

Venice Beach Party

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This puzzle is a tribute to an earlier Venice Beach Party. Now, some people are under the strange impression that a Venice Beach Party involves hanging out at a place called “Venice Beach.” Clearly, for a proper Venice Beach Party, you must start off in a city riddled with canals, and then whisk everyone off to some sandy island surrounded by ocean.

In this puzzle, some answers must be altered before being entered in the grid, in one of two connected ways; these alterations reflect the above two approaches to getting wet. The first letters of the clues for the answers altered one way, and the last letters of the clues for the answers altered the other way, each taken in clue order, will spell the names of the two individuals who put together the earlier Venice Beach Party.

Of the remaining clues, in all but four the cryptic part provides an extraneous letter at the beginning or end of the answer. The extraneous letters at the beginning, in clue order, will spell one name for the earlier Venice Beach Party; the extraneous letters at the end will spell an alternative name.

The remaining four clues, 10A, 23A, 28A, and 42A, have no definition part, just the cryptic part. Each of these entries consists of one or two words. Taken all together, they constitute a statement heard more than once at the earlier Venice Beach Party; you will want to take this statement to heart at this convention, particularly when you are changing out of your drawstring swim trunks and/or string bikinis.

ACROSS

1. Teaching assistant has ways to express sudden insight
4. Contrarian made a recording in this less-used way (2 *wds.*)
10. Feeling of uneasiness about author and the rest
13. Group of animals a reporter’s listened to
14. Invests in a vehicle to carry one of you
15. Ancient semihuman villain from the book of Esther takes gym class
16. Hot story about a bit of

stripping

17. Name for girl from monstrous loch, y’know?
19. On a score, according to Mr. DeSuda, west of Los Angeles
23. Where one buys pastrami, live rodent, and a phosphate, say
25. Apollo, for example, is not ultimately a lyric poet
27. State inside was eroding most terribly
28. Princess dispatched Germanic tribesmen
29. Tut has noble femurs
31. Little piece we finally chomp on
33. Southwestern Indian holds small flowers
37. Ms. Karenina is in suburban Nassau
40. Cheer surrounds an ocean lizard
41. Not holding unit that is in shape of belly button
42. Wildly envy toker
43. Contact with that woman’s not recalled till now
44. Scot’s easy demise [+]

DOWN

1. One half of quagmire is blue-green
2. Referee is up about a mill
3. Appear to understand Missouri
5. Provided to take convention picture
6. Five hundred and one paint in the style of Arp
7. Island of exile is fit for cultivation except for river flowing westward
8. One row with a Celebes ox [NI3]
9. Country with more than one school
11. Think about character of the Spartans, over all
12. Bullfinch’s study of the author’s time at high school
13. Author Havelock wings around east of Capri
18. 100 capsized on southeastern French river
19. Ingest and, in part, metabolize a TV
20. Lines used by cowboys with no time for songs

21. Company with soaring planes, moving rail, and imaginary profit
22. Mr. McKellen, on the surface, tolerates insects
23. Dunce flipped over tribute poem at party
24. Cato ultimately wears what a Roman would wear in an African land
26. Restaurant patron has to note combination [NI3]
30. One’s garland from Hawaii, Tahiti, or Bali
32. Exhibiting sourness of a pie
33. Like more than one alpha
34. Rest up over time
35. Eternally upset about weight you and I have
36. That woman beheaded Ms. Bono
37. Damage blouse when making one up
38. Northern Swedish company that makes furniture and footwear
39. Having reached one ton

