

# POLYMATH 1,303 by DINMUTZ

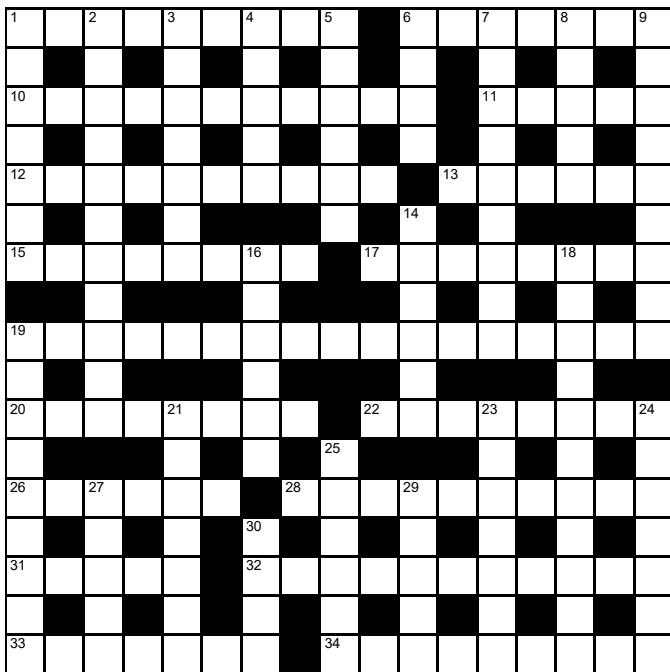
The first Polymath appeared 25 years ago, on October 4 1999. Set by the late Bert Danher under the pseudonym Dinmutz, the puzzle made its debut in the FT magazine and is reproduced here.

## ACROSS

- 1** North American deciduous tree of the laurel family (9)  
**6** Elephant-headed Hindu god (7)  
**10** Of a line of verse having six iambic feet (11)  
**11** Ancient alphabet used by the Celts in Britain (5)  
**12** Religious teacher and wonder worker of Crete in the 6th or 7th century (10)  
**13** Land owned by one person or family (6)  
**15** Parliamentary constituency with a large majority likely to be retained in an election (4,4)  
**17** One who supports women's rights on the grounds of equality of the sexes (8)  
**19** Chemicals by which a nerve cell communicated with another nerve cell or with a muscle (17)  
**20** In law, to reply to a defendant's rebutter (8)  
**22** An order of insects that comprises the termites (8)  
**26** A statue or picture of Prince Gautama Siddhartha (c563-c483 BC) (6)  
**28** Slow-growing palm-like tree of the agave family, native to the Canary Islands (6,4)  
**31** Large spiral-horned antelope of eastern and southern Africa (5)  
**32** In ancient Greece, high priests of religious mysteries (11)  
**33** A decorative counterpoint added above a basic melody (7)  
**34** Port and resort town on the Isle of Sheppey (9)

## DOWN

- 1** Ability to resist seasickness and walk steadily aboard ship (3,4)  
**2** Bloody battle in 1715 between the Jacobites and Hanoverians (11)  
**3** Play by Peter Shaffer based on the bitter rivalry felt by Salieri for Mozart (7)  
**4** Main veins of wings of insects (5)  
**5** Musical instrument like a small harpsichord (6)  
**6** Clarified butter used in Indian cooking (4)  
**7** One who coins new words or expressions (9)  
**8** In phonetics, an unstressed vowel sound (5)  
**9** Fossil cephalopods with a coiled, chambered shell resembling a ram's horn (9)  
**14** One of the two natural satellites of Mars (6)  
**16** Central court or entrance hall in an ancient Roman house (6)  
**18** Name given to Mauritius by the French East India Company when they reoccupied it in 1721 after the Dutch left (3-2-6)  
**19** Common name for epistaxis (9)  
**21** Spine-covered monotreme mammal of Australia and New Guinea (7)  
**23** Black leopard (7)  
**24** State of being free from living pathogenic organisms (7)  
**25** The sacred serpent represented on headdresses of ancient Egyptian kings and gods (6)



- 27** Low, strong carts for carrying heavy loads (5)  
**29** Cavity, usually lined with crystals, within a rock mass or nodule (5)  
**30** In India, a landing-stair on a riverside (4)

## Solution 1,302

