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In the United States . . . anyone who is willing to quarrel with the dictionary is regarded as either eccentric or mad.
S. I. Hayakawa, 1939, *Language in Thought and Action*, Ch 4.

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In our June 2015 *CroZworld* we spoke warmly about **ACCOLADE** (which means **A**ustralian **C**rossword **C**lub **O**n-**L**ine **A**djudication and **E**valuation). Our sincere gratitude to our valued member **Roy Low** who has invented this fascinating development. The feedback from the members has been very favourable and we include some of the comments made by the members. We have posted a lot of favourable comments from members who have enjoyed using this new system and you can read them on the ACC website: <http://www.crosswordclub.org/deef/viewtopic.php?f=6&t=2850>

Our puzzle editor **Ian Williams** — who has done so much to assist with the introduction of ACCOLADE — has made positive comments about its future direction. See these interesting details on p9.

Our masterly Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has again selected a fascinating set of excellent puzzles and quiz for you this month. Our perennial favourites include *Zinzan* and *Manveru*. **KA** has compiled a challenging puzzle in Slot 4 and we are privileged to publish another puzzle by *Crowsman* in Slot 5. In Slot 6 *Banjo* has given us a superb Cryptic and *Valkyrie* is featured in Slot 7 with an excellent cryptic puzzle. We are featuring the first composition by new member *Lexi Conner* in Slot 2 and we hope that you will enjoy his contribution. See p4 for *Lexi's* Bio Pic. Also, we have another marvellous Quiz by the ACC Legend *Virgo*.

Michael Kennedy has provided the results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2015 (see p16) and challenged members to enter the next Clue Writing Competition by devising a clue for the word TROUBLESHOOT (12).

Best of Luck with your solving. —Patrick

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ACCOLADE seems to be a resounding success, with a good 60% of members opting to use it. It made my task easier in some ways, but a little more awkward in other ways, until all the wrinkles are ironed out. However, it seems that the adjudicator is doomed to go the way of the dinosaurs. Oh well, such is life.

Slot 1: 10dn caught a few, PELETON for PELOTON, 18ac TALL TALK, various others, including a few misspellings. Members were fairly evenly split between AWAY and AFAR for 14dn, and after consideration, both were allowed.

Slot 2: Very few errors here. 30ac RESIDING and 26ac EDGE were the main offenders.

Slot 3: A well-received puzzle, very few errors, and varied. RAPHEAL caught one; strange to see him referenced here and again in the AJ.

Slot 4: Our popular AJ was the downfall of many this month. KNICKER really is in *Chambers* (see NICKER), but so many opted for KNOCKER, KNOCKED and other variations. Otherwise REAST, UNCORD and QATAR caught a few.

Slot 5: Some blank squares. I've found that this grid needs very careful checking, so easy to miss a spot. Otherwise few errors, HERO, XERO CARET, some others.

COTM: There were some great clues this month, 28 nominations in all. Slot 2 had 19 nominations for 7 clues and slot 5 had 21 nominations for 12 clues, so slot 5 was the most popular, but the overall best clue was TEXAS (9dn) in Slot 2 with 8 votes, followed by LIGHTHEARTED 5 votes and TOILET SET 4 votes, both in Slot 5. Congrats to *Zythum* (Roger Douglas).

Ross Bryant's 'Thank You' last month prompted me to surf the Web. This is far too long to print in *CroZworld*, but is absolutely delightful. Google *Ode to a Thesaurus* by Franklin P. Adams, collected in Carolyn Wells, *The Book of Humorous Verse*, 1920. —Betty Siegman

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	112	108	96	98	101	515
Correct entries	89	97	88	74	91	439
Success rate (%)	79.5	89.8	91.7	75.5	90.1	85.2
Prizewinners	Barbara Glissan	David Callan	Pat Garner	Frank Martin	Gary Lemon	from 115 members

Prizewinner: June 2015 Slots 1-5: Norma Heyes. Congratulations!

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June 1-2015

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June 2-2015

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June 3-2015

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June 4-2015

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May 6-2015

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR MAY Slot 6 & JUNE Slots 1-5



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AXELSEN U
BARBOUR J	.					
BARNES J	
BARRETT A	.					
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BAYLIS J
BENNETT D
BLAKE M
CAINE R
CALLAN A&D
CARPENTER R
CARROLL L
CHAMPION G
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
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COLLINS M
COWAN M
CROMER H
CROWE J
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DE GRYS A
DOBELE T
DOUGLAS R
DUCKER R
DUGGAN N
DYER A
FOWLER J
FREELAND J
FULLER G

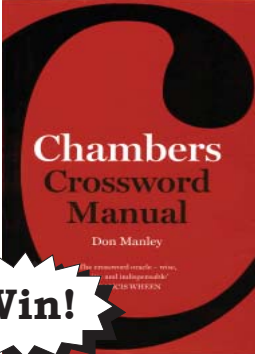
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GOODERICK R
GRAINGER D
GREENBERGER O
HAGAN B
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HEYES N
HOCKING A
HOWARD V
HOWAT S
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JARMAN L
JERMY A
JONES D
KENNEDY L
KENNEDY M
KNIGHT S
LEE C
LEEDS G
LEIGH J
LEMON G
LOBSEY V
LORD P
McADOO G
McCLELLAND C
MacDOUGALL I
McGRATH J
McKENZIE I
McKENZIE R&P
McMANUS D
MACKAY-SIM
MARTIN A
MARTIN F
MASON I

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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MERCER P
MILES A
MOLINE R
NOBLE C
O'BRIEN E
PARSONS D
PATERSON A
PERROW H
PINDER S
POTTS M
PROCTER D
PROCTER M
PYC M
RANDALL J
ROBERTSON S
RODDICK M
ROLPE G
ROULSTON S
RYAN W
SchULTZ J&P
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SKINNER R
SMITH J
STEINBERGER M
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
THOMPSON I
TICKLE B
TOFONI B
WALTER A
WATT K
WENHAM J
WILCOX C
WILLIAMS K&I
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WOODFORD J

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**A Bit of
Everything
by
Zinzan**

Prize



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This puzzle contains a mixture of normal and cryptic clues.
Normal clues may not be exactly that and cryptic clues are set out in italics.

Across

- 1 You may be given a hand for this? (4)
- 4 Agnetha, Anni-Frid, Benny and Bjorn, originally (4)
- 7 Homophone of what 16 and 38-across do (4)
- 10 *Headless crustaceans found in stream* (4)
- 11 The densest known metal (6)
- 13 *Ordered a net to be repaired* (4)
- 14 A foot that's unstressed-stressed (4)
- 15 More mature (5)
- 16 Make a home for oneself (4)
- 18 Descriptive of 13 maybe (6)
- 19 You may be given a hand for this? (3)
- 21 Brian, Dennis, Carl, Mike and Al, originally (5,4)
- 24 Offset to minimise risk (5)
- 25 *Hal's characterised by this assault?* (4,3)
- 27 The yardstick for swearing (7)
- 30 Zip (5)
- 32 Syd, Nick, Roger and Richard, originally (4,5)
- 34 Homophone of letters (7 of them) in this grid (3)
- 35 A wasteful person (6)
- 38 *Ensure strict nurses take a break* (4)
- 40 Asian river favoured by cruciverbalists (5)
- 41 You may be given a hand for this? (4)
- 42 *Volume used in optometry* (4)
- 43 Ukraine seaport (6)
- 44 Homophone of an anagram of 38-down (4)
- 45 Clutch manufacturers (4)
- 46 *Advantage of a club without women* (4)
- 47 A discreet call for attention (4)

Down

- 1 He may possibly 3 2? (8)
- 2 Residents of Shiraz (8)
- 3 *Piquancy found in rarebit especially* (4)
- 4 Came to 38-across (4)
- 5 Much curry here? (6)
- 6 Anti-social behaviour order (abbr) (4)
- 7 *Regretting endless disaster* (4)
- 8 Be about to happen (6)
- 9 *Continent cats coming from outer space unfortunately* (6)
- 12 A beverage including whiskey, sugar and cream (5,6)
- 17 A building for learning (11)
- 20 *Not very hard to define a shivering condition* (4)
- 22 Available from the keg (2,3)
- 23 *Established as Victorian metal?* (3,2)
- 26 X or Y (4)
- 28 Exam supervisors (8)
- 29 Heightened awareness of danger (3,5)
- 30 Much fondue here? (6)
- 31 *Entice a mafioso to support the French* (4,2)
- 33 *Advance in review of administrative decisions primarily* (6)
- 36 Abbott, Greenspan and Tingwell (4)
- 37 Existence (4)
- 38 Much pasta here ? (4)
- 39 Come to a halt (4)

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Cryptic by Lexi Conner



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Across

- 1 Evokes cry to swallow a bit of liquid (5,2)
- 5 Trade requires craft if in trouble (7)
- 9 Old flame anticipates intercourse to result in banishment from church (15)
- 10 Winnings against the odds in pubs (4)
- 11 Makes out narrow strips of land (5)
- 12 Musical instrument and cask removed from wobbly bookcase (4)
- 15 Give evidence at trial if Yates is introduced (7)
- 16 Bears ensured characters scattered! (7)
- 17 Exhibition accommodates limitless women, come what may (7)
- 19 Invert lid to an extent (7)
- 21 Grinds edges off peel (4)
- 22 Lois Boylan hasn't even identified one African country (5)
- 23 Gaddafi strongman concealed clenched hand (4)
- 26 Rendering ten in charge skilful and possible for switching (15)
- 27 Periodical dramas produced by breakfast foods announcements (7)
- 28 Compares associates (7)

Down


- 1 At end of shift top engineer is replaced by the foremost scientist (7)
- 2 Teach two conclusions in faulty lesson on huge fabled creature (4,4,7)
- 3 Not all famous Americans appear unchanged (4)
- 4 Excessive modesty sees model purportedly lose plot (7)
- 5 Flash ring contains jewel in the middle (7)
- 6 Somewhat open Indian ruler backtracked (4)
- 7 Gossipmonger implies liberationist involved in fit-out to gallows (15)
- 8 Transports Egyptian head as substitute for Omani leader in convoys (7)
- 13 Sense lament by tiny beginner (5)
- 14 Point to bustling activity starting to take on (5)
- 17 Stresses ways to wear pelt (7)
- 18 Reportedly remains for comparative values (7)
- 19 Am out of processed Mycenaean pepper (7)
- 20 Courses pinpointed partly by fallen tree stumps (7)
- 24 Region being a field of study (4)
- 25 Men knew mumbled list of choices (4)

Bio Pic for Lexi Conner:

Lexi Conner (Ron Shapiro) is now retired after a varied career as a human resource executive, an academic, a university administrator and management consultant. He has undertaken active voluntary roles in a credit union, a school, an industrial union, a professional association, an owners' corporation and recently U3A. His experience covers many private and public sector industries. He was introduced to cryptic crosswords in 1960 and has compiled puzzles for house magazines, charities and friends. After retiring from full-time work, he compiled crosswords for Lovatts Media and Puzzle People on a contract basis. He lives in Sydney, travels annually (more often when possible) and revels in his role as a grandfather.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you so much for the lovely prize for May slots 1-5. Working out the puzzles is such fun that a prize is the cream on the cake, and much appreciated!
Caroline Mackay-Sim
- Thanks for the Don Manley book. His talk at the Harold Park Hotel was delayed and I had to leave at an arranged time. Mrs Manley saw me sitting alone and joined me. A lovely lady: I think I won the talking. She was very interested in Australia's past, convicts *et al.*
Maurice Cowan

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Manveru</h3>


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Across

- 1 Intimates and old squeezes (9)
- 6 Connected to the Internet via link with infrared installation (5)
- 9 Reportedly, that place is belonging to them (5)
- 10 Figure ideally used in time measurement (9)
- 11 Lives near clubs, bugs and heroin (10)
- 12 Cabbage heads in casserole have overcooked, unfortunately (4)
- 14 Upright characters from Victoria, say, touring University Society (7)
- 15 Treats origin of Ebola in southern Sudan after outbreak (7)
- 17 Corrected this grid, perhaps (7)
- 19 iPods, as an example, are featuring bands fronted by Prince (7)
- 20 Drums located here in rehearsal (4)
- 22 Supine? Perhaps the other side (10)
- 25 Fine new clue compiled for *power* (9)
- 26 Photo that is covering magazine (5)
- 27 Take direction from Queen or thane? (5)
- 28 Rugby union succeeded returning medals, reportedly after stunning revelations (9)

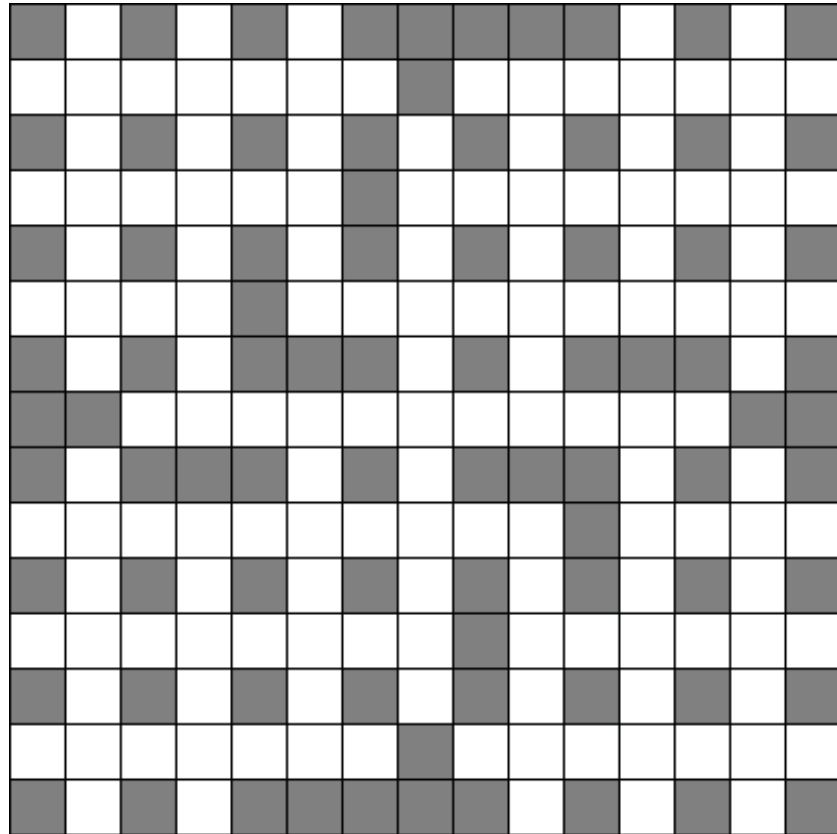
Down

- 1 Corroded section of heat-engine (5)
- 2 State head cried foul after imprisonment (9)
- 3 Doctor caught out with drug after heart fails in rock 'n' roll event? (10)
- 4 Tutors bass, in the main? (7)
- 5 Plazas – there are 225 of them located here (7)
- 6 Pay week time! (4)
- 7 Arrive at address with no parking (5)
- 8 Goes under cover with 'degraded' IS and uses German ID (9)
- 13 Airmail lost on UN fighter plane? That's strange (10)
- 14 Discharge division after capturing Sappers (9)
- 16 Foreign emancipators losing power to these citizens (9)
- 18 Relies on editor to pick up writer Danielle Steel initially (7)
- 19 I open new elevated area ignoring borders! (7)
- 21 Send letters on a round trip? (5)
- 23 Works soundly but lacks the means of living (5)
- 24 Career in press after leaving college (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS cont'd from p4:

- Many, many thanks for the *Oxford Thesaurus of English* which I received for my entry in Slot 4, May 2015. What a wonderful addition to my reference library! For further details of my level of appreciation, please refer to Ross Bryant's comments which were published in the June issue of *CrOZworld*. (Ross won the same valued prize in May, 2015). My thoughts, exactly. Arthur Barrett
- My thanks to the club for my prize for Slot 2 in May. I'm sure that I'll find good use for the money prize; also my thanks to all who make this magazine the best! Col Archibald
- Thank you to the club for my cheque. I immediately invested it in an upgrade for my 20-year old *Chambers Dictionary*. Very much appreciated. Mike Potts

<p> J U L Y 2 0 1 5 S L O T 4 </p>
<p>AJ by KA</p>

Solutions begin with the given letter.
Place them in the grid, jigsaw-wise, where they fit.

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| <p>A The heart of Italians harbours a curse for this country (7)
 B Misshapen cube is held by naked cook (8)
 C Before entering State, have breakfast (6)
 D Sneak off with refugee grasping broken mace (6)
 E Vote for paper boss to be chosen (7)
 F Money given to Queen for pie (7)
 G Is inexpertly concealed by evergreen lychees? (7)
 H Farriers could be Arabs and gardeners (11)
 I Have a purpose for leaderless family to take care (6)
 J Offloading independent child absorbed in flying (11)
 K Unite, and don clothes (8)
 L Keep going, and eat through Seder (4,6)
 M Ritual most changed for butchers (10)
 N In retrospect, herb included in demonstration caused inflammation (8)</p> | <p>O Ruler is surprised having crushed garlic (8)
 P Dish given to child is a toxin (6)
 Q Question about mother that once was (7)
 R Stops Queen going back to popular vice (5,2)
 S Month with relative leads to infection (6)
 T Keep dealing! Take advantage of it! (5,2)
 U Vehicles for Indians (4)
 V Weals seen on hermaphrodite trapped by bad habits (7)
 W Sing! Conflict has laudable ending, dismissing racing driver (6)
 X Retreating cat with broken toes has dry skin (7)
 Y Tired, perhaps, deviating from course around bearing (7)
 Z Metal has impedance within scale (4)</p> |
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ACCOLADE Comments:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works fine. No problems detected. • Great! Even I managed an answer!!! • Excellent – easy to use and great prompts. • Generally, this system looks to be a good option. • Easy to use. Quick to enter. • This was quite easy and so much better than AxWord which my computer just could not handle. • I found ACCOLADE easy to access and use. The directions were clear & easy to follow – even for me! • Sorry I can't contribute to your on-line trials. I hope my grandsons will be able to explain to me whatever you come up with! • No "ACCOLADE"s for my computing skills. • Tried out Roy's web page for submitting Slot 1 & liked it a lot. | <p><i>David Parsons</i>
 <i>Ian Mason</i>
 <i>Catherine Hambling</i>
 <i>Ian Thompson</i>
 <i>Frank Martin</i>
 <i>Warren Allen</i>
 <i>Don Hemsley</i>
 <i>Iain MacDougall</i>
 <i>Eileen O'Brien</i>
 <i>Robyn Wimbush</i></p> |
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ACCOLADE. Some synonyms: Acclaim, A ceremony used in conferring knighthood, Approval, A recognition of merit, Award, Big Hand, Bouquet, Brace, Brava, Bravo, Ceremony, Citation, Commendation, Decoration, Dubbing, Embrace, Emmy, Encomium, Eulogy, Exaltation, Extolment, Flattery, Garland, Glowing Terms, Good Word, Homage, Honour, Honourable Mention, (Music) A brace joining several staves, Huzza, Kiss, Kudos, Laudation, Laurels, Medal, Oscar, Palm, Panegyric, Plaudit, Praise, Reward, Rite, Salute, Sign, Symbol, Token and Tribute.

J U L Y 2 0 1 5 S L O T 5
Cryptic by Crowsman


The ten clues containing at least one number are valid secondary indicators of the solution, but lack any definition.

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Across

- 8 29 29 (6)
- 9 Flower spread is disregarded (8)
- 10 6 6 (6)
- 11 9 9 (8)
- 13 So lax, carelessly swallowing portion for amphibians (8)
- 14 Ragtime in China? (3,3)
- 16 17 17 (7)
- 17 Bother female libidinish (7)
- 20 Cuckoo gains a nest clandestinely (6)
- 23 Bothering, when is armed like David (8)
- 26 Overwrought companion, with ID stolen, gets name back (8)
- 27 Guardian rejects one smack (6)
- 28 Hides – good for cold freezes (8)
- 29 Force disallowed in flags’ reforms (6)

Down

- 1 Clay, perhaps, ruled out us having a cinnamon tree (6)
- 2 18 try doses (8)
- 3 Famous nob’s trigger (5,3)
- 4 Naked president? (5)
- 5 Rip off coat (6)
- 6 Mavericks create small rimmed boards (6)
- 7 19 19 (8)
- 12 25 25 (5)
- 15 Refuse youth leader leaving county (5)
- 16 26 26 (8)
- 18 2 steal bun (8)
- 19 Fit, tracked around Oregon (8)
- 21 20 20 (6)
- 22 Essential – annoyed if left out (6)
- 24 Tasteless relish, not new (6)
- 25 Simple window support overlooking yard (5)

Mondegreens (from Crozworld September 2002 p9)

What is a mondegreen? Is it a vegetable? Or an animal? Perhaps a mineral? No, it’s the word which describes a misheard lyric. Shirli O’Brien helpfully explained: “The word ‘mondegreen’ originated in 1954 for those comic mis-hearings we’ve all experienced — “Hail Mary, full of grapes ... blessed art thou a monk swimming ...” Part of a Scottish ballad goes: They had slain the Earl of Murray And laid him on the green. But that was misinterpreted as: They had slain the Earl of Murray And Lady Mondegreen. My favourite mondegreen goes back some years when I was telling my small grand-daughter about the clock in the Queen Victoria Building. Sydney and giving a simple explanation of the dioramas. Speaking of Canute, I told her (erroneously) that he was a Viking. “Grandma”, she chipped in, “Is that Viking-dom, come?””

There are many other mondegreens which have been catalogued. Some include, *Deck the Halls with Buddy Holly*, *Round John Virgin*, *Sleep in Heavenly Peas* (also heard as *Sleep in Beverly Hills*), *He’s*

Got the Whole World in his Pants, the well-known Sousa march *Tarzan Strikes Forever*, that fine old hymn *Gladly The Cross I’d Bear* misheard as *Gladly, the cross-eyed bear* and *There’s a bathroom on the right*, a mishearing of *There’s a bad moon on the rise* from the 1970s Creedence Clearwater Revival song *Bad Moon Rising*.

A couple of song lines: *Doughnuts Make Your Brown Eyes Blue* and the well-known Bob Dylan song *Blowin’ in the Wind* with the line *Dead ants are my friends, they’re blowing in the wind*. And the basketballer’s lament: *Will you still need me, will you still feed me, when I’m 6 feet 4?* Also, the Lesley Gore song *It’s my body and I’ll cry if I want to*, the US national anthem *The Starched Bangled Banner* and the US Pledge of Allegiance which was heard to start with the line *I led the pigeons to the flag*. And the last verse of *Home on the Range* as *And I stood there amazed, and asked as I gazed, if their glory exceeds that of Oz*. Also, that famous song from *Evita* as *Don’t Cry for me Marge and Tina*.

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Cryptic by Banjo

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Across

- 1 Therefore follows later work by 4 (5,4)
- 6 A small anxiety reflected in quarrel (5)
- 9 Insect briefly turns into a fantastic creature! (3)
- 10 Hesitancy in speaking about recent change to include formality (9)
- 11 Pointer in get-out clause record left out (5)
- 12 Tie a running knot? (5)
- 15 Loss of purity – in the process of becoming more grown up? (12)
- 18 Steady money-spinner – the kind firm included in most wholesalers' initial offerings (4-3)
- 20 Track clothing – empty y-fronts and spencer (7)
- 22 Essential components of unmusical piece by 4 (8,4)
- 26 Crystalline cache dead, gone, destroyed and vanished (5)
- 28 **and 31 and 1dn** Christ seen at work in measures by 4 (5,2,3,6)
- 29 Master boat-builder? (9)
- 30 Girl is missing from dispute (3)
- 31 See 28
- 32 Broken sleep can involve a feeling of contentment (9)

Down

- 1 See 28 Across
- 2 Hearing problem like this? Au contraire! (3,2)
- 3 Go over report of surrender with former superior (6)
- 4 Poet who's nearly driven mad by penultimate line (5,6)
- 5 Born only half-wanted (3)
- 6 **and 27** Work of 4 is an island dream (1,7,2,3)

- 7 Country steeped in religious teaching is a piece by 4 (6)
- 8 Tie up directions for guard (6)
- 13 Prepare to go forwards (4)
- 14 Qualification a sure thing, on the condition that I box right away (11)
- 16 Posthumous article on love and peace read out (4)
- 17 Pile strain (4)
- 19 Getting clergyman involved in problematic cases produces deep division (8)
- 21 Eats junk to satisfy appetite (4)
- 22 Look! Quiet! You heard it? Climbing on front fence! (6)
- 23 Produce short quote by prophet (6)
- 24 Stones are a stage treat (6)
- 25 Bishopric includes African body in spiritual discussion (6)
- 27 See 6D
- 29 Muscle contraction arising from mushroom solution (3)

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June 1-2015: Half 'n Half by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- Fruit location = 8ac = EIGHT. Presumably Fruit's location = EIGHT'S, and (boat) crews are also EIGHTS. A challenging Slot 1, thanks *InGrid*. *Alan Walter*
- It took a while for the penny to drop in 4dn. *Carole Noble*
- A hard and clever Slot 1. Initially I had AFAR for 14dn – but AWAY is much better. *Brian Symons*
- We thought the use of the clue numbers in the clue was quirky but clever. Good one *InGrid*. *Richard Skinner*
- Very hard for Slot 1. If EIGHTS is correct at 4dn I don't understand the clue. *Margaret Davis*
- Nice to have Slot 1 gentle again! *Dale McManus*
- Thank you Jean. An encouraging start this month and some clever clues. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Liked indirect references in clues 4dn and 20dn. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I think I've made some mistakes in the north east corner. Here's hoping. *Barbara Ibbott*
- 4dn must surely be eights, but why is still a mystery to me. And shouldn't the saw in 23dn be a moto rather than a motto saw? *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- A very enjoyable puzzle. *Laurence Kennedy*

June 2-2015: Cryptic by Zythum (Roger Douglas)

- 1ac: "Graspers" are claws. Reported becomes CLAUSE which is "part of legal document". 10ac: "small carriage" = TRAP + EZE sounds like EASE or "luxury". TRAPEZE = "very thing for swingers", a clever clue. 28ac: "Myself with a spirit in the manner of" = I + A + RUM + AS. Returning gives SAMURAI = warrior. 7dn: Notice appearing in section of Cla+rio+on = R + AD + IO. In 9dn State = TEXAS, government impost = TAXES, pronounced TEXAS by Kiwis (or in New Zealand). Thanks *Zythum* for a pleasant Slot 2 cryptic. *Alan Walter*
- Loved CLAUSE and a few others, but TRAPEZE got my COTM. I think 8dn was unnecessarily convoluted when the word MONODY could have been easily MOODY and an N clued inside. So simple! *Carole Noble*
- What a delightful puzzle – several COTM nominees in there. *William Ryan*
- Very good clues – I couldn't separate FATHERHOOD and ABUSER for COTM. *Brian Symons*
- All well thought out clues with a generous sprinkling of humour. Liked MARJORAM, ADZE and SHED. *Max Roddick*
- I hesitated for a long while before putting in CATCHING for 1dn, but it seemed the only word to fit. *John Baylis*
- TEXAS: The answer came to me as I recalled New Zealanders who think SEX is what coal is delivered in. *Ian Mason*
- Straight forward and took us less time than slot 1 interestingly. *Richard Skinner*
- 1ac: Clause tickled me! *Dale McManus*
- 9dn: I was looking for NZ u for i, but e for a made TEXAS a COTM. *Roy Taylor*
- My favourite clue was 3dn SHED. *Jenny Wenham*
- Thank you Roger. An enjoyable puzzle and I am still encouraged! *Robyn Wimbush*
- Once I separated state from government I finally got 9dn. Will have to ask my NZ neighbour to pronounce it. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Thank you *Zythum* for an entertaining puzzle; not too hard but with some well constructed clues. Although how CATCHING, if it's the correct answer, is derived from 1dn baffles me. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Liked the clue for 10ac TRAPEZE – Swingers indeed. *Gillian Champion*
- A challenging and enjoyable puzzle. *Laurence Kennedy*

June 3-2015: Cryptic by The Lady and the Scamp (Bev Cockburn & Len Colgan)

- The key here was to note that the nine clues without definitions referred to the "PLANETARY SYSTEM" in 14ac. Not realising this would make many clues difficult to solve. Many thanks to Bev Cockburn and Len Colgan for this celestial puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- Out of this world! *Carole Noble*
- So Pluto is back in!! *William Ryan*

- A plateful of planets with PARSNIPS and MINT, and TIRAMISU to follow. Nice fare! *Max Roddick*
- A very ingenious puzzle, and I gave FABULISTS my COTM. *John Baylis*
- As 10ac was first solved, I thought that we were looking for vegetables, which slowed things down for a bit! *Anne Simons*
- Soon picked up on the theme which helped a lot as you could often "pre enter" answers! *Richard Skinner*
- Not too hard to find the theme. A good puzzle. *Margaret Davis*
- Very tricky. Good clueing. *Valerie Howard*
- All the planets AND the system. *Dale McManus*
- Neat, well constructed. (Like ACCOLADE). *Roy Taylor*
- A nice slot 3 with good fair clues. *Jenny Wenham*
- What I thought was a very difficult puzzle fell into place when I discovered Planetary System! *Maureen Blake*
- Thanks Bev and Len. A few COTMs here but I am submitting 21ac, EARTH – so elegant. *Robyn Wimbush*
- 9ac gave the game away fairly quickly. A good workout. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A stellar puzzle! *Barbara Ibbott*
- Liked the Mars clue – very clever. *Marian Procter*
- Some tricky clues, but I got going once I'd worked out the theme! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- MAESTRO did not jump out at me either! *Alan Dyer*

June 4-2015: AJ by St Jude (Drew Meek)

- For the H clue I learned that Belarus = BY, "at this point in time" = HERE, answer is HEREBY. L clue "Provided initial information about swamp dwelling" gives LENTIC. Is this clue non-cryptic? No! LENT + I + C (adjective) C = about. P clue needs anagram of "therapies are lap", giving PRAERAPHAELITES, which was quite difficult to unscramble. Thanks *St Jude* for your challenging AJ. *Alan Walter*
- *St Jude*, obscure as ever. *Carole Noble*
- I'm going to pay Jude a little visit in Switzerland – with my chainsaw. *William Ryan*
- Couldn't believe praeraphaelites, but yes, that was the preferred spelling used by one of the movement's founders. Wonder what his fellow artists thought? *Max Roddick*
- I could not decide where to put the spare A in the clue involving that very British institution the Pre Raphaelite Brotherhood (or P.R.B. as they used to sign their paintings). *John Baylis*
- Another enjoyable AJ – J, L and T were last, and took some time (and only because I finally found PRAERAPHAELITES!) *Anne Simons*
- A couple of new words. Knowing English slang was helpful too. Despite slot 5 and its contenders we went for slot 4, Praeraphaelites, simply for the chutzpah of trying to clue such a word in the first place. *Richard Skinner*
- Not too sure about my X answer. *Margaret Davis*
- Was toying with using the hyphen to make enough letters for P, until I stumbled on Prae; loved YEAR DOT and KNICKER. *Dale McManus*
- More than one obscurity here Jude! *Roy Taylor*
- I can't justify KNICKER. Other than that I enjoyed this AJ. *Jenny Wenham*
- I have heard of Fob Watches but not Watch Fobs. I cannot find XERUS so am taking a punt on that one. *Doreen Jones*
- I thought this quite a difficult AJ. *Maureen Blake*
- Thank you Drew. Slot 4 is my favourite and as usual my vocabulary has been enriched. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Skunks, squirrels, ruffs and llamas: a veritable menagerie of clues. More interesting J, Q, X and Z words; will there ever be a time we run out of new words for these letters? Looking forward to seeing how some of the clues work. *Ulla Axelsen*
- A good AJ although I prefer the traditional grid. Great P clue. *Barbara Ibbott*
- I hit a few stumbling blocks in this puzzle. HEREBY for the H clue did not work for me and neither did the abbreviation IN for Indonesia; in the Z clue. I'm hoping YEAR DOT is correct for the Y clue, but I have no idea how it relates to the Scot's earth book. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*



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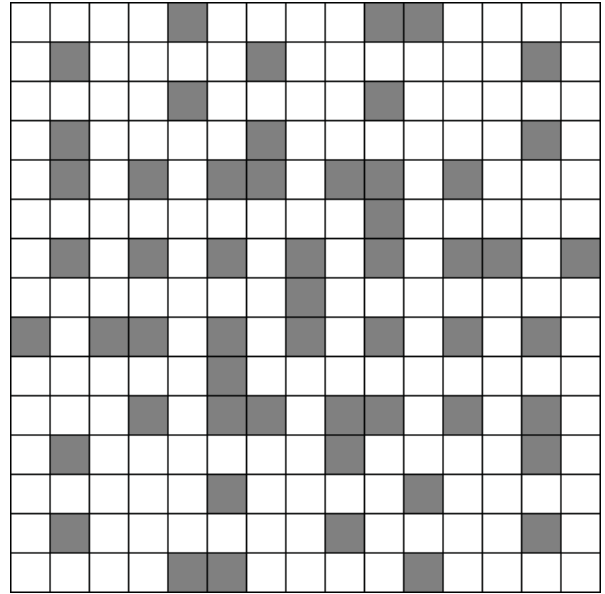
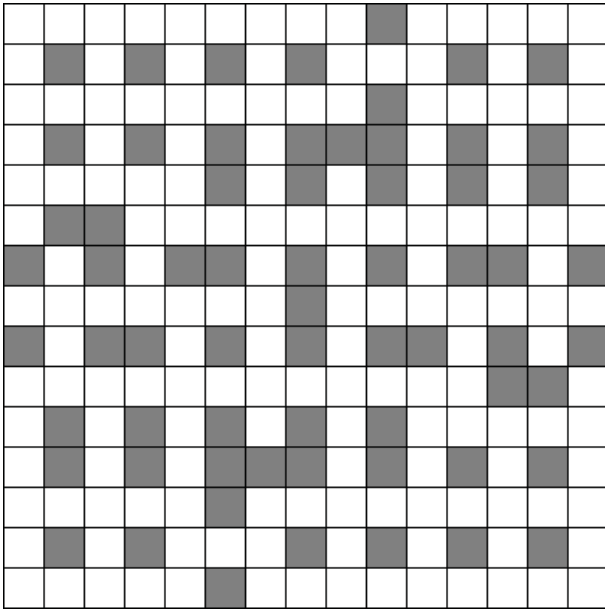
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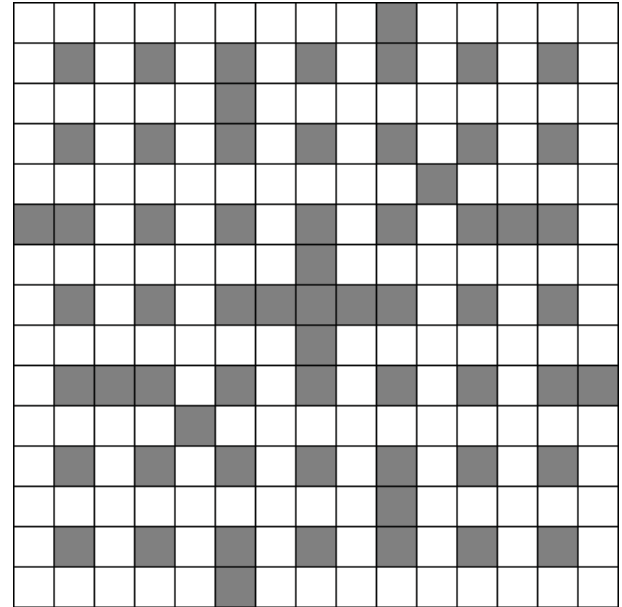
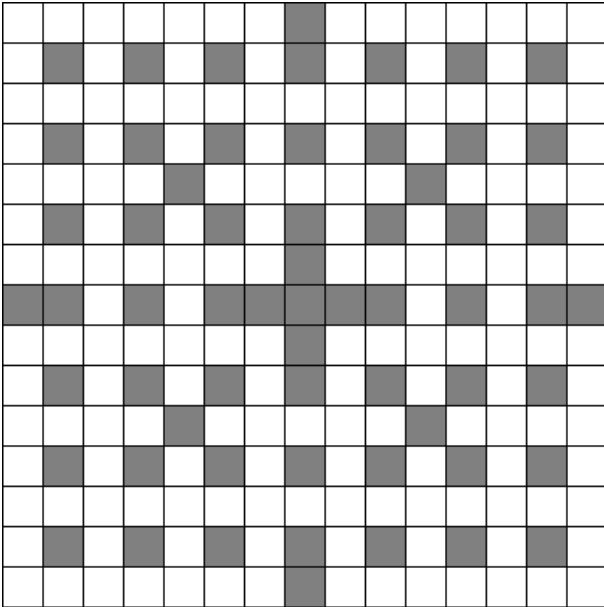
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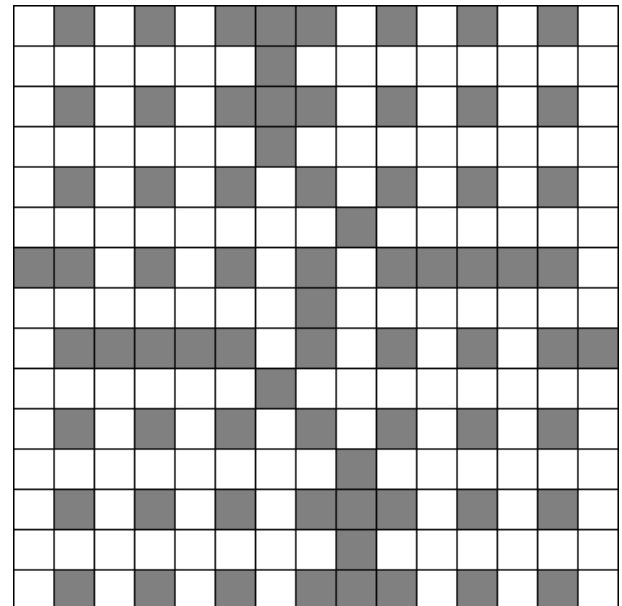
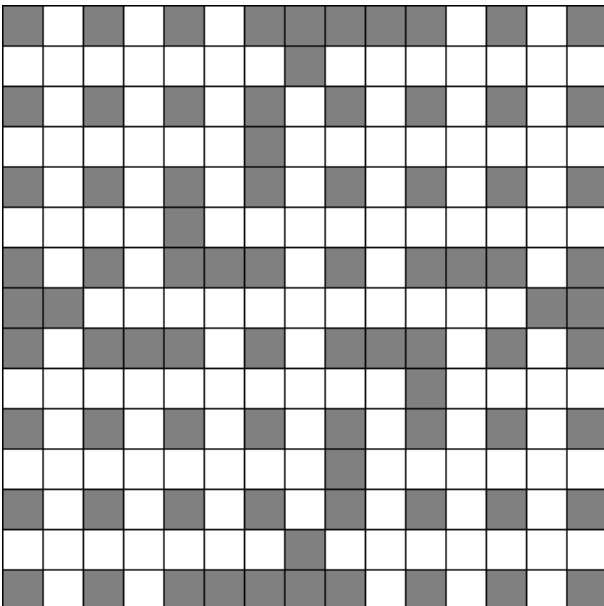
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Clue of the Month

May 6-2015: [Mondegreens] by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams)

Entries: 74; Correct: 64. Success Rate: 86.5%.

Winner: Sonia Roulston. Congratulations!

Adjudicators' comments: Thanks all for your cards and comments. Our Mondegreens seem to have struck a chord with solvers, even those who had never heard of them before. We're glad most solvers have enjoyed it and are delighted by the number of entries and the success rate. For reasons of space, questions about particular clues have not been addressed individually. Hopefully the explanations below will reveal all, but do please contact Ian or Jenny, or post a question on DEEF if any clarification is needed. We have discussed 19ac and decided not to accept WASHROOM for BATHROOM – see response to Robyn Caine. Other than that, the main cause of missing dots was ASPEN for OSIER and some blank squares. Jenny has had some trouble with her email, so if anyone is missing a dot and thinks they should have one, please send her an email at her new email address jenny@wenham.net.au

Explanations: Across: 1, 14dn cryptic def, **5 BATS>**, **10 CAME + RA**, **12 DISH + ON OUR + ED**, **13 mEATy**, **14 anag**, **16 dd** (Lady Gaga), **17 (IC + OF) >**, **23 I'll [I will]**, **24, 28** cryptic def, **27 dd**, **29 S + COT**, **30 anag - FIRE**. **Down: 1 TO + TED**, **2 EMERS i ON**, **3 ION> + SOME**, **4 anag SHaMrOck**, **6, 19, 9** cryptic def, **7 BOA + TT + RAIN**, **8 P (ADD) Y (ivr)**, **11 B(R)EECH**, **15 anag**, **18 CAL + YPS + O**, **20 hidden**, **21 M (UTTER) S**, **22 ho[e] OSIER** note – in *Chambers* 12th Ed, **25 GÈNE + T**, **26 sCREEDS**.

Solvers' comments:

- Thoroughly entertaining once I uncovered the word MONDEGREEN, new to me. Cleverest clue was 7dn BOAT TRAIN. Trickiest to justify was 26dn CREED. *Len Colgan*
- Thanks for the puzzle. I enjoyed the theme even though it's now ruined one Beatles song for me. It was very worthwhile. *Andrew Patterson*
- Many thanks for your MON+DEGREE+N cryptic. This deserves a DEGREE held by a Japanese family badge name. *Alan Walter*
- Loved it! My favourite is Hendrix "scuse me whilst I kiss this guy!". *William Ryan*
- Many thanks for a crossword that appealed to our sense of humour. *Julie Leigh*
- I had heard of mondegreens before but even so it was a nice amusing challenge, well done. 2dn EMERSON – what a clue! *Tony Dobe*
- The mondegreens are brilliant! I so often mishear the words of songs, so they certainly strike a chord with me! Thank you for giving us so much entertainment. *Nea Storey*
- Very amusing, though I was way off the wavelength. I'd heard of Mondegreens – mentioned on *The Times* for the *Times* blog, from memory? But had to guess these, as there's no "definitive" mishearing of lyrics, almost by definition. 2dn is also a guess; can't make head nor tail of the clue. *Rob Moline*
- Thank you for a fun puzzle! *Sam Howat*
- What a lot of fun you and your co-conspirator must have had devising this puzzle. Luckily for me, our musical tastes seem to be similar. I found the solving task slightly easier when I tried singing the (adjusted) lyrics in the accents of the original performers. Luckily no one else was around at the time! *Kath Harper*
- I found this a lot of fun. Creedence Clearwater would have a fit! *Julie Crowe*
- Very clever and funny theme. I got the "TICKET TO RIDE" parody first – then somehow was convinced 14ac was the WILBERRIES who I thought were a band doing parodies. However, eventually, I got the obvious MONDEGREEN. Pfew! *Roy Taylor*
- Loved it! Great fun. I don't think I'll ever sing those songs correctly again. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Lovely puzzle. LOL. *Iain MacDougall*
- Thank you for your fun puzzle. Also thanks to Google. *Doreen Jones*
- Thanks for a great puzzle. I love the idea of a 'mondegreen', and so clever of you to incorporate some into a crossword. Took a little while, then the penny dropped. *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks again for a skilful compilation. I wasn't familiar with all the mondegreens so there was a bit of double-checking going on with the Google library. Good fun. A bit unsure of how GENET is parsed, although it fits the definition well. *Michael Kennedy*
- A real lot of fun – only took 10.63 hrs, much of which involved crying, cursing, and laying on the green. Best wishes for your psychiatric assessment. *Ro Ducker*
- That was fun. *Trish McPherson*
- We did enjoy this crossword and learning about mondegreens. I spent sleepless nights puzzling over the song-based clues and their take-off versions. They were brilliant! *Robyn McKenzie*

- I'd never heard of a mondegreen, but I'm unlikely to ever forget it now! I thought "The ants are my friends" was a top solution and must admit the other two were still a challenge even after I got the idea. I thought it was a great puzzle. *Frank Martin*
- Enjoyed the puzzle – much well. It was nice to see the Mondegreens which have been a favourite diversion for some time. You didn't use Gladly the Cross-eyed bear. Good fun and I thank you. *Jim Fowler*
- Here is my solution for this month's slot 6. Had a little trouble in the top right corner with 5ac, but I took a stab at the answer which helped me catch the 7 Down train! Thanks for your efforts. The answers were certainly blowing in the wind. *Dave Parsons*
- I loved the Mondegreen theme! *Mike Potts*
- Thank-you to you and Ian for your delightful puzzle. I hadn't heard of a mondegreen, although I think I was vaguely aware of the concept. I enjoyed all the clues, but especially the three mondegreens. *Ian Thompson*
- Enjoyable and an amusing selection on mondegreens that sent me on an educational journey to the internet. *Alan Dyer*
- I was lucky to have grown up during the best musical era, and will never sing those lyrics by Dylan, The Beatles and CCR the same again! MONDEGREEN was a new word for me – it reminded me of what our son used to call The Fat Controller in Thomas the Tank Engine. Favourite clue was BOATTRAIN – another new word for me. *Jan Wood*
- Lots of fun! Liked REARED, DISHONOURED, FOCI and especially BATS. *Max Roddick*
- Thanks for a very amusing puzzle although I did need the assistance of Google to track down our alternative lyrics. I particularly appreciated STAB and GAGA. *Jeremy Barnes*
- I so enjoyed this puzzle. What a clever idea! When the "grotesque demon genre" gave me the word mondegreen, which I'd never come across before, a little research revealed a new, wonderful way to fill an idle moment with a little fun. As frivolously entertaining, if not more so, than spoonerisms! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thank you for such a fun puzzle. I hope you had as much fun setting it as I did trying to solve. *Lesley Carroll*
- I loved your Mondegreens and the clues that you devised for them. Ah, the sixties! Never before and never again has there been music like that of the sixties. Hmm, I think that I might be showing my age. *Susan Howells*
- Liked word play in "the ants are my friends" for Peter Paul and Mary fans, "there's a bathroom on the right" for biblical scholars and "she's got a tic in her eye" for Fab Four fanatics. 14ac mondegreen found in scrabble word lists with known letters M.N.E.R.E. and the excellent explanation in *Macquarie*. *Tony Degry*
- Thanks for this cryptic – it was a lot of fun. When I realised what the three solutions were, I couldn't remember the term for them, but you had thoughtfully included 'mondegreen' as 14ac! *Alison Martin*
- I am very fond of a Mondegreen and I loved this puzzle! *Andrew Miles*
- Thank you for an interesting and challenging puzzle. Unfortunately I was unfamiliar with one of the phrases so had to have a guess at the Mondegreen. *Jean Evans*
- I learned a new word MONDEGREEN – what a clever play on lines from famous songs. *Marian Procter*
- Great Puzzle! *Ian Mason*
- Nothing like a good mondegreen! I have always liked "Somewhere over the rainbow, weigh a pie." Not to mention the line from Island of "far far away from the mad Dreams Russian crowd". *Peter Dearie*
- I am not keen on these puzzles where so many of the clues interact, however I battled on and finally finished it. *Margaret Davis*
- Not sure if I am right – but enjoyed it anyway. *Brian Symons*
- Again, gobsmacked at the brilliance of you compilers! Never even heard of the "m" word yet you are able to use it in a crossword grid. Such fun. *Eileen O'Brien*
- A fascinating and clever puzzle which I greatly enjoyed solving. *John Baylis*
- Mondegreens are a bit of fun aren't they? Never heard of them before. *Robyn Wimbush*
- I did enjoy your puzzle with its mondegreens. You were able to get the three most popular songs with misheard lyrics. *Bev Cockburn*
- This was a challenging puzzle and I needed lots of help – so fingers crossed! *Anne Simons*
- What an entertaining puzzle! I do enjoy a good mondegreen. This was hard, but fair. *Carole Noble*
- What fun with the Mondegreens. I hope "There's a bathroom on the right" is correct. [AKA "...there's a bad moon on the rise... - H&C"]. *Robyn Caine*
- This was a most enjoyable puzzle to do. The "misunderstandings" were a joy to discover. Thanks for a lot of fun. *Maureen Blake*
- Thanks for a great puzzle. I have had a good chuckle over many Mondegreens over the years but would never have thought of using them in a puzzle. Well done! Perhaps you should change your cruciverbal pseudonym to Lady Mondegreen. *Brian Tickle*

Quiz No 7/2015



by **Virgo**

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| 1 African city (5,5) | 10 US outlaw (5,5) | 18 British poet (9,7) |
| 2 A soldier bold! (3,6) | 11 Former English soccer player/
manager (5,6) | 19 UK comedy actor (5-6) |
| 3 French designer (4,6) | 12 UK boxer (6,5) | 20 Terry Pratchett's magical
institution of learning (6,10) |
| 4 US actor (5,3) | 13 Nursery rhyme character (4,6) | 21 US TV Actor (<i>I Love Lucy</i>) (6,5) |
| 5 Aussie Dame (4,7) | 14 Scottish celebrity chef (4,5) | 22 US poet (4,7) |
| 6 Rocky cartoon character! (4,10) | 15 <i>Hey, Hey</i> favourite (5,7) | 23 Aussie pop group (5,5) |
| 7 Swedish actor (5,5) | 16 UK tenor (5,5) | 24 French footballer and coach (8,6) |
| 8 <i>Playboy</i> publisher (4,6) | 17 US president (6,6) | |
| 9 Australian author (3,7) | | |

Quiz No 7/2015 by **Virgo**. Mirrored Initially.

Both first and second words of the solution start with the same letter. Solutions are in alphabetical order starting with the first word.

Send your entries to Alison Shield/Alison Martin 290 Essex St, West Footscray Vic 3012, or by e-mail to alisonshield27@optusnet.com.au

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Results of Quiz No 4/2015.

Happy Anniversary Australian Crossword Club
by **The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)**.

Entries received: 39; success rate: 61%.

Winner: Rob Milton. Congratulations!

Results: 25. W. Allen, K. Audrins, L. Colgan, J Crowe, T Dobebe, J. Fowler, B. Glissan, R. Gooderick, V. Howard, S. Howells, G. Leeds, J. Leigh, C. Mackay-Sims, T. McPherson, A. Miles, R. Milton, C. Noble, M. Potts, J. Smith, M. Steinberger, B. Symons, B. Tickle, A. Walter and R. Wimbush.
24: P. Abbott, U Axelsen, G.Cole, P. Garner, B. Ibbott, D. Jones, P. Lord, E. O'Brien, M. Procter, J & P Schultz, R. Skinner and C. Wilcox. **23:** C. McClelland and S. Pinder.
22. G. Lemon.

Answers: 1. Silver, **2.** Vingt-cinq, **3.** Kingston Rule, **4.** Arkansas, **5.** Bob Hope, **6.** 77, **7.** Dionysius, **8.** Manganese, **9.** Sheet Anchor, **10.** John Howard, **11.** William McKinley, **12.** XXV, **13.** The Greatest Show on Earth, **14.** Stefan Edberg, **15.** Quarter, **16.** Bob Hawke, **17.** Funfundzwanzig, **18.** Barton, **19.** Mikhail Gorbachev, **20.** Fraser Island, **21.** 625, **22.** 82, **23.** South Africa, **24.** Antidisestablishmentarian, **25.** 11001.

Adjudicator's Comments: A very pleasing number of correct entries and plenty of "Happy Anniversary" wishes, thank you very much. Unfortunately, quite a few marks were lost by not abiding by the letter number indications. Several solvers added 'ism' to 'antidisestablishmentarian' making it a noun, not an adjective, and making it more than 25 letters. 'Two bits' for #15, although correct, would have been (3,4), not (7). One member had 'Federal' for #18, although correct, did not match the numbering. Other marks were lost for an incorrect Pope and an incorrect island (#20). I could not justify Dioscorus (two entries) as the 25th pope but will be happy to accept proof of this alternative if available. The common thread was simply '25'!
—**Bev Cockburn**

Solvers' Comments:

- I have driven the Barton Highway more times than I care to remember, but I have to confess it was only here that I learnt it as A25!
Andrew Miles
- Nice idea. South Africa became the 25th largest land mass only after the recent split of Sudan into two separate countries. Not all websites have been updated. *Len Colgan*
- Thanks for a great quiz. It was the first 6 letters of Question 17: fun fun.
Brian Tickle

• I'm afraid I had to *Google* quite a few of my answers, which I prefer not to do. Obviously large gaps in my knowledge.

Trish McPherson

• I knew 7 of these. *Google* knew the rest so all is well. Can't believe I know now what 24 is. Thank you for that alone.

Robyn Wimbush

• Twenty-five years of joy, tears and frustration, we must be a little crazy. Number 17 reminded me why I dropped German in the first term!

Valerie Howard

• A good quiz. I managed about half without references.

Mike Potts

• Thanks for your searching 25th Anniversary Quiz. It covered quite a span and was excellent for our 300th edition of *Crozworld*, equivalent to 25x12 issues.

Alan Walter

• This club has given me 25 years of friendship and enjoyment. Happy Anniversary.

Carole Noble

• This was a bit of fun especially No 17 – what a great word!

Warren Allen

• Thanks for the cerebral workout – got to keep the wheels and cogs turning.

Jim Fowler

• I learnt German for a while at high school but it took me a while to realize that fund-und-zwanzig could be written as one 14 letter word. I never got my head around binary notation!

Susan Howells

• I must admit I had to *Google* quite a lot of this quiz, as I guess most other people will. However, I think I correctly knew at least half. I don't know what year Mum joined but she loved *Crozworld* so much.

Barb Ibbott

• No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up!

Richard Skinner

• Happy Anniversary – I can't believe it's been 25 years!

Marian Procter

• Thanks for a very enjoyable anniversary puzzle. It's amazing the information you can find out about 25/1990.

Ulla Axelsen

• As I have a broken arm and need occupying in a non physical way. I was pleased to spend the time doing the research, which I enjoy. Thanks for all the good times you and your "partners in crime" have given us.

Eileen O'Brien

• Hope readings of my French and German dictionaries are correct. Oh to be 25 in Germany. Always thought the answer to Q24 was a made up word for trivia pursuit.

Gary Lemon

• Must admit I had help from my son with his smart phone. Congratulations on the club reaching 25. I feel privileged to be part of this wonderful club.

Claire McClelland

May 7-2015. Cryptic by Blue King (Roy Low)

Entries 62. Correct 53. Success Rate 85%.

Prize-winner: Anne Simons. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Out of 28 clues in the puzzle, 13 received positive comments. Most difficulty was caused by "Inter-stellar monsters – Engels and a Marx brother?" = RED GIANTS where many solvers missed the "brother" reference to Communists – Engels and Marx (Karl). I apologise for the inaccurate cluing of LONELIER and VINDALOO which were corrected in last month's *CrOZworld*. In the interests of economy of space some similar comments have been combined, indicated by "et al". For the full clue explanations, either re-submit your solution or go to www.low.net.au/accolade/solutions/May_2015_Slot_7.html

—Blue King (Roy Low)

Correct entries:

Warren Allen, Ulla Axelsen, Jeremy Barnes, Robyn Caine, Ron Carpenter, Lesley Carroll, Bev Cockburn, Len Colgan, Julie Crowe, Margaret Davis, Peter Dearie, Tony DeGrys, Tony Dobebe, Alan Dyer, Jean Evans, Pat Garner, Barbara Glissan, David Grainger, Bob Hagan, Kath Harper, Sam Howat, Susan Howells, Ann Jermy, Doreen Jones, Michael Kennedy, Christina Lee, Gabrielle Leeds, Julie Leigh, Pat Lord, Roy Low, Ian McKenzie, Frank Martin, Ian Mason, Claire McClelland, Andrew Miles, Rob Moline, Carole Noble, Eileen O'Brien, Andrew Patterson. Mike Potts, Marian Procter, Margaret Pyc, Max Roddick, Sonia Roulston, William Ryan, Betty Siegman, Anne Simons, Margaret Steinberger, Nea Storey, Ian Thompson, Jenny Wenham, Robyn Wimbush and Jan Wood.

Solvers' Comments

- An excellent puzzle having many clever clues of which 9ac; 10ac; 12ac; 15dn are my favourites. I do prefer "One" to "A" in 4ac and the German shipwrecker should be spelt "Lorelei".
Len Colgan et al
- 4ac: Removing A DANCER from LEONARDO DA VINCI leaves VINDILOO.
Ray Gooderick et al
- Many excellent clues: particularly liked CIDER and LOWER.
Jan Wood
- DITTO took a while before realizing OTT is excessive.
Roy Taylor
- Loved PURSE STRINGS; but it took ages for the penny to drop!
Anne Simons
- 8dn: I understand the cryptic indications but not the definition. Perhaps it refers to cricket. Yes!
Doreen Jones
- OPENER had a very good definition (or an impossible one if you are not into cricket).
Ian Thompson
- Thanks for another great puzzle Roy. My favourite clue was AGNOSTIC.
Brian Tickle
- Loved the images of Leonardo gasping for a curry and the mad hairstyle (like mine on bad hair days).
Kath Harper
- CALLIOPE was a good clue – I didn't know of calliope as a steam organ.
Ian Thompson
- Such clever clues; and even cleverer definitions e.g. Stone-carved orders; guardians of fortune. Such fun to do.
Maureen Blake
- What a collection of unusual words!
Frank Martin
- Loved the Slot.
William Ryan
- Challenging and enjoyable.
Bob Hagan
- A very devious puzzle; quite tricky.
Carole Noble
- I wasn't sure if BRAVO was correct.
Robyn Caine
- Favourite clue was LOWER. LOI was CALASH.
Bev Cockburn
- There was quite a lot of guessing on my part in this one!
Caroline Mackay-Sim
- Great XW. I really enjoyed it.
Betty Siegman
- I particularly liked LUNATIC FRINGE but must confess to being a little unsure about the SW corner.
Jenny Wenham
- Not sure about 23ac "Red Giants" how it answers the clue?
Marian Procter
- Not at all easy; but very fair. So many excellent clues – PURSE STRINGS, CALLIOPE, RED GIANTS.
Gabrielle Leeds
- Quite tough going; enjoyable.
Peter Dearie
- Particularly liked "PIECE OF EIGHT".
David Grainger
- Loved it overall; had to work at it. Not brave enough yet to use ACCOLADE.
Eileen O'Brien

Solution to Cryptic by Blue King

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Members' Comments cont'd from p10:

June 5-2015: Cryptic by Isla (Rob Moline)

- Two clues, 4dn and 8dn contained the vague definition "this", which should be banned in fair cryptic puzzles. Does 26dn need the word "balance"? Seems to need to be omitted (scales)? 10dn, KEYSTONE defined as "chief element" in *Chambers*, (KEYS + TONE). 25ac: E + NSW + C + T + A, lively (anagram) + LE (locale on vacation = LE). Vacation implies emptying LocalE, gives NEWCAST + LE. "Eastern NSW city" appears incorrectly as part of the definition and part of the word play. Please explain the rationale of NEWCASTLE, which fits the grid. Is this correct? 1ac: EYRE = Lake, so "School task all finish off" presumably = SALT? Could you please explain how SALT is obtained? 14dn: TOILET SET was quite humorous. Thanks *Isla* for your interesting XIMENEAN grid puzzle.
Alan Walter
- Poorly edited. "This" should NEVER be a definition, but in 4dn and 8dn there it is. Are we supposed to guess what THIS is? Annoying, that's what THIS is. Unless I've missed something it looks like 25ac NEWCASTLE is made up of the whole clue. E from Eastern + NSW + CT (oddy city) + A + LE (locale emptied). Newcastle is an eastern NSW city. Not kosher, is it? I did think PIGS MIGHT FLY quite apt. Having said all that, I thought 14dn was very clever and only just missed COTM from me.
Carole Noble
- Great stuff!
William Ryan
- Please explain 25ac, NEWCASTLE.
Brian Symons
- One clue reminds me: On the NSW coast there are signs "This Highway is Policed by Aerial Patrols" and underneath somebody has scrawled "PIGS MIGHT FLY!"
Max Roddick
- *Isla* certainly had some great clues: too many to state here, but 5dn, ARID, "took my eye".
Graeme Cole
- Guessed PIGS MIGHT FLY and ASTI SPUMANTE which helped a lot – liked clues for SALT LAKE, TASER and TOILET SET.
Anne Simons
- We thought this was the most enjoyable puzzle for the month with many clever clues and definitions. Still confused about a couple actually so fingers really crossed on this one.
Richard Skinner
- Took forever for me to realise SO is a clue for VERY.
Dale McManus
- Good tricky clues. This grid is harder to fill out on ACCOLADE.
Roy Taylor
- 34ac: THE NEEDEY is a bit sus.
Doreen Jones
- Thank you Rob. Fingers crossed. I loved 12ac, REPTILE.
Robyn Wimbush
- Enjoyable but a few clues I'm unsure of how they work.
Ulla Axelsen
- I always like this style of puzzle although I found it was actually more difficult to fill in online.
Barbara Ibbott
- Not sure how NEWCASTLE answers 25ac. I know it's a city in NSW but what has lively locale on vacation got to do with it?
Marian Procter
- A very enjoyable puzzle with a number of good clues. Thank you!
Caroline Mackay-Sim
- Particularly liked 1ac, SALT LAKE and 13ac, PIGS MIGHT FLY. Hard to choose between them for the COTM but have to plump for 1ac.
Gillian Champion

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2015

Write a clue for MUSHROOM (8)

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)

n an edible fungus of rapid growth with a stem and umbrella-shaped cap; any edible fungus; any fungus; an object shaped like a mushroom; an umbrella (sl); a pinkish-brown colour, like that of the field mushroom; anything of rapid growth and decay (*fig*); someone who rises suddenly from a low condition (*fig*); an upstart. **adj** of or like a mushroom in appearance, rapidity of growth, etc; of a pinkish-brown colour **vi** to expand like a mushroom cap; to gather mushrooms; to increase or spread with remarkable or disconcerting rapidity [OFR *mousseron*, perh *mousse* moss, which may be of Germanic origin]

Mushroom, despite its various definitions and potential guises, proved a tricky word to clue. One tip, for seemingly limited definitions, is to consider using an example of a mushroom, (e.g. morel, oyster, field, or magic). A few entrepreneurial compilers saw the potential for playing with *mush* (as in the dog sledding), and indeed, by the shadow of a shitake: the winning clue came from this fungoidal collection. Well done to **William Ryan**.

Snowball/Huskie training facility? (8)

The seventeen entries are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

A chanterelle, perhaps, upon which sat Alice's blue caterpillar ***

This is a literary reference to the hookah-smoking caterpillar in Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* (Chapter Five). A chanterelle is a type of edible fungi, so really this clue is just a straight double definition. It reads well and is certainly accurate, but it could do with an extra level of cryptic-ness.

Balloon that may be edible?

This is taken from *The Times* (no. 26026). It's a simple clue, but is a fine example of how the noun *mushroom* is assumed by the noun - *balloon*. The addition of the question mark is meant to indicate a sort of double duty by the word balloon, as it serves as both a verb and a noun.

Blow up Greek characters with type of bomb chamber ***½

This is a charade clue and is parsed with MUS, H, and ROOM. As if Greece doesn't have enough problems at the moment. Perhaps they would take some solace from the fact that this is a fine clue with no superfluous words and with a feasible story.

Colour of an umbrella? ***½

A quaint, double definition, that brings to light the lesser-known meanings of mushroom. I'd actually never come across the umbrella definition before now, and I do note that it is a slang term. Even so, I do like the simplicity of this clue.

Corn porridge taken as treatment for the low back will boom **

This charade-like clue joins *mush* (corn porridge) to R and *moo* (low reversed). Unfortunately, I don't understand how the letter R comes from *as treatment for*. Perhaps it's a synonym for *rule* or *recipe* but if it is, that's too indirect to be fair to the solver. It's a fair surface reading, although I'm not sure if the *mush* is to be used topically or internally.

Endlessly must he root my fungus ***½

For this clue, as directed, you need to remove the end letters of the four middle words to be left with *mushroom*. Elegantly done and, as emphasised by the compiler, one could imagine a hungry pig digging up ones vegetable bed.

Iditarod command put Othello's clan in reverse **

Most of you are probably aware that the Iditarod is a famous annual dog-sled race in Alaska (not Canada) run between Anchorage and Nome. *Mush* is both to travel with dogs over snow as well as the command to do so. As such, there were several entries that cleverly exploited this. In this clue the compiler joins MUSH with ROOM (moor reversed). One could easily imagine a lead dog named Othello reversing the sled with the other dogs. It's almost an excellent clue but, by now, you have probably noticed a crucial omission - the definition. Somehow, a definition for *mushroom* would need to be incorporated.

Make up quiet space to grow fungus **

The provided explanation has M (make) and U (up), but I can find no reference to these abbreviations, and have certainly never come across them before. The rest of the charade (SH and *room*) is perfectly valid, as is the definition. Do fungi need a quiet area to grow?

Pinkish-brown pash-pit? **

If there were points just for alliteration and imagery, then this clue would have won hands down. The colour definition is spot on, and the rest of the clue does paint an evocative scene of "a few cuddles in a *sunken lounge-room!*" (Compiler's words). Does *mush* equate to *pash* though? The former can mean *sloppy sentimentality*, but as far as I can tell it doesn't have anything to do with *kissing*, let alone *cuddling*. I admire the thought though.

Porcini, Greek character, needing quiet space ***

A simple charade with links MU with SH and ROOM. It's smoothly parsed with everything serving a purpose. Porcini needs a *perhaps* or *for example*, to be perfectly parsed. The main problem is *Porcini* really needs to be a *Porcinopoulos* to be totally convincing.

Reportedly plenty of space to grow quickly **

This clue really surprised me, as I was not expecting any attempt at a homophone. The attempt here is to equate the sound of *mushroom* with *muchroom*. Unless I'm missing something, *much* (pronounced *mutch*) is not a homophone of *mush*. It's a shame as the rest of the clue is parsed perfectly.

Ruin Mom's hour and get this cloud ***½

Perhaps not surprisingly, only one clue put forward a whole anagram. It's an admirable attempt given it's a challenge to find an appropriate definition. Here, the compiler has managed to retain the semblance of sense with an accurate definition that refers to a *mushroom* cloud.

Scope for sledging to grow quickly ***½

Another dog-sledding clue. Here, the first half of the clue is really a play on words. *Scope for sledging* is room for mushing (i.e. *mush-room*). The definition fits seamlessly with the rest of the clue. Personally, I think it needs a question mark to indicate the slightly misleading secondary elements, but otherwise this is a well thought out clue.

Snowball/Huskie training facility? ****

This is a fun clue that, while appearing somewhat unorthodox, does mostly satisfy the selection criteria for a fair clue. The definition is *snowball*, which is a type of mushroom that appears to be more commonly known as a puffball. The image of a 'mush-room' as a training facility for huskies is both cute and clever. The question mark indicates the cryptic-ness of the clue. While a snowball is an example of a mushroom, and using 'and' instead of a slash would have been cosmetically preferable, I couldn't go past this clue as the winner.

Swell place for schmaltz ***½

This is a clever short clue that works as a pun on *mush-room* or literally a place for schmaltz. The definition is disguised as an adjective in the surface reading, and the clue as a whole has a mellifluous sound to it.

Then, mix up, together with some ham & corn. Remove pecan. Spread rapidly ***

Follow this recipe carefully and you may just end up with the answer. It's an anagram of *up, some, ham, and corn*, minus the letters of *pecan*. I like how the compiler has managed to take the recipe theme right through to the definition. The first word *then* is superfluous and actually unnecessary for the clue to work, although I guess it's to suggest this is a step of a recipe. Even so, it should be omitted. Despite its business with all the punctuation, it does work okay.

There is constant quiet, with space to proliferate ***

This is a charade and joins MU, which is used to represent the coefficient of friction or COF), with SH and room. The surface sense is excellent and it could apply to many situations. However, I think it's a tough ask to get MU from just *constant*. Unless you're an engineer or physicist, I think most solvers would be looking up (not in *Chambers* at least) how MU relates to a *constant*.

Up anchor, following an order to move, sees a burst of activity ****

This is a wonderfully parsed clue. Turn moor around after *mush* (the dog command) and you end up with a fitting definition. It would only work as a down clue given the *up anchor*. It's also an evocative clue and it's easy to envisage a galleon setting sail from Venice perhaps.

Clue Writing Competition No 4/2015

For the next competition, please write a clue for **TROUBLESHOOT (12)** complete with explanation. Note: only one clue per person.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com

Closing mail date: Friday 14 August 2015. Book prize.