

Tuesday, 9 November 2010

unpeered review

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT TRANSPORT TO MOVIEWORLD

Meet at 6:30pm at front of hotel for departure at 6:35pm.

...And We're Off

What a magnificent first day! The wiser amongst us made an early move on the barista, avoiding the queue of glassy-eyed actuaries outside the opening session. The nuttier amongst us made a beach run their first priority (shudder). Ian Laughlin and Siddharth Parameswaran provided a stellar opening act worth the cost of admission alone. Siddharth made my imagination wander on the mention of new motor entrants, although this dream was mainly about punching the guy on the Youi adverts in the face. Engaging presentations and heated debates ensured that no sessions were wasted. The only disappointment was that Nelson Henwood's talk on machine learning did not include killer robots.

The quality of the material at this year's seminar was reflected by capacity turnouts in each session (although I believe that we lost Kris Todoroski to the lunch buffet for the majority of the afternoon). The final plenary provided a fitting finish to an awesome day, and provided a unique opportunity to hear from and engage with three insurance company CEOs.

While I was disappointed not to get food service from the dolphins, the remainder of the Seaworld dinner was splash-tacular! (Groan.) Moreover, the DJ to 2:30am provided ample opportunity to get some compromising newsletter photos. Unfortunately, most of the material gathered after 10pm is unsuitable for viewing straight after breakfast.

By adopting Ian Laughlin's three pillar approach tonight, you can ensure than you don't feel the same way in tomorrow's sessions as you do right now. These three pillars are as follows:

- I. **Pre-emptive strike:** a Berocca prior to dinner is my favourite seediness mitigation technique;
- II. **Supervisory Overview:** nominate a friend to pace yourself against and keep you in check (perhaps safer if it's not Mike Eabry); and
- III. **Caffeine intervention:** first stop in the morning should be Katrina the barista.

(I should mention that my colleagues at Taylor Fry have suggested that these editorials make me look like a borderline alcoholic. I dispute that I am borderline anything.)



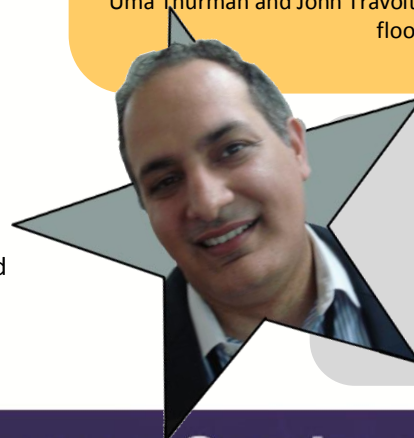
Katrina the barista appeases the masses



Ada admires the dolphin while Rosi admires the handler



Uma Thurman and John Travolta lead the way on the dance floor



Quote of the Day ...

"This conference is ruining my reputation at home and at my daughter's school."

- Vivek Bhatia





Today's Weather

Similar conditions to yesterday morning though increased seediness for those up past midnight.

Morning conditions likely to be quite lethargic though brightening up considerably for the afternoon.

Conditions still fine for early evening but a late night haze developing and increasing considerably into the early morning. The bureau advises against nautical events in the early morning.

The Actuarial What's Hot and What's Not

HOT

Working late

Arguments over the appropriate definition of 'best estimate'

Justin Beiber



NOT

Straight-forward answers

Eye contact

Ill-conceived newsletters

Top 5 uses for ...

... The massive red seminar bag:

5. Carrying laundry back to Sydney
4. Disposing of a body
3. Carrying a labradoodle around
2. Getting the your money's worth out of the buffet
1. A substitute for the togs you left at home

ACROSS

2. A serial fez is not 11 Down [7, 5]
9. No advance for accident leaves volcanic residue [3]
10. Lost one vector for temporary insurance [5,4]
11. What 30 Across did to the foreman, sey [2]
12. Best price for insurance? [7,4]
17. Establish that purest have no right [3,2]
18. I'm missed by Mobile - she wants me to stay! [4]
19. Only fez will allow safe passage [3,4]
21. André, that is, in backwards ancient city
22. Like 15 Down, but not so much [3]
23. Cares when you are lost from vase [1,1]
24. I hear stitch, thus [2]
25. Sounds like the Spanish model [2]
26. Tailors so lost about measuring claims expense [4,5]
28. Give way to investment return [5]
30. The greatest extra terrestrial, without measure [3]
31. The first in 16 Down, without model, is still a king [5]
32. Active fault generates specific coverage [11]

DOWN

1. First Fleet is also another designation [4]
3. Speed through middle of semisolid [3]
4. Don't waste a minute looking for a full head [5]
5. Frozen, but less hirsute. Very relaxed. [3]
6. The rear of the raft? [3]
7. Martha reflected here with her sweet treats [4]
8. Challenged to sell what isn't yours. Vertically. [5]
10. Elements come together and generate great interest [8]
11. Insane key calls for intervention [9]
12. Noble play or second opinion? [4,4]
13. $\exp(i*\pi)+1=0$ [5]
14. Broad coverage for a rainy day [8]
15. Great amusement for confused Harris [4]
16. Top notch consultancy can try for lay [6,3]
20. There! A ship! On top of 26 Across [4]
27. Industrial relations are in a junction. Spooky! [5]
29. Loiter in the bakery [4]

Crossword Solutions: email paul.driessen@taylorfry.com.au

Dear Unpeered Review

Can you put an easier crossword in? The cryptics are too hard.

- Ignoring the plenary

I agree: Paul has gone nuts on these fellas. Thus, direct your complaints (and million dollar consulting contracts) to paul.driessen@taylorfry.com.au.

Everybody here has an iPhone. Should I get one?

- to Apple or not

This is a conundrum: iPhones are awesome but being among the re-emerging applephiles is not. The irony is that although Apple products are virus-free, the recurrence of applephilia after over a decade of dormancy is rather like herpes.

Dis mtg S goin off. itz wA btr thN d lst GI mtg. I can't w8 'til 2nite! CU l8r.

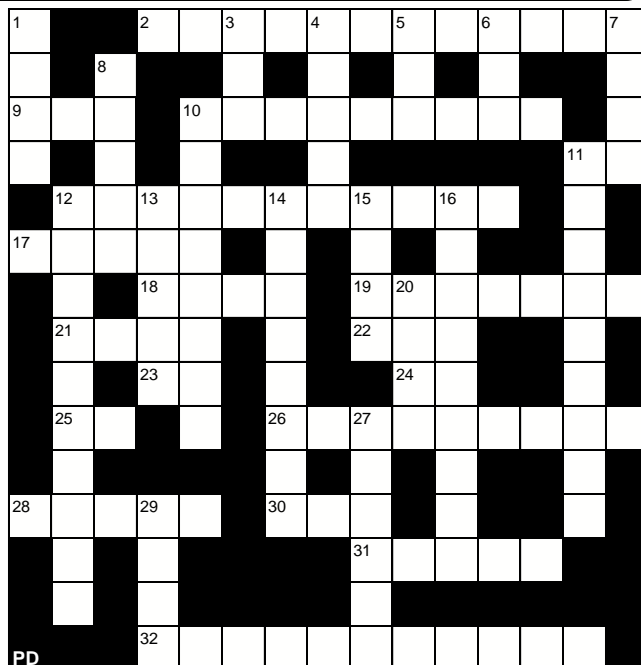
- txtpert

I have no idea what any of that means. Are you sure you belong here?

I think this newsletter is tasteless and a waste of paper. Did you know the impact that land clearing has on the environment?

- concerned actuary

Is that you, Alan?



DANIEL'S DAILY LIMERICK

I know a skinny actuary called Tim
Who reckons he works out in the gym
But I think he lied
Because from the side
You struggle to even see him

