

3. Brattle←Battle→BAPHL

As told to Ucaomihu in RCA mono sound.

(Solve only after solving puzzles 1 and 2.)

Of all the gin joints in all the movies in all of the forties, the Brattle theatre in Harvard Square had to immortalize mine, by showing the movie *Casablanca* a zillion times. Harvard Square has also been the site of three different editions of the BAPHL puzzle hunt. In tribute to all of this, in this puzzle:

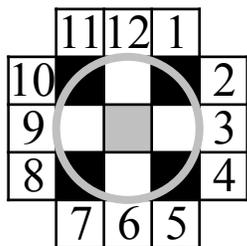
1. The answers to each set of clues must be entered, in order, in a row or column; a sequence of Across answers will fill its correspondingly numbered row, but you must determine for yourself which *two* sequences of Down answers will go (one after the other) into each column.

2. In each set of Across clues, one word in one clue must undergo either the letter-addition or the sound-change shown in the title, before solving. Where the altered word is the *p*th from the start and the *q*th from the end of the clue, circle the *p*th letter from the start and the *q*th letter from the end of the clue. The *p*th letters for *each* of the changes *separately* (each in row order) will give a cloth item better suited for a climate less hot and dry than *Casablanca*'s. If you apply, to these two items, their respective changes, they will form a two-word description of some figures not far from the hotel. In addition, *all* the *q*th letters *together* in row order will give an instruction that may help in the identification of these figures.

3. A *different* letter-addition/sound-change choice will apply to another clue in each Across set. Applying the same procedure as in 2, the *p*th letters for each change will (separately) give (i) *most of a phrase*, and (ii) a step in a previous puzzle whose result is the *final word of this phrase*. The phrase will describe something else not far from the hotel.

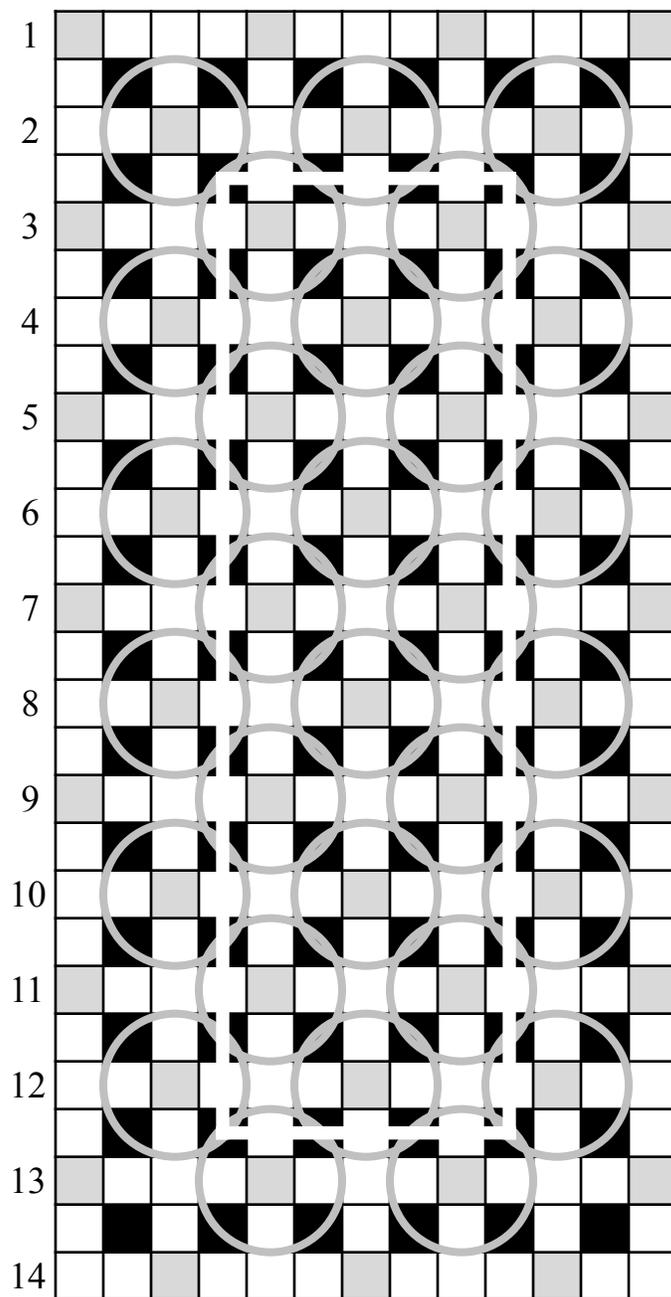
4. A previous puzzle has provided a somewhat distorted map of a different continent than the map shown at the start of *Casablanca*. Step 8 of this puzzle will involve using this map, overlaid on a roughly rectangular area near the hotel, to find something. To align this overlay, note that (i) the *q*th letters from 3 will say where the item from 3 goes in the overlay, and (ii) the first letters, and then the last letters, of all Across clues not used in 2 or 3 will say where the item from 2 goes.

5. We now begin the endgame of the Brattle Battle BAPHL. BAPHL 12 involved a puzzle hunt being delayed from December to a later month. Accordingly, the grid contains 30 12-month calendars like the one here, where the surrounding white squares (which form a *casa blanca*, if you will) correspond to months as shown. You must circle one letter in each calendar; the letters



in shaded squares will say where to look to find out (first for the first three columns, and then for the last two) which ones.

6. BAPHL 4 was Baphlception, which involved always going one level deeper. If you look only at the calendars whose centers dwell within the white rectangle (another *casa blanca*), and highlight the months indicated by the circled letters, you will see a question about the characters in "Casablanca."



7. BAPHL 1 involved fuzzy aliens. Travel to the far-distant second page, to the clues with DOWN on them, and in each clue note where the two letters answering the question from 6 (in order) are separated by exactly two letters, forming a four-letter sequence. Order the Down clues by where their answers appear in the grid (column by column, top to bottom in each column), and read all the first separating letters, then all the second separating letters, to get two more *Casablanca*-related questions. Reading (in that same order) the second letters of all the clues where the four-letter sequence spans two words (counting the parts of a hyphenated term as separate words), and (separately) the third letters of all the clues where it spans three, will yield their answers.

8. Finally, for each remaining Down clue, where the four-letter sequence is entirely in the *n*th word, read (in that same order) the clue's *n*th letter; this will name a spot in the overlay from 4. Apply the changes from 3 to the answers from 7 to see who you might find at the Boston location overlaid by that spot; once you have identified that location, you will know what well-deserved reward they might give you.

ACROSS

- 1** Request dogs to finish that bit of work
What a real traitor does is some form of hula
Tie destroyed five sixths of Cheops
- 2** Feature of insurance odds, soup service, and cheap lodging
Blue about otter's foremost honorific adhering to a folkloric bear or rabbit [NI3+]
- 3** Use arks to certify gin's bad
Thinks that one will go if Dotty grabs part of Ursula's beak (2 wds.)
- 4** Baked roe will captivate manta lover
Saturn's chief ore frequently provides a mollifying substance
- 5** Ready to fix site where Wellington's tow was moving
water westwards
Abrogated in Motley Ike's note
- 6** Nine places behind the chap's eager husband (2 wds.)
Moviedom embraces city near pots such as Gijón or Aviles
- 7** Newton touches steer with Newton's toy that spins day and night
What wax or a locker imparts when protecting rare devotional site
- 8** Word replacing "Seas" on a Chicago tower is put after "shall"
Returning, loveless soul in shop with smoky salon is mistreated (*hyph.*)
- 9** Leaves one's hoe where Charles Martel defeated an Umayyad invasion
Yahoos cover, in part, a name on a pharmacy
Image adorning a musician's stats might be bisected, mostly
- 10** Be music maniac and actor Steve, who filed footage for *Barton Fink*
Going around attractive, unclad Bo's horned creatures
- 11** Cowlike Lowe's nifty
To counteract an impact's effects on fun rap's internal portions [NI2+]
Use a cheat sheet not showing *adenine* or *Belgian* or *caribou*
- 12** Wench or nerd Pa put jewelry on beforehand, maybe [NI2]
Norman's bloc sports coats, finally making a statement that is politely oppositional (2 wds.)
- 13** Additionally locks rod inside charge collector's tailpiece
Thing blocking some steam with fine loam that's gotten weird (2 wds.) [NI3]
- 14** Tor recalled by a French dude at the tor shaped like Mars
Wide island's does, shunning empty forms of enlightenment

DOWN

- A car park right beside one country that W led
Pillar that supports one who spells "allah" "aa-hh-ll"?
Before you commence hearing legal lectures in RP or Aeolian, we dump odd items [NI3]
- A lady borrows items that have "playability"
Dyads outside of Baja solve maze, and neglect lower floor
- Abhor suit on hassled art expert at the front
Spot where, in Etruria, ET lies around eastern part of a church
- Bash township south of southwestern area at left
Versifier's "dark age" involves breathlessness, chiefly
Feet of actor Aiello of *Let Pop Go* upended pick (2 wds.)
- Brace of items deep within amphorae I list repeatedly as "snack cake" (2 wds.)
Reflectively massage Ann Landers, initially, with blossoms
- Evergreen eucalyptus mugs now might be ghastly (2 wds.) [NI3]
Color in Francophone toon drawn south of Haarlem
- Fairy-tale louts thus turned small
Silicate rock now baldly crushes *New York Times*
Immensely bright grandson of Gaia lifted Earth, you know
- Groovy! 10% of Twickenham klutzes aren't like this
FSU's amber-treated secondary glass-lining structures
- Henry acquiring (voila!) oils and watercolors really superficially depicting prostitution
A fragment of dirt, submerged under (essentially) NaOCl in active mode, is sure to be destroyed
- Most dapper and retro tan cravat, placed on stone
Cue stranger at commercial port three hundred miles east of Trafalgar or in Quito, say
- Overhead T-like conveyance at ninth and first carried internally ingestible medicine
Absurd duet having selection from Starr linked with fifth piece that Lennon's shows previously did (2 wds.)
- Protrusions emerging from Miss Muffet's seats when the iron goes awol
A diva's song about guys ironing in the center of a land near the peak Noah floated to
- Ring of light will enwrap a little of lion hunter's expression (*var. spelling*)
Three in Rome start to march in Layla, Ayla, Oscar, Kevin, and others of great stature
- Sumerian city name I hear R-lessly echoed? Nay (*hyph.*)
One party guzzling last of Curaçao illustrates "slime"
Actor Burt, who (in lion costume) screams long, unsteady "Har!"