

**TACO TUESDAY EDITION**

**¡BIENVENIDOS A PUZZLED PINT!**

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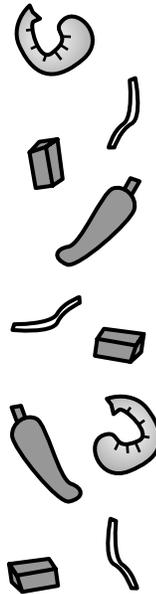
Puzzled Pint is not a competitive event. Ask the Game Control volunteers (GC) for hints as often as desired. The goal is fun, not frustration!

Each puzzle will solve to a short word or phrase. How? That's for you to discover.

Need a code sheet or solving resources? Ask GC or check out our Resources page: <http://puzzledpint.com/resources>

You can use anything to help solve: Use your phone, the internet is fair game! Think your brother might have an insight? Give him a call!

While each month has a theme, you need no special knowledge of the theme to solve.



**About Puzzled Pint**

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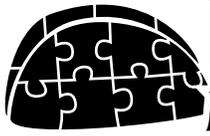
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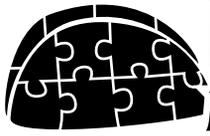
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<b>TEAM SIZE</b>	2	<b>END TIME</b>	9:30 PM

<b>PUZZLE ANSWERS</b>	
<b>TACOS AL PASTOR</b>	FAINT TASTE
<b>KILLER TACOS</b>	LIME WEDGES
<b>VEGGIE TACOS</b>	SALSA VERDE
<b>QUESABIRRIA</b>	CHEESE PULL
Checkpoint! Have GC verify your answers to receive the meta and bonus puzzles.	
<b>META: PICKY EATERS</b>	A PERFECT TEN
<b>BONUS: DINNER FOR TWO</b>	A BLIND DATE



Tacos Al Pastor are traditionally made with *sliced up* layers of marinated pork *placed with care* and roasted on an upright spit. You can do the same with the slab of text below; *cut along the dashed lines* to make nine slices, and stack them on the next page *straddling the lines* to make ten rows of clues. The *mix* of spices is vital to the marinating process. In fact, *taking away just one* ingredient can leave you with a less-than-stellar end product.

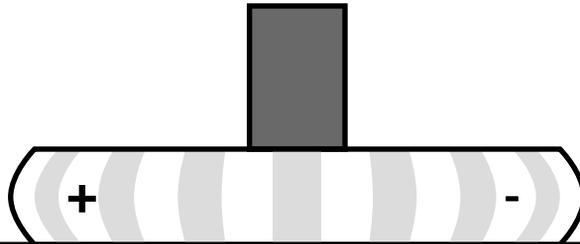
PET RODENT	TOOL	DISHONOR
BESTED IN	ALTERNATE	U.S. HIGHWAY
SPATS	WITH CARE	ANDS OR BUTS
MORE CULTURED	QUITE	ITEM FOUND
A DUEL	PATH	TERM
LOVER OF A	FIRM AND	PAYMENT TO A
STAFF	WITH WATER	SNACK FOOD
IN	REBUILT A	DEPENDED
OR CREATIVE	ANGRY	UNDER A CAR
PIG	A BODY'S	WHAT LAS VEGAS
MAKE A COUNT	NOR PESSIMIST	CHRISTIAN
SMALL	POTATO	BRING
DISREPAIR	MOSAIC	ON
FOUND	SHAPED BY	AREA NEAR
NOISES	LARGEST ORGAN	IS KNOWN FOR
DAYCARE	CLEARED	PORK-BASED
DISGUSTING	SPINNING MACHINE	MOUTH OF RIVER
FOLKS WHO	NEITHER OPTIMIST	ACTOR



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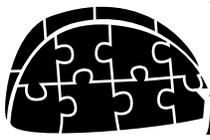
# TACOS AL PASTOR

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+F	MINOR SPATS	TIFFS	EXAMINE WITH CARE	SIFT	FOUND WITH ANDS OR BUTS	IFS	-T
+R	MORE CULTURED OR CREATIVE	ARTIER	QUITE ANGRY	IRATE	ITEM FOUND UNDER A CAR	TIRE	-A
+O	PIG NOISES	OINKS	A BODY'S LARGEST ORGAN	SKIN	WHAT LAS VEGAS IS KNOWN FOR	SIN	-K
+M	DAYCARE STAFF	MINDERS	CLEARED WITH WATER	RINSED	PORK-BASED SNACK FOOD	RINDS	-E
+C	IN DISREPAIR	DERELICT	REBUILT A MOSAIC	RETILED	DEPENDED ON	RELIED	-T
+O	FOUND DISGUSTING	LOATHED	SHAPED BY SPINNING MACHINE	LATHED	AREA NEAR MOUTH OF RIVER	DELTA	-H
+L	FOLKS WHO MAKE A COUNT	TALLIERS	NEITHER OPTIMIST NOR PESSIMIST	REALIST	ACTOR CHRISTIAN	SLATER	-I
+T	SMALL PET RODENT	HAMSTER	POTATO TOOL	MASHER	BRING DISHONOR	SHAME	-R
+W	BESTED IN A DUEL	OUTDREW	ALTERNATE PATH	DETOUR	U.S. HIGHWAY TERM	ROUTE	-D
+O	LOVER OF A MEDICINAL PLANT	STONER	FIRM AND STOIC	STERN	PAYMENT TO A LANDLORD	RENT	-S

**F A I N T T A S T E**



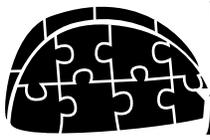
Consistency is key when making tacos. A great taco is like a **killer sudoku** cage: you can easily **identify the ingredients** that **combine together** to make a specific recipe. Truly killer tacos come from **getting to know each ingredient top to bottom**, and then **putting those ingredients together in the appropriate order** to make a harmonious finished product.

Use each number to obtain a clue, e.g. 1: CREAM TYPE USED FOR TEX-MEX CUISINE (4)

6 4 HOW	2 MIGHT	1 CREAM	9 6 SUBJECT	3 NETFLIX	7 5 WORD
1 TYPE	11 5 FOLLOWING	4 TOES	3 HIT	7 6 OF	2 COME
9 3 SCI-FI	6 PUZZLE	5 GAME	2 FROM	1 USED	7 4 FEEL
6 PACKET	7 4 IN	2 BLUE	1 FOR	9 5 AFTER	3 SHOW
7 2 PLUS	3 SECOND	6 CURRENTLY	5 LAST	4 TIGHT	1 TEX-MEX
5 LIFE (4)	4 1 CUISINE (4)	3 WORD (6)	4 SHOES (8)	8 2 YELLOW (5)	6 HELD (5)

1. SOUR      2. GREEN      3. THINGS      4. SQUEEZED      5. OVER      6. TACOS

**L I M E      W E D G E S**



Some taquerias offer nopales (cactus), mushrooms, squash, and other vegetarian options. However, many taquerias with smaller menus would have very little **remaining** to put in their tortillas once you **rule out all the meat and seafood**.

5, 4, 5, 7, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 6, 6, 6

C	B	E	E	F	O	L	U	K	M
B	A	C	O	N	N	F	I	C	V
T	P	E	P	Y	E	K	R	U	T
I	M	E	R	F	O	C	R	D	M
B	I	S	O	N	H	R	O	T	P
B	R	H	S	I	F	T	H	B	O
A	H	I	C	R	T	E	E	M	R
R	S	K	D	E	E	R	N	A	K
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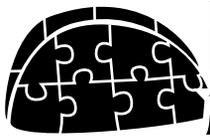
COLUMN FIVE PERFORM ROT THIRTEEN FOR SAVORY ITEM  
FNYFN IREQR -> SALSA VERDE

**S A L S A      V E R D E**

More akin to quesadillas than tacos, quesabirria tacos feature stewed, shredded beef, goat, or jackfruit melted together with cheese inside of a tortilla. The tortilla is folded with two **nearly identical halves** pressed together. These tacos are often served with **a** broth or **consomme** for **dipping** each taco. In fact, you'd be hard-pressed to find a more important part of the quesabirria experience than the long-simmered, **well-reduced** broth.

- |  |        |        |       |   |
|--|--------|--------|-------|---|
| Assertive and reckless (5)                           | BRASH  |        |       |   |
| Assistance (3)                                       | AID    |        |       |   |
| Attempt to overfill (4)                              | CRAM   |        |       |   |
| Bountiful celebratory meal (5)                       | FEAST  |        |       |   |
| Classification of vinegar or citrus juice (4)        | ACID   | ACID   | AID   | C |
| Currency in London (5)                               | POUND  | BRASH  | BRAS  | H |
| Euphemism for ocean (4)                              | POND   | CREAM  | CRAM  | E |
| Ground covering that is greener where you aren't (5) | GRASS  | FEAST  | FAST  | E |
| High fat dairy liquid (5)                            | CREAM  | GRASS  | GRAS  | S |
| Kind and polite (4)                                  | NICE   | NIECE  | NICE  | E |
| Launderer's woe (5)                                  | STAIN  |        |       |   |
| Man who wrote about a raven (3)                      | POE    |        |       |   |
| Noted Vatican resident (4)                           | POPE   | POPE   | POE   | P |
| Okie doke (3)  | YEP    | POUND  | POND  | U |
| Quick (4)  | FAST   | STALIN | STAIN | L |
| Russian dictator (6)                                 | STALIN | YELP   | YEP   | L |
| Second word of a celebration in New Orleans (4)      | GRAS   |        |       |   |
| Sibling's daughter (5)                               | NIECE  |        |       |   |
| Site for restaurant reviews (4)                      | YELP   |        |       |   |
| Support garments (4)                                 | BRAS   |        |       |   |

C H E E S E P U L L



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## MAY 2023

META

# PICKY EATERS



You can't please everyone all the time, but man, sometimes diners have zero chill. They go online and talk about *what they received* and then *pick it apart* and give their ratings. Can any taqueria *put together all the tidbits* and figure out what the picky eaters want?!

2/22/2023 - Maybe I went on a bad day, but the quesabirria tacos weren't even warm?! 1/10.

1/31/2023 - As a vegetarian, the veggie tacos were tasty and filling. 8/10.

3/30/2023 - I had the quesabirria tacos to go and the cheese hardened before I got home. 6/10.

3/13/2023 - I loved watching the pork al pastor spin as it cooked! 9/10.

2/16/2023 - If those tacos are killer, I'm ready for my funeral! 9/10.

2/15/2023 - The tacos al pastor were raw! I'd give 0 if I could. 1/10.

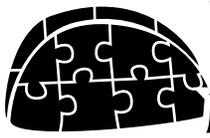
1/28/2023 - Killer tacos? All bark, no bite. 4/10.

1/14/2023 - I had the quesabirria tacos. They were flavorful, but needed a bit more salt. 7/10.

3/20/2023 - I really liked the pineapple on the pastor tacos! 6/10.

4/15/2023 - Didn't care for the pineapple with the pastor pork. 4/10.

P E R F E C T T E N



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## MAY 2023

### BONUS

# DINNER FOR TWO

## 1/2



These quesadillas are way too big for a single person to eat! Luckily it's easy to **cut these quesadillas** and share them with someone you like. In fact, there are a bunch of couples here with **a lot in common** dining here tonight. When matching answers are put together, find out **how much** they really **share**. Only **one** pair didn't opt for the quesadilla for **two** -- I wonder why?

Table:  
Cast a ballot (4)  
Toppings:  
Steak and Shrimp

**VOTE**

Table:  
Toffee candybar with same name as actor Ledger (5)  
Toppings:  
Steak

**HEATH**

**VENOM**

Table:  
Toxin from a resident or creator of a web. (5)  
Toppings:  
Steak

**TOYS**

Table:  
Items used as gifts for children (4)  
Toppings:  
Chicken

Table:  
How laptops connect to the web (4)  
Toppings:  
Mushrooms

**WIFI**

Table:  
Necessities for a popular eatery (12)  
Toppings:  
Peppers and Onions

**RESERVATIONS**

**EVENING**

Table:  
Time span when "second shift" is on the clock (7)  
Toppings:  
Shrimp and Steak

**IX**

Table:  
Number on the left side of a fancy clock (2)  
Toppings:  
Chicken

Table:  
Wintertime gift delivery vehicle (6)  
Toppings:  
Mushrooms

**SLEIGH**

Table:  
Red cake type evoking name of material (6)  
Toppings:  
Mushrooms

**VELVET**

**WOOL**

Table:  
Material shorn from sheep (4)  
Toppings:  
Peppers and Onions

**NESQUICK**

Table:  
Chocolate milk brand with rabbit mascot kids love (7)  
Toppings:  
Shrimp

Table:  
Time span following lunch (9)  
Toppings:  
Mushrooms and Onions

**AFTERNOON**

Table:  
Cheesy pasta loved by kids (8)  
Toppings:  
Peppers and Onions

**MACARONI**

**REESE'S**

Table:  
Brand of peanut butter cups (5'1)  
Toppings:  
Mushrooms and Onions

**NOMINATE**

Table:  
Propose for addition to a ballot (8)  
Toppings:  
Plain Cheese

Table:  
Number preceding 'Equis' in popular beer name (3)  
Toppings:  
Shrimp

**DOS**

Table:  
A craft from another planet perhaps? (3)  
Toppings:  
Shrimp

**UFO**

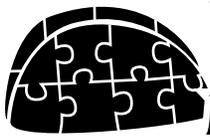
**URANUS**

Table:  
Ringed planet with a funny name (6)  
Toppings:  
Mushrooms

**EVENTS**

Table:  
Items on a calendar (6)  
Toppings:  
Chicken

# A B L I N D D A T E



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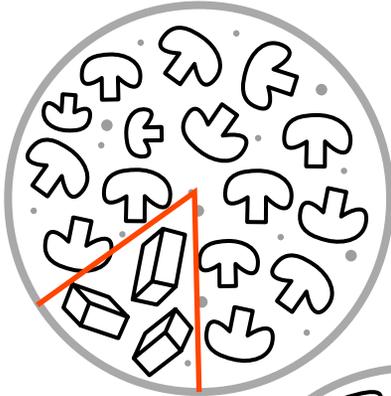
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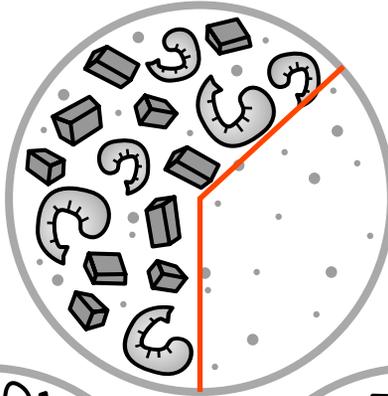
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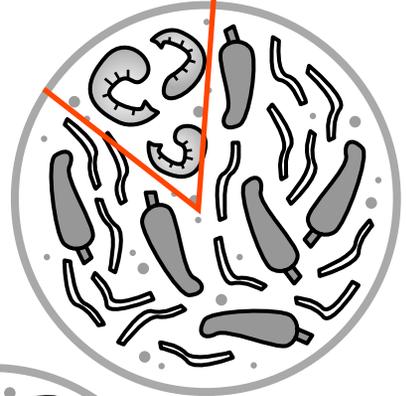
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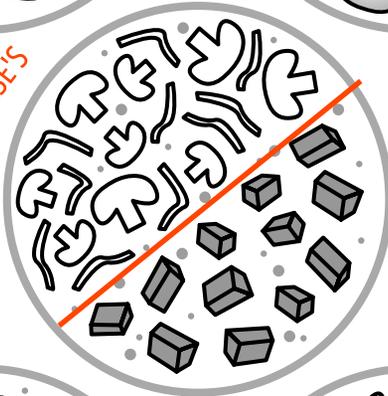
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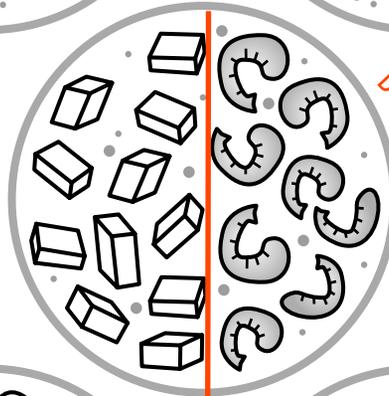
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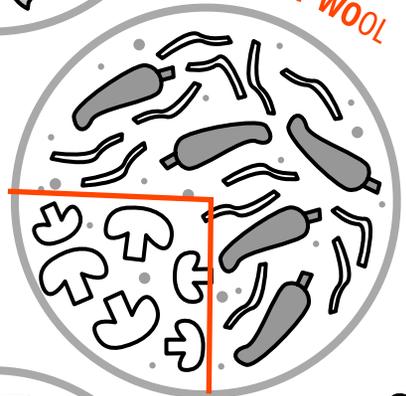
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AFTERNOON EVENING



VELVET WOOL



Mushroom



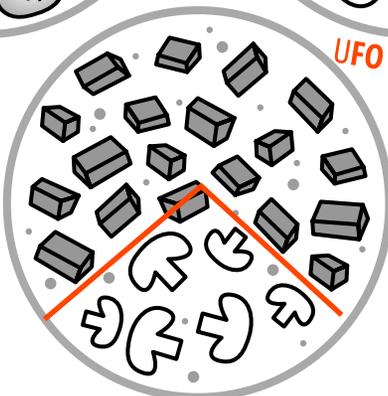
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Steak



WIFI VENOM

RESERVATIONS EVENTS

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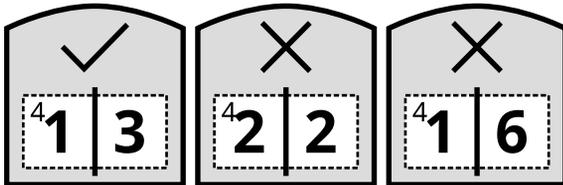
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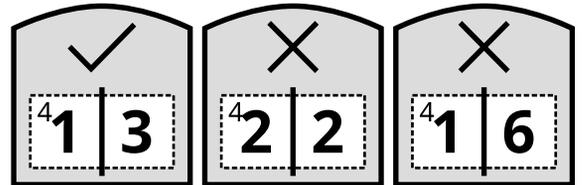
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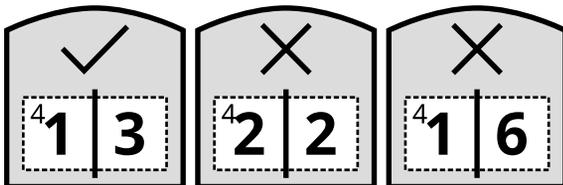
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