

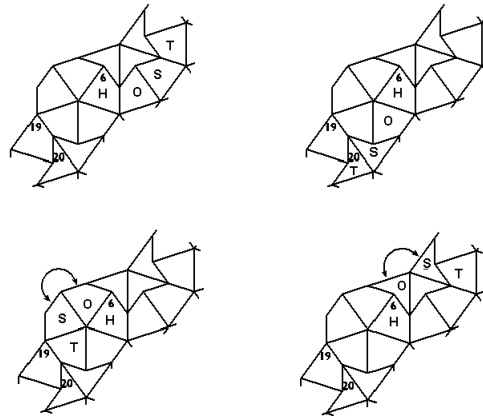
INSTRUCTIONS

This is Not the Harth Cryptic

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In this cryptic we celebrate two of our hosts for Concouver. The grid is a section of a non-periodic tiling of the plane, invented by mathematician Roger Penrose; the two shapes involved are called “darts” and “kites.” To put an entry into the grid, treat the darts and kites (henceforth called “tiles”) as though they were squares; if an entry comes into a tile via one of its four edges, it can only leave that tile via the opposite (that is, nonadjacent) edge. An entry may leave its starting tile via any of its edges and proceed in any direction, and whenever entries exit the diagram along a tile edge, they immediately re-enter through an edge of another tile as indicated by the arrows. The figure at the right shows the four ways the word HOST might be entered starting from tile 6. When all of the clue answers, plus the unclued entry at 5, have been put into the diagram, every tile will have been used exactly twice.

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Twenty-five of the clues each contain a single extraneous letter that must be removed before solving; these letters are all distinct. In the order determined by these extraneous letters, connect the centers of the initial tiles of the corresponding answers, connect-the-dots style. The resulting figure will be a tribute to our hosts, in the broadest possible sense.

Since there are only twenty-five extraneous letters, one letter of the alphabet has been omitted. This is the letter that we most closely associate with our hosts. If it isn't immediately apparent why this is, we have provided an additional hint, giving the context in which this close association occurs. To find it, read the unclued entry at 5 as a cryptic clue for a seven-letter word; this word will tell you where to find an additional letter associated with each of the twenty-five “special” clues. If these additional letters are read (again, in the order determined by the original extraneous letters), they will provide the context described.

CLUES

- 1 Sun god, for example, left clothing (4)
- 2 Put into a box, bats can see (6)
- 3 Loud hip-hop cover (4)
- 4 Fire consumes English and French city (4)
- 5 Auditory sensor faith mended and ill-care destroyed (4 4)
- 5 *See instructions.*
- 6 Leftover fried rice takes little time (6)
- 7 Myself, immersed in rank, dripping water (4)
- 7 Ropemaker twisted rare lint (8) [N12]
- 8 Nomadic herder in rural Appalachia (4)
- 9 Ellen finally penetrating lass's lover's jargon (5)
- 10 Nixon's right-hand man in prison riot (5)
- 11 Delaware beckons vacuous socialites (4)
- 11 Distance I spit is most appalling (6)
- 12 Refuges from the Spanish tax collectors (5)
- 13 Serious violinist (5)
- 14 Houri is not in lift, but one part of roof? (4) [N13]
- 15 Travel all over the place with knave (6)
- 16 Havelock fails to carry the one in additions (4)
- 17 Adds to *Times*, inflating what may be a larger section (7)
- 18 Plant that's poisonous before being taken out of cans (6)
- 19 Heartlessly pens life stories (4)
- 20 Confused an orc with an oak, at first (5)
- 21 Male gone to encounter bad Chinese dynasty (4)
- 22 Remove jacket and Bavarian clothing first to remain chic (6) [N12]
- 22 You still maintain gymnasia ultimately harm bone (4)
- 23 Octet dancing the jig (5)
- 24 Help one's leader to be mediocre (2-2)
- 25 Work beforehand on quiet, safe place (8)
- 26 None in train with tart lacks the IQ to run away (5)
- 27 Tiny pieces of land Sis rents out (6)
- 28 Kite, for example, has Ted's first name (5)
- 29 Piano student eventually comprehends Beethoven's ninth (5)
- 30 Incorrect rate? Test and try again (7)
- 31 Support normal adolescent (4)
- 32 Descended from ground snake (4)
- 33 Announce hotel documents pertaining to flaw (5)
- 34 Essentially India, Siam, . . . ! (4)
- 35 Seizes one's gut muscles (4)
- 36 Most suspenseful papers showing Hamilton is Roman (7)
- 36 Unable to decide point without Hot (4)
- 37 New auto isn't made of a light, strong metal (8) [N13]
- 38 Vicar is mature nut (5)
- 39 Enslavement by the old, grasping Yves (4)
- 40 You don't see bras in South American capital or part of Greece (4)
- 41 Ship heading to port about nothing (5)
- 42 Yokel to claim he would like Reverend Spooner? (7)
- 43 Goddess running through Thebes (4)
- 44 About measure done by string section (5)
- 45 A great belting voice beats song-craft (11)
- 45 New Zealander may circle Rhode Island (5)
- 46 One who wakes up real old computer operator (6)
- 47 Liquefied cow's rib in a kind of acid (6) [N12, part of 10C phrase]
- 48 Author perhaps internalizes *Hamlet* (5)
- 49 Big kids with no good cereal (4)
- 50 I confused bestial men beyond all reckoning (11)
- 51 They increase power, primarily among legislators (4)
- 52 Novel citadel shaped like Yanni's CD (7)
- 53 Tree to run over? (3 3) [N13]
- 54 Perhaps move left or right in taxi (4)
- 55 Droplet of water leaves river (4)
- 56 An unspecified ill ex-saint is most uncivilized (7)
- 57 Endless loop circumnavigating 1000 cozy spots (5)
- 58 An expression of contempt, like "gorilla!" (5)
- 59 Centralization of government data amassed primarily around island (7)
- 59 Dozes plant to get penny and shilling (5)

DIAGRAM

