

PUZZLE

COMBINATION LOCK

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The six unclued across entries are related. Each of the seven columns with a square below it contains an answer that is one letter too long for the space provided. Solvers must determine which letter is extraneous, remove it, and enter it in the square below the column. These letters will unlock how the unclued entries are related.

The entries remaining after the deletions are all real words. In order to keep their identity a mystery, all numbers in parentheses refer to the spaces in the diagram (i.e., to the length of the altered words, not of the original longer answers).

Clue answers include three proper nouns and one foreign word. One of the entries after deletion is a proper noun. 42A, 6D, and 28D are uncommon. As always, mental repunctuation of a clue is the key to its solution. The solution to last month's puzzle appears on page 79.

1	R	2	O	3	S	4	S	5	N	6	A	7	E	8	D	9	R	10	U	M
11	I	C	I	C	L	E	X	A	Y	12	J	O	E	Y						
13	G	E	N	U	A	14	R	E	C	E	I	V	E	R						
15	H	A	R	D	N	O	S	E	H	N	E	16	S	I						
	T	N	17	E	D	D	Y	18	O	19	M	O	N	I	C	A				
20	F	I	V	E	E	21	M	22	R	E	L	I	V	E	D					
	U	C	O	D	23	R	A	C	H	E	24	25	A	P	26	E				
27	28	L	O	L	L	29	G	A	G	30	31	S	O	O	T	V				
32	A	B	U	33	T	O	I	34	T	R	35	A	R	36	A	R	E			
37	M	E	T	E	R	38	C	H	A	N	D	L	E	R						
	O	A	I	P	39	U	N	A	C	T	A	B	L	E						
40	P	H	O	E	B	E	N	41	I	E	C	E	S	S						
42	E	N	N	E	A	D	43	E	A	S	I	E	S	T						

F R I E N D S

ACROSS

- 1. (See instructions) (4) **Ross**
- 4. Tattoo maker bagged a drink (5,4) **snare drum**
- 11. "I see, I see," said leftist leaders, describing downfallen hanger-on (6) **icicle**
- 12. (See instructions) (4) **Joey**
- 13. Team in large numbers takes a knee (4) **genu**
- 14. One responsible for TV appearance who gets a pass? (8) **receiver**
- 15. Firm poke from one never found in a compromising position (8) **hard nose**
- 17. Nelson who didn't go with the flow? (4) **eddy**
- 19. (See instructions) (6) **Monica**
- 20. Number of Romans clapped in iron? It might be high (4) **five**
- 22. One preparing eggs brought back déjà vu all over again! (7) **relived**
- 23. (See instructions) (6) **Rachel**
- 25. A school period that's tough (3) **ape**
- 27. Lounge lizard's capital: fifty-fifty chances to show up in (OMG) Jewish joke (8) **lollygag**
- 31. So, to become retro, there's coverage of Dick Van Dyke in *Mary Poppins* (4) **soot**
- 32. A just neighbor (4) **abut**
- 36. Exist back in time (3) **are**
- 37. Someone distributing what you get in bars? (5) **meter**
- 38. (See instructions) (8) **Chandler**
- 39. Can't be: a *Lulu* stopped halfway? Sadly, can't be played (9)
- 40. (See instructions) (6) **Phoebe**
- 41. Scene I staged with kinfolk (6) **nieces**
- 42. Muses, perhaps—need an option? (6) **ennead**

DOWN

- 43. Poll: beside a siesta, most like pie (7) **easiest**
- 1. Horrifying filth? Frug dances (8) **frightful**
- 2. Vast cocaine network (7) **oceanic**
- 3. Moved across the sky like missiles? (7) **scudded**
- 4. "Is Los Angeles superior to North Dakota?" Regina writes from St. Kitts, perhaps (7) **Islander**
- 5. Cutters in some lines (4) **axes**
- 6. Inflorescence in which I challenge you to a marathon! (6) **raceme**
- 7. Mask elements not according to Hoyle (see Hoyle) (8) **eyeholes**
- 8. Little Virginia, they say, shows spirit more than once (6) **djinni**
- 9. Motivated Republican, wrapped in a sign of peace (4) **dove**
- 10. Army leader of fictional spies raised cows found here (6) **myriad**
- 16. Staff that gives you respect! (7) **sceptre**
- 17. Cooking routine put a little volume in a turnover (9) **revolution**
- 18. Acrobats eliminating crazy flips for swimmer (4) **orca**
- 21. Spells "computer," keeping private (5) **magic**
- 24. O'Hare Airport understands Latin god! (4) **lord**
- 26. Taxing in the extreme sets off limits at any time (7) **severest**
- 28. Witchcraft is an honor in England, and it feels so good! (5) **obeah**
- 29. Rewrite your degree in an African language (6) **Yoruba**
- 30. Good Humor in Spain—more than one, thanks to Quixote (6) **gracia**
- 35. Mobile home out of toilet paper? Yell for it! (5) **tepee**
- 34. Violently eaten, consumed by hydrogen gas? Quite the opposite! (5) **ethane**
- 35. French city set up to support newspaper's lead article (5) **Nantes**
- 36. Famous person who wrote a line just before a buzzer (5) **Albee**
- 37. Poem needs rewriting? Eat your heart out (4) **mope**

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