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Words won't make the wheels of a mill go round.
Proverbial (Albanian)

GRIDATORIAL

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous level of donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2004. It looks like the New Year will be a bumper one for the ACC!

The details of renewals can be found in column 7 of the Table on page 2 and the names of those who have kindly donated to the Prize Fund 2004 can be found on p9. Many thanks for your generous sponsorship of the ACC in 2004.

For those who have not yet renewed, it's not too late! It costs only \$50 for a year of cruciverbal challenge and we will provide free of charge the *Crowz World Compendium* with 3 prize crosswords, 35 previously unpublished puzzles and 2 Quizzes. All in all it promises to be puzzlement on a grand scale!

The Sydney Get-Together was a successful and cheerful occasion for those who attended. See Bev Cockburn's entertaining report on p9. Don't forget about the Victorian Crossmas Cruciverbal to be held on 14 December (see p9). And Doug Butler is organising another popular Crowz Consort for Christmas 2003 on 13 December. See p9 for details.

We have another challenging selection of puzzles for you this month. Noel Jessop is back with another of his well-crafted Half & Half puzzles, there are masterful cryptics by Sue Donim and Southern Cross and in the AJ Slot, we welcome back St Jude. Virgo returns with an interesting Slot 5 and the Aussie 'Ximenean' Praxis provides us with another of his superlative puzzles Left, Right & Centre. Brian Symons has devised an innovative Quiz. Many thanks to all our compilers for their outstanding contributions to perfect Oz puzzles.

Happy puzzling!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Slot 1: AT for AS, TZAR for CZAR at 7ac, making TA instead of CA at 7 dn. S blank K at 14dn were the only errors. STROZ is to be congratulated from the ACC Members Appreciation Society (ACCMAS) for including so many Melbourne Cup winners in such a small grid. I can only imagine the work that went into compiling it!

Slot 2: Many complaints from members – the bugbear 27dn with only the most common vowel, E, and the most common consonant, S, being the only intersecting letters. Couple this with an obscure word found only in very few dictionaries, plus a tricky clue, resulted in the downfall of many stalwart solvers. Every imaginable guess from BEDS to WEBS, and the two most popular answers, METS (abbreviation of METROPOLISES) and NEWS (which did include all the 'roads', if not in the intended order). Congratulations to those who DID manage to come up with 'WENS'!

Slot 3: Few problems here. SPAGINE/SPAGANE for SPAGONE, ABBID for ABBEY and, in a couple of cases, blank squares accounting for the 9 incorrect entries.

Slot 4: GENERALIZATION (the American spelling of GENERALISATION) resulted in the majority of lost ticks. Check the clue again!

Slot 5: Many solvers expressed their dislike of the circular grids with answers that can start anywhere and go either clockwise or anticlockwise and refuse to even attempt them. Apart from 2 entries with blank squares all that did enter were correct and the ACCMAS appreciated the way the two Melbourne Cup messages were incorporated.

Clue of the month from 37 members

By far Slot 2, 25ac with eight votes. Three votes went to Slot 5, 14 dn and three to Slot 2 for 27dn – the latter from some members simply because they were stumped! Is that the way to judge the COTM? Or should we go for a clever clue that is not so obscure?

Thanks to my friend the Internet surfer who sent the page of humorous one-liners. The one I liked best would make a good crossword clue: Q. 'How does a backward poet write?' A. Inverse.

Thanks also to Aileen, Barbara and Irene for the lovely postcards, and to all who sent messages with good wishes to the adjudicator. Get well soon, Barb!
—Audrey Austin

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	90	74	81	89	69	403
Correct entries	69	45	73	81	67	335
Success rate %	76.6	61.0	90.1	91.0	97.1	83.1
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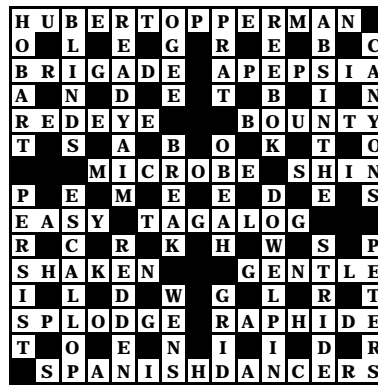
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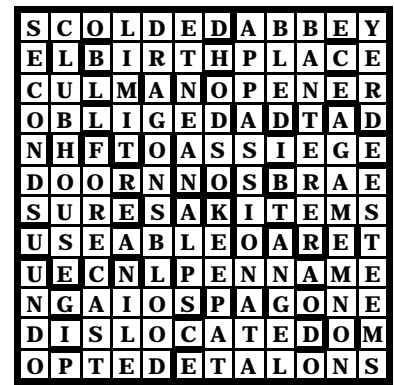
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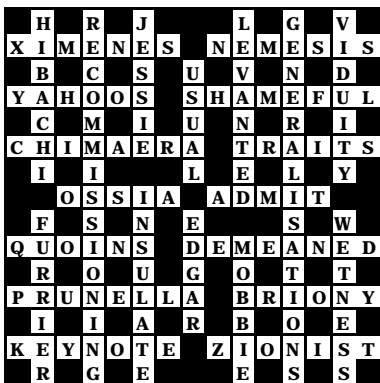
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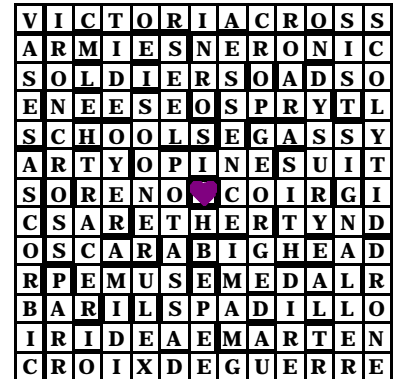
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November 5-2003

- 1 Test
- 2 Soap
- 3 Mesh
- 4 Stet
- 5 Sham
- 6 Topi
- 7 Sore
- 8 Flit
- 9 Peas
- 10 Tans
- 11 Ions
- 12 Hist
- 13 Mars
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October 6-2003



First Past the Post
This Race that Stops a Nation

Purple Heart

MEMBERS RESULTS FOR NOVEMBER 2003

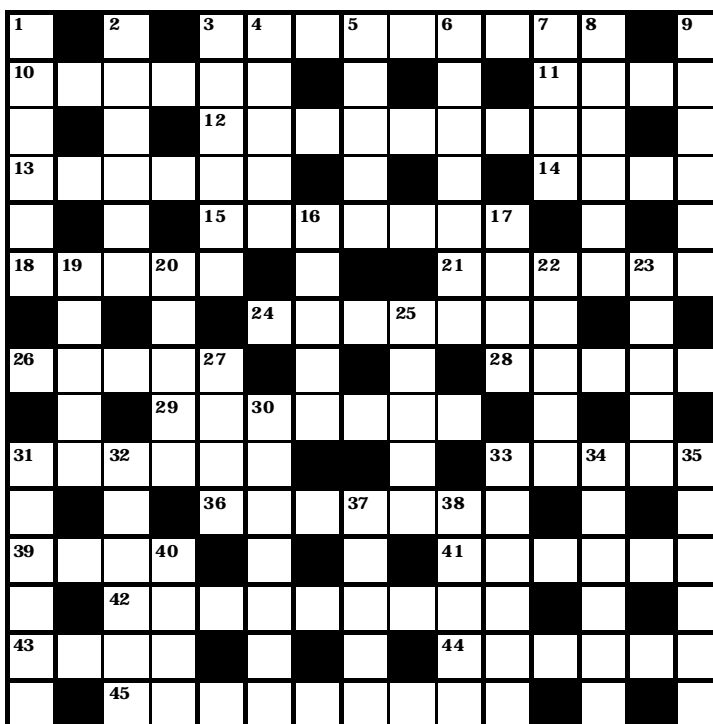
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop

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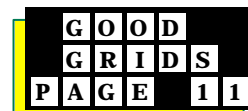
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- 10 Artillery piece (6)
- 11 Atmosphere (4)
- 12 Conciseness (9)
- 13 Writer (6)
- 14 Attention-getting expression (4)
- 15 Charming (7)
- 18 Europeans (5)
- 21 Required (6)
- 24 Pebbly (7)
- 26 Lively dance (5)
- 28 Tropical creeper (5)
- 29 Let (7)
- 31 Baby's sock (6)
- 33 Once more (5)
- 36 Scorn (7)
- 39 Fume (4)
- 41 Inuit dwellings (6)
- 42 City in Alaska (9)
- 43 Small car (4)
- 44 Frenchwoman (6)
- 45 Helmsman (9)

Down

- 1 Diverted sloppy sea mud (6)
- 2 Thirsty? Manage a preliminary shot? (3, 3)
- 3 Teachers scatter in Brisbane, but not northeast (6)
- 4 Blundered with hesitation on colour (5)
- 5 Best conceivable ladies' endless confusion (5)
- 6 Wounding fly in front of garden (7)
- 7 Shuttle organisers name a state (4)
- 8 Guinea discard was effusive (6)
- 9 Left Greek character in a little Jewish authority (6)
- 16 Some buy a hood for a lout (5)
- 17 Held centre in class room (4)
- 19 A beat round historical old mission (5)
- 20 Fighting craft to be raised around midday (1-4)
- 22 Looking upon English philosophical principle at midnight (5)
- 23 A rotten nuisance contains a feeling of weariness (5)
- 25 No Scots vip unfinished in colourful spots (5)
- 27 Offered in excuse police advanced (4)
- 30 General revolutionary; English nut (7)
- 31 Sadly bemire old rowing boat (6)
- 32 Mains as once constructed (6)
- 33 Starting to amend, for example, English article in the main? (6)
- 34 Priest rising without alternative outside morality (6)
- 35 President taken back by blockhead with hesitation (6)
- 37 Shaves spare contrivance (5)
- 38 Magi's upset Greek character (5)
- 40 Make network in black nitrate (4)

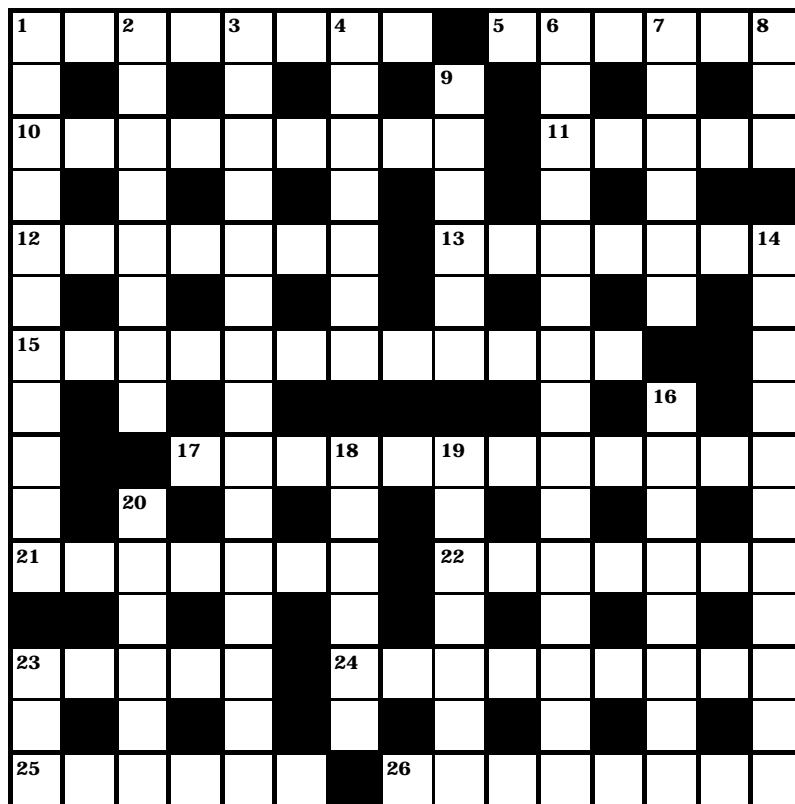
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CRYPTIC
by
Sue Donim

DECEMBER 2 2003



Across

- 1 Poor chip moans about misplaced point to defend the cause (8)
- 5 Tango with her, say on street creates an eager desire (6)
- 10 She, myself and Ted followed entry and benefited (9)
- 11 To make harmless in lunar moon cycle (5)
- 12 Cretin's first half failing leads to narrow opening (7)
- 13 Extraordinary S.O.B. - complicated like a towering pillar (7)
- 15 Ron reading French one fell apart whilst flying by night (5,1,6)
- 17 A pace with female bird is almost over - tea for two serves up an Olympic running champion (7, 5)
- 21 Equals lost pound and dollar, but gained hill for imaginary circle (7)
- 22 Pinhead was last in charge of the polymeric substance (7)
- 23 French friend declines the acid (5)
- 24 Back within the laic, if I decide to, it will make my building structural (9)
- 25 A lawsuit from the south east to delight (6)
- 26 Street entry American coloured on trygon (8)

Down

- 1 Crime Officer enters the C.I.D., runs into the fence without any loudness, and secures a lucky break (11)
- 2 The lathe shifted with a jerk, proving it is strong and vigorous (8)
- 3 Even Rex instantly met electrically charged particles to secure vehicle areas (7, 8)
- 4 Neither in or out, we are past our use by date (7)
- 6 Head Office makes use of French company and food allocation to spruce up premises (5, 10)
- 7 Musician's mate reads only after dinner, if ever, at the beginning of tour (6)
- 8 Mum's cat prefers to sleep in the back of the motor car (3)
- 9 Advertisement will meet and lie next to (6)
- 14 Family and alien in charge of friend produced thoughtful change of motion (11)
- 16 Warm greeting with hesitation in extremely barren open country (8)
- 18 Spared badly and analysed a sentence (6)
- 19 First rubber tenpin collapses to give an enlarged photograph (7)
- 20 Commencing further undertakings to initialise legitimate enterprise is useless (6)
- 23 Unit of current from an insurance company (3)

CRYPTIC
by
Southern
Cross

DECEMBER 3 2003



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Across

- 1 Bergman seen here? (6)
- 4 Smart Alec we must take in is an oddly dressed figure (4, 3)
- 9 One leaves alliance about to — suddenly! (3,2,4)
- 10 Used for measuring arrangement of “The Doors” (5)
- 11 Problem child (5)
- 12 Rice producer takes stick-in-the-mud to the French songwriter (4, 5)
- 13 Lorna possibly batting? It could be murder! (2,3,2)
- 15 Passenger vehicle returns with German volunteer (6)
- 17 Succeeds in obtaining boards (4, 2)
- 19 Sent up to be looked after like a baby, lacking nothing at first (7)
- 22 Carries out brochures containing brief solution (9)
- 24 Popular singer accompanies king in African country (5)
- 26 Enamel isn’t commonly used on piano (5)
- 27 Going on and on like Schubert’s “Unfinished”? (2,3,2,2)
- 28 Meet by chance in organised Inn Tour (3, 4)
- 29 Abide by article shown to Lawrence before (6)

Down

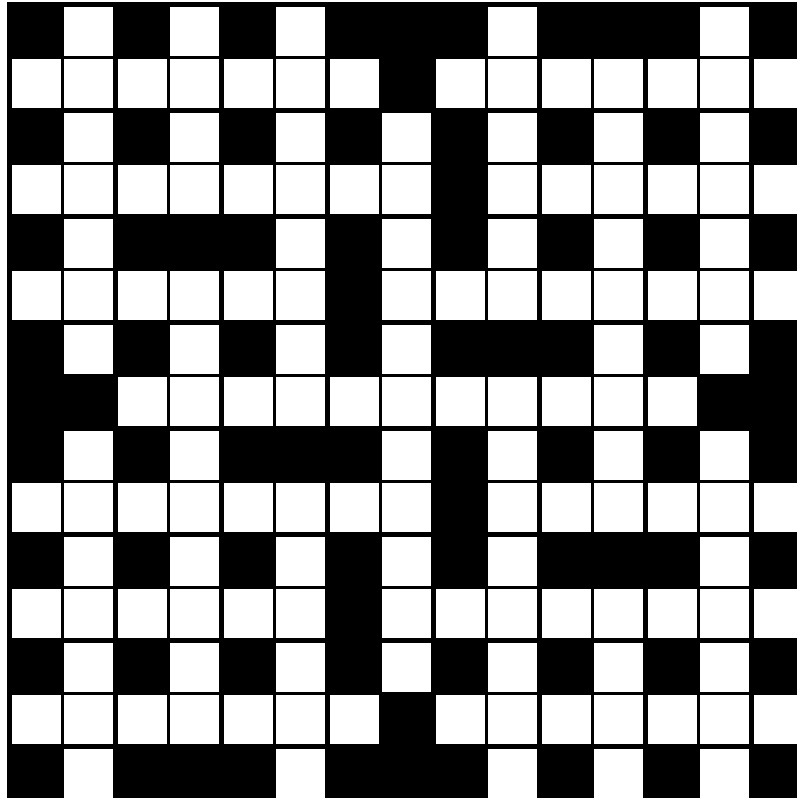
- 1 Awkwardly placed in taxi, nab Indian driver (2,1,4)
- 2 Attacks of wind from drinks after midnight (5)
- 3 Wines then distributed, as recently announced (2,3,4)
- 4 Little food wanted in sad movies (7)
- 5 Get rid of Bush! (5)
- 6 Leave God out and prepare fire? Heaven’s above! (4, 5)
- 7 Invariably agreeable males? (3-3)
- 8 Veiled nun moves around diocese (6)
- 14 Party in Brazil, for example (3, 6)
- 16 Helped, reportedly, after office building is cut off by troops (9)
- 18 It’s not possible to have party after canon goes off (2,3,2)
- 19 Ornamental bands for windows (6)
- 20 National Serviceman found in floating platform in river (7)
- 21 Put up in almost painful daze (6)
- 23 Attended, as a visitor, in lustrous silk (5)
- 25 Soon rising, judge finally indicates hangman’s halter (5)

AJ
by
St Jude

DECEMBER 4 2003



Solve the clues and fit the answers where you can.
All answers begin with the leading letter.

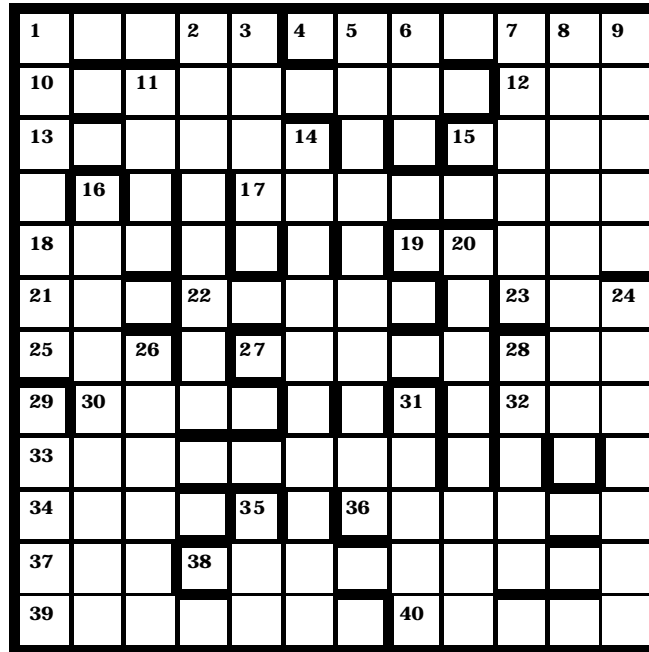


- A** A matter for debate is spoken; a violent expiration is heard (7)
- B** Ample woman to marry twice (6)
- C** Apache fighter captured chuckwagon occupant? (4)
- D** Desmond holds in jargon then dispenses it (7)
- E** Gone back with my horse for a drink (6)
- F** Head for deadly astatine on Zeus' heiffer (8)
- G** Big girl takes account and indicates approval (except item K) (8)
- H** Vat of hair manufactured into cheese (7)
- I** Formless, slow movement of doughnut goddess (8)
- J** Merry sweetheart is mostly round (7)
- K** My fate is revealed - I'm bouzouki smitten (6)
- L** Crazy endless void returns for a moment (7)
- M** Memory helps Scotsman in charge of second ascent follow a solemn pair, ultimately to Everest's summit (9)
- N** Intelligent to trim small cut around damaged toe (6)
- O** Transport all of a computer part ... (7)
- P** ... for Irishman who's shin is near (8)
- Q** French who take alien with us find release from debt (7)
- R** Ladder above squash (3, 4)
- S** Gritty half of sage bush long used (8)
- T** Check, pitch and thrash (6)
- U** Bookmaker, who absents himself from eating and buries a Potato, is displacing things (9)
- V** Golly, evil ox stampedes to study standards (11)
- W** Bite back to hold in fading strength (6)
- X** Unknown talk unsettled Olsen, Age 6 (11)
- Y** Leaky rum spilt into cap (8)
- Z** A sharp upward movement returns most of sludge to edge of the mire (4)

DECEMBER 5 2003

'Bloody History'
by
Virgo

The unclued lights have something in common



[rrp: \$75]

Across

- 1 A halo suited to a greeting (5)
- 4 The stage is set for those with a bias (7)
- 10 Right angle gets lost in a poke oddly enough (9)
- 12 Those years in which a hospital drama came first (3)
- 13 Spell 'flavour' (6)
- 15 A fool with a trap is flitting about (4)
- 17 Buck fixed toy to remove all poisons (8)
- 18 Turkish official swings both ways (3)
- 19 Damn these small-fitting garments! (4)
- 21 Donate a grand that is in the Highlands (3)
- 22 So one can loop the loop (5)
- 23 Grisly bears aren't half cunning! (3)
- 25 Agma in England loses the plot (3)
- 27 A circle or part of it (5)
- 28 A board game, once upon a time (3)
- 30 Perhaps see you spell 'astrological conjunction'? (4)
- 32 The French warhead canon (3)
- 33 (8)
- 34 An awkward turn for the little one (4)
- 36 There's plenty for 'Pussy' (6)
- 37 Before choosing one way or the other (3)

- 38 Bloomer lowers fun at sea (9)
- 39 The crummiest old rumours in the street (7)
- 40 Some itinerant southern lawgiver (5)

Down

- 1 Calm the battered sausage (7)
- 2 (8)
- 3 Pole 'done a runner' (5)
- 5 (10)
- 6 Mel shook this tree (3)
- 7 See Sir Dicky get one after the other! (6)
- 8 (9)
- 9 Ray's interfered with model in butterfly (5)
- 11 Krishna takes the Sun God to meet mother (4)
- 14 (3, 7)
- 16 (9)
- 20 (8)
- 24 Rowley's put out the noisy dogs (7)
- 26 Old coin — New land! (6)
- 28 Gangster owns semi permit (5)
- 29 (5)
- 31 Handheld bend in pipe-song (5)
- 35 A drop in the morning, or so we're told, is appropriate (3)

**Left, Right
and Centre
by
Praxis**

**Prize
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Clues are presented in symmetrical pairs, side by side without overlapping, either may be first and the division between clues need not be marked by punctuation. Which goes where may be determined by solving the lettered clues. These answers are all words of seven letters and must be entered in a jumbled form horizontally in the seven consecutive squares of which the appropriate lettered square is the central one. They thus extend across the left, centre and right sections of the diagram (e.g. in the case of A from the fourth letter of 1ac to the first letter of 8ac). In the completed diagram, the central column (A to K) will be seen the name of a prominent man of letters. His other name is in the body of the puzzle and clued by a secondary indicator only.

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	34					J	35					
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Across

- 1, 37 Sea's about to turn over more bass; salt's affected base and the edges (6, 6)
- 8, 36 Strip roofing material to be trimmed, set out over a bearing (4, 4)
- 12, 35 For a short time prophet's first to have state backing all study about old city's accord (6, 6)
- 13, 34 Asgard's inhabitants aged, with knight dead I adjusted rent (5, 5)
- 14, 33 Cheat bowled over German Wimbledon champ hateful crowd's starting to hiss (4, 4)
- 15, 32 Sestet arranged to fly a record over first-class! Leaves one speechless! (6, 6)
- 16, 30 Formerly some owner started on a wing in the style of Russia's leader (4, 4)
- 17, 27 Doctor left a number running over to soak the woman's lands (6, 6)
- 18, 26 Bert's upset, the French singer rejected prime beef fillet (6, 6)
- 21, 25 I'm starting to produce a fine old brew, come on over in the fall (6, 6)

Down

- 1, 11 Spy's after direction from leader, new stance's embracing former dirty money in Glasgow (11, 11)
- 2, 31 Old nobleman picked up the caviar and left the fish alone (4, 4)
- 3, 24 So covering the grain seeds, observe the ferment (6, 6)
- 4, 22 Evil spirit embraced nasty habit going up to feast on thrushes (7, 7)
- 5, 29 Saharan areas' work units covered 150 this time (4, 4)
- 6, 20 Golden mood surrounds English and French set-up, the plant's about to make money (7, 7)
- 7, 28 Change drill, thus expose Norse metal in Scotland (4, 4)
- 9, 23 Brood? Rubbish! Fools brood about right course (6, 6)
- 10, 19 Dad rose, he's upset over parts of orbits' paths artist set up for magazine (7, 7)

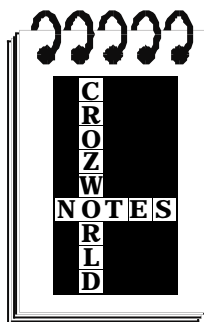
Lettered Clues (7)

- A It's true, the expert grabbed a hundred points
- B Saucy girl's back with spirit
- C Scot's gooseberry's starting to grow about resort
- D Old Olympian's ways used to address superiors
- E Piper admitted ego is starting to manipulate piano technique
- F Becomes darker over American territory! Answer?

- G Composed again on Western instrument
- H Change salesman's tie
- I Game dog turned, he's heading for the big fellow
- J Dress to accommodate the climate
- K Logged different tree in the finish

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CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2003. It's not too late to register for the annual Victorian Christmas lunch to be held at noon on Sunday 14 December 2003 at the Heritage Room, Bruce County Motel, 445 Blackburn Road, Mt Waverley which is conveniently situated adjacent to the South Eastern freeway. Cost for the 3-course lunch is \$33.00. Bookings and enquiries to Valerie Howard, 2/22 Gloucester St, Mt Waverley 3149, ph (03) 9808 4392. Cheques payable to the ACC asap. Book auction. Special guest: Shirl O'Brien aka the famous crossword compiler *Southern Cross*.

CROWZ CONSORT FOR CHRISTMAS 2003.

Every year our SA Crowzworld luncheon gets later, and this year it is on Saturday 13 December from 12 noon. Once again it's at the Fleet Street restaurant (on Pulteney Street, near Hindmarsh Square). We will be running the 'book bran tub' again so be prepared - bring something remarkable but not expensive, wrapped in brown paper. There is no need to book, but feel free to contact Doug Butler on (08) 8296-3878. Of course any friends you bring will be more than welcome.

SYDNEY GET-TOGETHER-16 November. "The luncheon went off beautifully. The Boardroom venue was very pleasant with a spectacular view, the food delicious and the smaller group made for much easier interaction. We went around the room, each present telling of his or her interest in crosswords, how they found out about the ACC and what the club meant to them. It was wonderful to hear how the club has impacted on their lives and that they think the club is fantastic. In lieu of his inability to be present and to keep his promise to supply a lucky door prize, William Ryan sent a case of his marvellous wine so many got a lovely bottle of William's wine to take home which was very well received by all as you can imagine. Steve supplied a very cute Quiz which was set during the meal, table against table. This was lots of fun and narrowly won by table 2! We raised \$70 with a sale of books. Most people agreed the intimate luncheon was just as good if not better than the larger functions." —*Bev Cockburn*

MEMBER NEWS

A warm welcome back to **Nicholas King** from Moonah, Tas. Great to have you back Nicholas with plenty of puzzlement in 2004.



A Bunch of Fives
by **Brian Symons**

Send your entries on this or a separate sheet to: Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232

or by e-mail to: brian_symons@bigpond.com.au
Closing mail date: Friday 9 January 2004.
Prize \$50.

Four items of each 'fiver' are given. The 5th is to be supplied which either (a) completes a recognised set of five or (b) is the fifth term of a continuing sequence based on some chronological, historical, scientific, linguistic or other logic. (a) and (b) occur in equal numbers.

- 1 Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Order, F _ _ _ _ _ (6)
- 2 Thumb, Index, Middle, Ring, _ _ _ _ I _ (6)
- 3 Footrace, Discus, Long Jump, Wrestling, _ _ V _ _ _ _ (7)
- 4 Ostrich, Emu, Cassowary, Rhea, E _ _ _ _ _ (7, 7)
- 5 Aisle, Bdelium, Czar, Djinn, _ _ _ _ R (5)
- 6 Hydrogen, Helium, Oxygen, Carbon, _ _ _ _ (4)
- 7 Cervical, Thoracic, Lumbar, Sacral, _ _ _ _ _ (9)
- 8 Todman, Skyline, Fine and Dandy, Sky High, _ _ _ _ _ (5, 5)
- 9 Magnum, Jeroboam, Rehoboam, Methuselah, _ _ _ _ _ (10)
- 10 R, O, Y, G, _ (1)
- 11 Cube, Tetrahedron, Octahedron, Dodecahedron, _ _ _ _ _ (11)
- 12 Julian, Dicky, George, Anne, _ _ _ _ _ (5)
- 13 Acheron, Styx, Phlegethon, Cocytus, _ _ _ _ _ (5)
- 14 Q, W, E, R, _ (1)
- 15 Roosevelt, Fairbanks, Sherman, Marshall, _ _ _ _ _ (8)
- 16 Kaccha, Kangha, Kara, Kesh, _ _ _ _ _ (6)
- 17 Sandwich, Dover, Hythe, Romney, _ _ _ _ _ (8)
- 18 Doric, Ionic, Corinthian, Composite, _ _ _ _ _ (6)
- 19 Gargarin, Titov, Glenn, Carpenter, _ _ _ _ _ (9)
- 20 USA, UK, France, China, _ _ _ _ _ (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- My thanks to the club and to Audrey Ryan for my win in Slot 4 last month. *Jim Colles*
- Many thanks for the good book prize I won for the October slot 1. It will be very useful to me. *Lilian Crane*
- Re October 2-2003: 25ac: Tablier. *Chambers* 1998 2nd definition 'lie' to press. 4dn. treecreeper is 11 letters in *Macquarie*. 32ac. TERMINI. The clue was 'Boundary stones an end in Italy'. 'An end' (*Chambers*) is term and ini = 'in Italy' as Audrey Ryan suggested. My apologies for the 29dn Alibi clue - I completely forgot the extra 'I'. *Joan Smith*
- This month's puzzles were up to the excellent standard of the club which I hope was appreciated and enjoyed by all. *Bev Cockburn*
- Since joining the club, crosswords and I have moved to a whole new plane. Thank you! *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- Boy! The ACC must have spies everywhere. Thank you for the very flattering story in the November *Crowzworld* on my career and retirement. *Brian Tickle*
- The puzzles this month were a very time consuming lot. I'm not sure yet whether GENS for 27dn in No. 2 is correct - but nothing else made sense. *Bob Hagan*
- I have just heard from my daughter that the prize cheque for Sept 6 2003 has arrived in the mail. It was a real thrill to win this prize particularly as I enjoyed the battle with that puzzle so very much. Many thanks to all concerned and congratulations on such a well-run and pleasure giving Club. *Dell Eisentrager*

Donations to the ACC prize fund 2004 from the following members are gratefully acknowledged:

Thora Abraham, Corryn Anderson, Judith Anderson, Bill Bennett, David Bennett, Geoff Campbell, Richard Christiansen, Denis Coates, Graeme Cole, Jim Colles, Merv Collins, John Davey, Paul Derrington, Carol Dodd, June Edward, Dell Eisentrager, Catherine Foster, Jill Freeland, Pat Garner, Bob Hagan, Catherine Hambling, Christine Heenan, Enid Holford, Valerie Howard, Del Kennedy, Jeanette Kitto, Sally Knight, Val Knight, Kev Layton, Claire McClelland, Iain Macdougall, Yvonne McKindlay, Beatrice Murphy, Judith Neck, Carole Noble, Shirl O'Brien, Heather O'Hara, Ron O'Rourke, Robina Otrupcek, David Procter, Marian Procter, Margaret Pyc, Judy Randall, Barbara Reaper, Cynthia Reardon, Veronica Reeves, Dorothy Robertson, Max Roddick, Therese Savannah, Sally Shipway, Aileen Skillicorn, Bev Solomon, John Standard, Nea Storey, Brian Symons, Roy Taylor, Brian Tickle, Barbara Tofoni, Michael Veress, John and Wendy Villiers, Robyn Whitehead and Cheryl Wilcox. Thank You for your generosity.

November 1-2003: Cup Bearers by Stroz (Patrick Street)

- The right resource almost turned this puzzle into an exercise. *Veniece Lobsey*
- What a medley of Melbourne Cup winners — 18 in total! For this cupful we are grateful. For 29ac I uttered ugh at tuh. Have not heard of this utterance expressing disgust or disdain nor could I locate it in club references, so tut tut for this upset tut! 40ac: Taxis (pronounced Tak'sis) is the answer (and definitely not cabs). Taxis in Greek means 'order' as implied in taxonomy. *Alan Walter*
- You'd think a bloke might be inspired by all those cup winners names to pick this year's winner. But no, the TAB tickets finished up in the bin as usual. Then I hear on the news that some Sydney punter won more than two and a half million by mistake in the trifecta. Is there no justice in the world? *Jim Colles*
- 17ac 'AT' caused me problems until I looked up my brand, spanking new *Chambers*. *Doreen Jones*
- Can't find TUH anywhere, but what the heck! Thanks, Patrick! (Shirl, try the OED. *Stroz*) *Shirl O'Brien*
- Very clever composition but little enjoyment in the solving. *Doug Butler*
- Good to see Mr. Pres back again. Was Ratty from the Rattan or the Rottan stud? *Ted O'Brien*

November 2-2003: Cryptic by The Beast (Kev Layton)

- I've given COTM to 25 ac (HAKE inside SN (symbol for TIN) ergo tinned (canned) fish. *Ted O'Brien*
- Very much liked your 'pedal pusher' (HUBERT OPPERMAN) and 'Chaps dress in an exotic manner' (SPANISH DANCERS). 3dn: Was it to be READY SET or READY MIX? Mention of 'Oppy' brought memories of admiring his record-breaking bike in the old Melbourne museum. Now they're in new premises I hope they haven't lost it! *Max Roddick*
- I love Kev Layton's Way with a clue - he really makes me think. *Roy Wilson*
- A really enjoyable puzzle from *The Beast*. I'm completely buffalooed by the clue for 25ac. Can't come up with anything that really fits, so gymnastic thinking has been applied. 27dn was also a ripper. *Jim Colles*
- 27dn. If WENS is correct then it's a horrible clue. All roads are not W.E.N.S.; they could run NW to SE or circular and WENS was only in *Brewer*. I do wish compilers would name their source if not the usual *Chambers* or *Macquarie*. *Doreen Jones*
- My biggest problem this month was slot 2. For a start it should have been a slot 3 - there were some excellent clues but 27dn really stopped me. I have plumped for NEWS, but without much confidence. *Catherine Hambling*
- 27dn still eludes me. I don't think BEES is right but it's my closest guess. Please explain. *Audrey Ryan*
- 27dn is my clue of the month. *The Beastsent* us on a long rural ride, north, south, east and west for this one. *Denis Coates*
- It took me ages to work out a solution to 27dn as the plural 'roads' threw me off the track. As I see it, the solution is road = ST leading ALL giving STALL and a synonym for STALL can be STEM giving METS, an abbreviation of METROPOLISES. If I am on the wrong track I would like to see the correct explanation of the clue. *David Procter*
- Of course READY AIM 'comes before fire!' 26ac: Whenever I use the word 'gentle' I shall now always think of a 'little grub' or 'soft maggot' (Ref. *Chambers*). 27ac took ages to deduce that 'teeming cities' were WENS and that 'all roads' are all directions W+E+N+S. What a stunning clue! Many thanks, Kev. *Alan Walter*
- Is MICROBE right? If so, please explain. Those central lights with less than half their letters checked could have more generous clues. (I agree. A) *Doug Butler*
- A wonderful hearty cryptic. SHAKEN, ABSINTHE & WENS are great clues. *Brian Symons*

November 3-2003: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Anyone who can fit NGAIO into a puzzle deserves first go at the MARSHmallow jar. *Ted O'Brien*
- 23ac. Loved that pen-name clue! *Max Roddick*
- PRAXIS MAKES PERFECT! *Carole Noble*
- Enough for one's mind to spin on its AXIS with this PRAXIS TAXIS! What with DRAGON'S BLOOD and 'A subdued enthusiasm at a work of Beethoven' = A+P+PASSION+AT+A, plus A+GAME+MN+ON for 'a brave, heartless man working...' I was happy to arrive at the CLUBHOUSE. 29ac NGAIOS & 33ac ETALONS had my head spinning! Many thanks for this mind-shaking puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- It's always great to have a *Praxis* puzzle. USEABLE & PEN-NAME are my favourites. *Brian Symons*
- 30ac: GONE: what have soldiers got to do with it? (G + I = one. A) *Doreen Jones*
- Loved GONE but DISLOCATED gets my COTM. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Clever as usual. I hope NILE is right. *Roy Taylor*
- Unusual to have a Ximenes grid in slot 3, but not unusual to have a puzzle full of masterful clues by *Praxis*. I thought 28ac and 30ac were a couple of special gems among the many. Great stuff! *Jim Colles*

November 4-2003: AJ by Dord (Doug Butler and Doreen Witt)

- The V clue is ingenious but I'm shocked to realise how many friends and family members are in a state of viduity! *Max Roddick*
- For an AJ this grid was more difficult to complete than usual. Took quite some time to locate the two 15 letter answers. Liked the J clue for JESS+IE where JESS is a short strap or thong round the leg of a hawk. Also liked the X clue for XI+MEN+E+S and the F clue 'more hairy-chested' for FURRIER. Congratulations to DORD for their first published combined AJ. *Alan Walter*
- My favourite is the AJ, but why 'J' and not 'C' for crossword? *Veniece Lobsey*
- Excellent work from *Dord* - refreshing new grid added to the challenge along with the clever clueing. *Roy Wilson*
- Another really great AJ. I especially liked the K clue. *Brian Symons*
- New grid needed a change of mindset, but the 5 letter words held the key. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Slotting in the words was much harder than solving the clues. *Roy Taylor*
- I liked this different grid by *Dord*, which certainly added an extra dimension to the AJ in the placement of answers. The clever clues also made this a very satisfying puzzle to do battle with. *Jim Colles*
- The Z clue comes second in my COTM's (ZIT = U.S. spot or pimple). *Ted O'Brien*

November 5-2003: My Cup Runneth Over by Saphmead

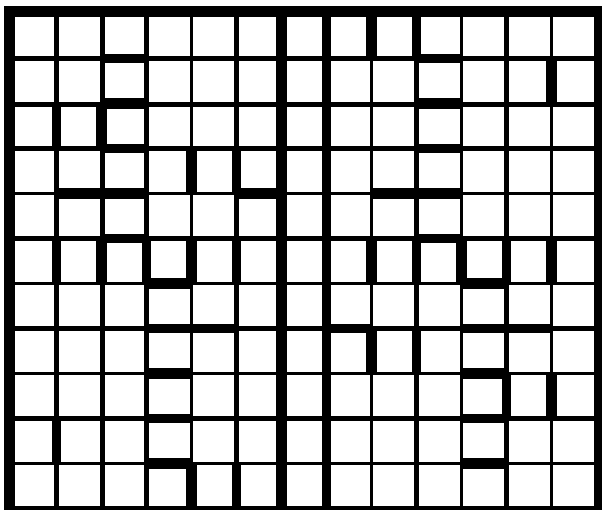
- I had a compulsion to define the grid: '16 interlocking hexagons divided into 56 pentagons, interspersed with 8 quadrilaterals (the black bits), arranged as an annular whole around an octagonal hole'. After that, doing the puzzle was a breeze! *Max Roddick*
- Cleverly designed and fun to do. *Roy Taylor*
- It's amazing how hard four letter words are when they are well-clued. A very clever CUP puzzle. *Brian Symons*
- After a fortnight I'm still looking at the grid where the letter 'E' (wonder if it's correct) is looking very lonely on its own - too, too hard with so few interlocking letters. *Veniece Lobsey*
- Liked the eye-catching kaleidoscope grid but that's about all. This puzzle can hardly qualify as a crossword with only one common letter to each pair of four letter words. Clues 13, 15 & 5 appeared to contain errors: 13: RAMS = Butters, MARS = spoils. How does 'up but' change RAMS to MARS? 'Up Butt' could possibly imply RAMS 'up but' (or scatter) = MARS. 15: HAT+E = Hide (not Hides) + what Englishman (E) loathe (HATE.) 'What' seems superfluous. 5: HAMS. Shouldn't 'pretend'... be 'pretends'? Even when all clues are successfully solved so much time is wasted trying to deduce the two messages. Betty Cumming always said that the first position in any phrase should be indicated & the phrase's direction arrowed. *Alan Walter*
- I was SORE tried finding the answer to No. 7. A very clever and apposite puzzle. *Ted O'Brien*
- What a clever concept from *Saphmead!* Two thematic messages. Very clever indeed. *Roy Wilson*
- A brilliant composition! Congratulations *Saphmead!* Of course I backed PENTASTIC - what else? And he very nearly did it! Thanks for all the fun. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Solving 'My Cup Runneth Over' was nearly as tricky as picking a winner. When it comes to punting, 'First Past The Post' is a result with which I am unfamiliar. Very enjoyable novel puzzle though. *Jim Colles*



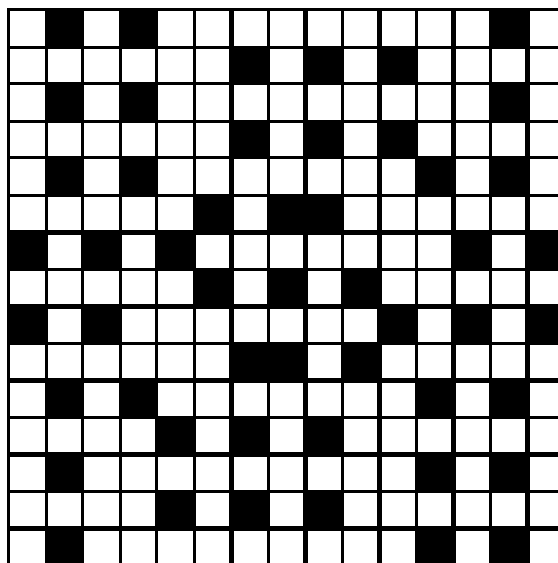
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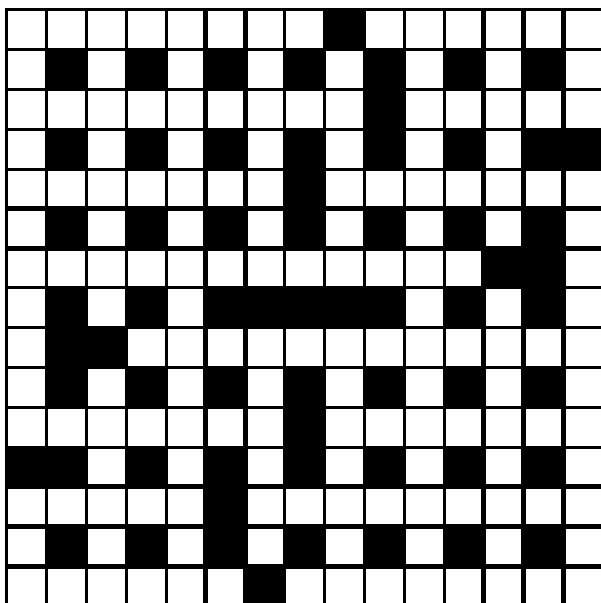


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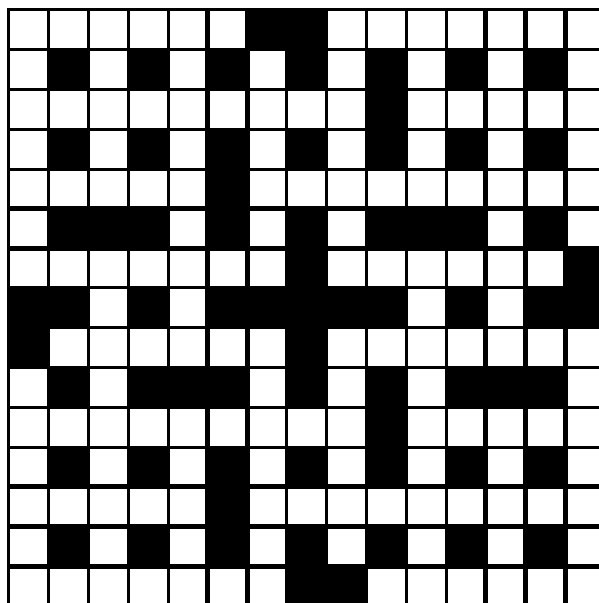


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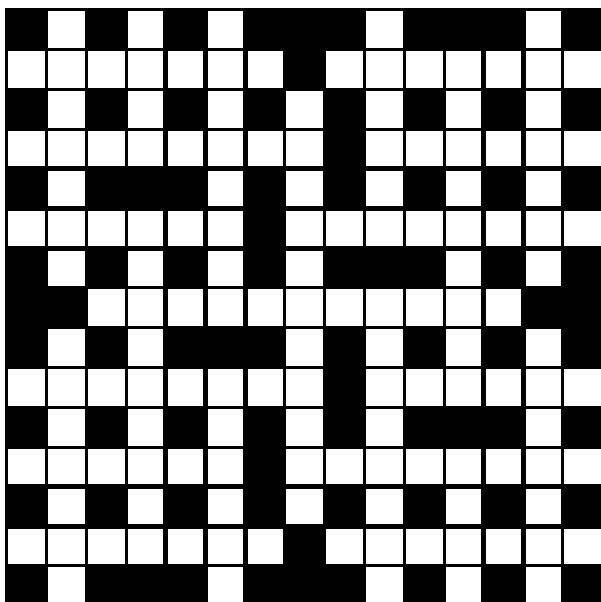
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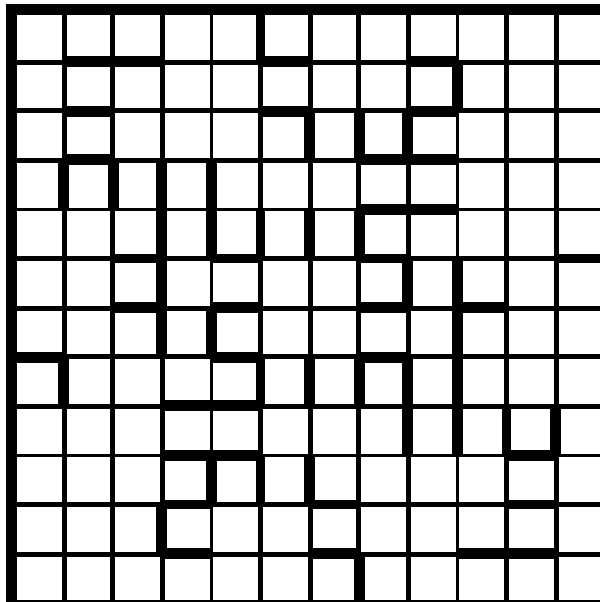
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October 6 - 2003 - Rewar(d) by Red One (Doreen Jones).

Entries 93. Correct 69. Success rate = 74.2%. Prize Winner: Cheryl Wilcox. Congratulations!

Members Comments:

- Your clues are very fair and I really had to think hard to judge clue of the month but gave it to CROIX DE GUERRE over IRON CROSS - both excellent, but I'm a Francophile at heart. Eunice Altman
- 12dn? Inner distinctive nature = ESSENCE (literal meaning in *Chambers DJ*). (anag. of scenes + e) E = Espana (Spain). Graeme Cole
Jim Colles
- Thought your clue for 2dn a gem. Margaret Davis
- I found this rather easier than some of your earlier ones. Catherine Foster
- My big REWAR(D) was the fact that I completed it!
- The easy solution to 1ac plus the title gave the theme. It will be very interesting to see how many entries you get. A lot more than is usual for Slot 6 I hope. Daphne Greening
- Not only did you manage to include 6 bravery awards but also quite a few military allusions as well. Catherine Hambling
- You deserve a GOLD star; however, as you are feeling a little purple, I've sent you the most purple card I have. Barbara Ibbott
- Found 8dn interesting (SCURVY). Isn't it odd how one has the coincidence of having been talking about something and it pops up elsewhere. I had just bought the latest best seller re scurvy with Cook and Co's theories on same and lo and behold there it is in the puzzle. Del Kennedy
- Please accept the Distinguished Setting Order. Iain MacDougall
- Not only the actual decorations, but also connected words - armies, soldiers etc. Shirl O'Brien
- A much decorated puzzle! Can I put it this way? Doreen's Special Crossword Does So Much! Digs For Meanings, Makes Many Direct Fair Challenges. Ted O'Brien
- Great stuff. Puzzled by 26ac SUI. Susie did not lose all direction did she. She discarded south east, retaining south. (Agree, not the best clue in the world *DJ*) Tom Phelan
- I think it deserves an award! David Procter
- A lot of clever clues, I especially liked 40dn and 2dn. Keep up the good work - you deserve a medal! Marian Procter
- RENO had me puzzled until I looked up ONER. Eva Seale
- I've attempted to colour the middle square, not having a purple pen (as I don't write a lot of purple prose), I had to make do with a mix of red and blue. (Several other solvers did the same thing - what a resourceful lot we are! *DJ*) Betty Siegman
- Loved your 13ac clue (when the penny finally dropped). My granddaughter always has soldiers and eggs when she stays with me overnight. Joan Smith
- Your PURPLE HEART puzzle was just so good/For sometimes it can be a wood/At others it can be a drug/But in this puzzle, if I'm not wrong/You've cleverly used it as a gong! 14ac was so cleverly humorous that it should be awarded the DSO. It took me quite some time to realise that all you wanted was an anagram! Alan Walter
- I do not have a purple envelope for this puzzle but at least the mauve notepaper is in the same department. Irene Watts
- I got quite a chuckle out of 33ac and as for FEX I'm still laughing as I'm writing this. I wonder just how many are aware that Oklahoma is the "Sooner State". Roy Wilson

Compiler's Comments: I was again surprised by the excellent reception that my puzzle received but of course I did not hear from those who could not do it or did not like it. Solvers had no trouble with the theme and only 4 did not identify the American decoration, the Purple Heart. Common errors were - 2 abscorbic for ascorbic, two with lith for sith, 5 with bas instead of bar, 8 with various spellings of scolytid (TID = 3 times a day in *Chambers*), 3 had dysury incorrect and 4 had neese misspelled. There were some transcription errors also. Many thanks for all your kind comments, letters, cards and good wishes.

—Red One (Doreen Jones)

Results of Quiz No. 5 — The Bee's Knees by Neir B'Odet (Ted O'Brien). Prizewinner: Irene Watts. Congratulations!

20 Correct: Y Ainsworth, A Austin, B Bennett, B Cockburn, M Davis, P Dearie, V Dinham, C Foster, C Hambling, B Ibbott, A Jermy, D Kennedy, I MacDougall, J McGrath, I McKenzie, L Marsland, D Meek, C Noble, R O'Rourke, D Procter, M Procter, D Robertson, A Ryan, J Smith, J Stocks, S Trollope, A Walter, I Watts, C Wilcox and K Williams. **19½:** T Phelan (you for the Sucklings in No 2, Tom.). **19:** P Garner, N Howard, K Lee, C McClelland, M Potts, B Solomon, J Standard and N Wilson. **18:** P Mercer. **15:** N Storey.

Answers: 1 Absence 2 Babes & Sucklings 3 Cleopatra 4 England 5 Government 6 Helen of Troy 7 Job 8 Katisha 9 Macbeth 10 Mark Antony 11 Mary Magdalene 12 Mother Machree 13 Napoleon 14 Oliver Cromwell 15 Omar Khayyam 16 Pobbles 17 Samson 18 Shylock 19 The Village Blacksmith 20 Winnie the Pooh.

Quizmaster's Comments: Both Macree and Machree have been marked correct. Both Del Kennedy and David Procter assure me that they found Macree in some collections. I did not realise that there were questions concerning Mary (sister of Martha/Lazarus) and Mary Magdalene. My giving the latter as the answer is based on Dorothy L Sayers' 12 play cycle of the Life of Christ 'The Man Born to be King'. On p10 of the Foreword by JW Welch, Director of Religious Broadcasts BBC it is stated that to avoid protests the Advisory Committee asked the plays be submitted to the then Archbishop of York for any alterations needed and that the members of the Committee be asked for comment. "Anglicans (Bishops, Deacons and incumbents), a Baptist, a Congregationalist, a Methodist, a Presbyterian and a Roman Catholic all approved the plays." The Cast list for Play 7 (which features the scene in Question 11) reads as follows: The Evangelist, Jesus, Lazarus, Martha, Mary Magdalene (the 3 bracketed as Friends of Jesus). This, to me, is justification enough to accept only Mary Magdalene as correct. Errors (apart from 11) were 8: Mabelle, 4: British, 9: Neptune, 16: Piggies and 14: Napoleon.

I received some pleasant comments. A member commented on my using Alphabetical order saying how much it helped.

Members' Comments: User friendly quiz (AA), Great! (BC), Enjoyable (PD), Mighty good puzzle (CF), Another fun puzzle (PG & BI), Excellent (AJ), Thoroughly enjoyed it (JMcG), A delightful tour toward the recesses of my mind (LM), Another interesting puzzle (+ the words of Mother Machree/Macree) (CN), Lots of fun (DR & AR), A great quiz (ST), Many thanks (AW). From Irene Watts a wonderful letter with her memories of ~~seeing Macbeth~~ performed in Liverpool (Eng) in 1930, Good fun (KW), Enjoyed the runaround (TP), A good one (VH), Interesting and very challenging (CMcC). Only one person picked up the error in 19 - 'steel' instead of 'iron'. I can't accept the invitation to 'Ask HW Longfellow' as I don't believe in seances.

—Neir B'Odet (Ted O'Brien)

Mother Machree

There's a spot in my heart which no colleen may own.
There's a depth in my soul never sounded or known.
There's a place in my memory, my life, that you fill.
No other can take it, no one ever will.

Chorus:

*Sure, I love the dear silver that shines in your hair,
And the brow that's all furrowed and wrinkled with care.
I kiss the dear fingers so toilworn for me.*

Oh, God bless you and keep you, Mother Machree.

Every sorrow or care in the dear days gone by
Was made bright by the light of that smile in your eye.
Like a candle that's set in the window at night
Your fond love has cheered me and guided me right.

Chorus: