3. Community Chest by Ucaoimhu (Solve only after solving Puzzles 1 and 2.)

Since the Coker Creek find two centuries ago, Tennessee has been associated with a certain yellow metal, and now it's your turn to look for buried treasure! Specifically:

(I) In each of 26 clues, the wordplay yields a letter string with one incorrect letter. Read the incorrect letters in the alphabetical order of the correct letters to get two phrases describing *pairs* of items, one pair from Puzzle 1 and one from Puzzle 2; each pair has a part its items have in common, and a part where they diverge. Then below the grid:

Puzzle 1. For all the letters (shared and not) in Puzzle 1's pair, note the Puzzle 3 clues they are the "correct letters" for; put the letters in the "Puzzle 1" boxes *in clue order*.

Puzzle 2. The shared part and diverging parts of Puzzle 2's pair are three continuous strings; each appears as part of a word in three Puzzle 3 clues. Put the "correct letters" for all nine clues in the "Puzzle 2" boxes *in clue order*.

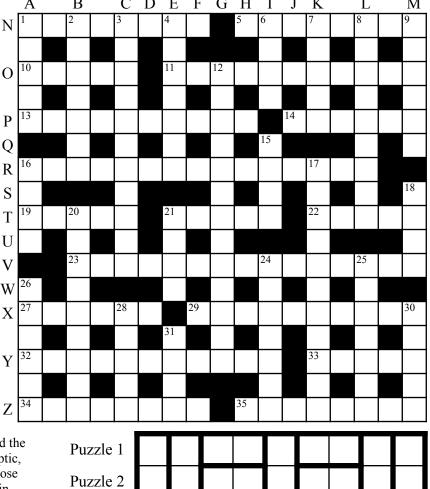
The thick borders will enclose nine letter pairs; circle the letters in the grid squares at those coordinates. Read left to right, the circled letters will form two words; precede each with the metal to get a partial list of the treasure!

(II) For each (I) clue, if the incorrect letter is the *m*th from the start of the word and *n*th from the end, note the *m*th nonspace character from the start of the clue and nth from the end. In clue order, the *m*th characters in **Puzzle 1** clues and the nth characters in **Puzzle 2** clues will (separately) give noncryptic, unenumerated clues for two more treasure items relating to those puzzles; all the *m*th characters and then all the *n*th characters in the eight remaining (I) clues will spell (a) a word relating to both puzzles (in different senses), plus (b) a divergence-related word for which word (a), written *twice*, would be a wordplay-only clue.

(III) Each of the 12 non-(I) clues has an incorrect letter at the *start* or *end* of a word, to be corrected before solving; use the incorrect and correct letters as coordinates for a grid square. *Darkening* just the indicated squares for *start*ing letters, or just for *end*ing letters, would show a certain transformation's start or end, respectively (darkening *all* of them would show another, irrelevant, item of the same sort). If you instead *highlight all* those squares, in grid order they will name a site ("remote" and "nearby" from those in 16D and 18D) where that transformation can occur (due to a side effect of word (b) from (II)), thus giving a source for the treasure! (It is *not* from Coker Creek; attributing it to Coker Creek would be what is spelled by the circled letters from (I), read top to bottom.)

ACROSS

- 1. Saw roes hide its first navigational coordinate (8)
- 5. Harshly critique a ballet's dancing (8)
- 10. Fashion regalia externally bedecked with "C" (5)
- 11. Reverend and Queen fail at forming ring (11)
- 13. Being able to bead suits Gina N. altered (10)
- 14. Guide in Mexico is (behold!) right (6)
- 16. Tar eastern waterway inhabitants seen in brisk AM chat ('k?) as traitors (9 6)
- 19. Had better phone key two places below Pierre's *ciné* (5)
- 21. Nonsensical ideas for a word to precede -à-terre (5)
- 22. Some resistance or Molièresque cheekiness might provoke this gleeful remark (2, 3)
- 23. Again making a legend of glitzy, hoofing Mr. Fantastic (15)
- 27. Maintain chic pose that gets Rob ignoring R&B (6)
- 29. Third of official new binders getting read at start-ups (10)
- 32. Way to print one of the stems on a Vietnamese menu 12" to



the left, next to "cooking-fest" (5-6)

- 33. Rotate Molly's frying pan to find water with wood forks (5)
- 34. Work 1,000,000,000 years to trap 'er uncle, as Garcia says (8)
- 35. Worshipper's vow from someone who's not in any rust? (8)

DOWN

- 1. Those that secure Troy will flee insect that gets munchy (5)
- 2. Flip witticism about fly bar atop a door (7)
- 3. Halt theist Tartar hymn that Mo waves at your head (5 6)
- 4. Haven't the courage to let Spot eat spun-foam toy material (4 3)
- 6. A fragment of Canada that is 0.405 hectares (4)
- 7. Concocts valuable minerals and fleece from Wheaties (5)
- 8. OK on the ocean with small, coarse, confining restroom (9)
- 9. Tosses out every other part of démodé PC I test (6)
- 12. Spots for seeing soda and Hawaiian specialty fed to blokes (7 6)
- 15. Let otters use no vowels for many a 3-mo. span (4, abbr.) [NI3]
- 16. Word you'd precede with a translation of 18D to name a relevant remote non-TN site's kosher northern beer supplier (4)
- 17. Adult male Bengali's right near 900,840-km Czech river,
- giving a description of particles Dalton proposed in 1803 (6 5) 18. Word with a translation you'd precede with 16D to name a relevant nearby TN site's mass of ice you can tear (4)
- 20. Gevalt! Rod, having a touch of prodigality, offers a device that spins on one axis and can rotate on another 90° from it (9)
- 21. 3.14–14.13 million hectares near PA and VT for Ruth (4)
- 24. Septet of Boers tediously naming a unit that measures how strongly a magnetic field deflects a moving *won* (7)
- 25. Spilling ink about fatigue that was already surmised (1 4 2)
- 26. Say, limit the jolts going to gym having large hole (6)
- 28. Satisfactory emcee put out words at a volume that's terrific (5)
- 30. Inwardly cosmic poetry's eternally unalloyed (5)
- 31. I'll leave Rio after middle couple of radarmen do (4)