UTAH CAMPING TRIP

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At Con this year, we find ourselves in Utah, land of natural wonder. What a great place to go on a camping trip! I realize many of the Krewe are city folk, but in this puzzle the solver will brave the elements and spend some quality time in the great outdoors. In fact, a row of tents has already been set up for you below the grid.

One down clue answer per column must drop a letter before entry into the grid (becoming a new word). Write the alphabetic number for that letter (A=1, B=2 etc.) in the top part of the tent below that column (in the triangle). Also, every clue either (1) has wordplay that elicits an extra letter, or (2) contains an extra word. This is true even for clues whose entries also drop a letter as described above.

For clues of type (1), read the extra letters in clue order to get directions on what to put in the square bottom boxes of the tents. This will lead you to discover the name of your campsite.

For clues of type (2), remove the extra word before solving. If the word appears as the nth word of the clue, put a dot in the square of the nth letter of the *grid entry* for that clue. When the grid is completed and all the dots have been placed, connect them using an ordering mechanism that should be apparent, making sure to connect the last one back to the first. This will give you an image of the most famous denizen of your campsite.

Lastly, look again at the removed words, in clue order. Read the nth (as above) letter of each word. This will identify by name what you have just drawn in the grid, as well as indicate what you might be suffering from after doing so much hiking around your campsite.

Across

- 1 Wounded in the bullring? Gee, that hurts, Carmine! (5)
- 4 Patrols ragged and dangerous way to go? (6)
- **10** Film by the director of *The 25 Stairs* without clothing, actress Gardner in the lead (6)
- 12 Locale for mystery hunt in spot between...(4)
- 13 ...moose and cube about to collapse (6)
- **14** August began with Norway's capital surrounded by returning dead (6)
- 15 Schubert songs about excellent apple juice, with a bit of lemon for starters (6)
- **18** Spanish odiferous flower is somewhat tenebrous (4)
- 20 Edible bumpy dried meat (5)
- 21 Sharpen small bill (3)
- 22 Tribe seen with top pitcher making a comeback (6)
- 25 Befuddled by mass depth (5)
- 27 New laborers around hospital (5)
- 28 Angry if rule violators ill-treated (6)
- 29 Albanian coin trivializes the French king (3)
- **31** Makeup salary with interest (5)
- **33** Misplaced blame for first murder victim (4)
- **36** Lizard and a bug in a novel (6)
- **38** Union leader wears black loose ladies' garment (6)
- **40** More unpleasant rulers traveling around globe (6)
- **41** Ointment's some herbal cancer medication (4)
- **42** Accurately show off ballpark food (6)
- 43 Jewish pastry is oddly bubbly in the outskirts of Tabriz (6)
- 44 Issues I enjoyed featuring a girl from "Rugrats" (5)

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Down

- 1 Clothing'll fit around center of chest the result of alterations, maybe
- 2 Stiff drink: Citrus Cooler imbibed by fictional rabbit
- **3** Five hundred thousand taking aloe is the scourge of a well-traveled doctor
- 5 One grasping former Venezuelan Attorney General
- 6 Irish playwright shot rank Indian musician
- 7 French friend not nearly lying about one prenatal test
- 8 Lieutenant that is a myth
- **9** Refit less housing, increase burden
- 11 Again look over behind each leopard's tail
- 12 "It's a company using multi-level marketing" means putting ATM out front
- **16** Heaving left and right, Dolores acts
- 17 Never losing heart and excited about total guarantee
- **19** Without lube, refitted insides
- 23 Endless opportunity with boy's French melody
- 24 End tables from Helsinki, reportedly
- **26** Benjamin Gold is steady
- 29 Mr. Costello shot head of young influential group
- 30 Religious man climbing large, large hill
- 31 Tubby Tremayne's soft protuberance
- 32 Wins without limits versus Ernie's pal Flip
- **34** Gets on big snake at Warren Beatty film
- 35 Generous Elgar arranged concerto
- 37 Female musicians in the 1980s take name from mythical female monsters
- 39 Dog sheepishly returning ball, almost