've concealed the identity of each gift with a puzzle. Once you've figured out what the gifts are, you must attach an appropriate ribbon (each of which has some festive pink and grey squares) to each gift.



When you've done this, look at the heart-adorned squares on each ribbon to see what theme these squares embody. Then, look at the star-adorned squares to see why each grey letter, far more than the three pink ones, really stands out at this particular wedding.

# Blockbuster Video

We might have gone a little overboard at the "buy 2 get one free" closeout sale, but now you have a ton of movies and TV boxsets starring some of our favorites!

American Pie						6		19						25		
Back to the Future																
Becker		28						11			10					
Boston Legal																
Buffy the Vampire Slayer								5						29		2
A Bug's Life																
CSI: Crime Scene Investigation						3								27		
Dude, Where's My Car?																
Family Ties			26					16						20		
Frozen																
The Golden Girls		9				18					13					
The Good Place											15	21		7		
Homeland																
Hot in Cleveland																
How I Met Your Mother							1							17		
The Lorax																
Mame								23			14					24
The Mary Tyler Moore Show							8							12		4
Maude																
Miss Congeniality																
My So-Called Life																
Romeo + Juliet																
Seinfeld																
Spin City																
Star Trek																
That '70s Show																
Three Men and a Baby																
Two and a Half Men																
Veep																
Veronica Mars																

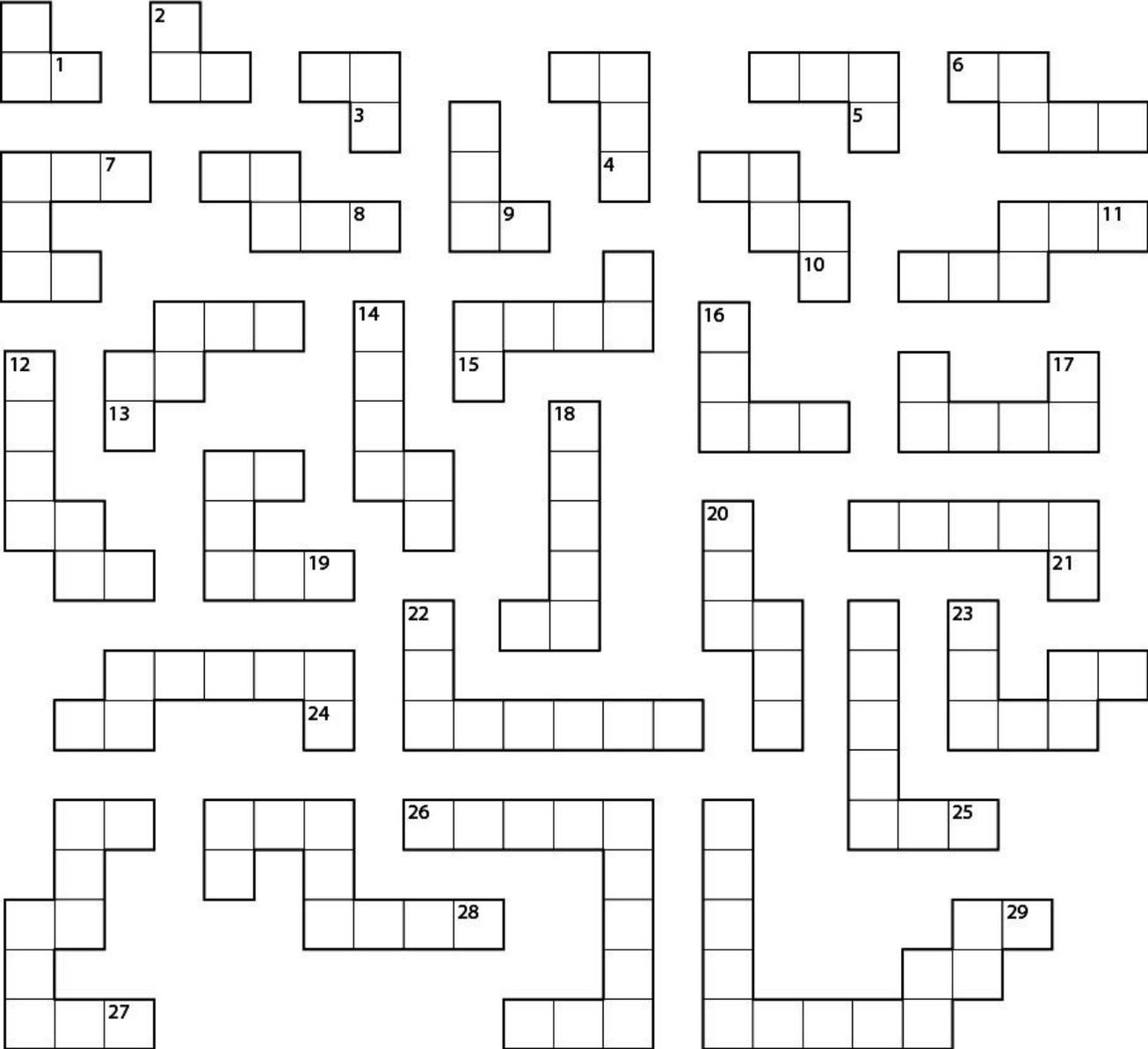
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**PIECES** - Pieces may be rotated but not reflected



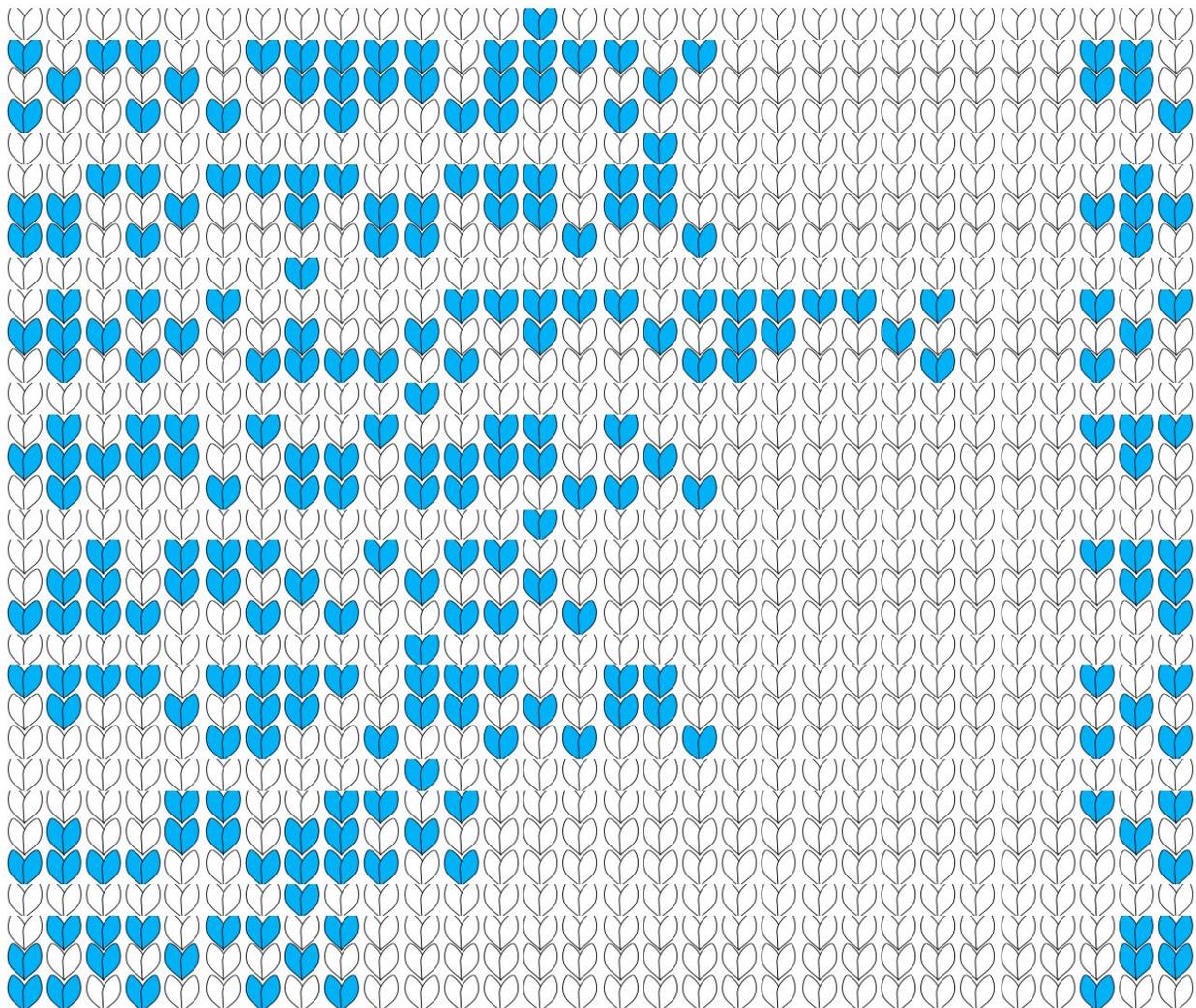
# It Was the Best of Times, It Was the Worst of Times

*"Are you sure," asked Jacques Two, of Defarge, "that no embarrassment can arise from our manner of keeping the register? Without doubt it is safe, for no one beyond ourselves can decipher it; but shall we always be able to decipher it—or, I ought to say, will she?"*

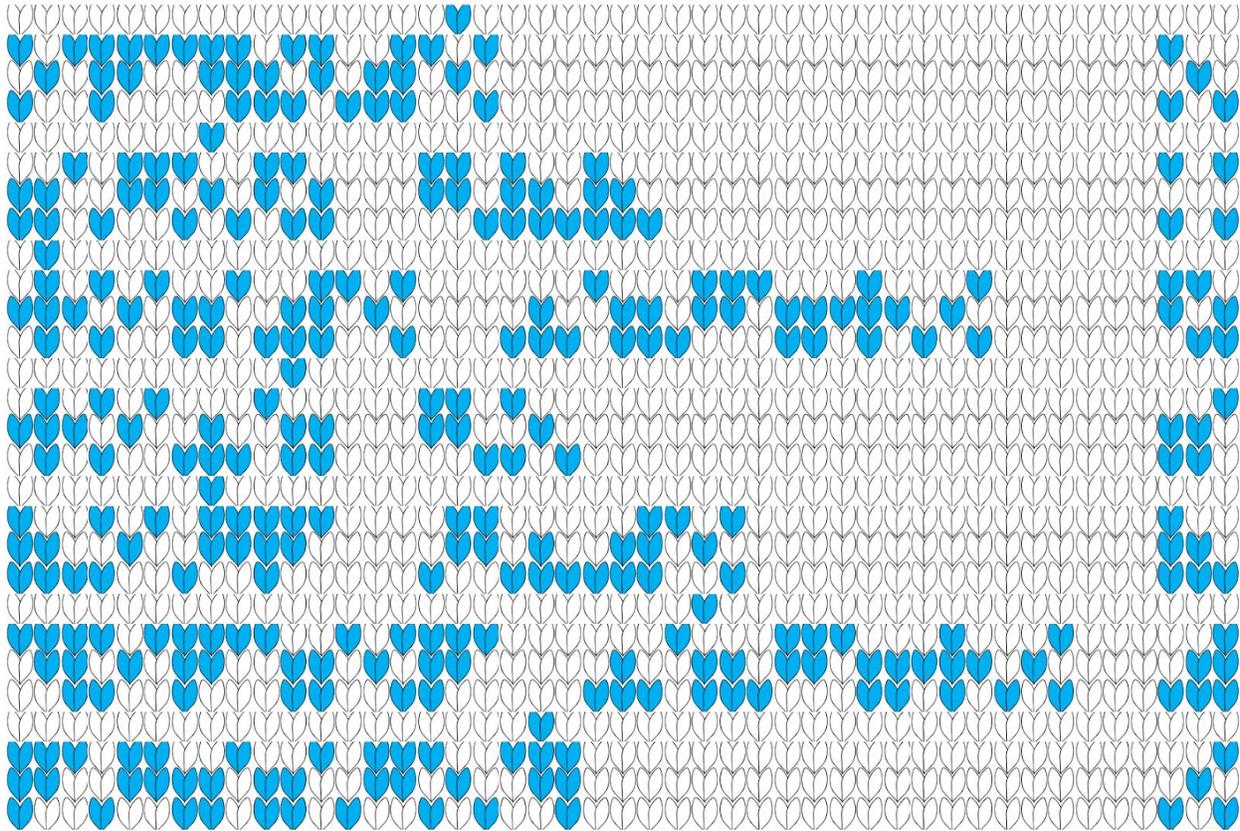
*"Jacques," returned Defarge, drawing himself up, "if madame my wife undertook to keep the register in her memory alone, she would not lose a word of it—not a syllable of it. . . . [In] her own symbols, it will always be as plain to her as the sun."*

These days, Madame Defarge isn't so concerned with revolution, but she's still using her code. She made a lovely sweater encoding the types of yarn in her stash and her favorite techniques -- not to mention her wedding present for you.

YARN



TECHNIQUES

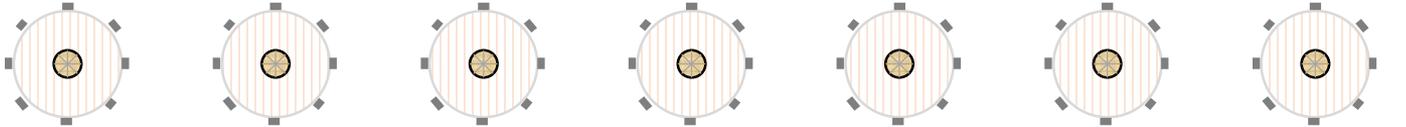


# ♥Sweet♥Heart♥Deal♥

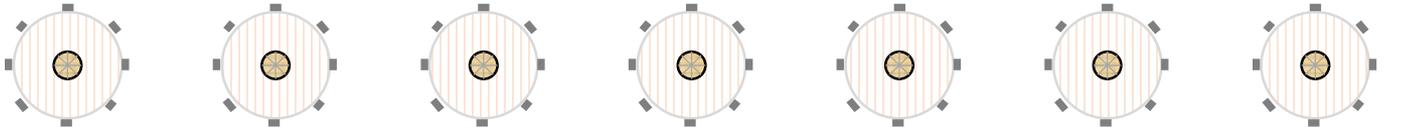
Ange and Jen have made sure that all their guests enjoy their special day as much as they do! They pored over the seating chart and put a different special treat at the center of each table. However, it looks like many guests are migrating to adjacent tables to sample the treats there. What do the guests end up with after all this?

ANT BAV→ NCE↑ ORT↓ SSR↑ SWI→ SS	BLA↑ CHO↓ COL↓ GER↑ YUL← ST G→	BAU→ CHE↑ DAC↑ ISE→ LAD← MOR→ E N	ANC← BLA← CKO↓ IAS↓ IER↑ TOR VIC←	CHE→ DOW SAC↘ TOR→ TRE↓ UPS↑ TE S	AMP BOS↑ CRE NAP↓ RED↓ VEL ON↓	ANG← CRO ELF↙ MBO MOL QUE A
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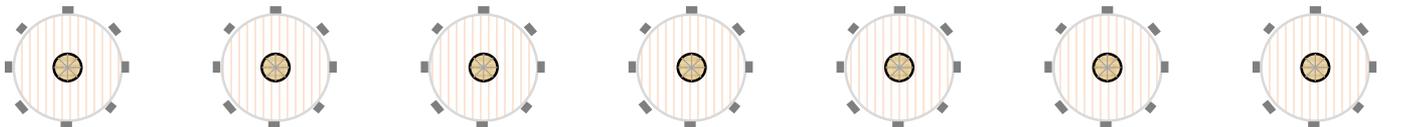
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PON←	PRI→	QUO↓
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CKF←	IDE↑	FIN←
LAV	MKU↑	OLL
ORE	TEN	TON←
IE	N	



# Cake Toppers

Every wedding cake deserves the perfect cake topper.

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			R			R	F	C

*two words* *two words*

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*hyph.*

\_\_\_\_\_

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*two words*

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V	R			V	L	P	

*hyph.*

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	S		I	U			
S		R			Y	P	
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*hyph.* *hyph., two words*

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*two words*

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	B	I				S
	E	S	W			N

*two words*

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			L			
	F			A	T	
	R	V			I	G
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*two words*

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	T		I				
	I			A	L		
F		F	I		A	T	
F			A	N			S

*two words*  
*hyph., two words*

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	H	A	C			T	
C	R			D			H

*three words*

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			H	S	M		
	H		P			S	
	B		R	N			B

*two words*  
*six words*

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*hyph., two words*

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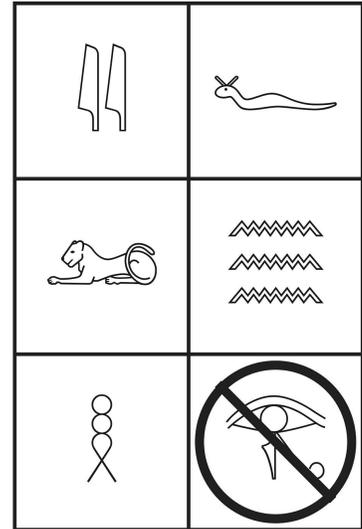
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S			E			M	

*capitalized*

DEN • ERS • GRE • IOC • IRE • MEN • ODE • PET •  
 PRO • RED • SIT • SOT • TAR • TED • TOE

# Just Associate!

Welcome back to Just Associate, the quiz show where the setting is English, the presenter is Welsh, and Egyptian hieroglyphs represent what Egyptian hieroglyphs represent! We're in the final round (so the Eye of Horus will now be unused and unseeing); the categories here are given explicitly . . . in a big mixed-up box, alas. The members of each category are presented in alphabetical order, with their original spaces intact; they have been disguised by first Welshifying the five standard English vowels, and then replacing each of five one- or two-letter combinations (wherever it appears) with a star. Can you figure them out and win the valuable, exotic prize?



PHRASE	AND	BEINGS	MEDIOCRE
EMITTING	ITEMS	TRANSPORT	ARBORETUM
WAVES	EXHIBITS	URNS	IN
METHODS	AN	OF	ELECTRO-MAGNETIC

Category 1:  
 \*WN \*\*W PWT\*  
 \*WT \*WL\*WW\*  
 \*DDLW \*\*NC\*  
 T\*W LWW W\* WVV\*GWS

Category 2:  
 CWV\*WNV WNV \*SV\*  
 \*WLL\* WNV GWLLVP  
 \*\*G WNV \*VP  
 \*T\* WNV \*L\*

Category 3:  
 BWN\*W\*  
 CW\*\* \*LVS\*  
 PLVS\* DWSPLV\*  
 X-\*\* TWBV

Category 4:  
 WWCWL\*PTWS  
 \*WNW\* LWCWST  
 \*\*WGVN\*  
 S\*CV\*\*

# What Do You See?

Here are some boxes and some... well, perhaps you should tell me.

## ROWS

- 1 **a** Cast-iron pan  
**b** Subject of King Arthur
- 2 **a** Really let somebody have it  
**b** Radar part, originally
- 3 **a** Doesn't agree  
**b** Imply: 2 wds.
- 4 **a** Claim  
**b** Groundbreaker
- 5 **a** Starts to go viral  
**b** Allow to board: 2 wds.
- 6 **a** Shedding feathers  
**b** Goes at an angle
- 7 **a** \_\_\_ tower (part of a power plant)  
**b** Skinny?
- 8 **a** Puts off  
**b** Key subject in urban planning
- 9 **a** Christmas, in San Cristóbal  
**b** Looked like a creep
- 10 **a** Least kempt  
**b** Disconcerted, in modern parlance
- 11 **a** Put one's foot down hard  
**b** John F. Kennedy's daughter
- 12 **a** What a major improvement might take things to: 2 wds.  
**b** Comes to Earth
- 13 **a** Sports standout: hyph.  
**b** Fiddle (with)

## BOXES

- 2,000 pounds (3 3)
- Boss (6)
- Firming, as muscles (6)

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- Intensely enthusiastic (6)
- Sunglasses (6)
- Feeling like pins and needles (8)
- Least complicated (8)
- "Time to hit the road!" (3'1 4)
- Nightclub at the center of a landmark 1969 LGBT rights protest (9)

???

- Thorough way to fall for an April Fool's prank: 4 wds.
- Defamatory
- Write the death of, as a fictional character: 2 wds.

- Attract, as customers: 2 wds.
- All-time greats
- Wavering musical effect
- Ore-Ida trademark: 2 wds.
- Some Paleolithic painting: 2 wds.
- Faked an illness
- Solar-powered timepiece
- Place of refuse: 2 wds.
- Word association game that won the 2016 Spiel des Jahres

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Cake Toppers - Eric Berlin

It Was The Best of Times... - Katie Hamill

Just Associate - Kevin Wald

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What Do You See? - Joon Pahk

Waffle House - Ben Smith

Meta - Sorta all of us

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