



**Adrian**  
Powell

**Widely scattered**

**WREN CROSSWORD**

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Astonished
- 5 NASCAR's Yarborough, in full
- 10 Altar location
- 14 Totally loathesome
- 15 E. Indian language
- 16 Mom's mom, for short
- 17 One way to scatter
- 20 Little orphan gal
- 21 Most shady
- 22 Free
- 23 Lisa's grandfather
- 25 Conductor's purchases
- 28 Sycophant's utterance
- 29 Balcony wall
- 32 Disorderly spot
- 33 Chat room locale
- 34 Pull a fast one
- 35 Monetary value
- 36 Another way to scatter
- 40 Power network
- 41 West of "I'm No Angel"
- 42 That guy
- 43 Football lineman
- 44 261.63 Hertz, technically
- 46 Chowed down
- 49 Intro
- 51 \_\_\_ de Triomphe
- 52 Captain's diary
- 53 Great golf scores
- 56 It's above the sole
- 58 Last way to scatter
- 61 Ear-splitting
- 62 Raja's partner
- 63 Andean root vegetables
- 64 Pointless sword
- 65 Rush hour problem
- 66 Natters

**DOWN**

- 1 Parrot enclosure
- 2 Pooh bear
- 3 Giant antelopes
- 4 Salami shop
- 5 Newfoundland staple, once
- 6 More dessert-like
- 7 Ankara coin
- 8 Ogling fellow
- 9 Minister to be, perhaps
- 10 Biased one
- 11 Amoebae, e.g.
- 12 \_\_\_ Marino
- 13 Printer's measures
- 18 Bounder, so to speak
- 19 Calf's target
- 24 Sitters
- 26 Overly inquisitive
- 27 Lush
- 30 Pined for

- 31 Luau ingredient
- 33 Tie the knot
- 35 Welsh mountain pond
- 36 European raptor
- 37 Noted Oakland A's pitcher
- 38 Roll of bills
- 39 Breathe spasmodically
- 40 Hair additive
- 44 ICBM payload, maybe
- 45 Cat o' nine tails user
- 46 Guanaco kin
- 47 Workboot feature
- 48 Emerge
- 50 Semiconductor variety
- 54 Shah's place, once
- 55 Smoky Sicilian spot
- 57 Cunning manoeuvre
- 58 Publican's brew
- 59 Chop off
- 60 It could be electrifying

**(January 13 puzzle)**

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**THE TWISTY TONGUE**

In nearly every European country an Indo-European language is spoken. This includes France, Germany, Poland and Britain.

The Indo-European family of languages contains 12 branches — Celtic (Gaelic), Germanic (Yiddish), Latin or Romance (Italian), Slavic (Bulgarian), Baltic (Lithuanian), Hellenic (Modern Greek), Illyric (Albanian), Thracian (Armenian), Iranian (Farsi) and Indic (Hindi). Also, Tokharian and Hittite.

Languages placed within parentheses above are examples only. Each branch contains other languages. The Tokharian and Hittite branches are exceptions and represent now extinct tongues.

All Indo-European tongues, no matter

**Strange case of Hungarian language**

which branch they belong to, have similarities which link them.

The ancient Indo-European word *mater* is the ancestor of *meter* (Greek), *mater* (Latin), *madre* (Italian and Spanish), *mote* (Lithuanian), *Mutter* (German), *moeder* (Dutch), and *mother* (English).

Surprisingly, the ancient Hittite word *watar* bears a striking similarity to its English translation, *water*.

Strangely, Hungarian (Magyar) fits into none of the above 12 branches. It belongs to an entirely different family and is known as a Uralic language.

There are other Uralic languages — Finnish, Lappish, Samoyed, Estonian, for instance. But if you take your map of Europe, you'll see that landlocked Hungary is a long, long way from Finland, Northern Siberia or Lapland. Hungary's nearest Uralic neighbour is Estonia.

Hungary is completely surrounded by people who speak a Slavic or Germanic tongue. Scholars are not sure why a Uralic language flourished and survived

in this situation, or how it ever came to be so far from its relatives. Theories abound, but no one knows for sure.

Furthermore, every other country where a Uralic tongue is spoken has a seacoast making it open to newcomers — to language seepage both in and out. But Hungarian has not been influenced by its neighbours. Nor have encroaching languages wiped out Hungarian.

It approaches the miraculous that Hungarians have been able to preserve their language. And, they have. However, as languages go, we don't consider it widely used. Today, it's believed only about 16 million people world-wide speak Magyar.

Because of all this, it shouldn't surprise us to learn that Hungarian has had almost no impact on English. The few loanwords we have are largely taken from horsemanship or from the cavalry. *Cambridge* points out that for centuries, Hungarians were famed for their horses and their equestrian ability. Thus, it's logical that Hungarian loanwords often have to do with horses.

We have *hussar* (a light cavalry soldier). Originally, a *hussar* was a mounted soldier of fortune (*Success With Words*).

*Coach* is also Magyar. We got it via the French *coche* from German *Kutsche*. The original Hungarian is *kocsi*. *Kocsi* was coined from the name of the Hungarian village "Kocs" where *coaches* originated.

*Sabre* (a cavalry sword) is from the Hungarian *szablya* (sword). The tall, stiff military headgear with visor and plume, a *shako*, is from the Hungarian *czako* and originally was made of fur.

The British refer to a ball-point pen as a *biro*. This word is from the name of the ball point's Hungarian inventor, Ladislao Biro (1899-1985).

*Vampire*, from the Hungarian *vampir* was borrowed because Bram Stoker's fictional Count Dracula lived in Transylvania. Transylvania was part of Hungary when *Dracula* was written.

Other Hungarian loanwords are *goulash*, *paprika* and *tokay* as in the grapes and wine.

**Community more than homes**

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negative impact an initiative has on Manitoba."

Weiss said the Quality of Life program defines how REALTORS interact within their communities.

"We talk everyday with people who hope to build a life for themselves and their children. We understand what makes a community attractive and desirable. We know a community is more than homes.

"People want safe streets, jobs that pay well and roads that take them to where they want to go without delay.

"We're not just REALTORS," said Weiss. "We're neighbours. Our children attend the same schools, play the same sports, and we go to the same places of worship as our neighbours. Our interests are not at odds with those of our neighbours."

It is with this interaction in mind that MREA sent the letters on behalf of their neighbours to the candidates, Weiss added.

The candidates pledging their support for the five Quality of Life principles can be found on page 7.

**Layton sends unsolicited letter in support of Quality of Life**

The Manitoba Real Estate Association was pleasantly surprised that NDP Leader Jack Layton sent a letter in support of the association's Quality of Life program. The MREA had not sent out letters to any of the party leaders asking for their commitment to the program. The letters had been sent to every candidate, regardless of party affiliation, running in the January 23 federal election in Manitoba ridings.

"I think what the unsolicited response does is show that there is recognition of the REALTORS' role in social and proactive programs," said Lorne Weiss, chair of MREA's political action committee. "To get a response from the leader of a party sensitive to social and welfare needs of Canadians is a strong endorsement of what REALTORS are trying to do."

Layton wrote the MREA that he endorsed "the Quality of Life statement and the five underlying Quality of Life principles ... (and) I will endeavour to incorporate the principles into my decision-making during my term in office."

Layton said he was making the commitment on behalf of all NDP candidates in Manitoba.