

# CASTING CHOICES

A bunch of casting directors (identified by the unclued central entry) are holding tryouts within this grid. One Down entry from each column will be asked to play a role by relocating one letter; in each case, the result will be a new word. (Altered grid entries include one capitalized word.) The relocated letters will separate naturally into two sets of choices.

## ACROSS

- 1 Pennant carried by pitcher (6)
- 5 A fine paper being discussed (2,5)
- 10 Free spirit keeps energy higher? (7)
- 12 Change temperature near vase (4)
- 13 "Six Feet Under" character in contention at Emmys (4)
- 14 Wall became old and cracked (7)
- 16 Most brilliant U.S. tennis playing (8)
- 18 High count falls short (4)
- 19 Able to feel small in legislature (7)
- 21 Letter with the incomplete label (5)
- 23 Protégé sent back wrong lures (5,2)
- 28 Bare, fresh and pure (7)
- 31 High official in Pennsylvania has reformed (5)
- 35 Mountain guides with ornate phrases (7)
- 37 Food for an infant and a father (4)
- 38 "Mona Lisa" traveling from a war-torn nation (8)
- 41 Parrot revised answer based on the distribution (3,4)
- 42 Egg on beef sandwich, shelled (4)
- 43 Has cream tea Sunday (4)
- 44 Right-wing group's conveying her people from Minnesota (7)
- 45 Retreating soldiers entering caves with drafts (7)
- 46 Alpinists run in lofty places (6)

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## DOWN

- 1 One wasp dwelling holds full swarm (6)
- 2 Luxury hotel's last stand (5)
- 3 Modulate a Pixar character's sound (6)
- 4 Nobody in prison getting out (4)
- 5 I cherished unfinished picture (4)
- 6 Holiday special's debut in diner (6)
- 7 Sample from distant asteroid (5)
- 8 Makes sweet grass spread around university (6)
- 9 Tennis court boundary Lendl uncovered in error (3,4)
- 11 Sense of humor in school substitute (6)
- 15 Leader of Hobbits following the King of the Forest Folk? (6)
- 17 Side of ground meat (4)
- 20 Gentleman pens section of "Teen Beat" (4)
- 22 Put up a restricted shelter (6)
- 24 Mid-Easterner in battle garb (4)
- 25 Did stand-up comedy set with no introduction (7)
- 26 Drains hot tubs from underneath (4)
- 27 He turned up in hasty, uninspired adaptation (6)
- 29 One who dictates psychic ability's breaking point (6)
- 30 Specialist snarled "Not right now!" (6)
- 32 Stabs pop star (6)
- 33 Leader of silly fools is impudent (6)
- 34 Announce entrance fees for carnivals (5)
- 36 Nothing removed from fruit assortment (5)
- 39 Rebuffed unwanted e-mail records (4)
- 40 Painter lifted tail of mule deer (4)