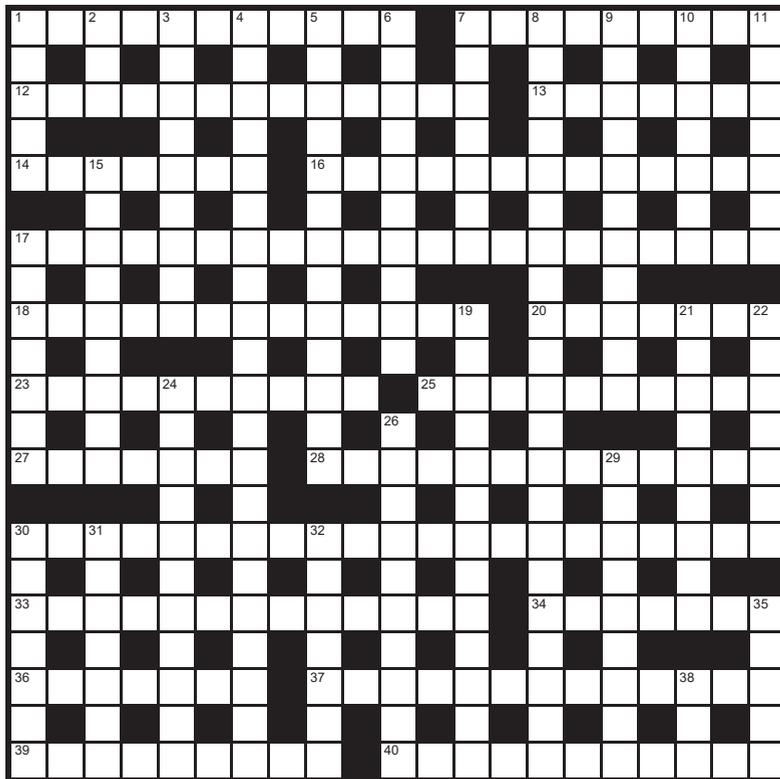


The generalist by Didymus



ACROSS

- 1 Fuel-filled bottles stopped with rags which are set alight and then thrown (6,5)
- 7 The former name of Anatolia (4,5)
- 12 Game in which contestants search for a list of items without purchasing them (9,4)
- 13 How the trio of eastern monarchs described themselves in a carol (2,5)
- 14 The name given to the area of London between Fleet Street and the Thames which was the haunt of criminals and debtors (7)
- 16 The offer from stableman Thomas in Cambridge in the late 1500s and early 1600s (7,6)
- 17 Ronnie Barker's role in *Porridge* (6,7,8)
- 18 Mean-spirited, cowardly (13)
- 20 A court announcement declaring an annulment (7)
- 23 Breach of the law (10)
- 25 The rear trucks of goods trains (6,4)
- 27 The short seed capsule of shepherd's purse (7)
- 28 English title of Thomas Mann's novella about Gustav von Aschenbach's obsession for Tadzio (5,2,6)
- 30 Occupation force set up in

- Germany after both World Wars with garrison HQ at Rheindahlen (7,4,2,3,5)
- 33 Actress who played Bet Lynch in *Coronation Street* for over 25 years (5,8)
- 34 In South Africa, a heap of stones used as protection against rifle-fire, or in Germany, a ski jump (7)
- 36 Of a leaf, having veins (7)
- 37 A sedentary crustacean of the genus *Balanus* (5,8)
- 39 Village south of Bambergh which is dubbed "The Gateway to the Northumberland Coast" (9)
- 40 Extremely apologetic (4,2,5)

DOWN

- 1 ... Kovalev, *Strictly Come Dancing* winner with Caroline Flack in 2014 (5)
- 2 Scottish couple might have taken flight thus (3)
- 3 With wholesale access allowed (4,2,3)
- 4 Those in need must be satisfied with what is available (7,4,2,8)
- 5 The kingcup (5,8)
- 6 Nobel prize-winning author of *Herzog* and *Ravelstein* (4,6)
- 7 Actors Andrews, Hopkins and Quinn (7)
- 8 Song from Act Five of *As You Like It* (2,3,1,5,3,3,4)

- 9 Constituent pieces of L. S. Lowry's characters? (11)
- 10 Cathedral with the second tallest spire in England and where the remains of Edith Cavell are buried (7)
- 11 Smallest cervine in Britain (3,4)
- 15 Causing mental or emotional turmoil (9)
- 17 Waitresses in Lyons teashops between 1920 and 1950 (7)
- 19 Le Midi (5,2,6)
- 21 Long-established custom making idiot rant (9)
- 22 A young girl recognised for her virtue (7)
- 24 Södermanland, Småland or Öregrund, in Sweden (11)
- 26 The final railway station constructed in London before the end of the 19th century (10)
- 29 Influential US jazz pianist and bandleader, nicknamed "Fatha" (4,5)
- 30 Freshmen at the University of St Andrews (7)
- 31 The setting for *Twelfth Night* (7)
- 32 Scottish castle goblins (3,4)
- 35 Dick ... BBC comedian, whose character Mandy was famous for her catchphrase "Ooh! You are awful. But I like you!" (5)
- 38 Hebrew measure equivalent to ten ephahs (3)

Last month's generalist solutions

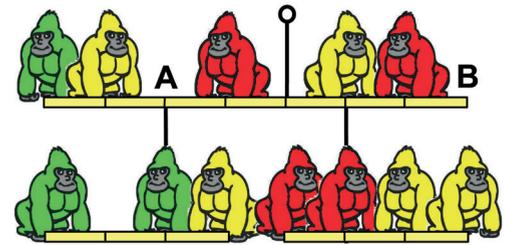
Across: 1 *Poisson d'acril*, 8 Tostada, 12 *Roobarb*, 13 Divine service, 14 Anaxial, 15 Eyre Peninsula, 17 Stephen Dedalus, 18 Limpid, 21 Alf Valentine, 23 Surmised, 26 In conflict, 27 Moong beans, 30 Massenet, 32 Andouillette, 34 Osasco, 35 The Akond of Swat, 38 Tattie Howkers, 40 Ragwort, 41 Richard Hadlee, 42 Art Deco, 43 Orléans, 44 *Die Fledermaus*

Down: 1 Parmassianism, 2 Isolate, 3 Spanish Main, 4 *Nibelungenlied*, 5 André Deutsch, 6 River Saône, 7/16 Lyn Paul 8 Tisane, 9 Strontium, 10 Adieu, 11 Abelard, 16 Paul, 19 Passant, 20 *Quentin Durward*, 22 Fuchsia, 24 Dissertations, 25 Solomon's seal, 28 Bullfighter, 29 Annabel Lee, 31 Enchilada, 33 The Weald, 34 Ontario, 36 Woomera, 37 Rhodes, 39 Tical

Enigmas & puzzles

Going bananas

Barry R. Clarke



Deep in the Booliba jungle, the gorillas are resting after eating too many bananas. However, they are a crazy bunch, and one of them has left some banana skins at positions A and B on the top beam. Consequently, the gorillas in those positions are about to slip off and bite the dust.

There are three different kinds of gorilla: red, yellow, and green. Those of the same colour have an identical weight, but no two different coloured gorillas weigh the same. Our furry friends are shown arranged on hanging beams that have negligible weight, and all three beams are balanced. Each sits at one of the equally spaced marks. This means that if there are only two on a beam, and they have a different colour, a gorilla that sits one space from a hanging point has twice the weight of one that sits two spaces away.

What colours are the two disappearing gorillas at A and B?

Last month's solutions

Gimme Shelter! Keith Jagger needs 512 Stones. Let the external dimension of the cubic shelter be n . Then he needs a cubic number N consisting of the filled in solid shelter n^3 ; minus the Stones in the internal cube $(n - 2)^3$ with the walls, roof, and base one Stone thick; minus the internal base $(n - 2)^2$ one Stone thick; and minus the door space $(n - 2)$. So $N = 5n^3 - 9n + 6$. Running up the $n > 2$, the smallest value for which N is a cube occurs at $n = 11$. Then $N = 512$

How to enter

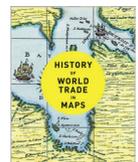
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