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Language moves down time in a current of its own making.
Edward Sapir, 1921, *Language*, Ch 7.

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We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2006. It looks like the New Year will be richly rewarding for all solvers! 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 2006 Prize Fund can be found on p9. Many thanks for your generous sponsorship of the ACC in 2006.

Don't forget about the special offer where you can sign up a new member for 2006 for only \$30. This super low sub also includes the *Compendium* so it will make a wonderful gift to your friends and a great Christmas present! And it will increase our membership numbers.

The Sydney Get-Together at William Ryan's Cauliflower Hotel proved to be a successful and delightful occasion for all those who attended. Thanks to William as the 'host with the most' and to Bev Cockburn for organising this memorable event. (see p9)

We have another excellent range of puzzles for you this month with some of your favourite compilers including Noel Jessop, *Virgo* and *Cha-Cha*. We welcome back *Zinzan* and we introduce another new compiler: *midships* (Ian Williams solo) (whose profile can be found on p8).

Kindly note that due to the Christmas Season we have an early closing date with this issue – **Friday 16 December**. This will enable us to get the January *Crozworld* and the *Compendium* out in time for Christmas.
—Patrick

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Slot 1: A few KIMINOs for KIMONO & BATMAN FOR BATAAN.

Slot 2: Several blank spaces, KIMBO (4) KEMPE (3) KAMBA and KIMBE for KAMME, SLOTHOTISH for GLUTTIONISH, IMPEMEET for IMPLEMENT, REARED for NEARED, HERONCROW for HERONSHAW, MARE for MOHR, BOLTER, TOUTER, RATTER (2) and ROTTER (2) for SETTER and IMPOTENT for IMMODEST.

Slot 3: NEWSWEEK (2) FOR NEWSPEAK and REDES, DENES, PEWED, LERED and WEBER for DEWEY.

Slot 4: Members either loved or hated Slot 4. SEISMAL (2) & SEASEAL (2) for SENSUAL, JONSOUTH (5) & JOYSOUTH for JOESOUTH, KENSAI (3) for KENSEI, TODATT for TODATE, QUACKER for QUACKED, and PATROBAL for PATROBUS.

Slot 5: ONOCEE, OZONED & OZONES (9) for OROGEN, OASI for WADI and RUNABOAT for RUNABOUT.

COTM: Slot 3 garnered the most votes for the best clues – 26 in all! Slot 1 clues received 3 votes; Slot 2 got 7 votes; Slot 4 got 6 votes and Slot 5 got 3 votes. Slot 7 also got one vote! Clue of the Month with eleven votes was Slot 3, 8dn with no other clue receiving more than 4 votes.

GENERAL: There were only two blank spaces this month, both from the same member (who was otherwise correct).

It was great meeting so many crossworders at the annual luncheon held at William Ryan's Cauliflower Hotel in Sydney, some of whom I knew only from their letters and cards. Thank you to all the senders of cards and letters for your good wishes.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all, no matter what your religious persuasion or favourite setter.

—Audrey Austin

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Entries received	103	93	93	70	93	452
Correct entries	98	75	89	55	80	397
Success rate (%)	95.15	80.65	95.7	78.57	86.02	87.83
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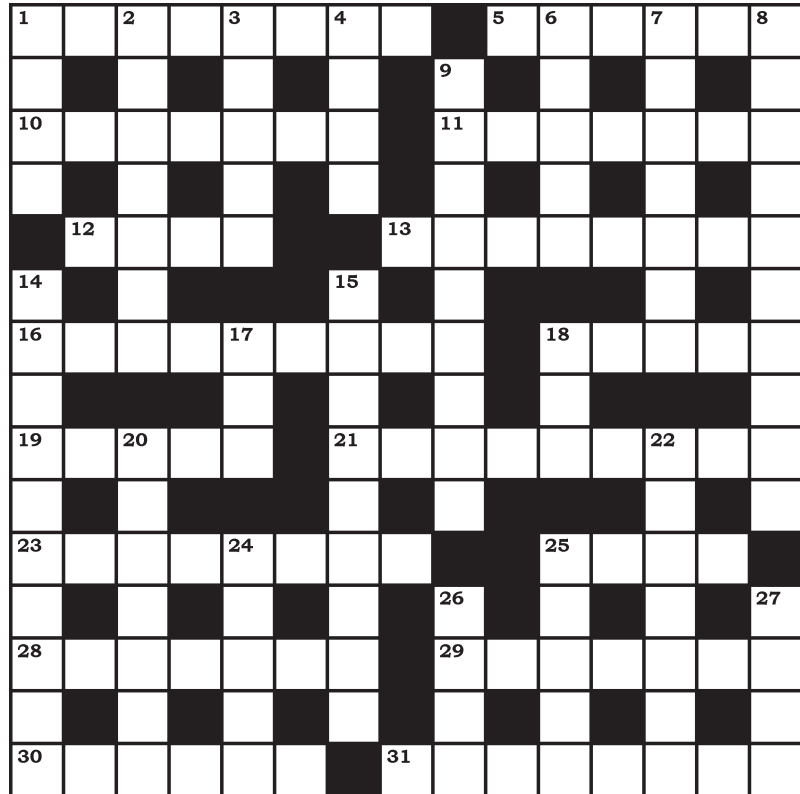
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BARBOUR J	HOCKING A	RAW M
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CAMPBELL G	HOWELLS S	ROBERTS R
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COATES D	JESSOP N	RYAN W
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COWAN M	KITTO J	SKILLICORN A
CROMER H	KNIGHT S	SMITH J
CROSS G	KNIGHT V	SMITH T
CUTHEL J	LAYTON K	SOLOMON B
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EDWARD J	McGRATH J	THOMAS S
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EISENTRAGER D	McKINDLAY V	TROLLOPE S
EVANS J	McPHERSON T	VERESS M
FOOTT B	MAY S	VILLIERS J
FOSTER C	MEEK D	VILLIERS W
FOWLER J	MERCER P	WAITES L
FREELAND J	MURPHY B	WALLACE B
FREEMAN H	NOBLE C	WALTER A
FULLER D	O'BRIEN E	WATT K
GALBREATH M	O'BRIEN S	WATTS I
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**General
Knowledge
Crossword
by
Virgo**



Across

- 1 The ___ Men, novel by Edgar Wallace (4,4)
- 5 The Greek god of sleep (6)
- 10 and 28ac Jersey and Sark are just two of these locations (7,7)
- 11 Lacking in red corpuscles (7)
- 12 Colourful US rock group featuring Gene Simmons (4)
- 13 Beloved of Troilus and Diomedes in the Trojan wars (8)
- 16 Not fully ripe (9)
- 18 A cornet-like wind instrument (5)
- 19 District of Lyons and the river that runs through it (5)
- 21 A reversal of fortune (9)
- 23 Resembling a native earthy pigment (8)
- 25 see 17dn (4)
- 28 see 10ac (7)
- 29 Declines to acknowledge (7)
- 30 Peter __, Irish actor, starred in *Lawrence of Arabia* (1'5)
- 31 Greek god of rain and cup bearer to the gods (8)

Down

- 1 see 26dn (4)
- 2 Metallic element number 92 (7)
- 3 and 4dn Virologist who developed a vaccine against polio (5,4)
- 4 see 3dn (4)
- 6 Surname of writer who won the Nobel prize for literature in 1923 (5)
- 7 Stupefying (7)
- 8 The capital of California (10)
- 9 Sporting dogs originating in Newfoundland (7)
- 14 Caribbean island, capital San Juan (6,4)
- 15 A type of German sausage (9)
- 17 and 25ac 1953 Biblical movie starring Jean Simmons (3,4)
- 18 First name of actress Arthur who starred in *The Golden Girls* (3)
- 20 Shakespeare's Moor of Venice (7)
- 22 John __, author of *Look Back in Anger* (7)
- 24 Pertaining to the kidney region (5)
- 25 First name shared by Corbett and Barker (5)
- 26 & 1dn Actress who played in *Johnny O'Clock* (4,4)
- 27 Arthur __ 1975 Wimbledon mens tennis champion (4)

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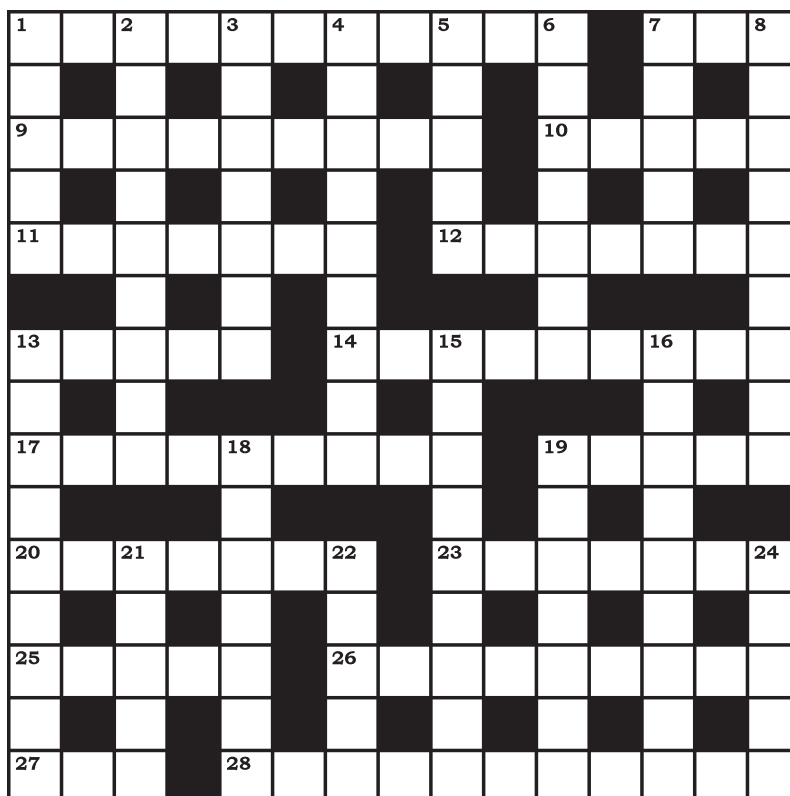
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Cryptic

by

Noel Jessop



Across

- 1 Surfing roué wiped out — is that irony? (11)
- 7 Somewhere in the centre arsenic existed (3)
- 9 About function; money returned for horseman (9)
- 10 Presented beginner with tribute (5)
- 11 Try edible aralia in a Roman shelter (7)
- 12 Climbed round the dark side, like proverbial cats (7)
- 13 Puts forward sound English ground (5)
- 14 Alarmingly inhale smoke he leaves in whitewash (9)
- 17 Illuminated exciting police in the old print (9)
- 19 Star English baron after retreat (5)
- 20 Taxi Heather takes to get spaghetti! (7)
- 23 Dying tissue popular? Right, in fact! (7)
- 25 Repeat concerning young (5)
- 26 Crooner's taking in little children? (9)
- 27 Robert E. returned fish (3)
- 28 Pest resists interpretation of relations (11)

Down

- 1 View of expert in fort (5)
- 2 Blushing country bumpkins with a little money (9)
- 3 Hesitation by the Italian university starts to teach Spanish vowel changes (7)
- 4 Game to finish the cake at the harvest supper (3,6)
- 5 Winds start off blowing over England and Spain (5)
- 6 Wilt the United Arab Republic circle a big spiky thing? (7)
- 7 Signalled hail falling in War Department (5)
- 8 Eastern European taking in a boy hot food (5,4)
- 13 Girl to perform with bird in bush (5,4)
- 15 Caution, not as much about Ireland society (9)
- 16 Wanting of knowledge of some sign or ancestry (9)
- 18 Indians existed after the first of October at a standstill (7)
- 19 Makes safe, but English fussed inanely (7)
- 21 Trivial to prohibit Pacino (5)
- 22 Good, competent clerk, say (5)
- 24 Cupels in international competitions (5)


GENERAL COMMENTS:

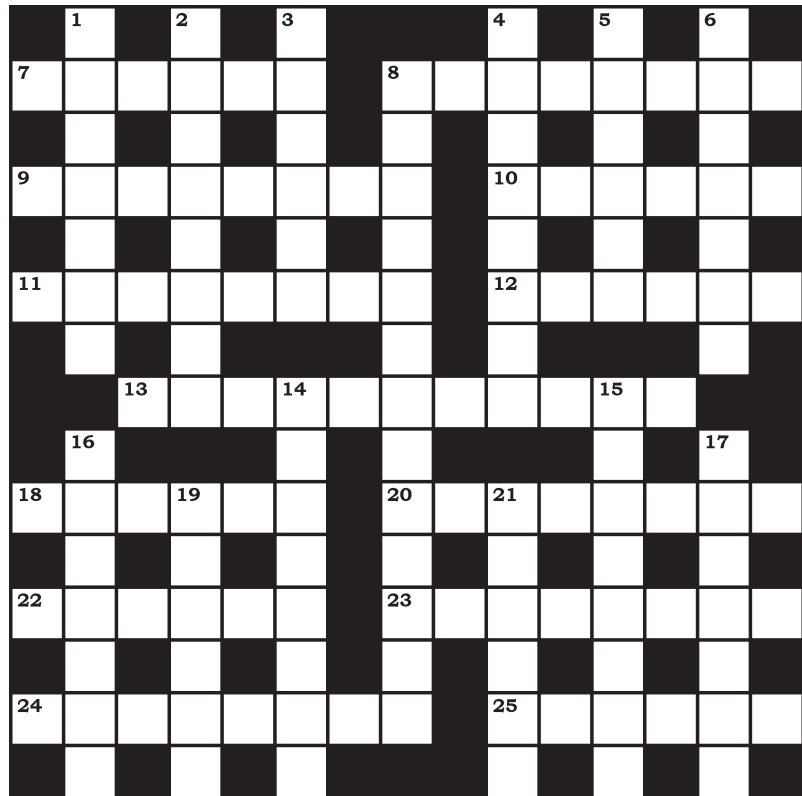
- A wonderful selection. Quality stuff!
- Thanks for the cheque for September No. 4. A very pleasant surprise.
- Another great month for puzzles – three theme puzzles and not surprised when one was on the Melbourne Cup.
- An interesting selection as usual.
- Thanks for my magnificently calligraphed Slot 3 prize cheque which conveniently offsets the losses from very poor judgment of Melbourne Cup Day.
- A great selection of puzzles this month; some really innovative challenges. They just keep getting better and better.
- The new 4th edition of the *Macquarie Dictionary* is in print rrp \$120. Many thanks to Mike Potts for his *Owed to a Spelling Checker*. This is a brilliant piece of fun.
- Season's Greetings to all members! It is so lovely that they (you) are all in different Australian States as it makes for such a bond of friendship. Special wishes and thanks to our hardworking executive, clever compilers and the year's adjudicators. Without all these active members the club would not function.

Catherine Foster
Sandra May
Roy Wilson
Bob Hagan
Jim Colles

Ron O'Rourke
Alan Walter

Irene Watts

D E C E M B E R 2 0 0 5 S L O T 3
<h2>Cryptic</h2> <p>by</p> <h2>Cha-Cha</h2>




Across

- 7 Like cricket? Combine a nasty cad taking one catch and you've got it (6)
- 8 Reproduce any alphanumeric section (8)
- 9 A continuous series of pictures will confirm there's gold in the canal (8)
- 10 Dad's brother was caught short within the old city so had to straighten out (6)
- 11 A crossword expert is likely to be earlier (3-5)
- 12 Second rate accommodation – there is a public way through this untidy hole (6)
- 13 Be clever as I – repaired and functioning properly (11)
- 18 The damned send one up the wall (6)
- 20 Lolly (rather sticky) or icicle (8)
- 22 Joined in duet perhaps (6)
- 23 Senior citizen was reputed to be a beach sage (3,5)
- 24 Journalists with a British banker can apply compelling force (8)
- 25 Supercilious and drolly swaggering (6)

Down

- 1 Twice last then first? A backing blunder which is quite outlandish (7)
- 2 10 next to nothing within mixed race pigment (8)
- 3 A little girl and friend in Paris shared a sausage (6)
- 4 A scarf denotes graduate George is close to genius in Egypt (8)
- 5 Take a taxi back to the States to pick up a calculator (6)
- 6 Have a red? I'll pour the clarets (7)
- 8 Pick a jet coral (specially designed). It will probably make you look foolish (9,4)
- 14 Front a female with a hesitant expression and cause a metallic element to creep in (8)
- 15 The port is windy Labrador (8)
- 16 An entry could be forced to the processing works (7)
- 17 Creep on board and leave graffiti (7)
- 19 Hate being in the cadet establishment (6)
- 21 A copper, a religious scholar and the Frenchman were all in an embrace (6)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

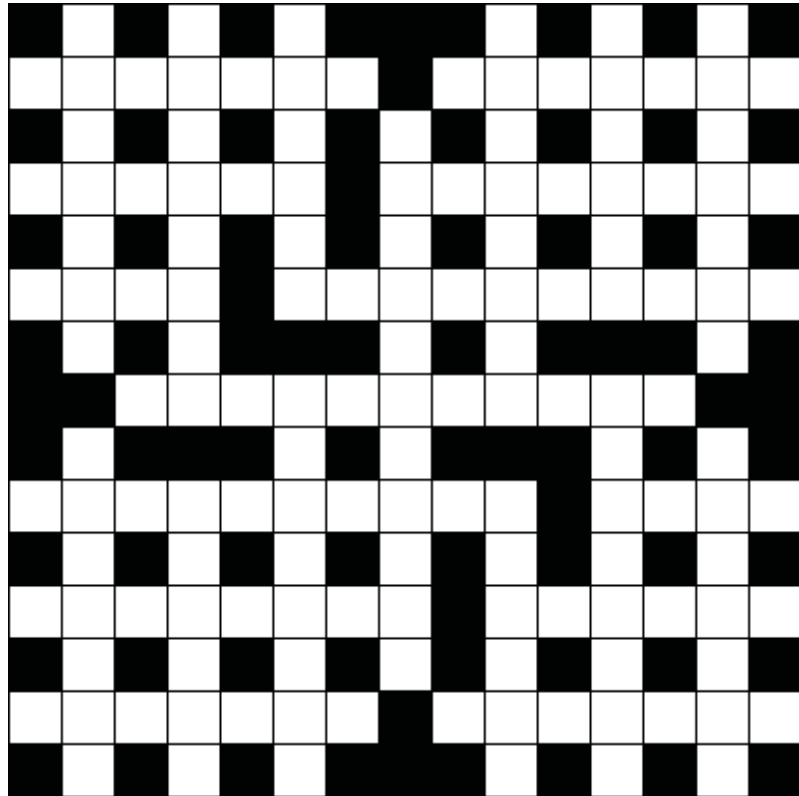
- My prize *Macquarie Thesaurus* has arrived and on looking through it, I love the neat way it is set out; very user-friendly. Thank you to the club, very much!! It is such a thrill to get a parcel like this and I expect to be consulting it for years to come. The cheque for my Sept 6 prize also came thank you. I was so pleased to see it, especially with Patrick's beautiful calligraphy. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thank you for my September prize. Better than one and a supplementary in Lotto! *Karl Audrins*
- I echo the comments of Shirl O'Brien (October edition) and Dell Eisentrager (November) regarding the enjoyment and satisfaction gained from solving short, clever clues to find simple words and add that it's also fun when the setter manages to make the clue seem like something from an orthodox puzzle. David Stickley provided an excellent example of this in his 'The Stickler' 2384 *Daily Telegraph* (Sydney) 15/11/05 with the clue 'It plays a vital part (5)'. Clues like this are easier to understand if you can mentally insert a '/' in the right place. For example, "A white pawn" (4) makes more sense if you look at it like this: "A white/pawn". David's clue is a double definition like this but it sounds deliciously like an orthodox clue. *Brian Tickle*
- From the *Guardian Weekly* Nov 11-17, an advertisement for The Writers Bureau 'How to become a freelance writer' (If you haven't earned your tuition fees within one month ... your money will be refunded in full). It ended with 'So if you'd like to be a writer why not start ... by retuning the coupon NOW!' So that's where the *Grauniad* gets its proofreaders! *Doug Butler*

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AJ
by
Zinzan



The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.



- A** I see a backed-up outlet from dirty shower? (4,4)
- B** A heavy, pounding leg and bounding off (11)
- C** See one of many Popes in a women's magazine (4)
- D** Spell out assignment (6)
- E** Beg surgeon to repair tear (7)
- F** Fare badly without the party hat (6)
- G** Grubbish glamour? (7)
- H** Gone out in familiar old American uniform (11)
- I** He presses on, taking endless renters around (6)
- J** It's hypocritical to make a new start after New Year's Day (6)
- K** Without means of access, push fewer buttons (7)
- L** Liberal one - almost one-dimensionally (8)
- M** Weird power in amber fluid (7)
- N** Oddly, Allan's the last to pay through the nose! (7)
- O** Steer around grandparents heading off northward for a gum resin (8)
- P** Piggy-back cut short by a new sore back (7)
- Q** Lie about being in prison as spirit failed (7)
- R** Fashion dress ruled to be 'lacking direction' (10)
- S** Basic guts shown as unknowns perform seductively (6)
- T** Dull sound as the loud cheer disappears (4)
- U** Greatest ever team reforms after cult leader left Italy (8)
- V** Confused nearly 79 Austrians (8)
- W** Starts to feel helpless among terribly loud snow dogs (10)
- X** Setter mixes poorly without measure (7)
- Y** Talk with Yoko about a start to marketing Japanese grilled meat (8)
- Z** Country doctor's involved in the ends of zebra and impala (6)

To wit:

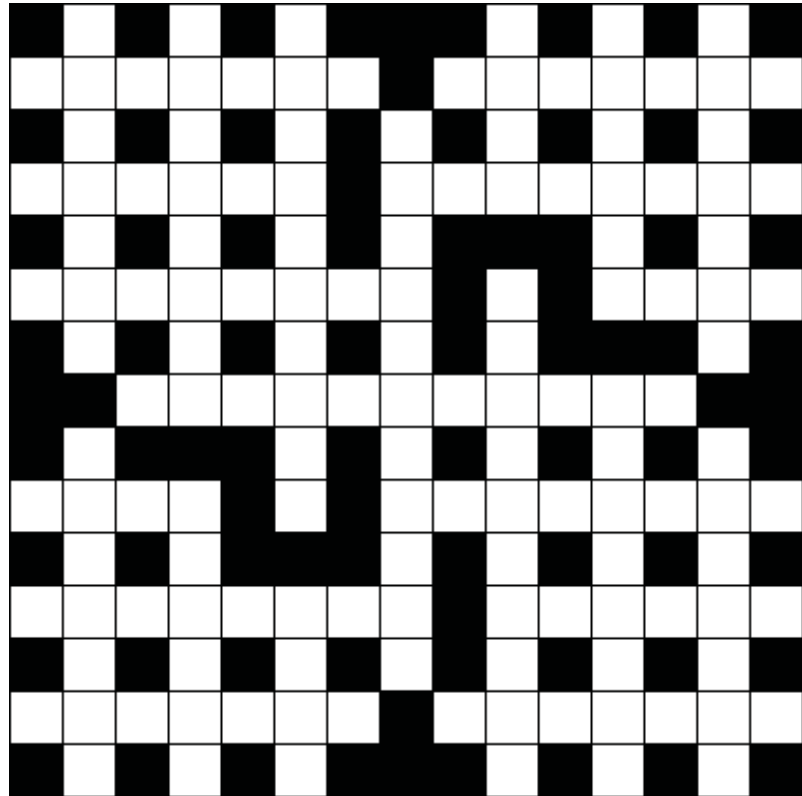
1. What's the definition of a will? (It's a dead giveaway).
2. In democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your count that votes.
3. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat minor.
4. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
5. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.
6. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
7. You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.
8. Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.
9. He often broke into song because he couldn't find the key.
10. Those who jump off a Paris bridge are in Seine.
11. When an actress saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.

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Thematic AJ
by
Virgo



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Clues N to Z include names of a former game show hostess, a hero, a conductor a President, an MP, a guitarist, a singer, three writers, two actors and one actress.

- A** Stroke a soft Pole — bad chromosome displayed (8)
- B** Lloyd, Jeff, Beau or Bailey (7)
- C** Fine embroidery; say, that's an inhuman task (10)
- D** Cunning Dave almost lost promissory notes (7)
- E** Needs the sea to fly off in emergencies (8)
- F** Threads Bucks briefs (6)
- G** Astonished at having been kissed on the mouth (10)
- H** Sam is annoyed by hens and rats — such awful bothers! (11)
- I** Having a painful birth apparently — breaking the law perhaps (2,6)
- J** A B C tart in A D song (7)
- K** Girl a little bigger than half an insect (4)
- L** Slate on dicky constructions up against the wall (4-3)
- M** A Musical about a credit fringe (7)
- N** Chris (4)
- O** Klemperer (4)
- P** John (8)
- Q** Don (7)
- R** Keith (8)
- S** William (11)
- T** Kiri (2,6)
- U** Eco (7)
- V** Francois (6)
- W** Jacki (6)
- X** Adriana (7)
- Y** Arafat (6)
- Z** Mostel (4)

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**A Cruciverbal
Christmas
Celebration
(with apologies
to absent friends)
by
midships**



Across solutions are not clued but are all of a kind. Down solutions are normal. Not all solutions are in *Chambers*.

Across

- 1 (9)
- 5 and 11ac (4,1'4)
- 8 and 37ac (8,5)
- 9 see 38ac
- 11 see 5ac
- 12 (3,3)
- 14 and 18ac (3,2-2)
- 16 (6'1,3)
- 18 see 14ac
- 22 see 35ac
- 23 (4,6)
- 27 and 30ac (7)
- 29 (6)
- 30 see 27
- 34 (5)
- 35 and 22ac (8,4)
- 37 see 8ac
- 38 and 9ac (9,5)

Compiler profile:

"midships" aka Ian Williams has, with Kay, been a "solving" member of the ACC for over 10 years and a cryptic solver for more years than he cares to admit. As his marine consultancy business has slowed down he has looked for other cerebral pursuits and discovered the challenges of compilation, together with the fact that it is much harder than it looks from a solver's point of view. His crossword (and collaboration) so far have both been in the slot 6 or slot 7 area, but he intends to try his hand on a conventional cryptic soon. The pseudonym (modestly?) comes from the use of the term by naval architects as the point on a ship from which all measurements are taken. At least that's the aspiration! Unusually, for a slot 6 puzzle, e-lodgements will be welcomed.

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Down

- 1 Sad direction found in foxed tomes (5)
- 2 1970s detective movie featuring Greek lutenist, or vice versa (5)
- 3 Experience pain, but be in a cheerful mood (4)
- 4 Athlete auditioned as cockney lady of the night (3)
- 5 Ewe has directions confused for NSW country town (6)
- 6 Inject old word first, if my manner is threatening (5)
- 7 Large marble of eg skull with carbon insert (5)
- 10 Game for Marco (4)
- 13 Dawn, the Titan's daughter (3)
- 15 Price of foreshortened pedal extremities (3)
- 16 Lad prepared a puree of pulse (3)
- 17 Strange? One of the goodies that's not! (3)
- 19 Ooo! Crazy mixed-up 13dn (3)
- 20 Inveigle into bad bargain by selling one a tent (3)
- 21 New, ruined, congested city (3)
- 24 Frenzied indulgence? Factor gynaecologist in (4)
- 25 Garland from Ile de Form (3)
- 26 European squares avoiding a fast food (6)
- 27 Scores food of love (5)
- 28 US drug agent finds powdered acorn (5)
- 31 Art thou obsolete? At heart you fear tutors (5)
- 32 Burning earnest lacks gravity (5)
- 33 To be one in opposition ain't bad (4)
- 36 Fictional bigot leads against liberal front (3)

**Post
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GOT-TOGETHER AND HAD FUN!!! The ACC's Annual Get-Together held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's new hotel The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, on Sunday 20 November 2005 was an outstanding success. 37 keen crossworders joined in the festivity and enjoyed William's hospitality and generous fare. Doreen Jones travelled all the way from Perth, WA, Jenny Wenham from Comet, Qld, Bob Hagan from Goulburn, NSW, Veniece Lobsey from Dubbo, Trish McPherson from Orange, Mary Dodd from Young and Patrick Street from Melbourne. William kindly donated a dinner for two (valued at \$100) in his fabulous bistro and this was won by our hard-working Secretary Bev Cockburn. Patrick conducted a challenging Quiz of 30 questions and the main prize of the *Chambers Dictionary* (9th edn) (donated by Patrick) was won by Andrew Patterson (*Zinzan*). It proved to be a popular location and event and all present said they would be keen to renew acquaintances in 2006. Watch this space!

CROWS LUNCHEON: A report by Doug Butler: A very small group this year, just the six of us (including Phyl Heath, Laurel and Doug Leak, Margaret and Ron Galbreath), but enjoyable like a reunion of old friends. The Pancake Kitchen is very central, its bill of fare (like its prices) very modest and just the place for an intimate gathering. We spoke of many things – nasty AJ's, funny English town names, travel blues, bass recorders, memory sticks, secondhand bookshops, you name it. Hardly a moment had gone by when the waiter returned and asked if there was anything else? We'd been there two hours! I picked up an Adelaide Review to read on the bus home and, among other things, found the wire fastening on a champagne cork is called a muselet. That's something you won't find in *Chambers*!

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SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2006, the cost is only \$30 including the Compendium. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends!

CONGRATULATIONS to **Daphne Greening** for winning the Slots 1-5 all correct prize. Well done!

Solution to chess game problem no 11: 1 Qa8, Pg3; 2 Qg2, any 3 QxPg3. **Prizewinner: Heather Zucal. Congratulations!**

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New Members: A warm welcome to **Fran Ferrier** from Croydon, Vic (a membership gift from Roger Heagney), **Gareth Harvey** from Neutral Bay NSW (a membership gift from Gwen Owens), **Laurie Hannigan** from Weetara ACT (a membership gift from

Catherine Jones), **Diana Smith** from Engadine, NSW (a membership gift from Ken Davis), **Alison Martin** from Chirnside Park, Vic and **Frank Martin** from Cobden, Vic (a membership gift from Alison Martin). Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

Puzzle Adjustments: In Quiz No 10/2005, 26 should be 'semordnilap' and 29 should be 'tnesis'.

Quiz No 11/2005

Quartet Quiz by Neir B'Odet

Each of the four items in these quartets is a member of the one family. Can you name the connections? e.g., Mars, Venus, Pluto, Jupiter: Planet. Send your answers to: Ted O'Brien, Unit 218, 137 Victoria St, Ashfield NSW 2131 Closing mail date: Friday 13 January 2006. Prize: \$50.

- 1 Ariel, Uzziel, Zadkiel, Gabriel (5)
- 2 Walpole, Grenville, Balfour, Attlee (7,5,8)
- 3 The Empress, Banff Springs, Royal York, Chateau Frontenac (8,5)
- 4 Eggshell, Minton, Dresden, Porcelain (5)
- 5 Drones, Adelphi, Tattersalls, Crockfords (4)
- 6 Oriel, Downing, Trinity, Bryn Mawr (7)
- 7 Dhal, Madras, Tandoori, Rogan josh (5)
- 8 Borzoi, Spitz, Basenji, Schnauzer (3)
- 9 Virgo, Spiral, Centaurus, Great Wall (6)
- 10 Bayard, Mr Ed, Rosinante, Bucephalus (5)
- 11 Easter, Ryukyu, Wight, Eriskay (6)
- 12 Neagh, Lugano, Athabaska, Waikaremoana (4)
- 13 Mobby, Prunelle, van der Hum, Frangelico (7)
- 14 Bede, Caedmon, Hildebrand, Bonaventure (4)
- 15 Hydra, Medusa, Behemoth, Minotaur (7)
- 16 Clio, Euterpe, Melpomene, Urania (4)
- 17 Oyster, Shiitake, Shaggymane, Gyromitra (8)
- 18 Linus, Hormisdas, Eugenius, Urban (4)
- 19 Mab, Dido, Eleanor, Artemesia (5)
- 20 Le Mans, St Leger, Oaks, America's Cup (4)

Note: In the above lists there are the names of two Melbourne Cup winners. Can you name them?

- a.
- b.

References: Book of Lists, Bradford's Crossword Lists, General Knowledge.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

grampus *n.* (*pl.* **grampuses**) **1 a** a dolphin, *Grampus griseus*, with a blunt snout and long pointed black flippers **b** the killer whale. **2** *dated* a person breathing heavily and loudly. [ORIGIN: earlier *graundepose*, *grapeys* from Old French *grapois* etc. via medieval Latin *craspiscis* from Latin *crassus piscis* meaning 'fat fish'.]

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Solution to Brian Symons' Quickie: The queen is the most powerful piece on the chess board. However the one move it can't do that every other piece can is to move to create discovered check.

November 1-2005: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- Thanks for your double half, Noel. Would have preferred 'airline once' for TAA.
- I liked the dwarf connection in 20dn.
- A good No. 1 – No pushover but quite solvable for all members.
- 30dn: This is a secondary anagram. Naked figure=nude; distorted without help (aid)=UNaidED. I thought these were a definite no-no but I wouldn't expect an error like that from an experienced compiler like Noel. So, are there some circumstances where they are permitted? 31dn: It's been many years since TAA ceased to be an airline. Perhaps this should have had an obsolete indicator.

Alan Walter
Ted O'Brien
Irene Watts
Drew Meek

November 2-2005: Cryptic by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- Some very clever clues – especially 'zither'.
- I started with Rotter for Spy dog, then I tried Ratter before settling on Setter. In 24ac ebriety is drunkenness but if you are inebriate you are also drunk. Think soberly about being non-inebriate! 12ac: Man on high ridge first – Mohr surely needs 'firsts'? (Plural for the 4 letters)
- The definition 'setter' for spy was a newy to me! Thank the Lord for Chambers!
- I couldn't find 'zippo' in any dictionary.
- A slightly easier level of difficulty than many have been at this slot recently. Very suitable.
- I enjoyed this right from the first clue which instantly reminded me of home.
- 11ac: 'Traders' seems an unnecessary word in the clue. While traders may hold conventions so do many other groups. 14dn: there is no homophone indicator for are=R and I think between would be a better indicator of its station than before. 21dn: I hope I'm correct with Kimbo=awry. I look forward to an explanation of how the seind should be interpreted.
- Try though I may I couldn't get to the bottom of the last two answers. I was living in hope but I have given up.

Brian Symons
Alan Walter
Ted O'Brien
Audrey Ryan
Irene Watts
Jim Colles
Drew Meek
Trish McPherson

November 3-2005: A Pesky Puzzle by Barney Naga (Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes)

- A wryly entertaining puzzle with the theme well-maintained. Clue at 8dn gave me the most trouble despite my long years in school libraries. However, Dewey came up trumps eventually.
- TERRIFIC. Dewey was the peskiest.
- 23ac: The alternate letters of signs turning out easy certainly intrigues! 22dn: Likes your pal + pie clue where 'fold' = lap and 'even split' = pi. Thanks for your pesky puzzle which would have been appropriate at the start of April!
- What a pair of niggles these fellows are! Most entertaining. I've given 'Dewey' my COTM.
- Such well-written clues, some of which I don't fully comprehend until having the answer. I particularly liked 9ac, 8dn and 15dn.
- 9ac: back in= NI; force = G 1st class returns= IA; Where is the clue for ER? 3dn: I don't think mineral=metal.
- Liked the clue for NEWSPEAK. Good to think that 1984, written in 1949, still inspires us in 2005!
- 8dn has me beaten. I have no idea of the correct answer so if my guess is successful it just goes to prove that 'Miracles do happen'.

Irene Watts
Brian Symons
Alan Walter
Ted O'Brien
Jim Colles
Drew Meek
Max Roddick
Chester Chance

November 4-2005: AJ by dB (Doug Butler)

- Too many unknowns! No fun! No more! Pleez!
- Yikes! Clueless! Speechless!
- I gave up on No. 4: the first time an A-J has defeated me.
- I couldn't get more than 11 clues in slot 4 and I am not sure they are correct anyway. I presume the unclued lights are book titles or book characters but could not hazard any sensible guess for them with so few letters. Doug – this should have been a slot 6; never a slot 4!
- 'L' is a guess and 'J' a guess confirmed by a young neighbour. I hope that setters do not now assume that all club members have computers to access answers.
- The AJ gave me the most trouble as I was mystified as to the theme linking Brew and Zulu. When light finally dawned, I felt like kicking myself for not getting the Cup connection sooner. Newer club members who may not be aware that a Melbourne Cup related puzzle is usually included in the November issue might be even more baffled than I was. The Lennon Circus may be well-known, but I had not heard of it. Joe South was a mystery man to me – none of my reference sources mentioned him. Non-dictionary answers like these certainly make puzzles more of a challenge.
- Very clever stuff working with the names of various Melbourne Cup winners into an AJ, even if the 'winningest' of them all, the great Makybe Diva doesn't appear. My L. answer is an assumption because I've not heard of Lennon's Circus, though the late John's lifestyle fits the definition.
- A wonderfully different and clever AJ. I don't fully understand the S clue though.
- Thanks for your Melbourne Cup winners AJ. In F clue, 'Infinity in temperature' = F+OR+EVER = OR in FEVER. Touché! Your AJ was a DB = Devilish Blend of clues to uncover your very appropriate race theme puzzle.
- I struggled with Slot 4 until I realized that A was ambience not Anglican.
- The S clue, when I worked it out to my satisfaction (Seal – UN Navy commands around NSW Back words United States Navy) was my favourite. Took a while before the Cup fell on me.
- A very heavy track until inspiration occurred!
- When I first looked through this month's issue, I was surprised there wasn't a Melbourne Cup themed puzzle – until I twigged to the connection between the B and Z clues. I particularly liked the N and S clues.
- I've been having a huge struggle with Doug's AJ and have now given up on it. I've got some of his answers including B and Z, but haven't made the major breakthrough.
- You're joking!
- Slot 4 proved to be a real stumper as I could not solve enough of the clues to get going. First time I have seen an AJ with unclued lights. Good work, Doug.
- Phew! Couldn't finish this one but chose Forever as COTM before I quit. Wonder what other goodies I missed.
- My congratulations to dB for his brilliant crossword. What a feat to include 10 Melbourne Cup winners and, on top of that, it was an AJ. It took a lot of solving and then, once I'd decided that it was probably Melbourne Cup horses, *The Australian Crossword Dictionary* has two of the horses misspelt! Steve Trollope (These were Patrobus instead of Patrobas and Calamai instead of Calamia, both errors cross with Windbag. A.)

Cynthia Reardon
Irene Watts
Betty Wallace
Audrey Ryan
Maurice Cowan
Peter Dearie
Jim Colles
Brian Symons
Alan Walter
Jean Barbour
Ted O'Brien
Roy Taylor
Drew Meek
Margaret Galbreath
Margaret Raw
Jack Stocks
Max Roddick

[Doug Butler responds: I did think the fact of it being November, having the two 4-letter clues fairly unambiguous and stated to be members of the set, the broad hint about references PLUS the word breaks on the H and T clues would have steered everyone in the right direction. I hope even those who failed to complete the puzzle found some entertainment there. Oh, and Joe South was responsible for *Games People Play*, *Don't It Make You Wanna Go Home*, *Walk a Mile in My Shoes* and other earnest 60's ditties.]

November 5-2005: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

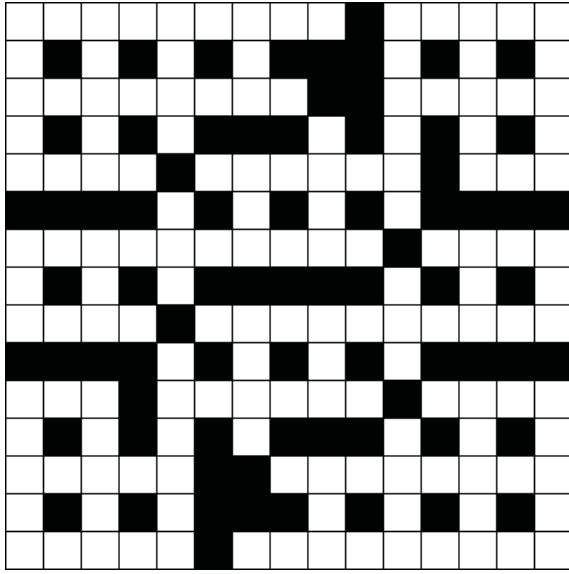
- I really enjoyed the puzzle. Thanks, Shirl.
- Thanks for your very enjoyable 'Modes of Transportation' puzzle. In 23ac much liked your motorcycle clue: Seen in Harley Street? & in 20 ac: Your Roman oil dispenser = monorail & especially 25ac: Hearse = He takes in the listeners! Well done.
- Another transport of delight from Shirl!
- A lovely puzzle from Shirl as always. Riding the many vehicles was very helpful. I had some difficulty at 24dn deciding between dash and dust but I felt that dash was the more reasonable solution.
- It's normal to be carried away with SCs clues even when no definitions are given, and I can usually understand how they work. However, on this occasion, I am mystified by both 21dn and 24dn. Enlightenment would be appreciated.
- Was up to the transcription stage before Orogen revealed itself. A tricky one, Shirl.

Brian Symons
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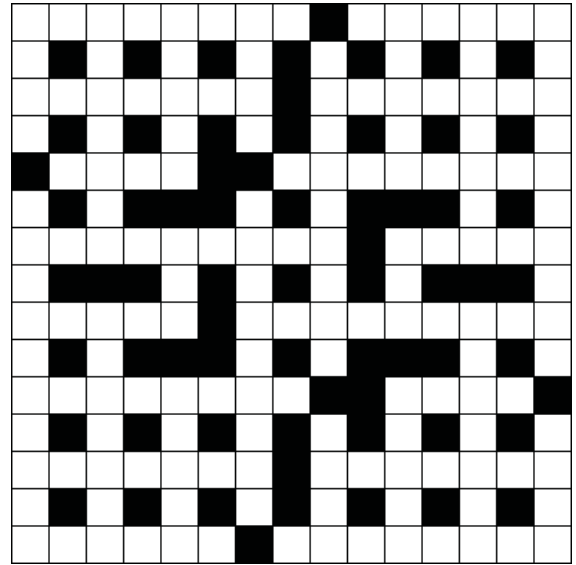
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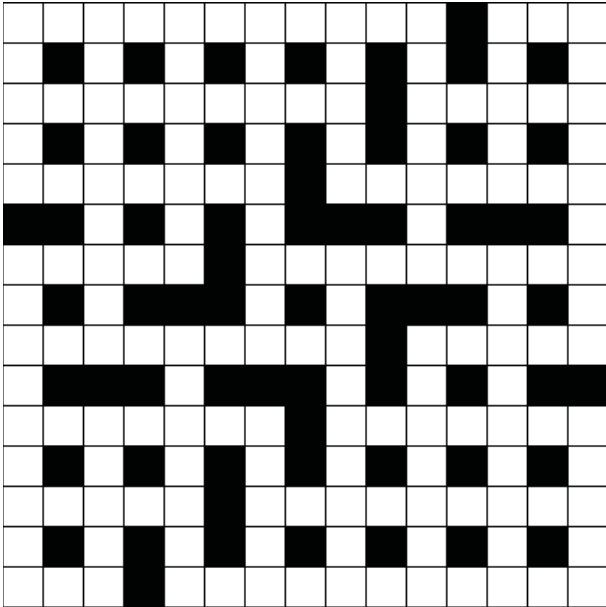
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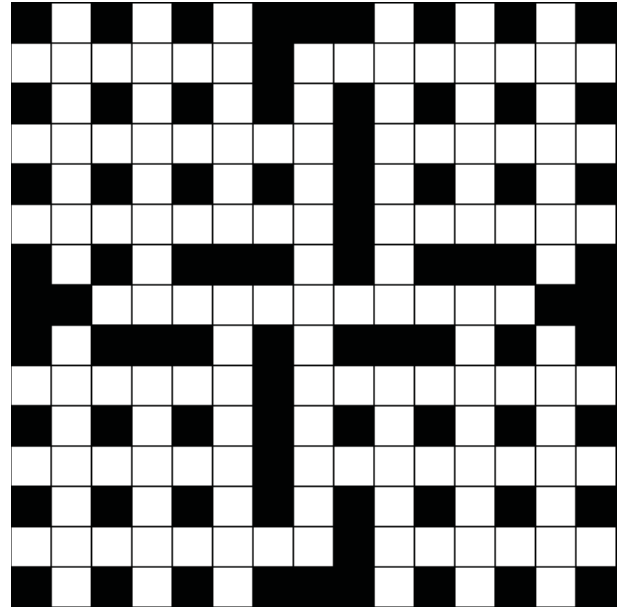
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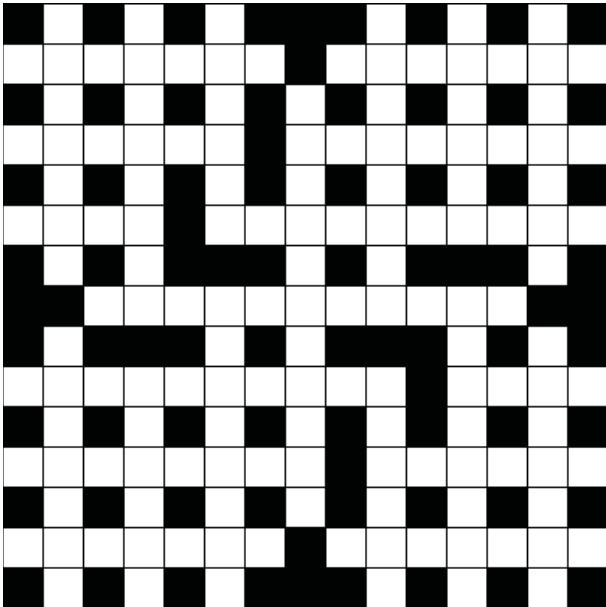
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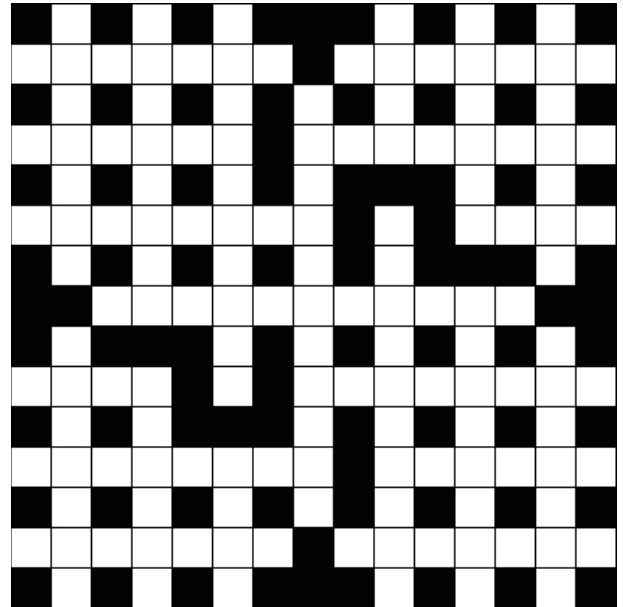
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Clue of the Month

October 6-2005 - The Splendour Falls by Barney Naga (Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes).

Entries: 54. Correct: 30. Success rate: 56%. Prizewinners: Del Eisentrager and Ron O'Rourke. Congratulations!

Solvers' Comments:

- Another enjoyable puzzle centred around a most beautiful verse. I loved it. Roy Wilson
- Very well done and clued, thank you. 17(a) bugle/buffalo was our COTM. The second part of 5 gave us two weeks of frustration. Kay & Ian Williams
- Hope we have it right by taking D & E as every second letter of DOES. Dell Eisentrager
- Thanks for the opportunity to try your puzzle. I have always enjoyed the poem so found the puzzle much fun. Ann Jermy
- How come you're making them easier? Clues were tricky tho'. Merv Collins
- Have to say I found this an unsatisfying exercise with no downward theme or confirming letters to assist. Despite the poem which gives the appearance of legitimacy it's merely cryptic clues for 36 random unconnected words. [Very true! But would you rather see a bikini on a store window dummy or a live model? Bob] Merv Collins
- I just love these! Our verse speaking class said *The Splendour Falls* in an eisteddfod when I was about ten and I think I can still remember all of the inflections we used. Many thanks for the pleasure of much enjoyment – and so much nostalgia. Shirl O'Brien
- Thank you for another of your poetic puzzles; they are always a lot of fun. Ron O'Rourke
- Thanks for a good puzzle — difficult with only 1 checked letter — but your clues were fair. Oh! How I love Tennyson. Doreen Jones
- Loved the puzzle – just hope I'm right. [Spot on, Del. Bob]. Del Kennedy
- Many thanks for another of your delightful puzzles. It was great to be reminded of a piece of poetry which gave me so much pleasure in my (long gone) schooldays. Pat Garner
- Thank you once again for such a great mind-bender. As far as I am concerned you are the tops with your clever clues – although buffalo was a bit of a ring-in! Eva Seale
- I bombed out badly on the last puzzle of this variety, so I'm pleased to have completed this one. Hope I'm correct. [Sorry Andrew, you missed out on 'fanfare'. Bob] Andrew Patterson
- Thanks for lots of fun – I really enjoy this type of puzzle. Wonderfully and misleadingly clued. Brian Symons
- Thanks for compiling another poetic puzzle. With your good clues I felt confident about all my answers with the exception of the second part of clue No 5. [On reflection every 'other' letter rather than every 'second' would have been clearer. Bob] David Procter
- Come on! Hands up all those who knew a bugle was a buffalo? Ted O'Brien
- Thanks for Slot 6 – a great mindbender. What a lot of work you put into it just to keep the solvers happy. Good because it worked for me. I only hope I have earned a dot. [Sorry Catherine, you also missed the fanfare. Bob] Catherine Foster
- Very cunning and a great challenge which is very satisfying to solve. Jim Colles
- Clue 17: So a bugle is a buffalo? Would look fine marching with a brass band! Max Roddick

Setters' Comments: Most solvers expressed an appreciation of the puzzle with a few being less than complimentary about the level of difficulty brought about by the lack of intersection checks. We will be including an additional set of letters in the next one which should avoid the Buffalo/Fanfare problem. —Barney Naga (Bob Hagan and Jeremy Barnes)

RESULTS of QUIZ No 9/2005: Animal Crackers Quiz by Virgo (Audrey Austin). Prizewinner: Susan Howells. Congratulations!

Answers: 1. Albert Herring 2. Andrew Peacock 3. Bat out of Hell 4. Boy on a Dolphin 5. Buffalo Bill 6. Cat on a Hot Tin Roof 7. Christopher Robin 8. Counting sheep 9. Drake's Drum 10. Ernie Dingo 11. Goldfinger 12. Groundhog Day 13. I am the Walrus 14. Horse chestnut 15. Kipper 16. Lone Eagle 17. Penrith Panthers 18. Peter and the Wolf 19. (Little) Piggies 20. Play Possum 21. Prairie Oyster 22. Sparrow grass 23. Tawny frogmouth 24. The Day of the Jackal 25. The Desert Fox 26. The Elephant Man 27. The Firefly 28. The Lion in Winter 29. The Partridge Family 30. Tiger Woods.

Scores: 30: K Audrins, B Cockburn, M Collins, B Foott, C Foster, P Garner, B Glissan, D Hemsley, E Ho, L Howard, V Howard, S Howells, B Ibbott, A Jermy, D Kennedy, M Kennedy, G Leeds, C McClelland, T McPherson, P Mercer, C Noble, Ted O'Brien, R O'Rourke, M Procter, D Procter, J Smith, N Storey, B Symons, L Waites, A Walter, I Watts, M Watzinger, J Wenham and I Williams. **29:** J Barbour, B Bennett, V Dinham, J McGrath, B Solomon. **28:** G Cole, J Colles, C Jones and B Siegman. **27:** P Dearie.

Members' Comments:

- Some of these questions had this 'animal' going 'crackers'. Betty Siegman
- I've been everywhere, ma'am, but I still can't find any answers to the blanks so will settle for what I get. Thanks, Audrey, for another very difficult and entertaining product from the factory. Jim Colles
- Thank you for this fun and challenging quiz. Jean Barbour
- I presume when you put in *Goldfinger* you meant to change it later to *Pussy Galore* or *Octopussy*. Bev Solomon
- Very interesting puzzle. Have 12 and 13 been transposed? Dunno too many other bitter brown nuts. Don Hemsley
- What a great quiz! However, I have a few queries: No. 7. Are you thinking of *Vespers*? No. 11. *Goldfinger* is the only James Bond movie that fits but I can't find any animal. Is it a bird? Gabrielle Leeds
- Love these quizzes and this one certainly required considerable research as some were rather obscure. My workmate, Eric, was tearing his hair over a few of these. Fingers crossed! Trish McPherson
- When I was teaching in England (1956) the choir used to play CONKERS with horse chestnuts. I've not heard of the game here. This was a great quiz, which I found pretty difficult but for the grandchildren being up with the music scene. Bill Bennett
- Thanks for a quiz that tested my personal knowledge first and then sent me through dictionaries and some of my very first forays into the Internet where I found 'Reel' big fish: *Goldfinger*. Can't find it anywhere else as a creature of the animal kingdom. Ted O'Brien
- Thanks for your *Animal Crackers* Quiz. What a pity the gremlins infiltrated it. But once I knew there were some problems I was confident my answers were right. I enjoy these solvable ones and wonder how people without the Internet manage. Maybe the internet is making me lazy. I used to solve a lot before we had it. Jenny Wenham
- Thanks for your CRACKERJACK puzzle; quite a magnificent menagerie. Alan Walter
- *Christopher Robin*: Did Milne ever write a poem with this actual name? *Little Piggies* number is actually entitled *Piggies*. A most enjoyable quiz despite the minor problems. Kay and Ian Williams
- I read on the Internet forum last night that the James Bond Movie was changed to 1984. This helped me to finish the quiz as I could not relate *Goldfinger* with Animal Crackers. The other one that had me tricked was No. 19. My daughter has the Beatles collection and it is listed as *Piggies* though it has little piggies in the words. Joan Smith
- Thanks for your entertaining and clever quiz. What a wide variety of animals from so many areas of trivia. Well done! I was annoyed that I couldn't remember Colin Cowdrey's nickname then suddenly from the depths of somewhere, there it was! Merv Collins
- I like your puzzles because they are innovative and also provide me with some happy memories, namely my late husband's liking for herrings and mine for kippers. Another memory was visiting the Empire Theatre in Liverpool where we saw Rudolf Friml's *Rose Marie*, but I know nothing about his *Firefly*. Irene Watts.
- I guess the gremlins got at your quiz this time, but hope I have worked my way through without too much difficulty. You always have such marvellous ideas for quizzes and they are always enjoyable. Barbara Ibbott

Adjudicator's Comments: Thank you to the many who pointed out the errors. A clue for *Octopussy* to replace *Goldfinger* and *Piggies* to replace the little ones. Gosh! I'm learning as much as you are! I really thought the George Harrison song was called *Little Piggies* as the song starts: 'Have you seen the little piggies...' and I know it well. Two members pointed out *Vespers* as the true title of the AA Milne poem whereas I (and most people, I suspect) only know it as *Christopher Robin*. The H and I clues were in reverse order as most of you pointed out. Sorry! No one will have lost marks for any errors on my part and I'll double check even the ones I 'know' next time! Thank you all for your good wishes and enquiries about Bruce's health, which is not good, but improving. Thank you Irene, Barbara, Del, and Aileen for the nice postcards and kind messages that accompanied your entries. Audrey (Virgo)