

# IN COMES COMPANY

## - SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

Some clues in last issue's puzzle were invaded by company bearing the gift of an extra letter; that is, an extra letter string of the form "cXo", with X being various letters. Those strings needed to be overlooked to properly parse the clues. Reading the extra letters in clue order gave the location in the grid of a card to go with the gifts: "EVERY FOURTH LETTER". Those letters, highlighted at right, spell "HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MR. SONDEHEIM. WE CELEBRATE YOUR BEING ALIVE."

### Clue Notes

*Across* 1. B + (-c)arhop 5. AD within "scamp" anagram 10. [cEo]; papa + (-w)ay reversal 12. Gl(st)s 14. "at an art" anag. 15. mis + do 18. (-s)miler 20. "he set" anag. 22. [cVo] any...always initials 24. sh(us + H)e's 25. "an aid" rev. 26. [cEo] "awns" anag. + (-fok)ker 30. [cRo] o + as(+e)s 33. [cYo] a + l(+k)ane + t 36. b + "corn" anag. 38. [cFo] s(-ea)t + (-d)rum 40. prYOR LEarned rev. 41. [cOo] pi(-k)e 44. Dr. + ape 46. [cUo] "green" anag. + al 47. "flint" hoophone 48. cance(-r) + L 49. [cRo] miss(+ IV)e(-s) 50. [cTo] acting...nuclear final letters

*Down* 1. "bites" homo 2. [cHo] A + Z + "thus l'm" anag. 3. ha(T)s 4. par(ole)e 5. [cLo] dreaMY THing 6. "not dead" anag. 7. C + at + ch 8. "eat bad" anag. 9. "sleigh" anag. 11. [cEo] p + "no sir" rev. 13. s(l)tout 16. double definition 18. [cTo] double def. 19. "learns" anag. holding N 21. double def. 23. "a pricy" anag. 24. SM("go" rev.)s 27. chAMBERmaid 28. s(nap)py 29. Len + "niece" anag. 31. "the man" anag. 32. [cTo] "maui ars" anag. 34. "don + girl" annie 35. b + rings 37. [cEo] "bred to" anag. 39. [cRo] "sure" anag. + s 42. videO GAME 43. A + L + A.E. eAgLeEyE

1	B	2	A	R	3	H	O	4	P	5	M	A	6	D	7	C	8	A	9	S
	I	Z	10	P	A	P	A	Y	A	O	A	B	11	P	L					
12	G	I	13	S	T	S	R	14	T	A	N	T	A	R	A					
	H	15	M	I	S	D	O	H	16	C	A	C	T	I	Y					
17	T	U	T	18	M	I	L	19	E	R	20	T	H	E	S	21	E			
	S	T	O	22	A	R	E	N	A	E	23	P	D	O	X					
24	S	H	U	S	H	E	S	N	25	D	I	A	N	A						
	M	S	T	26	S	W	27	A	N	K	E	R	28	S	29	L	C			
30	31	A	S	E	32	S	B	33	A	34	L	K	A	N	E	T				
	G	N	35	B	S	A	36	B	R	O	N	C	A	N	37	D				
38	S	T	R	39	U	M	40	E	L	R	O	Y	41	P	I	E				
42	O	H	I	S	U	Y	43	A	44	D	45	R	A	P	E	B				
46	G	E	N	E	R	A	L	I	47	F	L	Y	N	T						
	A	M	G	R	A	48	C	A	N	C	E	L	C	O						
49	M	I	S	S	I	V	E	50	G	E	E	Z	E	R						