## **Omissions**

Attribution in grid

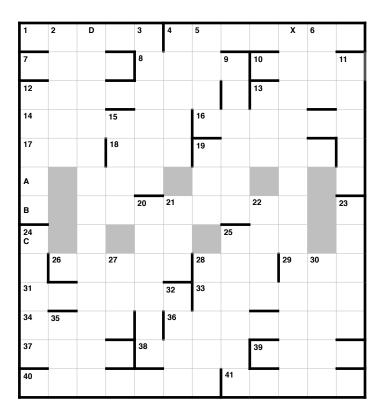
All Downs contain an omission that you must add back in prior to solving. Joining up, all omissions will inform you of an additional omission, at which point you should fill all vacant gray partitions with that omission. Rows including said partitions will show:

- A) this cryptic's inspiration
- B) this cryptic's attribution
- C) what A's work calls for a lot of (as A might say it)

In addition, two Across *solutions* contain an omission, which you must also add back in prior to putting both in your grid, giving two individuals in a writing group (along with **A**) championing constraints. Column **D** will contain this writing group along with a word outlining a broad constraint for all writing. Column **X** will highlight a final fact about Column **D**, illuminating a narrow constraint for which **A** is known, and of which this cryptic is an illustration.

## Across

- Girls kidnapping boy without clothing in British prisons
- 4 Firstborn son of Gallic king is lawman north of Michigan and mid-China
- 7 Punch lazy individual
- 8 Skull Island inhabitant from Atari's first *Product Park* is \$1000
- 10 Fix clothing in promo about doc's assistant
- 12 Kid in old comic strip is 56 in May
- 13 Grills butts without lid
- 14 Ring doctor in birth
- 16 Country with no right approach
- 17 Urchin starts to inhibit my play
- 18 In Bolivia, a uniform (half navy)
- 19 Don, still napping, turns (2 words)
- 26 A chunk of flak, a bulwark in Afghani city
- 28 Dung photo, oddly
- 29 Bloodsucking arachnid with no mouth—that's gross
- 31 Month in, follows group including Kamala Harris's mom
- 33 Bullock with quartz grains bounds off in Iran
- 34 Military colors rotating part (ring)
- 36 Rubbish drain flows back to church orator
- 37 Hot boating tool's icy coating
- 38 Last curious sailor
- 39 Small part of foot in church
- 40 Construction using primary parts of chum in morning
- 41 Magical symbol within Pirsig illustration



## Down

- 2 Shock troops mostly following Scot's First Lady
- 3 Oat granola initially has author going downhill in January?
- 4 Disc royalty (informally) in party with rock musician Wilson Flip
- 5 Scratching top part of ass shortly
- 6 Sapling of fir kills bug
- 9 Avid focus of adults in factions
- 11 Boy, bad start in Gotham, North Carolina
- 12 Add a joint inscription ("missing son") on tony protrusion?
- 13 Rat tips craft
- 15 In Scotland, snarl thru piano is grand [NI3]
- 19 Abnormal rain activity starts to pound small island
- 20 Hikaru of sci-fi company turns to Val Window
- 21 Org. that pays sport with icing, and no half, oddly
- 22 I trick PC to click?
- 23 Mall filling (also known as crown) from rioting infantryman in Morocco [NI3]
- 24 You in Munich or in Paris abandoning sack from Holland
- 25 Insults (kiddingly) hop-drying kiln during last par in majors
- 27 H.S. class football star Jackson towing yours truly
- 28 Al cutting noon-to-midnight hymn
- 30 Loudly show off man's spring plants
- 32 Fix spur right in mist
- 35 Dustin, finish off rising NY politician (abbr.)