

The Union Forever by George Barany, Michael Hanko, and Paul Luftig

ACROSS

1. Sailors do it on deck
5. Disciplines
10. Prepares leftovers for a quick bite
14. South American monkey
15. ___ Lama
16. Institution with its med. sch. named after David Geffen, the top-ranked individual on "Out" magazine's list of the fifty "Most Powerful Gay Men and Women in America"
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. Political agendas — like defining marriage as between a man and a woman, or cutting funding to the arts — as viewed by progressives
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

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34. First two words of a widely-made and often-breached promise
37. Ex-Veep Agnew's plea
38. Non-traditional marriage of an ex-Vice President cum environmental activist to the writer who claims to have inserted a gay subtext into "Ben Hur" and who created a novel about an ex-Vice President/duelist
42. Word that Obama may have been thinking, but would never say out loud, when addressing Romney in a debate
43. One who was more shocked than awed in March 2003
44. "Yadda, yadda, yadda"
45. ___-laced (excessively strict)
48. "The Book of Mormon," for one
50. "___ I" from Gershwin's "Lady, Be Good!"
52. One of a papal dozen
53. "Seven ___" (1975 Wertmüller film)
57. Too, in Toulouse
61. Non-traditional marriage of pro-choice "Atlas Shrugged" novelist to two homophobic politicians, one a Kentucky senator (son of a perennial Presidential candidate) and the other a current Veep wannabe — all of whom believe in Superman

64. Manitoba native
65. Engage in a bit of bondage
66. Dope
67. What a lumberjack does behind the woodshed
68. Pink-slips
69. Ball handler?

DOWN

1. Jeanne d'Arc et Bernadette de Lourdes (en Fr.)
2. Chamberlain who once scored 100 points in a game and claimed to have scored with 20,000 women during his lifetime
3. One who might specialize in fin. planning for same-sex couples
4. Place where grad students might study pheromones
5. Hot or heavy, e.g.
6. 1990's Indian P.M.
7. Grades K-12, for short
8. Where you could have viewed "Kirstie Alley's Big Life"
9. Comparison
10. Ratatouille ingredient
11. Berry in dietary supplements
12. Baryshnikov's bend
13. ___ serif (this puzzle's font)
18. Turn-off for a bear chaser
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. Org. whose employees may wear brown shorts (that show off their legs)