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It's back! Hopefully not succumbing to the 'troublesome second album' problem, let's see if the puzzles in this issue continue to be interesting. One puzzle is based on Shakespeare - I strongly dislike Shakespearean plays but they do prove to be a good source of puzzle fodder. And the puzzle Hear Crowds might be a tad tricky. Sorry about that. You can find me on Twitter, @peakespuzzles. If you enjoy this, please consider leaving a tip at:

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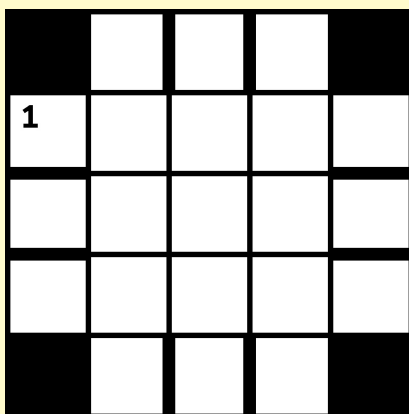
Thanks! - Dan 'Puzzlemaster' Peake

In this puzzle, two answers have been merged into one. For example, the answer to:

This Whopper of a fast food chain wanted to be like you in The Jungle Book (6,4,5)

is **BURGER KING LOUIE**. Can you work out the six clues below? Answer lengths have been given for each clue.

- This poisonous element recently applied for an annulment after just four days of marriage to Erika Koike (11,4)
- This question asked by the Black Eyed Peas in 2003 wonders where people can meet illicitly in a tree, perhaps (5,2,3,4,4)
- This type of moustache celebrates a boy becoming religiously responsible in Judaism (9,7)
- This type of triangle can help solve unusual problems (11,8)
- Also known as the Way of Sorrows, this journey of Christ to Calvary had him solving a word puzzle (8,2,3,9)
- This person who appears powerful, but is in fact useless, won the Grand National in both 2018 and 2019 (5,5,4)



Only the position of 1 Across has been given in this cryptic crossword - you will need to figure out where the other clues will fit. As an additional hint, the top line will form a three-letter word.

- **1 Across:** Find an old-fashioned look in a treasure trove
- Body of water touched every other article
- Each incomplete shelter was consumed
- Fish - bass - has quantity of paper
- Get to Rachel, almost confused
- Madman doesn't begin to speak

Solve the anagrams below to reveal 12 types of rocks and minerals. Each anagram has one extra letter that isn't used. In order, these extra letters spell out an answer to the question below.

GAMBLER _____

ALERTS _____

ISOLATE MEN _____

GYM PUNS _____

MAIN OUTLIER _____

BAN IDIOTS _____

ECRU MOUND _____

MY SEER _____

NOT MADNESS _____

I DO ADMIN _____

PLATO _____

LOOTED HIM _____

What is a geologist's favourite fruit? (7,5)

Adverts are incredibly annoying. There's this one advert for **P.O.P.** that, when it comes, on, makes me turn off the TV immediately because it's such a terrible product.

What could **P.O.P.** stand for? Be creative, and let me know using the form at bit.ly/peakespuzzles - the best ones will appear in the next issue.

Here's what you said about last week's Initial Problem: Oh no! I've gone to the beach but I've left my swimming trunks behind. Luckily, I've brought my **M.I.N.** instead.

Mankini-imitating noodle, @mattclemson
- Why is the noodle so small?
Magnificent Iridescent Neckties, Joseph, Liverpool
- Perfect beachwear.
Mobility Inducing Nylon, @josieDFO
- I do need the increased mobility!

ANSWER MERGE

CRYPT-CROSS

PUNAGRAM

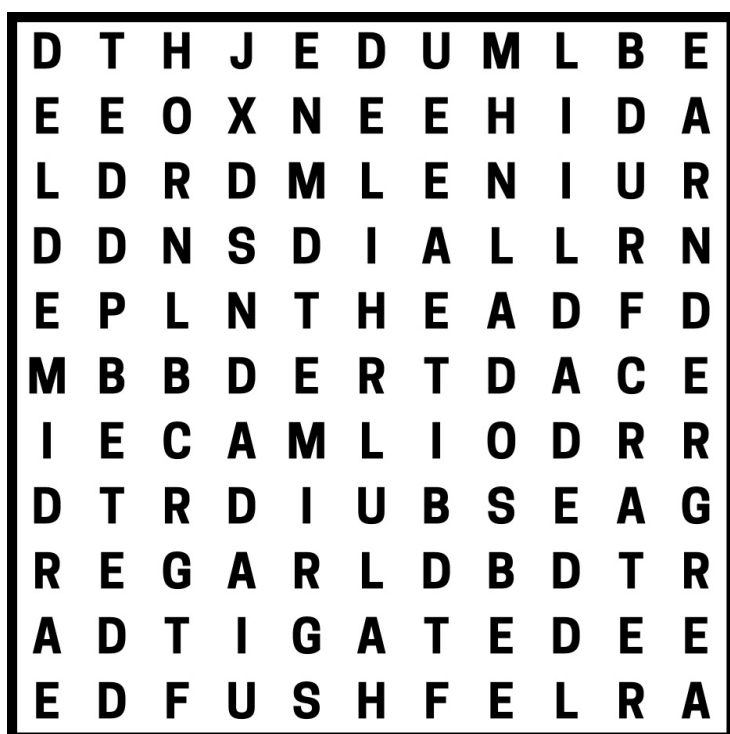
INITIAL PROBLEM



Which Shakespeare plays do the following cryptic clues represent?

- 1 - A Greek meerkat
- 2 - It'll Be Alright On The Night, or America's Funniest Home Videos, for instance
- 3 - Making a mountain out of a molehill
- 4 - Return to say hi!
- 5 - R
- 6 - Most like a short-term office worker
- 7 - To one's preference
- 8 - Two Nato members?
- 9 - 8:00pm, Jan 12th to 6:00am, Jan 13th
- 10 - An insect on a patella with a car lightly tapping an Egyptian god
- 11 - The Snowman, perhaps
- 12 - Katy and John

HEAR CROWDS



ADDLED
AGITATED
BLENDED
DISTURBED
FRACTURED
GARbled
JUMBLED
MElDED
MIXED
MUDDLED
REARRANGED
SHUFFLED
STIRRED

AM: 6th, 15th, 4th, 3rd, 14th, 6th

C-C: b2, a4, a3, d2, d1

P: 4, 10, 1, 12, 6

WTAWH: -, 17th, -, 5th, 6th, -, -, -, 9th, -, 7th

HC: Solution

