

HALFTIME SHOW

SOLUTION

(by Andrew Esten)

The first half of this puzzle is a traditional Marching Bands puzzle, with entries that go back-to-back across each row, and entries that follow the square bands, clockwise, starting at the marked squares down the upper-left diagonal. These are the clues' answers for the first part of the puzzle::

Rows	BANDS
1 BAND IT'S A SHAME	A BANDIT SASH
2 RWANDAN EXTORT	AMETHYSTS GIRLS' NAMES
3 ASPIRATE HATCH	TABOO GOOGLE DOC
4 SEWS UP PORTRAY	CAESAR
5 ELON LANCE BASS	B WANDA NEXT
6 ADVERT WILIEST	ORCAS STN.
7 CONVOS RIGHTS	PEAK COMMA
8 COMET RELATING	HYDRO CANOODLES
9 ONE-LANE SCAMPI	C PIRATE HAT RAE
10 DALE SPARKLIER	HIM ITEM
11 ECOSYSTEM ET AL.	ETSY SOLEMN VOW
12 LORDY HAMMOCKS	D SUPPORT BIG TALK
13 GOO GOO BATEMAN	RAPS ELEVEN
	E LAN CELIAC
	SENATOR
	F TWIRLERS

The completed grid follows:

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	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	^A B	A	N	D	I	T	S	A	S	H	A	M	E
2	R	^B W	A	N	D	A	N	E	X	T	O	R	T
3	A	S	^C P	I	R	A	T	E	H	A	T	C	H
4	S	E	W	^D S	U	P	P	O	R	T	R	A	Y
5	E	L	O	N	^E L	A	N	C	E	B	A	S	S
6	A	D	V	E	R	^F T	W	I	L	I	E	S	T
7	C	O	N	V	O	S		R	I	G	H	T	S
8	C	O	M	E	T	R	E	L	A	T	I	N	G
9	O	N	E	L	A	N	E	S	C	A	M	P	I
10	D	A	L	E	S	P	A	R	K	L	I	E	R
11	E	C	O	S	Y	S	T	E	M	E	T	A	L
12	L	O	R	D	Y	H	A	M	M	O	C	K	S
13	G	O	O	G	O	O	B	A	T	E	M	A	N

Once the grid is completed, the coordinates of the “new clues” can be resolved to letters. This results in the new clues (with new answers). In the intramural version, the bullets below were identified with the row numbers 6, 6, 7, 7, and 8, 8:

- Very, e.g. - **ADVERB**
- Most hideous - **UGLIEST**
- Military escort - **CONVOY**
- Ignites - **LIGHTS**
- Awaken - **COME TO**
- Pulsing - **BEATING**

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When these entries are placed into the 6th, 7th, and 8th rows of the grid (in bold below), they change only the innermost of letters, providing another "Marching band component" and the puzzle's answer: BUGLE BOY.

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	^A B	A	N	D	I	T	S	A	S	H	A	M	E
2	R	^B W	A	N	D	A	N	E	X	T	O	R	T
3	A	S	^C P	I	R	A	T	E	H	A	T	C	H
4	S	E	W	^D S	U	P	P	O	R	T	R	A	Y
5	E	L	O	N	^E L	A	N	C	E	B	A	S	S
6	A	D	V	E	R	^F B	U	G	L	I	E	S	T
7	C	O	N	V	O	Y		L	I	G	H	T	S
8	C	O	M	E	T	O	B	E	A	T	I	N	G
9	O	N	E	L	A	N	E	S	C	A	M	P	I
10	D	A	L	E	S	P	A	R	K	L	I	E	R
11	E	C	O	S	Y	S	T	E	M	E	T	A	L
12	L	O	R	D	Y	H	A	M	M	O	C	K	S
13	G	O	O	G	O	O	B	A	T	E	M	A	N