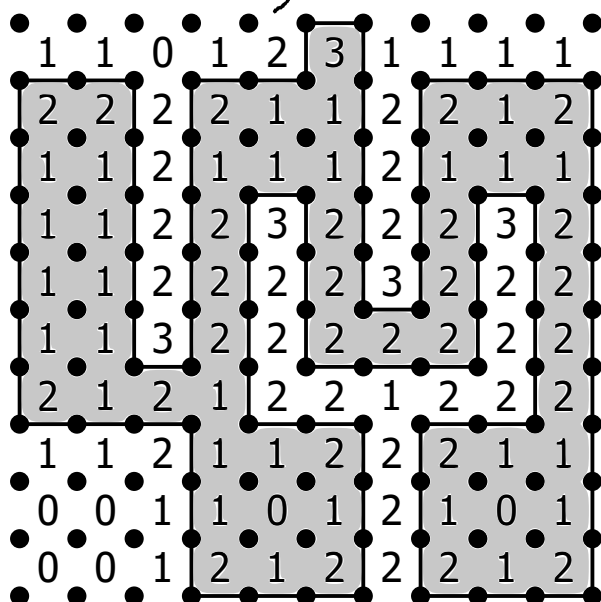


Fire Works: Solutions

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Blazing Saddles



There are 4 contiguous regions outside the corral, each shaped like a letter. These spell the answer, TROY, which is another location famous for a horse's presence.

Hot Tamales and Red Hots

This table summarizes the pictured candy:

Shape made by candy	Candy name	Number of candy
1	Sour Patch Kids	8
2	Swedish Fish	7
3	Skittles	7
4	Twizzlers	2
5	Starburst	8

If there are N candies, take the Nth letter of the candy's name. Ordered by the numeric shape made by each candy, this spells the answer, CHEWS.

Burn Notice

Alexander doesn't meet any women, so he must meet with the other 2 men, Johnny and Thomas. Either the sequence Johnny-Alexander-Thomas or Thomas-Alexander-Johnny is part of the full week sequence.

From the final clue, we know Judith-(someone)-Johnny is part of the sequence. The only 3-man sequence (from the previous conclusion) that can link with this is Johnny-Alexander-Thomas, so the 7-long (looped) sequence is Judith-(someone)-Johnny-Alexander-Thomas-(someone)-(someone).

Judith has never met Emily, so there is only one slot in the sequence for Emily: Judith-(someone)-Johnny-Alexander-Thomas-Emily-(someone).

Since Lauren is the only woman without any meetings Saturday or Sunday, the only spot she fits is between Judith and Johnny, so that Emily has her meetings Friday/Saturday and Judith has hers Sunday/Monday. Brenda fits in the remaining Saturday/Sunday spot.

The full sequence is Judith-Lauren-Johnny-Alexander-Thomas-Emily-Brenda. Judith and Lauren meet Monday, Lauren and Johnny Tuesday, and so on through to Brenda and Judith meeting Sunday.

The flavortext indicates looking at the spies' shared letters. At each meeting, the names of the two spies have exactly one letter in common. Starting with Monday, this spells the answer, UNNAMED, which is really what the spies should have been.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

Each triangle's 3 answers are in alphabetical order.
Its 3 answers can form new words or phrases
when an extra word is added at the front or back
side of them. The length and side for that extra
word is indicated inside the triangle. Additionally,
for each row of triangles, a 4th word has the same
property as all 9 answers, attaching to the 3 extra
words at the indicated sides.

Cutter, Dough, Jar = Cookie...

Horse, Lion, Shell = Sea...

Dump, Fire, Pickup = ...Truck

Cookie..., Sea..., ...Truck = MONSTER

American, Fours, Natural = All...

Chester, Mine, Spring = ...Field

Bermuda, Golden, Love = ...Triangle

All..., ...Field, ...Triangle = RIGHT

Lily, Mouse, Note = ...Pad

Escape, Living, Mush = ...Room

Court, Match, Racket = Tennis...

...Pad, ...Room, Tennis... = ELBOW

Linen, Supply, Water = ...Closet

Button, Cart, Ups = Push...

Drum, Joy, Slap = ...Stick

...Closet, Push..., ...Stick = BROOM

The boxed letters of each new word are MNT/RGT/
LBO/OOM. Reading down the columns, this spells
MR. LONGBOTTOM, cluing the student from the
Harry Potter series, NEVILLE.

The Human Torch

Desserts:

MF: MOUSE→MOUSSE

IW: PIPE→PIE

HT: BOOKIE→COOKIE

T: LACIER→ECLAIR

Bugs:

MF: BE→BEE

IW: BLOUSE→LOUSE

HT: LITE→MITE

T: THRONE→HORNET

Metals:

MF: BRAS→BRASS

IW: CHOPPER→COPPER

HT: FOLD→GOLD

T: LIVERS→SILVER

Presidents:

MF: HOVER→HOOVER

IW: POLKA→POLK

HT: GARRISON→HARRISON

T: RECIPE→PIERCE

Punctuation:

MF: COMA→COMMA

IW: SPLASH→SLASH

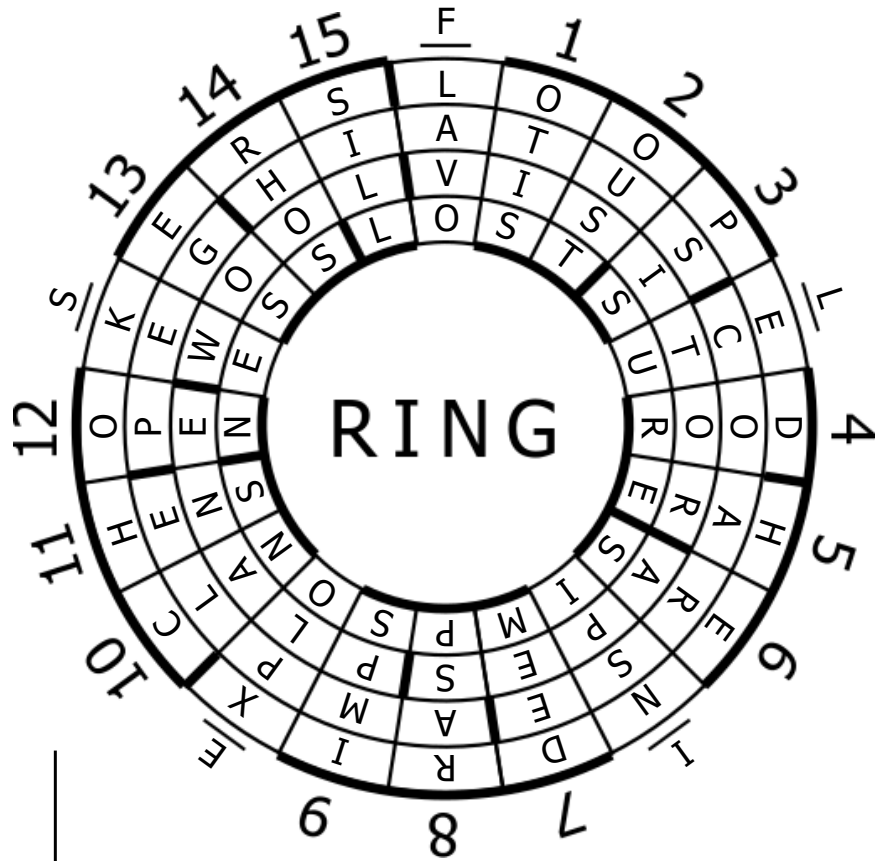
HT: CASH→DASH

T: DOPIER→PERIOD

The boxed letters in the order of
the original list, reading row by row,
spell DC SUPERVILLAIN LUTHOR.
This clues the answer, LEX.

Ring of Fire

The unclued radii are LAVO, ECTU, NSPI, XPLO, and KEWE. These nearly form words when "RING" is added at the end, indicated in the center of the ring. A single new letter can start each of these: (F)LAVORING, (L)ECTURING, (I)NSPIRING, (E)XPLOING, and (S)KEWERING. Those extra letters spell FLIES.



We Didn't Start the Fire

Each line clues two words. Removing the first letter of the first word results in the second word.

- Flight, light
- Usage, sage
- Neon, eon
- Ghost, host
- Asteroids, steroids
- Link, ink
- Slaughter, laughter
- Estate, state
- Emotion, motion
- Danger, anger

The removed letters spell FUNGAL "SEED" which clues SPORE. Removing the first letter gives the answer, PORE.

Fire Works: Metapuzzle

The seven answers (alphabetically by puzzle title) are TROY, UNNAMED, NEVILLE, CHEWS, LEX, FLIES, and PORE. Each answer has one letter that can literally be turned to "ASH" to become a word that matches one of the capitalized clues in the metapuzzle:

ON LAND	ASHORE	(P)ORE
NUTS	CASHEWS	C(H)EWS
CHEAP	TRASHY	TR(O)Y
U.S. CITY	NASHVILLE	N(E)VILLE
PROUD	UNASHAMED	UN(N)AMED
LIGHTS	FLASHES	FL(I)ES
RESTRAINT	LEASH	LE(X)

In the order of the clues, the answers' letters that come out from the ASHes spell the final answer, PHOENIX.