

The Union Forever!

Dedicated to the memory of Bruce Voeller

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This puzzle is modified and updated from versions that went on-line in the run-up to the 2012 Presidential election. We dedicate the puzzle to the memory of Bruce Voeller (1934-1994), a Rockefeller alum (1961) who served on the Rockefeller faculty and raised some eyebrows when he asked for his office to be painted pink. Voeller later did research in human sexuality and looked for ways to reduce the risks of sexually transmitted diseases, including AIDS. As our modern society has shifted toward accepting same-sex marriages, the puzzle's theme remains just as relevant today, and we note with sadness that Dr. Voeller was never able to experience this basic right with the man his *New York Times* obituary listed as "his companion."

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Across

1. Sailors do it on deck
5. Disciplines
10. Prepares leftovers for a quick bite
14. Mata ____
15. ____ Lama
16. Institution with its med. sch. named after David Geffen
17. Non-traditional marriage of the gay pop icon who wrote "Candle in the Wind" to a war hero who ran for President
20. Pen, in MontPELLIER
21. Tenets of Flat-Earthers or Evolution Deniers, e.g.
22. Epiphanies
25. Valley where David slew Goliath
26. Amenity at a high-end spa
29. Like Napoleon while in Elba
33. Suffix added to "Mercedes-Benz" in a joke told by a professor of organic chemistry
34. "Then Again, Maybe ____" (Judy Blume young adult novel)
37. Ex-Veep Agnew's plea
38. Non-traditional marriage of an ex-Veep/ Nobel Peace laureate to a novelist who believed in the pan-sexuality of men and women
42. When doubled, a Jim Carrey movie
43. One who was more shocked than awed in March 2003
44. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
45. ____ -laced (excessively strict)
48. "Hamilton," for one

50. "____ I" from Gershwin's "Lady, Be Good!"
52. One of a papal dozen
53. Exemplars of loveliness
57. Too, in Toulouse
61. Non-traditional marriage of "Atlas Shrugged" novelist to a pair of politicians, one a current Presidential candidate, the other who ran for Veep under Romney
64. Manitoba native
65. Traffic trouble
66. Dope
67. What a lumberjack does behind the woodshed
68. Pink-slips
69. Ball handler?

Down

1. ____ Got a Way" (Billy Joel hit of 1971)
2. Frazier or Whitman
3. Pretentious about paintings, polonaises, or plays, perhaps
4. One of many at The Rockefeller University, informally
5. Hot or heavy, e.g.
6. 1990's Indian P.M.
7. Grades K-12, for short
8. Where one could have viewed "Kirstie Alley's Big Life"
9. Comparison
10. Ratatouille ingredient
11. Berry in dietary supplements
12. Baryshnikov's bend

13. Lacking, in Lyon
18. Neet idea?
19. Gently persuade
23. It's 1 for H and 4 for He
24. Japanese chess
26. Square threesome?
27. Pitch-black
28. Prevent
30. Rock bands?
31. Send
32. "La ____ Vita"
35. Hide-hair connector
36. Heidi Abromowitz, according to Joan Rivers
39. What they use rubbers for in London
40. Prefix with distant or lateral
41. Kind of aid or arts
46. Scintilla's Greek cousin
47. Sullies the reputation of
49. "Oy vey" elicitor
51. Word with circus or blitz
53. P.D.Q. ____, alter ego of sometime crossword constructor Peter Schickele
54. Brontë heroine
55. Freshly
56. Work detail
58. "Auld Lang ____"
59. Word before "word" or "sex"
60. "Are you ____ out?"
62. Arctic bird
63. Happy times

Quotable Quote

"Loblolly – A lout; a stupid, rude or awkward person

Blatherskite – A person who talks foolishly at length

Poltroon – A spiritless coward

Cacafuego – A swaggering braggart or boaster

Crepehanger – A killjoy; someone who takes a pessimistic view

Slubberdegullion – A dirty rascal; scoundrel..."

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