

# THE JOY OF LEX

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The shaded grid entries are either recently coined words or archaic words waiting to be repopularized.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Uncomfortably embarrassed by someone else's poor behavior, as when watching *The Office*
  - 5 Cartoon vamp Betty
  - 9 Annoying little insects
  - 14 Snap, Crackle, and Pop, e.g.
  - 15 "From infancy \_\_\_ are all spies": John Updike
  - 16 Gold: Latin
  - 17 Perfectly reasonable, as a coinage
  - 19 Persona non \_\_\_
  - 20 FDR's third veep
  - 21 Not pos.
  - 22 Try to be cast as, at an audition
  - 24 Covered with browned bread crumbs
  - 27 Cigarette brand named after a bird
  - 28 Obnoxious jerk
  - 30 Keeps an eye on one's intake
  - 32 Bard's instrument
  - 33 What Dr. Evil's sharks have on their heads, in *Goldmember*
  - 35 Approvals
  - 36 Managed care gp.
  - 38 CD-R brand
  - 39 Cabinet-level org. created by Richard Nixon
  - 42 Kind of flour seen in health food stores
  - 44 Alternative to a flying camel
  - 45 Large containers from Bali?
  - 47 The child of one's sibling, gender-neutrally
  - 50 Prefix with pad or port
  - 51 Most like a chestnut
  - 53 *The Simpsons* city founder Jedediah \_\_\_ Zachariah Jedediah Springfield
  - 55 Band that Neil Young joined after its debut album, for short
  - 56 Place for a racing crew
  - 59 Sprinkler sites
  - 60 Like something boring that has pretensions to grandeur
  - 63 In any way
  - 64 River that flows from Belgium to France
  - 65 Red Hot Chili Peppers' bassist
  - 66 Approvals
  - 67 River that flows from France to Belgium
  - 68 A fight, as between carnies and locals
- DOWN**
- 1 Yen
  - 2 Toy's warnings?
  - 3 They're read to reprimand
  - 4 \_\_\_ Kippur
  - 5 Ravel piece featured in *10*
  - 6 Amount of water that weighs 8.3 pounds or so
  - 7 Have
  - 8 Eponymous bacteriologist Julius Richard
  - 9 Utterly infatuated
  - 10 Styrofoam packing pellets
  - 11 "Sexual Tension Between \_\_\_, Sharon Reaches Breaking Point" (2002 *Onion* headline)
  - 12 Private instructors
  - 13 Someone who likes pro wrestling even though they know it's fake
  - 18 Sound of exertion
  - 23 Over
  - 25 Instrument whose name means "jumping flea," for short
  - 26 "\_\_\_, Earl Grey, hot" (order from Picard)
  - 28 Half of Bennifer, familiarly
  - 29 Black-and-white diving bird
  - 31 Vex
  - 34 Flight
  - 36 "\_\_\_, two, three, four!"
  - 37 Baryshnikov's nickname
  - 39 One source of controversy in the 2000 election
  - 40 Pilot offering
  - 41 H.S. math class
  - 42 Make a fuss over unimportant things
  - 43 Words before roll or tear
  - 44 \_\_\_ Toy Barn (*Toy Story 2* site)
  - 45 Forensic event
  - 46 Bow and Barton
  - 48 Michael who was "rapacious, soulless, and always looking for the quick buck," according to Roy Disney
  - 49 \_\_\_ for oneself
  - 50 Approving exclamation on seeing accidental homoeroticism (like that whole thing with Bert and Ernie), or the homoeroticism itself
  - 52 Buddy Holly hit
  - 54 Archipelago pts.
  - 57 "Gotcha"
  - 58 Jazz or Blues
  - 61 Fleur-de-\_\_\_
  - 62 Sundance competitor

