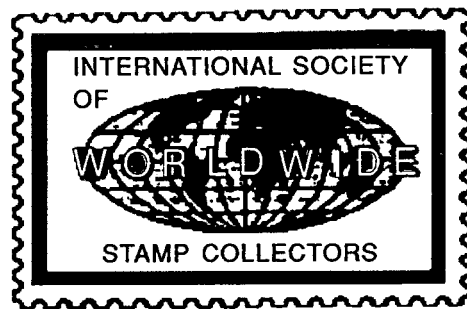


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The Union Jack

By Charlie Jensen (#1367)

Recently there was a discussion in one of the online newsgroups that mentioned the fact that the Union Jack was a flag that flies from a ship at sea. This statement brought to my mind a series of memories about the proper display of the national ensign from ships in port and at sea, and caused me to look at some stamps that illustrate such usage.

When we think of flags we most likely have in mind a standard national ensign such as we see in **Figs. 1a & 1b**.

A "jack" is a smaller size flag that is flown from a jackstaff when a ship is at anchor or moored to a dock. In **Fig. 2** (*Isle of Man*, 1p, 1993) there is a "jack" flying from the bow of the *HMS Amazon* at anchor. The anchor chain can be seen leading forward from the "Hawse Pipe" into the water.

Also when moored or anchored a national ensign is flown from a flagstaff at the stern of the vessel. (The front—pointy end—is the bow.) This also can be seen in **Fig. 2**.



Fig. 2

At the moment the vessel gets underway (that is, when the last line leaves the dock, or the anchor chain is straight up and down indicating that the anchor has come loose from the seabed) the national ensign is lowered at the stern and raised at the mast head, usually from a gaff, and the jack is lowered at the bow. The transfer of the ensign from the stern to the proper mast is usually carried out with precision on military vessels and its proper completion is a matter of pride among professional seamen.

An ensign can be seen quite clearly on a recent Canadian stamp that shows *HMCS Sackville* underway, **Fig. 3** (Canada, 45 cts, 1999) honoring the naval crews who fought the Battle of the Atlantic during the Second, and I hope the last, World War.

Some vessels, upon clearing the harbor and any visual contact with the shore, may lower and stow the national ensign



Fig. 1a

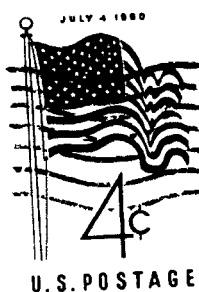


Fig. 1b



Fig. 3

See "Union Jack," page 6:

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ISWSC President's Column

by Tony Zollo (#856), President and Executive Director, ISWSC

This month I have several important announcements regarding the ISWSC. Several of our program managers are planning to step down and we are seeking replacement volunteers.

The first position is that of Swap Circuit Manager. Joan Roderick, who has held this position for years, has decided to step down. I am happy to report that Randy Smith, previously a co-manager has decided to step up and assume overall management of this popular program. Thanks to you, Randy!

The next position is that of Sales Circuit Manager. Bob MacKenzie is planning on stepping down by the end of the year. I am asking for anyone interested in applying for this position to let me know as soon as possible. If you have any question about the job (activities, time commitment, etc.) please contact Bob with your questions.

The last position is that of overall manager of our most popular program, the Omni exchange. Jerry Gross, after years of service, is planning to step down. I am asking the current co-managers if they would like to assume the top job, but even if they do, we will then need a replacement co-manager. Again, if you are interested in volunteering to help with this program, please let me know. If you have any question about the job (activities, time commitment, etc.) please contact Jerry directly with your

See "President's Column, continued," on Page 3.

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President's Column, continued:

questions.

As I have previously stated, this organization can only survive and flourish if the members are willing to volunteer their time to manage the various programs. If you participate in the above programs, or if you have the time to help, please consider doing so and contact me immediately.

I also need to report that we have lost all contact with our Western European Regional Representative, Jean Marc Fruit. Correspondence has been returned with no forwarding address for over six months. If anyone has any information on Jean Marc, please let me know. However, we must proceed with recruiting a new Western European Regional Representative. So, if you live in Western Europe and are interested in assuming this position, please contact me.

Your society needs you!

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For all addresses, refer to page 2.



¿Whatzits?

Kenneth J. Johnson (#1782) sent a sheet of colorful stamps, hoping that ISWSC members can be of assistance:



Argentina
033—appears
to be gummed
on both sides.
Does this
occur?



This came to me with
some Treaty Port
Locals. I cannot
identify.



KK=Austria
FRACHT=freight
In red this reads: "KK
Fracht Brief Stempel."
Printed in large letters
on the back is "BURE."
Center design is
double-headed eagle,
similar to 1883 series.



Belgium 454
with "T" — is
this a postage
due? Not in
Scott's.



Belgium 170,
17¼ x 21¼,
but perf. is 11
x 11½. Scott
says 11½ x
11½?



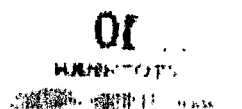
Michels 342
Michel Page
220 shows this
error for 338–
341. But not for
342. (?)



British Guiana
#130: Scott says
lilac and grey.
This is lilac and
green. Scott
error, or vari-
ety?



"11 Colis Postal
Control Declare
Bpartiteur 15c"
My stamp finder
says Colis Postal
is Belgian Parcel
Post. Not in
Scott's.



Bulgaria 186, 0/
Print visible from
back of stamp.
Bottom of stamp
has a 3mm wide
line, gold-colored,
rough across
stamp???Argentina
033—appears to
be gummed on
both sides. Does
this occur?



Impuesto
Sanitario Ley
4039 fiscal —
¿Venezuela?

Here ↓ A(-)FG(-)ES



Belgium
A(-)NPLAKBRIEVEN
PARCEL POST?
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The following note came in from **Pierce Bullen** (#2124):
The Jan-Feb 2000 issue displayed mysterious overprints on Turkish fiscal stamps (illustrations 2a and 2b on page 8) for which the next issue did not include an explanation. I don't know what those stamps are either, but have a few thoughts that might help. You might forward this message to the inquirer.

The stamps appear to be overprints from just after World War I, and they include the word "FIXE" (French spelling). This suggests that the overprint could be from a French occupation area in the Near East — possibilities include Syria, Lebanon, and Cilicia. The letters "z.o." are suggestive of "zone occupée" (Occupied Area). The denomination is given as 2 or 4 "P.S." — this could be "piastres syriennes" (Syrian Piasters). The initials in the overprint ("A.D.P.O.") are harder to figure out. My best guess is that "P.O." refers to "Proche Orient" (Near East). Perhaps the "A." might refer to "Armee" (army) or "Administration."

In conclusion, my best guess is that they are early fiscal stamps from the French occupation of Lebanon or Syria. Maybe an expert on that area could provide a more definitive identification.

QUIZ: German Empire & After: 18 Lands

By Robert C. Toole (#696)

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| A Baden | J Kiachau |
| B Cameroun | K Mariana Islands |
| C Caroline Islands | L Marshall Islands |
| D China | M Morocco |
| E German Democratic Republic | N Prussia |
| F German East Africa | O Saar (Saarland) |
| G German New Guinea | P Samoa |
| H German S.W. Africa | Q Togo |
| I Germany | R Turkish Empire |

German Europe: 6

- ___ 1. *Stamps in 1872*—_. The empire in northern Europe became a republic in 1918. Part of it became the Federal Republic (West Germany) in 1949. The capital is Berlin.
- ___ 2. *1884–1912*. Germany issued stamps for its post offices in this empire, mostly in Asia. The capital was Ankara.
- ___ 3. *1903–26*. Local official stamps were issued for the old kingdom in north and central Germany. The capital was Berlin.
- ___ 4. *1905*. They were also issued for the old grand duchy in S.W. Germany. The capital was Karlsruhe.
- ___ 5. *1920–59*. The state on the Franco-German border S.E. of Luxembourg was administered by the League of Nations in 1920–35. After a 1935 plebiscite, it returned to Germany. After World War II, France occupied it, but returned it in 1957. Stamps were discontinued in 1959 and replaced by the stamps of the German Federal Republic.
- ___ 6. *1949–90*. The republic was often called East Germany. The capital was the Soviet sector of Berlin.

German Africa: 5

- ___ 7. *1893–1922*. The colony was in East Africa. The capital was Dar es Salaam. After World War I the greater part of the colony was mandated to Great Britain, which ceded to the Belgians the provinces of Ruanda and Urundi.
- ___ 8. *1897–1918*. The protectorate was on the west coast of Africa north of the equator. The capital was Yaounde. The land was occupied during World War I by Great Britain and France.
- ___ 9. *1897–1919*. S.W. Africa had its capital in the colony in Windhoek. It was occupied by South

African troops during World War I and mandated to the Union of South Africa by the League of Nations.

- ___ 10. *1897–1919*. The protectorate in western Africa had its capital in Lome. The land was occupied by Great Britain and France in World War I.
- ___ 11. *1899–1911*. Germany issued stamps for its post offices in the kingdom in N.W. Africa. The capital was Rabat.

The German Pacific: 5

- ___ 12. *1897–1916*. The island possession in the West Pacific was N.W. of the Gilbert and Ellice group and east of the Caroline Island. The capital was Majuro. The land was seized by Japan in 1914 and by Americans in 1944. They took Kwajalein and Eniwetok.
- ___ 13. *1897–1919*. The island protectorate in the West Pacific included a part of New Guinea and adjacent island of the Bismarck Archipelago. The capital was Herbertshoke (later Kokopo). The islands were occupied by Australian troops during World War I.
- ___ 14. *1900–15*. The island possession in the South Pacific was in the western part of those islands. Early in World War I it was occupied by New Zealand troops. The capital was Asia.
- ___ 15. *1900–1919*. The colony in the West Pacific included the important islands of Yas, Ponape and Truk. It was seized by Japan in 1914.
- ___ 16. *1900–1919*. The island possession in the West Pacific is about 1,500 miles east of the Philippines. The major islands included Saipan and Tinian. The land was assigned as a Japanese mandate in 1919 after World War I, and seized by American forces in 1944.

German Asia: 2

- ___ 17. *1898–1913*. Germany issued stamps for its post offices in the big nation of East Asia. The capital was Peking.
- ___ 18. *1900–09*. The colony in N.E. China was on the south side of the Santung Peninsula. The chief town was Tsingtao.

See page 7 for the answers to this quiz.

Union Jack, continued from Page 1:



Fig. 4

for the length of a voyage unless there is some reason to think that they will be encountering other vessels and ought to declare their nationality. Many military vessels will hold a colors ceremony on the stern every morning if the weather allows. During battle or when enemy action is imminent a vessel will display her colors as is shown in **Fig. 4**, the *HMAS Arunta* and the *HMAS Bathurst* (Australia, \$1.05 & \$0.45, 1993).

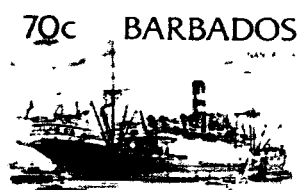


Fig. 5

In port a merchant ship will usually fly its national ensign from a staff at the stern, as shown in **Fig. 5**, the *SS Ianda* (Barbados \$0.70 cts). The ship appears to be moored to a dock; however, I cannot see any mooring lines.

In foreign ports the national ensign of the host nation is usually, and in some situations required to be, flown from the starboard yardarm on the most outboard halyard as a courtesy.

In the US Navy and US Coast Guard the jack flown at the bow from the jackstaff is a blue field of fifty stars, since July 4th 1960, and is called a "Union Jack," and is supposed to be of comparable size to the field of the national ensign.

The Royal Navy about whose customs I am by no means an expert, has several flags or ensigns and a long set of customs and traditions to govern their display.

The flag which combines the crosses of St. George, red, vertical on a white field, St. Andrew, white diagonal on a blue field and of course, St. Patrick, red, diagonal on a white field is also commonly called the "Union Jack," once again demonstrating the truth of

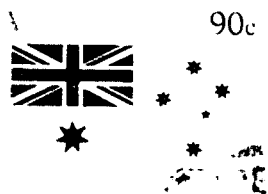


Fig. 7

the expression that we are united with our British cousins by a common heritage, and separated by a common language.

It is interesting to note that the British national flag with its combined crosses can very easily be inadvertently inverted leading to great embarrassment to the careless Quartermaster and sometimes insulting remarks directed at the offending vessel.

Actually the name of the British flag described is the "Grand Union" flag and only the smaller version that is flown from the jackstaff on the bow when in port and either anchored or moored is technically a "jack."

The Royal Navy uses the combined crosses in the inner /upper quarter of a white flag, which also has a larger St. George cross dividing the flag into four quarters for its warships and on a red field on its merchant navy ships. The latter is, referred to as the "Red Duster," while the former is called the "White Ensign." The Australian version of the White Ensign can be seen in **Fig. 7**.

The US version of the "Grand Union" flag, with the combined crosses in the canton along with the 13- and 15-star flags, are shown in **Fig. 8**. (US 6 cents)

Having seen flags blown from left to right as well as from right to left, depending on the wind, I chose to refer to the inner/upper quarter, meaning closest to the flagstaff or mast, but the proper term for this part of a flag is "canton."

The British also have (had?) another ensign that was to be displayed on vessels that had a certain percentage of their officers in the naval reserve. This ensign would have the Union flag in the left (inner/upper) quarter

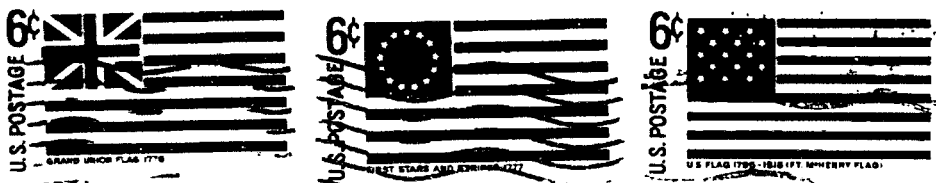


Fig. 8

on a blue field and be similar—but for the color—to the Red Duster.

This whole business of flag courtesy is quite important among professional seamen of both navies, or at least it was when I went to sea. I recall being moored to the Royal Navy dock in Hong Kong when I served on a Coast Guard cutter almost 40 years ago, and chatting with some Royal Navy seamen of a similar

Union Jack, concluded:

rating both on the ships and ashore (the less said about that, the better!) about these various flags and some of the traditions that both services had in common.

It never ceases to amaze me that a chance remark in a conversation or posting can trigger so many reasonably precise memories and details that have not been brought to the conscious level for so long.

Yet, I have to keep about five pair of reading glasses distributed about the house so that I do not have to go into a fit when I can't find the pair perched atop my head.

Glossary

Bow	The front of the ship
Stern	The rearmost part of a ship
Yardarm	The cross bars, suspended from a mast, going from side to side, parallel with the deck
Gaff	Also suspended from a mast, but going fore and aft
Halyards	The rope or cord that is used with a pulley to raise a flag to the proper height. Somewhat similar in construction to common clothesline.
Quartermaster	A rating of one who assists in the navigation, communications and steering of the vessel
Hawse pipe	The tube that the anchor and chain are drawn into on the bow
Moored	Attached to a dock or mooring buoy, not underway
Underway	Free of the shore, not moored or anchored

**Quiz Answers (from Page 5):**

10. Q	11. M	12. L	13. G	14. P	15. C	16. K	17. D	18. I
1. I	2. R	3. N	4. A	5. O	6. E	7. F	8. B	9. H
Answers								
Scores								

ISWSC Financial Report**by Anthony Zollo (#**

The following data are offered to update all members on the general fiscal health of the organization. Not being, in any way, a professional bookkeeper or accountant, I apologize for any deficiencies in the report and will be happy to answer any questions from the membership.

Status as of January 1999:

Active Members	995
Checking Account Balance	\$14,112
Petty Cash	\$137

Status as of May 2000:

Active Members	652
Checking Account Balance	\$14,920
Petty Cash	\$270

Summary for Calendar Year 1999:**INCOME**

Dues Payments	\$8,180
Donations to Charitable Services	\$323
Sales Program Payment	\$4,423
Miscellaneous Income	\$510
Total Income:	\$13,436

EXPENSES

Circuit Newsletter Expenses	\$7,489
Sales Program Payments	\$2,728
Reimbursement of Officers'/Managers' Expenses	\$1,446
Supplies	\$212
Postage Costs	\$206
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$183
Total Expenses	\$12,264

NET INCOME \$1,172**Edmonton Show Award****by Bill Silvester (#1058)**

At their Edmonton Spring National and Regional Stamp Show, March 24-26, the Edmonton Stamp Club states "the jury was pleased to award an ISWSC Certificate of Merit to Randi Gombos..."

Randi "had a three-frame exhibit of 'Horse Through the Ages.' Many thanks to your society for making these available."



In Defence of CTOs

By William Silvester (#1058)

Pity the poor CTO. Few items in all philately are more maligned, looked down upon or misunderstood than Cancelled to Order (CTO) stamps.

Why? What has happened to these otherwise perfectly respectable stamps to cause many collectors to turn against them, cast them out and refuse them the sanctuary of their homes?

The woeful tale of CTO stamps begins in the early years of philately. In the mid-1880s some countries started overprinting their surplus stock of stamps in an effort to cut down on their overstocked items. These stamps, with either printed or hand-stamped cancels, would then be sold at reduced prices to dealers to enable the issuing country to realize some profit from the stamps.

CTOs can usually be distinguished from stamps which were cancelled in the performance of postal duty in that they often retain their original gum. This is not a guaranteed method, however, as many CTOs have had the gum removed to give the stamps a more respectable used appearance.

The cancels on CTOs are usually very nicely placed in a corner to permit the full beauty of the stamp to be seen. Strangely, some collectors prefer the design to be half obliterated by a cancel applied as the item passed through the postal system.

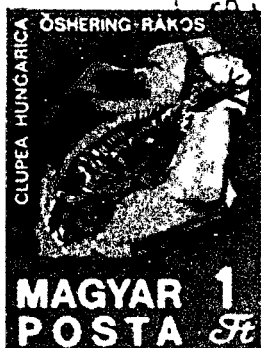
CTOs are usually priced lower in catalogues than postally used stamps, due to the fact that they are more prevalent, a fact of life with all collectibles. The more there are of something, the less it is worth. But is this a valid reason to deny them a respected place in your collection?

Stamps bought CTO are not always cheaper. Some postal administrations offer their stamps to regular customers both as mint copies and CTO. Isle of Man and the Channel Islands are examples of present-day philatelic bureaux who offer this option. The price is the same for either version.

Australia has sold CTO stamps since their first started issuing stamps. Today, they provide promotional packets of CTO stamps to encourage youngsters to collect. In fact, early Australian States issues were sold CTO at less than face value and until the 1970s regular issue Australian stamps were sold the same way. The most interesting part of this is that the "Australian Commonwealth Specialists' Catalogue" lists the CTOs at a considerable premium over postally used items!

Then there are First Day Covers (FDC). A very respectable and fast-growing aspect of philately. Yet, in actual fact, most of these covers are CTO! Some FDCs, sold by philatelic bureaux, are cancelled well ahead of the actual issue date. Others are sent to post offices for cancelling up to a month after date of issue, and then returned in a special cover, never actually seeing postal use. Yet FDCs are perfectly respectable.

So, give the poor CTOs a break. Although they may be worth marginally less (according to most catalogues) than a postally used stamp, they are better preserved, nicer to look at and easier to obtain. When compared to the mass deluge of new issues being pumped into the market today, many of which could not possibly be issued for legitimate postal use, the humble CTO is a legitimate stamp, which could have been used but was not due to reasons beyond its control.



Pittpex 99: Youth Area

by John Rose

What a birthday bash! My 75th started in the two-day PITTPEX youth area. After 1998's light attendance on Halloween, I wrote an article for the local newspapers to promote attendance. They didn't print it, but the *Tribune Review* sent a reporter and there was a story in the paper.

Despite my concern, attendance was good. Thirty-four youths signed the roll. For the third year in a row, there was also a new adult collector.

Once again we provided an interactive experience for the children who stayed for many hours. Many thousands of definitives were ready, having been soaked off paper by the workers at Three Rivers Youth. Numerous friends donated stamps. Fifteen thousand definitives have been sent to me each year by high school classmates Ivan and Dorothy Smith. However, they advised me that at 1999 they would be retiring from their retirement stamp activity.

Seven hundred 1998 & 1999 commemoratives were made into packets of 30, all different, and given to youth at the door. Most came from Pitt's Semester at Sea office, which has been saving stamps for children for 10 years. Students who study on shipboard are interested in the world, and when they mail their applications to SAS they use interesting stamps.

Each child signing the attendance roll received three stamp design postcards and the *Collecting* stamp album.

If they brought their albums from last year, the 1999 pages were added and they were given their choice of another, each with a packet of stamps:

- *Black Americans*;
- *World War I*; or
- *Western Hemisphere*.

Instead of an album, kindergartners attending were given the new **Continent Collecting Card** with a pack of 19 mint WW stamps. They licked the stamps and put them on the continent maps. The back of the card lists the 192 countries of the world by continent.

Cost of materials for making the albums was reimbursed by the Pittsburgh Stamp Club. A post-it note invited collectors to come to WILKPEX in April of 2000.

Those who assisted included Mary Ann Kovalik, Lori from the post office, Rose Pryor, and President Bryan Gross.

For five years I have provided stamps and albums for the Youth Area at Pittpex. Next year I will again provide albums and stamps, but will only be at the show for a half day on Saturday. It is time for someone else to replace this 75-year-old!

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QUIZ: French Europe

By Robert C. Toole (#696)

Between 1895 and 1923 France issued stamps for seven "lands" in Europe outside of France itself. All seven were in Greece, Turkey, or lands that later became parts of Greece. All but one were for offices abroad. Turkey is only partly in Europe, of course.

- A Castellorizo
- B Cavalle
- C Crete

- D Dedeogh
- E Levant
- F Port Lagos
- G Vathy

- ___ 4. 1893–1903. Seaport city in W Thrace, now in N Greece, on the Aegean.
- ___ 5. 1894–1900. Seaport city on the NE coast of Samos Island, now in Greece.

Turkish Empire

- ___ 1. *Stamp years 1885–1923.* Name given to the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea.
- ___ 2. 1893. Port city now in northern Greece. Overprinted stamps of France were used in the French post office.
- ___ 3. 1893–1903. Seaport city in NE Macedonia, now in NE Greece.

Greece

- ___ 6. 1902–03. Large island in the E Mediterranean, SSE of Greece.
- ___ 7. 1920. Island in the E Mediterranean, 80 miles E of Rhodes and 2 miles off the SW coast of Turkey in Asia.

See page 11 for the answers to this quiz.

A Stamp Celebration ➡

Here are the clues to the crossword puzzle on page 11. Answers will appear in next issue of *The Circuit*.

ACROSS

- 1 Rum-soaked cake
 5 Tall, slender hound
 11 Practical joke
 15 Bleached
 19 12th-century poet
 20 Neckwear accessory
 21 Uzbek sea
 22 Fashion house _____ Picone
 23 "At 9 AM breakfast will be supplied by _____."
 25 Prohibit
 27 Mastic, for one
 28 "At 11 AM, _____ will speak."
 30 Comics sound
 31 Unusually smart
 34 First name in TV talk
 35 Like R.L. Stine stories
 36 "At 1 PM _____ will sing...."
 39 Government property org.
 40 River near Chantilly
 42 "...a tune from one of their _____."
 48 Modern office staples
 49 Jackson and Leigh
 50 Handle a joystick
 51 In post-career mode: Abbr.
 52 Dance invitation response
 53 Axis Powers, once
 54 Jamaican sect
 56 "At 3 PM President Clinton will _____."
 61 First name among sopranos
 62 The less-used end
 63 Nonexistent
 64 Key of Mendelssohn's *Symphony No. 3*
 66 Kind of alcohol
 67 "...on the subject of _____."
 74 Initiated, legally
 76 Europe/Asia dividers
 77 Actress Suzanne
 78 Ambient music pioneer
 79 Mount Vernon, e.g.
 81 Wristbone-related
 82 Abbr. on a Mayberry envelope
 85 "At 5 PM the Philatelic Society will discuss some _____."

- 87 Knot-tying place
 88 Actress Ward
 89 Hosts
 90 "And at 7 PM there'll be a showing of the 60s film _____."
 92 Snail trail
 95 Slick, so to speak
 98 Some pops: Abbr.
 99 Wage news
 100 "....starring _____."
 103 Goes limp
 104 Call to action
 105 "...unless_____."
 110 Grouper
 111 Numerous
 112 Dario Fo forte
 113 Infamous Roman
 114 Cobbler's need
 115 Places for coats
 116 Lively intelligence
 117 Jersey Standard's other name

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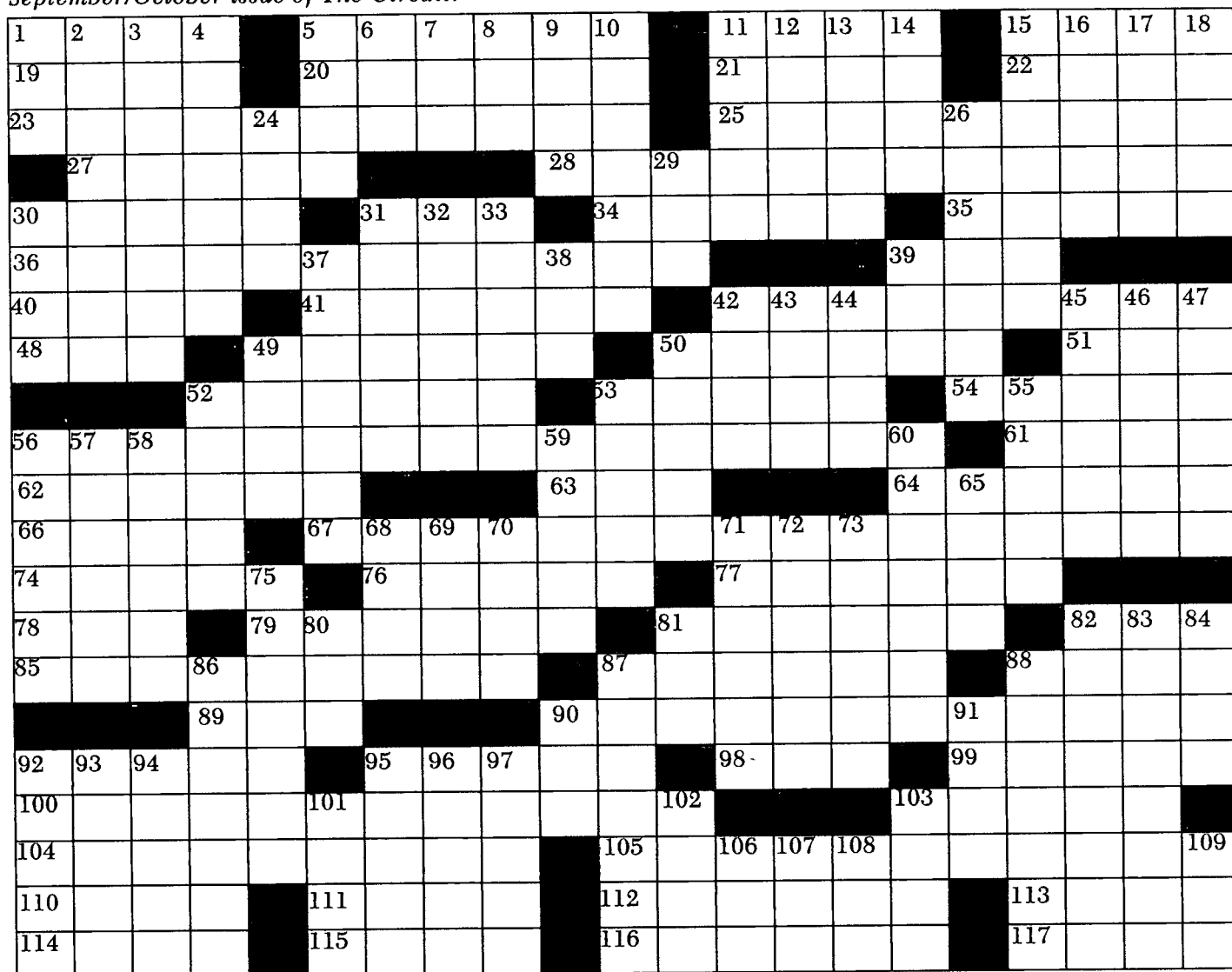
- 1 Conk
 2 Without form
 3 Without foundation
 4 Gallery event
 5 British gun
 6 It can be fresh or hot
 7 Singer Peggy
 8 Put _____ fight
 10 Brick baker
 11 I love: Fr.
 12 Ball partner
 13 City on the Ganges
 15 Human-powered taxi
 16 Province of Spain
 17 Tongue-lasher?
 18 Access
 24 Ticket
 26 Slangy tag team member
 29 TV dog
 30 Boarding place
 31 Sorry individual
 32 Barcelona buck
 33 Colorful spiral seashell
 37 Mary of Peter, Paul and Mary
 38 My, to Mimi

- 39 Lead pumper
 42 (see other side)
 43 Collins juice
 44 Quite a while
 45 Bearish
 46 Underground systems
 47 Fire escape route
 49 Jupiter
 50 "_____, the heavens were opened" : Matt 3:16
 52 Glove fabric
 53 Film changes
 55 Sheriff Lobo portrayer
 56 Wound with sound
 57 He's a weasel
 58 Flatten
 59 Talus area
 60 Loss-prevention device
 65 Blackbird
 68 1984 Peace Nobel
 69 "Dies _____"
 70 Familiars, often
 71 Writer Singer and Inventor Singer
 72 Apathy
 73 Drives forward
 75 Prepare to land
 80 Subj. of 60s protest
 81 He helped topple Batista
 82 Slaps a new head on
 83 Dentists' kids, probably
 84 Have the guts
 86 Prodigious
 87 Shift
 88 Like some triangles
 90 Dam agcy.
 91 Hockey's Lindros
 92 Hollywood dive?
 93 Ostracized one
 94 Ready to spit
 95 Caterpillar hairs
 96 Via
 97 Case workers: Abbr.
 101 Summer getaway
 102 School orgs.
 103 Big letters in public
 106 Race car sponsor
 107 Columbus, for one: Abbr.
 108 Christina's dad
 109 Prelude to a hickey



← A Stamp Celebration

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In Case You Missed It...

by Anthony Zollo (#856)

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Quiz Answers (from Page 9):

F	: 1-0	V	7
E	: 2	C	6
D	: 3	C	5
C	: 4	D	4
B	: 5	B	3
A	: 6-7	F	2
		E	1
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