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Dear Solvers,
Allow me a note before we start. While the theme of this year's puzzles -- elemental forces at work in the Hawaiian islands -was chosen and developed months ago, it would be both difficult and inappropriate not to acknowledge the sad circumstances in which they debut.

My heart goes out to those who've suffered losses on Maui in recent weeks. All contributions to this year's Tip Jar will be split between the Trevor Project (https://www.thetrevorproject.org/) and the Maui Strong Fund (https://www.hawaiicommunityfoundation.org/strengthening/maui-strong-fund ). While there's no suggested tip amount, perhaps consider what you might pay per person to enjoy a movie, escape room, or similar. And if you've been enjoying these puzzle sets without having tossed anything into the jar before, this might be a great year to consider doing so.

And speaking of puzzles!

- Each puzzle in this set will yield one answer. All answers and some clue phrases may be confirmed in the answer checker, though it is not strictly necessary to do so.
- To access the final puzzle, enter the initial trigrams of any 11 puzzle answers, in alphabetical order, as one string in any answer checker.
- When you have the final answer, please send it to me at markhalpin3 at gmail dot com to get a place on the Leaderboard. The first pair or solo solver to do so will win a one-year subscription to Outside the Box puzzles. One other solver drawn at random from all those submitting the correct answer before Monday, September 18th will receive a one-year subscription to P\&A magazine. At that point, I'll post hints and solutions. If you're not interested in the Leaderboard or prizes, feel free to contact me for hints or nudges. As ever, the point of the thing is to have fun, so if there's anything I can do to facilitate that, please don't hesitate to let me know.
- All puzzles may be printed to solve, and using online resources is fair game. Specific knowledge of the inspirational source material is not required, and flavortext is often clueful.

E ho'opiha 'ia kou ola i ke aloha a me ka maluhia a me kekahi mau pu'upu'u,
Mark/Zebraboy


Long ago, a holua (land surfing) contest took place between Pele, the hot-tempered goddess of volcanoes, and her rival Poli'ahu, the frosty goddess of snow. Ranging over miles, their violent attacks on each other during this contest formed the caves and glaciers of Mauna Kea and the lava pools and mountains of Laupāhoehoe. Indeed, the evidence of their ongoing animosity is visible everywhere on the islands.

The other gods, spirits and kapua of Hawaii (a few of whom are introduced in the puzzles on the next pages) looked on, some taking Poli'ahu's side, and some Pele's. But they all knew that this was just the latest bout in the pair's eternal struggle.

What had Pele done to Poli'ahu to instigate their feud?

Pity Wakea, the sky god, and Ho'ohokukukalani, the keeper of the stars. Believing their infant son to be dead, they buried him in sun-warmed soil on the side of a mountain. But Haloanaka rose from the earth as the beautiful taro plant. Season after season he returns, perpetually sustaining all Hawaiians, his descendants, as he'll do until the end of time.

Putting together a fertile patch of soil is difficult in mountainous terrain. The back parts of twenty clues (each comprising the clue's complete definition or wordplay portion) should be detached from their current clues and paired with new front parts. For each new clue formed this way, note its first and last letters.

The remaining clues must all be cultivated by adding a single letter in order to parse them correctly. In clue order, the letters added to the wordplay portions of clues will help you draw a map, and those added to the definition parts of clues will tell you what to do with it.

## ACROSS

1 Kensington dandy ingesting rotten pear concoction in a wine cup
6 Fists of angry deckhands land, instigated by off the - cuff remark (hyph)
9 Ariel's shaken after bad fall
10 Unusually pure ring inside a notably rigid sphere
11 Brownnoser fully acts phony
12 Ken and Ed's pager is on the fritz
13 Clams, diamonds, etc.
15 Overinflated setback for burro (same old, same old)
16 Exhalations announced characters ten steps behind us
17 I'd given to the needy, host assumed, in Baltimore (2 wds)
18 Forget supporter's starting to gradually relax (2 wds)
21 Grains mixed with a word from a klutz
23 Coffee order's an offense against me and you
25 One pal cooked cornmeal mush
27 Woks and the like: on reflection, ways to save time
28 Make a bundle taking in jerks, per boy surrounded by Finns and Swedes ( $2 w d s$ )
29 Marine flier to merit rally
30 Mother Hubbard's geese ultimately don't keep entertaining leader of Iraq
31 Roasting rod holding slice of lamb, as ever
33 Chickens go into them, after earliest break
34 Capitol building's standard story gets flat "A" (2 wds)
35 Alvin chiefly adores pieces of garlic
36 Succor from firm Lee managed with mission of mercy, primarily
37 Congested site often failing as car's crashing
38 E.g. applied past tense incorrectly during craze

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## DOWN

1 Eccentric stepparent eschewing an event for a sculling crew
2 Dredge up part of gassy bayou that's extremely deep
3 Childrens' book girl's fattened fowl around lower left back of menu (2 wds)
4 Completely absorbed nice aroma that's stirred up
5 Quarrel nary at all on the radio
6 Weird aunt embracing, well, almost everything in African municipality
7 Outré lingo or item sometimes used by drivers ( 2 wds )
8 Muddied by wad of crud, amusingly
10 Art scene rewritten for more than one interlude
14 The Reverend's tribunal closes down effort to get ready for a quiz (2 wds)
19 Invoke loud couple of comments from a cow
20 Taxonomic categories including, essentially, various shrew types
22 Besprinkled with holy water, style hair back with bit of scrub (abbr)
24 Vault with tiling being found inside arid locale ( 2 wds)
26 Like actress Rooney's Peacock soap (hyph)
27 Originally slightly worried, I feel something hot using a stick
28 Quarterbacks often part loco
32 Hide from any temple that excludes me

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Hi'iakaikapua'ena'ena, Pele's older sister, is concerned about a number of family members. A healer and the patron of lei-makers, she weaves her garlands of flowers to ward off disease, but when they break apart and become tangled, they're less effective.
AIRLDNINENDMAMESYNONYMRUOUSWGTITHTOGETQEHER (6)
ALPHYSCSSFTNECHCOAORERSNEAKTOHETSHBRT (7)
CLEODFREOESTBOEIMEBLEEOWTNEUDRA (5)
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ETURTSNOMEDLUVORPPUUIVESUULPPU (4)
KLIEOTHSEOPRNEPSUINEDANLTELINGBFIS (5)
MUDULAUFRUMATAUACHINGPLANURTHAUMURALUFAFABLAU (6)
NNTIONYPEVIOUSLYDCLLEDABRMA (7)
ORYWGYWNLPRYWMORDYWLORTONESBLNKCONVENYWENCE (8)
SACMSUANGGACLAAXYGOQOGOLEPIKXIELORRTLACNDLIANE ..... (5)
SAESONALLECLOLECEARGICULTURAECORPE ..... (7)
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SIKEHKESIGNATEDKRIVERVRPDIOMATICQUDGE ..... (5)
SUSHIKSPAELLACPORTOJAMBALAYACJBASEGB ..... (4)
SYHOOLSEFYREKYRATEEAYDEOYHEREMYRTIALEAYTSE (5)
TBEARMOFDISSBEANTUTTBEARBEADINTHBEAKRBEAMLIN ..... (4)
TELAIDDAEHMRFHIRISEKAEPS (6)
WIEGLVROMVSLKCVTOEERANCVOVLAEITUDV ..... (6)


Half hog himself，the god Kamapua＇a tries to provide appropriate abodes for his porcine pals，but their rambunctiousness makes it a little tricky．

Row answers are entered sequentially in their indicated rows，one letter per space．Pigpen Plans indicate non－overlapping square or rectangular pens of any size within the grid，each of which will be filled by a clue answer．
Grid letters not contained within any pens will spell out a message related to Kamapua＇a＇s plans．

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## ROWS

1 Turbo in a Dreamworks film／Leek relative／Junior
2 Zero／Magic Kingdom locale／About a yard，in Yorkshire
3 Ross＇s＂Friends＂amor／Eroded／Colorful shawl
4 Pioneering CGI film／Lab vessel／Common Aussie rodent（2 wds）
5 ＂There is $\qquad$ in the affairs of men＂（2 wds）／Search for／Orb
6 Acquired，somehow（2 wds）／Home for pigeons／Clear a windshield
7 Curly－tailed dog from Japan／Swindle／Rotter／Novelist Rand
8 Composer Bartók／Tweak text again／Ziti，etc．
9 Significant occasion／Ireland，poetically／Pants measurement
10 Tiny toiler／Texting format，briefly／Uniform／Early DVR brand
11 Metadata with a photo＇s location／Tavern dispensers／Pesto herb
12 ＂Elementary＂＇s Lucy／＂P＂，to Plato／Playground cry（2 wds）／＂Zounds！＂
13 Dr．Mario＇s console，for short／Iraqi，e．g．／Romantically forsaken
14 ＂When pain and anguish $\qquad$ Lord＂（2 wds）／Gun grp．／Narrow shelf
15 ＂Undo＂button／Charged particle／Jeanne d＇Arc，e．g．／Walking stick

## PIGPEN PLANS

$\square$ Daryl \＆John，to 80s music fans（4 3 5）
$\Pi$ Lifts，stateside（9）
V Defeated in a tournament，maybe（10）
$\square$ Like a song that＇s playing over and over（26）
•＂Good，but not the best＂award（9 7）
「• Select an alternative to Lyft or Uber（4 1 3）
$\lessdot$ Hue of hunters＇vests and traffic cones（6 6）
－Rival of Michelle Kwan in the 90s（48）
$\bullet$ One thing after another（6）
$\bullet \quad$ Layered，like some clouds or ore deposits（8）
$\square$ Charlotte＇s well known to many of these（5 11）

- Lass in a Longfellow poem（10）
$>$ Wallachia＇s onetime neighbor，historically（8）
$\rceil$ Light jade shade seen in Chinese pottery（75）
「 Apparatus read by a bill assessor（35）
$\square$ Successfully fishes（4 1 4）
7 Place for Axel Foley or Brandon Walsh（75）
$\Pi$ Delivers jokes with a straight face（8）
$\square$ Souvenir from a Broadway show，maybe（64）
－Made straight，in a way（8）
$\square$ Fixer－uppers for young couples，often（75）


If Kanaloa - a death god often depicted as a giant octopus - invites you into his House, you should really dash back out again.

## Round 1. MOUSE OF GAMES <br> (Category: Films)

1985 - A material girl becomes frantic as she oozes uncontrollably (1 [10]; 15 [2])
2005 - A swamp becomes home to a bunch of flightless birds (4 [1]; 12 [4])
1991 - Directed by David Cronenberg, it's the only X-rated Addams Family film (1 [13]; 8 [8])
1967 - During WWII, a group's respected senior member is covered with filth (4 [9]; 11 [3])
1999 - Nicolas Cage attempts to make corpses less sopping wet (1 [6]; 9 [11])
1998 - Robert Redford wins over Genghis Khan's army by speaking sotto voce (7 [5] ; 14 [14])
1952 - Venal acts are commited durin' a downpour (4 [12]; 13 [7])

## Round 2. THE ANSWER'S IN THE QUESTION <br> (Category: Best Sellers)

A girl who DRAWS, SEEN CHARGED WITH murder, finds love in a bog. (4 [8]; 13 [1])
A journalist teams with a GOTH IN GOTH ATTIRE WHO'D RATTLE any cages to find information. (10 [5]; 17 [10])
Cruel vicissitudes of ASTRAL FORTUNE HIT US hard... or do they? (6 [2]; 5 [7])
In a dystopian parallel England, innocents living in a compound deal with EMERGENT LOVE. (4 [9]; 12 [12])
IN TRUTH, KEENER insights about guilt and redemption than this Afghanistan-set novel's would be hard to find. (7 [14]; 9 [4])
Is this novel featuring a president mourning his son its author's LONE BRAINCHILD? NOT at all! (6 [3]; 16 [13])
Murder drives some Classics students TO HYSTERICS. THERE goes Bunny! (6 [11]; 10 [6])

## Round 3. RICHARD'S JUNK



A typical bridge, vis-à-vis rivers, etc. (6 [3]; 4 [8]) Line of merchants and camels, perhaps (3 [1]; 7 [4]) Move happily, perhaps (3 [9])

One who's not too bright, unkindly (2 [10]; 4 [11])
Servings of ale in a pub (7 [5]; 5 [6])
Transport Judy Garland sang of (3 [2]; 6 [7])
(unused items have no significance)

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## Round 4. CORRECTION CENTRE

Feral pigs are popular pets for children, who enjoy picking them up and petting them. (3 [7]; 5 [2])
For The Lord of the Rings, Peter Jackson took advantage of the stunning natural vistas of New Jersey. (4 [4]; 5 [10])
Idina Menzel and AURORA received Grammy nominations in 2019 for their song "Into the Spider-Verse" (3 [11]; 5 [5])
In humans, tendons, ligaments, and cartilage are made up of Kleenex tissue. (5 [3]; 10 [9])
In most of his onscreen appearances, Donald Sutherland wears a cap and bow tie, but no pants. (1 [6]; 3 [8])
At various points in his career, Benedict Arnold posed as a detective, a cryptanalyst, and a sorceror. (1 [1]; 8 [12])

## Round 5. ROONERSPISMS

ET's transport / One bemoaning their dental hygiene regimen (6 [9]; 9 [3])*
Long-time breakfast brand / Estimated charges for some tracts of land (1 [2]; 10 [10])
In-between space or area of compromise / Small pile of pancake pans (4 [1]; 8 [4])
Prizes awarded to scratch ticket winners / Plans for the arrangements of ceramics (4 [6]; 9 [8])
Symptoms; evidence of disease / Fashion designer Calvin's sneering, jaded, distrustful kin (6 [5]; 11 [7])

* use second answers in each case


## Round 6. BROKEN KARAOKE



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Final Round ANSWER SMASH
(Category: ???)

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## K月IILL

The heavily armoured turtle goddess Kauila sometimes takes human form to protect the children who feed the honu, the sea turtles on the beaches of Punalu'u. The children also enjoy playing with the shells she leaves behind.

| FEEDERS |  |  |  |  |  |
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| ALERTS | CORN | GOLDFINCH | POPLAR | SEA | TAPER |
| ANGLO | DOG POWER | GRANULATED | PSST | SEMISWEET | TREES |
| ARRIVE | DOT ORG | HALVES | PUTTO | SOBEE UP | UNITY |
| BATTLE | EDWARD | HEAVY | RIPEST | STEERS | VIRGIN |
| BRIG | EXTRACT | HOOCH | ROCKS | STROPS | VOLES |
| CENTAURS | FREAK OUT | MADONNA | SANTAS | TACK | WING IT |
| CONDENSED | FULL BODY MASSAGE | PLEATING | SCUM | TAMBOURINE | WISHING TREE |




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## ESIO TROT



Ku'ula-kai, the god of fishermen, does all in his power to help them.
Ku'ula-kai has dropped stones into each of the numbered spaces in the pools below. Each of the Pools answers is 8-letters long and surrounds its stone, beginning in any space and going in any direction. Rows answers are entered left to right in clue order.

Some of the stones are kuula, special stones with the magical property of attracting fish to their pool. The fish try to hide, of course, but disturbances in the water allow them to be found.

## POOLS

1 Sifted out, like chaff
2 In pain
3 Elapsed, as years (2 wds)
4 North Carolina town in a Nicholas Sparks title
5 A bit off-key
6 Like sandals, but not work boots (hyph)
7 Topper for a posh evening out (2 wds)
8 Decorative skill or pretension
9 Cassidy of TV westerns
10 Fanatical
11 Made a dupe of
12 Cut taken by a bookie or moneylender
13 Abuse
14 Pork mush said to be made from "everything but the oink"
15 Infallibly accurate
16 Reprimands vociferously (2 wds)
17 Southport spot that regularly hosts the British Open
18 Small, tangy raisins
19 What l'd gladly bear, per song ( 2 wds )
20 Use a rewind button in short bursts, perhaps ( 2 wds)
21 Prepared like runny eggs (2 wds)
22 Judged, in a way
23 Tabs (2 wds)
24 Squads competing in the Winter Olympics (2 wds)
25 Beef, lamb, venison, etc. (2 wds)
26 Tourist kiosk supplies (2 wds)
27 Home for Frodo and Bilbo (2 wds)
28 Roving showfolk
29 Ominous occurences
30 Part of Adam Lambert's look
31 It might indicate a property's off the market (2 wds)
32 Divas' little solos
33 Mohs scale measurement


## ROWS

A Forthwith
B Remorseful about / International fashion mag
C Will Parker's Oklahoma! sweetheart (2 wds) / Puppy's plate (2 wds)
D Typical results / Highborn folks / "Ewwww, gross!"
E "Wake Up on Saturday" band ( $2 w d s$ ) / Going around?
F "Never in a million years!" (3 wds) / Inattention, figuratively
G Famed caravel / Tap-dances, colloquially / Marsh flora
H Potatoes on an Indian menu / Famed comic librettist / Blubbers
I Rubber-stamped / Life is Beautiful Oscar winner Roberto
J Actor Morales / Berate at full volume ( 2 wds ) / Conservationist John
K Note-takers of yore / More arcane or ambiguous

L "Boss Hogg" actor Booke / Squirty floss alternative (2 wds)
M Some time off work (2 wds) / Radical subversives
N Ergo / Sasha and Malia's pop
0 Disk in an arcade / Terribly (2 wds) / Exhausted
P Gaelic tongue / "Wooly" slang for histrionic types (2 wds)
Q Enhanced talk radio medium (2 wds) / More likely to preen
R Belg. neighbor / Owls, eagles, and the like (3 wds)
S Literal or figurative transition points / Filmdom's Witherspoon
T Quick studies? (2 wds) / Low-scoring soccer result (2 wds)
U Getting rid of / Colored eye part
V Paulson, Snook, et al

Kū is a god of both war and prosperity. Pleased by how his adherents form into troops, he may bestow riches upon them.

Concords (10)
Stage whisper (5)
Military command (24)
Rawlings or Spalding product (8)
Red Cross donation (5)
Many fast food orders (7)
TV selection (7)
Appetizer, entree, or dessert, e.g. (6)
Megastar Tom (6)
Some golf clubs (7)
Grumpy, e.g. (5)
Pastures (6)
Classic 1932 horror film (6)
Pulverized, like coffee beans (6)
What to do with these answers (5)
Chapter title, say (7)
"Here's $\qquad$ !" (6)

X-Man who generates fireworks (7)
Dearth (4)
Very attractive, in a way (8)
Obergefell v. Hodges subject (8)
Center (6)
"Dibs!" (4)
Fable's point (5)
Cupcake's cousin (6)
Author Gaiman (4)
Stainless steel component (6)
Song in a show (6)
One in debt (4)
Reaching one's maximum potential (7)
Sketcher's implement (6)
Ben and Jerry's unit (4)
Locale (5)
Dishes (6)

Nefarious schemes (5)
Beautifully worded (6)
Refractive or rainbowlike (9)
Attribute, characteristic (7)
Part of NYC (6)
Tear to shreds (4)
Caviar, e.g. (3)
Some tin toys (8)
Trash TV host Jerry and kin (9)
Lard Lad Donuts site (11)
Actor's"the boards" (5)
Hetero (8)
Warm weather forecast (3)
One in a set of books (6)
The universal solvent (5)


The first human brought into existance was La'ila'i, a beautiful woman. Her male counterpart, Keali'i, came later, less perfectly formed.

1 Toast
2 Black and white
3 Sleeve
4 Puzzle with
5 An inhaler
6 Have a bit of
7 Foodstuffs containing
8 lota
9 (Quickly) (2 wds)
10 It makes a surface
11 Olympians'
12 One tree
13 It may be replaced in a
14 (Purchase incentive) (2 wds)
15 Swarming
16 Into gear again
17 Perfume has a
18 The country
19 Equines
20 Oktoberfest
21 Butts
22 Vine
23 " $\qquad$ down"
24 Suit

25 Put a horse
26 Worked outside in the
27 Honoree
28 Kitchen makeover
29 Knight's metallic
30 Pot
31 A box of chocolates for
32 Morsels, cutely
33 The boards
34 Get a
35 Celebrated swan
36 Pleasing one
37 Wet-weather
38 Works
39 King
40 Makes a quantity
41 Competitive effort ( $2 w d s$ )
42 Runny noses?
43 Rougher
44 Worse
45 Founder George
46 Screenwriter's
47 Life, e.g.
48 Experiences

49 Digest matter
50 Opening
51 Shelley ode
52 Delectable
53 Fast
54 Frog's
55 Wax
56 Prom-goer
57 Larger (2 wds)
58 Streetlight
59 A bikini or
60 Pullover
61 Wicked biblical
62 Like incendiary
63 Out of
64 Broke a
65 Donner, once
66 Grasshopper, when
67 Fall
68 Derisive
69 Monty Python's number
70 "Mea
71 Invasive, parasitic
72 In $\qquad$

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73 Liabilities
74 Expeditions to get
75 Kodak
76 Unable to get any
77 States, briefly (3 wds; abbr)
78 Notoriously destructive
79 Whale that gobbles up
80 Place, idiomatically
81 Similar outfit (hyph)
82 Supports
83 Bomb
84 Tread
85 Like a rustic
86 Rare
87 Culpa" (2 wds)
88 Brats with
89 Imitation
90 Line on a
91 The fifty
92 Blood
93 Speeches or tempers
94 Pioneering
95 Heel
96 Move on
97 One might be full of
98 Joe Biden's second
99 Pictures
100 Dyeing technique using
101 Comment
102 Tool (2 wds)
103 In the mouth
104 Destination
105 Scene or poem
106 Computer
107 Sensations
108 Spoils
109 They're the opposite of
110 Letter
111 Pinocchio
112 Between meals (2 wds)
113 You might order it
114 Not one's best
115 Me -day
116 Famous Beatty
117 It's two past
118 Canine
119 Architectural
120 Condition aided by
121 Daughter
122 Down
123 Sharp stone
124 Bring to

The goddess Laka is the divine force that guides the complex steps of those who dance the Hula. She also provides inspiration for the artist trying to capture the beauty of the dance in a sketch.


First, trace a path from START to FINISH, moving one square at a time horizontally or vertically so that each of the 30 unique symbols shown is visited exactly once.

When finished, number the symbols along your path, in order, 1-30.

Then, in each square of the grid at right, draw the appropriately numbered symbol, rotating if so indicated by the number in that square.


The god of agriculture and fertility, Lono watches over the preparation of the luau, ensuring ingredients are cut up and combined into a delicious meal.


Besides all his mischief, the trickster Maui has done a lot of good for humans: dredging the Hawaiian islands from the bottom of the sea, slowing the racing sun to allow humans to develop farming, and more. For all of this, he's made use of the magic at his disposal.



Mokualli is the patron of canoe makers, guiding their arms as they hew logs, carve out parts, and make everything connect together correctly.

Answers to Logs clues are entered along the path in order, ignoring the intervening holes. Answers to Pegs clues, which are given out of order, also follow the path, but require the insertion of single-letter "pegs" into some of the holes.


## LOGS

1 Old geezer
2 Part of one's exercise routine
3 Sautéed with lemon, capers, and butter
4 Radio wave emitter
5 One's full of sewage or wickedness
6 Jackie Robinson, et al. (2 wds)
7 Scrape together somehow, with difficulty (2wds)
8 Map feature
9 Scarlet letter bearer
10 Sultanate bordering Yemen
11 Rostand's romantic duellist
12 Constellation shaped like a harp
13 Absent
14 Lepidopteran with a feline name (2 wds)
15 Darkness personified
16 Pious entreaty

## PEGS

A brightly colored fish or a wyvern, e.g.
Accusation
Apparatus for dispensing insecticide (2wds)
Below grade locales
Bohemian Rhapsody, for one
Bundles or pieces of land
Contestant on The Voice, e.g.
Extremely precise (hyph)
In a haphazard way
Most suspicious
"My attendance is guaranteed!" in a meme (3 wds)
Provincial hayseed
Resurrecting zombies and the like
Some missile launchers
Swiss salad green
Take over

