

BEGINNINGS AND ENDS

Puzzle architecture holds together because everything is there for a reason. Or possibly two.

Center of the LHC
Like a Möbius strip (hyph.)
Novelist Wharton

A L P H A D R O N E S I D E D I T H

At sea
Paris underground
Discoverer and unit of X-rays

L I M A R I T I M E T R O E N T G E N

Missile or Act
Desdemona's killer
Health food claim (2 wds.)

P A P A T R I O T H E L L O W F A T

It's upwardly mobile
They have all the answers
Se habla

H O T E L E V A T O R A C L E S P A N O L

Horrible Viking
Like a Dodger
Invisible light

A L P H A G A R T F U L T R A V I O L E T

Bobby McFerrin's instrument
Sure
Existing from birth

B R A V O I C E R T A I N N A T E

Frankness
You'll find one in this clue
Parody of Bond

E C H O N E S T Y P O W E R S

Dimpled sphere (2 wds.)
Beast of burden
Mapping website, 1996-

T A N G O L F B A L L A M A P Q U E S T

Motor sport or political gathering
Werewolf
It can be prickly

S I E R R A L L Y C A N T H R O P E A R

Armored New World mammal
Small, romantically-named couch
Spear-thrower, or a GA airport twice

O S C A R M A D I L L O V E S E A T L A T L

Sunken ship's full name (2 wds.)
Sign of winter
Soviet Union leader

U N I F O R M S T I T A N I C I C L E N I N

Massive continent
It stands up for an artist
Shapes or punctuation items

P A P A N G A E A S E L L I P S E S

As indicated by the message in the rightmost shaded boxes, the boxes on the left can be uniquely filled by letters in the NATO phonetic alphabet. These letters spell ALPHABET SOUP.