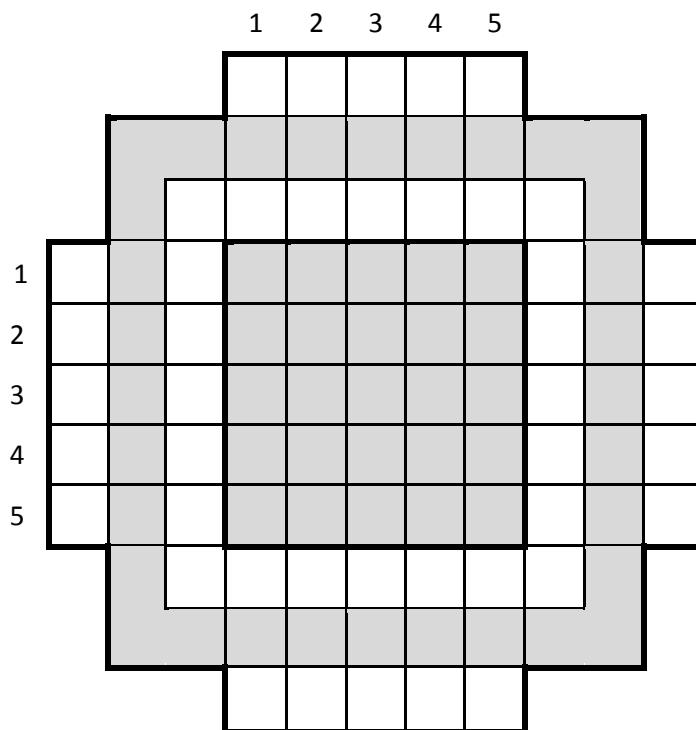


STAGGERED STARTS

As your travels take you past relics that have lain undisturbed for ages, you come to realize that, while you should always at least fully cross a shaded central region, where you begin and end is another matter, and often what would be most useful is only a couple of steps away.



Puzzles may be solved independently.

ACROSS

1. Yellow ribbon recipient in a 1973 song (2 wds)
2. Alphabetize incorrectly, perhaps
3. Articulated in the throat, as with a speech sound
4. Type of ward for newborns
5. Provide voice-over commentary, as in a movie

DOWN

1. He might ask "Are you still working on that?"
2. Prior biography of a fictional character, which makes them what they are today (2 wds)
3. Watery quake peril
4. Apportion according to percentages
5. Execute a cycle of repeatable coded instructions, as in a loop

ACROSS

1. Agenda or timetable
2. Ceylon, today (2 wds)
3. SI base unit defined by reference to cesium
4. 1960's light source containing globs of wax moving up and down (2 wds)
5. Type of "intelligence" that comedian George Carlin joked was an oxymoron

DOWN

1. Remiss or negligent, as with failing to perform one's duties
2. Devote, such as with a song or book to a person or a park to the public
3. Maker of luxury watches, including the Accutron
4. Flatworm (or its genus)
5. Amiable

<p><u>ACROSS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Large letter at the start of a chapter (2 wds) 2. Type of wheel a driver holds 3. Poker room employee 4. Less wide 5. Left at the altar, perhaps 	<p><u>DOWN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arcane, or requiring specialized knowledge 2. Vedder's band (2 wds) 3. Spotted wildcat that's not a cheetah or a leopard 4. So long; auf wiedersehen; good-bye 5. Helped by a muse
<p><u>ACROSS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Waterproofing substance, such as for a deck 2. Type of balloon used for transportation (2 wds) 3. Like Shrek's accent 4. Visibly speckled, like old or enlarged photos 5. Sherwood Forest gang (2 wds) 	<p><u>DOWN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Not far beyond the coast, like a drilling platform 2. Garments for acrobats 3. Garb or dress, generally 4. Evildoing 5. Li'l Abner's li'l lady (2 wds)
<p><u>ACROSS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cover with thin, protective plastic 2. Having more old-time charm, like one country inn as to another 3. Refer obliquely 4. Stubbornly continues or remains 5. Kind of mass, force, or reference frame 	<p><u>DOWN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liquid-in-liquid suspension, or photographic coating 2. Initiating a phone call, especially before buttons 3. Einsteins 4. Golf course hazard formally called a bunker (2 wds) 5. Bear witness or officially authenticate
<p><u>ACROSS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The second S of USSR 2. Unit equal to 0.05 carats 3. Supporter of the 40th U.S. President or his policies 4. Volition or purpose, often as an element of a crime 5. Even old New York was once New this 	<p><u>DOWN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity for future success or usefulness 2. Freeze over, or cover with a large, moving body of ice 3. More sizeable 4. Purple flowering tree that gives Pretoria one of its nicknames 5. Banana relative often fried or made into chips
<p><u>ACROSS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make or become more intense or urgent 2. Horton or Babar 3. Lurch from side to side, often as resulting from uncontrolled speed 4. Used a swizzle stick again 5. Common business letter closing 	<p><u>DOWN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People of Anatolia, to whom Paul wrote an epistle 2. Yelling, perhaps after hooting 3. Often-patented office supply with two tongues (that almost no one calls "tongues") (2 wds) 4. Advanced or promoted, as with a cause 5. Thrown horseshoe that remains standing while touching the stake

<p><u>ACROSS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Scopes Monkey Trial subject Formal workplace complaint Redheaded cosmetologist wannabe in <i>Grease</i> High school lunch locale Where the puck is dropped to start a hockey game (2 wds) 	<p><u>DOWN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gorged too much Schmaltzy meeting of the proverbial “mutual admiration society” South American cowboy One can be defined in Python using “def” Test a random sample here and there to determine quality or accuracy of the whole (2 wds)
<p><u>ACROSS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Degree of participation or attendance (“good” if many show up, “poor” if few) Compromising to avoid a court trial Desert (yeah, that one) Identify by drawing attention to; be a sign of (such as a fever with respect to an illness) Type of tranquility mentioned in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution 	<p><u>DOWN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Remainder to be cleaned up or discarded, or sometimes the coefficient a_{-1} of a Laurent Series expansion Temporary security guard, often pejoratively (hyph) Batman’s city Put restrictions on or control, such as with pressure of air or other gas delivered to a diver Wearying or yawn-inducing
<p><u>ACROSS</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Gewgaw or whatsit Good reputation, or what follows pledge and turn in a magic trick, according to a 2006 film One who drinks habitually or to excess, from a verb meaning to drink habitually or to excess Bringing back onto the payroll Country between Guyana and French Guiana 	<p><u>DOWN</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Mall or grocery patron Opiate pain reliever and sedative named after the Greek god of dreams Type of clay, or walking a runway, perhaps Car company whose logo contains a trident Carpenter’s decorative perimeter addition, such as a baseboard (2 wds)