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The survival or preservation of certain favoured words in the struggle for existence is natural selection.  
Charles Darwin, 1871, *Mental Powers*, in *The Descent of Man*, Ch 2.

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This month we celebrate our **Sixteenth Birthday**. Congratulations to all members and our Founders and ACC Life Members, Noel Jessop, Carole Noble and Alan Walter. The year 2006 is promising to be another successful year for the ACC. Happy Birthday! *Neir B'Odet* has again compiled a Special Quiz to celebrate our Birthday and this can be found on p9. Good Luck!

We welcome a new sponsor for the Slot 2 puzzles. **Crossword Express** by John Stevens is a well-established program which can be used to compile and solve all types of puzzles. Master compiler Noel Jessop has been successfully using *Crossword Express* for the past 8 years and you can read the glowing reference given by Noel on p9. John Stevens has kindly donated a Pro version of his software as quarterly prizes for the Slot 2 puzzles and he has offered members of the ACC a special deal when buying *Crossword Express* (see p9). Many thanks John for making this available to the ACC members.

We have another fascinating selection of puzzles for you this month. All of your favourite compilers are there including Noel Jessop, *Southern Cross*, and our master Ximenean *Praxis*. We welcome back *Drover's Dog* who has contributed an excellent AJ and the Slot 5 puzzle is an Acrostic by our man overseas *St Jude*. Our Slot 6 compiler this month is *InGrid* who invites all solvers to Have a Go. Our Anniversary Quizmaster *Neir B'Odet* has compiled a Quiz containing 16 challenging questions. There is plenty to keep you diverted! Happy Crozworlding!  
—Patrick

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March over and, generally, many happy solvers. I was aghast to find 12 entries with blank spaces – en\_re, res\_e, e\_o(2), p\_l(3), lus\_, \_ol\_aed, \_m\_g, \_ie, ascen\_s. Surely even a quick look over the entry before posting would eliminate this glaring transcription error. A few other obvious transcription errors crept in as well – daimmer, ook, yae. “furphy” and “flat battery” fought out the battle for COTM with FURPHY being the ultimate winner at 12 to 9. Congratulations to Shiril O'Brien. In all 22 words were nominated.

**Slot 1:** EBOLA was the biggest worries here with members offering ecola (x3), epona (x2) & enola. Seven entries arrived with a dash of 'tobasco'.

**Slot 2:** The main problem here was 'inevitable' for INEVITABLY. The female lead in South Pacific was Nellie Bly (Mitzi Gaynor).

**Slot 3:** SLOUGHY (a word I've never heard of) was the undoing of 8 entries. Plenty of comments on this one.

**Slot 4:** 'Initially' should have lead you straight to MAOISM but 6 'maoist' were there.

**Slot 5:** A smattering of odd incorrect answers and although all but one member put in 'Paris' at 24dn there was plenty of comment re same. Roy apologises. See Roy's detailed explanations of his solutions on p5.

A special thankyou to the members who took time to write out good copies carefully – eases eyestrain and deciphering ambiguous letters. Was it E or G, Y or V, S or B, W or N, F or E? There were too many question marks.

One entry came in without a name. There was no name on the envelope to help allotting it to the correct person. In fact, there were many envelopes without return addresses.

Lastly I want to thank the club for my \$50 prize for February. As Del said, it's great to be paid for having a good time.

Thank you to all the members who send greetings. The club really is like a big family. Until next year, Happy Crosswording.

—Veniece

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	114	104	96	118	90	522
Correct entries	87	94	75	98	80	362
Success rate (%)	76	90	78	83	89	69
Prizewinners	<b>B Foott</b>	K Pullen L Hannigan	B Eggleton R Whitehead	P Horan D Price	<b>S Clarke</b>	from 120 members

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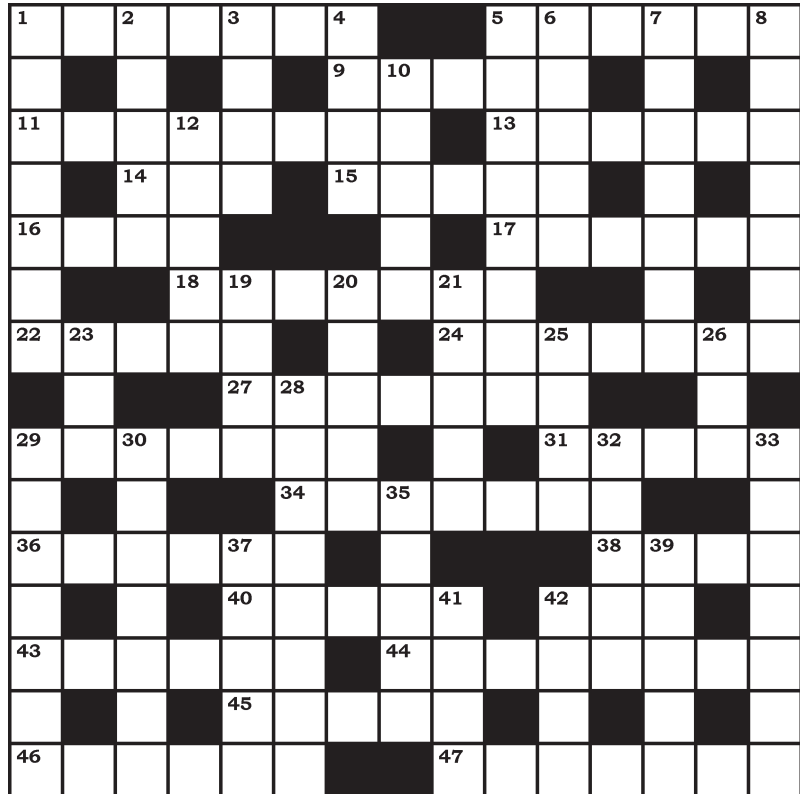
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**Half & Half**  
by  
**Noel Jessop**



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**Win!**



**Across**

- 1 Top quality paint thinner (7)
- 5 Put an end to football match (3-3)
- 9 Saves worthless containers (5)
- 11 Nonentities in empty morgue? (8)
- 13 Young lion is the first modern painter (6)
- 14 Measures in tension (3)
- 15 More fully developed river pier demolished (5)
- 16 Puts on commercial detectives (4)
- 17 Wrench a joint right in the country (6)
- 18 Cheers wildly about model artists (7)
- 22 Pictures of disorderly hosts (5)
- 24 The man with support in charge of the Hebrews (7)
- 27 Standing over a street float (7)
- 29 Judge about iron in France with ease, say (7)
- 31 English lies written about a woman (5)
- 34 Unfavourable commercial poetry (7)
- 36 Opposed to Oxford, father enlists public opinion (3,3)
- 38 Assist in a gamble (4)
- 40 Idiots, old, silly, in Civil Service (5)
- 42 Number finally underdone (3)
- 43 South Sea islander back to mark a lot of stories by Egyptian genius (6)
- 44 English at old city playing Scottish Johnny of the supercontinent (8)
- 45 Wayward loner to join up (5)
- 46 A wish to reside otherwise (6)
- 47 Contacts about right peckers (7)

**Down**

- 1 Heat treats (7)
- 2 Declined (5)
- 3 Betting price (4)
- 4 Always (4)
- 5 Set back (8)
- 6 Take over (5)
- 7 Island of Japan (7)
- 8 Huge (7)
- 10 Apart (5)
- 12 Beginning (5)
- 19 Russian ruler (4)
- 20 Loathed (5)
- 21 River in Germany (5)
- 23 Garden tool (3)
- 25 Social insects (4)
- 26 Those in office (3)
- 28 Aircraft (8)
- 29 Repealed (7)
- 30 Trimmings (7)
- 32 Inclines (5)
- 33 Reaches (7)
- 35 Recorder (5)
- 37 Boorish Aussie (sl.) (5)
- 39 Light brown (5)
- 41 Be sullen (4)
- 42 Dolts (4)

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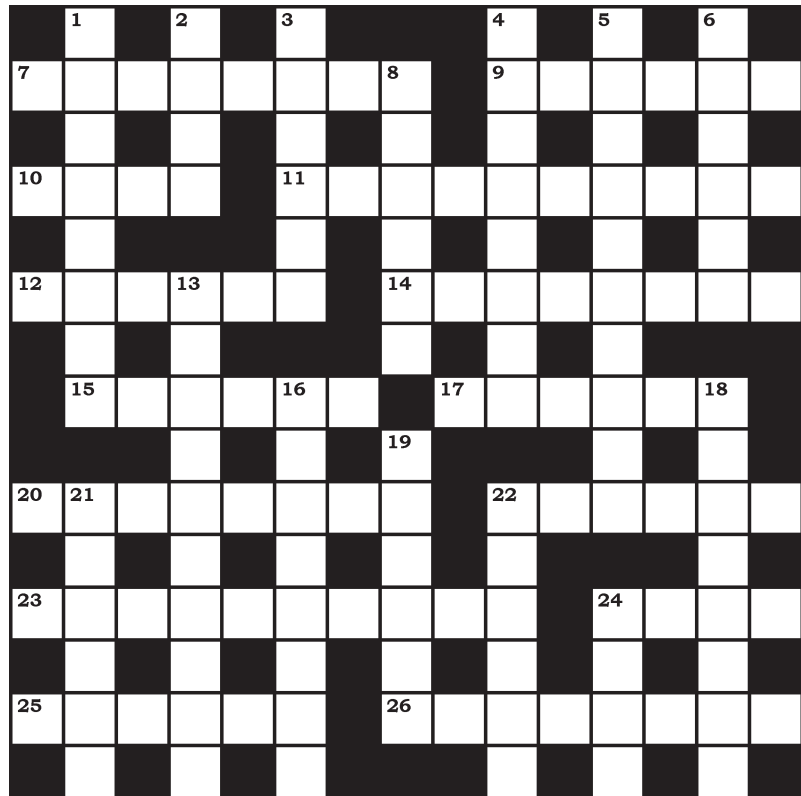
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## Cryptic by Southern Cross

**Prizes:**  
**\$50**  
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### Across


- 7 Sailors get into Dutch city after the lecture (8)
- 9 Nothing is shown in BHP's return – article will follow, I fear (6)
- 10 Tear a strip off after folk-singer's opening song (4)
- 11 There, Sadie could come up with spot cash (3,7)
- 12 We set out on Sunday – a mere trifle? (6)
- 14 An upset Catholic is going hither and thither for flowers (8)
- 15 Every twelve months diary finally appears with time to spare (6)
- 17 Junkie put in one court (6)
- 20 Where a flapper can be seen in a Canberra high-spot (8)
- 22 On one hectare Jeffery is producing food for a limited market (6)
- 23 Athlete stalking Jagger's ex gets a carpeting (4-6)
- 24 Rouse Nancy, perhaps (4)
- 25 Reaches space-traveller – with just one step to go? (3,3)
- 26 A relatively important physicist? (8)

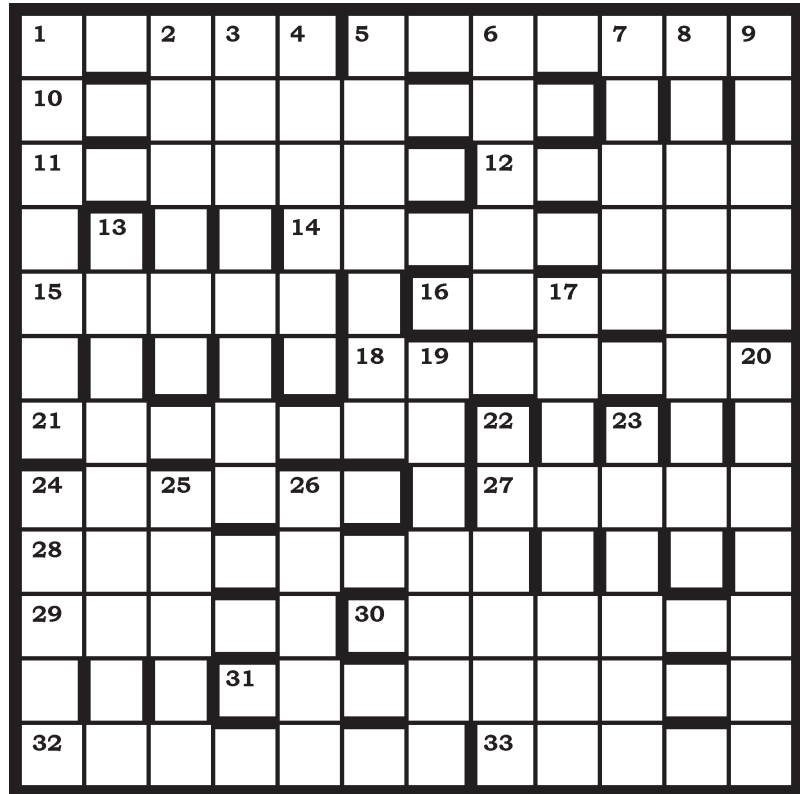
### Down

- 1 Let in queer kind of horse (8)
- 2 A piece of cake provided by the nurse, a sympathetic soul (4)
- 3 A stage wrecked by "The Stones" (6)
- 4 A paper prepared by just one staffer was published (8)
- 5 Going around lake, mind out! This can be very profitable! (4-6)
- 6 "Risen Lord's Entry" replaced in CD packaging inserts (6)
- 8 Direction given to players to leave – ten from Rome and about ten EU members (6)
- 13 A ministering spirit is seen in the first woman to preach the gospel (10)
- 16 Admire appearance, put out by nothing (4,2,2)
- 18 The first banana consumed by knight-errant's famous horse (5,3)
- 19 A close-fitting head covering – for a runner, that is (6)
- 21 A rising agent has to go north (6)
- 22 The woman's ingenious son produces some waders (6)
- 24 A man of power! What did you say? (4)

### GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you for my \$50 for Feb Slot 3. It's a great feeling to find a surprise amongst my letters. Doreen and I had a great time at the Christmas luncheon. She was so pleased to meet you all. *Aileen Skillicorn*
- Thankyou for my 1-5 prize. What a great club we are in, to pay you for having a good time! *Del Kennedy*
- A belated thankyou for my January Slot 3 prize. What great puzzles we are having – a bumper season. I hope we don't get too much penance for Lent! *Bill Bennett*
- Happy 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday Anniversary to the ACC on 8<sup>th</sup> April 2006. May we celebrate many more years of enjoyable puzzles and learning experiences! *Alan Walter.*
- Thanks for my \$50 prize for Jan Slot 6. I don't know if I don't treasure Patrick's certificate more than the cheque! *Ted O'Brien*
- Many thanks indeed for my \$50, it's really enough to get a dot, that gives me a thrill, but \$50 is something else!! *Sally Knight*
- A big thank you for my Feb Slot 5 prize. It came while I was in hospital recovering from surgery so was a great boost to my recovery. Also my convalescence at home since, has given me the opportunity to complete all March slots 1-5 for the first time since becoming a member. I've even had time to do slots 6 and 7. *Hilary Cromer*
- Another enjoyable batch of puzzles. Thanks again to all our setters. It's amazing that so many can consistently come up with great challenges for us. It's getting harder and harder to decide on a COTM. *Jenny Wenham*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic by Praxis</h2>




**Across**

- 1 Remodel apartment following promotion (5)
- 5 Ruffled doctor consumed alcohol with me (7)
- 10 Page lost aviator; out of time for 12 (9)
- 11 Foreword's page's withdrawn La Giaconda? (7)
- 12 Drift net's pulled back; zero resistance (5)
- 14 Spring! Party time, Lawrence! (8)
- 15 Den, as always, is somewhat on the nose (5)
- 16 Marine creature's concealed in plant (6)
- 18 Gary arranged rise for turner (7)
- 21 Picture covered everyone in the plant (7)
- 24 The Italian in singlet's most offensive (6)
- 27 Mother penned touching fantasy (5)
- 28 A city location? No place in particular (8)
- 29 Dad's told to analyse sentence (5)
- 30 Help's retired; stir soup for Pepys? (7)
- 31 One coming out's beginning to pay ... (9)
- 32 ... state takes care of queer behaviour ... (7)
- 33 ... a compound established by Her Majesty (5)

**Down**

- 1 New dean's accepted pages; adds ... (7)
- 2 ... a rhyme that's antagonistic ... (6)
- 3 ... blatant. Pages about Albert; brilliant! (8)
- 4 Direction to vocalist: sing with the band (6)
- 5 Inordinate good surrounds girl, 12 (7)
- 6 Express decapitated goat (5)
- 7 Digger's spoken with flier (5)
- 8 Passionate about book I loan out (9)
- 9 Challenged, cleric admitted raising age (5)
- 13 Mate covers mate in scheme (9)
- 17 Carer organised prince, 12 (8)
- 19 Yard c-crop contains uranium element (7)
- 20 Further out, engineers work on metro (7)
- 22 Fancy a fish tea perhaps? (6)
- 23 Nitre altered over time to change colour (6)
- 24 Flat, diva worked to incorporate power (5)
- 25 Naturally Richard features a song (5)
- 26 Fine novel and TV series (5)

**Some explanations for this month's puzzles:**

- 1. Anne Rice writer of *Vampire Chronicles* etc.
  - 2. Matthew Flinders explorer, with George Bass was the first to circumnavigate Van Diemen's Land and the Australian continent.
  - 3. Promise. Missouri = MO (with difficulty = backwards) = OM around PRISE = to get.
  - 4. XMAS. Season shortened = XMAS (for Christmas) also X symbol which is the 24th letter.
- FLAGWORM. Double defn. Flag = fabric + worm = invertebrate. Standard = flag + snake = worm (obs).

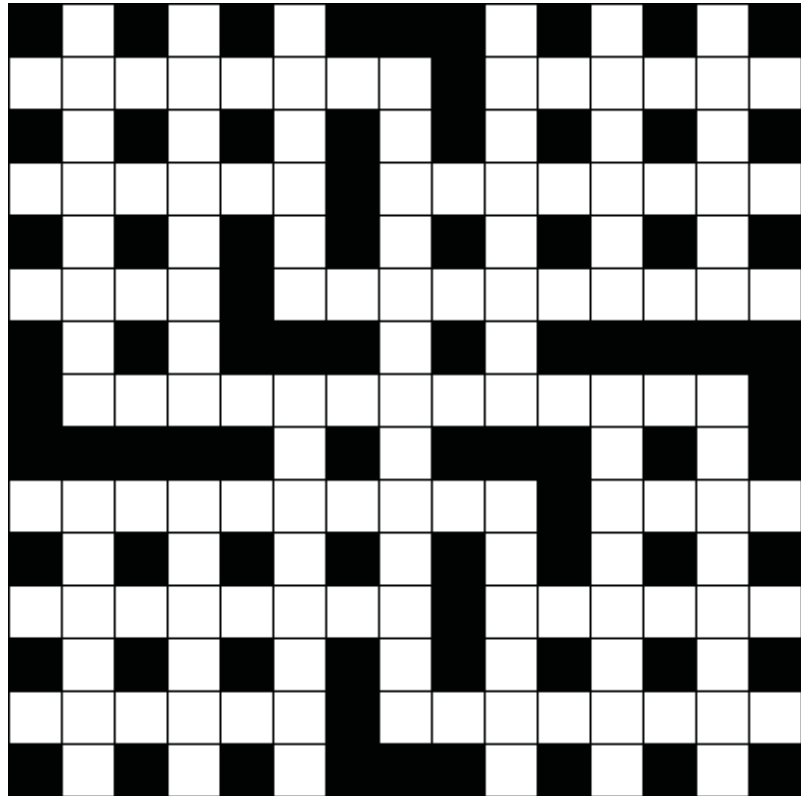
**Explanatory Notes from Praxis:** **Across:** 1: C (100) in 'culture' becomes M (1,000); 6: S(ire)N (& Lit); 10: aqua/air (rev); 11: Sep (rev)/O; 12: Di/sting/U/E; 14: grav(Ur)e; 15: une (rev)/re; 16: LA/anag; 18: anag; 23:t/rough; 24:ass after pot/a; 25: p(L)ier; 26: ti in anag; 28: double def; 29: rev hidden (tr(am ri)de); 30: anag/fit; 31: double def; 32: art (rev)/der/S. **Down:** 1: dam (rev)/ness; 2: lu/sh; 3: tata/(E)ric; 4: homonym; 5: ring(let)s; 6: squa(d)/St (rev); 7: ret/urn; 8: e(strange)d; 9: No(v)el; 13: in/t/Trevor (rev); 17: a/t-tack/re (rev); 19: anag; 20: anag/T.S; 21: stem/am (rev); 22: as(too)p; 24: p/a/sir (rev); 25: pa/ant (rev); 27: l(ife). As far as Paris is concerned, I have been under the impression that he was king of Troy. Further research (that should have been undertaken prior to setting the clue) would indicate he rejected Hera's offer of kingship and hence would have been more accurately defined as 'Prince'.



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**AJ**  
by  
*Drover's Dog*

**Prize**  
**\$50**  
**x2**



Answers start with the given letter. Fit the answers where you can.

- A** Friend in vibrant Baha'i city (3,5)
- B** Dance cheer in the back circle (6)
- C** "Cut the cha-cha, Brian, in university date" (13)
- D** Nile sailing boat had returned with sailor leading in yachting academy (8)
- E** Bursting out without direction? No! It's pure reversal (8)
- F** Flying mammal failed to flutter around ox (3-3)
- G** A band's performance backed Italian dance (4)
- H** Did the buffoon drench this waterfowl? (9,4)
- I** Insincere about one less flatterer (8)
- J** Did this dual Academy Award winning screenwriter jab heroin in Virginia city? (8)
- K** These W African lads sound like young seafarers (4-4)
- L** Bedroom furniture for dwarf's son? (6)
- M** Silly Mum reaches for her pipe (10)
- N** Sweet in the middle and tough at the end (6)
- O** Speaker mouths the old rubbish primarily (6)
- P** Plastic sheeting protecting variegated young plant leaves, not agaves (10)
- Q** "Question. You heard half of 'em Chinese lose zeal?" (6)
- R** Good! Follow the meandering Rhine with French to this German wine region (8)
- S** Simple, I had account to become a seller of ecclesiastical benefice (8)
- T** A little drunk maybe short of funds? (8)
- U** Grunts, but mostly laughs (4)
- V** Little parson obtained tiny lamb (6)
- W** Muslim sect involved in fatwa habitually (6)
- X** Texan, a dude, hid in Kublai Khan's summer capital city (6)
- Y** Talkback in Zagreb Bay! (6)
- Z** "Large Japanese group back American bill." I state (8)

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**Acrostic**  
by  
**St Jude**



Solve the clues and transfer the answers to the grid to reveal a quotation. The quotation's source and the author's name will appear in the grid and the first letters of the answers are the name of the poem.

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P	19	129	26	167	140	54	197			
Q	81	138	58	98	11	38	164	72		
R	116	153	107	28	33	6	114			
S	77	175	84	150	73	52	105			
T	86	48	100	30	111	145	169	51		
U	137	200	159	104	3	45	141			
V	177	188	41	68	37	13	192	113		
W	199	171	47	70	173	24	15			
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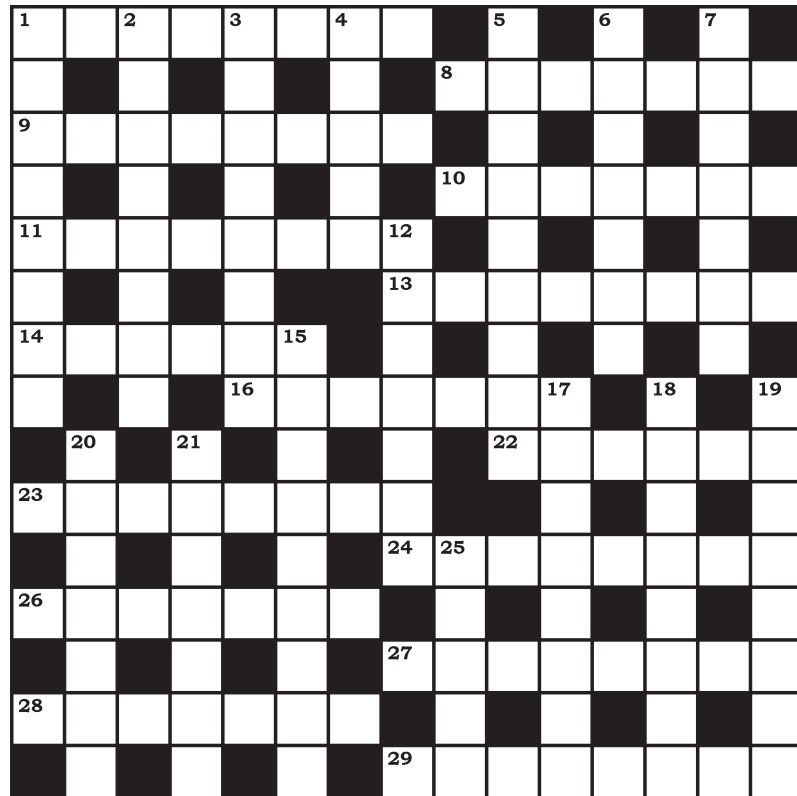
**Clues**

- A Offer base to beginner (10)
- B Smelly condition of tangled sail hoist (9)
- C Surround and disturb the top American hens (8)
- D Fortress of the queen returned with uncertainty (7)
- E Doing fine with participation in water exercise (2,3,4)
- F Man left with leading lady and old weapon (8)
- G Falsely feel almost far away (5)
- H Do as you're told round Turkish ruler's ranks (4,6)
- I Paternity sounds more distant to the thug (10)
- J Instructed firm orally (6)
- K Blocker back with hesitations (8)
- L Netting's hemming sewn messily without final directions (9)
- M A loud invasion makes me scared (6)
- N Latest headstrong lecturer heard on the hour? (10)
- O Eat the German soup (7)
- P Embrace in gyp-joint winebar (7)
- Q Presenting final debt (8)
- R No place won back by her at the final score (7)
- S Detailed circle not finished (7)
- T Reduced after service, like a photon, for example (8)
- U Notice Don talk (7)
- V They said you travelled by horse to employment repairing track (8)
- W Press mature in a time long ago (4,3)
- X It's all the same when noting trouble (7,3)
- Y Cease. Danger partly relieved (5)
- Z Steal most beer from thief (6)

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**Have a Go  
by  
InGrid**



The answers to the asterisked clue-numbers when arranged in a certain order spell out a quotation by a 19th century poet. The quotation commences at 9ac and finishes at 24ac.

**Across**

- 1 Reins in odd crews having a break (2,6)
- 8 \*
- 9 \*
- 10 \*
- 11 Eastern Female caught a virus through disagreeable vapours (8)
- 13 \*
- 14 Spins it until contained here (2,4)
- 16 Increase intensive care in back street for users (7)
- 22 \*
- 23 Flies over pub on gambling income (8)
- 24 \*
- 26 Embrace Oriental mate (7)
- 27 Unlikely documents to find on a fence! (8)
- 28 Shamans discuss girl's twitches (7)
- 29 \*

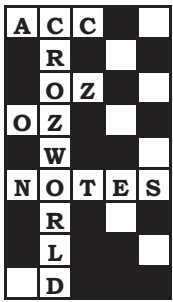
**Down**

- 1 By trip end I have become brave (8)
- 2 Bergylt got up at an angle (8)
- 3 Sweep this old Indian city (8)
- 4 American dish of his making? Wrong country! (5)
- 5 Anger sweetheart after putting fruit in a blender (9)
- 6 Prisoner charged with drink driving at intersection of tube (7)
- 7 Agassi goes East around this weapon (7)
- 12 Opposed a profit for good man (7)
- 15 \*
- 17 Leads, yet lost with dignity (8)
- 18 Hit for each groom (8)
- 19 Gains may upset exercise schools (8)
- 20 \*
- 21 A French touch: rudely crude (7)
- 25 Greenest Eng away from Scottish stubbornness (5)

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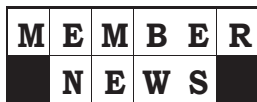
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**Chess problems:** No 3/2006: 1. Kb7. No 4/2006: 1. Bb1. Prizewinners: Catherine Hambling and Bob Hagan. Well done!

**March Slots 1-5 Winner: Catherine Jones. Congratulations!**



**New Members:** A warm welcome to **Catherine Eagleson** from St Leonards, Vic, **Frank Solomon** from Kew, Vic (a membership gift from his wife, Beverley) and **Maureen Dennison** from

Maryborough, Qld.

**Renewal of subs:** Thora Abraham (plus a kind donation to the 2006 ACC Prize Fund — thank you Thora), Chris Bilkey, Allan Lehmann, Alison Cockburn, Robina Otrupcek, Ross Bryant, David Stickley, Pat Horan, Daphne Titus-Rees and Claire Townson.

**Puzzle Adjustments:** Barb Ibbott gained dots for February Slots 1, 2, 3, and 5 and Therese Savannah gained dots for Slots 1, 2 and 3.

**March 2006 Slot 7:** The email address for solutions is: [jawenham@ozconnect.net](mailto:jawenham@ozconnect.net)

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**The Australian Oxford Dictionary**

**WORD OF THE MONTH**

**motser** *n.* (also **motzer**) *Aust.* **1 colloq.** a large sum of money, especially won by gambling. **2.** a certainty (*she's a motser to win the seat*). [ORIGIN: Yiddish *matse* 'bread'.]

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**QUIZ No 4/2006**

**16th Anniversary Quiz by Neir B'Odet**

Send your entries to: Ted O'Brien, Unit 218, 137 Victoria St, Ashfield, NSW 2131.

Closing mail date: Friday 12 May 2006. Prize: \$50. Answers are NOT in alphabetical order.

- 1 Who was the 16th Prime Minister of Australia? (6,7)
- 2 What name is given to the 16th hole at St Andrew's Royal & Ancient Golf Course? (3,9's,4)
- 3 June 16th 1904 is celebrated in literature (Irish) as what? (9)
- 4 Who was the wife of Louis XVI of France? (5,10)
- 5 Who won the 16th Melbourne Cup in 1876? (7)
- 6 Sixteenmile Creek is in which American state? (7)
- 7 If your address is in the XVIth Arrondissement in which city would you be living? (7)
- 8 Which South Pacific island is almost bisected by Long 160° E? (11)
- 9 A famous king of All England came to the throne in 1016. His courtiers tried to flatter him by saying the tide would obey him. Who was he? (4 or 6)
- 10 Who was the 16th President of USA? (7,7)
- 11 What is the English (Australian) equivalent of the USA/Canadian 16th Note? (10)
- 12 Which famous battle of 1916 occurred in France in June of that year? (5)
- 13 In avoirdupois weight 16 drams equals what? (3,5)
- 14 When did I love you as I've never loved before? (4,3,4,5,7)
- 15 In an alphabetical list of the 50 American States (District of Columbia as 51) which is No 16? (6)
- 16 What is the symbol for the element with Atomic No 16? (1)

Refs: Collins English Dictionary, 1995 ed; Melbourne Cup Winners; Prime Ministers of Australia, Michael Page ed; World Book; Rand McNally International Atlas; General Knowledge.

**March 1-2006: Thematic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

- Very appetizing, Audrey.
- Thanks Virgo for a thoroughly delicious thematic.
- There was plenty of food for thought here.
- 22ac: Anne who? First-name-only clues really should have a hint with them. Surely there must be a better 'definition' of a word like RICE?
- An enjoyable thematic/half and half. No problems.
- Very tasty indeed. Enjoyed every mouthful.
- The across words in this one seemed more consistent with the theme than some others I've done. One question - can Tabasco be considered a "food" on its own? I was pleased to see "ALE" get a mention. After all, and I think I've said this before, Terry Pratchett informs us that beer is just a type of liquid bread.
- Slot 1 was really difficult for someone battling a weight problem - every solved clue made me hungry!
- What a lovely smorgasbord!
- A tasty opening.

Brian Symons  
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Dell Eisentraeger  
Max Roddick  
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**March 2-2006: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)**

- 11ac: 'Garbo's gallery?' = GARB+O = DRESS+CIRCLE. This clue does not imply the people with whom Greta associated! This is a cleverly hidden clue. 25ac: Clever clue, 'shy son' = SLING+S(arm supports) 4dn: liked your humorous 'Bass accompaniment' = FLINDERS. 12dn was a sparkling clue: In the musical "Nellie" surely = IN+EVITA+BLY. Another entertaining puzzle thanks Shirl.
- An excellent cryptic. FURPHY gets my COTM - just ahead of DRESSCIRCLE. What a great 4ac. My COTM, closely followed by 11ac. Shirl really gives value doesn't she?
- Shirl's puzzles are always high standard. 19dn somewhat of a problem, as I am not a rugby fanatic.
- Unusual looking grid but, not unusually, good clues from the first to the last. Though I wonder how many of our solvers have heard of the rugby player (19dn)?
- Unusually for one of Shirl's puzzles there were a couple of clues I couldn't quite verify - 2dn & 11ac. In 21dn, is "rubbish" a fair indicator for "RATS"? On the other hand I loved 4ac, 6ac & 24ac. It's going to be a tough month for picking a COTM.
- 10ac should be an animal, not a bird, but 4ac is for COTM.
- I am not happy about 19dn (FLATLY). Coming from an AFL state I had never heard of the chap until a fan filled me in. I think it is wrong to use regional clues involving name/places as there is no way of finding the answer in the usual references.

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Irene Watts  
Jim Colles  
Jenny Wenham  
Max Roddick  
Barb Ibbott

**March 3-2006: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)**

- Some clever clues. Took me ages to find a dog breed SLOUGHI.
- I found the bottom left corner of this puzzle difficult to solve especially 31ac SLOUGH+I for the dog entry in *Chambers Dictionary*. 24ac: with 'bowled' & 'expressed' in this clue I was almost certain the answer ended in ED. Not so! 'Bowled by spinner' = GOOGLY 'Gooch for the most part' = GOO 'expressed delight' = sounded 'delight' = GLY (glee) I then deleted first attempts of CROWED, GLOWED & HOOTED! 22ac: took some analysis S+AYA+PRAY+ER where AYA is almost AYAH (lady's maid). 27ac: Cap = KEPI. 'off' + anagind, 'steak-pie but doesn't satisfy' = delete SATE from STEAK-PIE then scramble giving anagram of K-PIE = KEPI, phew!! 26ac: 'Argon distilled from the bottom of the flask' = DEWAR - AR = DEN. Overall this was tough puzzle to crack!
- 31ac sent me on a wild dog chase. None of my references showed the obvious answer - SLOUGHI. There was SHOUGH, SHOWGHE but no SLOUGHI. I asked the computer and in 2 secs flat up it came!
- Some nice clues here especially 17dn. 31ac was pretty obscure, but *Wikipedia* helped, fortunately.
- I found this puzzle rather a mixture, amusing, many clever clues and others a little too 'smart'. 31ac is in that category - very involved - a puzzle within a puzzle and seemingly a little deficient (where does the 'E' come from?)
- Even though my COTM is in this puzzle there were some very suspect clues (eg 31ac where there does not appear to be a word existing to fit with the interlocking letters. I've just had a guess with spongei).
- A lot of very clever clues in this one. However, apart from the 'iodine' bit, I'm more than somewhat bemused by the second part of the clue for 31ac. Also, can't find the 'dog' spelling apparently required. A spot of enlightenment would be appreciated.
- New words galore! Not many problems with this one, though for some odd reason I can't figure out 14ac (assuming I have it right). In 8dn, can "sapling" reasonably be used as an indicator for "infant", especially when "infant" is not actually the answer? A sapling, according to *Chambers*, is a young, immature person. This is not necessarily an infant. Redemption comes in the form of 11ac, 18 & 1ac, 21ac and 6dn.
- Lots of fun and clever clues - 27dn the best.
- I just about threw in the towel over 31ac and have settled on SPONGEI as the best of a poor choice even if there is no such word. I did consider STODGEI which would incorporate dogs but again there is no such word. Help!

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Rob Watson  
Irene Watts  
Hilary Cromer  
Jim Colles  
Jenny Wenham  
Max Roddick  
Barb Ibbott

**March 4-2006: AJ by Sue Donim (Bruce Austin)**

- B: BIOS = Basic Input Output System, for a computer. E: 'Finish' = END 'off with out loud' = OFF - FF = O explosions = BLASTS. N: 'snogging in the centre' = NOGGIN. What a fool! = NIGNOG! O: OG+RE+SS+ES where OG = Leaderless dog & Gestapo = SS. P: Ship rigged without publisher = SHIP+RIGG 'that is so' has to be the anagind! 'that is made so' would be a better indicator of an anagram. S: 'A lack of power' indicates a noun answer. SCARCE is an adjective hidden in 'John's car cellular' better indicated by 'lacking'. (Answer is not SCARCITY). U: Elevating = UP, the eighteenth = R, I vocalise = I+sing = UPRISING. T: TENSIMETER is an instrument for measuring vapour pressure (tension?) This certainly was a challenging A-J. Thanks Sue Donim.
- This kept me on my toes for quite a while.
- Some dodgy definitions here? According to my dictionary: (F) Flag-worms don't eat fabric; they eat reeds or irises. (O) The Gestapo were the secret police, not the SS (who were elite military guards). (T) A tensimeter measures vapour pressure, not tension. Not helped by indirect anagrams (e.g. V, Z) and missing/dodgy anagram indicators (e.g. D, K, N)
- Love the AJs. They often seem to suggest little stories to me, especially when they have words such as JAGUARS, DAIMLER, WESTEND, NIGNOG and INBETWEENS. Thank you for a good one Sue Donim.
- This puzzle was a most enjoyable AJ to tackle, with some interesting answers, and very fair and solvable clues.
- A very enjoyable AJ with nothing too obscure, but still challenging and satisfying to solve.
- A tensimeter measures vapour pressure - a tensiometer measures tension - according to my dictionary.
- Hooray for a straightforward AJ.

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**March 5-2006: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)**

- Wonderful as always - especially estranged, aquaria, life. But - please explain 2dn and was Paris a king?
  - Very distingué, if I may say so.
  - Some great ideas here. It's a delight to read polished surfaces like 12ac, 30ac, 1dn, 8dn, 22dn and lots of others. I'd have written 9dn as 'Jessop circled verse in book.' Never miss an opportunity like that again. 1ac: Clever idea of initial letter substitution, but I'm not sure about the wisdom giving away the next six letters of the solution. 6ac: Lovely clue, with its reference to the Odyssey. 32ac: Does 'stokes' = 's?' 6dn: Slums? I've inhabited some very nice squats in my time. 9dn: Pretty meaningless anagram - nothing very cognate about solfaing and Ed's (who's he?) foal. 24dn: What was Paris king of? I think he was just a naughty little prince.
  - 2dn: very neat. 31ac: Can we STAMP out these dubious unhinted first-name-only clues? 24dn: one learns something new every day; I thought Paris was only a prince of Troy. (Don't tell Priam!).
  - 12ac: DI + STING + U + E, a 'striking' clue for this answer! 24dn: My reference gives PARIS as a king's son. Did he become a king?
- Many thanks Roy for your engaging cryptic.
- Surprised myself by solving a Praxis puzzle. They are usually beyond my abilities.
  - Too many good clues to particularise. Another *distingue* offering from the Ximenes master.

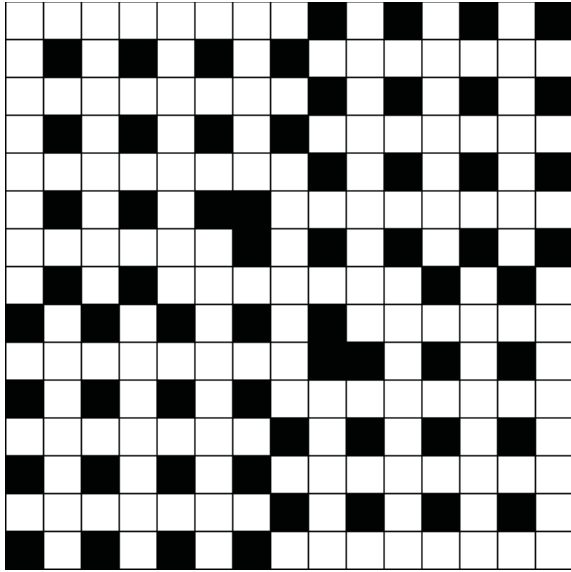
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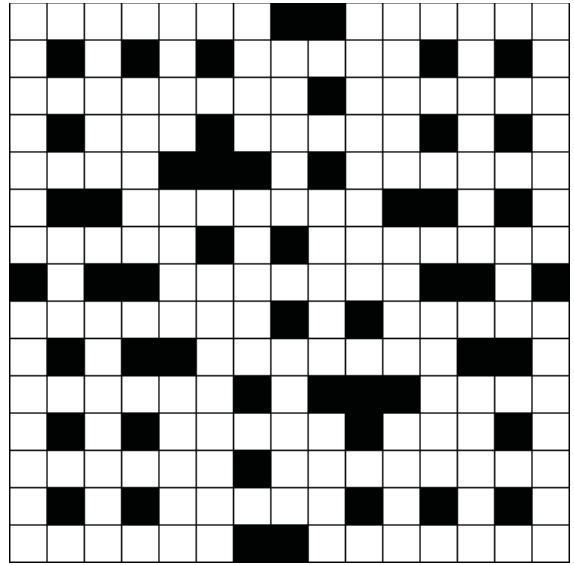
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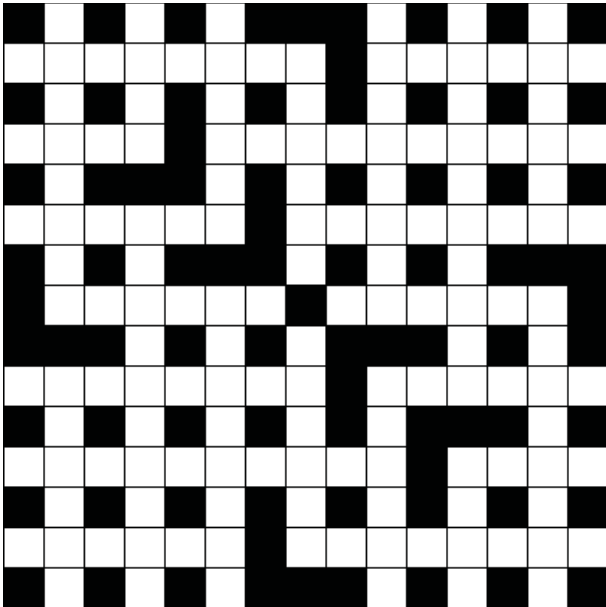
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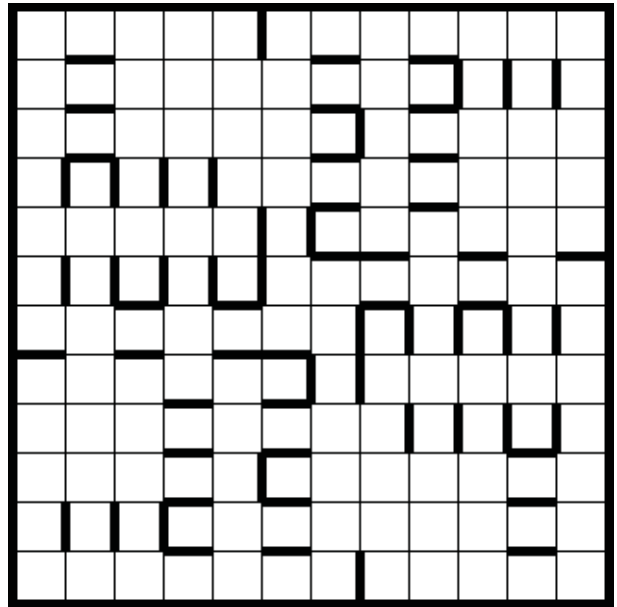
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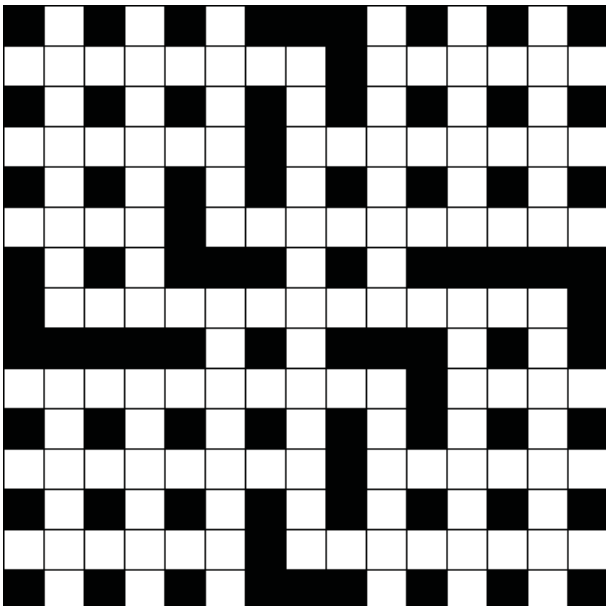
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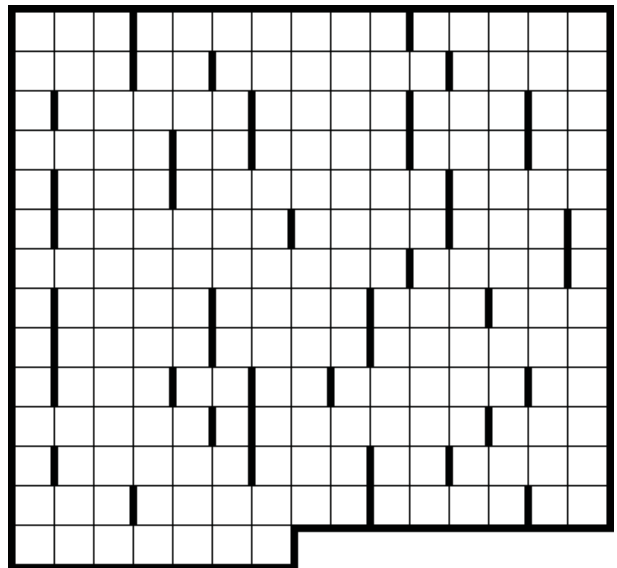
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Clue of the Month .....

**February 6 – 2006: High and Dry by Praxis (Roy Wilson)**

**Entries: 63. Correct: 55. Success Rate: 87.3%. Prizewinners: Jean Barbour and Jim Colles. Congratulations!**

**Solvers' Comments:**

- Enjoyed this puzzle very much. Gave your "MORGUE" COTM. *Bill Bennett*
- Thanks for the interesting puzzle. You had me searching for mountains and deserts initially (high & dry) and the "Geographical reference". Was this intended? (No, Catherine, but what a splendid idea!) What a tease! (See below for an explanation of 12 ac) *Catherine Foster*
- Your puzzle gave me quite a tussle – all the more satisfying to get out – correctly I hope! (No problems) *Pat Garner*
- All clues were excellently constructed and you included sufficient obscure answers to have me rifling through *Chambers*. *John Gillis*
- My first impression of this excellent puzzle "too large a portion of unclued lights." My final impression was "perhaps too helpful a puzzle – title". To put it another way, a very nicely balanced puzzle. *Iain MacDougall*
- Some tough clues and some imaginative clue constructions. *Ian McKenzie*
- Once again brilliantly devised and executed – five highs, five dries and five h & ds. A great challenge to solve, let alone set. Many thanks. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Your puzzle was great. *Praxis* at his best. The theme had me guessing for a long time, I did not know where the third group was coming from, you are a very cunning gentleman. Morgue was a winner. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Nice one Roy! Great clues – they are always fair. *Audrey Ryan*
- Thanks for more enjoyment. Took me ages to get even one out – but eventually persistence was rewarded with the satisfaction of seeing how your mind works. Especially liked UFOS, SMUT, YETI. *Brian Symons*
- The unclued words had me scouring my Thesaurus when my brain went dry, but once I'd finished, I was really on a high. *Betty Siegman*
- Up to your usual high standard. A few pennies yet to drop, but I'll keep pondering. *Rob Watson*
- Your puzzle was clever and entertaining. *Alan Walter*
- A good one, as usual, thank you. Very challenging and time consuming. *Kay & Ian Williams*

**Adjudicator's Comments:** 12 ac: Peru(sal); 15 ac: 'Laver's (Laver has) girl's ('s is superfluous) back....' 3 dn: Accepted both 'STONED' & 'STOKED' but 'STOREY', as a noun, did not quite seem to fit; 4 dn: aria (rev)/RM (Marines (OS) - British; 20 dn: ha(Liz - rev)y. Alas, once again, there were several transcription errors. —Praxis (Roy Wilson)

**Results of Quiz No. 2/2006: Lovely Ladies by Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

**Prize-winner: Heather Zucal. Congratulations!**

**Solutions:** 1. Anna Pavlova, 2. Ashley Judd, 3. Belinda Green, 4. Bernadette Peters, 5. Betty Grable, 6. Diana Rigg, 7. Elle Macpherson, 8. Gertrude Moran, 9. Glenda Jackson, 10. Jennifer Hawkins, 11. Joanna Lumley, 12. Julia Roberts 13. Julie Andrews, 14. Kathryn Grayson, 15. Lily Langtry, 16. Marilyn Monroe 17. Molly Ringwald, 18. Rita Hayworth, 19. Vera-Ellen, 20. Zsa Zsa Gabor.

**Scores:** 20: Y. Ainsworth, J Barbour, B. Cockburn, J. Colles, M. Collins, P. Garner, B. Glissan, V. Howard, S. Howells, B. Ibbott, A. Jermy, D. Jones, C. Jones, D. Kennedy, D. Meek, C. Noble, Ted O'Brien, D. Procter, M. Procter, W. Ryan, B. Seigman, B. Solomon, F. Solomon, J. Standard, J. Smith, J. Stocks, B. Symons, S. Trollope, M. Veress, L. Waites, A. Walter, I. Watts, J. Wenham, C. Wilcox, D. Window and H. Zucal. 19.5: K. Audrins, D. Davidson, C. Foster, L.J. Howard, G. Leeds, R. O'Rourke, J. Parker, Nea Storey and I. Williams. 19: B. Foote, A. Ryan, V. Dinham, M. Kennedy and J. McGrath, 18.5: Bill Bennett.

**Adjudicator's comments:**

In late January, I received in my mailbag a solution to my *Instrumental Movies*, Quiz No. 6 2005! Postmarked 19<sup>th</sup> January 2006 from Seal Rocks – must have been stuck in the bottom of the postbag! All answers were correct by the way. For *Lovely Ladies*, I received 51 entries, all with good scores– very pleasing. Minor errors cost some half-points – 'McPherson' for MacPherson, 'Zaa Zaa' for Zsa Zsa. It was Julie Andrews not Julie Anthony in *My Fair Lady* on the London stage. Spellings of Joanna, Julia and Julie confused some. Langtree was a popular but incorrect alternative for Langtry, but Lily and Lillie were both accepted. Thanks for all your positive comments. The request for a Handsome Hunks quiz has been noted and will be duly considered. *Audrey*

**General comments:**

- I agree with Irene Watts that *Virgo* should have been up there with Shirl and Roy as I always enjoy her puzzles. *Marian Procter*
- I was pleased to see the comments by Irene Watts in this month's issue regarding the voting for COTY last month. Your contributions to the ACC deserve the highest compliments. *Jim Colles*
- Thanks to Col for drawing my name out of the hat for a prize last month. Much appreciated. *Audrey Austin*

## The Crozworld Compendium vol 6 Results

Quiz No 6: Succinct Spelling by Brian Symons

**Prizewinner: Catherine Foster**

**Answers:** B, C, G, X, T, Q, W, SA, OG, KN, XS, IC, DL, MT, CD, RER, TDS, FEG, BDR, MNNC, XLNC, APRE, XUVI, RKDN, XPDNC.

No 19: Explorers Galore by Stroz

**Prizewinner: Roy Wilson**

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No 20: Double Acrostic by Aeolian

**Prizewinner: Doreen Jones**

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Poem: *Rondeau*  
Author: James Henry Leigh Hunt

Max Roddick: The puzzle was designed for those who think that a Double Acrostic becomes too easy once the poem is recognised. It was necessary that every answer be completed and correctly spelt. That done, there remained on the verse-grid eleven cells not used in the answers:

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