

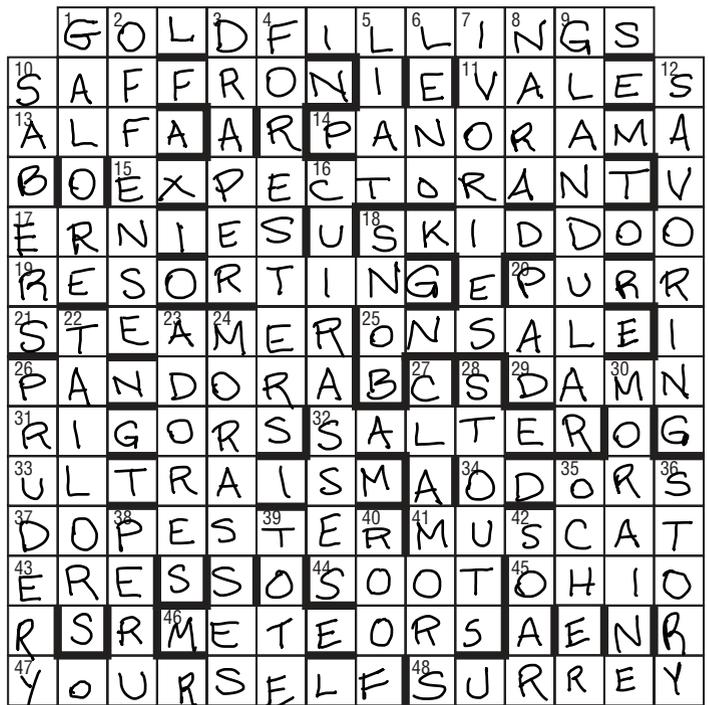
PUZZLE

ARMED TO THE TEETH

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Seventeen clue answers cannot be entered in the diagram until they receive 1A. Answer lengths are therefore omitted.

Clue answers include ten proper nouns. One altered word is a proper noun. 32A and 33A are 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 100.



ACROSS

- 1. (see instructions) (two words) **gold fillings**
- 10. As affront is limitless, it's something to savor **safron**
- 11. Low parts in *Valse Fantastique* **vales**
- 13. Romeo's leader on the road in final face-off **alfa**
- 14. Country parents holding an area in straitened circumstances? **panama**
- 15. Like some mothers except, after an exchange of letters with a family member, talking **expectant**
- 17. Hemingway and Che Guevara, to friends, hearing ideas evenly **ernies**
- 18. Is "kiddo" only partly accepted? Get outta here! **skiddoo**
- 19. Taking five letters in "string," adding one from each, anagramming **resting**
- 20. Sound, according to a Siamese? **purr**
- 21. Ship's helm in the morning? Just the opposite! **steamer**
- 25. During negotiations, a legitimate sign of a bargain (two words) **on sale**
- 26. How to indicate Pennsylvania when there's little room for an animal? **panda**
- 29. Sound barrier blasted **damn**
- 31. Doctors put back soldier in senior housing **rigs**
- 32. Preserver finds first page missing from hymnal **salter**
- 33. Muralist represented extremist belief **ultraism**
- 34. Heading for disaster, entering so the wrong way, takes too much **ODs**
- 37. Do nag at someone who calls games **dopester**
- 41. Music, after I went at wine **muscat**
- 43. Previous to this place, after initial takeoff **ere**
- 44. And, also, as well—they all come back with dirt **soot**
- 45. State a word of welcome, wearing glasses? **ohio**
- 46. Gives out in so-called sporting events **metes**
- 47. Solver's true nature is elusory, puzzling (and female) **yourself**

DOWN

- 46. Surely, if going from left to right, and changing, it may have fringe benefits! **surrey**
- 1. Wind up with, initially, Eric Idle **gale**
- 2. Football team not running, seen as a disaster **offense**
- 3. Medical man, one who does imitations—it's curtains for him! **draper**
- 4. Ref's set for curing sores **festers**
- 5. Cable's hookup makes you turn tail **liat**
- 6. Man on a talk show brings up Ogden Nash's other llama! **le**
- 7. Individual fights for Harvard and Yale, e.g. **ivies**
- 8. In Japan, goodbye at the end for an old city **nara**
- 9. Instinctive gradual erosion takes in a bit of land and the end of rain **glandular**
- 10. Rig bears south—they might make short cuts **sabers**
- 12. Diesel in the actors' union appears in *Deliverance* **saving**
- 16. Chest protectors for exotic animals picked up by the ears? **cuirasses**
- 18. One who patronizes up-and-coming goods in Paris? **snob**
- 20. Stuff that leaves you flat in London **pad**
- 22. A-list's membership ends **tails**
- 23. No average parades provide drinks **ades**
- 24. Mahler's First fools a lot of people **masses**
- 26. Jimmy welcomes boorish puritanical element **prudery**
- 27. Tight-lipped group claims one is not wanted in it **clams**
- 28. Drinks out in streets **stouts**
- 30. A lot of *Hair*, they say, takes place in America **maine**
- 35. Oh, you singer and actress—so earthy in your makeup! **ocher**
- 36. Not a nice place for satay—no first-class ratings **sty**
- 38. Place of pure enchantment? **peru**
- 39. Carry a child? Easy at first **tote**
- 40. Coverage for retro holding—none at all **roof**
- 42. Fly with only a pair of socks and a last piece of underwear **soar**

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