

Off To Washington

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Yeah, it's another inaugural puzzle. Specifically, to show you how to get to the site where the inauguration took place, most clues here have a wordplay part yielding a letter sequence that does not quite match the answer, in one of the following ways:

(1) For some clues, the wordplay leaves out a letter. Your route involves five paths hidden (horizontally, vertically, and diagonally) in the grid; if you circle the omitted letters, they will show your starting point, and each intersection where you switch paths. (The order in which your route hits these letters is not the obvious "spelling" order.)

(2) For some clues, the wordplay yields an extra letter, in one of four possible positions. For each such position, the extra letters in that position (in clue order) will spell a word; these words, in pairs, will name two intermediate stops you might have to make if you were to go by rail instead of following the route from (1). (The position numbers for each pair are appropriate to the corresponding stop.)

(3) For some clues, the wordplay gives one letter incorrectly. The incorrect letters, in clue order, will give the address number of the inauguration site; the correct letters will give its name.

The remaining clues all work normally, but each of their answers must be entered with one of three synonymous letter sequences deleted; if you take the *n*th letter of each such clue, where *n* is the length of the deleted sequence, these letters (in clue order) will describe one final distance you would have to cross to get to the inauguration in question.

ACROSS

1. Unclad, only a bishop shows unmuscular flesh
4. Dorothy, um, turned quiet
7. "Star men" will be alien, weaselly animals
11. Cartoon showing cavemen don't work with fire
12. Three-month period without radical revolution
13. A dog has left a rights group (*abbr.*)
14. Before morning, playwright Henrik discards new structural element (*2 wds.*)
15. Basset badly conceals bristly hair
16. Result of a mathematician not using the second energy unit for measuring heat
17. Accumulate unsatisfactory, misdirected verbal humor (*2 wds.*)
22. Romantic poet William Cook
24. Tightening up, Nin gets clumsy
25. Smell of spoiled root
27. Matador's final farewell in Spanish sends invisible signals
29. Dopey can't need supervision
31. State that's not organized and church-like
33. Actress Moorehead gnaws rudely
34. Part of cast wants venue near Lake Nasser
35. Throng, before entering Montana, turned around

36. Tail of the otherwise snakelike fish
38. Cod Ira minced for exercise
39. Pole on a ship where wrestlers perform
43. Externally, yoga was getting chosen primarily by female-oriented gyms (*abbr.*)
45. Fields where rice is grown in Wisconsin, inside dwellings
48. Film that Kubrick and Spielberg made with subsidiary of Sony
49. Two ladies almost bisected one pack animal
50. Foe of Superman has skin of absorbent rubber
51. Type of glass outspoken tart smashes
52. Wrong, Ted — Rex is right
53. El Paso's state taxes will be readjusted
54. Notices after magic curse bisected dozens
55. Stuart and Diana love a small apartment

DOWN

1. Lay down the *Venetian Times* in a bog
2. Not so absurd as weird, bent Lea
3. Smutty bit of blissfully brief writing
4. Woman who has delivered eleven thousand words of wisdom
5. Tajik's neighbor from Britain capturing half of zebras on earth
6. Flip over semi-unseemly brother of Jacob
7. I'm about to take legal action against a pundit for employing words incorrectly
8. Bolivian water suppliers stopped by at 4:45 and 7:15, say
9. Stan Getz's original, nonstandard language

10. A dancer named Charisse gets Earl hurt
17. Saves up some duck *sans orange*
18. Eastern half of Canaan turned up zilch
19. Odd pine Odin is unable to move
20. About to get upstanding CEO to be a botanical drug provider
21. Like a horror film about Southwest's blunder (*2 wds.*)
23. Odd characters from inspired place like Manhattan or Tahiti
26. Where you ride a horse that's reddish-white, in sunlit periods
28. One occupies canvas structures they rent
30. Old oil company beheaded pest? Who cares?
32. Civil rights group of the '60s opts for an archaic tactic, ultimately (*abbr.*)
37. Cried, "Don't have Florence or Sydney's negligent attitude"
38. Can initially laugh at something funny: an engineless vehicle
40. MG grabbed by a communist with a gun
41. Stories about, ultimately, hatchets
42. Additive in salt that is overwhelming Thor's father
44. A moose turned east, away from the wind
45. Step Nat messed up in paperwork to protect inventions
46. To heck with grasping the front of this projectile
47. Speak of second, briefly mentioned class in reproductive biology (*2 wds.*)

