X-Men

The X-Men are typically known by their mutant names – inspired by the special powers they have as a result of mutations – but many also feel a connection to their given names as well.

If you feel your energy flagging, come join us for food, drink, and puzzles! The mutants below are each signaling part of the location where you might find the X-Men.

• *SHAPESHIFTING*

• *SCOTT*   ⊗ *CYCLOPS*

• *MARIE*

• *TELEKENESIS*

⊗ *MYSTIQUE*

• *TELEPORTATION*   ⊗ *NIGHTCRAWLER*

• *ENERGY BEAM*

• *JEAN*   ⊗ *PHOENIX*   • *LOGAN*

• *ABSORBING POWERS*   ⊗ *ROGUE*

• *RAVEN*   ⊗ *WOLVERINE*

• *KURT*

• *HEALING*

This is the location puzzle for Puzzled Pint on January 13, 2015.

Use the answer word to complete this URL and discover the location details for your city:
http://www.puzzledpint.com/puzzles/january-2015/x-men/_____

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January 2015

Answer Sheet
(Hints are always FREE!)

Team Name: _____

Team Size: _____   Start: _____

End: _____

Cyclops _____

Magneto _____

Mystique _____

Storm _____

Professor X (meta) _____

Stuck on a puzzle? Not having fun?
Tell Game Control and we'll
do our best to make it right!

Please return this Answer Sheet
before you leave the bar.

Beer, friends, puzzles!
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Question of the Month: (this is *not* a puzzle!)

How long did it take you to get to the bar this evening? _____

Cyclops

Cyclops is named for the single-lens visor that he wears to control his optic energy beam.

Help Cyclops set up the five rooms below for target practice. His goal is to be able to shoot his optic energy beam around the room using mirrors. He will stand on a letter and aim straight into the room, with his beam reflecting off the specified number of mirrors and then exiting at the other instance of that letter. Place one two-sided mirror in each colored area by drawing a diagonal line in one square. All beam paths will travel either horizontally or vertically.

When Cyclops is absent, these rooms are dark, so a visitor would have to feel the locations for the mirrors to avoid bumping into them. But, knowing the mirrors' locations will reveal Cyclops' favorite subject.

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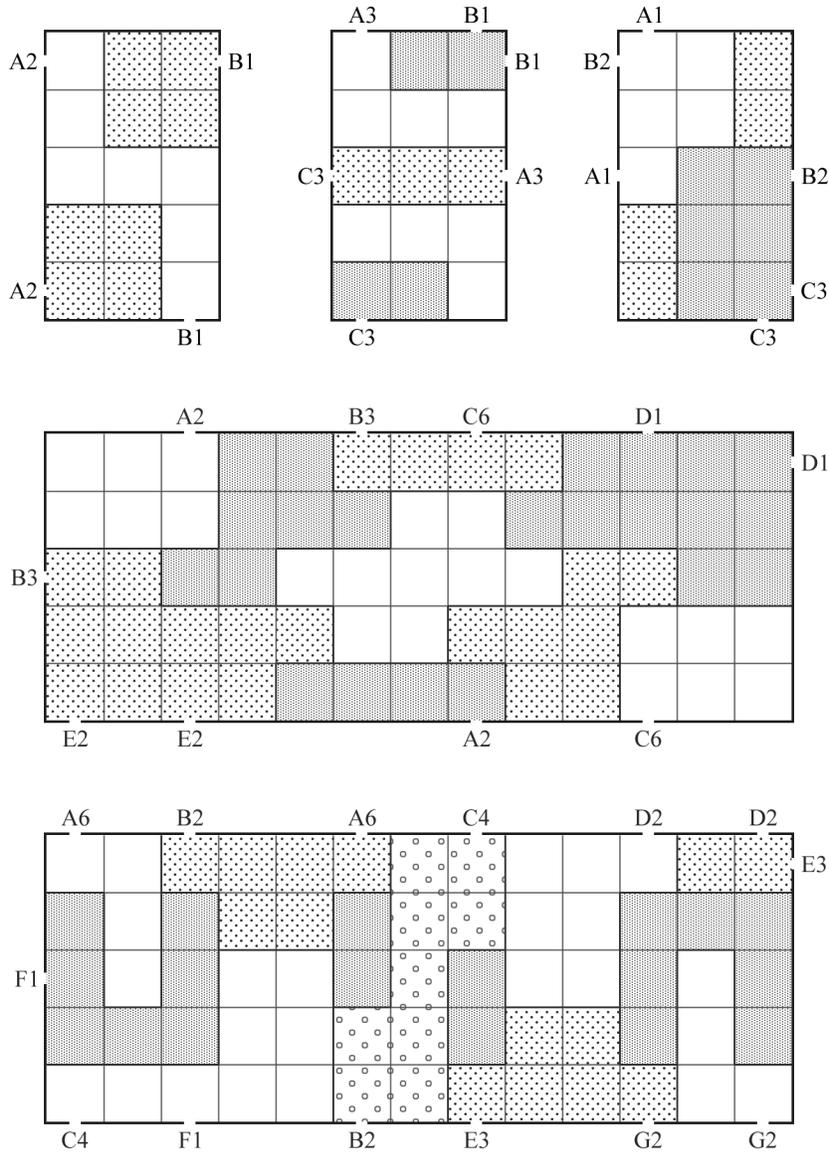
Magneto

Magneto can manipulate metals, moving or contorting metallic objects, and at least once has even pulled iron out of someone's blood (much to the victim's detriment!)

Pair the clued words in the magnet below to reveal instructions for discovering Magneto's weakness.
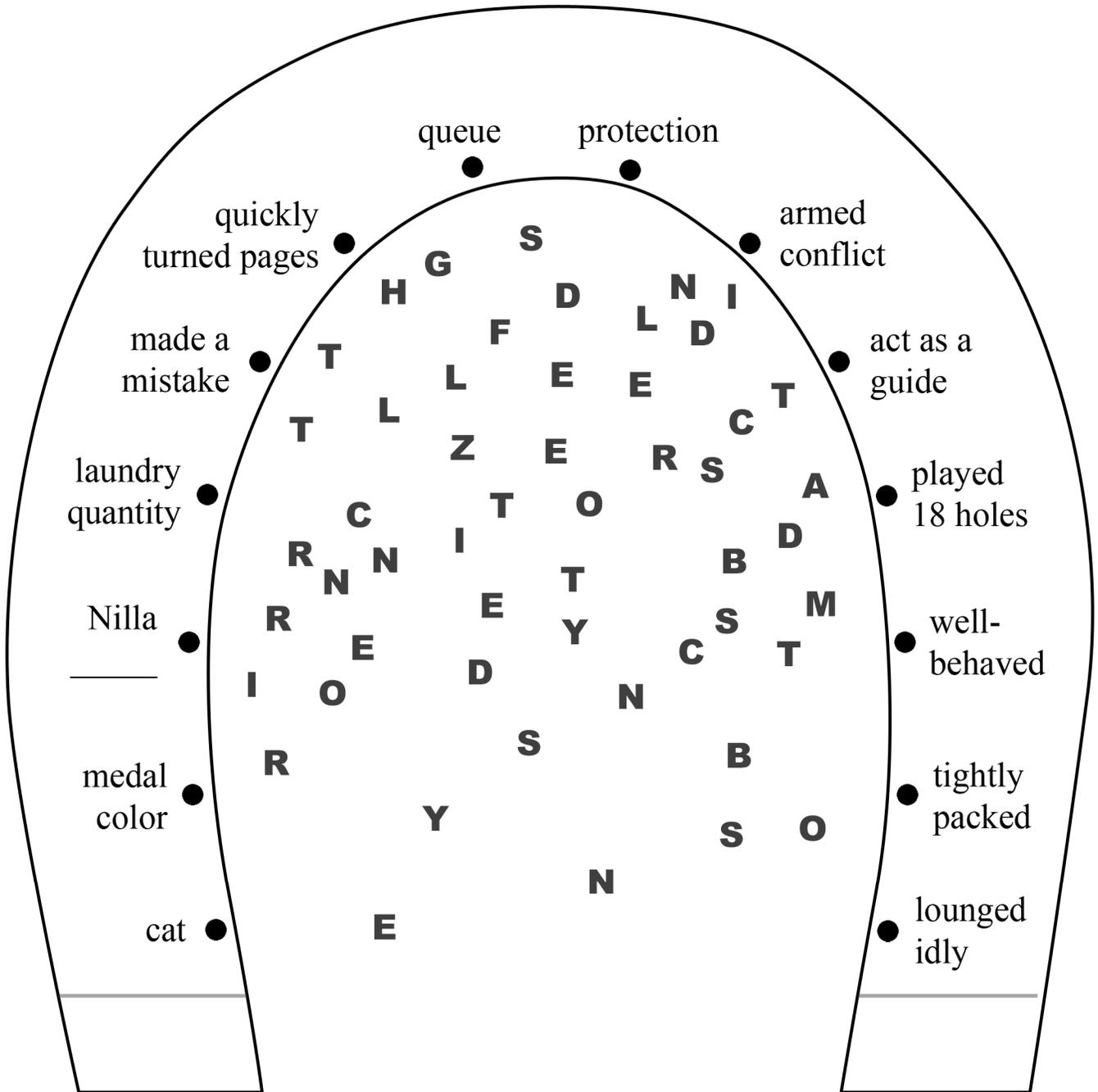
queue   protection

quickly
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Mystique

Mystique often changes her shape and voice, morphing easily into another person.

Perform the specified transformations to create a new word at each step, then match that word with its definition from the list below. Use the number after the definition as an index to extract one letter from the corresponding answer word. The resulting letters will reveal what you might see when Mystique transforms.

Definitions: A color (1); Awkward stage, often (4); Concerned with singing (2); Fred's friend (4); Joint (3); Not written (2); Possessive (2); Pronoun (1); Shapes (2)

Standard golf score + "Weird" musician + French article + campfire component + crashes into:

Take every third letter, then anagram those four letters:

Add a letter to the beginning to get something that you'd find in the homophone of that letter:

Your next answer is a 6-letter homophone of the previous answer:

Find the vowel closest to the beginning of the alphabet, advance it to the next vowel, perform a ROT-13 on all letters, and insert "T":

Write a 3-letter synonym for the 3-letter word at the beginning of the previous answer, then add a tail to get a dinosaur:

Your next answer is a homophone of the last syllable in the previous answer:

Move the first sound one step earlier in the alphabet to get a new word (phonetically):

One sound in the previous answer is the name of a vowel; change that sound to the name of the next vowel in the alphabet to get a new word (phonetically):

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Storm

January 2015

Storm can control the weather, and she recently created a strong windstorm that blew a word-search puzzle into disarray.

In the word list, the letters in each word have become jumbled. Once each word is restored correctly, its letters are adjacent in the grid, but each word's path may change direction (horizontally or vertically, not diagonally), possibly several times. A grid letter cannot be used multiple times in the same word. Find all the words in the grid to reveal a word that might describe Storm.

AACEGNR	AFIR	EINRTW
ACEHINRRU	CEMOT	ENORRTT
ADNOORT	CIY	ETW
AEEEMPRTT	EELST	NOSW
AEMRRW		

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T  W  E  A  N  E  M  E  T
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R  N  A  I  A  F  E  R  R
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Puzzle by Cathy Saxton (Seattle Eastside)

Professor X
(meta)

Professor X is known for his telepathic abilities, and he teaches many creative students with a wide variety of talents.

Professor X is thinking of a word that might describe some of his students. Since he knows that you can't read his mind, Professor X has challenged you to a game of Mastermind so you can guess his word.

In the specified locations below, place the 4-letter word found at the beginning of each puzzle answer. Use the information Professor X has provided to figure out his word. The first column is the number of letters that are in the same position as in Professor X's word. The second column is the number of letters that appear in Professor X's word, but are in the wrong position.

		letters in correct position	letters in wrong position
Cyclops		1	1
Magneto		0	0
Mystique		2	0
Storm		0	1

Prof. X

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BONUS
January 2015

In celebration of the new year, here's a bonus puzzle using the digits in 2015. In each clue below, figure out what number is described, then complete the equation:

- Use each of the digits **2 0 1 5** exactly once.
- Do not start a two- or three-digit number with the zero.
- At each step, you must get a non-negative (positive or 0) whole number.
- Perform the operations from *left to right*, not in normal mathematical order.

Hours in a day ___ ___ ÷ ___ (B3) − ___ (L5)

Arachnid legs ___ (K2) − ___ (D2) + ___ (H3) × ___

Hypotenuse of right triangle with sides 3 and 4 ___ − ___ (C5) ___ (M1)

Months in a year ___ ÷ ___ (F2) + ___ (M2) ___

Loneliest number ___ − ___ (N3) × ___ (G2) + ___

Toes ___ (G4) ÷ ___ + ___ (H1)

Days in which to travel Around the World? ___ (E2) − ___ (J1) × ___ ___

Answer to the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything ___ ___ (C1) ÷ ___ (A3)

Digits on a hand ___ (F4) − ___ × ___ (L3) − ___ (A2)

Baker's dozen ___ − ___ (J3) + ___ (B2)

Letters ___ ÷ ___ (A1) + ___ (D4)

Cards in a deck ___ × ___ (K1) ___ (A4) − ___

Ides of March ___ ÷ ___ (C2) − ___ (D3)

Minutes in an hour ___ − ___ (C3) × ___ (L1)

Days in a long month ___ (J2) − ___ (M4)

Pentagon sides ___ (B1) ÷ ___ (N1) + ___ (G3)

Atomic number of Helium ___ (N4) − ___ (G1) ÷ ___ (F3) − ___

Blackjack ___ (G5) ÷ ___ + ___ (N2)

Blackbirds in a pie ___ (H4) ÷ ___

US states ___ (K3) − ___ (F1) × ___

Beatles ___ (M3) ÷ ___ (C4) + ___ (J4)

Smallest odd prime ___ − ___ (D1) + ___ (L2) × ___

Days in a leap month ___ (E3) − ___ (L4)

Little pigs ___ (H2) ÷ ___ (E1) − ___

Transfer the labeled numbers above to the corresponding blanks below (some of those equations will have duplicate numbers). Make those calculations, and then translate the resulting values into letters to spell a message.

___ (A1) ___ (A2) ÷ ___ (A3) × ___ (A4) = ☐
___ (B1) + ___ (B2) ÷ ___ (B3) = ☐
___ (C1) × ___ (C2) ___ (C3) + ___ (C4) + ___ (C5) = ☐
___ (D1) + ___ (D2) × ___ (D3) + ___ (D4) = ☐
___ (E1) × ___ (E2) − ___ (E3) = ☐

___ (F1) + ___ (F2) + ___ (F3) × ___ (F4) = ☐
___ (G1) ___ (G2) + ___ (G3) + ___ (G4) ___ (G5) = ☐
___ (H1) − ___ (H2) ___ (H3) ÷ ___ (H4) = ☐
___ (J1) ___ (J2) − ___ (J3) × ___ (J4) = ☐
___ (K1) + ___ (K2) + ___ (K3) = ☐

___ (L1) ___ (L2) ÷ ___ (L3) × ___ (L4) + ___ (L5) = ☐
___ (M1) ___ (M2) − ___ (M3) ___ (M4) + = ☐
___ (N1) ___ (N2) × ___ (N3) + ___ (N4) − = ☐

Answer: ___ ___ ___ ___ ___

___ ___ ___ ___

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