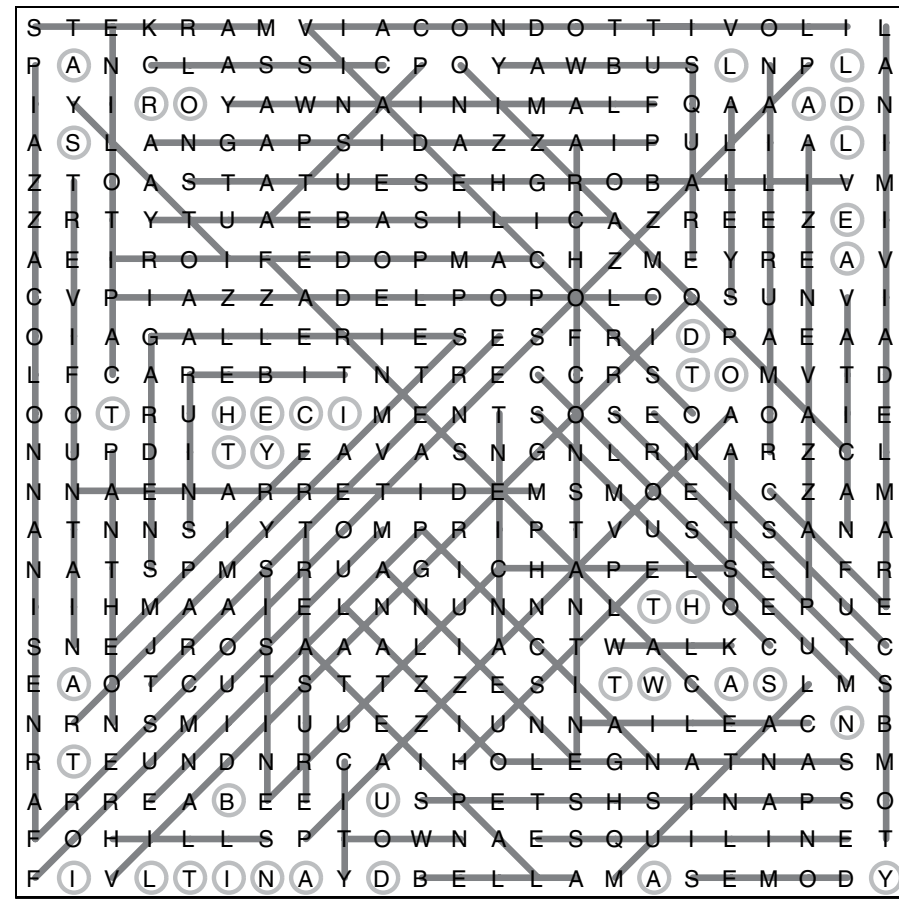


MONSTER FIND-A-WORD CAPUT MUNDI

"If we could be reborn wherever we chose, how crowded Rome would be," claims American novelist and critic Francine Prose. Cross off the listed words where you find them in the grid to discover a mix of maxims about this special comune.



SOLUTION

ALL ROADS LEAD TO THE CITY THAT WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY.

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues to solve this crossword with a twist.

ACROSS

8. Disease resulting from two lots of Brie going off (8)
9. Sailor does change residences (6)
10. Long sleep in stucco mansion (4)
11. Illustrate span at castle entry (10)
12. Referring with ease for right to be running the game (10)
15. It's enough to make your head spin! (7)
17. Hero-worshipped, though always in the red (7)
18. Afternoon gatherings where pot is passed around (3,7)
22. Mountain home obscured by beagles, nestling inside (5,1,4)
24. What a Hindu puts on - fancy airs! (4)
25. Colonel said to be a bit of a nut (6)
26. Assess and change value before making tea (8)

DOWN

1. It calculates your progress step by step (9)
2. Become obsessed with fate of nine held within (6)
3. Spooner wed date and turned into an oppressive burden (4,6)
4. Rwanda's capital kitchen involves gravy and lamb initially (6)
5. Bee is after fruit. Preserve the door post! (4)
6. Certain to be optimistic (8)
7. Rock shelf wobbled gently in centre (5)
13. Gets lost transporting, say, storage (4,6)
14. In the city, rebel became a star (9)
16. Go with someone to label a pine (3,5)
19. Ancient predecessors have last word about physical exercise (6)
20. Spot us elsewhere, making an



21. Restricted CD gets round how old you are (5)
23. First person in weasel fur (4)

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues to solve this crossword with a twist.

ACROSS

1. Balloonists get carried away by empty promises (3,3)
5. Where you will be attended to if you're patient (8)
8. Is he responsible for finances or levees? (4,7)
10. Odd pearls for friend (3)
12. Dare me to become referee (8)
14. See beam on wax pencil? (6)
15. Col's fear, out in the open (8)
17. Greatly enjoy pickles (6)
18. Computer's pointer said to cause one to swear? (6)
20. Hop into stalk for chat about business (8)
22. Stay a miner, in disguise (6)
23. Having a go, like proverb (8)
25. The Queen and I look back in anger (3)
26. Terror Tory! Al sounds very protective of his patch! (11)
28. China was smashed with massacre tool (8)

29. Mixed spices are part of the zodiac (6)

DOWN

2. Where to spread butter when luck is going your way (2,1,4)
3. Dank levels show joint (5)
4. Demolished car for old record company (1,1,1)
5. Sailor's shout, "Chuck weeding implement!" (5-2)
6. Each performs when classes are dismissed (3)
7. Bewildered to be without a profit (2,1,4)
9. Snails get across roundabout (9)
11. Bad actor allowed to be Shakespeare hero (6)
13. Curse NASA for changing pledge (9)
16. Carla's wild rogue (6)
19. Discover a hunter gone astray (7)
20. Use oars below yacht. Pole finding common bird (7)

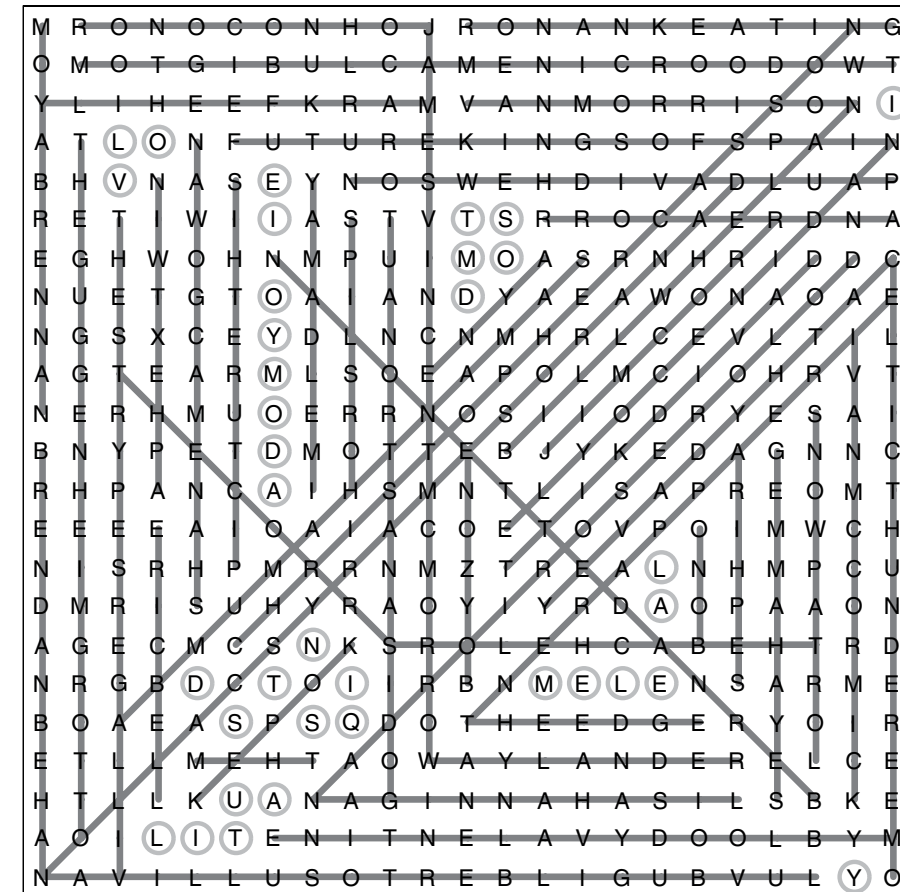


21. Queue over a long period to find out your ancestry (7)
24. Lengths of enclosures (5)
26. Number to hang on board (3)
27. Leave a little extra at the very end (3)

MONSTER FIND-A-WORD

IRISH BANDS & MUSICIANS

With music that makes us feel understood, the Irish have moved the world. The leftover-letter solution to this puzzle is a quote from composer James Horner explaining why he was fanatical about Irish music.



SOLUTION

I LOVE ITS MOODY, MODAL AND TIMELESS QUALITY.