# Birthday Festschrift

Debuts of unusual cryptics about our imaginative metrist (he's ultrararefied),

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Note: this puzzle is based on Ucaoimhu's 2003 cryptic "Teach Yourself Sanskrit" (http://math.uchicago.edu/~wald/con03a.pdf). Solving that puzzle is recommended but not necessary for solving this one.

## TEACH YOURSELF UCAOIMHU by Qaqaq

This puzzle provides a lesson in Ucaoimhu, in several simple steps. Most clues have a single typographical error each, in which one letter has been replaced with another. Of the wrong letter (the one that currently appears on the page) and the right letter, one will be in the range A-Q and one will be in the range R-Z; this pair of letters thus indicates a square in the grid. Then:

- **(A)** Shade in all the indicated squares (some will be indicated twice, but you only have to shade them in once). These shaded squares will form a foreign-language expression that may seem appropriate at some point during this solving process.
- **(B)** The letters in the shaded squares, read left to right, top to bottom, letter by letter, will provide a description of the grid in its current state (enumerated 7 4 4 2 2 4 3 2), in a different foreign language. (If you like, Qaqaq will provide a literal translation.)
- (C) As alluded to in (A), some of the squares are indicated twice, once by (1) a clue with its wrong letter in the range A-Q, and once by (2) a clue with its wrong letter in the range R-Z. Read the first letters of all the (1)-clues in clue order, and then their last letters; joined together, this will tell you where the grid could be found. (Google may prove helpful for explication at this point.)
- **(D)** Read the first letters of all the (2)-clues to get a description of this puzzle's impetus.
- **(E)** Read the last letters of all the (2)-clues to get the first four words of a seven-word sentence that is true in terms of (C), but certainly not true otherwise.
- **(F)** Read the letters in the twice-indicated grid squares, either in the order of the (1)-clues that indicate them or in the order of the (2)-clues that indicate them (either ordering works), to get the last three words of the sentence from (E).
- **(G)** Finally, read the first letters of all the clues without typographical errors, and then their last letters; joined together, this will form a two-word phrase that could be an alternate way to end the sentence begun in (E), though in this case it is not true in terms of (C), but certainly true otherwise.

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Gut Georgia in education (6)
- Actor Waterston keeps excellent cowl streak (4)
- 9 Ultimate values in hypertext, remarkably (7)
- **15** North America's following extremely unusual things near radii (5)
- **16** Adept revolutionary contributing to *Tao* of *Reducing Bureaucratic Pain* (3 4)
- 18 Movie no one matched is Florida opus (4)
- **19** By Thursday, we subjectively lobby a king known for violence (6)
- 20 I cut into marginally weaker gem that's long, thin, and sharp (4)
- 21 As yet not disturbed by people, Rudy to run opening of DMV (6)
- **22** For retrospective, gathering round possible place for a garden (4)
- 23 Empire finally built parliament (4)
- 24 Comparatively spoiled, terminally lax, and more wretched (8)
- **25** Debut of illusionist bitten by bird beak of a ladylove (5)
- **26** Noisy parties hail Linus Rex and central Mississippi (5)
- **29** Takes it easy and laughs at on-line gripe heading to LaGuardia (5)
- 33 Homeowner's affair with lead Rams punk (4 4)
- 37 Now I see incomplete ball stats of Canton (4)
- **38** Ex-wife fakes including ingredient in spanakopita (4)
- **39** Eagle's relative yodeled "Alf" at person in hoosegow (6)
- **40** Lois reconstructed missive holder (4)
- 41 Review clime with truncated verb (2 4)
- **42** Rocker Aguilera has tour characters making sauce for pasta (4)
- 43 Long-ago stone tool hurt the lion (7)
- 44 Outward parts of tiger tusk in morsel (5)
- **45** Eliminating the introduction, puts the word "aery" in front of "things in a ponytail" (7)
- 46 Specialists hype suite from the East (4)
- **47** At the core, hitting idle Mr. Blanc with slingshot is opportune (6)

#### **DOWN**

- 1 Lookout's a drag maniac (5)
- 2 Tipi of American Lakota tribe occasionally sheltered some singers (5)
- **3** Following behind piebald horse, sage pitcher, and woman (2 3)
- 4 Credulous person left \$5 bill covering unwrapped DVD (4)
- **5** Alexandra instructively shows what tap water will do (5)
- **6** Person who tastes underground conduit (5)
- 7 Make changes to upside-down pie captivating Dutch (4)
- **8** On-the-fence response from Mac and Earl, divided over beta (5)
- **10** Gentleman expertly holding back warrior of TV (4)
- 11 Warbled at Otto's body art (6)
- 12 Yale student describes tennis player's lone race in an 1895 book (4)
- 13 Devo reconceived style (4)
- 14 Copycat, initially angry, socked peri (4)
- **17** Grueling work returning craft north of ski area (7)
- 23 Interminably talk about Summer Olympics event (6)
- 27 Noted moralist turned over position connected to head of Adelphi (5)
- **28** Defter network ultimately lost second opportunities (5)
- 29 Airy Luke and Eve after Genesis (5)
- **30** Gulf town's protector left inauguration of Edward V (5)
- **31** Fantastic bud beginning to trust in Navy commando (5)
- **32** Soiree served up first tarts of year throughout performance by LL Cool J (5)
- **33** Inner Mongolia lodging? You heartlessly restricted Faye of Timbuktu (4)
- **34** One clay in Africa is off a ways (4)
- 35 Newly popular thing run by topless Timmy the rock guitarist (4)
- **36** Unmatched jail of Peoria planned with chief of engineers (1-3)
- 37 Urease and oxygen upset mixture (4)
- **38** Loud orange room's shape and structure (4)

## **BLOWOUT** by Quiz (for Ucaoimhu's 40th)

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This grid represents a birthday cake, festooned with 40 candles, each of which is represented by one of the letters in the word CANDLES. When the grid is completed, "blow out" these squares by shading them in—you'll get it. Bars have been deleted, and word lengths have been withheld. The grid is not symmetrical. And because of the nature of the honoree, a few of the clues are somewhat more trivia-focused than usual. Happy birthday, Uc!

### **ACROSS**

- 1. Play guitar and drink after Thursday
- 5. Robert's smuggling a Fritz Lang movie--that's
- 8. Maria Kern screwed with a new business creator
- 9. Ready to nap awkwardly [2 wds.]
- 10. Top five of diamonds in deck of sorts
- 11. Loves Byzantine figure
- 12. Gambles after the first dessert course
- 14. Beginning to declare Nike's reorganized and clean, in a way [MW-derivable]
- 16. Movie sound system surrounds *Abyss* with Jackson: it takes in money [2 wds.]
- 18. In this, ham is Sid's undoing!
- 20. Ancient god's wine cask overturned
- 21. One who makes a recording diminish gradually
- 23. Start changing notes
- 24. In Orkan, an utterance! [not MW]
- 26. Vulcan symbol includes ring containing element 53

- 27. Butter hurt back
- 28. With facing removed, anklet twisted, bent at the floor.
- 29. Pop top off a child's toe
- 30. Overheard religious comedian

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Upset giant robot in Crawford's last film
- 2. Bit of hooting and applause
- 3. John and Jason's animals beheaded
- 4. Lit sassy nude abstract without help [MW-derivable]
- 5. Acrobat on a beam has let down Met performer [2 wds.]
- 6. Ancient Persian drink in the sound
- 7. Put up with stream
- 13. Siamese twin embraces diarist and Broadway star
- 15. In Spanish, I don't know "poke"
- 17. Mobile bay trip combining two groups
- 19. In Bangor, kill a high-profile Russian
- 22. Report Bruce Willis's daughter in audience
- 25. Returning seed-spiller's iPod

## Automorphisms and Noninvariant Properties of the Completely Enumerable Sets 330Hz. 5.1

In the usual celebratory manner of our übergeek community,<sup>2</sup> we present an unorthodox cryptic.<sup>3</sup>

This paper builds on the work of Wald (1999), which states: "We also show that the properties of **quasicreativity**, **n-creativity**, **subcreativity**, and **effective simplicity** are not invariant under isomorphism." [Emphasis added.]

In this paper we present 40<sub>16</sub>-1 uproarious clues.<sup>4</sup> We divide the clues into four subsets, uniquely corresponding to Wald's four properties:

- Definition 1: We define **quasi-creative** clues as those whose answers create a new word without modification of the original set of letters: that is, the answers are to be transposed before being entered into the grid. Axiom 1: The final letter of quasi-creative clues is significant.
- Definition 2: We define **n-creative** clues as those whose answers create an extra n before being entered into the grid. Axiom 2: The nth letter of n-creative clues is significant, where n is the position of n in the entry.
- Definition 3: We define **subcreative** clues as those whose answers are too long for the grid, and therefore only a substring created from the answer is used as the grid entry. Axiom 3: Let w represent the index of the first character of the entered substring; the first letter of the wth word in the subcreative clue is significant. (Hyphenated compounds, if any, count as multiple words.)
- Definition 4: We define **effective simplicity** as the property of any clue not in the preceding sets, and whose answer is entered, unmodified, into the grid. Axiom 4: The first letter of clues possessing effective simplicity is significant.

By construction, each clue appears in exactly one set. Enumerations have been, unsurprisingly, concealed. One clue answer is not listed in 11C, and one is used in a non-MW sense (which is appropriate for this readership). One grid entry is in NI2 (which observes that it appears "in phrases after" another grid entry), one grid entry is two words, and one grid entry is 11C-findable. In some clues, surface punctuation is intentionally misleading.

We use the "significant letters" of each set of clues, read in clue order, to construct four ordered sets that are only approximately complete. Applying a particular noninvariant isomorphism (the same one each time), we will modify these sets in an obvious way to provide four sets that *are* uniformly complete.

One set identifies a set of objects which we will unerringly count. One set specifies the ubiquitous coördinates where the objects can be found. The third set describes the output of a mapping function whose input is the previously undertaken calculations.<sup>5</sup> The fourth set identifies an ur-context for this paper.

Once we have performed the umpteen computations and passed them through the mapping function, the output will be used carefully to let us complete the unclued central entry to reveal a true statement; if its meaning is unclear, consult Wald (once he's solved this) or Greene for an explanation. When viewed properly, the same output unambiguously confirms the noninvariant isomorphism used above. Finally, we will see that the output, taken in isolation, provides this paper's ultimate conclusion.

<sup>1</sup> The author expresses his gratitude to Qaqaq for reviewing an earlier draft and suggesting many improvements.

<sup>2</sup> The umlaut's compulsory.

<sup>3</sup> In other words, a "noninvariant" or "variety" cryptic.

While the grid undoubtedly could have been rotated to unconventionally categorize the entries as running "UP" and "'CROSS", that would have been unnecessarily confusing – not least for the unfortunate constructor!

<sup>5</sup> The function is to be applied twice; each time on a group of four results. A specific reference source will be useful.

#### Across:

- 1 NASA uncertain about university's social bath
- 4 McCourt's narrative makes claim against network
- 7 Legal copy revised "liable" trope
- 11 Inamorata's sweet talk with soulless subordinate holding love-in
- 12 Varied lone chip for card game
- 13 More howling, "Be victorious!" "Lose ignominiously!" and "Run!"
- 16 Computer brain took control, suffered from infection
- 17 Exotic grass on garments from Polyneisia
- 19 Island-filled expanse in Pacific Ocean rim is variegated
- 20 Robe obtained from Basinger and Yoko
- 21 Change course, down around visitor from Alpha Centauri
- 24 SF giant, like yours truly, with short turn
- 25 Panic coming from mislabeled "Retro Award" eschewing past
- 30 Unmoored Lisa's yachts
- 31 Medico declining Eastern state's opening
- 33 Promote keeping former lover with hundred sperm, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 35 Joyous experience is false! Untrue! Lie! (Nice, for one.)
- 41 Jeanne Dixon, e.g., speaking of drought
- 42 Real erratically, year is ahead of schedule
- 44 Scam heroin and steal cattle, rubbing out leader of republic
- 46 Arabic member of Parliament leading it to become unpleasant place to go to
- 48 Instrument in Utopian orchestra
- 50 Types "Newton is growing older, losing head"
- 52 Twice falls over, abandoning God
- 53 Yanni's characters portrayed by flora and fauna from several regions (British excepted)
- 54 Organofluorine compounds dispersed, lost: no A/C
- 55 Candy made from drop of theobroma and skimmed beverage
- 56 Plant's material matches declared yield
- 57 Mirrorlike electromagnets clasping ship's bottom
- 58 Cryptic resource described by radio operator interrupting radio operators

#### Down

- 1 "Unclean!" (said exactly that way)
- 2 One Dirac equation derivative
- 3 How "one" functions: Ones divided by

- 12 13 16 17 18 20 21 22 23 25 24 29 30 28 31 32 33 34 35 42 43 44 46 45 47 48 49 50 54 55 58
- one equals ones, in a group. That's cultish
- 4 Following interest, Neville Longbottom's pet toad has flipped over shy person
- 5 Held by gas pedal!
- 6 Post contents of Ibsen drama
- 8 High flyer from America following interstate with motorized transport
- 9 Combination of "Alice's Restaurant" owner and WikiLeaks founder getting rid of obstinate jerk
- 10 Condemn, mostly, East End edict from ruler
- 14 "Mecca Aid" disbanded, not producing any practical outcome
- 15 Producer of champagne Simpson's barkeep and tavern's opening
- 18 Bikini's top above stripper's string is Grade A
- 19 Apple gadget is programmed after trades by R&D
- 22 Major Strasser's killer, filling submachine gun, is wounded
- 23 Truly disgusting agent on Chicago transit forty days before Easter
- 24 Rookie's name source of excitement among staff
- 26 Receiving accolades dispelled despair

- 27 Interrupting Ms. Flanders with answer about a solution's density
- 28 Current time-out started by soccer's first-place team
- 29 Right at Jovian moon, syzygy's first producing relationships arithmetic
- 30 Chen, Liszt improvised a Viennese specialty
- 34 Albany, without odd characters, is not professional
- 36 Previously named ones taking blame for attempt to treat disorder
- 37 Geometric measure of topless Barenaked gal
- 38 Grad student who leads recitations and lecturer not permitted to finish physics unit without ħ
- 39 Oakland team snaps jelly molds
- 40 Annoy the French horn
- 43 Rising pitch indicates scab
- 45 Dine with Eric's better half that's great
- 47 Eagerly at first, following celebrity's gaze
- 49 Carelessly clone six tomes, like the OED
- 50 Brothel, sin, kinkiness supplying European capital
- 51 Oppose inconclusive "truth" and error

## **SAVOY TRUFFLE**

by Trazom

In honor of Ucaoimhu's 40th birthday, and to celebrate our shared passion for the works of Gilbert and Sullivan, I offer this cryptic-operatic bonbon. Each Across answer must be modified before entry in the grid, in a manner reflecting the title, subtitle, setting, or plot of one of the G&S operas; each of five operas is represented by four grid entries. Down clues are normal, but in the spirit of a sixth opera, one letter in each column has been *pirated* from the grid and relocated to the space below (the resulting entry will not necessarily be a word). These letters will spell out an appropriate title for the most ingenious and awe-inspiring cryptic constructor I know.

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## **ACROSS**

- 1 Singer/actress cut to the audience
- 5 Opening for expression of approval
- 8 Remain an alien from Yerevan, e.g.
- 9 In Nicaragua, what hesitation is suspicious?
- 11 Rotten, molten fruit
- Val waited anxiously for ocean peril ... (2 wds.)
- 15 ...until a pair was reported
- 17 Strange, truncated dam
- 19 Offending intergalactic emperor suppresses conditional force
- 21 Tan lime is disgusting food
- Mean to lose head and return thumbs-down in Glasgow
- 24 Trim Eastern European city, familiarly
- Minor damage spoiled plum inside boiled treat
- See you confused re: elf law
- Instruments before fools
- Fight for practice, clutching excellent weapon
- Look, you and I had discussed marine vegetation
- Remove trace of rubidium from ferrous particle
- 38 Stalk listener
- Sounds from a medium wearing pig pants

### **DOWN**

- 1 Friend, drink up!
- Leaders of Norway interact throughout extended period after sundown
- 3 First son of nomadic Inca
- 4 Mopes about source of salts
- Establish without old supply of money
- Love to interpret mountain nymph
- 7 Shining circle around a yard
- 9 Queen, up and over in a corner
- 10 Weasel: objectionable creature lacking velocity and energy
- 12 Pole totaled German car
- 14 Exchanges bodily fluids, including water
- Dirty politician concealing corrpution, for example
- 18 Vivacious sprite doesn't start
- Country singer from Ireland holding up tip of kazoo
- Heretical saint supports Mass worship service
- Illinois town heavens! nearly securing approval
- Obscure trine is noble, in some contexts
- 27 Norm goes after fuel he's a wise man [NI2]
- 29 Nothing in Belize rocks
- 31 Wild boar, swallowing horse, can't stand
- Letter from a female
- 33 Rising volcano risk
- 35 Queasy subject (yecch!)

## Die? I Live, Aid (^4 ^4 \*1\*1\*1)

## A Cryptic by Gabby on the occasion of Ucaoimhu's 40th birthday

Well, it appears the zombie apocalypse has finally (?) happened. But don't worry – we're not dead yet. Even though there are zombies all over the place, and even though many have fled – though the one guy with the car and the chainsaw said he'd be back – we don't have to join the mindless, soulless, lifeless, hopeless hordes. We may have our differences (detailed by those who have taken flight), but we also have something in common (detailed by the zombies from the acrosses). At any rate, I'm definitely 4-Down, if I may borrow from the musical phrase; if that isn't sufficiently clear, interpolate the results of following the instruction (4 wds, 1 hyph.) provided by the zombies from the downs

<u>Tagging notes</u>: Entries modified from clue answers before entry include one 11C-inferable NI2 word and one possibly unfamiliar NI3 word. 35D is an NI3 variant of an 11C entry.

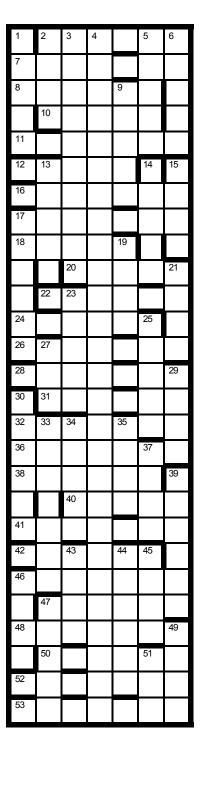
#### Across

- 2 Dolts make up general population (excluding man)
- 7 Hatch's neighbors, perhaps, rejected dull person holding on to tickets, accommodating Bush
- 8 Burglarize and throw out stout
- 10 Heartless relative from French city
- 11 Brief reply omitting Biden, for one, and lodge member to annoy Scottish county
- 12 Certain Peruvian with homespun outreaches to noted billionaire
- 16 Pays attention to point where sound is echoing
- 17 Spent time with Call of the Wild
- 18 On Xena, Gabrielle's "neener" comeback
- 20 Ordinary soldier and lieutenant are decorated, perhaps
- 22 Steve Urkel's girl, leaving Los Angeles school, then Wisconsin, was nearly gone
- 24 Wait impatiently, perhaps, to tote around gorilla
- 26 Contact that girl that way
- 28 Rule of crime-writing was frustrating and added afterwards
- **31** Around for each prank
- 32 Awful acne covering skin of ugly creature
- 36 Cargo transfer delay brought about uproar
- 38 Why 'Andy"? Name has returned for some unspecified point in time
- 40 Half of truly special occasion is over for church leader
- 41 During times without notes, beginning to extemporize starts over, perhaps
- 42 Respond to rude yawners
- 46 Singer Cleo: grand, reflective, kind
- 47 Reorganized bathroom, not recognizing B movie monster
- 48 Empathetic one hiding it in loading area
- 50 Loony Al travels to university
- 52 Some deep dish, perhaps, to glimpse Olympic distance runner
- 53 Ribald, horrible pun? Solution block it out at the start

#### Down

- 1 First aid location in high school for women
- 2 Invader of England has some nerve?
- 3 Hissing, object after excuses over
- 4 [unclued]
- **5** First leg of travel with western carrier
- 6 Affectionate sign-off in Finnegans Wake
- **9** Parts of legs start by backsides
- 13 Leonard the singer? Corporate bigwig never lead around that man
- 14 Composer of musicals wrote up Finally Home, You and I, and Grease
- **15** Grand Forks school with refusal to participate in rollback
- 17 Hostile course of action: having A & P destroyed in anger
- 19 Instruct one to scatter?
- 21 Necessity for a drive: steer neither left nor right
- 23 A signed obligation: back an insurance company
- 25 Groom in advance of an almost interminable stretch
- 27 Company's designation, perhaps; Vegas lacks it, yes?
- **29** Bummer to be hard up, hitting bottom
- **30** Ex-prime minister's racket, reportedly
- 33 Cold one carrying oven to meet
- **34** President in club, surrounded by bunnies

- 35 Twosome it breaks up parent
- 37 Teeny mix-up in Russian: no
- 39 Nurse entered, ordered usual from waitress in *Mad About* You
- 43 Righteous one, not self-righteous one?
- 44 Pore over, describing this short African archaically
- 45 Unusual to broadcast again, saving second showing for the end
- 46 Trendy retailer's inviting a patron inside
- 47 Skinny, after I'm rebuffed in center of fashion
- 49 Garrett on TV sounds like Mr. Romano
- 51 Not as much of Paul on guitar



## **HEROES**

by Zither (aka Zebraboy and Hathor)

A nefarious villain is out to sabotage Kevin's birthday. His wicked deeds include the thefts of a single letter from each of several clues. Initial letters of those clues, in clue order, will ID the miscreant. Final clue letters, in the same order, will describe his plot. The stolen letters, in the same order, will form a mysterious string of gibberish you'll need some assistance interpreting.

Help is on the way! Buffy Summers will vanquish the answers to the unvandalized Across clues: a third she'll decapitate, and she'll put out the hearts of another third, causing them to crumble. The remaining third are unaffected but entering them in the grid correctly will require some concentration.

Veronica Mars will investigate the unvandalized Down clues: in a third she'll plant a bug, and another third she'll put a tail on. The remainder will be handled similarly to Buffy's final third.

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#### **ACROSS: BUFFY SUMMERS**

- 1 Spot a conservative in audience for spicy Italian fare
- **6** Early on, Seth Green recalled 1000 teeming pests...
- 9 ... his character returning to New England neighborhood
- **12** Looking directly at Cecily's heart, captured by a feature of a vampire's smile
- 14 Ira Rosenberg initially going in to marry soothsayer
- **15** Ancient snake-worshipper's whip draped around strange chair
- **16** Erin's not stale describing harbor and river in *Deutsch*
- **17** Van carried away quiet men in potentially prickly case?
- 18 Noisy fellow who once shot witches is a scoundrel
- **19** "Into every generation a slayer is born," say I, looking back a bit with a touch of nostalgia
- 22 Skeletons: they might give you goose bumps
- 25 Immense feline's liver excited outré chefs
- **26** Last members of Sunnydale gang honoring hero's accomplishment?
- 28 Poindexter's kid's losing small piece of banana
- **30** Understanding for teenagers in country
- **31** Satirist's *The Return of Spike* entertaining Kevin W.
- 35 Not at all oddly, Anya's snarly and whiny-sounding
- **37** Added pieces of information after beginning to comprehend origins of scales and eyestalk (*2 words*)
- **38** Science in a museum on the Charles is a pain in the ass
- **39** Rachmaninoff ultimately rebuking pair putting forth *Piece* for Banjo and Bouzouki
- 40 Tries to sharpen up sad liquor-loving men
- **41** Your eccentric bride's shorthand for stuff like volleyball and ping-pong
- **42** Willow's orientation being unresolved, British character watched atentively
- **43** Warlock is bad about love and charitable acts, often (2 words)

#### **DOWN: VERONICA MARS**

- 1 Narcs ... on ... on ... drugs. Da-a-a-a-ang!
- 2 She starts to have Echolls reinvestigated
- **3** "Crime's just getting started!" editors used to rant
- 4 Oddly themed article of clothing
- **5** Proportion of stoolie information passed between man and machine
- 6 Racer's goal: win early run with prize at the finish
- 7 Author at one assembly in literary France
- 8 Shelter Backup in a desolate place
- **10** Bedroom openings of incredible elasticity being something soft and runny
- 11 A kinky sex partner and second person getting talked about
- **13** Reverend Spooner's rational plug for a weapon used in several movies
- **20** Stagehand's medal taken by guy who lets go onstage, then offstage, then onstage, etc.
- 21 Supply of food tapers off
- **23** Veronica habitually evinces moment when it all becomes clear
- 24 Suspect can start to make a deal
- **27** Home, for some Texans, pales after heading to Oklahoma (2 wds.)
- 29 A pop is half-human
- 32 Reckless fun, easy almost, like angering Weevil Navarro
- 33 Element of operas trolls do on the Cartoon Network
- **34** Search frantically for answer in old torture device
- **36** Ran gathering intelligence (a bit hard in Cologne)
- 37 Glass returned to Jackie's sweetie