juille Blustelli 8	ips for solving cryptic crosswords	(i)
If you see a clue that	Such as	It might indicate
suggests mixing, strangeness, change, moving, performing or poor condition	about <sup>1</sup> , in a muddle, aimless, eccentric, fractured, wild, drunk, repair, change, mixed, bad, new, upset, affected, punk, breaking down, composed of, in a salad? (tossed), with license, in rough, prostitute, fluid, here and there, somehow, ground, model <sup>2</sup> , fancy, after a struggle, resorts, police(d), mythic, conversion, convertible, work(ed/ing)	an <i>Anagram</i>
suggests reversing course	about <sup>1</sup> , going the wrong way, back <sup>3</sup> , in retirement, counter  v.: return, recede, flip, turn, pivot, wheel <sup>4</sup> , crawfish, swivel  (Across) left, in the mirror, westward  (Down) up, rising, to the North, bottoms-up, upside-down, overturned, over	a Reversal
suggests hearing or pronouncing	reportedly, in recital, to the audience, orally, by the sound, in mouth, for the auditor, reporter's, speaker's, professor's, retailer's v.: hear, say <sup>5</sup> , utter, voice, quote, dictate, attend, broadcast <sup>6</sup>	a Homophone
suggests removal, lack or incompleteness <sup>7</sup>	except for head/heart/tail, -less, mostly, shy    head <sup>8,9</sup> = introduction to, top, prow,   first, greatest, start, leader,   piece <sup>10</sup> /capital/chief/bit (of) <sup>10</sup> ,   (de)face <sup>11</sup> , originally <sup>12</sup> , largely   centre <sup>13</sup> = heart <sup>13</sup> , stripped, inside of, empty   tail = end, finish <sup>14</sup> , at the back   head & tail = edges, borders, peel(ed),   coat, extreme(ly), outside of   practically, unfinished, curtail, unclosed, is reduced,   between terminals, nearly, leaves, almost, endlessly   specific   without (e.g. 'without fail' means delete F),   letter(s)   leaves, edited out, missing	a Deletion
suggests containment, 15	in <sup>17</sup> , within, without, goes around, somewhat, outside(?) v.: host <sup>18</sup> , grip, hold, fill, wrap, wear, surround, clutch, interrupt, contain, arrest, describe, tenants, swallow, parting, pocket	a Container
concealment, selection from <sup>16</sup> or contribution to	in <sup>17</sup> , feature, element, some <sup>19</sup> , a little/part (of), among, going through, sitting in, for a stretch, from v.: host <sup>18</sup> , hide, hold, line, incorporate, catch, bury, house, show, display, provide, take, stock, cross <sup>20</sup> , contribute, bridge, check, maintain, helpsmake	a Hidden Answer
is short		a Second Definition
uses one of or is none of the above	after, before, with, gains, beside, by, to	a Charade
ends with!		an & Lit.

<sup>1&#</sup>x27;About' can = ON, RE, &c. (see p. 2) as well as indicating an anagram, a reversal, a container or hidden answer; 'Out' can = ALIBI.

(FS in G&M, 15 Sept 2007, clue 15A).

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$ Model can = т, ерітоме or a specific person.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>'Back' can indicate reversal, deletion, part of a charade, and also = STERN OF REAR.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>'Wheel' can = O (see **Bits and Pieces**, on p. 3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>But 'say' can also = for example.

<sup>6&#</sup>x27;Broadcast' can indicate an anagram, a homophone, or = on AIR or perhaps sown.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>Distinguishing incompleteness from selection — which may signal a container or hidden answer — can be tricky.

<sup>8&#</sup>x27;Ultimately', 'initially', 'from the beginning', 'after the debut', &c. can suggest acronym, initialism, or telestitch (see n. 16).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>'Pair of' can mean first two letters (also 'pair' can = PR); 'Couple' can = wed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup>But 'piece' can = gun, 'piece of cereal' = OAT, 'bit of hype' = AD, and 'part of an ear' = COB. See also n. 16.

<sup>11</sup> But 'on the face' can be part of a charade, e.g. Roguish friend with nasty scar on the face (8) ⇒ RASC+ALLY (PS in G&M\*, 14 Mar 2009, #24A).

<sup>12&#</sup>x27;Originally' could suggest either the start (first letter), change (an anagram) or NÉE.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup>But 'centre of church' = NAVE; 'Heart' can = HUB.

 $<sup>^{14}</sup>$ 'Final check' can = checkmate, e.g. A final check by extremely unpopular hobbyist (7)  $\Rightarrow$  A+MATE+UR (FS in G&M, 09 Aug. 2008, clue 15A).

 $<sup>^{15}</sup>$ But 'possessed' can = RAVING.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup>Some hiddens (e.g. 'starts from') are telestiches, e.g. Fat characters ending "As You Like It" (4)  $\Rightarrow$  SUET (FS in G&M, 22 Oct 2007, clue 25D).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup>'In' can = POPULAR, ELECTED, &c. (see **Some Common Synonyms**, on p. 3).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup>But 'host' can = many (horde, slew, c, ton, &c.) or = emcee (MC) as well as indicating a container or hidden answer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup>But 'some' can = ANY in a charade, e.g. Fidgety Eliot opens some  $(5) \Rightarrow AN(T.S.)Y$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>'Cross' can = T, just as 'fork' can = Y, 'bend' can = Ess, &c.

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;FS in G&M' = Fraser Simpson in *The Globe and Mail*.

## Some Abbreviations

about\*  $\rightarrow$  RE, CA, ON, OR SO, TOPIC as REP, QUA alternative\* bed  $\rightarrow$  COT, CRIB, PLOT, GARDEN by\* AT, X British  $\rightarrow$  B college or school  $\rightarrow$  U, ETON, YALE, &c. commercial  $\rightarrow$  AD court  $\rightarrow$  ct, woo current → I, see also 'in' (in Some Common Synonyms, below) (physics) dam  $\rightarrow$  EWE, MOTHER doctor\*(s)  $\rightarrow$  DR(s), MD(s), RIG, (AMA), VET, SURGEON(s) fashion\* → see 'in' (in Some Common Synonyms, below) force  $\rightarrow$  F, DINT (physics) former  $\rightarrow$  EX, NÉE, PRIOR, LATE fort, island, river, street  $\rightarrow$  FT, I (or CAY &c.), R, ST (maps) front\*  $\rightarrow$  Van girl  $\rightarrow$  GAL, MAID, MISS, BELLE head\*, a  $\rightarrow$  PER hockey player/position  $\rightarrow$  wing Illinois, Ontario (for example)  $\rightarrow$  ILL, ONT integrated circuit  $\rightarrow$  IC loud/strong → F (forte) soft/quiet (piano) P, MUM very soft  $\rightarrow$  pp Liberal\*/Republican, Right-wing  $\rightarrow$  L, GRIT/R, TORY see also 'shot' below  $\rightarrow$  PB, VAN, LEASH, head silver, gold, iron, &c.  $\rightarrow$  AG, AU (or or), FE (or press), &c.<sup>1</sup> (chemistry) left  $\rightarrow$  L, PORT (nautical) manuscript  $\rightarrow$  MS married  $\rightarrow$  M (genealogy) men → SONS, CHAPS, PAWNS, MISTERS Monday, Tuesday, &c.  $\rightarrow$  M, T, W, F, S month → мо mother, father  $\rightarrow$  MA (or DAM), PA (or FOUNDER) North, South, &c.  $\rightarrow$  N, S, E, W, L, R, U, D<sup>2</sup> nothing or zero (tennis)  $\rightarrow$  LOVE, O  $\rightarrow$  P, MAN, SELL, PIECE pawn play  $\rightarrow$  DRAMA provided or given (math, logic)  $\rightarrow$  IF, LENT senior  $\rightarrow$  SR, DOYEN, ELDER shared see also 'lead' above shot\* → BB, PER, POP, DRAM, EACH, LEAD, AMMO, TRY state\*  $\rightarrow$  AVER, Ohio, &c. study  $\rightarrow$  CON, DEN, READ, SCAN, REVIEW that man  $\rightarrow$  HE, HIM temperature time<sup>4</sup>  $\rightarrow$  T, AT, AGE, EON, ERA, TERM, EPOCH, PERIOD true, false, wrong, good, yes, no  $\rightarrow$  T (or so), F, X (or sin, tort, error), G, Y, N pair\*  $\rightarrow$  PR (baseball) pitcher  $\rightarrow$  P, EWER prisoner  $\rightarrow$  con South Dakota, Florida, (for example) SD, FL (from math) unknown N, X used (double-'U's) W White (author)  $\rightarrow$  E.B., W, PURE work (physics) W

<sup>\*</sup>Could also indicate wordplay

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>'Tin' = can more often than = sn; 'Gold' can = or as well as = au; 'Iron' can = press as well as = fe. 'Can' can = tin, fire, layoff.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$ 'Down' can = sad.

 $<sup>^3</sup>$  Snake shared undergarment? (5)  $\Rightarrow$  CO BRA © 2008 by Fraser Simpson (clue 12A of puzzle #19 in 102 Cryptic Crosswords published by Sterling with ISBN 978-1-4027-5489-0).

<sup>4&#</sup>x27;Short time' can = MO, SEC, SHAKE OF A LAMB'S TAIL, &c.; 'Times' can = BY, X, or anything else suggesting mathematical multiplication.

## **Bits and Pieces**

point → N, S, E, W, NW, &c. decade → EGITITIS (e.g.) personal → AD pupil ← eye edge* → RIM, HEM, BORDER old (modern) → Signals archaic word*, circle, globe, none, no, round, bagel, _ 's egg → o mischevious* one → I, A, AN, BG, ACE, EACH, SOLE, SINGLE, PERĞ', A POP?  Some Common Synonyms addition, building → EL agreement awesome → RAD black car → HEARSE black car → HEARSE block car → HEARSE		Dits and Fieces					
personal → AD → Eye edge* → RIM, HEM, BORDER Old (modern) → signals archaic words*, former, AGED, ELDER CITCLE, globe, none, no, round, bagel, 's egg → o		point			redundant		
pupil			$\rightarrow$	eighties (e.g.)	wrong*		
edge*		personal	$\rightarrow$	AD			
old (modern) → signals archaic word², former, AGED, KLDER (circle, globe, none, no, round, bagel, "segg → put down*, negative review → DLS, PAN, EG, ACE, FACE, FACE, agreement agreement agreement agreement agreement agreement agreement agreement agreement agreement, awesome → RAD black car → HEARSE black car → LID dide desire company, multinat. → UN cover the desire dide with a company, multinat. → UN cover desired dire with a company, multinat. → UN desire dide with a company, multinat. → UN desire with a company, multinat. → UN desire with a company, multinat. → UN desire dide with a company, multinat. → UN desire with a company, multinat. →			$\rightarrow$	eye		$\rightarrow$	IV, V, L, C, D, M <sup>1</sup>
former, AGED, ELDER circle, globe, none, no, round, bagel, _ 's egg → o  Some Common  Synonyms  addition, building → EL agreement → AYE, YES, AMEN agreement → ARE, YES, AMEN black car → HEABSE black eye → SHINER bone → OS, ILIUM carrots, with → CRECY (cooking) carrots, with a CRECY (cooking) carrots, with a CRECY (co		edge*		- 1	mischevious* one	$\rightarrow$	IMP
addition, building agreement    Some Common Synonyms    addition, building agreement    agreement    agreement    agreement, foreign*    FAMPER    baby    FAMPER    black car    HEARSE    black carrots, with    Carrots, with    Core    Core    Core    HIEBER    COVER    HIEBER    COVER    HIEBER    COVER    HIEBER    COVER    HIEBER    COVER    HIEBER    COVER    HIEBER		old (modern)	$\rightarrow$	signals archaic word <sup>2</sup> ,	one	$\rightarrow$	I, A, AN, EG, ACE, EACH,
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awesome black car   black eye   black eye		addition, building	$\rightarrow$	EL	again	$\rightarrow$	RE-
black car → Hearse black car → Hearse black car → Hearse black car → Hearse black eye → Shiner bone → OS, ILIUM boy → SON carrots, with → CRECY (COOKING) celebration → FEST, FETE compland → INFER compland → INFER cool → ICE desire → WISH drip, drop → IV, TEAR easel → STAND extremely* → TOO feature* → body part, e.g. CHIN friend, partner forty days → LENT gallery → TIER general, (US General) → GAT, REV, UZI gym, health club³ → FYIMAL, SPA hit hard* → POW, BIFF, SWAT, &C. indicate → INFER inside → ELF profit → GAME patient → GL, ANT Steal → ROB Story → LENT Selection → ASK, SUE, LIST pixie → GL, ANT Steal → ROB Story → LIE, TALE, TIER train → EL, COACH train → ESS WORD, REST, LIF, EP, DISC, LEDGER TOOK → AMEN inside → TEST, PROVE TOOK → AMEN inside → MEN, AGE and winding, river → ESS WORD, REC, LEDGER TOOK → AMEN inside → MEN, AGE and winding, river → ESS WORD, REC, are you online? = RUD, AGE, COME, and DISC, AGE, COCK → CABALERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TO DOOK, CABLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TO SHARL, COCK → COKE, LEDGER TOOK → COKE, LAVA, (FICE. SCREE, STRATA) SIMPORT* → LECG, PROY, BASE, BASIS, SUPPORT* → LECG, PROY, BASE, BA		agreement	$\rightarrow$	AYE, YES, AMEN	agreement, foreign*	$\rightarrow$	si, oui, &c.
bone		_	$\rightarrow$	RAD	baby	$\rightarrow$	PAMPER
bone		black car	$\rightarrow$	HEARSE	black eye	$\rightarrow$	SHINER
celebration		bone	$\rightarrow$	OS, ILIUM	2	$\rightarrow$	SON
celebrant conclude		carrots, with			•	$\rightarrow$	FEST, FETE
conclude cover  → LID desire → WISH die → CUBE drip, drop easel → STAND extremely* → TOO feature* forty days → LENT general, (US General) ⇒ G, BRASS, (LEE) gym, health club³ → TY[YMCA], SPA hit hard* → POW, BIFF, SWAT, &c. indicate → INFER JON CAN BOM HON							•
cover       → LID       desire       → WISH         die       → CUBE       drip, drop       → IV, TEAR         easel       → STAND       extremely*       → TOO         feature*       → body part, e.g. CHIN       fellow       → DON, MAN, GENT         friend, partner       → PAL, ALLY, PEER       force       → E, DINT         forty days       → LENT       gallery       → TIER         general, (US General)       → G, BRASS, (LEE)       god       → RA, PAN, ARES, DEVA         gun       → GAT, REV, UZI       grateful       → ASHES         gun       → GAT, REV, UZI       grateful       → ASHES         hit hard*       → POW, BIFF, SWAT, &C.       impersonating*       → AS         indicate       → INFER       insult*       → DIS, PAN         John       → LOO, CAN       journey, part of       → LEG         key       → I, ISLE, ISLAND       magistrate, Venetian       → DOGE, (DOGEA)         mountain       → MT, ALP, PEAK       modd*       → RUM         pastime       → GAME       petition       → ASK, SUE, LIST         pixie       → ELF       FIX, EDIT       selection       → CALLER, TIER, EDIT         soldier       → GI, ANT							
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gum					0 2		
gym, health club³ → Y[YMCA], SPA hit hard* → POW, BIFF, SWAT, &c. indicate → INFER insult* → DIS, PAN John → LOO, CAN journey, part of → LEG key → I, ISLE, ISLAND magistrate, Venetian → DOGE, (DOGEA) mountain → MT, ALP, PEAK my → WOW, GEE (Oh my!) no longer → EX, NÉE, PRIOR, FORMER pastime → GAME petition → ASK, SUE, LIST pixie → ELF profit → GAIN repair* → FIX, EDIT selection → EQI, ANT steal → ROB story → LIE, TALE, TIER train → EL, COACH trash* → DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM trial → TEST, PROVE TV show → ER twin → CHAN OF ENG Vandal → HUN weak* → THIN (as in tea) win → W, GAIN winding, river → ESS Word, last → AMEN  bank → GALLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TD on-line → EACH, PER, father, Soft drink red → R, Communist, Soviet (e.g., red plane = MIG) Simpson → BART, HOMER, LISA, SUPPOR* → LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,					C		
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repair*			$\rightarrow$	GAME	•	$\rightarrow$	ASK, SUE, LIST
soldier  steal  → ROB  story  → LIE, TALE, TIER  train  → EL, COACH  trash*  → DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM  trial  → TEST, PROVE  twin  → CHAN OF ENG  winding, river  → ESS  Word, last  → TRENDY, VOGUE, CHIC, HIP,  TD  TD  AAMEN  on-line  → E, abbrev. (e.g., are you online? = RU)  pop  → EACH, PER, father, soft drink  red  → R, Communist, Soviet (e.g., red plane = MIG)  Simpson  → LIE, TALE, TIER  → POW  → DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM  → DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM  → W, GAIN  → W, GAIN  → Word, last  → TRENDY, VOGUE, CHIC, HIP, RAGE, ELECTED, POPULAR  → BED, MAP, CABAL, RING, STORY, GARDEN  → LOG, BEST, LP, EP, DISC, LEDGER  rock*  → ORE, LAVA, (rel.: SCREE, STRATA)  Simpson  → BART, HOMER, LISA, Support*  → LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,		•	$\rightarrow$	ELF	*		
steal       → ROB       story       → LIE, TALE, TIER         train       → EL, COACH       trash*       → DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM         trial       → TEST, PROVE       TV show       → ER         twin       → CHAN OF ENG       vandal       → HUN         weak*       → THIN (as in tea)       win       → W, GAIN         winding, river       → ESS       word, last       → AMEN         bank       → GALLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TD       in*       → TRENDY, VOGUE, CHIC, HIP, RAGE, ELECTED, POPULAR         on-line       → E, abbrev. (e.g., are you online? = RU)       plot       → BED, MAP, CABAL, RING, STORY, GARDEN         pop       → EACH, PER, father, soft drink       record       → LOG, BEST, LP, EP, DISC, LEDGER         red       → R, Communist, Soviet (e.g., red plane = MIG)       rock*       → ORE, LAVA, (rel.: SCREE, STRATA)         Simpson       → BART, HOMER, LISA,       support*       → LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,			$\rightarrow$	FIX, EDIT		$\rightarrow$	example of
train  → EL, COACH  trial  → TEST, PROVE  TV show  → ER  twin  → CHAN OF ENG  weak*  → THIN (as in tea)  win  → GALLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY,  TD  on-line  → E, abbrev. (e.g., are you online? = RU)  pop  → EACH, PER, father, soft drink  red  → R, Communist, Soviet (e.g., red plane = MIG)  Simpson  → DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM  → BUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM  → ER  → DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM  → ER  → DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM  → ER  → HUN  → W, GAIN  → MRENDY, VOGUE, CHIC, HIP, RAGE, ELECTED, POPULAR  → BED, MAP, CABAL, RING, STORY, GARDEN  → LOG, BEST, LP, EP, DISC, LEDGER  → ORE, LAVA, (rel.: SCREE, STRATA)  Support*  → LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,		soldier	$\rightarrow$	GI, ANT	_	$\rightarrow$	POW
trial $\rightarrow$ Test, prove $\rightarrow$ TV show $\rightarrow$ ER  twin $\rightarrow$ Chan or Eng $\rightarrow$ vandal $\rightarrow$ Hun  weak* $\rightarrow$ Thin (as in tea) $\rightarrow$ win $\rightarrow$ W, Gain  winding, river $\rightarrow$ Ess $\rightarrow$ word, last $\rightarrow$ Amen  bank $\rightarrow$ Gallery, Tier, Row, Rely, in* $\rightarrow$ Trendy, vogue, Chic, Hip, Rage, Elected, Popular  on-line $\rightarrow$ E, abbrev. (e.g., are you online? = Ru) $\rightarrow$ Bed, Map, Cabal, Ring, Story, Garden  pop $\rightarrow$ Each, per, father, record $\rightarrow$ Log, Best, Lp, Ep, Disc, soft drink $\rightarrow$ R, Communist, Soviet rock* $\rightarrow$ Ore, Lava, (e.g., red plane = Mig)  Simpson $\rightarrow$ Bart, Homer, Lisa, support* $\rightarrow$ Leg, Prop, Base, Basis,		steal	$\rightarrow$	ROB	2	$\rightarrow$	LIE, TALE, TIER
twin → CHAN OF ENG vandal → HUN  weak* → THIN (as in tea) win → W, GAIN  winding, river → ESS word, last → AMEN  bank → GALLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TD		train	$\rightarrow$	EL, COACH		$\rightarrow$	DUMP, RUBBISH, DIS, RUM
weak*       → THIN (as in tea)       win       → W, GAIN         winding, river       → ESS       word, last       → AMEN         bank       → GALLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TD       in*       → TRENDY, VOGUE, CHIC, HIP, RAGE, ELECTED, POPULAR         on-line       → E, abbrev. (e.g., are you online? = RU)       plot       → BED, MAP, CABAL, RING, STORY, GARDEN         pop       → EACH, PER, father, soft drink       record       → LOG, BEST, LP, EP, DISC, LEDGER         red       → R, Communist, Soviet (e.g., red plane = MIG)       rock*       → ORE, LAVA, (rel.: SCREE, STRATA)         Simpson       → BART, HOMER, LISA,       support*       → LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,		trial	$\rightarrow$	TEST, PROVE	TV show	$\rightarrow$	ER
winding, river       → ESS       word, last       → AMEN         bank       → GALLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TD       in*       → TRENDY, VOGUE, CHIC, HIP, RAGE, ELECTED, POPULAR         on-line       → E, abbrev. (e.g., are you online? = RU)       plot       → BED, MAP, CABAL, RING, STORY, GARDEN         pop       → EACH, PER, father, soft drink       record       → LOG, BEST, LP, EP, DISC, LEDGER         red       → R, Communist, Soviet (e.g., red plane = MIG)       rock*       → ORE, LAVA, (rel.: SCREE, STRATA)         Simpson       → BART, HOMER, LISA, support*       → LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,		twin	$\rightarrow$	CHAN OF ENG	vandal	$\rightarrow$	HUN
bank  → GALLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TD  on-line → E, abbrev. (e.g., are you online? = RU)  pop → EACH, PER, father, soft drink  red → R, Communist, Soviet (e.g., red plane = MIG)  Simpson → GALLERY, TIER, ROW, RELY, TD  RAGE, ELECTED, POPULAR  → BED, MAP, CABAL, RING, STORY, GARDEN  → LOG, BEST, LP, EP, DISC, LEDGER  → ORE, LAVA, (rel.: SCREE, STRATA)  → LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,		weak*	$\rightarrow$	тніn (as in tea)	win	$\rightarrow$	W, GAIN
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pop $\rightarrow$ EACH, PER, father, soft drink red $\rightarrow$ LOG, BEST, LP, EP, DISC, soft drink LEDGER rock* $\rightarrow$ ORE, LAVA, (rel.: SCREE, STRATA)  Simpson $\rightarrow$ BART, HOMER, LISA, Support* $\rightarrow$ LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,					Piot		
soft drink  red $\rightarrow$ R, Communist, Soviet  (e.g., red plane = MIG)  Simpson $\rightarrow$ BART, HOMER, LISA,  support*  LEDGER $\rightarrow$ ORE, LAVA,  (rel.: SCREE, STRATA) $\rightarrow$ LEG, PROP, BASE, BASIS,		non	$\rightarrow$	, ,	record	$\rightarrow$	
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(e.g., red plane = Mig) (rel.: scree, strata) Simpson $\rightarrow$ bart, homer, lisa, support* $\rightarrow$ leg, prop, base, basis,		rod			rock*		
Simpson $\rightarrow$ bart, homer, lisa, support* $\rightarrow$ leg, prop, base, basis,		icu	-7		TOCK	-7	
		Simpson		_	cumont*		,
MARGE, MAGGY, UJ STAND, RAFTER		Jiiipson	$\rightarrow$		support	$\rightarrow$	
	-	*0 11 1		MAKGE, MAGGY, UJ			SIAND, KAFIEK

<sup>\*</sup>Could also indicate wordplay.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>But '86' can = тоss, sink, &c., or smart (from TV); and '1000' can = g (grand), м (Roman numeral), к (kilo-) or тноυ(slang);  $'4 \times 4'$  can = ute.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> But 'old country' can = ussr, eire or cathay; 'Modern art?' = Are ('Modern art' by Fraser Simpson in *The Waltrus* 5(1) (Jan/Feb. 2008), clue #2 See also **Bits and Pieces** (above) for 'one', 'ten', and 'forty days'; See **Miscellaneous** (below) for numbers in other languages. ('Modern art' by Fraser Simpson in *The Walrus* 5(1) (Jan./Feb. 2008), clue #20).

 $<sup>^3</sup>$ 'Club' can also = BAT, MACE, TEAM or refer to a card suit.

 $<sup>^{4}{^{\</sup>prime}}\text{Odd}^{\prime}$  can indicate an agram or telestitch.

Some -er Puns

Some -er runs							
badger $\rightarrow$ rag on Barker $\rightarrow$ bob, seal							
bitter	$\rightarrow$ ale, stout, be	eer	breather	$\rightarrow$	LUNG		
butter	→ GOAT		camper	$\rightarrow$	RV		
catcher	$\rightarrow$ TRAP (see also	'trapper')	character	$\rightarrow$	letter, ideogram, aura, rôle, rune		
charter	$\rightarrow$ MAP MAKER, F	OR HIRE	chopper(s)	$\rightarrow$	тоотн (теетн)		
cooler	$\rightarrow$ 'ADE, JAIL (CAI	N, BRIG, CELL, GAOL)	copper	$\rightarrow$	cu, cent, penny, police		
cylinder	→ LOOP		drawer	$\rightarrow$	TILL		
drawing	$\rightarrow$ LOT, LOTTERY		eavesdropper	$\rightarrow$	ICICLE		
farmworker	$\rightarrow$ bracero <sup>1</sup>		feller	$\rightarrow$	LUMBERJACK		
Fisher	→ CARRIE		flatter	$\rightarrow$	BUTTER UP		
flower	$\rightarrow$ river		forecaster	$\rightarrow$	PROPHET		
gripper	$\rightarrow$ TALON		heater	$\rightarrow$	GUN		
hipster	$\rightarrow$ CAT, HEPCAT		Homer	$\rightarrow$	HR, WINSLOW		
home-wrecker	$\rightarrow$ TORNADO		honker	$\rightarrow$	NOSE		
hopper	$\rightarrow$ HARE, RABBIT		jogger	$\rightarrow$	REMINDER		
layer	$\rightarrow$ HEN		letter opener	$\rightarrow$	DEAR SIR		
lighter	$\rightarrow$ FLINT		listener	$\rightarrow$	EAR		
lower		ine, neat, bovine	mariner		tar, sailor		
member, colony	$\rightarrow$ ANT, BEE		Mideasterner	$\rightarrow$	SEMITE		
minister	$\rightarrow$ TEND, NURSE		mister	$\rightarrow$	SPRAY BOTTLE		
murderer	→ CAIN		newspaper	$\rightarrow$	RAG		
number	$\rightarrow$ N, SKIT, ANAES	отнетіс, song, dance	one evening	$\rightarrow$	AVENGER		
ones that	→ERS		Perrier?	$\rightarrow$	EAU		
picker	ightarrow guitarist, harj	pist, &c.	pitcher	$\rightarrow$	P, ADMAN		
planter	$\rightarrow$ seeder		player, tape	$\rightarrow$	DJ		
players	$\rightarrow$ ORCHESTRA		porter		ALE		
prayer	$\rightarrow$ PRIEST		prayer?, good	$\rightarrow$	AMEN+ABLE		
processor, food			promoter	$\rightarrow$	ANGEL		
revolver	→ wheel², satell	ite	rider	$\rightarrow$	PS, JOCKEY, PASSENGER		
rocket launcher	$\rightarrow$ NASA		rubber	$\rightarrow$	MASSEUR		
seeder	$\rightarrow$ PLANTER		server	$\rightarrow$	TRAY		
sewer	$\rightarrow$ TAILOR, SEAMS	STRESS, NEEDLE, &C.	sister	$\rightarrow$	NUN		
sitter	$\rightarrow$ HEN		soldier	$\rightarrow$	ANT, GI		
steeper	$\rightarrow$ TEA BAG		streaker	$\rightarrow$	COMET		
stroller	$\rightarrow$ AMBLER		swimmer(s)	$\rightarrow$	FISH, SCHOOL		
teacher		I, RABBI, TUTOR, PROF	tear-jerker	$\rightarrow$	ONION		
tender, legal	→ RN (registered	d nurse)	tower		TUGBOAT		
trapper	$\rightarrow$ NET, WEB		trouper	$\rightarrow$	ballet dancer, actor		
worker	$\rightarrow$ ANT, BEE, HAN	D, STRIVER	writer	$\rightarrow$	PEN, HAND		
		Miscellaneo	นร				

## Miscellaneous

<b>after making</b> Defeat after making A	$AC flaw (6) \Rightarrow \text{defect (from defeat)}$
Sharp-witted charlata	an has change of heart $(5) \Rightarrow QUICK$ (from $QUack$ )

**phone** # A pastime: Phone 6 names, primarily Greek  $(9) \Rightarrow A+GAME+MNO+N$ 

telestitch Evens out in unsteady kind of car (4)  $\Rightarrow$  USED (UnStEaDy)

(foreign) East German with resplendent bird (7)  $\Rightarrow$  ost+rich

Competitor 4 at Oktoberfest  $(4) \Rightarrow \text{vier}$ 

(punctuation pun) [I note dins]?  $(2,8) \Rightarrow I+N$ . B.+RACKETS  $Professor/benefactor(5) \Rightarrow don+or$ 

FS in G&M,\* 07 Feb 2009, clue 23D

(source unknown)

FS in G&M, 04 Aug 2001, clue 26A

FS in 102,  $^{\dagger}$  clue 17A of puzzle #37 FS in G&M, 27 Apr 2003, clue 18A

FS in G&M, 20 Oct 2007, clue 18A

FS in G&M, 20 Oct 2007, clue 13D

FS in G&M, 12 Jan 2008, clue 13A

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>'Wheels' can indicate reversal (FS in G&M\*, 30 Aug 2008, clue 2D).

<sup>\*&#</sup>x27;FS in G&M' = Fraser Simpson in The Globe and Mail.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> 'FS in 102' = Fraser Simpson in 102 Cryptic Crosswords (published by Sterling with ISBN 978-1-4027-5489-0 in 2008).