Founding
An Election Day warmup
crossword by Ucaoimhu

ACROSS
1. Make valid
11. Border on
15. Apt to let rain in
16. Labyrinth
17. When this puzzle’s
two inspirations both
first occurred
19. Doc ____ (Spider-
Man villain)
20. A pop
21. Sol or si, say
22. Was larcenous
24. Kind of wagering pl.
27. Barriers
30. 4-to-42 dir.
31. No longer tame
33. Decaprotonic element
34. Byname lead-in
36. Piehole-related
38. Do half of a biathlon
39. Headline appropriate
for one day [17 Across]
or four years later
44. Friend of Flaubert
45. Sharp, shrill bark
46. Once surnamed
47. Do half of a biathlon
48. Author Robertson
50. Employed again
51. Erstwhile Chairman
54. Slab of beef
56. Afore
57. Contains
59. State
61. State that contains
Abu Dhabi (abbr.)
63. Arthur in Mame
64. Feature of a crossword
[17 Across] or n-times-
four years later
69. Gall
70. Facing each other
71. Couple, if uncoupled
72. Magic items allegedly
produced by amphibians

DOWN
1. Gray wolves
2. Periods added to synch
lunar and solar calendars
3. Insectivorous lizards
4. Tats, slangily
5. Codswallop
6. Skye of Say Anything
7. Electee in 1820
8. Heck-know link
9. Branch of Buddhism
10. Serpent hangout
11. Author of The Bone-
setter’s Daughter
12. Unfounded
13. Arm of the Mideast
14. Animator Avery
18. Drag
23. What one exhibiting
ribs might be
25. Marcher, often
26. Means to keep animals
from roaming free
28. The Avengers villain
29. Pet
31. Went, over a period of
time
32. Grassy expanses
35. What I would touch on
a typewriter
37. Fib
39. Pokes
40. Don’t keep in
41. Apt to change employment status
42. Plant with useful juice
43. Verne’s submariner
48. Author Robertson
50. Employed again
52. Britain, poetically
53. Hans Christian Andersen’s birthplace
55. Barrel at a party
57. Spartan serf
58. Wise ones
60. Pipsqueak
62. Book after John
64. The Railsplitter
65. Intersperse
66. “Castles queenside”
67. Can.-Mex. separator
68. Crazy Eights relative
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1. “Egad,” in Emden
4. Borders
9. Adjudges
14. Pindar’s P
15. Instant
16. Churchy music-maker
18. ’40s colonel in a ’60s sitcom
19. Ship’s hand
20. Headline tomorrow
23. Conference (abbr.)
24. Hostelry
25. Bill’s cinematic co-adventurer
26. Rotated ens
27. Mother ____
30. Pride membership
32. Alas
33. What will appear outside the grid, simulating today’s big event
37. Humdrum in hue
38. Equipment for tanning hides?
40. Low-pH substance
41. Form of address befitting informal headlines
43. Use one’s palm on
44. Bounded along
45. Least politic
48. Deity for whom the fifth month is named
49. Co. that takes money from surfers
50. Dunderheads
51. United, as resources
53. &
54. More informal sub-headline for 20 Across
59. Passengers
61. Brief musical theme
62. Cry for a torero
63. Round numbers?

64. Sow
65. Bert Bobsey’s twin
66. Upright
67. Dispatches
68. Brian of Roxy Music

DOWN
1. BP subsidiary headquartered in California
2. Food for some predatory fish
3. What may be played by a klezmer musician
4. Hydrocarbon with no double bonds
5. Submerges
6. Louis Jourdan musical
7. Pour (as wine) into another vessel
8. Smell, say
9. Art performing
10. Age
11. Military dress
12. Blue or gray carnivore
13. Necks in Norwich
21. Land subjected to much rain
22. Ticked over
26. Beastly place
27. Extra in The King and I
28. One using a needle
29. “I” in The King and I
31. Suppliers of saline, e.g.
32. Canine comment
33. Not e’en one time
34. Mainframe maker
35. Imbibe sparingly
36. Jeanne D’Arc, par exemple (abbr.)
39. Nullified the effects of
42. Sauna site
43. Cauterize, perhaps
46. Let loose
47. Chilly wintertime nuisances
48. Popcorn and its kin
49. Co. that takes money from surfers
50. Dunderheads
51. United, as resources
54. Aide (abbr.)
55. Lee of Marvel Comics
56. Peerless
57 ____ Cumming (of Scotland)
58. Source of entertainment for gamblers
60. Great flier in old tales