Cryptic Puzzle | TOM TOCE

Tetrahedron

THE FOUR LARGE TRIANGLES IN THE DIAGRAM also form the faces of a tetrahedron, left, front, right, and bottom, as shown. Each face has clues leading to one nine-letter answer, one six-letter answer, one three-letter answer, and three four-letter answers. The clues for each face are in no special order; you will have to determine the number of letters for each clue.

The three-letter answer for each face should be entered into the small triangles at the vertices of its large triangle, while the six-letter word should be entered into the inscribed hexagon. As a result, the six-letter word and the three-letter word have no overlapping letters. The four-letter answers should be entered into the three medium-size triangles contained within the large triangle. Each four-letter answer shares one letter with

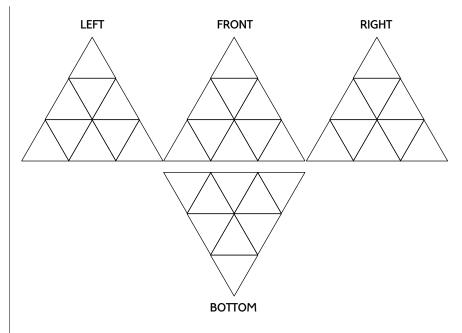


the three-letter answer, one each with the other four-letter answers, and three with the six-letter answer.

Answers are to be scrambled before entering. The order of the letters will be determined by the overlapping letters described above. As an additional aid, small triangles from different faces that share a side also share a letter.

There's one stand-alone proper noun. There are two more proper nouns that are part of double definitions. Everything else is playable in Scrabble, including the non-proper-noun aspect of the double definitions.

Solutions may be emailed to Thomas.Toce@ey.com. In order to make the solver list, your solutions must be received by March 31, 2013.



As always, ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse.

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CLUES

Front face

- Listen, Nissan sponsors Davis Cup tournament
- Profit split
- Makeshift rain tent's temporary
- Point to student's test statistic in engineering
- Paintings and such from Paul's old friend
- It's a casual Champagne alternative!

Left-hand side

- Kind of rots all over the place
- Mrs. Kennedy got up
- Walked confidently and stored nuts

- Bullfighters to foresee operating rooms
- Paddle either partner as requested
- Dash off poor quality art

Right-hand side

- Frequent visitor charged one beer to an account
- End of story told
- To a wild grain
- Wind up chewing the fat in part
- Prevail in debate in fall
- I learn in a convoluted manner and not in a convoluted manner

Bottom side

- They cause problems or bluster nonsensically
- To rook in Rocky Hill
- Lou's rocking to Motown
- Waistband is shot
- Polish the French coins for Sasha
- Herr Schultz's offering goes astray □

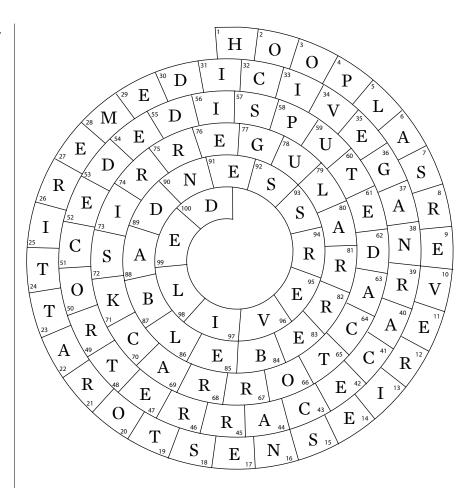
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Inward

- HOOPLAS-LA in HOOPS (1-7)
- REVERIES—Anagram of "See river" (8-15)
- NESTOR-NEST ("fit inside another") + OR ("operating room") (16-21)
- ATTIRE—Anagram of "I treat" (22-27)
- MEDICI-MEDICINE ("Drug regimen")-NE ("cut short") (28-33)
- VEGAN-VEGA ("Prominent star") + N ("before a bit of nudity") (34-38)
- RACE CAR—RAC(E)CAR ("vehicle both ways around Europe") (39-45)
- RETROCEDE Anagram of "rote creed" (46-54)
- DISPUTED-D ("Democrat") + IS
 + PUT ("installed") + ED ("editor")
 (55-62)
- ACTOR-REDACTOR-RED ("Colorless redactor") (63-67)
- RACKS—Homophone of WRACKS ("Mars") (68-72)
- IRREGULAR—"IRREfutably rectanGULAR" ("around the edges") (73-81)
- REBEL—"heRE BELow" (82-86)
- BADNESS Anagram of "and Bess" (87-93)
- REVILED-REV ("race") + DELI reversed ("specialty food shop counter") (94-100)

Outward

- DELIVERS—A very bad pun ("Takes an organ from" and "Carrie's baby no longer") (100-93)
- SENDABLE-SABLE around END ("fur featuring tail") (92-85)
- BERRA—"SeptemBER RAce" (84-80)
- LUGER Anagram of "Gruel" (79-75)
- RISK—BRISK ("Active")—B ("after the opening") (74-71)
- CARROT—Another bad pun: CAR ROT ("body shop's concern") (70-65)
- CADET Anagram of "acted" (64-60)



- UPSIDE—UPS ("Ground transporter") + I'D + E ("eliminate from the start") (59-54)
- DÉCOR-DEC ("Last month") + OR (53-49)
- TERRACE—TERRANCE—NO ("Terrance, no—no") (48-42)
- CARNAGE—NAG ("horse") inside CARE (anagram of "race") (41-35)
- VICI−V ("five") + ICI ("here in France") (34-31)
- DEMERIT-DEM ("Those in the street") + TIRE (rev.) ("get tedious returning") (30-24)
- TAROT—TO RAT (rev.) ("To squeal while turning") (23-19)
- SENSEI Anagram of "Sees in" (18-13)
- REVERSAL Anagram of "Lars, ever" (12-5)
- POOH—HOOP (rev.) ("Ring") (4-1)

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