



“Go With It!”



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Welcome to the first edition of P.S. Quarterly. Let me introduce myself. I'm Timothy E. Parker, editor of your daily crossword, the “Universal Crossword” and the full line of “Universal Puzzles.” I have the great honor of writing a quarterly column for the newsletter. I thought I'd begin our new tradition by addressing the question I'm asked most often by puzzlers.

How do you select which puzzles will run?

I receive about 50-100 puzzles per week from more than 100 of the world's top crossword constructors. The competition to be published is intense, and that benefits the solver. Only the best of the best actually make it to print. The gifted constructors work within parameters I've set for the crossword and follow a style guide which details what should and should not go into our puzzles.

Here is a brief excerpt from the Universal Crossword Style Guide:

Daily Universal Crosswords are 15 squares x 15 squares. All puzzles are themed and titled. Themes for the Universal Crossword should be fresh, interesting, intellectually clear and consistently applied throughout the puzzle. Each theme entry should have another theme entry in the symmetrically opposite position in the grid. Themes should be understandable to an international audience.

Constructors should emphasize lively, animated words and phrases. Depressing subject matter and derogatory or offensive words are not allowed. Words and phrases

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New Puzzle!

Universal Crossword is now available in Flash®!

The Puzzle Society's most popular crossword is now available in a second online format. Devotees of the Universal Crossword can still play the puzzle in the standard Java version, but if you're looking for expanded features and an engaging new interface, then you should give the Flash® version a shot.

Like the standard version of the Universal Crossword, you can choose between Master and Regular play. Regular play gives you the choice of solving a letter, word or puzzle, while Master play pits you against the clock -- with no quarter given.

The Flash® version of the Crossword adds several user-requested features:

- * Save a game and play it later. You can even turn your machine off and come back to it another day.
- * Print a puzzle in three formats: the current puzzle with your solutions, blank or solved.
- * Access puzzles in the extensive Universal Crossword archive by name, not just date.
- * Expanded help documentation guides you through the puzzle's many new features.

To take the new Universal Daily Crossword in Flash® for a test drive, log in to your Puzzle Society account and click the link for the new puzzle directly below the link for the Universal Daily Crossword.

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from everyday communications are especially encouraged. Internationally known brand names are acceptable if used moderately. Keep abbreviations and acronyms to a BARE minimum. Traditional crossword rules may be broken at the editor's discretion, as the main objective is intellectual entertainment, not pretty designs or agonizingly low word counts, which are not impressive to general audiences.

A solver should be tested on a wide range of subjects such as literature, motion pictures, popular music, art, classical music, mythology, history, geography, classic TV, sports and current events.

Contemporary artists in any field are acceptable, as long as they are well-known. Don't use offensive words that will create negative imagery. Avoid archaic words, obscure abbreviations, spelling variations and foreign words that are not used or encountered by the English-speaking population. Be artistic.

Maximum word counts: 78 words for a 15x15. Maximums may be exceeded slightly, (but rarely) at the editor's discretion. Do not exceed 40 black squares.

The theme of the crossword is the first thing I check. Is it fresh? Is it clever? Is it consistent? Does it fulfill any specific goal such as being humorous, thought-provoking and especially clever or does it require

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certain knowledge, such as knowledge of operas or sports? If the theme requires certain knowledge, is it a knowledge that a mass, international audience should be expected to know?

If the theme passes muster, the remaining clues and answers should be equally clever without any obscure or ridiculous entries.

I typically change about half of the clues in each puzzle I edit. It's not a matter of bad clues, but rather that I like to give the puzzles a certain flavor which adds consistency for solvers. I double-check each fact, verify the accuracy of each entry, check spellings, verify dates, authenticate claims, etc.

After I've completely worked it over, the puzzle is passed on to my outstanding assistant editor Amy Harding. Amy combs through each puzzle looking for the slightest traces of inaccuracies.

We compare notes, make final corrections, and the puzzle is "out the door" and on its way to you.

The entire process, from construction of a puzzle to acceptance to editing to publishing, takes from 6-12 hours. It's a task we joyfully fulfill to bring you 15-30 minutes of intellectual stimulation and entertainment.

Happy Solving!

Timothy E. Parker

Did You Know?

The penguin has an apparatus above its eyes that enables it to drink salt water, and remove the extra salt from its system.

There are more than 40,000 characters in Chinese Script.

Roman statues were made with detachable heads, so that one head could be removed and replaced by another.

Honey is the only food that does not spoil.

For about half the year the sun is not seen at the North Pole.

Queen termites may live for fifty years.

Attila the Hun was a dwarf.

Trivia #1

1. Name the game played by Death and the Knight in the film "The Seventh Seal":
 - a. Checkers
 - b. Chess
 - c. Uno
 - d. Dominoes
 2. When did Neil Armstrong become the first man to walk on the moon?
 - a. 1962
 - b. 1975
 - c. 1969
 - d. 1958
 3. On what street is the White House located?
 - a. New York Avenue
 - b. Washington Boulevard
 - c. Constitution Avenue
 - d. Pennsylvania Avenue
 4. One horsepower equals approximately:
 - a. 13 watts
 - b. 322 watts
 - c. 746 watts
 - d. 1,201 watts
 5. Only one of the following states participates in daylight saving time. Which one is it?
 - a. Indiana
 - b. Minnesota
 - c. Hawaii
 - d. Arizona
 6. Pegasus is a winged ---?
 - a. Cow
 - b. Bull
 - c. Horse
 - d. Turtle
 7. Which of these weapons did Richard J. Gatling invent?
 - a. Atom bomb
 - b. Catapult
 - c. Machine gun
 - d. Land mine
 8. Rock Creek Butte is the highest peak of which range?
 - a. Blue Mountains
 - b. Blue Ridge Mountains
 - c. Green Mountains
 - d. LaCrosse Mountains
 9. Several eagles form a:
 - a. Confection
 - b. Convocation
 - c. Congress
 - d. Cooperative
 10. What is widely thought to be Shakespeare's first play?
 - a. Richard II
 - b. King John
 - c. A Midsummer Night's Dream
 - d. Henry VI
 11. Something that is said to be extant is:
 - a. Lost
 - b. Destroyed
 - c. In existence
 - d. Valuable
 12. Sparrows congregate in a:
 - a. Spring
 - b. Swarm
 - c. Husk
 - d. Host
 13. St. George's is the capital of:
 - a. Grenada
 - b. Puerto Rico
 - c. Trinidad and Tobago
 - d. St. Croix
 14. A syllogism is a form of:
 - a. Logic
 - b. Computer language
 - c. Disease
 - d. Philosophy
 15. The army that won at Gettysburg was named for which river?
 - a. James
 - b. Rappahannock
 - c. Potomac
 - d. Delaware
 16. Where are the islands that are called the Azores?
 - a. West of Portugal
 - b. South of Aruba
 - c. North of Australia
 - d. East of Mozambique
 17. The Black Forest is located in which of these countries?
 - a. Germany
 - b. Poland
 - c. France
 - d. Austria
 18. The comic strip "Batman" is set in which city?
 - a. Metropolis
 - b. Philadelphia
 - c. Gotham City
 - d. Vatican City
 19. Who, independently of Newton, discovered calculus?
 - a. Descartes
 - b. Laplace
 - c. Leibniz
 - d. Cauchy
 20. Which ocean does NOT border Asia?
 - a. Indian
 - b. Atlantic
 - c. Pacific
 - d. Arctic
- Scoring:** Each correct question equals 5 points.
Answers appear on page 14.
- If you scored ...**
- 90-100:** You are hereby certified a Trivia Master.
- 75-85:** You're on the verge of stardom.
- 70 and below:** You may need a lifeline.

CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

ABOUT CRYPTIC CROSSWORDS

Cryptic crosswords are every bit as popular as American-style crosswords and may be the ultimate challenge for puzzle solvers.

Cryptic crosswords were invented in Britain, where they are immensely popular. In the United States, cryptics have been catching on dramatically in the past ten years. Hundreds of cryptic-clue deciphering clubs have formed in the United States and abroad.

Each cryptic crossword clue is a puzzle within itself. Most often, the meanings of the clues aren't what they appear to be. Deception is at the heart of every clue. Cryptic clues use various types of wordplay, and solvers can identify each type through certain indicators within the clues.

In addition to the eight kinds of wordplay that appear most frequently in cryptic crosswords, these puzzles also feature other combinations and unique types of wordplay as well. The eight main types of wordplay and a few extra hints are listed next with explanations and examples.

THE EIGHT MAIN TYPES OF WORDPLAY

1. Anagrams:

the rearrangement of the letters in a word or phrase to create another word or phrase

Hint: Words like *wrong*, *scattered*, *confused*, *deformed*, etc. are indicators of an anagram.

Clue: All is not wrong with this horse (8)

Answer: STALLION

Explanation: *All is not* is an anagram of STALLION.

2. Hidden Words:

the positioning of an answer within a longer word or phrase

Hint: Words and phrases like *living in*, *covered by*, *among*, etc. often indicate hidden words.

Clue: Plants with some therapeutic action (5)

Answer: CACTI

Explanation: Do you see the word CACTI within *therapeutiC ACTION*?

3. Reversals:

words that, when spelled backward, spell another word

Hint: Words and phrases like *in reverse*, *returned*, *the wrong way*, etc. are often indicators of reversals.

Clue: Determined on reversing records (5)

Answer: NOTES

Explanation: *Determined on* = *set on*; *set on* reversed is NOTES; NOTES = *records*.

4. Homophones:

words that sound like other words, but have different spellings and/or meanings

Hint: Words like *overheard*, *hear*, *listen*, etc. may be indicators of a homophone.

Clue: This horse-drawn carriage is impressive, we hear (6)

Answer: HANSOM

Explanation: *Is impressive* = handsome; a homophone for HANSOM. HANSOM = *horse-drawn carriage*.

5. Double Meanings:

words that can be defined in multiple ways

Hint: Clues using double meanings are often shorter than your average clue – sometimes they only use two words!

Clue: Requesting to be attractive (9)

Answer: APPEALING

Explanation: APPEALING is a word for *Requesting to*, as well as *attractive*.

... ARE YOU UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

6. Deletions:

the removal of one or more letters in a word, resulting in a different word

Hint: Words like *unfinished*, *missing*, *minus*, *cut short*, *endless*, etc. may be indicators of deletion – and sometimes the location of the deletion!

Clue: Show professional has left eastern province (6)

Answer: EVINCE

Explanation: *Professional* = PRO; *province* – PRO (*professional has left*) = VINCE; *eastern* = E; E + VINCE = EVINCE = *show*.

7. Containers:

words that are the result of inserting one word into another

Hint: *Wrapping*, *around*, *inside*, *wearing*, *surrounded by*, etc. are indicators of containers.

Clue: One of very great strength about to live as an inhabitant of Tibet (7)

Answer: TIBETAN

Explanation: *To live* = BE, and *one of very great strength* = TITAN, which is around, or *about*, BE (TibeTAN). You end up with TIBETAN, meaning an *inhabitant of Tibet*.

8. Charades:

clues that break the answer into pieces and then clue those pieces individually

Hint: When the broken pieces of a clue are put together in order to form the answer, indicators usually aren't used. Indicators may be used for clues that are out of order, using words/phrases like *before*, *after*, *following*, *next to*, *plus*, etc.

Clue: Almost everyone might finally obey God (8)

Answer: ALMIGHTY

Explanation: *Everyone* = all; almost all = AL; *finally obey* = Y (final letter of *obey*); AL + MIGHT + Y = ALMIGHTY = *God*.

DIFFERENT SPINS ON THE EIGHT TYPES AND OTHER KINDS OF WORDPLAY:

Combinations:

clues that use two or more different kinds of wordplay

Clue: Insect makes medical officers leave (8)

Answer: MOSQUITO

Explanation: MOSQUITO = *insect* (clues the whole word), *makes* = changes; *medical officers* = MOS (abbreviation), *leave* = QUIT; which is a charade and the individual clues are then compositional.

Unique Wordplay and Literal Clues:

The eight main types of cryptic crossword wordplay will guide you through many clues, but you'll occasionally encounter a unique kind of wordplay. Sometimes, these clues will be straight or logically deceptive.

Hint: These kinds of clues sometimes offer literal instructions.

Another hint: Clues that have a literal meaning in addition to an answer derived from wordplay often end in an exclamation mark.

Unique Wordplay Clue: H,I,L,J,K,L,M,N,O (5)

Answer: WATER

Explanation: *H to O* sounds like H2O, the atomic composition of water.

Literal Clue: Can Diana become a citizen of a country in North America? (8)

Answer: CANADIAN

Explanation: *A citizen of North America* is literally a CANADIAN. (There is also an anagram in this clue.)

Lonely Letters:

letters that seem to be left over when a word is broken into pieces

Hint: These lonely letters may be clued in a unique way – such as A being clued as *article*, KS as *Kansas*, or R as *right*.

Clue: Unclean article removed by a relative (5)

Answer: UNCLE

Explanation: The article *an* is removed from *unclean*, leaving UNCLE. This clue is also a deletion.

We hope this guide has given you a head start on the cryptic crosswords that will appear in P.S. *Quarterly*.

Happy solving!

Cryptic Crossword #1

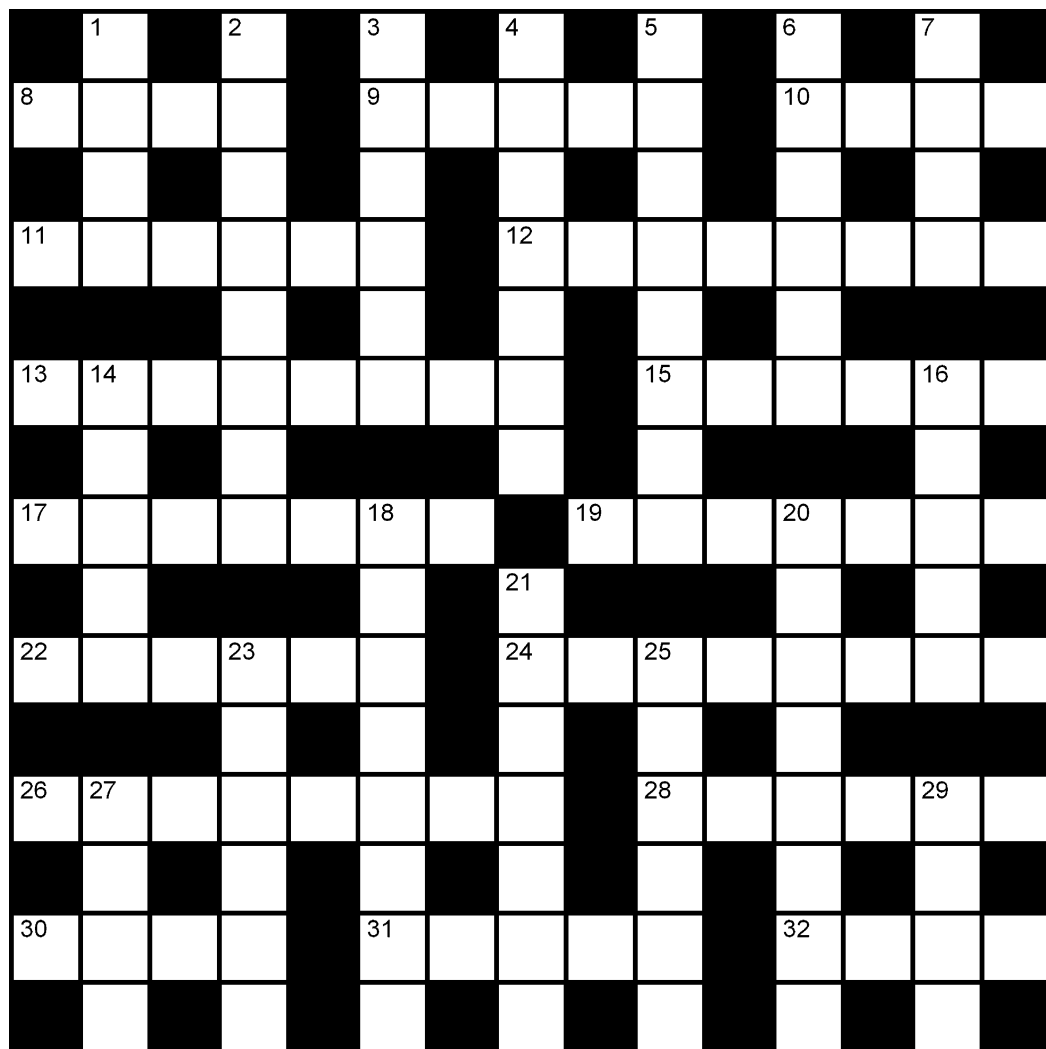
Across

- 8 Game partly involving players who fool opponents by riding backwards (4)
- 9 Rebel leader finished as a rambler (5)
- 10 Close call, losing nothing (4)
- 11 Rule terminated after the third of August and before the first of November (6)
- 12 Assumed nerd somehow consumed bad coke (8)
- 13 Hydrogen injected into re-designed nuclear device for firing rockets (8)
- 15 A couple of underdogs indeed appear ill-matched (6)
- 17 Youngster accepts youth center at a certain point in life as a means of guidance when at sea (7)
- 19 Element of truth lacking in story about broken nose affecting smell, for example (7)
- 22 Tip of a red hat (6)

- 24 Inappropriately denies my ability to recall scenes (4'1,3)
- 26 Idle dogs could be free (8)
- 28 Excavated land for possible rent beside church (6)
- 30 Partly rediscover recorded music perhaps (4)
- 31 A political movement I use as a form of defense (5)
- 32 I had firstly entertained a notion (4)

Down

- 1 Palm tree described as twice as firm (4)
- 2 No smelly mess; seriously (8)
- 3 Second rate farm could be part of bigger organization (6)
- 4 Kind of throw back from some recently calm rare volcanoes (7)
- 5 You are said to be wearing something stitched (8)
- 6 Two different substances found on land (6)



- 7 You will, they say, feast in December (4)
- 14 Please apply by airmail (5)
- 16 Relatively soon, or annually following introduction (5)
- 18 Male relative and daughter get involved with degreed person (8)
- 20 City mess could be related to the entire infrastructure (8)
- 21 I'm endlessly sick about each risk (7)
- 23 Ring custodian initially to secure door on the hour (1'5)
- 25 Can it withstand harboring an idiot? (6)
- 27 This bird is around two (4)
- 29 Some returning manpower could be used to form a team (4)

Cryptic Crossword #2

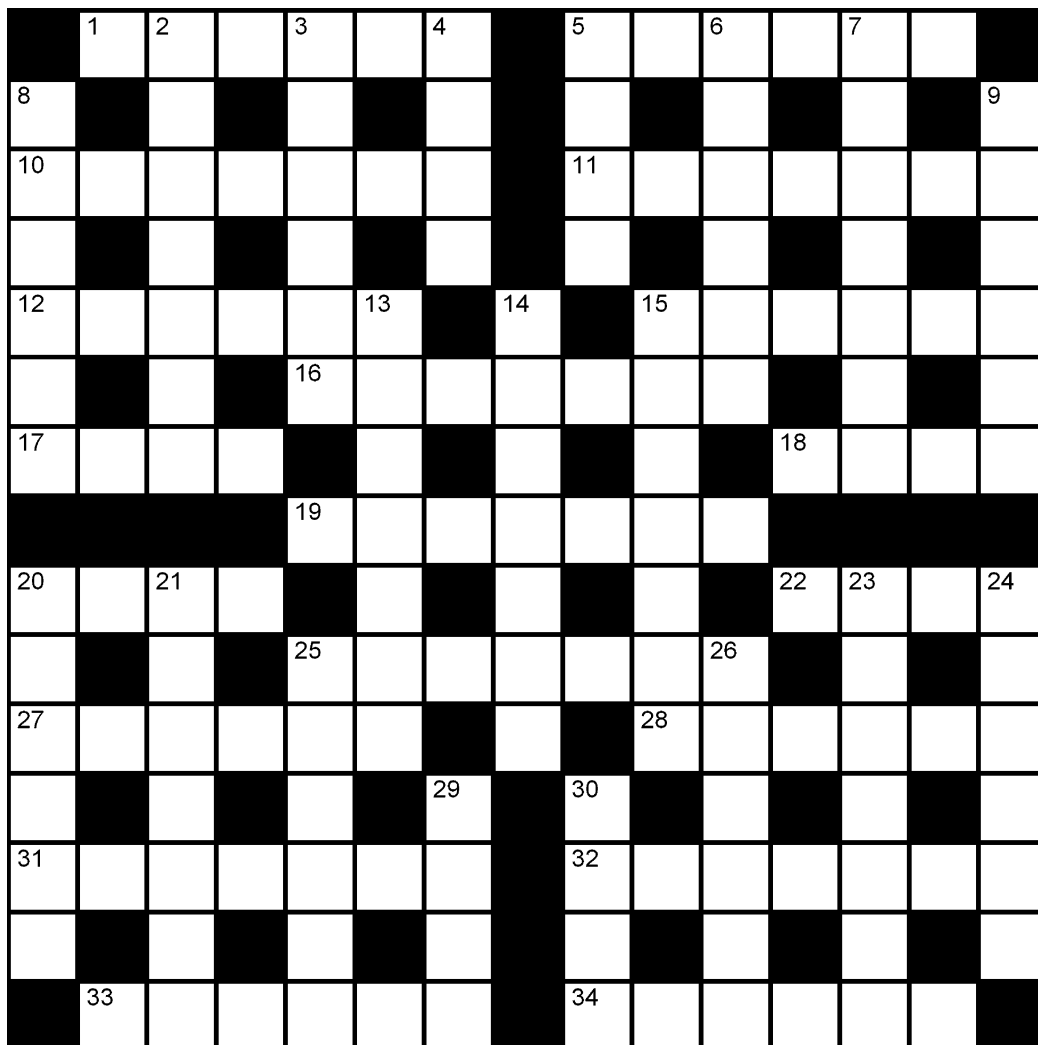
Across

- 1 Take safety precaution in car, and don't say anything (4,2)
- 5 Show up; have a dip; be back inside (6)
- 10 Set deeply amidst unceasing rainfall (7)
- 11 Shake rattles! (7)
- 12 He takes wagers, in volume, that is (6)
- 15 "Become serious about the introduction of bacteria," he cries loudly (6)
- 16 Sign up for barbecued chicken (5,2)
- 17 Otherwise known as slippery eels (4)
- 18 The French fort is not in right direction (4)
- 19 Flutter like a bird around the ends of chimneystack (7)
- 20 Yield from plant, reportedly (4)
- 22 As holiday ends, becomes very pale (4)

- 25 Rebuilding respect for the ruling power (7)
- 27 Peasant woman holds king in emotional twist (6)
- 28 To some extent under microanalysis of skin (6)
- 31 Ponders convoluted answer (7)
- 32 A returning sailor meets Mike Tyson perhaps in accordance with scale (3,4)
- 33 One way to cook outside, I'll fancy (6)
- 34 Look after communist on overnight flight (6)

Down

- 2 Monopolize printing space in total (7)
- 3 Terrible time to unwrap a Cuban smoke perhaps (6)
- 4 Confined to write a piece of trash (4)
- 5 Run produced as designated hitter goes around (4)
- 6 Go to jail to see the light? (6)
- 7 Well known character lacking fitness (7)
- 8 Likely fit following 500 meters (6)
- 9 Heard strange tale about nurse (6)
- 13 Former Surgeon General Paul seen in House of Representatives in unsettled Chile (7)
- 14 Within polar airspace, circulating towards the west, one can see prominent arctic land features (7)
- 15 I take residence in Sweden, resettled and strengthened (7)
- 20 Playwright/actor Noel in "Firm Drawback" (6)
- 21 Dr. Seres could be the one to treat wounds in hospital (7)
- 23 Condensed form of rum as my cocktail (7)
- 24 First of all, yearly undergrowth creates conical apex shape of evergreens (6)
- 25 Train a group of aquatic animals (6)
- 26 Endless rock returns in red disk (6)
- 29 Highly rated gymnast is a bit nervous (4)
- 30 Practice boxing, returning blows (4)



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Cryptic Crossword #3

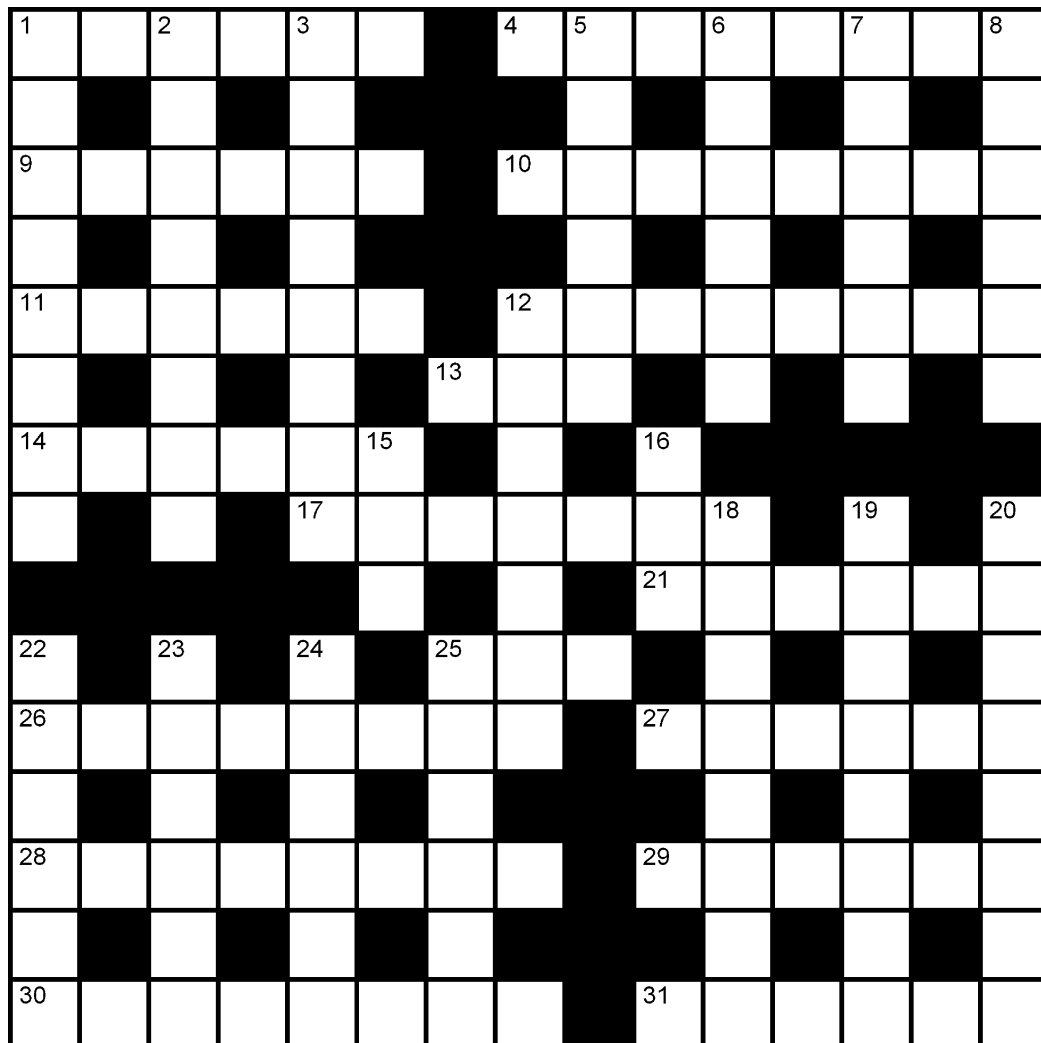
Across

- 1 Cursive characters usually followed closely in a play or movie? (6)
- 4 Riles and confuses Manhattan resident perhaps (8)
- 9 University left out of yearly publications' historical record (6)
- 10 Weapon brings angry gesture of submission (8)
- 11 Embarrassing error occurs when ducks, geese etc. are reported to be in the air (4-2)
- 12 Do align a crooked structural support (8)
- 13 Valuable mineral that may be found in forest (3)
- 14 Recapping the explicit calcium content of milk (6)
- 17 Hot lazy period can be re-defined as dodgy (3,4)
- 21 Riddle can be unraveled in game (6)
- 25 Part of play or attraction (3)

- 26 Account register shows deposit of a pair of bonds after withdrawal of grand in Thailand capital (8)
- 27 Wide open, losing initial canvas shelter (6)
- 28 Work to have it in position the other way (8)
- 29 North America follows fair sort of meal preparation (6)
- 30 Dagnet's adapted to become the largest and most impressive (8)
- 31 State distance to draw back (6)

Down

- 1 Supreme Court, a very strong, long standing platform for execution of justice? (8)
- 2 Give up referring to unknown quantity by weight (8)
- 3 Maneuver C.I.D. pulled is very clear (8)
- 5 Attack that is preceded by order (6)
- 6 An audible indication to appoint (6)
- 7 Kick out of bed and expose? (6)
- 8 Restore joint in lewder form (6)
- 12 Some laundry dockets describe a basin for vessel repairs (3,4)
- 15 Argument against fraud (3)
- 16 Watch first person, we are told (3)
- 18 Summer, now autumn, and finally some wintry weather (8)
- 19 Something that sparks a revolution in the auto business? (8)
- 20 Grab back then harp about illustrative chart (3,5)
- 22 Particular shape provides zero fit, without direction (6)
- 23 Some Indian opiate can produce a form of blindness (6)
- 24 A transit vehicle Edward mistreated (6)
- 25 Key parts of circulation systems revealed by data or task-based research (6)



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MORE GAMES

Brainbuster #1

A man picks up cigarette butts. With every 7 butts he finds, he rolls and smokes one cigarette. One day, he finds 49 butts. How many cigarettes can he smoke that day?

Brainbuster #2

Three businessmen go to a motel and a clerk charges them \$30 for a room. They each chip in \$10 and take the room. Later, the clerk calls the bellboy and says the room is only \$25 and gives the bellboy \$5 to return to the men. The bellhop gets singles, puts \$2 in his pocket and gives each of the men \$1. If each man paid \$9, and the bellhop got \$2, for a total of \$29, what happened to the extra dollar?

Something in Common #1

Find a word that can go either before or after each of the three words presented to create a new word or common phrase.

1. cover nine thunder = _____
2. fool reader weather = _____
3. hood step bearing = _____
4. river piece wash = _____
5. flu bed bear = _____

Something in Common #3

Find a word that can go either before or after each of the three words presented to create a new word or common phrase.

1. bail start high = _____
2. man bowl highway = _____
3. ice puff cheese = _____
4. clip boy chase = _____
5. night ward light = _____

Something in Common #2

Find a word that can go either before or after each of the three words presented to create a new word or common phrase.

1. boy tower dinner = _____
2. book pocket winter = _____
3. dust book story = _____
4. mate divider drawing = _____
5. drum back news = _____

Fixing the Famous #1

Unscramble the names of eight famous people from the worlds of sports, fashion, film, etc.

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|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. IKCAJE NIBOORSN | 5. NOYT LRIAB |
| 2. RGOILA BLITNAVRED | 6. RFNAK SNTARIA |
| 3. NTIRAM HREULT GNKI | 7. KRMA GEWIRCM |
| 4. VEETSI NOWRED | 8. DUYR NIAGLIUI |

Sunday Crossword #1: "Popular Music"

Across

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|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Green Muppet | 20 Great review | 29 Kazakhstan sea |
| 6 Currier's partner | 21 "The Wizard of Id" cartoonist | 30 George Jefferson's wife |
| 10 Fly pie starter | 22 India's Prime Minister (1947-64) | 31 Recital numbers |
| 14 Pianist Rubinstein | 23 Popular music | 32 Strange |
| 19 One of the Judds | 27 Baseball pitcher's stat | 34 Norman's game |
| | 28 Movie in Madrid | 35 Popular music |

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- 43 Ducks
 44 What to play close to
 45 It's found in a lode
 46 Eurasian sandpiper
 47 Crumbly soil
 48 Masterson
 49 Bookie's stock in trade
 51 Lacking gloss
 53 Popular music
 59 Missile type (Abbr.)
 60 Propellers of a sort
 61 Inert gas
 62 "Bennie and the Jets" singer John
 63 Area and scatter
 64 "Black Orpheus" setting
 65 Baba and MacGraw
 66 "Common Sense" author
 68 "Maids a-milking" group
 70 Emerald or Capri
 71 Intel product
 74 Popular music
 78 Let up
 79 Sign of remorse
 80 Geological duration
 81 Dynamic intro
 82 Helm heading
 83 Frozen over
 84 Bowling green?
 86 Collapse, in a way
 88 Popular music
 94 Full of promise
 95 Church official
 96 "The First ---" (Christmas tune)
 97 Off-course
 100 Rain catcher
 101 "Duck ---" (Marx Brothers film)
 102 Aunt, in Madrid
 105 Popular music
 110 Where the buffalo roam
 111 Headliner
 112 Pretentiously cultured
 113 Asia Minor region colonized by Greek settlers
 114 Did some arm-twisting
- 115 Phyllis' TV husband
 116 Cummings attraction?
 117 Dispatches a fly
- Down**
- 1 "--- Upon a Honeymoon" (1942)
 2 German basin
 3 Pop choice
 4 Vanderbilt or Irving
 5 Parachute device
 6 Morissette hit
 7 Pinwheel part
 8 First mate
 9 Darn it!
 10 Rations
 11 Castro's capital
 12 Pitcher Hershiser
 13 Wagering parlor
 14 Zambia neighbor
 15 Abrupt rejection
 16 Bangkok native
 17 Mantel items
 18 Vexing to Vanderbilt
 24 Missile housings
 25 Battle-of-the-bulge locale
 26 "--- Lucy"
 31 Steps over a fence
 32 Acts as lookout, maybe
 33 Alamos or Lobos starter
 34 Spiny evergreen shrub
 35 Brazilian ballroom dance
 36 Not perfect circles
 37 A funny thing happened on the way there
 38 Russian brew
 39 Out
 40 Prefix with -pedic or -donic
 41 Tell a secret
 42 Fail to trade
 48 Musical measures
 49 Columbian capital
 50 Swelled head
 51 Surroundings
 52 Many NYC residences
- 54 "Faust" composer
 55 Blew a gasket
 56 Give this for that
 57 Cantilevered window
 58 Lionel Richie hit
 63 Beans go-with
 65 NASCAR part
 66 It can be upright
 67 Great trait
 68 Daisy type
 69 FBI's cousin
 70 Words before care or mind
 71 Fish basket
 72 City of Light
 73 "Once --- time ..."
 74 Have an opinion
 75 "The Simpsons" mouse
 76 More novel
 77 Former French premier
 83 Prof.
 84 School, in Lyon
 85 "I --- Camera" (1955)
 86 Cumulus, for one
 87 Absence of germs
 89 Agent of the Vietnam War?
 90 Accustomed
 91 Incarnation of Vishnu
 92 Scottish victuals
 93 Pen name, e.g.
 97 Natural tone
 98 Have a belly laugh
 99 Ladder crosspiece
 100 "Cómo --- usted?"
 101 Give a bellyful and then some
 102 Louise or Turner
 103 "What's --- for me?"
 104 High Muslim officials
 106 Designer monogram
 107 Place for baby
 108 Fam. member
 109 Dazzle

SOLUTIONS

Brainbuster #1

The answer is 8. After he smokes 7 cigarettes from the 49 butts, he has 7 more butts and rolls another one.

Brainbuster #2

It is mathematically incorrect (and impossible) to ADD money paid OUT to money taken IN. One must EQUATE money paid out to money received: The men paid (OUT) \$30, and that equals the \$3 they got back plus the \$2 to the bellhop + the \$25 for the room.

Something in Common #1

1. CLOUD (cloud cover, cloud nine, thundercloud)
2. PROOF (foolproof, proofreader, weatherproof)
3. CHILD (childhood, stepchild, childbearing)
4. MOUTH (river mouth, mouthpiece, mouthwash)
5. BUG (flu bug, bedbug, bugbear)

Something in Common #2

1. BELL (bellboy, bell tower, dinner bell)
2. JACKET (book jacket, jacket pocket, winter jacket)
3. COVER (dust cover, book cover, cover story)
4. ROOM (roommate, room divider, drawing room)
5. BEAT (drumbeat, backbeat, news beat)

Something in Common #3

1. JUMP (jump bail, jump-start, high jump)
2. SUPER (superman, Super Bowl, super highway)
3. CREAM (ice cream, cream puff, cream cheese)
4. PAPER (paper clip, paperboy, paper chase)
5. SKY (night sky, skyward, skylight)

Fixing the Famous #1

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| 1. Jackie Robinson | 5. Tony Blair |
| 2. Gloria Vanderbilt | 6. Frank Sinatra |
| 3. Martin Luther King | 7. Mark McGwire |
| 4. Stevie Wonder | 8. Rudy Giuliani |

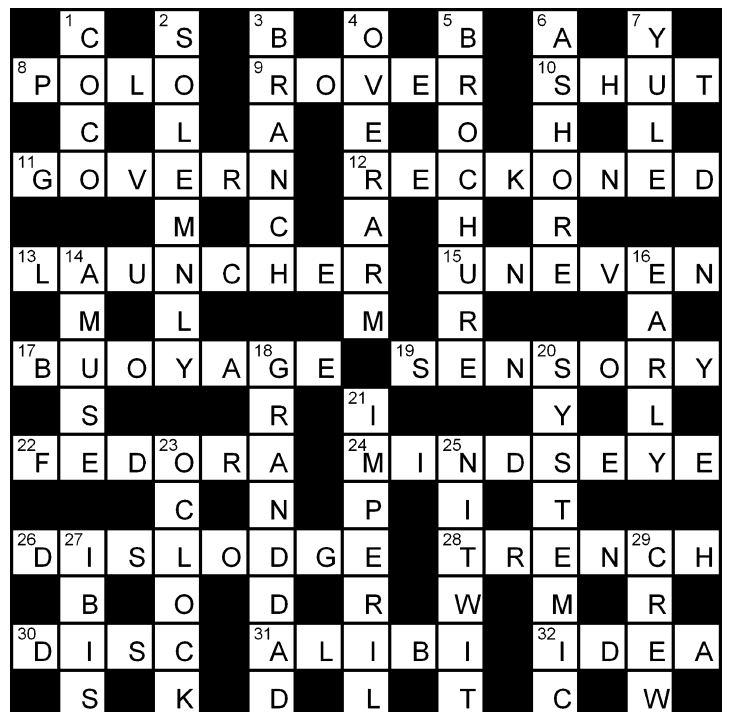
Cryptic Crossword #1

Across

- 8 foOL OPponents (reversed)
- 9 R + OVER, 10 SHOUT - O
- 11 G + OVER + N
- 12 COKE (anagram) within NERD (anagram)
- 13 H within NUCLEAR (anagram)
- 15 UN + EVEN
- 17 U within BOY + AGE
- 19 NOSE (anagram) within STORY - T
- 22 OF A RED (anagram)
- 24 DENIES MY (anagram)
- 26 IDLE DOGS (anagram)
- 28 RENT (anagram) + CH
- 30 reDISCover
- 31 A + LIB + I
- 32 I'D + E + A

Down

- 1 CO + CO
- 2 NO SMELLY (anagram)
- 3 B + RANCH
- 4 calM RARE VOlcanos (reversed)
- 5 UR within BROCHE
- 6 ASH + ORE
- 7 YOU'LL (sound alike)
- 14 AM + USE
- 16 YEARLY - Y
- 18 AND + D within GRAD
- 20 CITY MESS (anagram)
- 21 PER within I'M ILL - L
- 23 O + C + LOCK
- 25 caN IT WITHstand
- 27 BI within IS
- 29 manpoWER Could (reversed)



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Cryptic Crossword #2

Across

- 1 Double definition
- 5 BE (reversed) within DUNK
- 10 unceasinG RAINfall
- 11 RATTLES (anagram)
- 12 BOOK + IE
- 15 B within SOBER
- 16 CHICKEN (anagram)
- 17 EELS (anagram)
- 18 LE + FT
- 19 CK within FLIER
- 20 SEED (sound alike)
- 22 AS + HY
- 25 RESPECT (anagram)
- 27 R within WENCH
- 28 unDER MICRoanalysis
- 31 PONDERs (anagram)
- 32 PRO + A TAR (reversed)
- 33 I'LL within FRY
- 34 RED + EYE

Down

- 2 EN + GROSS
- 3 T + CIGAR (reversed)
- 4 PEN + T
- 5 AS within DH
- 6 BE + A + CON
- 7 NOT + ABLE
- 8 LI + ABLE
- 9 RN within TALE (anagram)
- 13 HR within CHILE (anagram)
- 14 airSPACE CiRculating (reversed)
- 15 I within SWEDEN (anagram)
- 20 CO + DRAW (reversed)
- 21 DR SERES (anagram)
- 23 RUM AS MY (anagram)
- 24 First letters
- 25 Double definition
- 26 ROCK - K (reversed) with in RED
- 29 ratED Gymnast
- 30 RAPS (reversed)



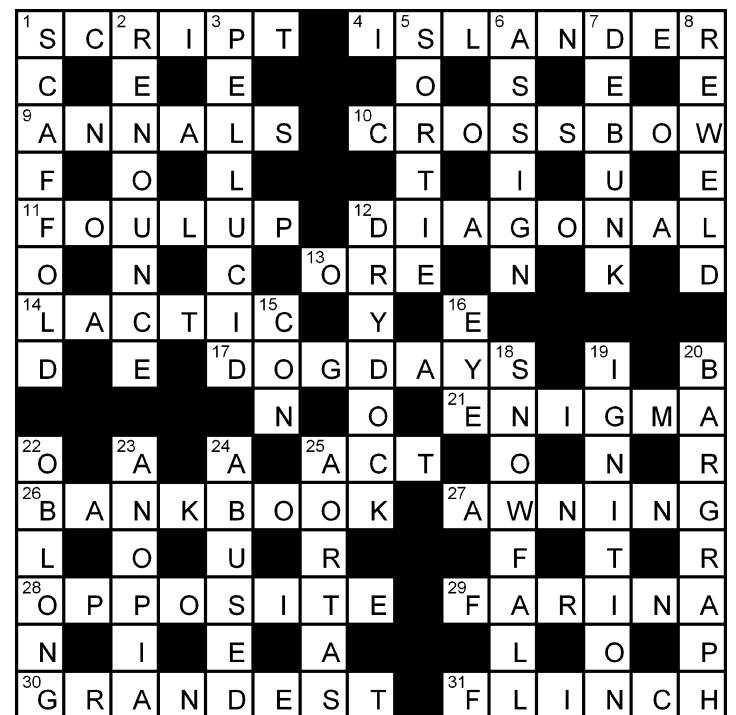
Cryptic Crossword #3

Across

- 1 Double definition and pun
- 4 RILES AND (anagram)
- 9 ANNUALS - U
- 10 CROSS + BOW
- 11 FOWL(sound alike) + UP
- 12 DO ALIGN A (anagram)
- 13 fOREst
- 14 explicIT CALcium (reversed)
- 17 AS DODGY (anagram)
- 21 IN GAME (anagram)
- 25 AttrACTION
- 26 BO within BANGKOK - G
- 27 YAWNING - Y
- 28 OP + IT within POSE
- 29 FAIR (anagram) + NA
- 30 DRAGNETS (anagram)
- 31 FL + INCH

Down

- 1 SC + A + FF + OLD
- 2 RE + N + OUNCE
- 3 C.I.D PULLED (anagram)
- 5 SORT + I.E
- 6 A SIGN (sound alike)
- 7 DE-BUNK (Double definition pun)
- 8 LEWDER (anagram)
- 12 laUNDRY DOCKets
- 15 Double definition
- 16 I (sound alike)
- 18 S + NOW + FALL
- 19 Pun definition
- 20 GRAB (reversed) + HARP (anagram)
- 22 O + BELONG - E
- 23 indIAN OPIAte
- 24 A + BUS + ED
- 25 datA OR TASK-based



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Sunday Crossword #1

1	O	S	C	A	R		6	I	V	E	S		10	S	H	O	O		14	A	R	T	U	R		
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23	C	A	L	Y	P	S	24	S	O	N	E	W	25	W	A	V	E	B	26	I	G	B	A	N	D	
27	E	R	A		28	C	I	N	E		29	A	R	A	L		30	L	O	U	I	S	E			
				31	S	O	L	I		32	A	L	I	E	N		34	G	O	L	F					
35	S	O	F	T	R	O	C	38	K	B	O	S	S	A	39	N	O	V	A	F	40	O	L	42	K	
43	A	V	O	I	D	S		44	V	E	S	T		45	O	R	E		46	R	E	E				
47	M	A	R	L			48	B	A	T			49	B	E	T	S		51	M	A	T	T	E		
53	B	L	U	E	54	G	R	A	S	56	S	B	O	O	G	I	E	58	H	I	P	H	O	P		
59	A	S	M		60	O	A	R	S		61	A	R	G	O	N		62	E	L	T	O	N			
				63	R	U	G	S		64	R	I	O			65	A	L	I	S						
	66	P	A	I	N	E		68	O	69	C	T	E	T		70	I	S	L	E		71	C	P	73	U
74	D	I	S	C	O	D		75	I	X	I	E	L	A	76	N	D	S	O	U	77	L	R	A	P	
78	E	A	S	E	D		79	T	E	A	R			80	E	O	N		81	A	E	R	O			
82	E	N	E			83	I	C	Y			84	L	A	W	N		86	C	A	V	E	I	N		
88	M	O	T	89	O	W	N	H	E	91	A	92	V	Y	M	E	T	93	A	L	S	A	L	S	A	
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105	C	O	U	N	T	R		106	Y	S	T	E	E	107	L	B	A	N	D	S	109	W	I	N	G	
110	R	A	N	G	E		111	S	T	A	R			112	A	R	T	Y		113	I	O	N	I	A	
114	U	R	G	E	D		115	L	A	R	S			116	P	O	E	M		117	S	W	A	T	S	

Trivia #1

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| 1. | b | 6. | c | 11. | c | 16. | a |
| 2. | c | 7. | c | 12. | d | 17. | a |
| 3. | d | 8. | a | 13. | a | 18. | c |
| 4. | c | 9. | b | 14. | a | 19. | c |
| 5. | b | 10. | d | 15. | c | 20. | b |