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THE VAMPIRES
ARE
COMING!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9TH

THEY WANT YOUR BLOOD

SERIOUSLY — THE BLOOD DONOR UNIT WILL BE JUST OUTSIDE
THE MAIN ENTRANCE ALL DAY NEXT THURSDAY

ODE TO A WORKER

If you work and do your best,
You'll get the sack like all the rest,
But if you laze and bugger about,
You'll live to see the job right out.
The work is hard, the pay is small,
So take your time and sod 'em all,
'Cause when you're dead you'll be forgot,
So don't try and do the bloody lot,
Or, on your tombstone, neatly lacquered,
These three words!

"JUST BLEEDING KNACKERED".

NEVER TOO OLD TO LEARN

A 100-year-old student has signed up for a Press relations course at Liverpool University. It is the latest in several courses taken by Mr Andrew Hyslop of Marlowe Road, Wallasey, Merseyside.

His latest lessons are designed to help people who might have to deal with the media. Mr David Bamber, university public relations officer said: "Mr Hyslop is an excellent student and we hope to see him coming back for many more years."

CHINA MEETS 'A REAL ROBOT'

By GRAHAM EARNSHAW,
in Peking

The star of "Star Wars" R2D2 had his picture yesterday in an official Chinese newspaper which informed its readers that he was a real robot used for metal prospecting.

The CHINA YOUTH NEWS carried a story about the development of robots in the West and accompanied the text with a picture of the chubby little robot with a swivelling dome head over the caption: "A freely-moving mechanical man searching for ore deposits."

Low life

GREAT masters and Louis XV furniture will be briefly forgotten at Christie's today when the auctioneer at its South Kensington branch wields his hammer over six sheets of lavatory paper.

Listed in the catalogue merely as "Beecham's Pills Advertisements" and dating from the First World War, they were unearthed, so to speak, by a Kensington man while going through some family possessions.

They were originally sent out to our boys at the Front and helped to boost morale with their pictorial jokes and the reassuring legend at the bottom of each sheet: "Printed with clarified ink on non-irritant paper."

One of the cartoons shows an English and a French soldier above the caption: "Bonne Camaraderie: Good Mates and Good Medicine. Take Beecham's Pills for Active Service."

And to think that the best we can manage is "Property of GLC" and an injunction to wash!

Notice in Istanbul hotel:

"For guests who are come back when dining room is over and want food the night porter will make things hot for them."

Notice on railway signal box in Turkey.

"Warning from stationmaster. Do not let trains through if goat is loose."

Department store advertisement in Yorkshire.

"Something special. Men's golf shirts from £7.99. Matching skirts £9.95."

Notice on the counter of a York grocer's shop:

"We give credit only to customers of 85 years and over when accompanied with both parents."

Reply to question, "Are you a man or a mouse?"

"My wife's afraid of mice."

DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS OF MAN -

We, the Great British People, claim the following as our inalienable rights:-

The right to - be fed, clothed, housed and looked after at all times, for nothing.
stroke and clobber b.... blacklegs.
take paid holidays whenever the weather's fine
shirk, mike and skive, and then get a pay rise.
be a b..... nuisance.
clobber anyone else who's a nuisance.
park anywhere.
riot and wreck the place.
drop litter for someone else to clear up
blame everyone else when the kids go wrong.
take no responsibilities at all.
The right to complain at the mess everyone else is making.

EDITORIAL

Monday Morning Blues

For most of the year, working - drinking - telephoning - worrying - neurotically tidying objects (i.e. occasional bath) - making and breaking appointments and resolutions - eating too much - spending too much - saying "Yes" when I should say "No" and "No" when I should say "Yes" - several times a day for most of the year I resort, to keep same, to my own personal mantra, the word "Sleep".

Sleep is one of those things we all claim we never get enough of. Never of course due to the late session in the local ale house, or the midnight movie, but perhaps due to a complexity of nightmares concerning the Bank Manager and mother-in-law (combining their talents). It might even be the girl on the bus, with the Big Brown Eyes.

Yes, it's Monday morning, and I have also put my cutlery in the Rubbish Bowl and my rubbish in the water, so what's new; it will soon be smoko.

And the day soon comes to a close, lengthening shadows indicate the overture of another evening. But it's all one big masquerade, Vector man is still at force and I only got 40 on the Asteroids, but don't tell my Mum! Is Monday really over?

EDITOR

CHILD OF TIME

She was a child of time,
I never knew her place and time,
but our thoughts were the same,
Her struggle was more intense than mine.
Can I explain?
Is it easy?
Take a walk my friend and listen to the
trees.
The sea too can whisper if you listen
long enough,
Of stories of love and pride and young
sailors dreaming of
home.
It's been a long cold winter, but spring
brings our time.
My gold is different to yours,
It has no price,
It's free to anyone who can give.
Is it that easy?
To give, I mean.

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QUOTABLE QUOTES

An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only comfortable.

Assassination is the extreme form of censorship.

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world: the unreasonable one persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore all progress depends on the unreasonable man.

DO YOU THINK SO?

We think so because other people all think so, or because - after all we do think so, or because we were told so, and think we must think so,
or because we once thought so and think we still think so,
or because having thought so, we think we will think so.
(I'm all right because I don't think)

ED

You'r Editor is really having a Hellish time,
He begs for stories, gets scarcely a line.
You all read the paper when it comes out,
But when you open it, you may one day find - nowt!
If you don't like the contents you're entirely to blame
Unless you produce some they'll still stay the same.
A News Sheet for students written largely by staff!
The humour of that would make Donald Duck laugh!

On notice board in Cheltenham:-
"For sale: Exercise bike as new. Please ring
Mrs Stout."

A question on a form issued by a Yorkshire local authority to its council house tenants asked for "Length of Tenancy" One resident replied, "Approx. 38 feet."

Notice in Patisserie window:-
1959 - 1980: Our pastries taste even better after 21 years.

THE SAGA OF VECTOR MAN!

Deep in the complex system of hierarchy in the Merchant Navy College, Greenhithe, lives a very special man; who with his extraordinary powers is attempting to clean up not only Greenhithe but also the Catholic Boys' school at Bexleyheath. This man is VECTOR MAN.

At precisely 0900 Monday mornings he is the unsuspecting, quiet, shy, intellectual Lecturer. He enters the Merchant Navy College building knowing that in his midst he has the unscrupulous Metman, the dynamic (Electro, of course!) Magnetism Man, and the deadly Morse Man, aided and abetted by Stability Man.

As he sorts his notes out for his class his Vector Detector senses an evil presence. He quickly changes into his Vector Suit, and, Yes, there in front of him, in his green tie, mauve trousers and covered in his evil white shroud is Stability Man.

"Ah, Zo, Vector Man, Wee Meet at last!"

"You can't fool me with your half Cantonese, half Pygmy dialect. I know you are Stability Man!"

Quicker than the principle, Stability Man exerts a sort of "G" ray at Vector Man and stuns him to the floor. With an evil laugh, he steams out of the Staff Room to go and spread the word that he is a man and not a computer that just reels out loads of nonsense material which is no good to anybody at any time and to prove that Stability Rules OK.

But he didn't realise that Vector Man has taken his Co. and Speed relative to himself and found the resultant intercept point.

"Now I can switch to resultant power and go and capture Stability Man!"

At a speed of 50ms⁻¹ at a resultant Co. of 075.36259° he sets off, stopping Stability Man in his tracks.

"Now I've got you," he says in his unquestionably boring voice, and fires a Vector ray that forms a cage of resultants round Stability Man's body. He then takes Stability Man to the river and throws him in!

"That takes care of you, o evil one!"

But that's not the end of Stability Man, as he guessed his displacement ray and worked out (using block coefficient) what density was needed and raced off into the night.

But still, Vector Man saved the day, and everybody else from a boring lesson.

So more next week, at the same Vector, same Relative Velosity, same Resultant, next week.

(N.B. If any of the characters in this story bear any realtion to any people at the College, it is purely coincidental??

A FRIEND

The typist must apologise if some of the words are not what "A Friend" intended. She does have an optician's appointment for tomorrow.

REPORTS ON NAVAL OFFICERS, AS WRITTEN BY THEIR CAPTAINS:-

The only reason for men to follow this officer would be out of curiosity.

Carries out his duties to his own entire satisfaction.

This officer has conducted himself to my wife's entire satisfaction.

Concerned with sobriety - This officer would do well to devote more of his attention to the common task and less to the daily round

Notice in a hotel bedroom in Helsinki:

"In the hotel restaurant the waitress will give you a bill and you may sign her on the back side."

Written under a British Rail advertising slogan "This is the age of the train" at Euston, "Ours is 104"

GLOSSARY OF SAILING

ABAF	}	Meaningless swear words.
ATHWART		
ABEAM		A big plank.
AHEAD		A tiny lavatory.
ANTLE		A small windstay attached to the port lug with a catscrew which can be adjusted by a ringhandle to bring the mainsail crashing down.
BACK & FRONT		It would be sensible to call the back and front of a boat the back and front of the boat, so they don't. The front is actually the beginning of a new weather system. It would be sensible to call the end of an old weather system a back, so they don't. Aback is actually a sail with its clew sheeted to windward, whatever that means.
BAIL		"FOR GOD'S SAKE, DO YOU WANT US ALL TO DRAW? DON'T JUST SIT THERE LIKE A STUFFED DUMMY - GET SOME OF THAT WATER OUT OF HERE!" This is a polite way of asking for bail.
BACKSTAY		Time allowed in the pub before races.
BINNACLE		Sort of mechanical device with which many boats get encrusted, making progress through the water difficult.
BLOCK		A crew member with a high degree of INTELLIGENCE.
BURGEE		A small Australian cage bird.
BOOM		A loud noise to mark the start of the race; traditionally the point at which you find yourself tacking the wrong way on the wrong side of the line.
CLEAT		A short, sharp, agonising blow on the elbow from a metal protruberance.
CLEW		Chinese crew.
GYBE		To make fun of a crew member after he has, e.g., fallen overboard.
HULL		Well known seaport.
HOVE TO		So is Hove.
JURY RIGGING		Illegally fixing the result of the race.
KNOT		Unit of distance; the distance travelled by the time it takes to tie the knot.
LEEWARD		Pronounced "Looard" this means the direction of the nearest lavatory.
LOG		Large, semi-submerged book in which the voyage is charted and which can make a nasty hole in the hull.
PILKER		A small bluff attached to the lamsail stick through which runs a stay yard which can be used to control the jibrun.
ROPE		Rope, of course, is never, never, called rope. Ropes are called stays or guys or sheets or halyards or warps or shrouds, in fact you can call them anything you like, but don't call them ropes.
SHEET		Obviously, this is a word for a sail, so you won't be surprised to learn it means a rope.
SPAT		A friendly fight to decide who shall put up the spinnaker.
SPLICE		A highly complicated knot used to join the ends of Blue Movie.
STERN		Description of the Captain's expression as he watches the crew try to put up the spinnaker.
TACK		Lunch (also Bight).
TWINE		The name by which Mark Twain is known in Australia.
WHIPPING AND LASHING		A traditional Naval punishment. It consists of making the crew spend hours on end tying up frayed ends of rope.
YAWL		A heart greeting (Deep South of America).

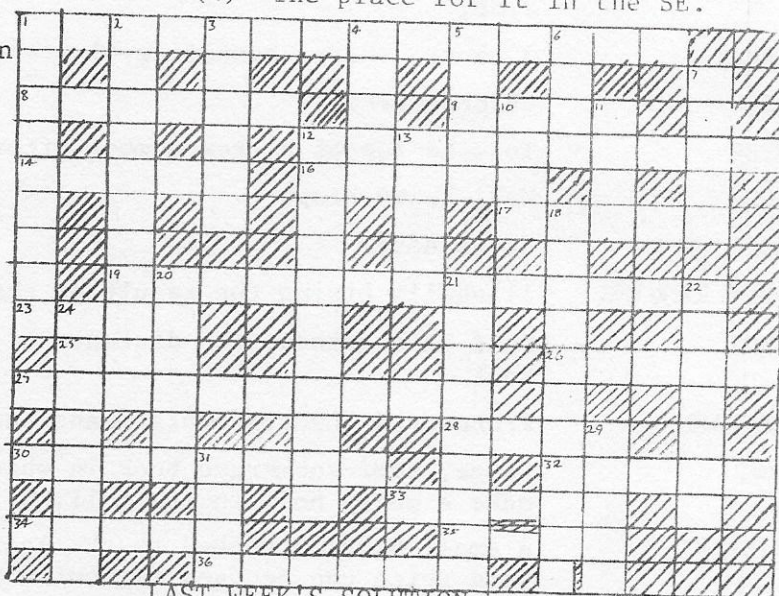
'ORRIBLE CROSSWORD

Clues Across

1. (7,3,4) Breaking ground for growing success.
8. (6) Cover against mishaps.
9. (9) Route? Not there.
12. (10) Pence spread on either side of stile - a plaguy thing!
14. (5) Loose knot.
16. (5) Shivering tree suggests how it may be of use to writer.
17. (5) Try in writing.
19. (4,3,6) Twin supports making doubly sure to avoid embarrassment..
23. (4) Front of boat provides grower's support.
25. (3) Go one-legged in the beer.
26. (5) Add up part of hunting cry.
27. (10) Consideration given to mirror image.
28. (4) Hits the note, musically speaking.
30. (5,3) Unravels, perhaps as fringe treatment.
32. (5) Vocal indication, perhaps, his bark is worse than his bite.
34. (5) Less trilling version of 28A.
35. (4) Vital ingredient for "Who-Done-It".
36. (6) Board, perhaps to put outside on tree.

Clues Down

1. (9) Seats of judgement.
2. (& 3D) (4,5,2,6) Wandering Jews - perhaps lacking directions.
3. (See 2D)
4. (5) Mites changed for ages.
5. (5) Win from mine later and give rise to pride.
6. (4) Off-circle site of cricket square.
7. (5) Briefly, smokers' delight.
10. (4) Grape juice not prepared for weak headed.
11. (4) Longings for cash in China.
12. (7,4) Pre-arranged holiday for lost parcel?
13. (5) Lay out cash.
18. (8,3) Fired. Let the race begin!
20. (6) Take on to use.
21. (4,5) Support for runner.
22. (7) Purple goat's beard may be quite edible!
24. (8) Heavenly rule.
29. (5) Blue/Yellow combination for golfer's hole.
31. (4) The place for it in the SE.



TRELLIS PUZZLE

Four-letter words hidden in the sentence below fit into the grid as shown:-

"STOP you PEST, it's OPENing"



While under arREST for the grave offence of plotting to reveal the correct pitch to which a lyre should be tuned if it is to stem the warlike tide emitted from the savage breast, I found a surprising ally who chewed gum while playing his mandolin.



Last Week's Trellis:-

STEWed prunes are fAR CHeaper than CUBEd pineapples, WE REMark, and because of the COLLAPSE of our fortunes we prefer NExt BEST, particularly when suCH APpears to be NEARly as good.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

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