

HEADS AND TAILS

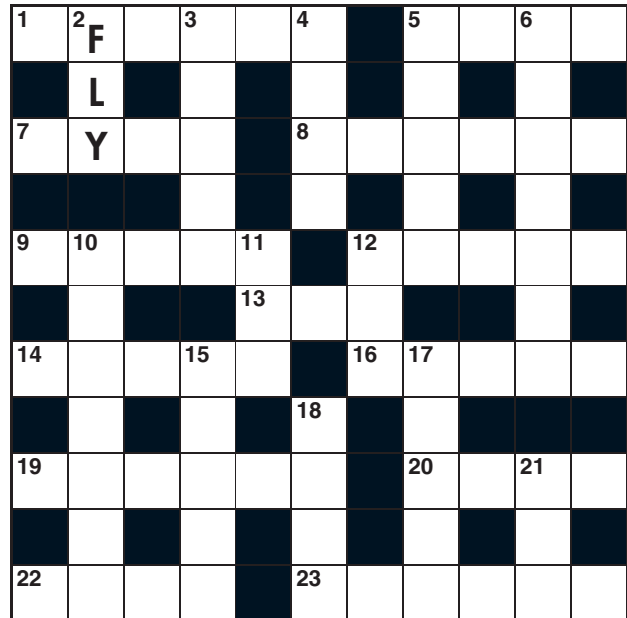
This is one puzzle where you can ignore the meaning of the clues!
Simply put together either the first or last letter of each word in any clue to spell out the answer. So, the S, E and W of the clue Save the Whales would give you the answer SEW. We've put in one word for you.

ACROSS

- 1 Two of five; thus, three left (6)
- 5 Adam – Eve's pious hubby (4)
- 7 Hull aviary, pelicans inside (4)
- 8 Diva unwise to urge me on? (6)
- 9 Togo import to be removed (5)
- 12 Chap Irene sent to Coventry (5)
- 13 Vehicle approaching Oxford (3)
- 14 Crazy idea some lawyer had (5)
- 16 'Not enough!', Amy may opine (5)
- 19 Saver at odds with the Fed? (6)
- 20 Voracious appetite? That's odd (4)
- 22 Revealing attire – looks risky! (4)
- 23 Long essay, or its epic scale (6)

DOWN

- ~~2~~ Fiendish, immoral activity (3)
- 3 Lapis lazuli – blue gem type (5)
- 4 Short anecdote about Dirk (4)
- 5 Charm offensive testing our patience! (5)
- 6 Yes, ivy Mo pulled out of loam (7)
- 10 Hot ash? It's sure to cool eventually (7)



- 11 Roadblock – unsuitable kind (3)
- 12 Plaintiff (overcrowded court) (3)
- 15 Lauded avocado now looking mouldy (5)
- 17 Sketch on vellum, frame required (5)
- 18 Broccoli and onions? Lovely (4)
- 21 Theatrical impresario; heretic! (3)

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