

2. The /'ka-pə-təl/

as told to Ucaoimhu in Dolby stereo

Like the *Hunger Games* films I starred in, which played at the /'ka-pə-təl/ Theatre (not too far from this state's /'ka-pə-təl/), or the similar Game played in 2013 in this country's /'ka-pə-təl/ (near the /'ka-pə-təl/), many exciting events originated *outside* this district. In, er, *tribute*:

A. For each Across clue, either (1) one word in the clue, or (2) the clue answer (in lowercase), must be topped by **one or more diacritical marks**, then changed to a new term (possibly a homophone of the original) whose **general US pronunciation, in IIC's phonetic notation** (ignoring hyphens and stress marks) would look like that. (Two of (2)'s new terms will be hyphenated.) The diacritics added for (1), and separately those for (2), will each name (when read **grid row by grid row** by a method you must determine) a nationwide puzzle event.

B. For each Down clue, one of the following is true: (a) in the **sequence of letters** the wordplay yields, **one letter** has had a "tail" added, (b) a **word in the clue** has had **one letter** added (the same in all cases) which must be ignored in solving, or (c) in the **answer, one letter** must be moved exactly four places before entry. (Altered entries for (c) will include a place name and an inferable NI2 word.)

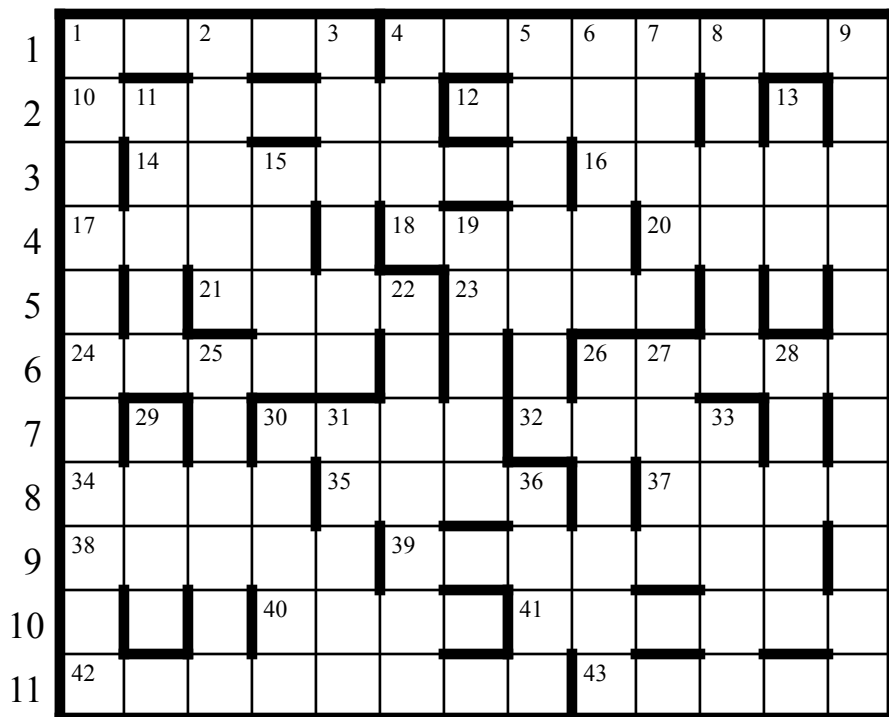
C. Find the six rows where the tailed letters for B(a) occur in the grid, and note the corresponding set of six row numbers, top to bottom. Use the first trio, and the last trio, each to index into one event from A. You should get two closely associated words (confirming in more ways than one that your method in A was correct).

D. In each Down clue, if the "one letter" from B is the *m*th from the start of the sequence/clue-word/answer and the *n*th from the end, circle the *m*th letter from clue's start and the *n*th from its end. The *m*th letters, in clue order, will describe a sequence of six tail-additions/letter-additions/letter-moves as per B (with six letters indicating which is done and six numbers giving the position of the "one letter" involved). Apply these to one spelling of /'ka-pə-təl/ to get a proper noun closely associated with either spelling.

E. The *n*th letters circled in D, in clue order, will ask a rather nonsensical question relevant to the A(1) and A(2) events. If you put the words C derives from these events next to the B(b) and B(c) Down clues, respectively, you will get an answer to that question. If you apply enough diacritical marks to that answer to balance out the numbers of the two words, and pronounce the result, you will get another exciting puzzle event that originated elsewhere.

ACROSS

1. Bluster from doge supported by Obama-like leader of Tyre
4. Echoing quiet alien's too-loud sound to preworn people that one is approaching
10. Make an argument against yam- or potato-tossing
12. When Earl's indigo parka, from the midpoint on, stopped working
14. Half ate hundred bisected wraps Leo's cooked with southern Sunnis, say
16. Investigates *Onion's* news, ignoring the ad segments
17. Cop who investigates wed upset grouch before the end
18. Put another way, "ton"!
20. Talk about garment you might have on tap
21. First third of toke disappoints vacuous young people
23. Diana's kitchen area within a 360° ark
24. Ultimately touts semi-laud Missouri filmmaker's effect (*hyph.*)
26. Part of bun in your ear



30. TR's a weird guy who appeared on the ruble and rand
32. Get to obtain little bun for children at Hanukkah
34. Communist stud at the Center for Change
35. Uncovered pone perhaps hits Oscar roughly (2 wds.)
37. Hart misstated what you haul to indicate where a whale blows?
38. Get a winter coat and, yes, eat, long after nun, I hear (2 wds.)
39. In France, you portray radical person akin to Henry VIII
40. Courage left Mr. Sutcliffe, with whom John, Paul, George, and pet played golf
41. So Ed's mixed a 30A's port with worm water
42. Kind of appetizer platter a youngster used to begin with
43. Secondary chefs from Kansas City perhaps cook

DOWN

1. A shellfish with tough nova and bluefin's tail, coated with soft cheeses, disheartened her mischievous child (5 6)
2. Inverted club as an alternative to drum (5)
3. Finely decorated Delaware treasure is aw whirl (6)
4. Inside of pretend computer keyboard key (1-3)
5. Jaunts bearing no hot items south of or in Tahiti (7)
6. Vest I need is occupied by *Goosebumps's* writer/editor (5)
7. Mention a kind of screening for secondary sounds emitted by pendula (5)
8. Aired program about shy, silly lug (2 4)
9. Rich banker's stuffing 50% of Cyril's returns inside old pile of leaves (6 5)
11. Some vines in Hawaii ail when held by Kevin W. (5)
13. A singer's range is to reach a high point (4)
15. Rip-off of revolutionary 'zines (4)
19. Prefix meaning *back* or *retrograde* circles shaft (5)
22. Begin acting like those who put pie tin's left end between two pieces of squash (5 2)
25. Manic, odd Leon's term for Tokyo in earlier times (3 3)
26. Before the fact, fears commercials for rap? (6)
27. Voice part none left outside of Tokyo (4)
28. Large containers for tellers of falsehoods (5)
29. Ornament hint with stunning effects (4)
30. Has a duty to hug stranger (5)
31. To absorb oxygen instead of yttrium in fluid that's sugary (3 2)
33. Vilified the circle's moralistic rule (5)
36. Triple loop over Etna that leaves me amazed (4)