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**all about...**  
BY JAY BOBBIN  
**ICE-T**



Tracy Lauren Marrow – alias Ice-T – was born on Feb. 16, 1958, in Newark, N.J. Orphaned at a young age, he was sent to live with relatives; that took him to Los Angeles, where a cousin's love for contemporary music inspired what became Marrow's career path.

Exposed to a gang culture in high school, but resisting joining it, Marrow got his famous nickname from responses from fellow students when he would recite lines from novels by Iceberg Slim. Ice-T's music career started with his performing with a school group called The Precious Few. Enlisting in the U.S. Army, he eventually went AWOL, but the Sugarhill Gang's song "Rapper's Delight" prompted him to take up rapping during his period of service.

Having the means to purchase some stereo equipment, Ice-T educated himself to be able to use it professionally and become a disc jockey at parties. Though he also flirted with criminal activity, he left that behind after being hospitalized for a car accident, then won an open-mic competition judged by rapper Kurtis Blow.

"Cold Wind Madness," "Body Rock" and "6 in the Mornin'" were among the singles that established Ice-T and led to his deal with Sire Records, where he started to build a catalog of albums that led to the landmark release "O.G. Original Gangster." He used it to launch his heavy-metal band Body Count.

Moving to the Priority Records label, Ice-T had considerable success with the album "Home Invasion," and he also began gravitating more toward the acting career that had brought him into contact with producer Dick Wolf on the television series "New York Undercover" and "Players." That association led him into the role of police detective Odafin "Fin" Tutuola on NBC's "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit," which he has been with for almost its entire run (joining it in its second season).

Featured on the reality shows "Ice-T's Rap School" and "Ice Loves Coco," Ice-T has been married to model Nicole "Coco Mane" Austin since 2002. They have a daughter together, and Ice-T also has a son and a daughter from earlier relationships.

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What was the most popular cat name of 2020?

The solution to the question is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to discover this hidden solution, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

**ACROSS**

- Jacuzzi
- Informal discussion
- Stitch
- Word attached to drops or wigs
- Marathon
- Edison's monogram
- Ridiculous
- Short sleep
- Presently
- Chew like a beaver
- Cruel
- Smallest of fifty: abbr.
- Behold's partner
- "\_\_ Old Fashioned Love Song"; 1971 song
- Elke's initials
- Big party
- \_\_ along; move slowly
- Big bill
- Cry from the flock
- Unsophisticated; childlike
- Needless fuss
- Actor Richard
- Climbing plant
- Fellow
- Klutz's word
- TV's Charlotte \_\_

- "Olympus \_\_ Fallen"; 2013 movie
- Play a role
- High schooler
- "Uncle Tom's Cabin" author
- Thirsty Frenchman's need
- Parker or Montgomery
- Hocking place
- Person from Bucharest
- Snatch
- One of Columbus' ships
- Sir \_\_ Guinness
- Have a snack
- Paul or Carly
- Lowest point
- Bread spread
- Canisters
- Houston, for one
- Neighbor of Nev.
- Braggart's problem
- GPS screen image
- Zsa Zsa's sis
- Prepare Easter eggs

**DOWN**

- Calendar abbr.
- Golfing term
- Game site
- Harvest

Solution  
Oliver

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