

Clue 1a: [This place is trice overlooked.]

There are three "pavilion-type" structures overlooking the path to the treasure. The word "trice" is intentionally spelled incorrectly. I assumed that it would immediately be understood that the word intended would be "thrice," not "trice." The additional letter to be added is an "h." "H" stands for hill, which is descriptive of the roof structure of the pavilion.

Clue 1b: [You would do well to be wasting time here.]

"Sitting on the dock of the bay, wasting time" are the words of that famous Otis Redding tune. Treasure is hidden on a "dock."

Clue 1c: [Mom, Dad, and probably Bob can help you.]

All three of these names are three-letter words, beginning and ending with the same letter, as does "ADA."

"Monkey Business" is the key word for this 5 x 5 puzzle:

	1	2	3	4	5
1	M	O	N	K	E
2	Y	B	U	S	I/J
3	A	C	D	F	G
4	H	L	P	Q	R
5	T	V	W	X	Z

"MONKEY BUSINESS" is the key. These two words are spelled out in the first ten boxes of this grid. No letter can be repeated. That means "Monkey Business" must be spelled "Monkey Busi." All the rest of the letters of the key are already used. The rest of the unused letters of the alphabet are then placed in order in the remaining boxes of the grid. As is commonly done, "I" and "J" are combined to provide for a 5 x 5 grid.

The first twist added to this grid: While the vertical number is always a singular digit, the horizontal designation is always a two-digit number. Therefore, each letter is represented by a three digit number. The first digit always represents the vertical designation, and the second two digits represent the horizontal. Zeros are nulls (they don't represent anything). If a zero is used in the first position, the whole designation is a null. Zeros in the second or third position are simply regarded as place fillers.

There is a second twist: If the second digit is larger than the third, the third is to be subtracted from the second. If the third is the same as or larger than the second, they are to be added.

Examples: 120=O, 102=O, 153=O, 111=O, 142=O, and 131=O. 012=null.

Clue 2a: [Monkey Business 5x5: 402-120-102-122 554-142-501-410 123-450-214-323 454-532-120-322...]

"Look to the right of ..."

Clue 2b: [Monkey Business 5x5: ...552-410-105-450 150-153.-405.-101 223-314-410-543 211-123-213-214 543-554-214-103 305-011-043-021.]

"...where O. R. might be sitting." 011, 043, and 021 are nulls. O. R. is Otis Redding, and he is sitting on the dock.

Clue 2c: [Monkey Business 5x5: 223-420-411-313 442-201-310-552 354-243-152-114
522-543-222-252 154-143-105-423.]

"I'll fly away next summer." The treasure was hidden at a park next to
'Somerville' airport."

This cryptogram actually has a third twist. The solution to the
cryptogram is: "The wise old dog will soon discover his solution is the clue."
(The last letter of "clue" is omitted to conform to a four-letter grouping format.)

The puzzle clue is actually to be found in the key words for the letter
substitutions. The key words are: "Perfect place for a JH science project--all
those leaves."

A=P

B=E

C=R

D=F

E=C

F=T

G=L (since 'P' is already used)

H=A

I=O (since 'CE F' are already used)

J=J (since 'R A' are already used)

K=H

L=S

M=I (since 'C' is already used)

N=N (since 'E' is already used)

**O=V (since the letters in 'CE PROJECT--ALL THOSE LEA' are already used, as are
the final two letters, 'ES.')**

P=B (The rest of the letters of the alphabet that are not used in the text.)

Q=D

R=G

S=K

T=M

U=Q

V=U

W=W

X=X

Y=Y

Z=Z

Clue 3a: [MACW OKCV SFFV LWOS...]

Clue 3b: [...SKVV NFOK RVUC GAOK...]

Clue 3c: [...KVSQ MOVN OKMA CRSQ.]

Clue 4a: [Andre just might haunt this place.]

Andre is Andre Agassi, the tennis player. There is a tennis court nearby.

Clue 4b: [Mellow yellow]

Clue 4c: [hcr eps lap edr evs ygg ips sim.]

Read backwards: "Miss Piggy's verde pal's perch." Verde is Spanish for "Green."

Pass Calder, pass jail, turn sort of right, then left, then right, then left, then really right, then left, left again, then walk until just before your feet get wet—

(Starting downtown (the Calder sculpture), you drive past the county jail on I-196. I-196 joins up with I-96, and then angles off to the right. The left turn off I-96 is 28th Street. The right turn is onto Cascade. The left is onto Thornapple River Drive. The "really right" is onto Grand River Dr. by Ada Park. The left is onto Buttrick. The last left is into the Ada Park entrance off Buttrick. Then the treasure hunter should walk until he approaches the dock that sticks out into the little marsh.

Clue 5a: [SQLL VQAW XHSQ LLNQ UABC HKLE HBEZ HUMO
[PASS CALD ERPA SSJA ILTU RNSO RTOF RIGH

BBOX...]
TTHE...]

Clue 5b: [...KAXZ BBOX KHUM OBBO XKAX ZBBO XKHX
[...NLEF TTHE NRIG HTTH ENLE FTTH ENRE

THEN LEFT, then right, then left, then really right, then left, left aga,

QAAJ HUMO BBOX KAXZ BAXZ BQMQ...]
ALLY RIGH TTHE NLEF TLEF TAGA

Clue 5c: [...UKBO XKFQ ATCK BUAN CLBR XZEH XJEC
[...INTH ENWA LKUN TILJ USTB EFOR EYOU

in, then walk until just before your feet get wet—

HZXX BMXB FXB.]
RFEE TGET WET.]

A=Q
B=R
C=V
D=W
E=X
F=Z
G=M
H=O
I=U
J=N
K=T
L=A
M=I
N=K

Q=Y
R=H
S=L
T=B
U=C
V=D
W=F
X=G
Y=J
Z=P

Starting with "G," the code key "Mountain Mike" appears.

Clue 6a: [WTI ABE LEH ECM]

Clue 6b: [HSP NAM OEA IOO]

Clue 6c: [AHS DDP YSV NMN.]

Read these clues down: "WHAT SHIPS AND BAD EMPLOYEES HAVE IN COMMON." Answer: "DOCKING"

Clue 7a: [Almost like a sliver in Lucy's backward Buddy's bottom.]
There is a rail fence around the park, which is located on Butt Rick. Lucy's husband was Ricky. Ricky's butt becomes Buttrick.

Clue 7b: [If a "hopper" could talk it might say...]
Bugs Bunny always said: "What's up dock."

Clue 7c: [Another way of saying: "Just go!"]
"Make like a tree and leave." The park is full of special trees.

Clue 8a: [HDT] Henry David Thoreau, author of "Walden"

Clue 8b: [AR] Ayn Rand ("The Fountainhead." There is a fountain in the park, near the treasure.

Clue 8c: [OR] Otis Redding (...Sitting on the dock of the bay...)

Clue 9a: [Summer rains can cause delays here.]
Park is adjacent to Somerville Airport.

Clue 9b: [Gorbachev: "This is dedicated to the ones I love."]
Trees. Gorbachev is noted for his love of the environment. All the trees in this park are dedicated to loved ones.

Clue 9c: [Where Perry Mason's rival might have had his lunch.]
Mason's rival was a district attorney. The treasure is hidden in "ADA" Park. (A DA Park)

Clue 10a: [Johnny might have given blood on his way here.]
Johnnie Appleseed. Park is by the Thornapple River. Johnnie could have poked himself on a thorn.

Clue 10b: [An unpleasant and archaic mode of leaving town.]

Clue 10c: [Delta doesn't think so.]
Somerville Airport. Obviously, Delta Airlines could not land there.

(Following requires players refer to wheel "A" on Purplehunt)

Clue 11a: [OBWV PCUG GQCJ VXHL FWJJ OGGX...]
TWO WORDS: FIRST WORD, ANACRON

Clue 11b: [...NZBC WEGR JFHS BCXR WRKD OJAU.]
YM FOR AN APPLE DUMP (LINGIG--) the last eight characters are actually nulls.

Clue 11: [NVCQ QCNV BDPJ LTOO HHBS ZJAW PLDQ HQED]
[NVCQ QCNV is from center out and reads from center out: GRAN NYAN

BDPJ LTOO is again from center out and reads from center out: D THE
BABY

HHBS ZJAW is again from center out and reads from center out: AND A
DOG N

PLDQ HOED is again from center out and reads from center out: AMED - -
- -. The answer is ADA. HQED are all nulls.

Clue 12a: [What do Heston, ...]

Clue 12b: [...Jabaar, ...]

Clue 12c: [...and Autumn leaves have in common?]

Answer: Heston and Jabaar were in the movie "Airport." "Autumn" leaves is a miss
spelling of Autumn, as summer is miss spelled in "Somerville" Airport. The treasure is
hidden near that airport.

"That's not all, Folks" Famous saying Bugs Bunny. Another famous saying of Bugs
was: "What's up, Doc." The treasure is hidden on a dock.

6-12 Clue:

<http://maps.yahoo.com/py/pmap.py?Pyt/:ptth.spam/.oohay yp/moc.pamp/tyP?yp>

=Tmap &YY=8 632&a ddr=1 200%2
pamT= 8=YY& a&236 1=rdd 2%002

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a9= dcb gfe

hij klm nop
jih mlk pon

This is the url for Yahoo maps for 1200 Buttrick, which is the location of the treasure. The url is disguised on one level only. This is the key: 6-5-4-3. The first 36 characters are divided into one set of six groups, each containing six characters. The characters in each group is reversed. The next 50 characters are divided into two sets of five groups, each containing five characters. Again, the characters in each of these groups is also reversed. The next 48 characters are divided into three sets of four groups, each containing four characters. Again, the characters in each of these groups is also reversed. The next 36 characters are divided into four sets of three groups, each containing three characters. Again, the characters in each of these groups is also reversed. As is obvious, a number of "nulls" are added at then end of this clue as place fillers. Once this little puzzle is solved, the url can lead directly to the treasure.

6-19 Clue--405

Here's a clue you could hang your hat on: "Hacychyho"

The peg that the treasure is on protrudes out of the wood just about enough to hang your hat on it. "Hacychyho" represents the first letters of each of the words in the clue.

6-27 Clue--804

<http://www.purplehunt.com/1q2w3e4r5t6y7u8i9o0p>. This is a picture of a prominent piece if art in the Las Vegas Airport. The treasure is hidden by an airport.

7-4-99 Clue--7

<http://www.purplehunt.com/1q2w3e4r5t6y7u8i9o0pa>. This is a picture of a fish. The treasure is hidden by a fishing hole.

7-11-99 Clue--208

118 116 114 100 (Key: What is the rear section of a hospital?)
ADA PARK (a=1, d=4, =a=1) (0 always=null) (p=16, a=1, r=18, k=11)
The key: rear section of hospital is "backward." These numbers are backwards for ADA PARK.

7-19-99 Clue--409

7-25-99 Clue--707

This is a tough clue. However, I reviewed the clues of the recent past and determined that they were too easy. Solve this clue, and you should be able to walk right up and claim the treasure: "Triangulation to the left every fifth character, starting with "A" to left. FEEXYWSZNNZZORXQGQWHMWAJ."

LOOKF ORANA ILHEA DINAP OST
FEEXY WSZNNZ ZORXQ GQWHM WAJ

The treasure is hidden on a nail inserted in a post.

8-1-99 Clue--908

<http://www.purplehunt.com/1q2w3e4r5t6y7u8i9o0px.htm> This is picture of Mountain Mike with what appears to be (and is) a pond in the background.

8-8-99 Clue--132

<http://www.purplehunt.com/wavy.htm>. This is picture of a body of water with a deck post. Treasure is hidden in a deck post. The fact that that the picture is wavy adds effect that it is taken from solid land.

8-15-99 Clue 430

Paste this url into your browser, and check it out:

http://www.purplehunt.com/scrambled_mnbvcxz.htm (You must have java to make this work.) Here's a cool clue to help you find the treasure. Just remember it's a finger thing. Here's another cool clue to help you find the treasure. Be aware also that as a verb it's like broken. "Finger Nail." The treasure is wrapped around what appears to be a finishing nail. The verb of nail is "to bust."

8-19-99 Clue--631

Paste this url into your browser, and check it out: <http://www.purplehunt.com/endorofworld.htm>
Here Mike is holding some books, one of which is Henry David Thoreau's "Walden Pond."
Treasure is on a pond.

8-21-99 Clue--632

Paste this url into your browser, and check it out: <http://www.purplehunt.com/lookclose.htm>

Here we have Mike smashing a watch with a hammer. He is "wasting time." Sitting on the dock of the bay, wasting time...." Treasure is hidden in a dock.

8-24-99 Clue--931

Clue for spelling anomaly in an earlier clue: Adverbs modify verbs. By adding one letter to this verb/noun, it becomes a significant adverb. The letter originally lacking is also significant. What that letter represents is also lacking. What do you suppose this all means?

"Trice overlooked." "Trice" is a verb, sometimes a noun. At any rate, it cannot modify the verb "overlooked." The easiest way to make it work is to change *trice* into the adverb: "*thrice*." The

not with a hill, but with a roof -- three of them. There are three little roofs on a building overlooking the treasure. They look like little hills.

8-30-99 Clue--932

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&adAetat&IM==tIs9.24&924=nIs.58-5974
tlm&.24=&549=nIm58-74.&36gam01=sc&a9=dcbgfjihmlkpon (6-5-4-3)

The only difference between this clue and the clue on 6-12 is that we have included the key: "6-5-4-3."

9-6-99 Clue--135

Paste this url into your browser, and check it out: http://www.codebot.com/september_clue.htm.

Alt message under graphic reads: trees, leaves, ponds and picnic tables. The cemetery stone is significant in that the clue is buried beneath the graphic.

9-9-99 Clue--433

Paste this url into your browser, and check it out: http://www.purplehunt.com/map_9_9.htm.

A treasure map with more info

9-12-99 Clue--434

Paste this url into your browser, and check it out: Paste this url into your browser, and check it out: http://www.purplehunt.com/map_9-go.htm.

This is another map. This one with a clue on it. There is an "A" for Ada Park cleared off.

9-19-99 Clue--635

Paste this url into your browser, and check it out: http://www.purplehunt.com/map_9-19.htm.
This is a new treasure map.

The area opened up on this map is under the "d," as in "Ada."

9-25-99 Clue--933

Go to www.codebot.com/clue9_25.htm

The plaintext of this clue is: "You have to know that this treasure is easy to find for the fisherman-type treasure hunter." It is located on a dock.

The code is based on a telephone dial. A=21, B=22, C=23. A, B and C. The letters AB&C all appear on the number "2." "A" is the first letter, therefore "21." There is no "Q" or "Z" on the telephone keypad, so the "Q" is combined with "P" and the "Z" is grouped with the "Y." "0" is a

This converts to: 93638 24221 83328 16352 62639 18142 21818 14243 73817 23221 73827
23243 73322 17393 81633 34362 31336 37281 42323 34373 42327 26121 62-81 93713 28172
32217 38272 32428 26281 32720.

10-3-99 Clue--137

Go to www.purplehunt.tripid.com/103.htm

This is sort of a treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We start out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

1--Travel 46.35 miles, first on Seaway, then east on I-96.

10-8-99 Clue--338

This the second segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We start out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

1--Travel 46.35 miles, first on Seaway, then east on I-96.

2--Turn East, go to end of street.

10-16-99 Clue--636

This the third segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

1--Travel 46.35 miles, first on Seaway, then east on I-96.

2--Turn East, go to end of street.

3--Turn left at first light.

10-24-99 Clue--837

This the fourth segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

1--Travel 46.35 miles, first on Seaway, then east on I-96.

2--Turn East, go to end of street.

3--Turn left at first light.

4--Go 2.85 miles.

10-30-99 Clue--239

This the fifth segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

1--Travel 46.35 miles, first on Seaway, then east on I-96.

2--Turn East, go to end of street.

5--Don't do a U, but almost.

11-6-99 Clue--112

This the sixth segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

6--Go to first real left

11-14-99 Clue--410

This the seventh segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

7--Go to second left

11-21-99 Clue--611

This the the eighth segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

8--Drive in or park.

11-28-99 Clue--812

This is the ninth segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

9--Get out of car and follow walk toward large pond.

12-5-99 Clue--110

This is the tenth segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

10--Veer left before your feet get wet.

12-12-99 Clue--413

This is the eleventh segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving and walking instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

11--Proceed past triple-mounds on left.

12-18-99 Clue--614

This is the twelfth segment of our virtual treasure map. Actually, it is a set of progressive driving and walking instructions. Week by week we will provide additional directions. We started out at the corner of Seaway and Norton.

12--Proceed until you can go farther, but go left until you can go no farther.