COLLOQUY

DAN TILQUE remarks in regards to Mark Isaak's article "Etymons Gone Wild" in the August 2016 WW.

In Mark's etymon list for INDYCAR, "India" should replace "East Indies" rather than be added. The reason is that when Columbus named the Indians, he called them the same name he'd have used if he thought he'd landed in India rather than the Indies.

As for a deeper list, my first thought was a modification of Mark's "Columbus" list:

Columbia Gorge Scenic Highway
1. Columbia River Gorge
2. Columbia River
3. Columbia Rediviva (ship of Captain Robert Gray when he discovered the river)
4. Columbia (poetic name for the USA)
5. Christopher Columbus
6. columba (Latin "dove, pigeon")
7. kolumbs (Greek "diver")

Feeling there were longer ones out there, I took the liberty to post the question on an on-line message board. Someone who uses the on-line handle "bibliophage" came up with this beauty:

Laurasia (ancient supercontinent)
1. Laurentia (continental craton)
2. Laurentian Shield (also known as the Canadian Shield)
3. Laurentian Mountains (in Quebec)
4. St Lawrence River
5. Gulf of St Lawrence
6. Feast of St Lawrence (the day Cartier discovered the Gulf)
7. St Lawrence of Rome
8. Laurentum (ancient city near Rome)
9. laurus (Latin "bay or laurel tree")

ALAN LEWIS notified the editor that Pundemonium mentioned in the August issue is in print and available from Paul Watkins Publishing, website Stamford Lincolnshire United Kingdom http://www.stamford.co.uk/.
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