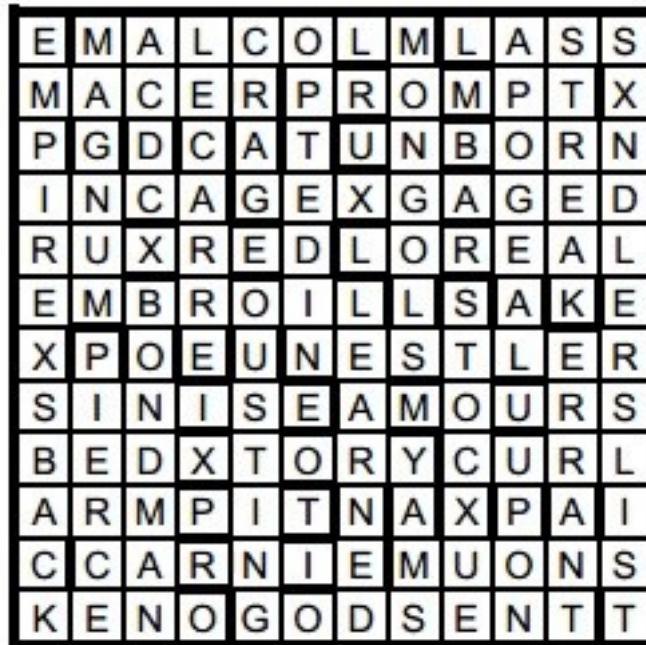


**Solution to Guest Puzzle #53 – July 2013 “X Games”
(by Anonymous)**



None of the Xs stand for the letter X.

Instead they stand for **TIMES**, **TEN**, **KISS**, **BY**, **STRIKE**, or **CHI**.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. AC + DC 2. AM(OUR)S 3. APOGEAL (anag.) 4. ARMPIT (anag.) 5. BEDTIME STORY (anag.) [X=TIMES] 6. BOND MAN 7. CARN(I)E, 8. CRAG (GARC(on) rev.) 9. CUR+L 10. EM+BRO+I+L (me rev.) 11. EMPIRE STRIKES BACK (anag.)
[X=STRIKE] 12. ER RANT 13. GET ENGAGED (anag.) [X=TEN] 14. GODSENT (anag.) 15. INCA (anag.) 16. KEN+O 17. L+ASS 18. LEAR+NED 19. LE CARRÉ (anag.) | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 20. L'O + REAL 21. M(ACE)R 22. MAGNUM (mung + am rev.) 23. MAL(CO)L+M 24. MON+GOLS (slog rev.) 25. MUONS (init.) 26. NESTLÉ+R 27. OPTED IN (anag.) 28. OU(S)TING 29. PIE(R)CE 30. P(ROMP)T 31. RUB+Y R+ED [X=BY] 32. SCHINDLER'S LIST (anag.) [X=CHI] 33. SIN+IS+E 34. S(TO+CK+I)SSUE (Seuss anag.)
[X=KISS] 35. ST(R)EAK 36. UNBORN (hidden) 37. (co)UP ON 38. YAMS (s(m)ay rev.) |
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