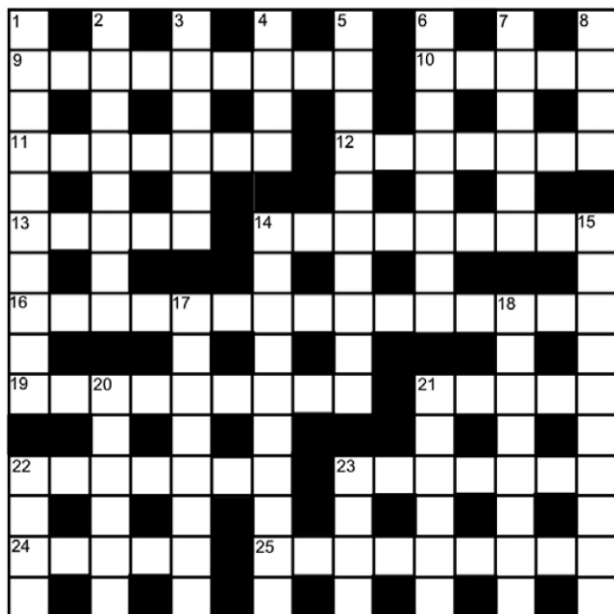


# Crossword Competition



QUETZALCOATL

Prizes for the first two correct entries drawn.

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## Across

- 9, 23D Zero in to broken axle - desert survival drama! (3,4,2,4)  
 10 The poor want affirmation (5)  
 11 To tick off comprehensively (7)  
 12 Raise tax in oriental shelter (7)  
 13 Get together with the lost thesaurian (5)  
 14 Choose examination of ballot system (9)  
 16 "Gable's blown away!" the old war story (4,4,3,4)  
 19 Drat! Actor plays a predictor (5,4)  
 21 The board sets major piece of policy (5)  
 22 Musical missing mark about the rating (7)  
 23 A blow to Capone supporter (7)  
 24 The rejection Paris had for dead star (5)  
 25 Give one's lover less sire! Make it just a kitchen help (4,5)

## Down

- 1 Privilege a midwife should get (10)  
 2 HQ (of a Euclidean army?) (8)  
 3 Chuck the pass, it's permitted (6)  
 4 Counter current failed, dying out somewhat (4)  
 5 Bury broken-down horse, attention paid (10)  
 6 Make restless colonists leave (8)  
 7 Fix royal backing for twins (7)  
 8 Ear deceiving old instrument (4)  
 14 Lineage of a dental practice (10)  
 15 Lothario's an aristocratic assassin (10)  
 17 A damping ruined wet grain (8)  
 18 Dormancy a break sets off (8)  
 20 Strip of blue spanning the ocean (6)  
 21 Fall in for a breather during exercise (6)  
 22 Believers act out silly rites in their hearts (4)  
 23 See 9 across