

Puzzle #144 — April 2013 "Omissions"

A	P	O	S	T	R	O	P	H	E	A
P	E	R	S	I	O	N	E	A	R	R
I	N	G	F	R	C	E	F	E	D	E
R	A	L	E	E	K	S	I	N	E	P
A	L	E	R	E	S	O	R	E	C	O
T	T	E	R	N	A	M	E	M	O	S
E	Y	L	I	T	T	E	R	O	P	E
R	A	S	T	I	R	S	A	M	E	L
A	T	T	E	N	A	T	T	E	R	A
V	A	L	R	E	D	R	E	S	S	S
E	D	E	E	L	L	I	P	S	I	S

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
SOMETHING'S MISSING

Across

1. APOSTROPHE
2. A(S)PERSION
3. EARRING
4. F(O)RCE
5. FEDERAL
6. (M)EEK
7. S(E)INE
8. PALE
9. RES(T)ORE
10. COTTER
11. NAME
12. MOSEY
13. LITTER
14. OPERA
15. STIR
16. S(H)AME
17. LATTE
18. NATT(I)ER
19. (N)AVAL
20. REPRESS
21. SED(G)E
22. ELLIPSIS

Down

1. A(S)PIRATE
2. RAVE
3. PENALTY
4. (M)ATADOR
5. GLEE
6. L(I)STLESS
7. FERRITE
8. RETIRE
9. (S)ENTINEL
10. ROCK
11. SATRAP
12. LONESOME
13. STRIPE
14. FIRE
15. RATE
16. PHA(S)E
17. NEMO
18. MESS(I)ER
19. DECO
20. PERSIA(N)
21. REPOSE
22. (G)LASS

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 25 minutes.

Note: A number of solvers claimed that "something's missing" is only two words. Does the contraction of two words with an apostrophe make it one word? I claim not but could find no

definitive ruling on the matter. A handful of solvers sidestepped the issue with the valid three-word answer: "some things missing." JdeC

May Puzzle Solvers

(The first ten are listed in the order their solutions were received, the others alphabetically)

1. Mark Navarrete – Quezon City, the Philippines
2. Stephen Throop – Grover, NC
3. Cathy Childs – Pompano Beach, FL
4. Rick Kasten – Alexandria, VA
5. Brian McCrady – Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
6. Judy Adamski – Jenison, MI
7. Al Sanders – Fort Collins, CO
8. Dina Fertig – Cherry Hill, NJ
9. Itai Pines – Portland, OR
10. Steve Gunter – Raleigh, NC

William Alcorn – Cleveland Heights, OH
Dale Ashworth – San Francisco, CA
Al Backiel – Ridgewood, NJ
Robert Brown – Albuquerque, NM
Joe Cabrera – Boston, MA
Kevin Cadmus – Columbus, OH
Henry Cook – Chicago, IL
Al Damm – Marshall, WI
David Durfee – Bennington, VT
Keith and Elizabeth Falkner – Sarasota, FL
Barbara Featherston – St. Louis, MO
Joe Fendel – Berkeley, CA
Matthew Field – Hastings, England
Stan Francuz – Somewhere in Australia
Warren Fraser – Marmora, Ontario, Canada
Lewis Gee – Poway, CA
Michael N. Geselowitz – Cedarhurst, NY
Kris Green – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Michael Green – St. Louis, MO
Peter Green – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Craig Harman – Washington, DC
Richard Harrison – Portland, OR
Greg Hartgraves – Sioux Falls, SD
Jim Hartney – Martinez, CA
Vicki Homer – Philadelphia, TN
Ralph Jones – Aurora, CO
Wayne Jones – Worcester, NY
Natasha Julius – Chicago, IL
Dave Kaplan – New City, NY
Eliot Kieval – New York, NY
Stan Kurzban – Chappaqua, NY
Mike Lessie – Douglassville, PA
D. Loeb – West Chester, PA
Paul Lustig – Lakewood, OH
Steph Mabie – Oxford, GA

Carol Marsh – Washington, DC
Bob Mattson – Smithtown, NY
Allan Mayoff – San Felipe, Baja Norte, Mexico
Jackie Miller – Everett, MA
Daniel J. Milton – Vienna, VA
Mary Lyndal Nyberg – Manhattan, KS
Priscilla Olson – Framingham, MA
Patrick D. Phillips – Bainbridge Island, WA
Harold Porosoff – Scarsdale, NY
Huw Powell – Lee, NH
Charlie Pritzlaff – Silver Spring, MD
David L. Ratner – Larkspur, CA
Arnold Reich – Bronxville, NY
Ned Robert – Los Gatos, CA
Sue Roberts – Tucson, AZ
Joe Rogers – Old Greenwich, CT
Charles J. Rohrmann, Jr. – Scarsdale, NY
Mordy Rosen – Berkeley, CA
Arthur Schless – Unionville, PA
Joe Schrader – Hillsboro, OR
Wayne Scott – Jamaica Plain, MA
Dexter Senft – Bedford, NY
Eric Singel – Philadelphia, PA
Callie and Bob Smith – Massena, NY
Ashutosh Sodhani – Indore, MP, India
Donald R. Spaulding – Mountain View, CA
Donald Stanley – Littleton, CO
Steve Tice – Great Falls, VA
Claire Trazenfeld – Crownsville, MD
Charlie Varon – San Francisco, CA
Ed Wallerstein – Prairie Village, KS
Margaret Webster – Medford, MA
Thomas Wilson – South Williamsport, PA
Jay Winter – Farmington Hills, MI