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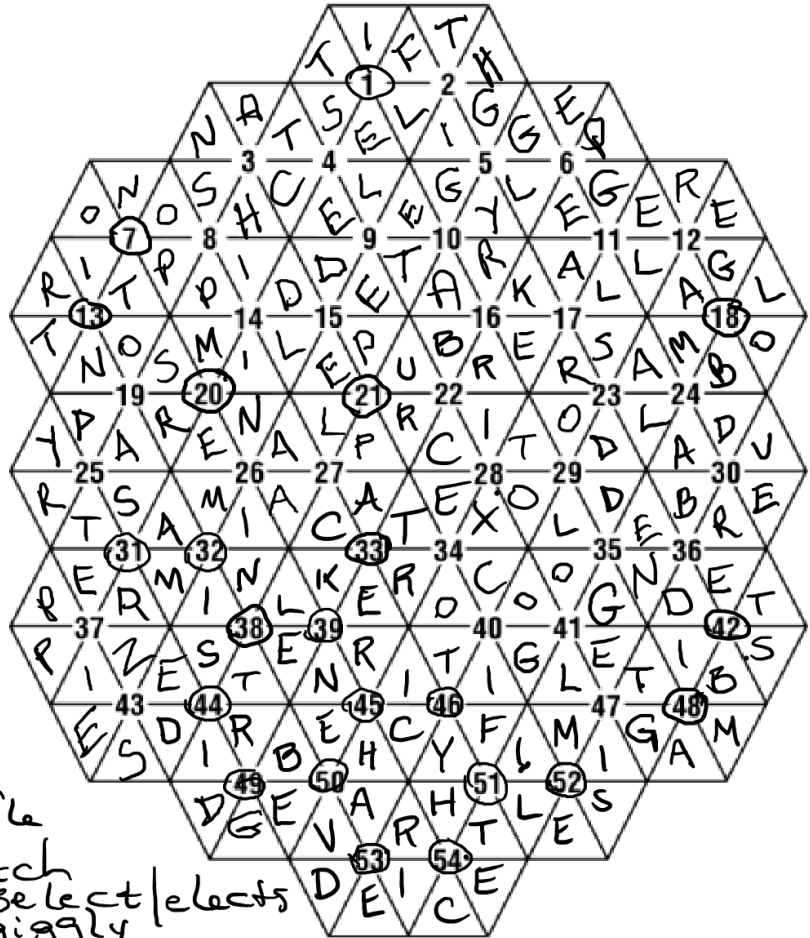
HEX SIGNS

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All clue answers are six letters long. Each clue number in the diagram is at the center of a regular hexagon formed by the six adjoining triangles. Answers are to be entered in the appropriate hexagon, starting at any triangle and traveling around in either direction. As a check, the letters appearing in the thirty-six triangles whose sides form the border of the diagram may be rearranged to spell MS. DODGES SCENT—PREPARE TO HYPERVENTILATE.

Answers include two proper nouns and one foreign word. There are no uncommon words. As always, mental repunctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 91.



CLUES

1. Put down a word that rewrites itself *stifle*
2. Steps taken to see Exodus? *flight*
3. Take a double curve? Well, sure *snatch*
4. Pick picks, does the South go first or last? *select*
5. Girlish job in jazz club assumes girl's limits *giggly*
6. Pin on a pin—a pirate is always game to get it! *pegleg*
7. Choice witchy potion *option*
8. Animals with it tip backward *hippos*
9. Inside, outside, let everyone order takeout *delete*
10. Tragedy, having died out, gets new twist *gyrate*
11. College company canceled—instead there's a claim *allege*
12. Feast of the King's English *regale*
13. Shell gets involved in tort reform *triton*
14. Remove cap to get Sprite—clear! *limpid*
15. Pitch: part of piano sounds *pedale*
16. Pitchman? Boxer could be one! *barker*
17. Team of freshwater fish? *lakers*
18. Can you make sauce of lamb go with caper? *gambol*
19. Man of God is just average, my boy *PARSON*
20. Gold diggers who can't vote? Sounds like it *miners*
21. Place contributing to virginal tone of Alice Walker's book? *rubric*
22. Set of rules for massage, at the start of rule 99 *rubric*
23. On the back roads, turning left *dorsal*
24. Innocent prosecutor, getting a letter from abroad *lambd*
25. Father's effort to become Napoleon, e.g. *PASTRY*
26. Red-blooded Americans don't have this goal: Type A, in retrospect *anemia*
27. A California mountain first described in a yarn *alpaca*
28. Alien being, excellent toxic assemblage *exotic*
29. Ordered to perform the wrong way (not a total order) (3,3) *adverb*
30. Braved shamelessly and fearlessly, e.g. *adverb*
31. One controlling broadcast stream *mascul*
32. The lowest little mother? *minime*
33. One who nails down racket busting *tucker*
34. Personal computer? It shows route taken by crew leader *Cortex*
35. I'm long past following the debut of Georges Auric *golden*
36. Bit of brandy—something that finishes nonstop barhopping *BENDER*
37. One who goes really fast gets closer *zipper*
38. An arrangement of tinsel—listen, enlist silent water flowers *inlets*
39. Meat that sounds rank *kernel*
40. I think, to Caesar, love first of all is private in bed *cogito*
41. Go look to find information *google*
42. Debits accounts for elements in bowls *bidets*
43. Grasped one final character in one's ancestry *serzed*
44. Walk built from driest ground *stride*
45. To add manure, perhaps, could be nicer with hydrogen *Enrich*
46. It's somewhat implicit if you get used to the big town *Citi-Sy*
47. Cocktail that's a bore? *gimlet?*
48. Producer of big ATM is opening play *gambit*
49. Embarrassingly big Red Cross *bridge*
50. Two verbs that say "Mind your manners" *behave*
51. Hit fly—bats foul *filthy*
52. "Say cheese," I interjected (it's a figure of speech) *smile*
53. Displaying diversity in a drive to be more correct *varied*
54. Times you say, "Don't finish the cereal; don't finish the cereal; don't finish the cereal?" *thrice*

purple
odd lot

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