

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:

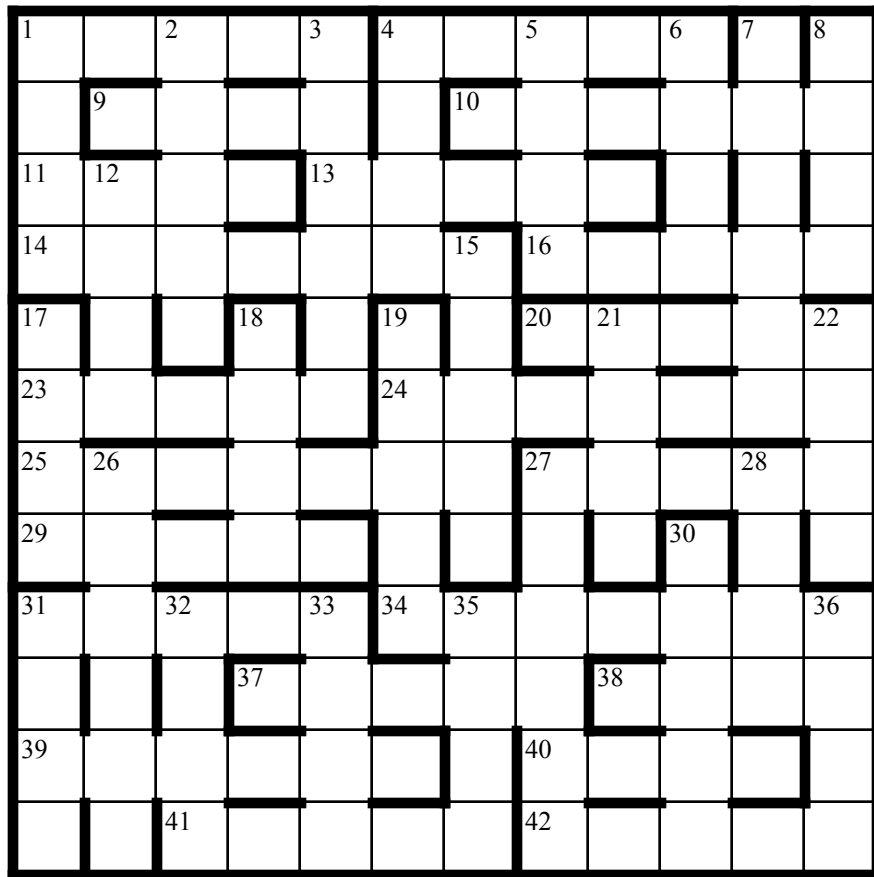
(a) the new letter and the special squares are evenly spaced along the line, and

(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.)
16. A chunk of topaz on a lavalier 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



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. Lieutenant has provided something to raise the spirits
36. *The Hulk's* director doesn't have an exultant feeling