

MULTIFACETED BALTIMORE by Tinhorn

Welcome to Baltimore, a city with a multitude of personalities. In fact, as of August 2008 Wikipedia listed 8 different nicknames for this historic locale. This puzzle is a tribute to those nicknames.

Each nickname affects 3 of the clues or answers, for a total of 24 altogether. Three of the nicknames relate to how certain clues must be altered before solving:

Charm City -- An unusual spell has been cast on the one-word definition portion of the clue (which may result in it now reading as more than one word).

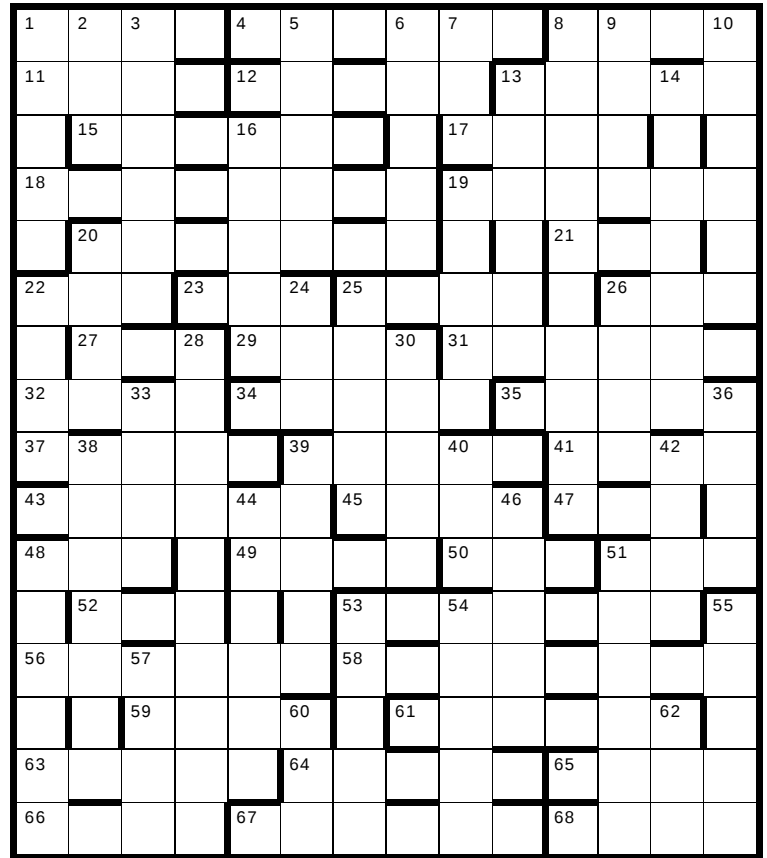
Mob Town -- An extra person has joined the clue and must be removed before solving.

Monument City -- An abbreviated monument must be built into the clue before solving.

The 5 remaining nicknames relate to how certain answers must be manipulated before or during entry into the grid, in different thematic ways to be determined by you:

B-More / B-Town / City of Firsts / Crabtown / Ravenstown

When you are finished, the first letter of every other (1st, 3rd, 5th, etc.) clue that was not affected (and did not have its answer affected) by any of the above changes will, with a little more digging, reveal the meaning of the Irish-language name for the town of Baltimore in County Cork, Ireland -- *Dún na Séad* -- from which our host city took its name through Lord Baltimore as an intermediary.



Meaning of name: _____

ACROSS

1. "Five" is first of evaluations for gripping tool
4. High school provided revolutionary angle
8. Half of fabric is wonderful
11. Melancholy mood in club after moniker spread (2 wds)
12. Enclose nearly new pasta
13. Orpheus met him and spoiled plot involving uranium
15. Swimming insect follows headless insect
17. Lad, end of answer tile almost overturned
18. Recipe component used to increase volume of food from succulent
19. Pass our cooking, leaving out unsatisfactory flavors
20. The point to turn in (give out, put back) succeeding second-rate edition

21. Licensed reviewer of financials starts to correct banker performing audit (*abbr.*)
22. Chicago airport hardens at the core after choice word (*abbr.*)
23. Smoke turning deplorable after temperature is dropped
25. Year the composer Chopin originally had unlimited penetrating lines able to be set to music
26. One surrendering ring over single printer's measurements
27. Formed into a legal entity within Cincinnati (*abbr.*)
29. First son of California joining in
31. Adjusts to conditions in spot past stranger
32. John, across the pond, appears in impressive form, milliseconds away

34. Title role for Keaton (2000): overwhelming resistance with love and charm at the end (2 wds)
35. On the way back, declare unopened lock
37. The 39th after roe in a series of round and at first bland and mushy appetizers
39. Hopelessly ruin tail of specimen to entomb
41. Put back true and clear essential for camper
43. Les is otherwise serious
45. Evaluate negatively, in retrospect, after spring's first sudden spell of weather
47. Understand third letter read aloud
48. Intrepid bachelor having abandoned antique
49. Sheets of plastic used to prepare cartoons and, oddly, crew list
50. To join wood securely is unusually tiresome before the end

51. He delivers combo evenly (*abbr.*)
52. The sun is reflected in storage units
53. Maiden from India leaves evil ones and tries to survive without help
56. Toss, except for the last, at front portion of neck
58. One who attempts after friend is more trivial
59. Eastern landmass, like area east of island
61. Place gets cold following a coordinate reduction in salary (2 wds)
63. Magnificent number in film short at fair
64. Dull poet left
65. Big mall initially was lacking center for luxury cars
66. Shed drops from one's eyes to one's ears for layer of wedding cake
67. Swimming ashore is rough in sound
68. Awkwardly soak intern working with Dilbert

DOWN

- 1.** Evident in heaviest struggles
- 2.** Tavern is fashionable at noon
- 3.** Rollerbladed, perhaps kneepadded up front in full
- 5.** Design house known for purses displayed in Ludwigshafen district
- 6.** Operate around breaking -- that is, become advantageous
- 7.** Body of water in East parting since receding
- 8.** Usually eased presentation materials in script, half prepared (2 wds)
- 9.** Vehicle in gold half-tone
- 10.** Negative votes about current soprano sounds
- 13.** Serene from passing over liquid sour to the taste
- 14.** Dinkiest ones from Bangkok said to be oppressive rulers
- 16.** Cremation arranged for creature with human, lion, and dragon parts
- 19.** Pack tight after opening to safeguard added elks
- 20.** Vigor and hug after rib is broken
- 22.** Traveling solo to capital
- 24.** Waiter dropping argument in opposition to thin swimmer
- 25.** Depicts mollusk climbing, using top of arch for acceleration
- 26.** Hollow enclosure storing gym's fencing equipment
- 28.** As to a target, be nearer comedian having entertainment primarily for one -- one who did not win (2 wds)
- 30.** Every person you can know and every place that you can go, according to Saturday morning TV numbers about one in Paris
- 33.** Place for scientific research turned down hairless scientist
- 36.** Reflected crazy shock
- 38.** Turn back slovenly person and hurry, Communist
- 39.** Unable to react, it possesses no energy radius
- 40.** Endlessly grade informer
- 42.** Report of current events from all directions
- 44.** Native American footwear lacking zip and second runner-up in a race last year
- 46.** Devotion of farmer kept animal housing primarily inside yard
- 48.** Trial about leader of the group
- 51.** More than one hate a BP elevator after moving top to bottom
- 53.** Carmen is one source of outrage for each adult
- 54.** Firemen's optic act breaches boundaries of fortress
- 55.** Knight, for one, rejected king's gambit
- 57.** Talk with enthusiasm right at farewell
- 60.** Seltzer rejected after starting off fuss
- 62.** Cry of pain raised after beginning of tournament doubles team size