

"The Ultimate Reference"



Timothy E. Parker, PuzzleMaster

Do you use reference books to solve crosswords and other word games? How many? Which ones? If you don't use them, how do you know if it's Leo Tolstoy rather than LEON Tolstoy? Exactly which (and how many) waterways connect to the mighty Nile River? Odie or Opie -- which was the Ron Howard role?

(By the way, a crossword solver from Russia states emphatically that it's really LEON Tolstoy, and that we Americans managed to change his name somehow.)

Editors use lots of reference books and electronic gadgets, of course. Here's a sampling of my main "go to" books.

- Random House Webster's 2nd Unabridged Dictionary
- The Abridged works of Mark Twain, Edgar Allan Poe, Charles Dickens, William Shakespeare and Jack London
- The Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia
- Larousse Spanish and French Dictionaries
- Collins Italian/English Dictionary
- Roget's Thesaurus
- The 2nd Edition Cambridge Encyclopedia
- Sports Illustrated 2002 Sports Almanac
- Rand McNally Comprehensive World Atlas
- Webster's Encyclopedic Unabridged Dictionary

I use at least twenty other books, but less frequently. I say enough! Send me your wish list for the ultimate puzzle-solving reference and I'll write it! Stop giggling, I'm serious!

Send your best ideas for the ultimate reference book to me at TP@masterpuzzles.com with the header "Reference Book." I'll take the very best ideas and throw in a few of

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New Puzzles From Playtonium

At The Puzzle Society, we're always coming up with new ways for you to fritter away your free time -- but we know you love it! And you'll love these new Shockwave games from Playtonium, too!

Playtonium Daily Jigsaw

Fess up -- we know you've been playing a whole lot of online jigsaw puzzles lately. The Puzzle Society is proud to offer the latest addition to our jigsaw offering, the Playtonium Daily Jigsaw. The game has a built-in archive, so you can play game after game without having to reload the player. Playtonium has also come up with a way to cut some positively pretty puzzle pieces, too! Check it out -- 7 days a week!

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my own, and we'll create more bookshelf space by eliminating the need for so many tomes.

Now, what will I do with the extra space? Maybe I'll put in one of those fancy Bose CD-radios, or maybe my third-

grade spelling trophy can finally get a permanent home, or fresh flowers would brighten up the room, or maybe ...

Happy puzzling,

Timothy E. Parker

"New Puzzles" *continued from page 1*

Shock Bowl

Get all of the exhilaration of a strike at the bowling alley -- without the greasy bowling balls or funky shoes! Shock Bowl is super simple to play. Grab the ball with the mouse, position it in the lane, wait for the aiming arrow to give you the proper throw line, and release the ball. Easy to play, difficult to master, Shock Bowl will keep you coming back time and again to try for that elusive 300 game.

Pongling

At some point in our lives, we've all wished we could bowl in space. It's only human. With Pongling, this longtime wish has come true! Here's how to play: you control the spaceship and use it to bounce a bowling ball toward each of ten bowling frames. The ball bounces off both the ship and

the frames. One last thing -- keep the ball out of the gutter!

Fence Builder

Any animal lovers out there? Forget all that, and get ready to become a die-hard rival of ... SHEEP! This is a game of territorial control. Save your farm from the Bolsheepvik by building fences. Capture territory by enclosing it in a fence, but watch out for the sheep. They will try to steal territory from you by enclosing your fence for you. The side that wins the most territory wins the farm.

Starting in November, look for the Playtonium Daily Jigsaw in the Jigsaw section of the Puzzle Society, Shock Bowl and Pongling in the Arcade section, and Fence Builder in the Puzzles section.

Did You Know?

- The stained-glass window at Kennedy International Airport in New York City measures 300 feet long by 23 feet high.
- In his last days, the painter Pierre Renoir was so crippled with arthritis that he had to have the brushes tied to his arms in order to paint.
- Castor oil has been used as a lubricant in jet planes.
- The average hummingbird weighs about as much as a penny.
- Flamingos are not born with pink feathers. They get their color from their food: shrimp, plankton and algae that contain carotenoids.
- It takes fewer muscles to smile than it does to frown.
- Most people are born with a reflex that makes it nearly impossible to sneeze and keep their eyes open at the same time.
- On average, a person breathes 7 to 8 quarts of air every minute.

Rhyme Time #1

Instructions: Use the following clues to find the rhyming answers. A few letters are filled in to help you along the way.

1. Peter Pan novel?

__ _ O __ _ _ _ K

2. Unwelcome invitee?

__ U __ _ _ _ P __ _ _ _

3. Self-satisfied vapor?

__ _ _ _ _ D __ _ L __ _ _ _

4. Code-creator's equine?

M __ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ S __ _

5. Wealthy Winnie the Pooh?

M __ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ R __ _ _ _ N __ _ _ _ _ A __ _

6. Boston Pops tryout?

__ _ _ S __ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ D __ _ _ _ _ _ _

7. Unrefined fellow?

__ _ U __ _ _ _ _ _ _ E

8. Delicate delivery?

F __ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ L

9. Aquatic mammal more in need of air-conditioning?

__ _ T __ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ R

10. Compassionate "Seinfeld" character?

__ _ _ _ _ N __ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ E

11. Trouser rips and unraveling sweaters?

__ _ O __ _ _ _ _ _ W __ _ _ _

12. Crossbarred pattern for a thing pregnant in Florida?

__ L __ _ _ _ _ _ A __ _

13. Utterly illogical tofu?

__ B __ _ _ _ _ _ B __ _ _ _ _ U __ _ _

14. Strict author of "The Two Gentlemen of Verona"?

__ U __ _ E __ _ _ _ _ _ E __ _ _ _ _ _

Finding Facts Online

The key to online research is to realize that it's rare to find a Web site that gets the facts straight with 100-percent accuracy (except for The Puzzle Society, of course!). With practice, you'll be better able to recognize trustworthy information online. It also helps to crosscheck your findings, using multiple online sources. The following list is composed of just a handful of the useful resources you'll find on the Web.

Infoplease.com:

All the Knowledge You Need

www.infoplease.com

Merriam-Webster

www.m-w.com

yourDictionary.com:

The Global Language Resource

www.yourdictionary.com

Bartleby.com: Great Books Online

www.bartleby.com

The Internet Movie Database

www.imdb.com

All Music Guide

www.allmusic.com

CNN Sports Illustrated

sportsillustrated.cnn.com

Naismith Memorial

Basketball Hall of Fame

www.hoophall.com

Pro Football Hall of Fame

www.profootballhof.com

National Baseball Hall of Fame

www.baseballhalloffame.org

Baseball-Reference.com

www.baseball-reference.com

Finally, for a wide-sweeping search of the Web, use Google (www.google.com). Learn to refine your searches, and be discriminating with your clicks!

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Trivia #4

- Which is a plant of the mint family?
 - Basil
 - Parsley
 - Celery
 - Horseradish
- Which of these means “coming and going at intervals”?
 - Intermediate
 - Interlope
 - Intermarry
 - Intermittent
- An open space surrounded by woods is called a ...
 - Glaze
 - Glace
 - Glade
 - Glave
- Humphrey Bogart did not star in ...
 - “Casablanca”
 - “High Sierra”
 - “Key Largo”
 - “The Thin Man”
- Mount Carmel is located in northwest ...
 - Ireland
 - Israel
 - Iceland
 - India
- Batman was created by ...
 - Adam West
 - Erle Stanley Gardner
 - Bob Kane
 - Claude Monet
- “I’m So Glad We Had This Time Together” was the closing theme used on what entertainer’s television show?
 - Cher
 - Carol Burnett
 - Tiny Tim
 - Liberace
- In the story by the brothers Grimm, the Bremen town musicians did not include a ...
 - Dog
 - Donkey
 - Camel
 - Cat
- Who sang “I Talk to the Trees” in the 1969 film, “Paint Your Wagon”?
 - Clint Eastwood
 - Lee Marvin
 - Jean Seberg
 - Paula Trueman
- Ira Gershwin did not write the lyrics for ...
 - “Show Girl”
 - “Girls Town”
 - “Treasure Girl”
 - “Girl Crazy”
- An unpredictable, eccentric or bizarre behavior is called a ...
 - Quirk
 - Quirt
 - Quart
 - Quark
- Which of these words was coined from the nickname of a Confederate general?
 - Blitzkrieg
 - Stonewall
 - Charisma
 - Tsunami
- A nanosecond is what fraction of a second?
 - One-tenth
 - One-hundredth
 - One-millionth
 - One-billionth
- Which of these terms was coined by physicist Enrico Fermi in 1933?
 - Neutrino
 - Pulsar
 - Plasma
 - Nano
- Which of these terms originated from the French word for glue?
 - Colorize
 - Allergy
 - Fiberglass
 - Collage
- “Gung Ho” was introduced as a training slogan by U.S. Marine Evans F. Carlson during what conflict?
 - World War I
 - Korean War
 - Vietnam War
 - World War II
- The first fax machine was patented in ...
 - 1828
 - 1843
 - 1862
 - 1898
- English chemist Frederick Soddy coined what term in 1913?
 - Rayon
 - Radar
 - Isotope
 - Robot
- Which of these words was the first of the four to enter the American vocabulary?
 - Telethon
 - Blurb
 - White-collar
 - Camouflage
- Who wrote “Trent’s Last Case”?
 - E.F. Benson
 - Eric Bentley
 - Robert Benchley
 - E.C. Bentley

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.

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MORE PUZZLES

Time Line #1

Instructions: Match the events to the years in which they occurred.

1977	The first automatic traffic lights are put up in the United States
1910	The blockbuster film “Star Wars” is released
1927	Hank Aaron homers to surpass Babe Ruth as baseball’s all-time home run king
1913	The first supermarket opens in the United States
1957	The first Crossword Puzzle is published
1920	The Boy and Girl Scouts are introduced in America
1981	“Ben-Hur” is nominated for 12 Academy Awards and wins Best Picture
1930	Babe Ruth breaks records by hitting 60 home runs in a single season
1982	The first Space Shuttle “Columbia” is launched
1953	The first compact disc is launched
1959	USSR launches Sputnik, the first artificial earth satellite
1974	For the first time, over half of all families in the United States own televisions

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Great Starts & Happy Endings #1

Instructions: In each example, find the word that can be placed in front of or behind all three words to create another word or phrase.

1. Writer, town, story = _ _ _ _ _
2. Face, ending, hour = _ _ _ _ _
3. Folk, theme, swan = _ _ _ _ _
4. Parking, flow, postage = _ _ _ _ _
5. Poster, flower, only = _ _ _ _ _
6. Cup, class, bank = _ _ _ _ _
7. Base, up, down = _ _ _ _ _
8. Check, cloud, forest = _ _ _ _ _
9. Artist, hatch, clause = _ _ _ _ _

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Get a Clue! #1

Instructions:

Use the clever clues to solve these punny mini-puzzles.

1. What happens when the sun rises in S. California?
2. Work done on the premises?
3. Remark from an incredulous pharaoh?
4. Put down in writing?
5. Makes it?
6. One who accepts charges?
7. Storied locale?

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Cryptic Crossword #8

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Across

- 1 Mark comes to town in poverty (8)
- 5 Hang on tightly to nest eggs (6)
- 10 Clear up high temperature (5)
- 11 Creep into sports gathering (9)
- 12 Best kept selection of wine at estates (7)
- 13 Chiefs of police initially ignored by beggars (7)
- 14 Pine for one with grave emergency treatment (5,3)
- 16 Train a short-tailed monkey (5)
- 19 Dawn of air travel, needing no introduction (5)
- 21 Con men look for one counterfeit maker, say (4,4)
- 24 During audition, playwright cringed (7)
- 26 Extent of British hatred after revolution (7)

- 27 Simple men test smuggling device (9)
- 28 Transvestite's heading to bar in drag (5)
- 29 Navy missile contract (6)
- 30 Fragrant rose wreath given temporarily (8)

Down

- 1 Some silverware from busybody's counter (6)
- 2 Taking the mean avenue, uncontrollably violent (9)
- 3 States going after 100 Coast Guard vessels (7)
- 4 Wrongful act involving a revolutionary fortune-teller? (5)
- 6 European region's map taken by young boy (7)
- 7 Tire blows after Thursday, worn from overuse (5)
- 8 Really fooling around on the sly (8)

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- 9 Hides clues -- Doc's in a quandary (8)
- 15 Want singer McEntire to head north for a Scottish city (8)
- 7 Diffuse air raid, broadcast item between terminals (9)
- 18 Voting for Liberal to replace Republican in House, perhaps (8)
- 20 Weapon complex or depot (7)
- 22 West of Hollywood, sort out a conductor (7)
- 23 Fellow almost rented a cabin in the Alps (6)
- 25 It dries a pair of wishbones through (5)
- 26 Save a couple from Tennessee someplace in Montana (5)

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Cryptic Crossword #9

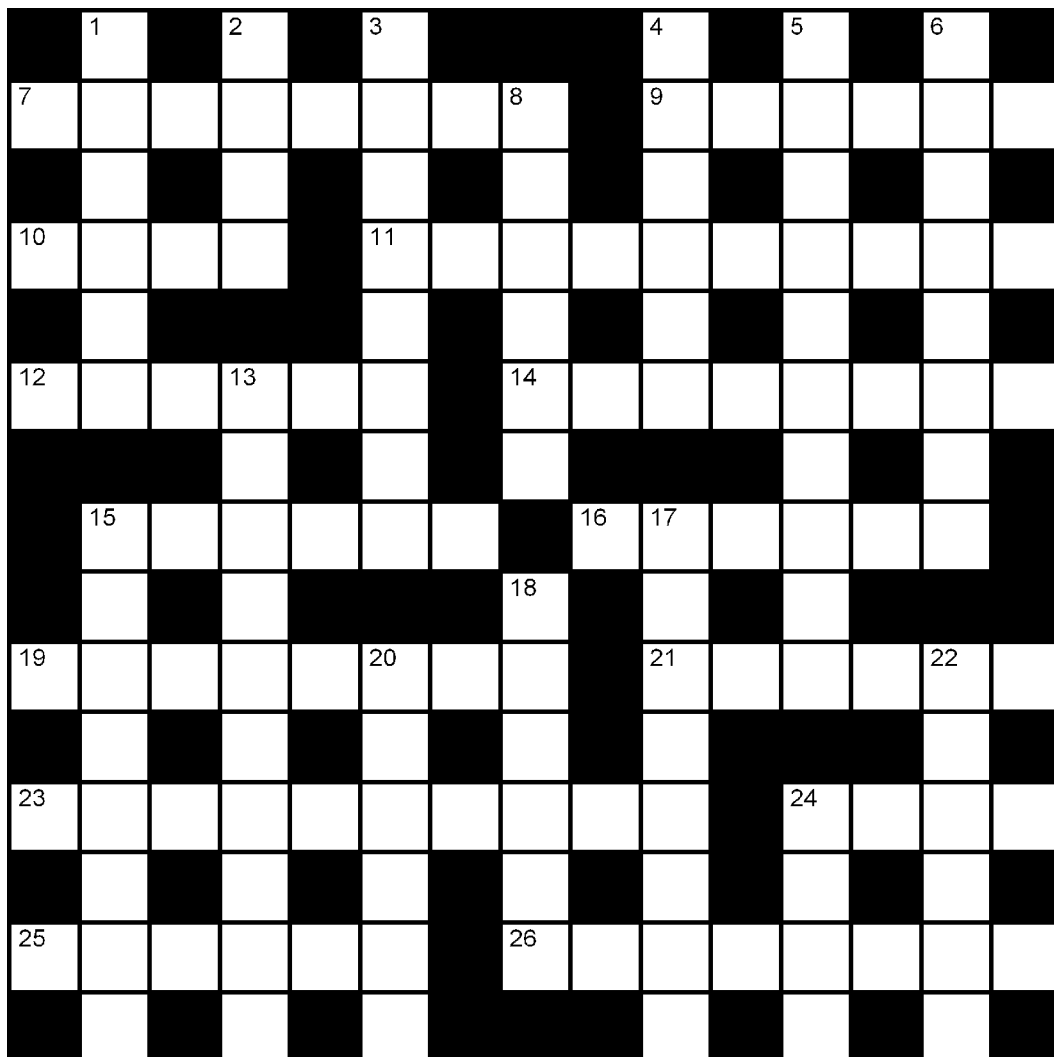
Across

- 7 Longing to upset or disuse (8)
- 9 Not capable? Alternative is to become a religious singer (6)
- 10 Initially higher income keeps expenses up (4)
- 11 Exchange calls to provide commercial identities (5,5)
- 12 Salad for the Emperor (6)
- 14 I initially find one hundred after detailed description, to be exact (8)
- 15 One who spins locks or rocks (6)
- 16 Middle class is the group from which help can be extracted (6)
- 19 So placidly centered, fit and friendly (8)
- 21 Pest trapped by insect. Let 'em have it! (6)
- 23 A union supporter (10)

- 24 Coming back in brief rush of breakers (4)
- 25 Be around during a particular day to discuss the pros and cons (6)
- 26 Banner strangely reads "arrest me" (8)

Down

- 1 Uncontrollable tear in a sensitive part (6)
- 2 Properly equip plane without chart and you will get something that flies (4)
- 3 Pre-stamped for distribution (4-4)
- 4 Plan shows state border to the east (6)
- 5 Animal fur I processed is not well known (10)
- 6 He or she may have one or several titles (8)
- 8 Look inside, grasp arsenic, it's in short supply (6)
- 13 After period of employment butler becomes a maintenance technician (10)
- 15 After near-traumatic start, Edward is sequestered (8)
- 17 Upset boss goes to politician with tale of hardship (3,5)
- 18 Neglectful about a lady (6)
- 20 Fire jacket? (6)
- 22 Eurasian has endless eye for a bird (6)
- 24 Meat distributed by e-mail? (4)



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Sunday Crossword #4: "BACK TO SCHOOL" Edited By Timothy E. Parker

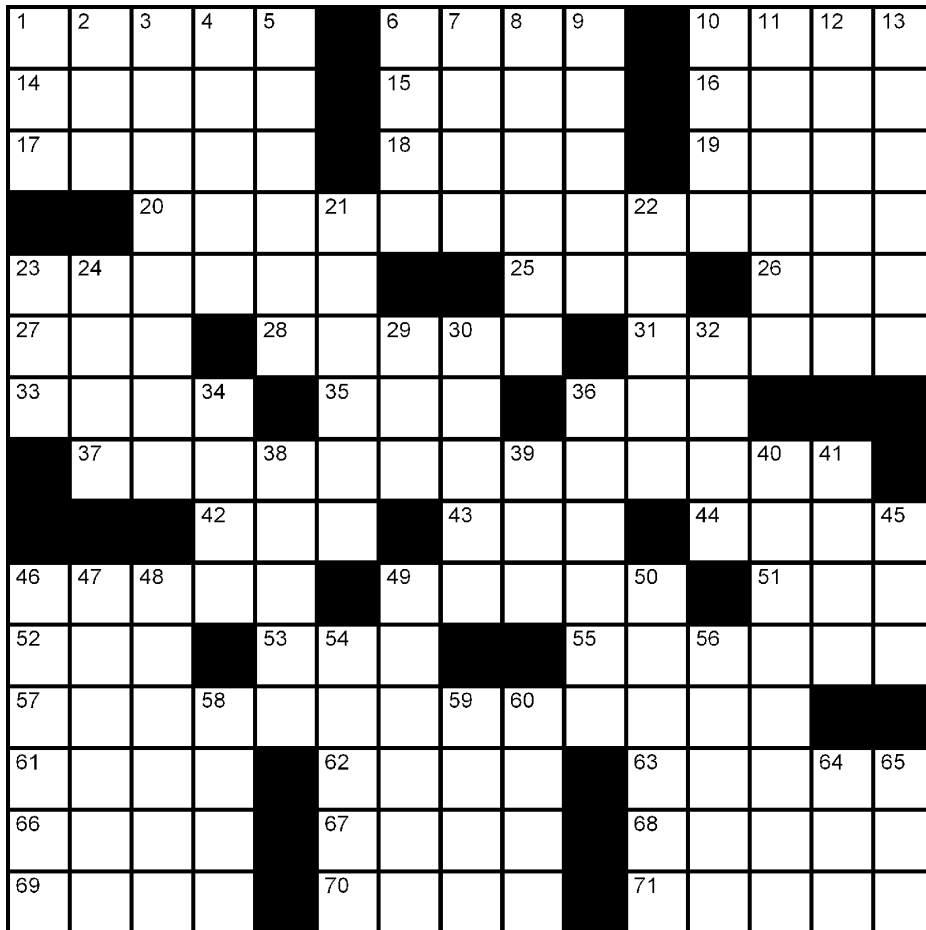
Across

- 1 Writer Kingsley
- 5 Arbor asset
- 10 Prevent
- 15 Don't put this before the horse
- 19 Hindu text
- 20 "Fiddler on the Roof" star
- 21 Wash away
- 22 "Bolero" instrument
- 23 "--- Fire" (Springsteen)
- 24 "The --- of Athens" (Beethoven)
- 25 "Falcon Crest" star
- 26 Agents
- 27 Texas students
- 29 Florida State students
- 31 Like the Milky Way
- 32 "--- in Toyland"
- 35 Daniel survived one

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| 36 Feeling poorly | 112 Suspense film classic | 48 “Damn Yankees” siren |
| 37 Petrified | 113 Elizabethan and Victorian | 52 Number of Olympic rings |
| 39 Threatened | 114 Surrealist Magritte | 53 Deli staple |
| 43 Laugh-track sound | 115 Extreme | 55 Tranquelize |
| 46 Extremely hot and dry | 116 Improve a text | 56 Smudge |
| 48 “The Birdcage” star | 117 Took transportation | 57 Ms. Burstyn |
| 49 Mispickel, e.g. | 118 Feat | 58 Kilmer of “The Doors” |
| 50 Aladdin’s monkey | 119 Ruffle the hair | 59 Prior to |
| 51 Balcony section | 120 Caravan stops | 63 Buddies |
| 52 Sumter or McHenry | 121 Manuscript mark | 65 Hero follower |
| 53 Complacent | | 66 Bamboozle |
| 54 Swabbies | Down | 67 Bird of the Outback |
| 56 Duke students | 1 St. Teresa of --- | 68 Begets |
| 59 Buccaneers’ home | 2 In-basket items | 69 Designer Karan |
| 60 French infinitive | 3 “If --- Have You” (Backstreet Boys) | 70 Brockovich and Ireland |
| 61 Place to park | 4 Spanish punch | 71 “The Wind in the Willows” character |
| 62 Gas-grill rock | 5 Leisurely walks | 72 Hilltop home |
| 63 Aeronauts | 6 Word with witching or happy | 74 Cartoon chipmunk |
| 64 Dingbat | 7 Neat as --- | 75 “The Memory of Trees” singer |
| 66 Ball honoree | 8 Slips into | 77 Discharge, as steam |
| 68 Chef’s --- | 9 Ernie of the PGA | 78 Unpunctual |
| 69 Pour off wine | 10 Marina --- Rey | 79 Cushiness |
| 71 Man-of-the-Year magazine | 11 Taped over | 82 Swift land |
| 72 Hurt | 12 Ponderous books | 86 Pit stop need |
| 73 Fashion | 13 Wax-coated cheese | 87 --- XING (street sign) |
| 76 Deliver a keynote | 14 Denizen | 88 Snakelike fish |
| 77 Tennessee students | 15 Long cigar | 89 Clothing, informally |
| 80 Abadan locale | 16 Genesis shepherd | 90 “Jeopardy!” questions |
| 81 “A stitch in time saves ---” | 17 James Stewart film | 92 Subsided |
| 82 Security problem | 18 Dick Tracy’s love | 93 Tough puzzles |
| 83 Swiss river | 28 Hollywood’s Holbrook | 95 Poetic nightfall |
| 85 Texas-to-Wis. dir. | 30 Hawaiian goose | 97 Scacchi in “The Player” |
| 86 Real bargain | 32 Showed all | 99 Prophetic card |
| 87 Carry on | 33 Southern constellation | 100 Sidestep |
| 90 With the fleet | 34 Vereen of “Roots” | 101 Furnace button |
| 91 Triple Crown winner: 1946 | 37 Attempt to be heard | 102 Firewood measure |
| 93 Carolina river | 38 Zoo structure | 103 Busy as --- |
| 94 Fowl female | 39 Sojourner explored it | 104 Morning glory, e.g. |
| 96 Barbara --- Geddes | 40 Vanderbilt students | 105 Stanley Gardner |
| 97 Divine | 41 Spew lava | 106 Vasco da --- |
| 98 Breather | 42 French pastelist | 107 Streets of Paris |
| 102 Virginia students | 43 Loathe | 108 White-tailed eagle |
| 106 Tulane students | 44 Blind as --- | 111 Rob Roy’s negative |
| 109 Last write-up | 45 Miami students | 112 Sign of August |
| 110 Prettify | 47 Allocate | |

WordCross #1 "FOOLISH OBSERVATION"



INSTRUCTIONS

Here's a switch. You've been supplied with the grid and ALL the answers to one of Timothy Parker's favorite crosswords. Your job is to fit the answers in their proper spaces in the grid and complete the puzzle. Hint: Start with the theme entries and you'll have smooth sailing.

3-letter words

AAH
ASE
CAN
DEA
EAR
ESE
ETH
GOP
JUT
KEN
LID
MDI
NUB
ONO
PAM
PGA
SIS
URE

4-letter words

ABAB
ADAM
ADDS
ANEW
ANNA
ANTE
BRUT
CALF
CODA
COGS
DRNO
EXAM
HOED
IONS
IRMA
ITEM
LILI
LOOT

NONO
NYET
OLIO
POOR
RAIN
WISP

5-letter words

ASPER
ASPIC
DISCO
DUMPS
ELITE
IDTAG
KOALA
LASED
MELEE
OARED
PASTA

SASHA
SELES
SLATE
STAYS
TEEMS
TREND

6-letter words

ARENAS
BIKINI
DOWNON
DUNDEE
GALORE
GIJOES
INTOTO
KEBABS
MOONIE
ODIOUS
OWLETS

PITSAW
SMILED
UNHOLY

8-letter words

EXLIBRIS
SPLITPEA

13-letter words

IMNOBODYSFOOL
SAIDTHEJESTER
WHOLOSTHISJOB

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SOLUTIONS

Sunday Crossword #4

1	A	2	M	3	I	4	S		5	S	6	H	7	A	8	D	9	E		10	D	11	E	12	T	13	E	14	R		15	C	16	A	17	R	18	T	
19	V	E	D	A					20	T	O	P	O	L						21	E	R	O	D	E					22	O	B	O	E					
23	I	M	O	N					24	R	U	I	N	S						25	L	A	M	A	S				26	R	E	P	S						
27	L	O	N	G		28	H	O	R	N	S									29	S	E	M	I	30	N	O	L	E	S									
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43	H	A	H	A					46	S	A	H	A	R	A	N			48	L	A	N	E			49	O	R	E										
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118	D	E	E	D					119	T	E	A	S	E						120	O	A	S	E	S			121	S	T	E	T							

Trivia #4

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

SOLUTIONS

Time Line #1

- 1910: The Boy and Girl Scouts are introduced in America
- 1913: The first Crossword Puzzle is published
- 1920: The first automatic traffic lights are put up in the United States
- 1927: Babe Ruth breaks records by hitting 60 home runs in a single season
- 1930: The first supermarket opens in the United States
- 1953: For the first time, over half of all families in the United States own televisions
- 1957: USSR launches Sputnik, the first artificial earth satellite
- 1959: "Ben-Hur" is nominated for 12 Academy Awards and wins Best Picture
- 1974: Hank Aaron homers to surpass Babe Ruth as baseball's all-time home run king
- 1977: The blockbuster film "Star Wars" is released
- 1981: The first Space Shuttle "Challenger" is launched
- 1982: The first compact disc is launched

Rhyme Time #1

1. HOOK BOOK
2. GUEST PEST
3. PROUD CLOUD
4. MORSE HORSE
5. MILLIONAIRE HONEY BEAR
6. MUSICIAN AUDITION
7. CRUDE DUDE
8. FRAIL MAIL
9. HOTTER OTTER
10. HUMANE ELAINE
11. CLOTHES WOES
12. PLAID CHAD
13. ABSURD BEAN CURD
14. AUSTERE SHAKESPEARE

Great Starts & Happy Endings #1

1. GHOST (ghost writer, ghost town, ghost story)
2. HAPPY (happy face, happy ending, happy hour)
3. SONG (folk song, theme song, swan song)
4. METER (parking meter, flow meter, postage meter)
5. CHILD (poster child, flower child, only child)
6. WORLD (world cup, world class, world bank)
7. TOUCH (touch base, touch up, touch down)
8. RAIN (rain check, rain cloud, rain forest)
9. ESCAPE (escape artist, escape hatch, escape clause)

Get a Clue! #1

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| 1. You see L.A. | 5. Tags |
| 2. Logic | 6. Matador |
| 3. Me, a pharaoh? | 7. Skyscraper |
| 4. Libel | |

SOLUTIONS

Cryptic Crossword #8

1	S	C	A	R	C	I	T	Y	5	C	L	U	T	C	H			
	P		V		U		A	9	O		A		R		O			
10	O	V	E	R	T		11	R	E	C	E	P	T	I	O	N		
	O		R		T		O		C		L		T		E			
12	N	E	A	T	E	S	T		13	L	E	A	D	E	R	S		
	S		G		R				U		N				T			
		14	F	I	R	S	T	15	A	I	D		16	D	R	I	L	L
18	E		N					B		E					R		Y	
19	L	I	G	H	T		21	E	A	S	Y	22	M	A	R	K		
	E				O		R				A		A		23	C		
24	C	O	W	E	R	E	D		26	B	R	E	A	D	T	H		
	T		I		P		E		U		S		I		A			
27	I	M	P	L	E	M	E	N	T		28	T	R	A	I	L		
	O		E		D		N		T		R		T		E			
29	N	A	R	R	O	W		30	R	E	D	O	L	E	N	T		

Cryptic Crossword #9

	1	R		2	K		3	P		4	S		5	U		6	N
7	D	E	S	I	R	O	U	S		9	C	A	N	T	O	R	
	T		T		S		P		H		F		V				
10	H	I	K	E		11	T	R	A	D	E	N	A	M	E	S	
	N				F		R		M		M		L				
12	C	A	E	S	A	R		14	S	P	E	C	I	F	I	C	
			E		E		E						L		S		
	15	C	U	R	L	E	R		16	A	S	S	I	S	T		
	L		V				R		18	O		A					
19	S	O	C	I	A	B	L	E		21	B	E	R	A	T	E	
	S		C		L		M		S					U			
23	F	E	D	E	R	A	L	I	S	T		24	S	U	R	F	
	T		M		Z		S		O		P		K				
25	D	E	B	A	T	E		26	S	T	R	E	A	M	E	R	
	D		N		R				Y		M		Y				

WordCross #1

1	P	A	S	T	A		6	A	D	D	S		10	C	O	G	S			
14	A	S	P	E	R		15	B	R	U	T		16	A	D	A	M			
17	M	E	L	E	E		18	A	N	N	A		19	L	I	L	I			
		20	I	M	N		21	O	B	O	D	Y	22	S	F	O	O	L		
23	P	24	I	T	S	A	W		25	E	S	E	26	U	R	E				
27	G	O	P		28	S	L	A	T	E		31	L	A	S	E	D			
33	A	N	E	W		34		35	E	A	R		36	K	E	N				
	37	S	A	I	D	T	H	E	39	J	E	S	T	40	E	R				
		42	S	I	S		43	N	U	B		44	E	X	A	45	M			
46	47	48	D	U	M	P	S		49	I	D	T	A	50	G		51	L	I	D
52	O	N	O		53	C	A	N		55	B	I	K	I	N	I				
57	W	H	O	58	L	O	S	T	59	H	I	S	J	O	B					
61	N	O	N	O		62	P	O	O	R		63	O	A	R	E	64	65	D	
66	O	L	I	O		67	I	T	E	M		68	E	L	I	T	E			
69	N	Y	E	T		70	C	O	D	A		71	S	A	S	H	A			