

2. The Second City by Ucaoimhu

At the first convention I actually attended (Chicago, 1996), the Saturday night event involved shifty “family members” competing to take over the city. Similarly, in this puzzle:

(1) Seven different “family members” with the same name must each shift from one clue to another (with changes of spacing and/or punctuation within the shifted word) before those fourteen clues can be solved.

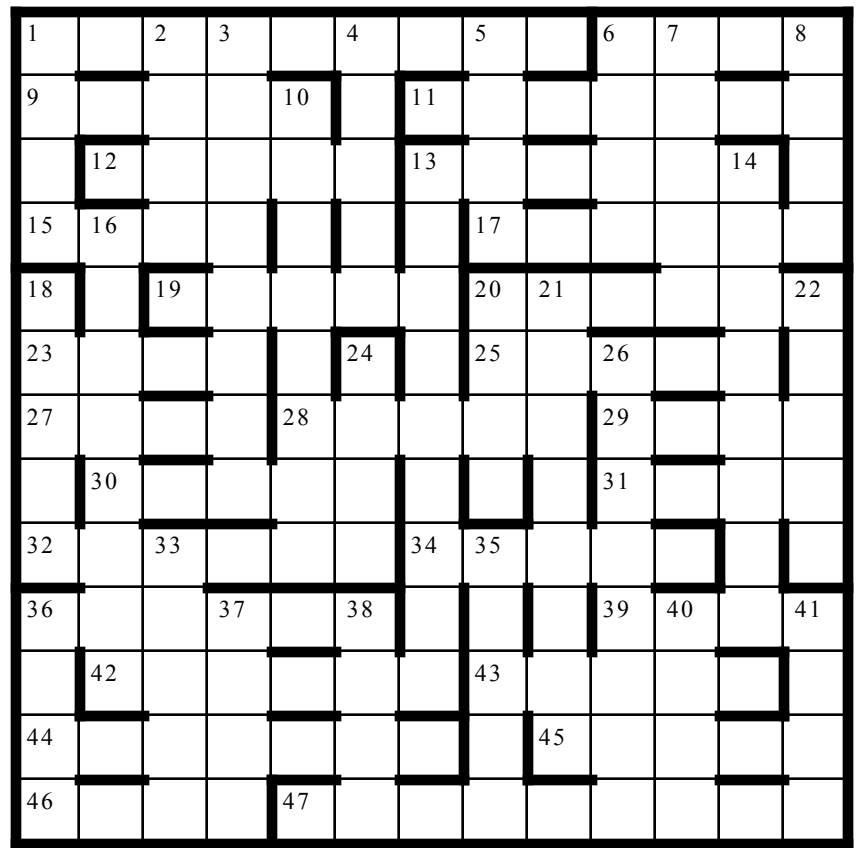
(2) Seven letters must shift from one answer to another before those fourteen answers are entered in the grid (resulting entries include a phrase and a first name); this is in tribute to the many people who share the name from (1) but instead use a shorter name described by the shifted letters (order the letters by the alphabetical order of the clues for the answers they come from, or those they go to; both work).

(3) Write the first letter of each clue from (1) before the clue that is its “partner”; do the same with the last letters of the clues from (2). All these letters will say what these “family members” are and what they are doing, and will also form a cryptic clue for the appropriate (yet-unmentioned) winner.

(4) These “family members” aren’t really related, though. To see *real* relations, pair each of seven answers of Germanic origin with an answer of Greek or Latin origin; each of these fourteen answers is formed from two parts, and in paired answers (which do not have the same meaning or even, often, the same part of speech) corresponding *parts* mean the same thing and in one case (but not the other) are etymologically related. For each pair in which the *first* parts are related, write the second letter of each clue of the pair beside the other clue; all these letters will spell out (A) a language. For each pair where the *last* parts are related, do the same with the second-from-last letters; these letters will spell out the meanings of the parts of (B) a certain important word from (3). Finally, in the ten clues not involved in any of the above, the third letters will spell out a word from language (A) that “pairs” with word (B), and the third-from-last letters will spell out a meaning this word (with a modified spelling) can have.

ACROSS

1. A large man whose wife turned into salt, cordage, and a specific form of an element
6. Severity exhibited by equipment provider when you gab
9. Techie in Bond films recited line in British style
11. Reveling of toes involving a bit of innuendo!
12. Predecessor of GMC car thy alto-shunning European country produces in an appropriate way
13. Dais up front provoked hatred
15. At a distance . . . um . . . Jamie from “M*A*S*H” cooed
17. Ore is disguised as a willow rod used in making baskets
19. Navy has bed Ebsen put between you in Ulm and a Tuscan city
20. Took a trouncing from the Spanish tot? Absurd (2 wds.)
23. Mostly reddish-yellow ape
25. A bit of tissue in your throat turned gold-plated, dearie
27. Get chapter written after *Iron Giant*’s ending
28. Don’t exclude me from sillier half of minigame (2 wds.)
29. Valley where vintners are to emulate your house, primarily
30. Completely inaccurate toons must be revised (2 wds.)
31. Using Roman numerals, 1700 years before Matt & Lucy initially would describe author Roald
32. Foil-like items about to ooze and, ultimately, evaporate
34. Over in Munich, rube goes loco
36. Fighter Bruce from *Enter the Dragfests* confused sap with diminished alertness
39. Gem-like Ione scored



42. Calm vehicle-spinning couple in Milano
43. Infused with grease, fetes essentially disheartened Toby
44. Active gamer, e.g., supplies a tenth of a joule
45. Schoolmate of Harry who got Hermione to make some notes
46. Fouled sea by tossing brick-like pic at a lane?
47. Magnum opus of semi-greedy pair in Noah’s vessel (2 wds.)

DOWN

1. Nude — on E!, I’ll say — regarded as kind of blue
2. Exciting non-Polish aliens can cream ales Kate the Princess rescued from the Death Star
3. Utter, “That’s painful, like a cliché in an oration”
4. Yarmouth’s leading trio flipped over imitably artificial fiber
5. Beggarly husband of Piglet’s chum becomes red
6. Last part of words for “inflammation inside end of bat’s tail”
7. Protective gear on an astronaut’s gut is shaking one gin (2 wds.)
8. Supply with more guns, and five hundred pages about the origin of Rambo
10. Egypt’s leader supports Yalies getting to use a needle in a different manner [NI3]
13. A chestnut piano is superior to freedom
14. Say, saying those who err are off “base” or “the map” is weird
16. Siemens dispatched Landon, reflecting a lack of emotion
18. Up before gutless Celt
20. A metallic sound long seen in music by bands like Hüsker Dü
21. Outweigh Dotty, Rover & Abe
22. Liked people to strike from the other side
24. A short Biblical book that prophesies that mother will return
26. Hazard for swimmers in rude, rude town
33. Carries around nuts for your car
35. Goddess from Rome appearing in drama I adapt [NI2]
36. Child produced by Frank Zappa from mat he remade
37. Symbols inside of adult yttrium-selling website
38. Chaster son of ship’s steward has to go
40. Waiting on dropping every odd glyph or figure characterizing a chem. elem. (2 wds., abbr.)
41. Randomly woke Lucasfilm employee?