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Words with two L's are the worst. Lonely, loveless.
Timberlake Wertebaker, 1988, *Our Country's Good*, 1. x

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This month we celebrate **Australia Day** which marks the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788. We don't have to wave any flags, but we have the next best thing – a special puzzle devised by our favourite Western Australian compiler *Red One* in which she nominates a well-known person to be *Australian of the Year*. Will it be a sportsperson? This is a wonderful puzzle to be enjoyed and savoured.

And speaking of the First Fleet, Bill Bennett has compiled a puzzle which has a flotilla of 22 different craft woven into the grid. This sparkling puzzle will light up your day and make you think about the national belief in a "strong, fair and decent community"! A puzzle to be attempted with conviction...

The indefatigable Noel Jessop has provided another Half & Half puzzle and we have two excellent cryptics from *Makeanote* and *Southern Cross*. We round off the puzzles with a touching tribute AJ from *Praxis*.

Do you like Limericks? Brian Symons has suggested we run a Limerick Competition. Great idea, Brian! Why not try your hand at composing a Limerick or two with a cruciverbal theme. See p9 for details. And for those who are good at figures, Phil Pope has come up with *Mathsword* – a grid which should please mathematical experts such as Ken Davis and Alan Walter! Our first Quiz for 2004 has been put together by *Virgo* who has titled it *Size Matters*. Many thanks to our compilers for all of these outstanding contributions.

It looks like a bright New Year for puzzling and solving. Happy Crozworlding!
Patrick

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That this is the Year of the Monkey is not in any way indicative of the performance of those who've missed out on their dots for the reasons outlined below.

Slot 1: Stroz had COLA in mind for the Christmas Cheer at 5ac, but most solvers preferred SODA, which also went down well. SOLO would have been in order but produced HOCK for 4dn which isn't a fit with the clue. Some interesting but undrinkable suggestions for 9ac were YAOSHU, TAISHU, HANSHU, MAOSHI, SANSHU, BAISHU, BAOSHIE, as were MUSH at 6ac and BIB at 13dn.

Slot 2: Solved mainly with distinction. Just a few misspellings here and there particularly for CENOBITIC at 17dn, and the very imaginative combination of TOY ENGINE for 18ac with TIN CHESTS for 15dn.

Slot 3: Great misfortune was visited upon more than 30 solvers who answered 7dn as ULNAS or ULNAR. The clue, a rather difficult one explained in Alan Walter's comments, required that the answer be ULNAE. There were a few SPURNS at 6dn and some others that looked like transcription blues.

Slot 4: 'PRECITED' for the P clue was the undoing of plenty. 'Will' referred to The Bard himself, and the answer 'PREMISED', *Chambers* informs us, means 'sent before due time' in the great man's lingo. However, refer to Roy Wilson's comment about this clue. The other troublemaker was T, with numerous answers of TUCANAS or TUCANAN.

Slot 5: A bloke who was New Age Sensitive instead of Old Age Macho might have got emotional about the trifling mistakes that undid the battlers here – SLEEK, FACED, BOGGY, TASTE, DROUSE, MUSTY, MUSKE, PAIN and INTO instead of WITH. Those affected should feel free to vent appropriately unlyrical epithets.

Clue of the month: There was a Melbourne Cup field of nominations across all the puzzles, and the winner in a blanket finish was Slot 3, 8dn.

Several entries arrived without a name at the top, and it was fortunate that the names were written on the backs of their envelopes. I suggest that your name be written first before the solution grids begin to be filled in.

It is indeed a pleasure to be associated with such a friendly group, and I trust that you all go through the year dotted than ever before.

Jim Colles

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	82	114	104	109	111	520
Correct entries	55	100	58	67	95	375
Success rate (%)	67	88	56	61	86	72
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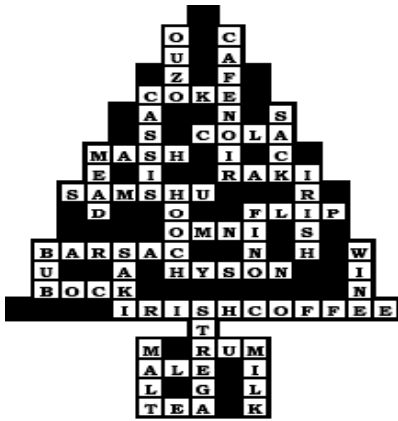
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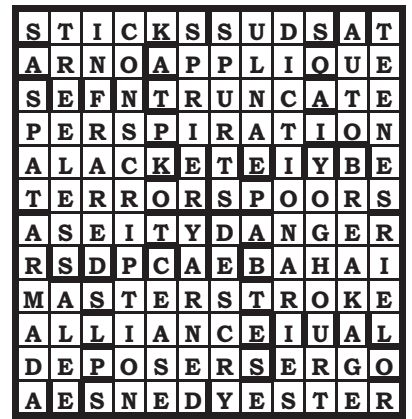
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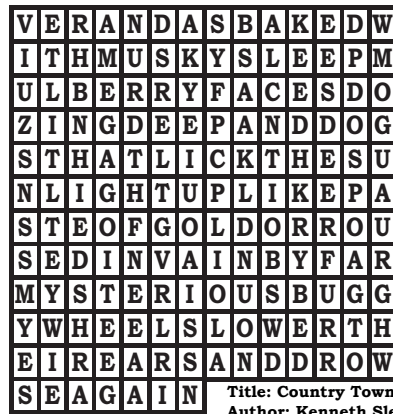
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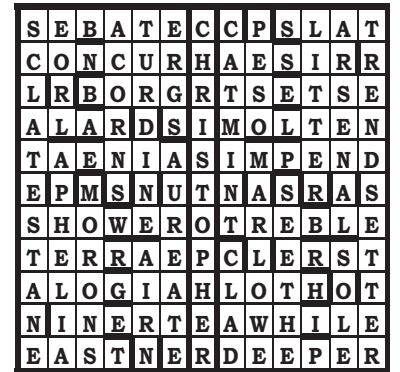


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Title: Country Towns
Author: Kenneth Slessor

December 6-2003



Man of Letters: Christopher Marlowe

MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JANUARY 2004

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ANDERSON C
ARCHIBALD C
ATKINSON S
AUSTIN A
BATUM C
BENNETT B
BRYANT R
BUTLER D
CALLAN A & D
CAMPBELL G
CASTLE A
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COCKBURN M
COLE G
COLLES J
COLLINS M
CONWAY H
COWAN M
CRANE L
DAVIS M
DAY R
DEARIE P
DELANEY S
DENNIS M
DINHAM V
DODD C
DODD M
EISENTRAGER D
FOSTER C
FOWLER J
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HAMBLING C
HEATH P
HOWARD V
IBBOTT B
IKIN D
JERMY A
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KENNEDY D
KITTO J
KNIGHT S
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LOBSEY V
McCLELLAND C
McDERMOTT P
MACDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
MANNING R
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MERCER P
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O'BRIEN S
O'ROURKE R
OTRUPCEK R
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PYC M
RANDALL J
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ROBERTSON D
RODDICK M
RYAN A
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SAVANAH T
SEALE E
SIEGMAN B
SKILLICORN A
SMITH J
SOLOMON B
STANDARD J
STOCKS J
STOREY N
STREET P
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
THOMAS E
TICKLE B
TOFONI B
TROLLOPE S
VERESS M
VILLIERS W
WAITES L
WALLACE B
WALTER A
WATT K
WATTS I
WENHAM J
WHITEHEAD R
WILCOX C
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop



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Across

- 1 Arrivals (7)
- 5 Overcome (6)
- 9 To the rear (5)
- 11 Unnatural (8)
- 13 Rugby Union devotee (*coll.*) (3-3)
- 14 Low islet (3)
- 15 Peoples (5)
- 16 Poems (4)
- 17 Eagles' nests (6)
- 18 Noble rank (7)
- 22 Discharge (5)
- 24 Trajectories (7)
- 27 Thrust forward (7)
- 29 Vending machine (7)
- 31 Cacophony of voices (5)
- 34 Mournful (7)
- 36 Soak up (6)
- 38 High cards (4)
- 40 Greek epic (5)
- 42 Scottish expression (3)
- 43 Coiffure (6)
- 44 Making watertight (8)
- 45 Barbarians (5)
- 46 Mended (6)
- 47 Unfriendly (7)

Down

- 1 Solitary sailor with shellfish? (7)
- 2 Front churchman? (5)
- 3 Not one tangled yarn (4)
- 4 State a river is a river! (4)
- 5 Reds came out and shrieked (8)
- 6 Decree a constant associate in employ (5)
- 7 Clean up right equipment round town (7)
- 8 Old city record the man's put around small university (7)
- 10 Mild baron to alight (5)
- 12 Some jerboas established in lush places (5)
- 19 Elementary unit attends the heart of Rome? (4)
- 20 Left to return to gambling (5)
- 21 Potential seed puts you, say, in love madly (5)
- 23 Animal wrecked gun (3)
- 25 Church buys half an island (4)
- 26 A bird in the creek (3)
- 28 British notice dandy has ill-will (8)
- 29 Confounded a party media boss (7)
- 30 One at rest discomfited in Tangier? (7)
- 32 In the manner of conservative king's expression of regret (5)
- 33 Gleans a mess of food (7)
- 35 Drain away a meadow by church (5)
- 37 Travel on around end of long hill-range (5)
- 39 Cold capsicum by the sound of it (5)
- 41 Detective has murdered T. Morse (4)
- 42 Bravos lose out (4)

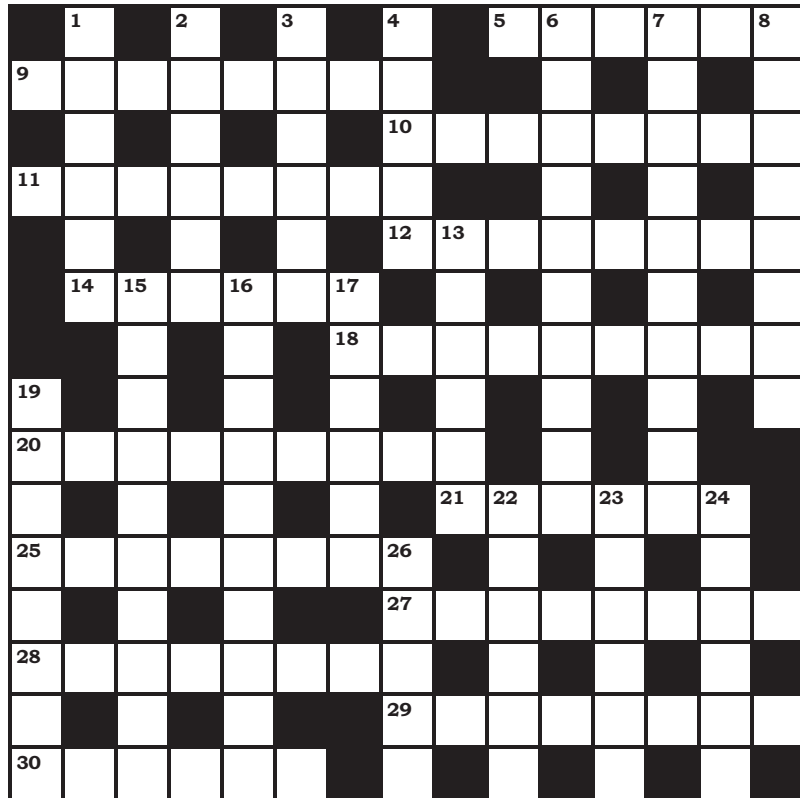
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Cryptic
by
Makeanote



Across

- 5 Central points of the Southern Cross, for example (6)
- 9 Socrates redefined the roughest of them all (8)
- 10 Between 20 and 30 years old? Chew on it (8)
- 11 A line of pretty dolls heard at a sausage sizzle? (8)
- 12 Turn back after what point? It doesn't matter (8)
- 14 Catch out but don't "tease". That should bring a breath of fresh air (6)
- 18 Plainly demonstrates loveless announcements (9)
- 20 Israeli leader will catch any surprised expression you utter (9)
- 21 Sailing quietly with deception (6)
- 25 Gail somehow followed me, and finally hit her head on a very large stone (8)
- 27 Empty service station (3,2,3)
- 28 American officer remains healthy, but heartless (8)
- 29 Wickedly disobey...completely (8)
- 30 Jesus' head band, perhaps? (6)

Down

- 1 I slip into comas, somehow seeing a decorative pattern (6)
- 2 Language barrier backed in CIA organisation (6)
- 3 Sticky tape to get you hooked! (6)
- 4 First-rate stew cooked to spread around (5)
- 6 Permission of access totally one-sided (5,2,3)
- 7 Cross beam a sight for seeing under the skin (1-3,6)
- 8 Steepest slope most revealing (8)
- 13 Obsession to stop a conversation (4-2)
- 15 Selfish goal is not much chop! (3,2,5)
- 16 Little Boy Blue is a trumpeter (10)
- 17 Mutual change of sound (6)
- 19 Occultic members watch Mt Sinai's eruption (8)
- 22 The Italian shelter was present, but not operating (6)
- 23 See an increase flowing in (6)
- 24 Clear wrap attached with respect to doing it happily (6)
- 26 Musician from Hungary gets lost...strangely (5)

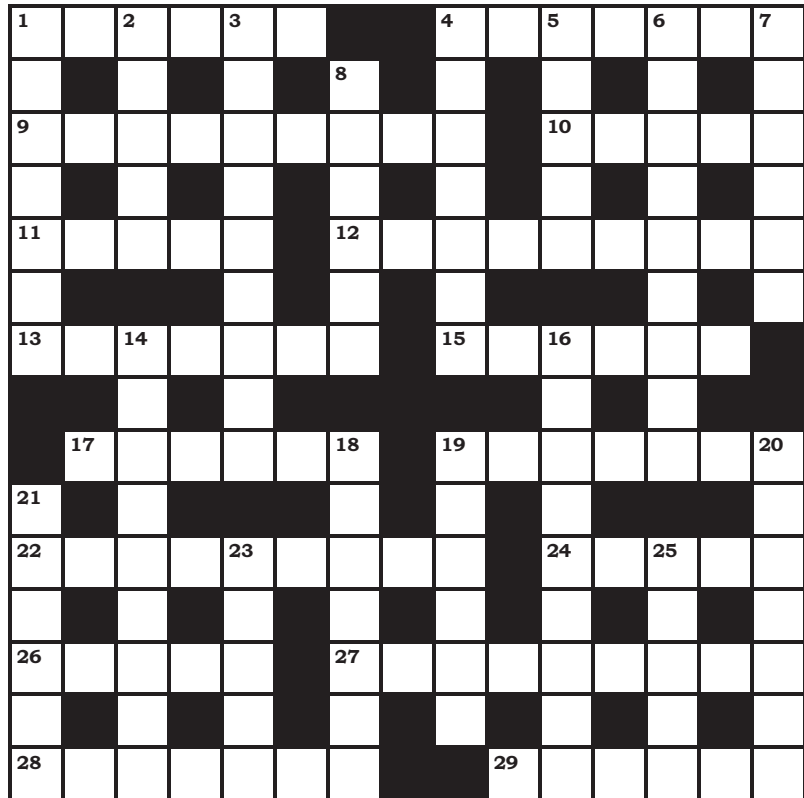
Alan Walter writes:

1. *Collins Australian English Dictionary* (5th Edn – Concise) contains Biographical data, plus Place Names and other proper names in almost 1700 pages @ \$49.95 (retail). The larger version may not contain this extra information but then again neither does *Chambers English Dictionary*. Both of these Dictionaries are magnificent word banks. The larger version of *Collins English Dictionary* retails usually at \$75.

2. *Chambers Book of Araucaria Crosswords* is the first published book of Alphabetical Jigsaws that I have seen. It contains 4 special types of AJs, Aphoristical, where a pithy quote is woven into the grid answers via a shading of letters, Perimetrical, Diametrical & Rhombical where the aphorisms or sentiments are woven in these forms within the grid. Araucaria not only gives the answers, he also identifies the cryptic manner in which each answer is obtained, so it is particularly helpful for novices or for experts who are stumped on explaining the secondary indicators. It normally retails at \$16.95 and as Araucaria means 'monkey puzzle' you can be sure that he does monkey around with his puzzling clues.

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**Cryptic
by
Southern
Cross**



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- 1 Women recently hooked by lace-making links (6)
- 4 Puzzling pictures about passenger transport (7)
- 9 Provision for a water supply is efficiently organised (4-3-2)
- 10 List of basic furniture (5)
- 11 Following one around – following one around town (2, 3)
- 12 One prioress fixes time of deluges (9)
- 13 Traipses about to acquire these devices (7)
- 15 Amount I hate men and sex studs maybe (Saddam Hussein excepted) (6)
- 17 List of grievances finally defies belief (6)
- 19 Proprietor held by detectives – drugs? (7)
- 22 Pledge support for council (9)
- 24 An Indian to back university (5)
- 26 A tropical fish, or possibly four (5)
- 27 Not regretted by UNO, including the thousand under-ordered (9)
- 28 Those offsetting betting risks who won't give a direct answer? (7)
- 29 Article by the French reporter showed bias (6)

Down

- 1 Game old singer grabs a bird (7)
- 2 The cove at home has permit (5)
- 3 The Spanish stitch things up here or in another place (9)
- 4 Break up after end of semester, true to form (7)
- 5 Diminished by what Hayden did well, without starting to tire (5)
- 6 Vehicle reversed position – that's the matter! (9)
- 7 Jenny from O'Shea's Studio? (3-3)
- 8 Flights with sitars playing? (6)
- 14 Took a partner on the first of December and drastically cut numbers (9)
- 16 Repair unto whose abode? (9)
- 18 The diversions of a city in France (7)
- 19 Medico and mad mate built castles in Spain (6)
- 20 Probed by level-headed reporter (7)
- 21 Maybe a nip – nip in the bud? (6)
- 23 I'm a long time producing a facsimile (5)
- 25 Inn undecided on sheer fabric (5)

PRIZEWINNERS OF CUMULATIVE QUIZZES FOR 2003:

First: Joan Smith (138 points). Second: Carole Noble (137 points). Equal third: Joan McGrath, David Procter and Alan Walter (135 points). Sixth: Catherine Hambling (134.5 points). Congratulations!

Solutions to Neat Clues (in the previous Crozworld):

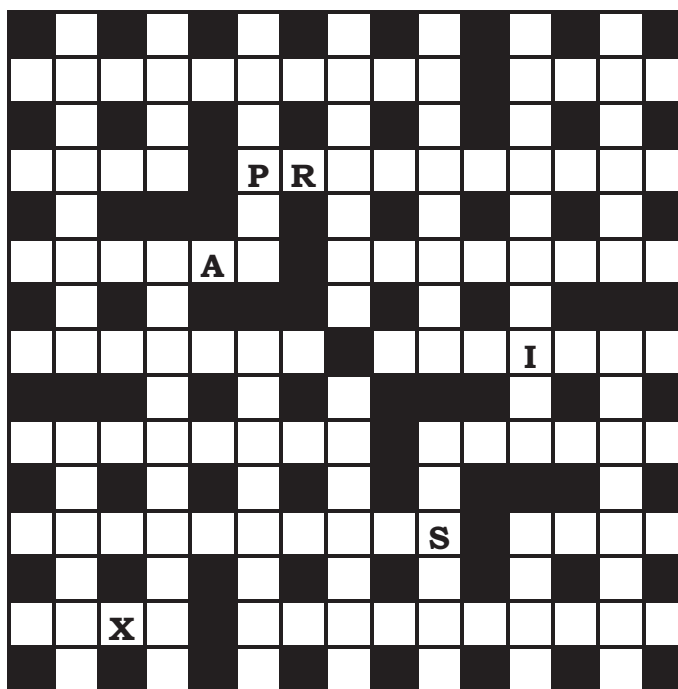
1. Pole Star 2. Nile 3. Lilliputian 4. Interplanetary 5. Weapons of mass destruction 6. Night.

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**Acrostic/
Jigsaw
by
Praxis**



For Carole Noble in memory of Joyce Sheahan



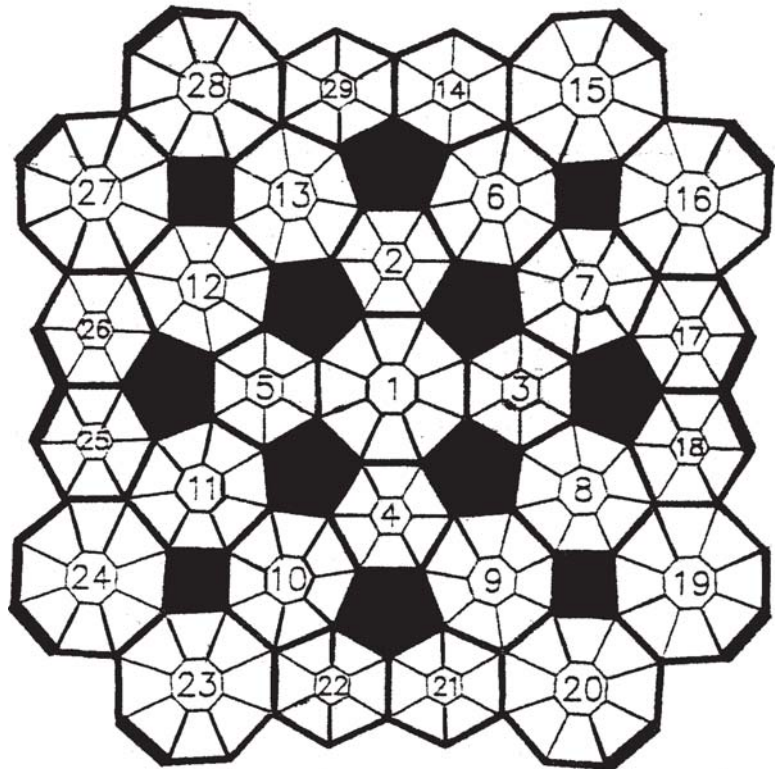
Solutions should be fitted into the diagram jigsaw-wise (the scattered letters of PRAXIS will help). When the grid is completed, arrange the clues from the first Across to the last Down – their 28 initial letters identify a category. Highlight part of six answers that belong to the category.

- Boxer's trunks for the flunkies? (10)
- Several nags! It's becoming an obsession (5-5)
- Ruminated; crazy about new static (10)
- Evidence's incomplete, Roy's collapsed under oath (10)
- Stick with captains leading units (10)
- Number in French match almost drunk – nothing odd! (10)
- Territory's Swahili master imprisons old poet (8)
- Nervously cedes over dispute having deposited deed (8)
- Shrub from Hawaii, pale brown, it's out by start of spring (8)
- Average's about the same with new core (8)
- Do up surplus uranium held by Henry (8)
- Entertainment promos seen on vehicles (8)
- Nick embraces right journalist to be accepted (7)
- With Ed back, Adelaide visionary has joy (7)
- Nicked off; new seed's escorting international (7)
- Spend and charge with fervour (7)
- A club worker made a member during prohibition (6)
- Residence in Spain has Jack over for fruit (6)
- Money? We set up the plant! (6)
- I'll go after church work with new footwear (6)
- Indians follow state regulation (6)
- Agent to swallow duplicate (6)
- A French priest's books aged externally (4)
- Mull, for example, stands by the French (4)
- Observe the old guy retiring (4)
- Completed dance on time (4)
- Essence from plant tissue? (4)
- Opening to song's cut and made blue (4)

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**All at Sea –
Naval Gazing**
by
Bill Bennett

**Book
Prize!**



There is a maritime theme generally and a flotilla (22) of the answers are a motley lot of craft. Answers may circumnavigate to port or starboard in each pentagon, letter by letter, segmentally. Where ships come alongside, the tangential letters should correspond.

“Yo-ho-ho me hearties and a bottle of *Fri* ____ No! Belay that! Weigh the *Old Kedge!* Fair sailing!”

Clues:

- 1 The short Detective Inspector held the Pequod’s captain before he reversed (8)
- 2 Lamina twisted and can be twisted again into ships’ ropes. Capital! (6)
- 3 *Golden Hind* or *Emden* or *Kormorant*? Hagar is one too! (6)
- 4 Minor crash on the highway ends. Towed anyway (6)
- 5 Whinger sounds like one of Ahab’s crew (6)
- 6 Sea bird or naval ship. A crude expletive of annoyance? (7)
- 7 Medico short trimmer. Bottoms up of course! (7)
- 8 Faithful cat sound heard? You could swear like one! (7)
- 9 Flat boy tossed about as she travels fast (7)
- 10 Groupie rebuilt this boat (7)
- 11 First rate at tonsorial craft? (7)
- 12 “ ____ of *Nineveh*” but two banks less rowing power (7)
- 13 Nice nap, rocking aboard, but no hammock available here! (7)
- 14 Hook? So was Silver LJ (6)
- 15 Premier that is on the right course (8)
- 16 Do they buy their own drinks when Flying? (8)
- 17 Rude go around target, buoy or anchor (6)
- 18 Drillers unwelcome on timber ship (6)
- 19 The ram holds a type of hawk (8)
- 20 Non-telephonic STD picked up mixing in the settee (8)
- 21 Port light around stern. How castaway reached shore (6)
- 22 Knock a Queen with this swashbuckling arm (6)
- 23 Cape and fife are needed aboard for dance (8)
- 24 Weapons on joints! (8)
- 25 Large stringed instrument reverses on America (6)
- 26 Armoured vehicle followed by hesitation. Slick producer (6)
- 27 Third class on board. Guide mature (8)
- 28 Ale glass tossed heavier vessel (8)
- 29 Square type finisher – delicate (6)

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Australian of the Year by Red One



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Name (7, 5) _ _ _ _ _

Asterisked clues consist of two (or three) word answers and in each case a common word is to be omitted before entry; clues for these are given for the definition only of the full answers. 1ac, 14ac and 46ac are works of a well-known Australian who is related to the theme and clues for these have no definitions. The name of the Australian should be inserted in the space provided below the grid. Punctuation may mislead and there is one abbreviation. The spelling of 40ac does not appear in the 1998 copy of *Chambers* but is in previous editions.

Across

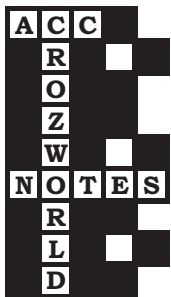
- 1 Hate harmful men, rough up without mark (3,3,7)
- 10 Dull operation? A queen with bare bottom (6)
- 12 Unenclosed poetically – first three free (3)
- 13 Eye-opener after Arctic plain divided to adjust frequency (4)
- 14 Against holding an Ordnance Survey (4)
- 15 After goodbyes, start to wander about small wood (5)
- 17 See after old clean Asian currency returned to State (9)
- 18 Competitor almost cleft in rock (4)
- 19 Exalts two Egyptian gods if independent appears for the last time (6)
- 22 Unwell? – stay inside silly billy (3)
- 23 Sainly figure leads in Church of Nativity (4)
- 25 I'll shortly reach the inside of the lowest part of the small intestine (5)
- 28 Over easy without a local milk-strainer (3)
- 30 Patronymic of Hercules as El Cid travelled about (7)
- 31 Officer found sitting on the back of bronco (3)
- 33 Anti ecstasy disturbed beings (5)
- 35 Balsam with arrangement of cut lotus (4)
- 36 Came face to face with me on central station (3)
- 38 Moderate heat comes from elbow, arm, thigh ... (6)
- 39 African chieftain and Queen on British motorway (4)
- 40 Hi! I'd pour a cocktail for a family of echinoderms (9)
- 44 Drops around to see eggs (5)
- 45 Originally, will I feel envious of a married woman? (4)
- 46 Leased the central area with freedom from difficulty (4)
- 47 Pluto dog's foremost outside interests (3)
- 48 Stars acting badly bearing paste for making false gems (6)
- 49 The old gossip's news article (3,5,5)

Down

- 1 Comrade, to Victoria and Albert king is first heir (8)
- 2 Cardinal, point out topless dates (4)
- *3 & *11 A course of action adopted for restricted entry (9, 6)
- 4 Resembling an arch and for nothing (6)
- 5 Jump down evenly on the surface (4)
- 6 Snow – mid morning and the night before (4)
- *7 A constituent of the Soviet Union (7)
- *8 Methylated spirits and light shoe polish (5)
- 9 Centre of gravity in Spenser's river before left horizontal position (5)
- 13 Hardy girl first took extra strong steroids (4)
- 16 Quality assurance before native underground water tunnel (5)
- 20 An aspect around the 15th March (4)
- *21 Useless possessions (9)
- 24 Beetle loses ends which results in blemish (4)
- 26 Steer about compound formed by condensation (5)
- 27 Act of civility, scouter murdered – sticky end! (8)
- 29 Show lively interest – hunts about in the outskirts of Engadine (7)
- *32 Seen at south-east English port or in the back blocks of NSW (6)
- 34 Among others, am I to have the last word on the street (6)
- 36 Last post follows anything very small choral composition (5)
- 37 Hebrew measure for dry goods record hospital after hours (5)
- 38 Old handkerchief bearing a mashed pie (4)
- 41 Language you hear, said adieu finally (4)
- 42 Spenser's roar, a call to attract attention in centre of learning (4)
- 43 Informal greeting dog I hear (4)

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THE CRUCIVERBAL LIMERICK

Brian Symons has come up with the idea of a Limerick competition. Members are asked to submit Limericks on any cruciverbal subject: crosswords, compilers, clue types, the ACC etc. Send them to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 or by e-mail: brian_symons@bigpond.com.au

At the end of the competition period, members will be asked to vote on the best three Limericks and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Here are some to get you going:

I love to do crosswords in bed
When I should be sleeping instead
I solve the last clue Round about two
With my eyelids heavy as lead.

There is a composer called Roy
In our club he's quite a boy
His grids are Ximenean Their difficulty 'obscean'
But their solution is a real joy.

There was a compiler called Sue
Who did crosswords no one could do
When told this was so She said: "Yes, I know"
"But the fact is I don't have a clue".

Solution to Bletchingly puzzle



To Stephane (PUNDIT)

Perfect and well defined clues.
Usual twist of that active brain,
Ne plus ultra: that's my son!
Deep in my heart, your dedication uplifts my ego.
I feel really honoured by your gesture,
Thank you Stephane, for such a touching thought.

Maman



New Members: A warm welcome to **Christina Lee** from New Farm, Qld, **Stephen Delaney** from Forster, NSW and **Yvette Haselden** from Mount Sheridan, Qld. Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

Puzzle Adjustments: Rachel Day gained dots for December Slots 2, 3, 4 and 5.

Cumulative Slots 1-5 July-Dec 2003: For those members gaining 29 correct solutions add: Ann Jermy and Bev Solomon.

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Feb 3-2004). The ever-cheerful Victorian member **Dot Mortensen** has not been enjoying the best of health lately. We send you our best wishes Dot for a speedy recovery.



SIZE MATTERS QUIZ by Virgo

Send your entries to Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariong NSW 2250 or by e-mail: ccryptic@bigpond.net.au
Closing mail date: Friday 5 March 2004.
Prize: \$60.

Answers are in alphabetical order and have something in common.

- 1 Expression meaning 'generally speaking' (2,3,5)
- 2 Talk things over (4,3,3)
- 3 Tom Cruise/Nicole Kidman movie (4,4,4)
- 4 Movie starring James Dean and Rock Hudson (5)
- 5 Aussie folk singer (6, 4)
- 6 Charles Dickens novel (6, 6)
- 7 Aussie Rock group formed 1974 (6,5,4)
- 8 Character featured in RL Stevenson's *Treasure Island* (4,4,6)
- 9 Extinct elephant-like mammal (7)
- 10 US Actor/producer, star of *The Three Amigos* (6, 5)
- 11 Small fancy biscuits (5, 5)
- 12 US Movie Westerns actor (4, 7)
- 13 Animated children's Movie mouse character (6, 6)
- 14 Novel by Raymond Chandler (3,3,5)
- 15 Billy Connolly's nickname (3,3,3)
- 16 The largest constellation in the Northern Hemisphere (3,5,4)
- 17 Novel by F. Scott Fitzgerald (3,5,6)
- 18 New York Theatre district situated near Times Square (3,5,5,3)
- 19 Napoleon Bonaparte's nickname (3,6,8)
- 20 British 60's pop group (3,5,5)
- 21 Jeff Goldblum movie (3,4,3)
- 22 Song by Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby from a movie of the same name (5,6,5)
- 23 US singer who had a hit with *Tiptoe through the Tulips* (4, 3)
- 24 UK TV cookery programme (3,3,6)
- 25 NSW town postcode 2388 (3, 3)

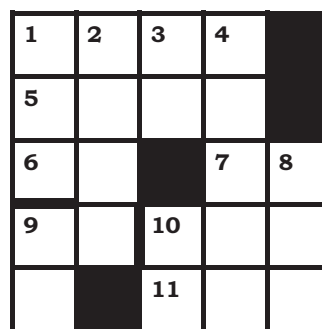
Mathsword by Phil Pope

Send your entry to: Phil Pope, 10 Bonza View, Kalorama Vic 3766.

Closing mail date: Friday 5 March 2004.

Prize: Encarta Concise English Dictionary (rrp \$50)

Clue: The digit zero does not appear in the grid.



Across

- 1 Square of 10dn (4)
- 5 Sum of the digits is 12 (4)
- 6 Odd but not prime (2)
- 7 This number is larger when reversed. Sum of digits is 7 (2)
- 9 A perfect cube (2)
- 10 Square of the product of two primes (3)
- 11 An odd number (3)

Down

- 1 A perfect cube (3)
- 2 An odd number: all the digits are different (4)
- 3 A prime (2)
- 4 Each digit is greater than the preceding one (5)
- 8 A perfect square (3)
- 9 A factor of the number formed by the first 3 digits of 5ac (2)
- 10 A prime (2)

January 1-2004: CHRISTMAS CHEER by Stroz (Patrick Street)

- This was the hardest puzzle this month. I only found OMNI during a tour of Liquorland. *Brian Symons*
- I am trying to reduce intake and could not handle the Xmas cheer. *Tom Phelan*
- With the usual mind-set I get when confronting a Pres. Patrick's seasonal, I spent days trying to find an exotic, whey-like 4 letter M word for 15dn before a ruddy cow kicked me in the head! *Ted O'Brien*
- I'm a seldom drinker so many of the beverages were foreign to me. Luckily I had some specific word lists. *Irene Watts*
- A very appropriate seasonal thematic puzzle with decorative Christmas tree and drinks. This cocktail of 28 drinks was sufficient to give a few headaches before resolution! A trip to the local bottleshop verified the answer to 12dn as OMNI, a wine 'for all' produced by Hardy Bros at the Reynella Estate S.A. Phew! Thanks Stroz. *Alan Walter*
- Required some research - I don't know my tipples! Fun anyway! *Catherine Foster*
- After consuming all the drinks in this I'm not sure how the rest of my results will be. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Patrick's Christmas puzzles are always entertaining. I thought I knew about tea, but HYSON was new. *Margaret Davis*

January 2-2004: CRYPTIC by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Shirl really is a 1ac isn't she? and as rare as an 18ac. I've 6dn how many times her clues have been a 19ac and 25ac when I've been 4dn and suffering from 24ac. *Ted O'Brien*
- I always enjoy 'SC'. Clues are spot on! 5dn was good, also 18ac. *Catherine Foster*
- I enjoyed INSOLENCE, the best of many good clues. *Brian Symons*
- Always love Shirl's work, and the Slot 2 was no exception. *Roy Wilson*
- Southern Cross can always be relied on for a good, and fair, puzzle. *Margaret Davis*
- Thanks Shirl for another BLOCKBUSTER puzzle. Some of the clues nearly busted my block! 11dn SASHBAR I only managed to locate in the large US Webster's Dictionary. Haven't previously come across this answer. 17dn CENOBITIC. Took quite a while to realise that 'while' equated to 'BIT'. 16dn. The plate's taken up = LAMINA(reversed) by Bill = ACT.. 10ac. Loved 'recurrence, say' = RE + WINDS. *Alan Walter*
- CENOBUTIC fits the 'while' element of the definition better than CENOBITIC but the latter was the only word that I found in a number of dictionaries. (Dot on, Kay) *Kay Williams*
- Shirl's puzzle had some very devious clues and I'm not very fond of the present fashion for composite or phrase type clues. However, as always, Shirl's cryptic was fair and well constructed. *Irene Watts*

January 3-2004: CRYPTIC by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Not happy with 7dn. I didn't know whether we were looking for an anagram of lunar or the plural of ulnar which is ulnae, not ulnas as some may claim. Knowing my luck I've made the wrong decision. (Right, Barbara) *Barbara Ibbott*
- I'm sure it's been said many times before, but PRAXIS MAKES PERFECT(ION). Wonderful clues. *Brian Symons*
- A Praxis teaser. Very testing. *Tom Phelan*
- I enjoy Roy's puzzles, but I'm not sure about his 'YOGHOURT' clue? (see Alan Walter explanation below) *Margaret Davis*
- Roy's challenges, especially my COTM 31ac, I hope bring out the best in me. *Ted O'Brien*
- A tricky one. 12ac and 10dn have me still racking my brains. Can't read the clues at all. I liked 3dn. *Catherine Foster*
- Took longer than normal to negotiate all the hurdles and subtle pitfalls in this one. 6ac SU + DS. 11ac. Would have preferred 'Lad disheartened' = LD. Answer ARNO(LD deleted). 21ac A + SEIT + Y. 2dn T + REEL + ESS. 3dn IN + FR + A+RED. 7dn. UL + N + AE is the only acceptable answer. UL is LU(lumen or light) picked up, 'new' = N, 'and aged' = AE(Latin). ULNAE = 'bones' 10dn. Set up drive = TEE + NES (raise money SEN). 13dn S + P + AT. 17dn Present = YO(roll-call response) + drop = GT = gutta(med) + time = HOUR, thus YO+G+HOUR+T. *Alan Walter*
- Very difficult this - I think it should have been a No.6. 7dn gave much trouble, I had ULNAE but was not sure, so moved about, ran the option and picked on ULNAR, an anagram of LUNAR. ("When you're on a good thing ...") *Irene Watts*
- With DICTION-ARIES all around me why did I waste time trying to start with ORATION?!! *Max Roddick*

January 4-2004: AJ by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- Joan's AJ had a great deal going for it. However, I think it's time to point out Afrit's Law, which states '...you must say what you mean.' This is a basic principle for setters, and it's not good enough to say as in the P clue, 'Will sent before time...' to indicate Shakespeare. It must be 'Will's sent before time....' changing syntax to suit. *Roy Wilson*
- A difficult AJ. Bit unsure about COTTON. Is Trinidad & Tobago a race? (See A.W.'s comments) *Brian Symons*
- I love the AJs. Joan was kinder to us than usual, fewer strange words and a BELLY laugh in the right place. *Irene Watts*
- S clue tried me. Surely the old city UR is in the Savoy? Loved the puzzle. *Tom Phelan*
- A bit of trouble with the T word, and I'm not sure if I'm right. It was a difficult AJ. *Barbara Ibbott*
- TUCANAE, strictly speaking, is the genitive of 'TUCANA', meaning 'of the constellation TUCANA'. *Denis Coates*
- A challenging AJ, thanks Timid Terrier. C answer CO+TT+ON. Where TT = Tourist Trophy (Isle of Man motor cycle race), and ON = towards. T= TUCANAE. Ref. Chambers this is the genitive case of the constellation TUCANA not the constellation itself! T(O)UCAN+AE. *Alan Walter*
- The AJs really are bran tubs of verbal, mystery packages. *Ted O'Brien*
- More new words learned. Can't read the answer to the 'P' clue so I chose the word most likely! *Catherine Foster*
- DAFTNESS made me grin! *Max Roddick*

January 5-2004: DOUBLE ACROSTIC by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

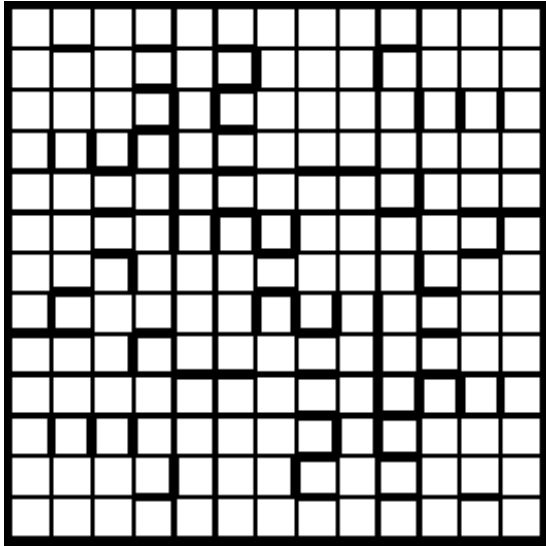
- A real thrill to solve Slot 5, as it is the first of this type I could do! A bonus was the delightful verse. *Nea Storey*
- Thank you Audrey for the lovely Kenneth Slessor quote. The beautiful choice of words reminded me somewhat of some of DYLAN THOMAS'S poetry that I had been enjoying in a book lent by one of my granddaughters. *Irene Watts*
- I love Acrostic puzzles, and enjoyed looking up Kenneth Slessor's poem and rereading it. Thanks, Virgo. *Barbara Ibbott*
- A very neat Double Acrostic. Thanks Virgo. *Brian Symons*
- Nice quotation, thanks Virgo. The original 1901 poem spelt VERANDAS as VERANDAHS. In clue G OUTLASTS would normally relate to the words preceding it or after it, but not both as here. Y+T+G+U+O+H+R = YOGHURT. In clue S I can find no reference to ZULU as Z which according to Chambers is Zaire or Zambia. Answer HA+(Z)+ Y. *Alan Walter*
- A beauty! I just love Acrostics! Excellent clueing. *Catherine Foster*
- Audrey's clues are A1. After I'd finished the puzzle I found I had a copy of 'Country Towns'. *Ted O'Brien*
- I think the people who compile Double Acrostics are very clever. *Margaret Davis*
- There's nothing so exhilarating as the home run of a teasing double acrostic! Thanks Audrey! *Max Roddick*

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- What an excellent issue we have for January, extra pages and a great Slot 6. Stef is an amazing person. *Betty Siegman*
- I like the new masthead for Crozworld, and thought the January edition was a superb production. *David Procter*
- I'd like to thank the Club for my prize for the Cumulative 1-5 contest. *Mal Cockburn*
- A little New Year thought - 'God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, the good fortune to run into those I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.' *Barbara Ibbott*

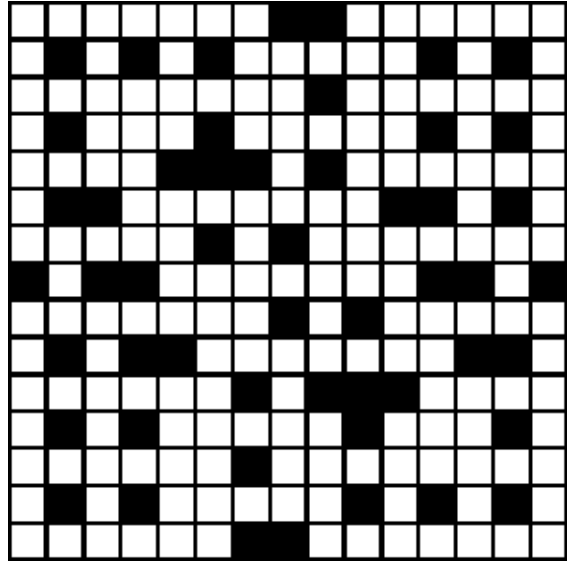
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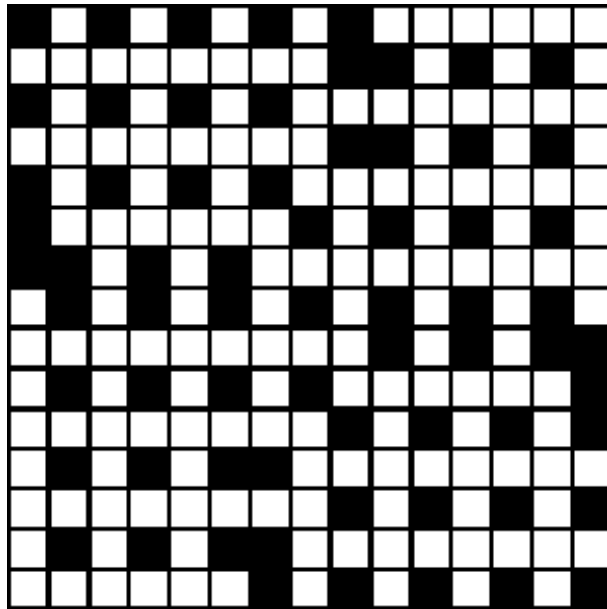


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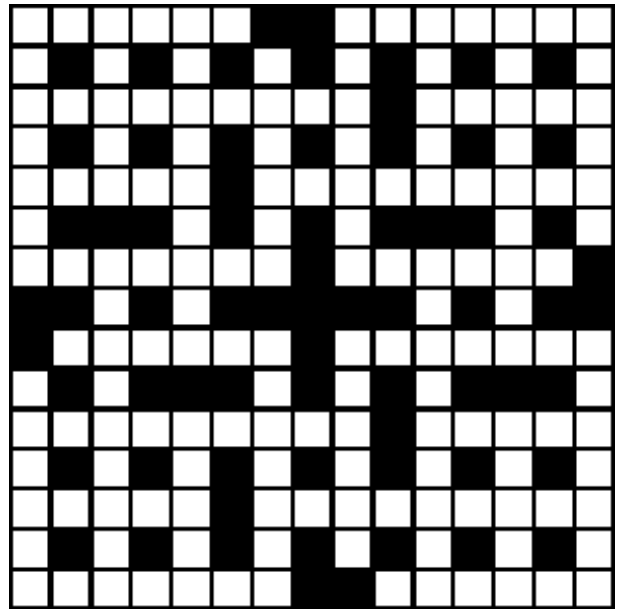
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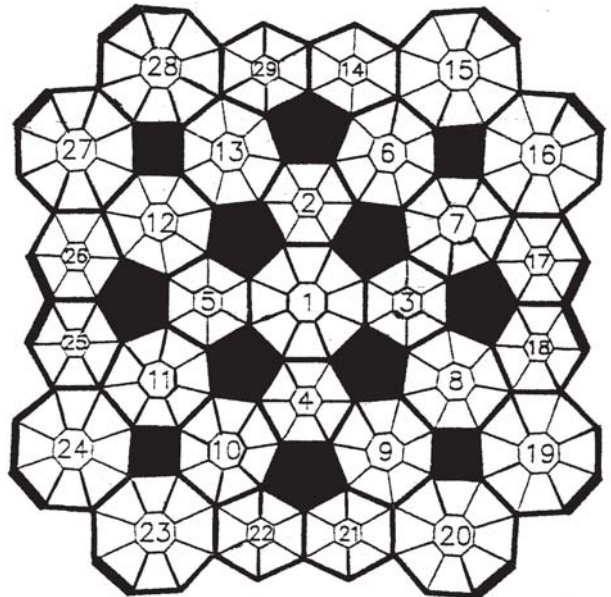
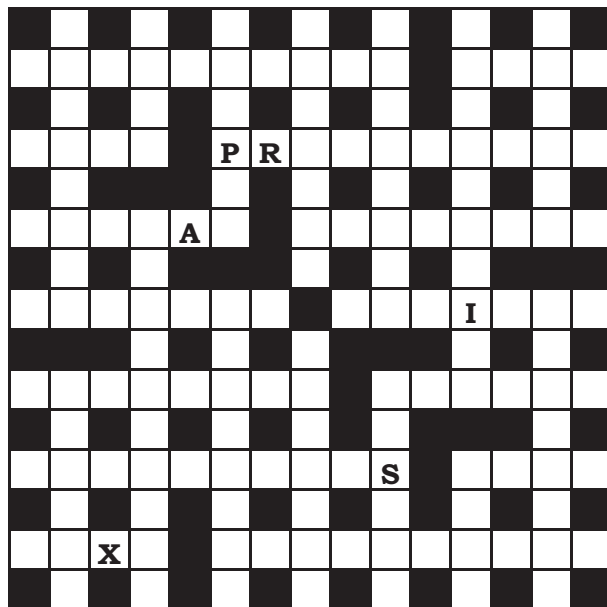
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Clue of the Month

December 6-2003 - Left, Right & Centre by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

Entries: 45. Correct: 39. Success rate: 86.7%. Prizewinner: Ian McKenzie. Congratulations!

Members Comments:

- "Bewitched, baffled & bewildered am I". I didn't enjoy this one any more than the first one some time ago. (Just grateful you didn't enjoy it any less, Bill. See below for explanation of TAENIA.) Bill asks: Are "fashion spies" trendsetters? *Bill Bennett*
- I intended to keep this for later, but when I started found it difficult to leave alone. Very challenging with some unusual words and clever clues. I particularly liked 18 and J. *Jill Freeland*
- A very good puzzle, difficult enough to make one work really hard at it, but not so as to induce despair. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thanks Roy for a good puzzle with a good degree of difficulty. *Doreen Jones*
- Nice puzzle. Interesting format + good quality (fairly friendly) clues = much enjoyment. *Iain MacDougall*
- You have given me such joy for so long and you just get better! Christopher Marlowe took some finding! Archeus took longer! *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thanks for the puzzle. It was a real challenge for me, but after I started to get a few words, I thought I can do this and it was a great feeling to finally complete it. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Thank you for another difficult and entertaining puzzle. It is always hard to know where to start with this type of puzzle but once you establish a position for an answer it doesn't take long for others to fall into place. *David Procter*
- What a tough/great Slot 6. Hated it/Loved it!!! *William Ryan/Rachel Day*
- I first thought the across clues were incredibly hard. I then thought the same about the down clues and then I thought the same about the centre clues. "Tough but fair," thank you. *Bev Solomon*
- Thank you for hours of intriguing fun. An almost perfect puzzle. *Brian Symons*
- I originally guessed the man of letters was Shakespeare (11). (As would I, on given info, Alan). Congratulations on your super duper puzzle. (See below for TAENIA, Alan) *Alan Walter*

Compiler's comments:

I had expected Christopher Marlowe would be more widely known. Some within academia have suggested Cambridge-educated Marlowe may have been responsible for at least some works attributed to Shakespeare.

Explanation of clues: 18ac: rejected (sent back) prime beef (AI NEAT - ox, cow, bull) fillet (architecture. N.B. 2003 *Chambers* no longer uses 'fillet' in def.). **35ac:** For a time prophet (ELI)'s first to (H)ave state (WA) backing all = AWHILE. **1dn:** new stance's (anag) embracing former (late) = 'SCLATE-STANE' - should have indicated hyphen. **6dn:** The plant's about (c) to (at - see *Ch* under 'to') make money (mint). **22dn:** Evil spirit (mare) embraces nasty (low) = Marlowe. **B:** Saucy (Arch) girl's back (Sue rev.) with spirit = Archeus (See *Chambers*). *Praxis (Roy Wilson)*

Results of Quiz No 6. A Bunch of Fives by Brian Symons

Thanks to members for the good response to this quiz and for all the Christmas and New Year greetings. By far the most difficult question proved to be number 19 followed by 6 & 7. Half marks were lost for spelling errors (a bit shamefacedly as I got Gagarin wrongly spelled myself). I don't think there are any alternative answers - especially with the injunction requiring 10 sets and 10 series and the few letters provided - but I am prepared to be convinced otherwise.

Entries 34: Prizewinner Carole Noble — congrats again!

20: B Cockburn, V Dinham, J McGrath, C Noble, D Procter, J Smith, B Solomon, S Trollope, A Walter. **19.5:** C Hambling, A Jermy, P Mercer. **19:** J Freeland, D Greening, B Ibbott, M Potts, I Watts and Anonymous. **18.5:** D Meek, J Stocks. **18:** S Atkinson, B Bennett, C Foster, P Garner, R O'Rourke, M Procter. **17:** Y Ainsworth, A Austin, T O'Brien. **15:** D Bennett, J Colles, P Dearie, N Storey. **14:** N Wilson.

Solution

1 Family (sequence-Linnaean order of classification) **2** Pinkie (Set - digits of human hand) **3** Javelin (Set - events in ancient Olympic pentathlon) **4** Emperor penguin (Sequence - flightless birds in decreasing size) **5** Eider (Sequence - words beginning with a silent letter in alphabetical order) **6** Neon (Sequence - most abundant elements in the universe) **7** Coccygeal (Set - adjectives describing spinal segments) **8** Magic Night (Sequence - winners of *The Golden Slipper*) **9** Salmanazar (Sequence - increasing size of champagne bottles) **10** B (Sequence - colours of rainbow) **11** Icosahedron (Set - regular Platonic solids) **12** Timmy (Set - Enid Blyton's Famous Five) **13** Lethe (Set - rivers of the classical underworld) **14** T (Sequence - top line of typewriter) **15** Coolidge (Sequence - 20th century U.S. vice presidents) **16** Kirpan (Set - the five K's, symbols of Sikh cultural and spiritual allegiance) **17** Hastings (Set - Cinque Ports) **18** Tuscan (Set - Classical architectural orders) **19** Nikolayev (Sequence - first humans to orbit the earth) **20** Russia (Set - permanent members of Security Council)

Comments

- Thanks for a most enjoyable quiz. *Daphne Greening*
- Blyton was politically incorrect when my children were young so I dutifully had none in the house! *Catherine Hambling*
- Difficult but a lot of fun. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Many thanks for an enjoyable and challenging puzzle with indicators supplied. *Alan Walter*
- Brilliant! A perfect mixture of knowledge, logic and research with a bit of luck. *Steve Trollope*
- I look forward to more of your delightful puzzles. *Pat Garner*
- Quite a challenge. Don't know what I'd do without Google. *Mike Potts*
- What sort of devious mind would set question 5? *Bev Solomon*
- Required much thumbing of research books and internet surfing but all very enjoyable research. *Jim Colles*
- You deserve a high five. *Irene Watts*
- Another slant on a quiz. So much variety from our compilers. *Marian Procter*

Miscellany

From Bill Bennett: Dolly the cloned sheep died in February last year. As a shorthand epitaph, which letter in the alphabet could be inscribed on her headstone to capture her remarkable history? Answer: W.

• "Gullible": In the last copy of *Crozworld* it was stated that the word "gullible" is not in the *Chambers Dictionary*. Alan Walter responds thus: "In the 1998 *Chambers* the entry 'gullible' appears. It says 'see gull', and under this entry it gives 'easily deceived or tricked (also archaic 'gullable')". [*QED. Ed*]

• Winner of the Azed Christmas competition: Item gran arranged family slides in? (5, 7). Answer: Magic Lantern.

• Susan Butler, publisher of the *Macquarie Dictionary* has informed us that the words 'cruciverbal' and 'cruciverbalist' will appear in the next edition of *The Macquarie Dictionary*.

• **The Writing on the Wall:** When I was growing up, lavatory walls were jolly places where one could read all sorts of stuff from thousands of anonymous contributors: some instructive, some witty, and some potentially dangerous if acted on. The Internet is yesterday's lavatory wall writ huge. In its many pages one can find a multiplicity of answers to just about any question; by authors erudite and ignorant, careful and slipshod, and one can usually come to something like the truth by a bit of judicious gleaning. But please, no "It's on the Net so we must allow it". That's like saying "I read it on a dunny door". *Doug Butler*