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Spring is now upon us! I say this as I prefer the season of spring to autumn, so if I mentally put myself in the southern hemisphere then I can pretend it's now spring! Autumn is such a rubbish time, the weather is closing in, it's getting colder and the days are shorter. So, how does one console oneself? With Peake's Puzzles, of course! Please do spread the word about this magazine, if only to warn people...

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Thanks! --Dan 'BringBackSummer' Peake

In each clue 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 answers to the six clues below? Answer lengths have been given to help you.

- The Sooner State was notorious on the first season of the US Apprentice (12)
- The type of eel likes to hit the road, Jack! (5,7)
- This slow form of physical exercise can be found in Mexico (3,9)
- This fashion editor sees lycra-clad men race to Paris! (4,7,2,6)
- This brand of action cameras can be found in an atom (8)
- This area between the tee and green on the golf course is the assistant to Mr. Burns (10,8)

ANSWER MERGE

Solve the anagrams below to reveal **10 landlocked countries**. Each anagram has one extra letter that isn't used. In order, these extra letters spell out an answer to the question underneath.

LOST ECHO _____

AD HOC _____

SARDINE WALTZ _____

SUNBATH _____

DRAW ANT _____

I ENHANCE TITLES _____

PLANER _____

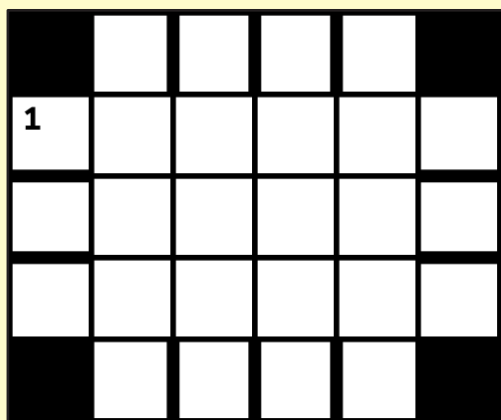
OAHU NUDISTS _____

WEBCAM BIZ _____

RUIN A BUD _____

Which country is the LEAST landlocked? (6,4)

PUNAGRAM



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 four-letter word.

- **1 Across:** When to cook things in a pan?
- Cheese, loud and short
- Cunning, 550 clutched crazily
- Lies produced by fake slate
- Strangely uneven?
- Went around the French and removed their skin?
- Worked without capital and made noiseless

CRYPT-CROSS

Each clue leads to a six-letter answer. Cross off one letter in each column for those answers. No letter can be crossed off twice. Remaining letters in each column will spell out one final word.

C	A	G	B	A	E
D	A	L	L	E	E
G	E	L	M	E	L
K	I	L	N	L	N
R	I	P	P	O	R
S	O	U	U	X	R

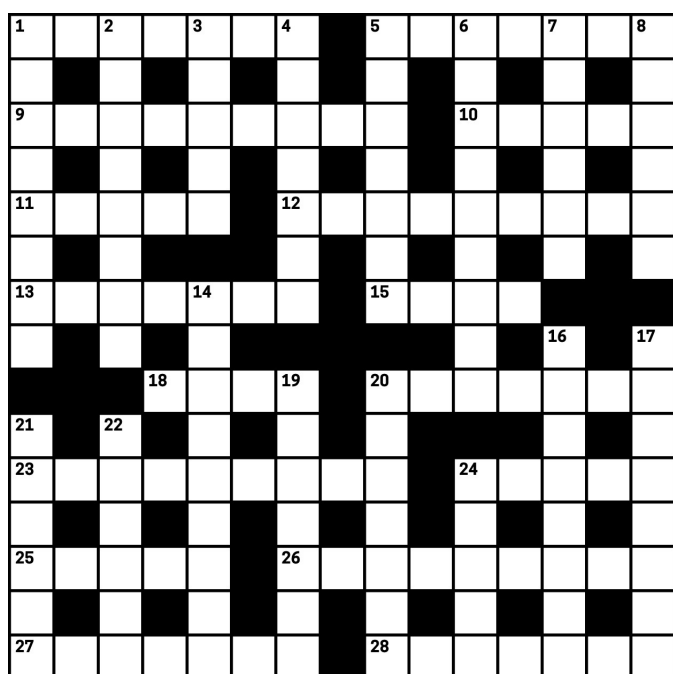
- Fish
- Currency
- Luxurious
- Indication
- Measure of liquid

CROSS OUT



Pair up the following clues such that one answer becomes the other when you remove its first letter. One clue does not have a matching pair - what five-letter word would its answer become if you removed its first letter?

- Australia v England cricket trophy
- British port on the south coast
- Carry offspring in the womb
- Citrus fruit
- Closely, almost
- Courageous
- Crushes a potato
- Delicacy found by trained pigs
- Droop, lose vitality
- Fortunate, also a Britney Spears song
- Helping, in a crime
- Like leftovers
- Make the hair uneven
- Mental or physical pain
- Ointment
- Radiator, for instance
- Region of housing, or a type of car
- Six balls, in cricket
- Someone not following the rules
- Someone who believes in God
- Someone who doesn't believe in God
- Tidy up
- Variety, scope
- Wagering
- Where roads meet



- 18 No spasm of the ear (4)
- 20 String player on the roof? (7)
- 23 Passion surrounding great uncertainty, initially, of a skating manoeuvre (9)
- 24 That is Thursday celebrated by a new octogenarian (5)
- 25 Raises chickens (5)
- 26 Change of one location for an alliance (9)
- 27 God of the underworld found amongst crazy people who don't wear much! (7)
- 28 Removed wool from that woman - insane dare! (7)

Down

- 1 Nuclear tungsten has mass compared to carbon (8)
- 2 Wrecked a car and added it all together (8)
- 3 Allude to, no matter which way you look at it (5)
- 4 Less dense poet replaces nurse with argon (7)
- 5 British intelligence agency expires 1983-1987ish (7)
- 6 Holds fan fluttering to generate misdirection (9)
- 7 Preacher with their nose in a book (6)
- 8 Floating point? Not so much (6)
- 14 Concerns of bankers? (9)
- 16 University lecturer upset rioter with this motive? (8)
- 17 Without parents, Oprah confused an Australian outlaw (8)
- 19 Options of ice creams, not quite so cold (7)
- 20 France marks topless American goods wagons (7)
- 21 Hound country without messy stain (6)
- 22 Concurred with silver grass (6)
- 24 Upon return, partially hog the limelight in Oscar-winning film (5)

THEMATIC NUMBER

A thematic number appears a thematic number of times (excluding clue numbers), and is not included in the wordplay parts of clues. Numbers in brackets refer to the entry lengths of the answers.

Across

- 1 Desserts? Mints! (7)
- 5 Protect mobile phone card backing and scribble badly (7)
- 9 Once a card is played it's not in control (3,2,4)
- 10 Dance crucial to pool (5)
- 11 Someone loitering has identification - naked alert! (5)
- 12 Intimate problem with very loud monster results in rigidity (9)
- 13 Small wharf is more emotional (7)
- 15 Some surprise attack for the throne! (4)

AM: 7th, 2nd, 1st, 6th, 7th, 10th
 C-C: e3, c4, a2, b3, d4
 P: 7, 8, 2, 5, 4
 CO: Leftovers
 OUTH: Five-letter word

