

# Elvis Is Leaving the Building

A puzzle extravaganza by Joshua Kosman and Rick Rubenstein

Say it ain't so.

You're rummaging through the dumpsters outside the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland when you come across a sheaf of notes from the induction committee's latest meeting. You can't believe what you see: *Elvis has been kicked out of the Hall of Fame.*

How can this be? Elvis is the greatest! Elvis is without peer! *Elvis is rock and roll!*

But there's no mistaking the memo: Due to suspicion of behavior judged by the committee as unacceptable and not in keeping with the Hall's high standards, *Elvis Costello has been removed from the official list of inductees.*

Your shock gives way to determination. Maybe, if you delve into Elvis' past, you can uncover evidence of what a great guy he truly is, and convince the committee to reinstate him.

However, the papers you find yourself in possession of are a bit...puzzling. Each has a song title, the album featuring that song, a quote from the King himself, and a puzzle. What could it all mean?

Hoping it will make more sense once you've solved the puzzles, you set to work...

(Every answer is a common word or phrase. When you've found all five, check with Game Control to find out what to do next.)

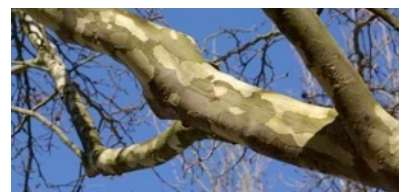
# Mystery Dance

From *My Aim is True*, 1977

*"My fans judge every album like an exam, a quiz — when my music fails, I fail."*  
— E.C.

For each pair of dance partners clued below, find the letter which will unite them as a couple. Then match each with one of the pictures to reveal that couple's Mystery Dance. The indicated letters from the dances will reveal the answer.

- Long Island or Puget, e.g. \_\_\_ It might have shingles \_\_\_\_\_ [1]
- Having a Y chromosome \_\_\_ Thespian \_\_\_\_\_ [3]
- Meal for a panda \_\_\_ Was in front \_\_\_\_\_ [3]
- Showed up \_\_\_ The last word in prayer \_\_\_\_\_ [4]
- Center of a storm \_\_\_ Remains of a fire \_\_\_\_\_ [5]
- Satellite receiver \_\_\_ Robin's home, perhaps \_\_\_\_\_ [2]
- Ford or Lincoln, e.g. \_\_\_ Donkey \_\_\_\_\_ [7]
- Gladness \_\_\_ Pet parasite or clock sound \_\_\_\_\_ [5]



# Lipstick Vogue

From *This Year's Model*, 1978

*"I always try mixing suavity with snazzy rhythms, but I finally just wind up quitting in disgust."*  
— E.C.

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*Lipstick Vogue* is a niche magazine, an offshoot of its more general namesake, devoted to all things lipstick-related. Twelve other magazine spinoffs, each with an analogous two-word title, are concealed in the grid below. They wind their way through the grid, proceeding from letter to letter horizontally or vertically (but never diagonally), and never cross their own paths or those of other entries.

When you have found all twelve magazine titles, the unused letters, read in order, will spell out a thirteenth niche magazine, the first word of which is the answer you seek.

	B	M	U	J	I	E	T	Y	A	G	
J	O	M	E	M	R	N	E	D	R	O	L
E	U	S	S	I	A	V	L	A	U	Q	Y
T	E	H	P	T	Y	T	I	R	R	E	M
D	L	N	E	H	A	R	D	W	I	D	P
A	F	D	I	E	N	U	T	A	G	C	I
M	L	D	N	G	M	O	R	M	E	E	L
G	I	F	E	H	E	N	O	H	S	E	P
N	I	P	P	O	Y	R	F	E	R	B	O
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L	S	E	R	O	G	N	S	S	E	T	P
	C	D	Y	E	C	N	E	B	O	A	

# Let Them All Talk

From *Punch the Clock*, 1983

*"Can I quickly point out how amazing I am? I'm not jiving you, boy — I can fix anything."*  
— E.C.

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Seeking the opinions of your friends when demoing a new song can be very helpful. Of course, you should pay particular attention to what they may have left unsaid. In the example below, those things are clued at the bottom, in alphabetical order, with enumerations. Once you've determined what each speaker has failed to say, take the indicated letters to reveal the answer.

[4] "You call that a song? My two-year-old in the middle of his afternoon write better lyrics than that!"

[2] "I love how you describe that woman's pupils are like tiny bullet holes."

[3] "Nice! I especially liked the 'hungry for love' part; you can come over to my husband's and my place and refrigerator anytime!"

[3] "Solid songwriting. You've really got something if you a singer who can carry a tune."

[2] "Eh, I liked your early stuff better. It's clear you're prime."

[1] "You know, when I hear songs that bad, I never know whether to under 'trash' or 'drek'."

[1] "Interesting key changes. I'm intrigued that the first A, while the rest sticks to A-slightly-flat."

[2] "Ugh! Disgusting! I haven't heard anything that years!"

[8] "You should lay off the high notes. You squeak worse than the brakes on that pickup me last week."

[1] "Dear lord make it stop. I think I'm going to puke up that sandwich I."

Restricted to a small space (8)

Truman's successor (10)

Develop in the womb (7)

Cloth used at dinner (6)

Hardcore Democrat or Republican, say (8)

Place for grazing (7)

Classification above class (6)

It's used to spot enemy aircraft (5)

Belligerent (9)

It's two steps smaller than a cello (6)

## 20% Amnesia

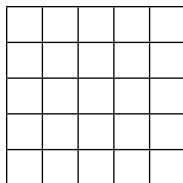
From *Brutal Youth*, 1994

*"Looking back now, I'd probably avoid plopping a quirky sax solo in a rockabilly song. Sorry, jazz fans."*  
— E.C.

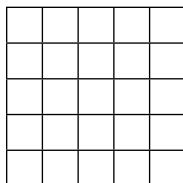
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Each set of clues, given in mixed order, leads to a 5x5 word square reading the same across and down. But because of amnesia affecting retention of names, one entry in each square — a common proper name — has been forgotten. Circle the letter at which the forgotten entry crosses itself; these letters, taken in order, will spell out the answer.

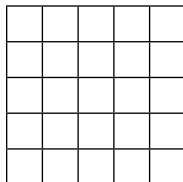
Artist's stand  
Burn lightly  
Inclined to be suspicious  
Remark directed to the audience  
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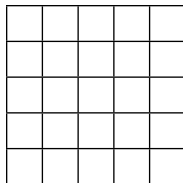
Iconic Canadian tree  
Impoverished  
Looked at amorously  
Visual representation  
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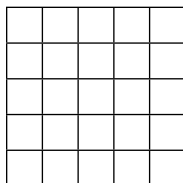
Brag about one's accomplishments  
General direction, as in economics  
Like some angles or accents  
Lustrous fabric  
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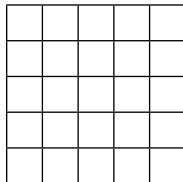
Accepted principle in a proof  
Nail file ingredient  
One with no chance of survival  
Sheriff's insignia  
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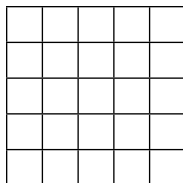
Eject from the premises  
Higher than  
Irritable  
Manservant  
?



Build  
Enthusiastically positive reviews  
Helical fastener  
What haste makes  
?



Fight on horseback, like a knight  
Fraction of a pound  
Lightweight portable shelters  
The north, in the Civil War  
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# Five Small Words

From *National Ransom*, 2010

*"We recorded on the q.t., then kept the song secret for weeks — except for one goofy DJ who broke the news, the bozo."*  
— E.C.

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Write each word defined below in the first blank. Then apply one transformation from Set 1, followed by one from Set 2, and lastly one from Set 3. The transformations are listed randomly within each set. If applied correctly, each will result in a common, uncapitalized English word.

When you're finished, transfer the resulting Five Small Words to the numbered spaces at the bottom of the page to obtain the answer.

Item of jewelry worn on the finger (4)	_____	_____	_____	— — — 2 12 1
What a cow says (3)	_____	_____	_____	— — — 9 8 5
What the garbage man collects (5)	_____	_____	_____	— — — 7 14 10
Male sibling (7)	_____	_____	_____	— — — 6 11 4
Watch-bearing body part (5)	_____	_____	_____	— — — 3 13

## Set 1:

Remove the second letter

Replace the letter R with the letter A

Append the color signifying "stop"

Insert a word meaning "incise into metal using acid" after the first letter

Insert an H in the second position

## Set 2:

Replace a kind of tree with a kind of grain

Remove the first letter, then insert the commonest word in English after the new first letter

Replace an abbreviation for "and so on" with a word meaning "you and me"

Replace a word meaning "that woman" with one meaning "of whatever kind or quantity"

Replace the postal code for Missouri with the opposite of fiction

## Set 3:

Remove a performer

Remove a youngster from the edges

Remove a robbery

Remove a part of the lower body

Remove the odd-numbered letters

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14