Political Puffery

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Another Denver convention is also coming up this year, and some of its participants are crowding in and lining up already. Specifically:

- (1) As you fill this grid, some words will be too long for their spaces, and certain special squares will need to do extra duty to fit everyone in.
- (2) After you have filled the grid, there will be twelve places where you can add a new letter so that that letter, along with some collection of special squares from (1), will form a straight line (running vertically, horizontally, or at a 45° angle) such that:
 - (a) the new letter and the special squares are evenly spaced along the line, and
 - (b) starting at the new letter and continuing along the line, the new letter and the contents of the special squares spell out one of two appropriate terms.

When this is done, the twelve new letters will form something that every speech made at that convention (or indeed, this one) will inevitably contain. (For a more explicit description of what this is, see the main NW-SE diagonal of the grid.)

ACROSS

- 1. Family finally making noise
- 4. Muse that almost cut off storyteller
- 9. A 75% genuine sphere
- 10. Pubs I initially called uncivilized
- 11. The Madonna record's beginning to appear in 31 days
- 13. Temporarily provided one little bean
- 14. A drink that's bubbly and flat simultaneously (3 wds.)
- A chunk of topaz on a lavaliere is not divided into sections
- 20. Q&A about tuna prepared in tiny portions
- 23. Jackets in large numbers available on the internet?
- 24. Insult upset one Shakespearean king's Prime Minister
- 25. Surname of a science-minded Italian lass is originally "Garland"
- 27. Disguised cab as a melon
- 29. Device for navigating without a heading is still around
- 31. The embargo of Oedipus's city-state
- 34. Hastily fix lung that's becoming liquid
- 37. Company with intelligence eschews radical rocker Kurt
- 38. Vessel that can contain fluid that's bad for your ears
- 39. Jay tossed an evil spear
- 40. Watch beautiful female Democrat
- 41. Start to etch "X X X" into black button on a VCR
- 42. For example, interrupting author Grafton's smooth transition

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DOWN

- 1. Sleep with someone who can untangle the way Bostonians talk?
- 2. Extreme bombast in support of a rabbi
- 3. Large amounts of Ecstasy unloaded from old sailing ships
- 4. But he only embraces one of the kids on *The Cosby Show*
- 5. Piece that's sung by altos around Rhode Island
- 6. Organ-playing is a gas
- 7. Something like salsa pie can't hurt
- 8. 4184 joules of energy don't have to be misdirected (abbr.)
- 12. The letter "b" in "bye" is flipped up (2 wds.)
- 15. Hypothetical conflict in Wisconsin about a gaming system (*abbr*.)
- 17. Rest upon the limbs of Godwine's vassal
- 18. Wow the puzzle constructor with one's enthusiasm
- 19. Containing nuts the other guy raised (2 wds.)
- 21. Don't start painting a Eurasian flower
- 22. Actress Jessica embraces one endlessly evil associate of thieves (2 wds.)
- 26. A ten-spot gets that guy something sharp
- 27. Reckons one Parisian will wear 100.0 shirts
- 28. Central American country's uprising disquieted a refrigerator company
- 30. Wild pig in confusion
- 31. Write about old Japanese general
- 32. Creature that builds a dam without an exterior overhang
- 33. It's true Stan ultimately eviscerated Ollie (2 wds.)
- 35. Lieutentant has provided something to raise the spirits
- 36. The Hulk's director doesn't have an exultant feeling