

Duplicity

THE THEME CLUES ALL HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. These duplicitous clues are presented in a random order. They are not cryptic clues.

There are 13 proper nouns among the regular entries. Everything else is playable in Scrabble, except the two-word entry. And, to quote Stephen Sondheim, who brought cryptic puzzles to the U.S. in the 1960s, "Ignore punctuation, which is designed to confuse."

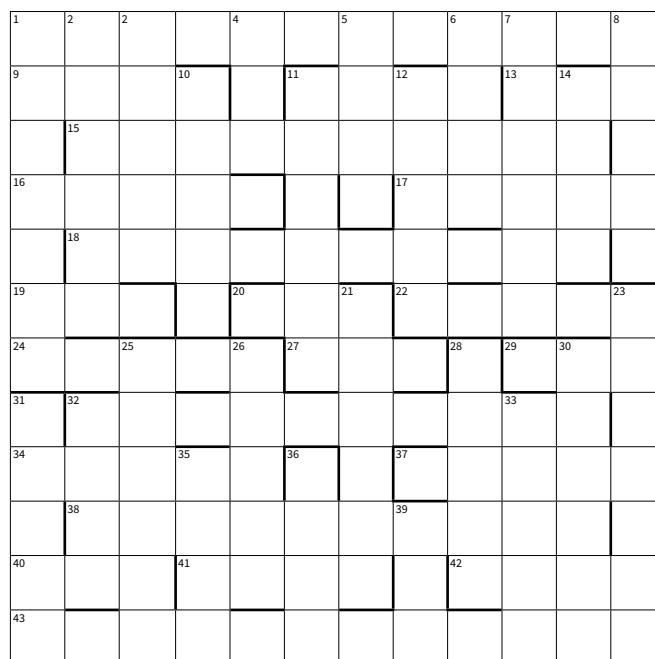
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Across

1. *See instructions*
9. Mixologist cut off the Dread Pirate Roberts
11. Biblical king in the audience for comic Mort
13. Making a pitch to do lawn care for well-known tavern owner
15. *See instructions*
16. Broadcast remained boring
17. Froot Loops, not so oddly, contain candy
18. *See instructions*
19. Part-time plant worker
20. Send weapons but harm no humans at first
22. Flock of birds finally get interested
24. Grub served in spectacular variety
27. Native American tribe proposes to bring litigation
29. Al, I met a famous boxer
32. *See instructions*
34. Bringing back AJ as Jake's third wheel, man
37. People speaking with airs
38. *See instructions*
40. Tuna caught right in the middle of Bahia
41. Gaelic poem that needs no introduction
42. Stone and iron, for example, experience shortages in the Far East
43. *See instructions*

Down

1. Baby's male features not much to write home about
2. Weaving material from Democrat tantrums
3. Rated not so good for remaining rubber
4. Family member in crisis after missing a few beats
5. Too much ratatatat at a plantation Sherman is said to have destroyed
6. Fundamental solutions provided as well
7. Mailed slips to Ferdinand's wife
8. Notice we're talking pennies
10. Riots controlled by the police and Charlie's Angels



11. Disassociates from nonsense verses
12. Rosemary and Mary Jane encounter that woman's drivel
14. Let's consider the odds on those people from the Midwest
21. Clearly is mold, but ephemeral at first (*two words*)
23. Misestimated as characters keep reemerging from the Persian Gulf
25. Sign up again in reply
26. One who questions certain elements of Maradona's kerfuffle
28. Aural loops getting wilder
30. Contract for practice in elocution
31. Doctor mails in submission, literally
32. L.A.'s hot wind
33. Lord, Ellie gets unwound
35. Help with one risky thing
36. "Rear end" is coarse; company may bugger off
39. A little late for lox and eggs

Theme clues

- a. Again
- b. Condition of the piece of day-old bread I'm going for
- c. Home of the Pueblos
- d. "If I knew I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself"
- e. They may be on the wagon, but do they have to go on and on about it?
- f. For Dali, flamboyant clothing and a long-waxed mustache