

Bryant Park Reading Room Coffee & Crosswords Tournament Puzzles 2016 & 2017

The first Bryant Park Crossword Tournament was held in September 2016 at the Bryant Park Reading Room, a lovely outdoor corner of the famed park in Midtown Manhattan, just behind the main branch of the New York Public Library. Solvers in this Puzzability event competed on three puzzles by Mike Shenk. The winner of this inaugural tournament was Francis Heaney, with Bob Mackey in second place and Suzie Spaulding in third.

For the second Bryant Park tournament in September 2017, we added a championship final, a warm-up puzzle, and two skill divisions for this Coffee & Crosswords event: Espresso and Cappuccino. All puzzles were again by Mike Shenk. The 2017 tournament was won by Andy Kravis, with Glen Ryan in second place and Bob Mackey in third. Cappuccino Division winners were Nancy Taubenslag in first, Vicki Eastus in second, and Dan Chall in third.

All eight puzzles in those 2016 and 2017 events are gathered here. To re-create the full experience, solve them in a park with pigeons and the occasional nearby siren. We hope you enjoy these puzzles.

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PUZZLE 1: Bookkeeping

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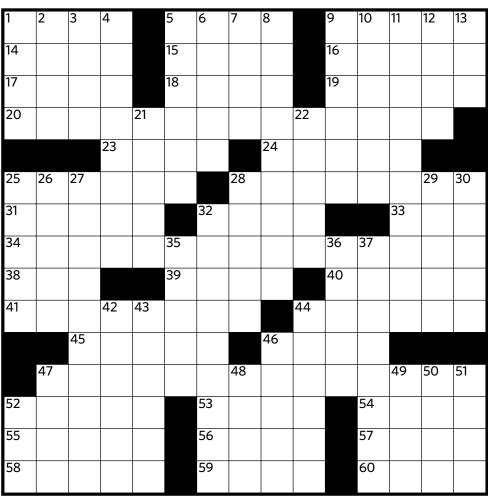
- 1 "You ___ Hurry Love"
- **5** Barbershop sound
- 9 Consigliere's group
- **14** "That wasn't supposed to happen"
- 15 "That's just hilarious"
- **16** In ___ (hurrying)
- **17** "Pride (In the Name of Love)" singer
- 18 Reviled czar
- 19 Broad valleys
- **20** Perry Como song that says "It's fun to wander through the alphabet"
- 23 Broker's advice
- **24** "Groundhog Day" director Harold
- 25 Readily accessible
- **28** Eschew Uber, in a way
- **31** Performed brilliantly
- 32 Proctor's call
- **33** Where Usain Bolt won his last three gold medals
- **34** Computer's hexadecimal identifier
- 38 Lowish USN rank
- **39** Pixar film set in Radiator Springs
- 40 Lively folk dances
- **41** Beanlike parts of catalpa trees
- **44** "The Other Side of Midnight" writer Sheldon
- **45** Manager Joe with four World Series titles
- **46** Glade grazer
- **47** She sank off Nantucket in 1956
- **52** Fanny pack setting
- **53** Venom dispenser
- **54** Rhames of "Pulp Fiction"
- **55** Marie Curie's Nobelist daughter
- **56** Approximating words
- **57** "___homo" (words from Pilate)
- **58** First family when the Titanic sank

- **59** Bassoon part
- **60** Book, informally (which is found in the three long Across answers)

- **1** Where the mambo and rumba originated
- 2 Call from a cutter
- **3** Dessert for a dieter, e.g.
- 4 Meaning of kilo-
- **5** Police badge
- **6** Like some blockades
- 7 "If ___a Hammer"
- 8 Scenic views
- 9 Monsieur's wife

- **10** Peninsula bordered by the Persian Gulf
- **11** YouTube video viewing option
- **12** "So that's it!"
- **13** Massage recipient's sounds
- **21** Magazine mailing plea
- 22 Did an autumn chore
- 25 Hibachi waste
- **26** Scottish baron
- 27 Marshal's collar
- **28** Stadium levels
- 29 Usher's place30 Overbearing
- **32** Got in a swap

- 35 Squirrel's prize
- **36** Helped with the dishes
- **37** Playground game with two teams
- 42 Neglects to
- **43** Talks foolishly
- 44 Neptune, e.g.
- 46 Tightly packed
- **47** "Gone With the Wind" plantation
- **48** Valuable to a collector
- 49 Paella base
- 50 Machu Picchu native
- **51** Like some wines and cheeses
- **52** Humor



PUZZLE 2: Tree's Company

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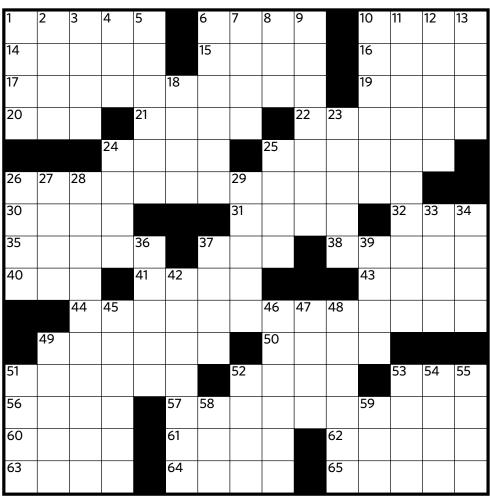
- 1 Bar mitzvah figure
- Bollywood costume
- 10 Racket
- Disgruntled employee's cry
- Dash
- Attire for a senator, say
- Part of a birch used for boxing practice?
- 19 Give off
- Served on a jury
- 21 "Could I have your attention please?"
- 22 Wolflike
- 24 Do a checkout chore
- Coat feature
- Part of a sycamore starting to stir?
- "This can't be good!"
- Scrubbed, as a mission
- Word often following 46-Down
- Suffers with sibilants
- Whole bunch
- 38 Mother-in-law of Ruth
- Mauna _
- It covers all the bases
- Place for busy hands
- Part of a poplar that's playing truant?
- Authenticate
- Ketch cousin
- Region that's about the same size as Brazil
- Sister of Poseidon
- 53 Clear, in a way
- Brewpub concoctions
- Part of a cottonwood belonging to Kobe?
- 60 Without a doubt
- Address for a baroness
- Willow or Holly in Buckingham Palace, e.g.
- Follow
- It has a duel purpose
- 65 Brother of 52-Across

DOWN

- 1 Pants problems
- 2 Turquoise kin
- Suicide squeeze part
- 4 Pen name
- Cornell's home
- Sister of Venus
- School donor, often
- 8 Avoided a fight
- Suggestion
- 10 Intervene
- Trailer words
- Winery process
- **13** Significant other
- Prepare for roasting

- 23 Northern side
- 24 Where do you get off?
- 25 Rocker Russell
- Winning streak
- 27 River to Cairo
- 28 Words on many convenience store window stickers
- Publisher with a borzoi colophon
- Product first available in Bondi Blue
- Solemn act
- Flight unit
- Greeks-bearing-gifts setting

- III-fated shepherd
- 42 Pleasant to talk to
- No longer readable, in a way
- Order acknowledgment
- Animal house
- 48 Seamstress's sample
- 49 Put stock in
- Merit badge holder
- Remorseless alter ego
- Poet-singer
- Drive
- Aspen pair
- Common music
- Frilly accessory



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PUZZLE 3: Taking the Title

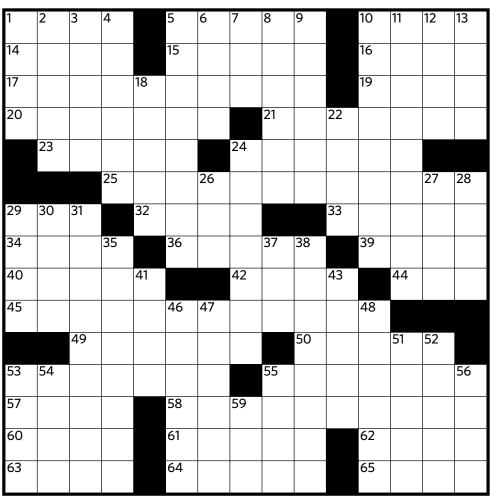
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- 1 Afghan constitution
- 5 Pan, e.g.
- 10 Hysterical happening
- What Washington couldn't tell
- Ike's opponent
- In times past
- Catches by Arctic infielders?
- What la guillotine removes
- 20 Delicate shades
- Neighbor of Flanders
- 23 Handle
- 24 Big number, often
- Competitions for gunslingers?
- 29 Sixth of a fl. oz.
- 32 Asgard chief
- 33 Ferret's cousin
- Antlered animal
- "With a Little Help From My Friends" singer
- Member of a sinful septet
- 40 Helvetica look-alike
- Hardship
- Jazz saxophonist Gordon, familiarly
- Animal flirting with its charmer?
- Brother of Lucrezia Borgia
- 50 Hindquarters
- 24th film in a long-running series
- Tie pattern
- "Toodles!"
- Sign at an old video store?
- 60 Brain acquirer of film
- Without letup
- 62 Citation abbr.
- Surrealist Magritte
- Pay periods, often
- Sprawl comfortably

- 1 Raucous cry
- 2 Rap sheet datum
- 3 Dentist directive
- 4 Brought home
- Minuteman parts
- Exchanged words
- Not sing.
- 8 Has leftovers, maybe
- Ascendant
- Kitchenette cooker
- 11 "Be right there"
- Square root of sexaginta quattuor

- Many a fake ID user
- In after having been out
- 22 Olympus Mons setting
- 24 Back
- Funny fellow
- Icicle spot
- Dante's Tower of Anger was on its banks
- Lose one's aloofness
- 30 Rawalpindi wrap
- Brown alternative
- Parting words
- Flying Cloud maker
- Gives a marketing makeover

- 41 Lean to the side
- 43 Celtic priest
- Shoe specification
- "The Quiet American" writer
- Heineken subsidiary
- "Apologia Socratis" author
- Calyx component
- Recipe instruction
- Hospital summons
- Like a breast cancer awareness ribbon
- 56 Raucous cry
- Like a new bairn



WARM-UP: What's Happening?

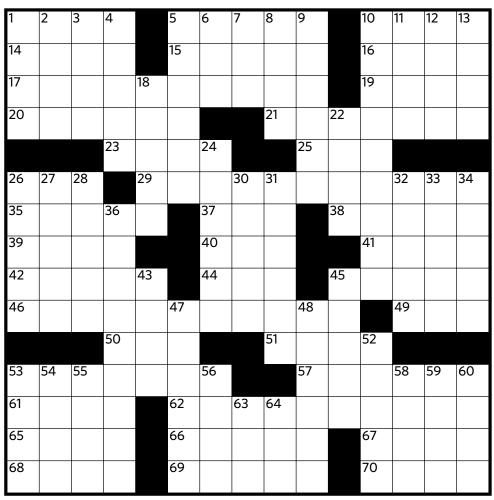
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- **1** They may be bruised or stroked
- **5** Not speaking to, perhaps
- **10** Authoritative decree
- **14** Tibia or fibula, for example
- **15** "___ vincit amor" ("Love conquers all")
- **16** Not busy
- **17** With 29-Across, sponsor of today's event
- 19 Genuine
- 20 Duo tripled
- 21 Go to sea
- **23** Pizzeria in "Do the Right Thing"
- 25 Umpire's call
- 26 Sunscreen letters
- 29 See 17-Across
- **35** They're rolled out for rainouts
- **37** Boggy area
- **38** ___Baron Cohen ("Borat" star)
- **39** Banned apple orchard spray
- 40 Gardner of "Mogambo"
- **41** Sorrowful drop
- 42 Wildly energetic
- **44** Barbecue item
- 45 Chicago footballers
- **46** Company running today's event
- 49 Slangv denial
- **50** Do the wrong thing
- **51** Chinese secret society
- **53** With 62-Across, today's event
- **57** Major arteries
- **61** Skater's turning jump
- **62** See 53-Across
- 65 Letter before gamma
- **66** Bank robbery
- **67** Show sorrow
- **68** Unforeseen problem
- 69 Canterbury collection
- 70 Letterman rival

- 1 Diminishes
- 2 Clinton's veep
- **3** Cameo stone
- **4** Does a theater usher's iob
- **5** Mark with blotches
- **6** Electric guitar hookup
- **7** Genetic stuff
- 8 Broadcasts
- **9** Accept, as responsibility
- **10** Excellent
- **11** A light bulb may symbolize one
- **12** Jai ___

- 13 Act the snitch
- 18 Approaches
- **22** Pulls gently
- **24** Serengeti expedition
- **26** Passport endorsement
- 27 Pacific island nation28 Composer Liszt
- **30** New Jersey hockey player
- **31** Shortly
- **32** Neptune's domain
- **33** Southern belle Scarlett
- **34** Boggy area
- **36** Item hoisted on a regatta-winning yacht
- 43 Give a hoot

- 45 After all this time
- **47** "The Threepenny Opera" playwright Bertolt
- 48 Raises a glass to
- **52** Canine threat
- **53** Much Manhattan traffic
- **54** The yoke's on them
- **55** Greek cheese
- 56 Mitchell of NBC News
- 58 Arbor Day planting
- **59** Yemen port
- **60** Nickname of hockey great Phil
- 63 Saudi export
- **64** Dir. opposite NNW



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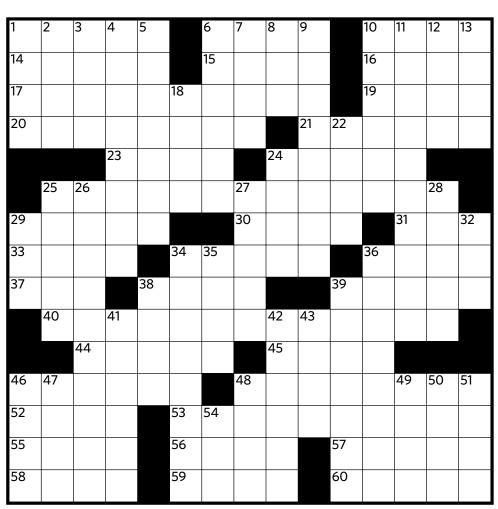
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- **1** Experts at low pitches
- 6 Novel idea?
- **10** Messengers in the wizarding world
- **14** "The Novel of the Future" writer Nin
- 15 Beastly abode
- **16** Wrestling event
- **17** Handbook written with a slyly derisive tone?
- 19 Tolstoy's Karenina
- 20 Unrevealed asset
- 21 "Punk'd" host Kutcher
- 23 Senate garment
- **24** Senate-covering network
- **25** Logbook that covers only March through May?
- 29 Lukewarm
- **30** Nashville attraction
- 31 Chasing game
- **33** Bound
- **34** Fine
- **36** Carved representation of a Polynesian god
- 37 PC's brain
- 38 Senate staffer
- **39** Like burlap and basketwork
- **40** Textbook with fewer pages than the others?
- 44 Cat Nation people
- **45** Tombstone name
- 46 Felt sorry for
- **48** Late
- **52** Kitchen invaders
- **53** Daybook filled with passionate passages?
- **55** Prairie Provinces tribe
- 56 Gumbo need
- **57** Liberate from bondage, perhaps
- **58** Hardy title character
- **59** Payment on Park Place
- **60** Spoils the surprise, in a way

- 1 Gala event
- 2 ___Domini
- **3** Join the regatta
- 4 Cruise jaunt
- **5** Motion response
- **6** Like mice and men
- **7** Deposited
- **8** End for planet or meteor
- **9** There's money in it
- **10** Warren Buffett, notably
- **11** Was a bad anthropologist, maybe
- 12 Fallon's predecessor

- 13 Laugh-provoking Laurel
- **18** Wildly excited
- **22** Energetic
- 24 "The hottest spot north of Havana," according to Manilow
- **25** Corporate high-ups
- **26** Features of some doorman uniforms
- 27 Deck extra
- 28 Staples Center player
- 29 Pampering, for short
- **32** Singapore sling ingredient
- **34** Tried to hit
- **35** Lofty verses

- **36** "Rights of Man" writer
- **38** Female friend in France
- 39 Tensely excited
- **41** Van Gogh painting that sold for \$53.9 million in 1987
- **42** Examine intently
- 43 Off-color
- **46** Negotiations goal
- 47 Dealing with
- **48** Golden Globe winner Laura
- 49 Fill until full
- **50** Composer Satie
- **51** Batiking supplies
- **54** 34th POTUS



PUZZLE 2: Tree-Huggers

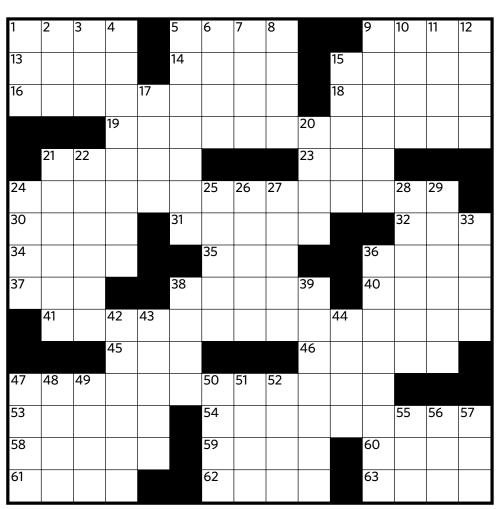
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- 1 Tot's cry
- Foot part
- "The Swedish Nightingale"
- 13 Pronto
- View from the Valley of the Kings
- Tree hugged by 41-Across
- 1947 Camus novel set in French Algeria
- "Rawhide" singer Frankie
- Cable news host who's a Rhodes scholar
- Disney title character voiced by Auli'i Cravalho
- 23 Follower's follower?
- Only Russian with a career Grand Slam
- Ransom paid for a car?
- Dijon noodles
- Land in a riv.
- "... sting like ___": Muhammad Ali
- GPS suggestion
- Roman statesman who opposed the Scipio family
- Crumpet accompanier
- Capital that's home to the World Center for Birds of Prey
- Savage sort
- 41 Man in a monkey suit?
- 45 Endorsement
- Radii neighbors
- Fiancée of February 1981
- Tree hugged by 47-Across
- Numerical prefixes
- Big buttes
- Janet Jackson's "___Lonely"
- Lawrence with an accordion
- Zest source
- Valuable vein
- 63 Late round

- 1 Roll for a yoga practicer
- 2 Tree hugged by 24-Across
- Whitman of TV's "Parenthood"
- 4 Value
- Protected for knitting
- 6 Close
- Game played with a wrench
- Pump part
- Cause
- Terse admission
- Billionth, in metric prefixes

- 12 Roughed out
- Handbag feature
- Turner of film
- Hamm and Farrow
- 21 Fruity red wine
- 22 Trying test
- 24 Castle defense
- 25 Bittern, for one
- Top story
- Shortstop Pee Wee
- 28 The "little blue pill"
- Team originally named the Colt .45s
- MGM co-founder Marcus
- Head lines?
- Retirement spots

- 39 Tutor
- Strengthen with heat
- Horses with speckled coats
- Donald's impersonator on "Saturday Night Live"
- 47 Dewy, say
- 48 "Ah, right!"
- Church section
- Sandbox toy
- Therefore
- Can't live without
- Scottish river
- Tree hugged by 19-Across
- Go, at Stowe



PUZZLE 3: Catching Some Sun

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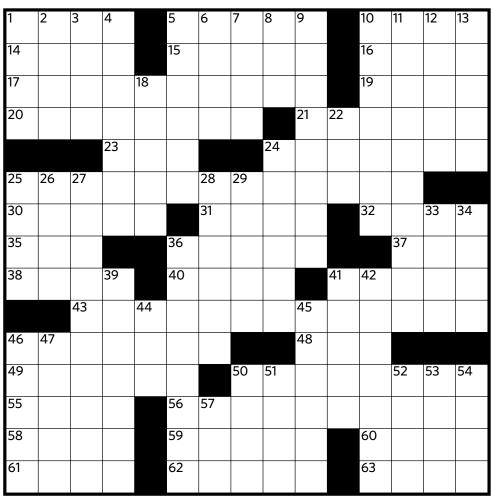
- 1 His last words are "Thus, I give up the spear!"
- **5** "Las Vegas of the East"
- 10 Confused jumble
- **14** McConaughey's "Dallas Buyers Club" costar
- 15 New Mexico senator Tom
- **16** " and Louis" (1956 jazz album)
- 17 Minnesota player acted like an ass?
- 19 Dollar competitor 20 Places for watching
- workers 21 Brace for a break
- 23 Good name for a financial planner
- 24 Out of the ordinary
- 25 Item for coloring pictures red?
- **30** Like Jarlsberg
- 31 Thief's take
- **32** Singer who toured the U.S. in a show mounted by P.T. Barnum
- **35** Miocene epoch newcomer
- 36 48th U.S. vice president
- **37** Reed on records
- 38 Loaded
- 40 Review on Yelp, e.g.
- **41** Mark over a short vowel
- 43 Picture of a bearded man with an hourglass and scythe?
- 46 Film that earned Pacino his first Best Actor Oscar nomination
- 48 Xbox 360 rival
- 49 "If I Can't Have You" singer Elliman
- **50** Hypothetical matter in which there is no attraction between the molecules
- **55** Foretoken
- **56** Tithe from a dime?
- **58** Mike and ___(candy counter buy)

- 59 Broken, say
- **60** The Ponte Vecchio crosses it
- 61 Not so
- **62** Not trustworthy
- **63** Gather

- 1 Resort east of Snowbird
- 2 Shaped with a chisel
- **3** Arguing
- **4** Feature of many a homecoming celebration
- 5 1984 costar of Aykroyd and Ramis
- **6** Sistine ceiling figure
- 7 Low islands

- 8 Bass output
- 9 Antiquated
- **10** Purple-flowering herb used in poultices
- 11 "Revelations" choreographer
- **12** Feature of Michelangelo's "David"
- 13 Cause of some bad decisions
- **18** Bonds on a diamond
- 22 Supporting side
- 24 Service member?
- 25 Blacken
- 26 Snake dance performers
- **27** Pacemaker parts
- 28 Hardly luxe
- 29 Cost in total

- **33** Stellar discovery
- **34** If you want to do it, you'd better learn to draw first
- **36** General rules
- 39 Cool air?
- **41** Wooden pipe
- 42 Sleeper, e.g.
- 44 Hr. fraction
- 45 Fustily academic
- 46 Basil Fawlty's wife
- 47 Call forth
- **50** Paul Simon's "___ Rock"
- **51** Not natural
- 52 "Sommersby" star
- 53 "I Whistle a Happy Tune" singer
- **54** Proctor's call
- 57 Grandstand cry



THE FINAL: For the Championship

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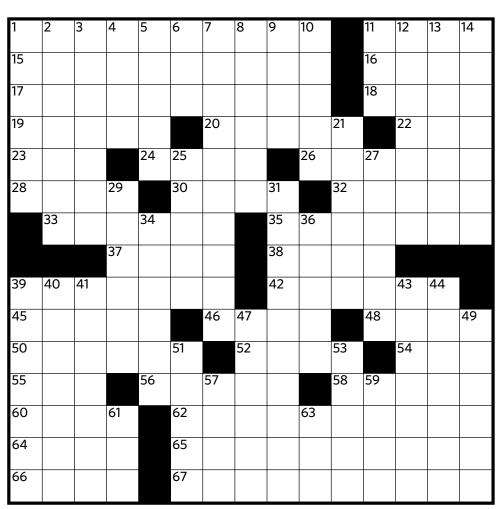
- Fed in the race, e.g.
- Knowledgeable about
- 15 Grand Central circler
- Feature presentation
- Free agents?
- Brand that's been kosher since 1998
- Something to bum or thumb
- 20 "And soon I heard a roaring wind: It did not come ____": Coleridge
- Site of a sliding door, often
- Russia's Tupolev Tu-144, e.g.
- 24 Print maker, at times
- Superior court adversary
- 28 Military chopper
- **30** Make gross growth?
- Berliner, for one
- Its first edition cost two kopecks
- Not a company man
- Take orders
- 38 In liquid form, say
- Cry at a revival meeting
- Aces
- Runners at ski resorts?
- 46 Wood player
- 48 A buck or two
- 50 Hiawatha operator
- They got new jerseys upon leaving New Jersey
- Worker in an orchard
- 55 House call
- Antiquarian's acquisition
- Galaxy message
- Tighten, perhaps
- "The Insider" villain
- Vibe
- Vehicle that can carry millions at a time
- 66 Sax object
- Tide hero

DOWN

- 1 Cannonball effect
- 2 Matches
- Juno, to Jupiter, for one
- Put initials on, perhaps
- Inspiration sites
- Tony-winning role for Patti
- Paid back
- ___cups (tight)
- Ban competition
- Spots from which to drop Acme anvils

- 11 Star vehicle?
- Molly Brown in 1894, notably
- Oldest of the Titans
- Recent delivery
- One who handles a lot of cases
- Cream number, e.g.
- Like an enchilada
- 29 Slow show
- 31 Panhandler?
- College founded by a brewer
- 36 Break out
- 8,760 hours hence

- 40 Mature
- Baryshnikov said of him, "His perfection is an absurdity"
- Maxim de Winter's first wife
- Bud holder
- Closed book
- 49 Sally
- Spit-in-your-food dish
- Katana's cousin
- Former Italian capital
- Peer group member
- Touch
- Royal ball



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