



We were extremely sorry to learn that Albie Fiore passed away, peacefully, with family by his side, on Tuesday, 28th July 2009. Without ever meeting Taupi, I have spent long journeys in the brilliant company of his beautifully compiled puzzles. His character shines through as it did in telephone conversations and a multitude of emails - compassionate, creatively intelligent. He would take a grid from me and work on it, polishing, burnishing, until perfect. He did this during his illness making sure we had his puzzle for next year. Such a rare combination of great heart and beautiful mind. God bless you Albie.

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<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Sun</i>
		1 AMBER Slight convexity's topping off precious stuff (5)	2 AMIGO Fast way to disturb past friend (5)	3 BLAIR Trumpeting heard in PM once (5)	4 BORER Driller Killer's ending gets to Afrikaner's heart (5)	5 BORIS Getting back plunder Londoner's 'mare, reportedly (5)
6 BUMPS Lousy postscript to Oxbridge boat races (5)	7 CAMERON Would-be replacement for 17 proceeded to accommodate Right (7)	8 CAROM Protector's front half is split by a cannon (5)	9 CUB Association dropping line to youngster (3)	10 DARLING Brave to accept Left's replacement for 17 (7)	11 DRAIN Drizzle's beginning to pour down this? (5)	12 EIGHT Soldier among the retreating crew (5)
13 FUDGE Cook confection (5)	14 FUTON Pleasure that's confined to bed (5)	15 GANDALF Magical character's also trapped by standard reflection (7)	16 GAS-HOLDER Deep split's been around longer storage tank (9)	17 ***** GORDON BROWN New born do wrong with 3's replacement (6,5)	18 IRAQI National insurgents who French gutted (5)	19 MARSALA God of war in the way of French wine (7)
20 NABOB Grandee handed over an old coin (5)	21 NONET Bold trapeze artists may have this piece of music (5)	22 OAR Blade beheaded pig (3)	23 OSBORNE Thus, in opposition, carried would-be replacement for 10 (7)	24 OSCAR Hummer's award? (5)	25 RAISE A little camera is easily set up (5)	26 REBUILT Messy butler I reformed (7)
27 RESPECT Pay heed to ghost that's two feet ahead (7)	28 RIMED 'Frosted' and 'costed' did, say (5)	29 SICKBED Spooner's pen spoke of place for the poorly (7)	30 SUMAC The other way French writer describes tree (5)	31 TWANG Plucky noise of little flier soaring over western front? (5)		