

Class Reunion

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Twenty answers in this puzzle will (like me) be attending class reunions. Specifically, these answers can be divided into ten intersecting pairs. In five pairs (Group 1), the two answers conflict at the square where they intersect; a new letter must be put into that square so that the two resulting entries are members of the same class. In the other five pairs (Group 2), the two answers do *not* conflict, but you must *still* put a new letter in the intersecting square to produce two members of the same class. If you “connect the dots” on the intersecting squares for either Group, in a straightforward, cyclic manner, in either case you will get a (distorted) picture of an item on the opposite shore of the Potomac from Washington.

All of the remaining answers are entered normally, but in each corresponding clue the cryptic reading will yield an extra letter. In twenty clues, this letter is at the beginning; these letters, in clue order, will yield a series of words hinting at a different cyclic order for connecting the Group 2 squares. If you connect the Group 1 squares as before (but use curvier lines) and connect the Group 2 squares in the new order (also using curvier lines) you will get a picture of another item that (judging from its name) ought to be on the opposite shore of the Potomac from Washington.

This item is also attending a class reunion; the extra letters for the remaining twenty clues (which all come at the end) spell a cryptic clue, with enumeration, for its classmate. (If you want an enumeration for the item itself, look at the final numbers in both sequences of letters.)

ACROSS

1. Ices frequently will contain pitted figs (4)
5. 50% of comedy pro is covered with dye painlessly (2 7)
11. Perverse furry alien on TV clothes Lady Anne in soft fabric (7)
12. Dr. Welby and Dorothy’s aunt bend and bend and bend? (6)
15. Danger surrounds small fairies (5)
17. In disarray in back of the French tot (6)
18. Bush is poor, frail item (4)
19. Hit by Sting disheartened kook (4)
20. I run penetrating nonfiction show again (5)
21. Edward I meets the wife of Archie Bunker (5)
24. Comedian Dunn swallows 1000 pods (4)
25. Little shark fry has GI confused (8)
27. Dr. Abel’s mom is around at all times (4)
28. Say, Egyptians exhibiting ear muscles (5)
29. Goblins from Io carbonated beverages (4)
30. Device that makes fabric look ominous (4)
31. Mother and Monsieur Diddley dance (5)
33. Have a quick drink with C.O. (4)
36. The Spanish wait around after liquor becomes unfit for consumption (8)
39. Complain, “Kay, that’s disgusting” (4)
41. Rabbit-like creatures must assume Penny is brave enough (5)

42. Beginning to perceive sound of Santa Claus returning Franklin’s call (5)
43. Stooge gets quiet to show sadness (4)
45. Upsetting, extreme aspects of skiing bug kvetchers (4)
47. Italian sandwiches left in one valley where wine is made (6)
48. After ditching odd characters, furriest mice get together again (5)
49. Welshman perhaps reedited *Norbit* (6)
50. Do wig out over yen for King Harold’s father (7)
51. Accused one Parisian of cheese-eating and running numbers, initially (9)
52. Way a Greek character had spoken (4)

DOWN

2. Run from a lawyer named Bailey? (4)
3. Less accessible part of Iranian declaration’s first three items (3 4)
4. Cut up swine hoarding tin (4)
6. Primary character in novel by French author about sea, essentially! (4)
7. 150 taken in by sexy guy’s dull noise (5)
8. Russian city! (4)
9. Without any worry about enemy coming back (4 2)
10. Puzzling item is correct when claiming Buck’s bi-curious (5’1 4)
13. Stuff curtailed muscle spasm (4)

14. Curt at Southwest spilled beer (5’1)
16. Sound of a school by a road (5)
18. Used to be that hurt, before (4)
20. Battles with laser beams, say (4)
22. New ogreish cartoon about one supporting a New Wave band in a UK county (10)
23. Letterman has tenure (4)
25. Seize outrageous garb (4)
26. Title for a French cleric that is shot by a revolutionary (4)
29. Cot destroyed by Spot and pair of tetras? (4, *prefix*)
30. Dip Mel prepared didn’t go fast (6)
31. Equipment for recording the voice of comedian Myers (4)
32. Upon reflection, Communist Party is more bizarre (5)
34. Captain Hornblower dances around Spaniard’s uncle (7)
35. Girl’s lariat lacking a loop (4)
37. Give or take too much, then atone hastily (6)
38. Dance with two native Arizonans (4)
40. Afro-Cuban drum is silver; no copper turned up (5)
43. Take care of room in front of dorm (4)
44. Sharp object has tip of one subatomic particle (4)
45. Tidings from noisy wildebeest (4)
46. Start to get in can with Ms. Gershon (4)

