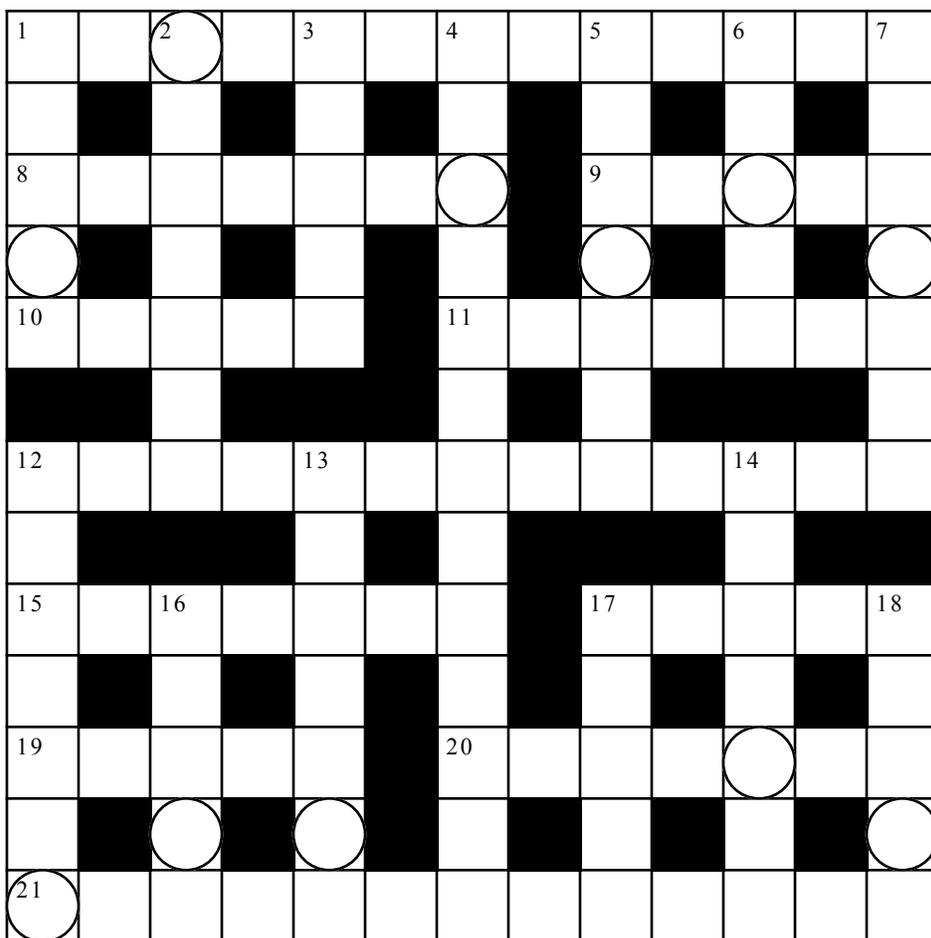


Put the A words in Puzzle A's clues, and B words in Puzzle B's clues, as per the boldface numbers, to get two plain, non-tricky cryptics; then solve. The sides of both grids, respaced, will give the duo's two-word *overall title*, plus some extra text; their circled letters and "captions" will say how to get a five-word sequence, whose last four words are a *description* of this extra text. Submit the two-word overall title, four-word description, and filled grids to \$8.90 or Ucaimhu.

Puzzle A

ACROSS

1. Cap's first, then Iron Man or the Hulk, in diversion where you might find a _____ (9 4) **24**
8. Peignoir is _____ cravat (7) **23**
9. Step up and _____ from the podium (5) **11**
10. Each year, Adam's _____ turns around (5) **10**
11. Mad Lib: "It is a capital on the same continent as _____" (7) **4**
12. Class includes Scottish island and _____'s queen — it's kind of making sense (13) **7**
15. Foul joke by _____ (or someone like him) (7) **12**
17. Shabby _____, say, tail first with kitty outside (5) **3**
19. _____ perhaps will switch sides without energy in Ancient Peru (5) **15**
20. _____, I flaunt a kind of drug (7) **17**
21. Ruthless mythical relatives of the _____ from the east bizarrely hatch deer (8-5) **9**



... the 12th letter in each Puzzle B clue ...

DOWN

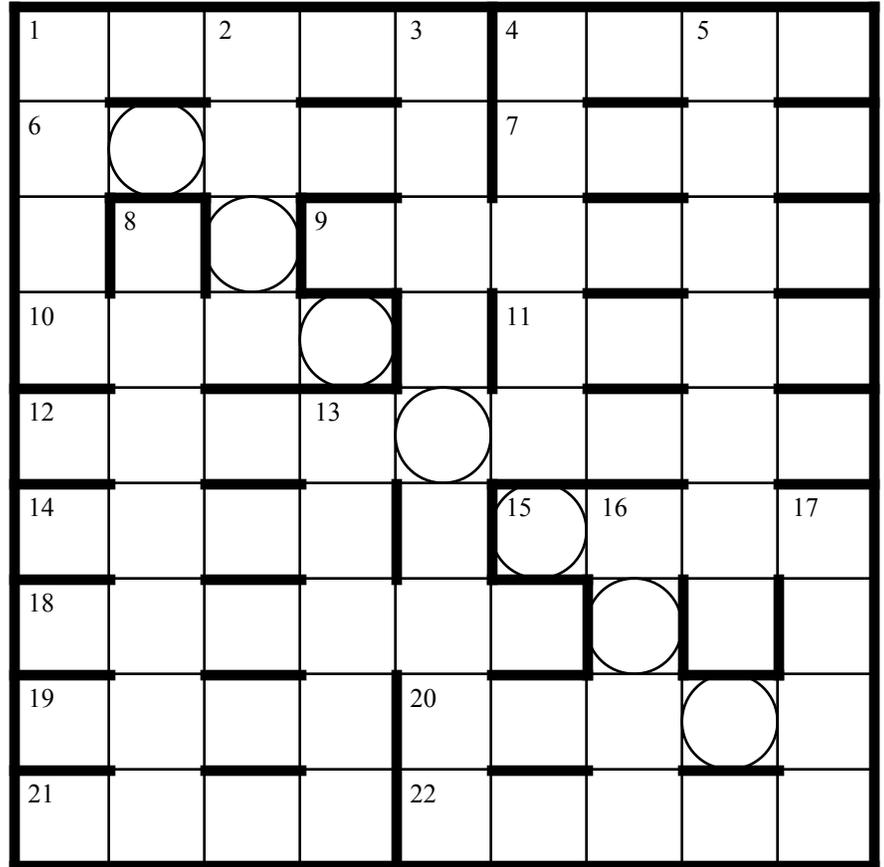
1. Because of _____, for example, these days ... (5) **2**
2. ... gold agents shouldn't ultimately get more _____ (7) **18**
3. Door guard without _____ (5) **6**
4. Local attraction containing _____ and last lager Kate drunk (5 4 4) **19**
5. Composer from somewhere near _____ is Iris' son? Weird (7) **22**
6. Eel school in the Midwest feeds on broken-down _____ (5) **21**
7. Smearing person who sings about _____ (7) **20**
12. Selection from _____ in theater company's work (7) **1**
13. Cocaine sprayed like the _____ (7) **14**
14. Really want torch if doing a _____ (4 3) **8**
16. In oven, a choice _____ snack (5) **5**
17. _____, e.g., is in front of the French bird (5) **13**
18. Kid's club beyond the _____ at end of month (5) **16**

Puzzle B

... an amount equal to the position of the clue's ...

ACROSS

1. A female-type _____, after the start, turned to Melpomene's sister (5) **21**
4. Block object with left end of _____, for one (4) **24**
6. Tec's rear and _____ plastered all over secondary cable channel (1-4, *abbr.*) **6**
7. Wee little _____ touching a cup and a kind of platter (2-2) **15**
9. One exam _____'s students used to take with cheer and perverse semilevity (1 5) **7**
10. DEA agent will display _____ soda (4) **19**
11. Encourage westerner in _____ to stop tossing tea (4) **4**
12. Some pope's _____ - filled GI or grey author (7 2) **2**
14. Eight near _____ with Bismarck (4) **22**
15. Where I'd see eggs of (chiefly) _____, in mesh (4) **9**
18. Reversing, a _____, say, half-sniffs part of shoe (6) **3**
19. Verne's captain, who sinks central parts of _____'s fleet, fumes viciously (4) **14**
20. Behaved like _____ people right before a test (5) **17**
21. Smile when swallowing third of _____'s booze (4) **5**
22. Part of _____ that's observed using one's ears (5) **1**



Two-Word Overall Title

Four-Word Description

DOWN

1. Empty, epic _____ never initially would be a money expert's subj. (4, *abbr.*) **20**
2. "Headless _____" perhaps inspires imitator (4) **8**
3. People who may gawk, _____ & pry, secondarily, when in untidy ol' nooks (9) **11**
4. Skewer snake _____ fruit (5) **23**
5. Dress, say, an _____ mostly in ties altered for a swordsman (7) **13**
8. Yokemate, pal, _____, or the like tore speech up (7) **10**
13. Leave _____ heap to be mounted (3 2) **18**
16. Ed at, say, west _____ (4) **16**
17. Insolence of Jude making Jay bow to _____ ('4) [online NI3] **12**