

Covert Operations by George Barany and Kurtis Scaletta

ACROSS

- 1. * Weapon hidden in crosswords
- 6. Spree
- 9. * Oklahoma hand captures Nebraska native
- 14. Knock-down, drag-out fight
- 15. G.I. morale booster
- 16. Go for a close-up shot
- 17. Rimes of country music
- 18. Wild org.
- 19. Defeated by a whisker
- 20. Electric generator
- 22. Hora and hula, for two
- 24. Nice time in the sun
- 25. Prankster's projectile
- 26. * Write backwards air for sea god
- 30. * Mysterious tomb I see
- 34. Babe Ruth's league-leading stat in 1916
- 35. Transmission setting
- 37. George's brother, the lyricist
- 38. Japanese cartoon art
- 40. Hoffmann's initials
- 41. They hang out with dweebs
- 43. Llama land
- 44. Kind of owl or egret
- 46. Flotation device
- 47. Word before top or dog
- 49. Affirmative, formally
- 51. Potpourri
- 55. Culinary connoisseur
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- 66. Speedwagon creator
- 67. Wolfish grin
- 68. Japanese port
- 69. Pussy ____
- 70. * Spot in yard, retreating at fateful moment
- 71. C2H5-
- 72. * Setter whose clues left the British worried, awed, perplexed

DOWN

- 1. Ascending sizes, briefly
- 2. Marijuana, in slang
- 3. Oil of ____
- 4. Enzyme used for cheesemaking
- 5. Cause a protein or nucleic acid to lose secondary and tertiary structure
- 6. * Northern capital heard Cody's award-winning screenplay
- 7. Bat wood

- 8. * Force antique metal
- 9. On the lookout
- 10. Zany
- 11. Cherub, in Cherbourg
- 12. Makes haste, à la Shakespeare
- 13. "Your point being...?"
- 21. "Handwriting on the wall" word
- 23. Small-print nos. in credit card ads
- 26. Half-moon tide
- 27. Coastal raptor
- 28. Tabloid topic
- 29. Roulette bet
- 30. Sticking point?
- 31. Get bushed
- 32. Rubs the wrong way
- 33. Play group
- 36. * D.D.E.'s command for veto loses victory
- 39. * Crumble rye, minus crust, and stir with purple fruit

- 42. * Feudal power finished oath
- 44. Place for sweaters?
- 45. He carried the host nation's flag at the 2008 Olympics opening ceremony
- 48. Workout target
- 50. Affirmative, informally
- 51. Actor Elliott or pianist Glenn
- 52. Flattened, as a flat
- 53. Muddleheaded
- 54. Hamlet's father, for one
- 55. Adjective for many 41-Across
- 56. One of the Obama girls
- 57. Fund
- 58. It's often unaccounted for
- 61. * Turn hat around in Jazz site
- 64. Anonymous John or Jane
- 65. Actor Mineo or pitcher Maglie