

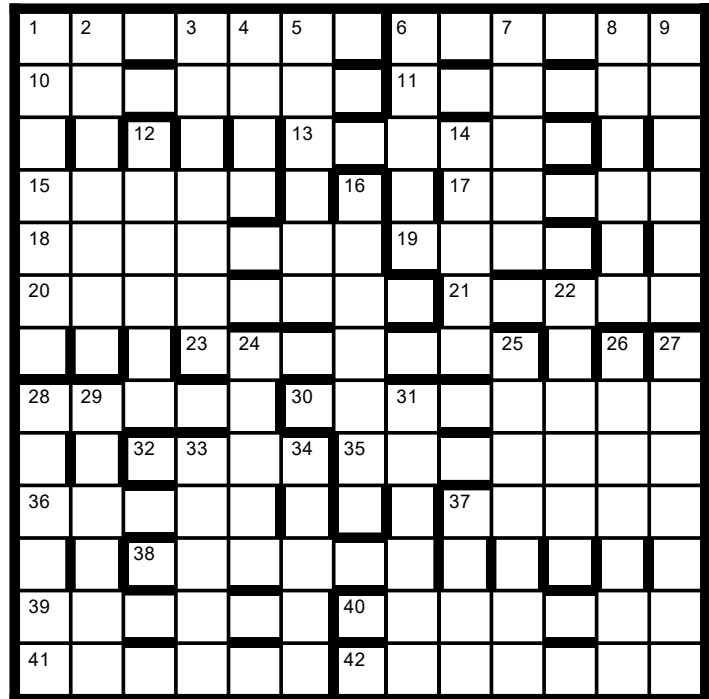
Reinstatement

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A two-letter state abbreviation must be inserted into every clue prior to solving. In 38 instances, abbreviations are added to a word to create a new word, two of which are capitalized. In the remaining 8 instances, abbreviations are inserted with a space between the letters to create two new words from one, including one two-word phrase and one capitalized word. For example, **PA** may be inserted into PORT in this way to create POP ART.

The four unused abbreviations can be arranged into two four-letter words which together could describe what this puzzle is.

AK AL AR AZ CA CO CT DE FL GA
HI IA ID IL IN KS KY LA MA MD
ME MI MN MO MS MT NC ND NE NH
NJ NM NV NY OH OK OR PA RI SC
SD TN TX UT VA VT WA WI WV WY



Across

- 1 A couple of applicants quietly wander around condo (7)
- 6 Suer, perhaps by error, is ultimately constructing strong suits (6)
- 10 Red beer awed stock-farmer (7)
- 11 Consult a referee in knit uniform during polo foul (6, 2 wds.)
- 13 After new year, cry about urban center's close (6)
- 15 Voile wares (5)
- 17 Pay tribute to section of metro now heading west (5)
- 18 Lester travels around zone to give miner water (7)
- 19 Ads for home sites (4)
- 20 Private coed coteries (8)
- 21 Strange pumas around Venezuela's capital (5)
- 23 A dummy downing a couple of tequilas... he's ten in (7)
- 28 Scratching the head of Han's children (5)
- 30 News agencies break into cooker (8)
- 32 Boot aroused pique, having no heel (4)
- 35 She, as a secret, put lug nuts in dip (7)
- 36 Man in a lace covering shaved sad Tibetan donkey (5)
- 37 Bends in faultless Potomac provide raftsmen serene backdrop (5)
- 38 Idyllic place thin Texan adulterated (6)
- 39 Aunt earned nap, yet is active (6, 2 wds.)
- 40 W Virginia, say, has unhealthiest evacuated (7)
- 41 Chest man once filled with rare bugs (6)
- 42 Perhaps adorned in ox skins from Jacksonville, wise laureate died (7)

Down

- 1 Pack animals eat ends of bushy cresses (7)
- 2 Powers shed up with singular skill? (7)
- 3 Great bats dived by at boat race (7)
- 4 Send letters in to editor documenting crisp aroma (4)
- 5 Deer trampled merchant (6)
- 6 Fill festive stocking up to flap (5)
- 7 Bachelor gets into underground steroid (5)
- 8 It's your turn to broadcast content (6)
- 9 Co-lead of sales disturbed April (6)
- 12 Fruit and baked sole (6)
- 14 Watery heron compound (5)
- 16 Following expedition, Poe gets rid of excellent photography gear (7)
- 22 I've ruined raid (6)
- 24 Condescend to Scandinavian ally (5)
- 25 Leader in exile brought up something Che ate in school (7)
- 26 Tycoon's parer bears silver inscription on the bottom (7)
- 27 Scornfully laughed at forester having no English degree (7)
- 28 Hyperlink in girl's extra tattoo (6)
- 29 Don't finish slim, uplifting read (6)
- 31 Tailed for sixty seconds (6)
- 33 Forty win lodges in Utah? Not likely (5)
- 34 Begs for sale out loud (5)
- 37 Lady donated side dish (4)