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The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell **IMPROMPTU**.

- A. APPROX(**I**)MATE
NEPHEWS
DEFENDING
- B. RE(**M**)EET
EVERYWHERE
WHEELHOUSE
- C. RECOMPENSE
OCTOTHOR(**P**)
OVERBLEW
- D. NOSEWHEEL
EFFECTED
YESTE(**R**)DAY
- E. N(**O**)NBINDING
OAFISH
TRAJECTORY
- F. TOWHEADED
HASHING
AL(**M**)SGIVING
- G. THATCH
YATAGHAN
OP(**P**)OSITIONAL
- H. UNBEARABLY
AWHILE
SUFFOCA(**T**)ED
- I. KOWTOW
EN(**U**)NCIATED
DUMBFOUNDED

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1	G	2	H	3	B	4	C	5	I	6	H	7	D	8	C	9	C	10	G	11	B	12	F	13	H	14	F	15	A	16	I	17	E	18	E	19	D		
	T	H	E	O	N	L	Y	R	E	A	L	L	Y	G	O	O	D	C	O																				
20	I	21	A	22	F	23	H	24	D	25	A	26	C	27	H	28	F	29	B	30	D	31	A	32	B	33	H	34	G	35	C	36	G	37	I	38	B		
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39	I	40	E	41	F	42	D	43	G	44	B	45	I	46	H	47	G	48	C	49	G	50	H	51	F	52	H	53	E	54	H	55	D	56	F	57	E		
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115	A	116	C	117	B	118	E	119	G	120	F	121	I	122	D	123	G	124	I	125	B	126	E	127	C	128	G	129	A	130	A	131	G	132	H	133	C		
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134	D	135	E	136	F	137	F	138	H	139	C	140	H	141	F	142	E	143	G	144	A	145	B	146	G	147	E	148	H	149	E	150	I	151	D	152	A		
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172	I	173	G	174	G	175	A	176	H	177	E	178	F	179	B	180	F	181	F	182	E	183	A	184	G	185	B	186	H	187	I	188	C	189	I	190	A		
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191	A	192	G	193	I	194	B	195	I	196	H	197	D	198	E	199	I	200	G	201	A	202	C	203	F	204	B	205	E	206	F	207	E	208	I	209	B		
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	A	S	B	R	I	E	F	A	N	D	E	X	C	E	L	L	E	N	T																				

Omitted Letters

- I** **A P P R O X** **M** **A T E N E P H E W S** **D E F E N D I N G**
 164 31 155 175 221 21 115 85 144 201 215 165 130 99 191 67 106 25 190 129 152 183 81 227 60
 A. Around 11, Tom appears distraught without son near
 Recent events surrounding half of Ephram's relatives
 Serving as attorney for contingent with female in papa's place
- M** **R E E E T E V** **E R Y W H E R E W** **H E E L H O U S E**
 167 3 70 117 29 179 38 145 213 154 209 194 157 44 166 62 72 32 101 11 125 185 169 84 204
 B. Reencounter extreme explosion with no end to Semtex
 Start to express extremely shallow conclusion here and beyond
 Sweet spot to roll a joint
- P** **R E C O M P E N S E O C T O T H O R** **O V E R B L E W**
 8 226 102 4 26 163 139 92 48 159 202 71 127 188 153 35 103 86 133 116 75 107 94 224 9 78
 C. Pay for damaged prom scene by the end of June
 Key figure in doctored court photo is missing uniform
 Gave too much credit to reckless rebel vow
- R** **N O S E W H E E L E F F E C T E D** **Y E S T E D A Y**
 134 19 65 61 76 100 122 69 105 220 162 216 108 24 197 42 59 7 151 30 112 95 93 217 55
 D. Ragged hole seen around center of forward airplane tire
 Unable to produce about 100 diamonds, and executed
 Yeasty red fermented a short time ago
- O** **N N B I N D I N G O A F I S H T R A J E C T O R Y**
 53 118 73 91 182 17 156 207 177 147 198 142 214 205 114 135 98 126 57 66 18 149 87 40 80
 E. Notching initial on ski fastener is not mandatory
 Simple fashion design lacking satin finish
 Mistakenly carry jet to flight line
- M** **T O W H E A D E D H A S H I N G A L S G I V I N G**
 203 137 90 171 223 56 219 22 180 41 206 160 136 113 28 89 181 12 211 14 120 51 141 82 178
 F. Blond sparrow with no tail shot dead
 Making mincemeat of Shanghai movement after ousting head of alliance
 Charity mailings reorganized, taking in five grand
- P** **T H A T C H Y A T A G H A N O P O S I T I O N A L**
 228 63 10 143 34 174 200 123 1 43 49 128 131 88 97 68 64 173 192 184 36 119 146 47 225
 G. Thick hair is covered by most hat choices
 Sword and club at Ghana massacre
 Across from patio, pool's in disrepair
- T** **U N B E A R A B L Y A W H I L E S U F F O C A E D**
 196 23 168 52 210 148 83 54 6 13 77 46 2 50 74 27 138 176 96 140 186 158 109 33 132
 H. Excruciatingly inelegant blue Ray-Bans missing brass finish
 I heal poorly sipping whiskey for a time
 Suppressed bizarre fact of dukes dethroning king
- U** **K O W T O W E N N C I A T E D D U M B F O U N D E D**
 187 16 150 193 161 124 37 5 199 222 111 79 170 172 208 110 58 20 212 189 195 104 218 121 39 45
 I. Show deep respect for Chinese vessel returning to West
 Stated precisely, I can't endure being tortured without rabbi
 Drunken bum: odd, unfed and speechless

"Unscripted" solvers

(The first ten are listed in the order their solutions were received, the others alphabetically)

1. Mark Navarrete – Quezon City, the Philippines
2. Judy Adamski – Jenison, MI
3. Stephen Throop – Grover, NC
4. Steve Gunter – Raleigh, NC
5. Steve Tice – Great Falls, VA
6. Jim Christenson – Port Townsend, WA
7. Al Sanders – Fort Collins, CO
8. Stan Francuz – Somewhere in Australia
9. Cathy Childs – Pompano Beach, FL
10. Charles J. Rohrmann, Jr. – Scarsdale, NY

Dale Ashworth – San Francisco, CA

Al Backiel – Ridgewood, NJ

Robert Brown – Albuquerque, NM

Eric Chipman – Boulder, CO

Susan Christie – Corvallis, OR

Henry Cook – Chicago, IL

Patricia Coppersmith – Venice, FL

Norman W. Davis – Englewood, NJ

David Durfee – Bennington, VT

Keith and Elizabeth Falkner – Sarasota, FL

Joe Fendel – Berkeley, CA

William Flis – Philadelphia, PA

Warren Fraser – Marmora, Ontario, Canada

Lewis Gee – Poway, CA

Michael N. Geselowitz – Cedarhurst, NY

Steve Gunter – Raleigh, NC

Craig Harman – Washington, DC

Richard Harrison – Portland, OR

Ken Johnson – Springfield, MO

Ralph Jones – Aurora, CO

Wayne Jones – Worcester, NY

Adam Kaczmarek – Falls Church, VA

Douglas Kaiser – Deep Gap, NC

Dave Kaplan – New City, NY

Rick Kasten – Alexandria, VA

Mike Lessie – Douglassville, PA

Andy Lewis – Berkeley, CA

Richard Letourneau – Bonita Springs, FL

Christine Lukacs – Short Hills, NJ

Paul Lustig – Lakewood, OH

Allan Mayoff – San Felipe, Baja Norte, Mexico

Brian McCrady – Newmarket, Ontario, Canada

Jackie Miller – Everett, MA

Mary Lyndal Nyberg – Manhattan, KS

Itai Pines – Portland, OR

Huw Powell – Lee, NH

Charlie Pritzlaff – Silver Spring, MD

David L. Ratner – Larkspur, CA

Arnold Reich – Bronxville, NY
Ned Robert – Los Gatos, CA
Jim Robins – Richmond, VA
Joe Rogers – Old Greenwich, CT
Mordy Rosen – Berkeley, CA
Arthur Schless – Unionville, PA
Joe Schrader – Hillsboro, OR
Wayne Scott – Jamaica Plain, MA
Callie and Bob Smith – Massena, NY
Ashutosh Sodhani – Indore, MP, India
Donald R. Spaulding – Los Altos, CA
Donald Stanley – Littleton, CO
Claire Trazenfeld – Crownsville, MD
Ed Wallerstein – Prairie Village, KS
Margaret Webster – Medford, MA
Thomas Wilson – South Williamsport, PA
Jay Winter – Farmington Hills, MI