

1. Advance & Wee Tweet

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One change between 2002 and 2015 is that a lot of people now tweet nonstop from their smart phones. In this puzzle, you will get to read tweets (all 1–4.0 characters long, of course) from one woman and five of her thousands of followers. Specifically, every so often, a entry will have a 1–4 letter sequence in a hex that conflicts with the single letter that one or two crossing entries have there; write this sequence (a “tweet”) in that hex, under the conflicting letter. Each tweet will fall into one of these categories:

Pointers: Six tweets will each be a one- or two-letter compass direction.

Flames: Six tweets will each be a single four-letter word (one such word is a first name).

Personal revelations: Ten tweets will each be a three-letter sequence that combines with another in the set of ten to form a last name; treating the conflicting letter (the same in both cases) as a first initial results in the name of a real, well-known person.

(As further assistance, wordplay-only clues for all the four-letter words and six-letter last names can be assembled into the following, otherwise irrelevant sentence: “Knight and Gypsy, having circled rundown cafe, scrambled inward and finally consumed brown-bottled booze, golden well liquor, and a case of beer, complements of the gutless, evil, mean, vile elf — a cold, fantastical creature.”)

Once the grid is filled:

(a) For each clue, if its entry contains one or more tweets, then whenever there is a tweet at the *n*th hex of the entry circle the *n*th letter of the clue. If its entry contains no tweets but is adjacent to one or more tweets, then where *n* is the total number of letters in those tweets, write the *n*th letter of the clue next to the clue. The unused clues, strung together in clue order, will clue the name of the woman.

(b) Shade each “pointer” hex, plus the next two hexes in the direction indicated, and cross the pointer out. Shade each “flame” hex (if yet unshaded); if its conflicting letter is before “bracket” alphabetically, put brackets around the letter + flame, and if the conflicting letter is after “slash,” put a slash between the letter and the flame.

(c) Each of the five persons from the personal revelations has the same first name as the follower who made the corresponding tweets. Once you figure out who each follower is, calculate the two values described in the circled letters from (a), and write them in the centers of the hexes with the first and last halves of the last name, respectively.

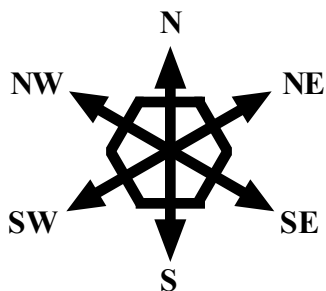
(d) The numbers from (c) will form a complete set of integers, 1–10. Draw lines connecting these in order, 1 to 10, and connect 10 back to 1. You will now see the bygone bit of technology, genericized and made less tweet-like, that is described by the letters written next to the clues in (a), and with which the woman once was, and all her followers could have been, associated.

SOUTHEAST

1. A Chinese leader E! said is somewhere in Hawaii
2. Apply liquid to clothing Rae altered Sunday for regular, no-extras-added fees (2 wds.) [NI3]
3. Ace actress Garr’s in *A Couple Of Whales Like H₂O*
4. Grand total sent northwest to obtain perfume fixative
6. Rule not allowing something initially evokes woe
12. Alum’s heart is with one soldier: Mario’s brother
14. Peeples, Vardalos, and Long extract wine from zinnias
18. Vitreous coatings around 60% of sleek horsehair
21. Knocking off blue, frozen masses with small amounts of work
22. Arc I’d reshaped to be sharp
26. *Gladiator* star Russell and Dotty cower
33. Undressed dunces — including, secondarily, three from Italy — will be set to one side in Canada [NI3]
35. Wife of uncle Ed (and earlier, Victor) was boastful
38. Cry for author Saul
41. Leader’s canceling old soldierer Ozzy’s least Scrabble-ish piece?
45. Bloke named Tony who used to lead the UK and to be loud-voiced
46. After excitation, ales produce monochromatic rays
50. Can Scalia ultimately fit inside Chief Justice Warren’s hearing chamber? (2 wds.)
53. Burn scandium, gold, and half of acetylene?
57. “It’s mine!” Dostoyevski boasts hollowly
58. Beautiful, trim people at the rear
59. Cool one at parties

SOUTH

2. Modern German in a book turned good when translated into Spanish
3. Essentially, Amy trashed rogue vampire slayer’s patrol site?
5. We shall inhabit Oscar’s green-and-orange city in New York
6. Leg or pelvis of droid containing dysprosium-72, say, on a golf course (2 wds.) [NI3]
7. Amid ones from Mexican or from South American mountains
9. Announcer in unfinished seat spins tops
15. A role Peter Fonda played at first upset director Ang
17. No-no’s Mom’s daughter embraces when in the east
20. Go down in a West Michigan city
23. Old-fashioned way to say “dark, tangled straw”
25. Unlike the cowardly lady fleeing love
27. Old bit of land mobbed by Greek characters!
29. Reflecting Colbert’s bisected political group
30. Rings worn by leaders from Slovakia’s capital city
34. A country in Asia expels quiet SF author Stephenson
36. About Washington and flag-maker Betsy’s international aid group (2 wds.)
38. An infant born near Lincoln
39. Epic struggle with a gaming system (*abbr.*)
42. Speech about direct waterway
43. Octet in big lab rousingly exhibiting hairless skin
44. How dogs are soothed but roof is demolished (2 wds.)
49. Interfere acoustically with Olympic presentation
52. Mug an eccentric Navy sniper, for example



SOUTHWEST

4. *Money* or *Forbes* writer depicts eastern gift-givers
5. Go faster than our nut that's nutty
8. Ocean-borne adults eat, mostly (*hyph.*) [NI3]
10. Nude Huns swim, Andy, to relax
11. Brought back the old, grasping fellows as an opponent
12. Garland, beside a princess from *Star Wars*
13. Enigmatic farce written in south of France came to light
14. Scot's *Brassica* root is kept inside kneepad
16. A character in *Casablanca*, and others, adjusted sails
19. Scot perhaps makes large head of ancient Greek earth goddess
24. Any row that's harmed a country
26. Cover vacuous Stephen King novel with word that follows "lit"
27. No rips damaged DNA-less infectious agents
28. Half-duck eaten by Boston athletes returning after Eastern flight
31. Tell what one thought of shire official the solver mentioned
32. Senator Franken pitches things at churches
36. Pathway left by true libertine
37. Sunshine State's neighbors plant in a wet location
40. Bovine sound man uncovered misdirected, off-base soldier
41. Get substantiation for ID by entering low-down place
47. A market selling old things actress Salonga put into very loud broadcast (2 *wds.*) [NI3]
48. Utter "The Marines bit!" in the middle
49. A Catholic prelate, to be brief, shocked Mrs. G (*abbr.*)
51. Athenian letter'd discussed street
54. Say, sand sets of four cups
55. A bright red flower found in every other part of Coahuila
56. Echo from only one city in South Korea
59. Random "e" can/may be a suffix attaching to "appear" or "clear"

