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For of all sad words of tongue or pen, / The saddest are these: 'It might have been!
John Greenleaf Whittier, 1854, *Maud Muller*.

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One of this month's highlights includes a generous offer by Hausmann Communications of a free Pilot Frixion Ball pen which uses friction generated heat to erase all traces of unwanted pen marks. This means that solvers can confidently enter their solutions in ball point but if there is an error it can be removed without trace! And it works too! For further details about this exciting development and sampling opportunity see p6.

We are always pleased to welcome a new Adjudicator to the ranks. This time it's Jeremy Barnes from the well-known compiling duo *Barney Naga* with the legendary Bob Hagan. Welcome to this distinguished group Jeremy. We are sure that the solvers will give you a warm and friendly welcome.

It's also a good time to mention how we value the never-ending work of our Adjudicators. We could not exist without their unfailing assistance and we sincerely appreciate how onerous their work can be in checking hundreds of grids and then providing the results in a timely fashion so that each *Crozworld* can be published such a short time after the closing mail date. Thanks a lot!

This month we have another challenging set of puzzles and a Quiz for you expertly chosen by our skilful Puzzle Set-up person Ian Williams. Favourites include *Jesso*, *Southern Cross* and *Virgo* and the ever-popular *Timid Terrier* and *Waratah*. The Slot 6 puzzle is a beauty by the dynamic duo *Barney Naga* and the Quiz titled *Know Yourself* by Brian Symons will keep you amused for some considerable time.

And there are details on p9 about the forthcoming Christmas in July Get-Together. We have a sparkling Quiz and some wonderful prizes to give away. We are hoping that all of the Victorian members will make the trip and make the day a memorable one indeed. Interstate members are more than welcome too! Happy Crozworlding! —Patrick

Many thanks for the cards and good wishes; it makes adjudicating an enjoyable task. This month's batch was difficult, and I was glad I was on the marking end. There were far too many transcription errors, EVSAION, OCHRR, EXEECISE, SCRAPEED, DWLLED, HOTAHSES all obvious ones. I can't stress enough, check your answers both up and down. It really hurts to mark them as wrong when I'm sure you know the answer.

Slot 1: Errors here and there. Several members opted for KOOTA for 27ac: a good guess but I couldn't find any Indian of that name. The giant iceberg in this puzzle was 3dn, IRID, which sank 31 members who opted for IRIS. This did not fit the clue, 'deliver' = RID. Several members complained that this was too difficult for a Slot 1, usually considered a 'warm-up' puzzle.

Slot 2: BELTING OUT, VETTING OUT (14dn), HARRY (27dn), 13ac MERMEN gave me a laugh, but unfortunately not correct. (I wouldn't cuddle these either). Generally well received.

Slot 3: Not too many errors here: 5ac GOTCHA trapped a few, 7dn, SANDTRAP. I admit they can be troublesome, but again did not fit the clue.

Slot 4: Usually a favourite with members, this AJ contained many unusual words, causing errors all over the place, but mostly for BOURDON. Some suggestions were BOURBON, BEDROOM, others received. LOLLIGAGGED not allowed, clue is SWEET = LOLLY. YAWL and YAWP for YOWL.

Slot 5: Most members who did this were correct. I can't help feeling that once Pink Floyd was identified, the lyric was easy. Come on, hands up all those who actually solved all the clues? For the bonus, clues were NIGHT, EDGE and LUNAR, leading to 'Dark Side of the Moon'. Successfully identified by 31 members; too many to name, and no extra dots given, just the satisfaction of being correct.

COTM:
A few nominations in each puzzle, receiving one or two votes each, but the absolute runaway winner was Slot 3, 26 ac, Off-peak calls? – YODELS, with 14 votes. Well done Shirly, a great clue. —Betty Siegman

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Entries received	101	110	107	84	93	495
Correct entries	49	98	94	62	91	394
Success rate (%)	48.5	89.1	87.9	73.8	97.9	79.6
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Half 'n Half
by
Jesso

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Across

- 1 Classy (coll.) (4)
- 4 Native enclosure (4)
- 7 Consort of Siva (4)
- 10 Jetty (4)
- 11 Containing iridium (6)
- 13 Indolent (4)
- 14 Verge (4)
- 15 Scouting foray (coll.) (5)
- 16 River in Europe (4)
- 18 Aboriginal (6)
- 19 Funny fellow (coll.) (3)
- 21 Wrinkling (9)
- 24 Annoy (5)
- 25 Charming (7)
- 27 Roves (7)
- 30 Oil reservoirs (5)
- 32 Scent (4-5)
- 34 Snoop (3)
- 35 Musical instrument (6)
- 38 Man's name (4)
- 40 Contempt (5)
- 41 Money (4)
- 42 Weathered (4)
- 43 Esteem (6)
- 44 Bearing (4)
- 45 Pace (4)
- 46 Employs (4)
- 47 Actual existence (4)

Down

- 1 Battle scene: two Greek characters positioned around the rim (8)
- 2 Spotted agent accepting destiny at church (8)
- 3 Hurried call by media boss (4)
- 4 Note concerning king's brother (4)
- 5 Small and dainty, romancing freely without car (6)
- 6 Starting to argue about a field (4)
- 7 King that's opposed to the city (4)
- 8 Bill to give up - agree? (6)
- 9 Cold period that's around front of prison (3-3)
- 12 Soaked initially dry type of yarn we brought back (8,3)
- 17 Endless belt about giant levers (11)
- 20 Declare in middle of tavern (4)
- 22 Bring on woeful ruin without dogmatic conclusion (5)
- 23 Clumsy fellows make empty talk about sides from Wheelabarraback (5)
- 26 Sullen party on old city (4)
- 28 Festoons arranged immediately afterwards (8)
- 29 Angry about German city university (8)
- 30 Starts betting as writing concludes (6)
- 31 One out of money angry in city (6)
- 33 One month a detective sergeant gets groups of eight (6)
- 36 School parking for each backed (4)
- 37 Chromium-europium mixture for fabric colour (4)
- 38 Resistance units rather big about Her Majesty (4)
- 39 To start tiny and so sweet (4)

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Cryptic by Virgo



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Across


- 2 Nod but with an exclamation of surprise at child's name for a pet (6)
- 5 Friendly ghost loses second game (5)
- 8 To be sick of the sound of a drink that is brown (3)
- 9 Rioting one stared and re-echoed (9)
- 10 Even up a queue we hear (5)
- 11 City flower found in remains of debris. Bar first entry (8)
- 12 Russian trim in identity but nothing is straightforward (6)
- 14 Bad wolf holding tailless old dog (6)
- 15 Dirty rat sinks a language (8)
- 17 Devotee – a loud one (3)
- 18 Regular or dreadful rain in an empty day (8)
- 20 Tamed brother to understand (6)
- 23 Hound Peg on this stage of the journey (3-3)
- 25 The odd tiger going west becomes exhausted (3-5)
- 28 What is happening here? A legend! (5)
- 29 A mare worth moving – it's a crawler (9)
- 30 Big Brother's rubbish (3)
- 31 Requiem starts evenly, light explodes, Gary yawns (5)
- 32 Card game. A setter? (3,3)

Down

- 1 This is a tricky brush for a plant (5)
- 2 Animal in distress bites gangster (7)
- 3 Succeed with double bed down. Any number can be messed up (9)
- 4 Fuel in act one revision (6)
- 5 A hundred and fifty shoot down to the right (5)
- 6 The dog to indicate expression of reluctance (7)
- 7 Heroic dog Romeo in double foil (3,3,3)
- 8 A kerfuffle at a ball (3)
- 13 Roast provided at sleepover (3)
- 14 Control spillway and hatch (9)
- 15 Quote from essays (3)
- 16 Pulled from the street and gagged (9)
- 17 Cook a small fish (3)
- 19 A pet got up as a flower (3-4)
- 21 A king or drunk comes to my town (7)
- 22 Croaking nag is announced (6)
- 24 Record little attempt (5)
- 26 Think twice about eastern drum (5)
- 27 The trumpeter's dog? (3)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I would like to thank the ACC for my prize for the April slot 2 puzzle. John Standard
- What a lovely surprise to receive the Book Prize for the *Cryptic Cakes Quiz* in the Compendium vol 9 No 33. *The Webster's Universal Dictionary and Thesaurus* will be a valued reference book to add to my collection. Claire McClelland
- Thank you Patrick for all the fun and brainfag I have with the Crossword Club. Specially for my prize for April Slot 3. You sure started something when you gave me a membership 3-4 years ago. Thanks pal. Brian Eggleton
- Quite a testing lot as usual. Noel's was most difficult – quite a few words to add to the vocabulary. Also a few obscure ones in the AJ. Once I noticed Pink Floyd the computer did the hard work for Slot 5. Altogether an enjoyable exercise. Bob Hagan
- Many thanks to Patrick and other well-wishers on my birthday. Thanks too for "The Great Escape", when *Crozworld* arrives each month. Other problems disappear for a day or two. Shirl O'Brien
- Thanks to the ACC for prize cheque received for April 2009 Slot 1. Best regards to all. Geoff Campbell
- I was pleasantly surprised to receive a prize for Anne Ass's bonus quiz. I am in a mobile phone 'black spot', so don't indulge in texting, but the message was fun to solve. Peter Dearie
- Thank you to the Club for the very useful prize of the Tornado Crossword Pencil. It will be very handy for future editions of *Crozworld*. David Procter

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


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Across

- 1 Hard-hit though earthed? (6-7)
- 10 Be apprehended when backing for example – instructed to appear about March 4 (3,6)
- 11 Cover-up for a politician before the start of investigation (5)
- 12 Authority to provide smack? (5)
- 13 Annually the First Lady goes on-line, unknown to the listener (5,4)
- 14 Blacken by frying one carelessly (7)
- 16 Rise that's almost kind of comic (5,2)
- 18 It turns from left to right and vice versa (7)
- 20 What I'll have that you're having – these containing ham (not hot) (3,4)
- 21 A case for the non-computerised? (4,5)
- 23 Nothing about bees could make one fat! (5)
- 24 Express impatience half-a-tick later. All together ... (5)
- 25 Study firm's contract (9)
- 26 Don't jump so much – head for unlimited space (13)

Down

- 2 The rough end of it might be again considered (9)
- 3 A ship with a proud record, Noah's vessel capsized above it (5)
- 4 Small but sturdy, heartless US oil magnate raised weapon first (7)
- 5 Mains in the US that take precedence here (7)
- 6 Off the hook, having put it together again within a day, possibly (5-4)
- 7 Omit parts of words in drivell I'd endured (5)
- 8 I go to city centre spoilt by an excess of self-esteem (13)
- 9 Young woman holds bible classes here – doesn't tell it as it is? (13)
- 15 Perception in education? (9)
- 17 Those suffering a deficiency in basic diet perhaps (9)
- 19 Revolutionary spoke about Conservative leader (7)
- 20 Ways of creating revenue from takings when king becomes cross (7)
- 22 Nelson's missing the first two letters from correspondence (5)
- 23 As decimals are time after time (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

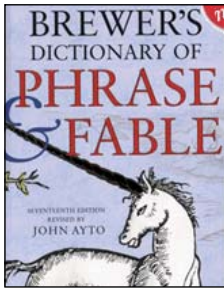
- Isn't it amazing how often there are co-incidences in the month's crosswords? This month, we had irises in three slots, and a certain movie producer in a crossword and a quiz! *Jesso*, *Virgo* and *Southern Cross* all posed interesting, well-clued and enjoyable challenges. Nea Storey
- A very enjoyable bunch: *Jesso*, *Virgo* and *Southern Cross* were all much to my liking. Catherine Hambling
- I would like to express my delight in winning not one, but wait there's more, two prizes last month. *The Oxford Crossword Dictionary* and the *Book of Quotations* make very elegant and useful additions to my reference bookshelf. I had a good few weeks actually as I also won a book voucher from Len Colgan's UNISA crossword, and, it was my birthday and my sister sent a card, and, Robin's Kitchen sent me a gift voucher, and, I bought a Lotto Ticket and won nothing. Thanks to the Club for not only providing many hours of entertainment but wee gifties as well. Jim Fowler
- I really enjoyed completing Patrick's *Tour of Oz*. Thank you so much for the *Webster's*. A valuable addition to my crossword books. Bronwyn Hull
- Thank you for my Slot 6 prize for March. It was a welcome surprise and as always I loved the beautiful script by Patrick. Dallas Window
- Thanks to *CrOZworld* for my April prize – it was most welcome. Mike Potts

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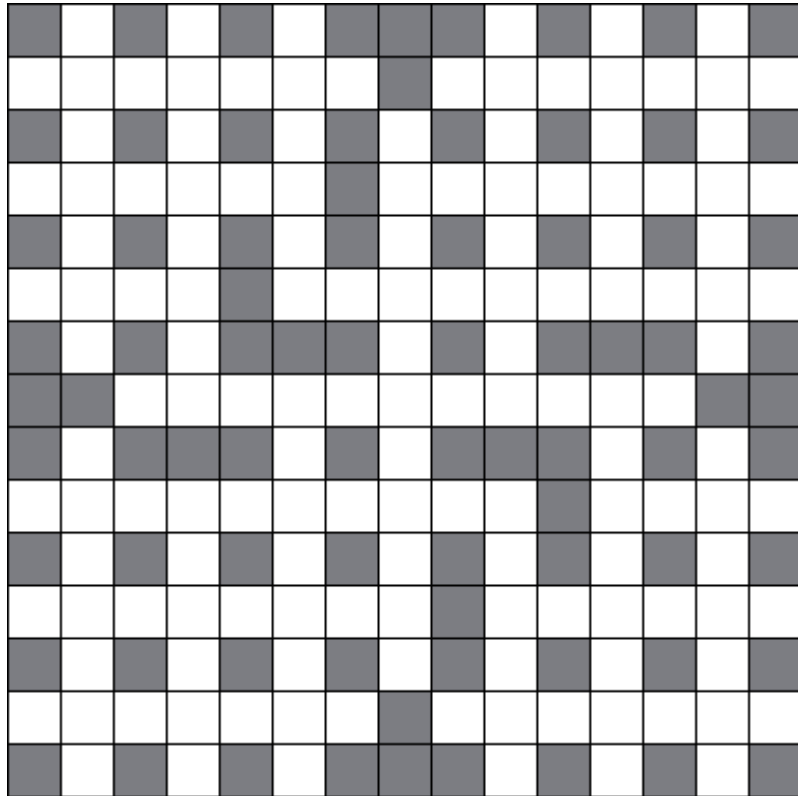
AJ

by

Timid Terrier



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Solve the clues and place the solutions in the grid, jig-saw wise, where they fit.

- A** Arkansas pet lambs at shopping malls (7)
- B** Money-box for food container (5-3)
- C** Shrub animal returns upset (8)
- D** Thirst of wild hurt dog (7)
- E** Hire with ease, say workman (8)
- F** Insect right in mist with kangaroo (4-6)
- G** Northern name for various yellow flowers in Mongol language (6)
- H** A cushioned frame for chief to lean on (8)
- I** I am grown-up but childish (8)
- J** Compiler with short strap around leg of hawk starts official practice. (6)
- K** Kelvin starts off raising imported, mainly, Mongolian ewes ragged with tightly curled black fur (7)
- L** Asylum bird may finish at gaol (colloq) (5,3)
- M** Food not on for American blockhead (4)
- N** Brownie that is returned on Sunday to Japanese Canadians (6)
- O** Purple-flowered stonecrops on Oregon trees (7)
- P** Uncle, an easily manipulated person, an agent (10)
- Q** Square ends missing to book (6)
- R** Sapper to look at magazine (6)
- S** To have a sensational effect agent returned saucepans after display (11)
- T** Board for sport's game (5,6)
- U** Said model in small truck was sunburnt (7)
- V** Strange even to an Irish devotee (6)
- W** Card game not finished according to gossip (7)
- X** King returned to Continent with abnormally dry hair (7)
- Y** Pined for Kelly after twelve months (7)
- Z** Intense enthusiasm for plant at Lake (4)




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<i>This Sporting Life by Waratah</i>
Prizes: \$50

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Across

- 1 The bar must be _____ in high jump (7)
- 7 Aussie Andrew _____. Basket ball player in America's NBA (5)
- 8 Each participant _____ down a cliff face in Rappelling (7)
- 9 Peter _____ won golf's Australian Open in 2003/04 (6)
- 11 _____ Mottram. Australian distance runner (5)
- 13 Mark Philippoussis's nickname (4)
- 14 We won this country's cup, in yachting, 1983 (7)
- 15 Fencing sword (4)
- 16 Bill _____. Cricket commentator and past player who carried his bat (5)
- 17 Cycling's Anna _____ won Olympic gold in 2004 (6)
- 21 Robert _____ won the Australian Open, PGA and Masters Championship in 2005 (7)
- 22 Game played on lawn or carpet (5)
- 23 Knocking out in boxing slang (7)

Down

- 2 Tony _____. 1990 Brownlow Medal winner (10)
- 3 A thorough health check (1,7)
- 4 Three indigenous brothers played Rugby Union in the 80s (4)
- 5 Can be played on horseback or in water (4)
- 6 Weightlifting Olympic gold medallist Dean Lukin was a ____ fisherman (4)
- 9 Tamsyn in Athletics or Hayley in swimming (5)
- 10 Tournament in which each player plays every other player (5,5)
- 12 Balancing bars in gymnastics (5)
- 13 Location of the 1984 Winter Olympics (8)
- 18 Clint _____ plays Rugby league for the North Queensland Cowboys (4)
- 19 Rugby League team Parramatta's nickname (4)
- 20 _____ Korbut, won gold in the 1972 Olympics for the balance beam in Gymnastics (4)

Explanations Slot 2 April: Some solvers asked for explanations of some of my clues: 10ac: UPON: My error. Ticketless should just have been ticket. 14ac: FLYPAPER is used to stick insects (flies) 26ac: TELEVISION: Te is The in Maori. Levis are jeans. Ion is a particle. Television is the box. 7dn: BIPOLAR: A double meaning, schizophrenic and of two poles. Therefore, News centre leaving gives us N & S which are the two poles, North and South - East and west having left. The two states is the other definition. 4dn: ERINGOES: Erin is a girl's name denoting that she is an Irish lass. *Audrey Austin*

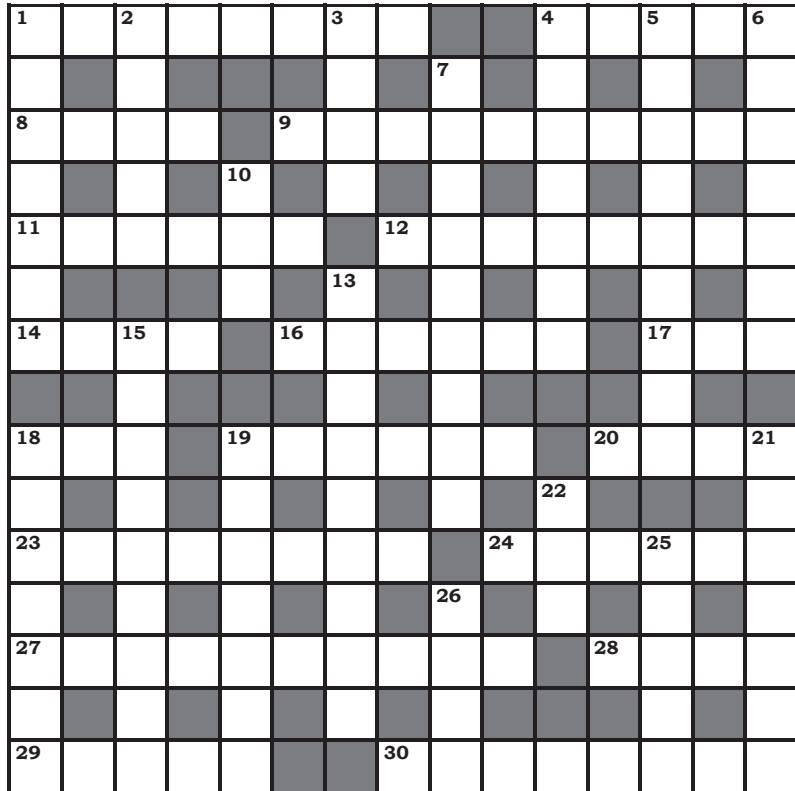
Explanations May Slot 4: A; Contraction (Def) of muscle (AB) band (RIDGE) men (MEN) have commenced toning (T);B;A drone (Def) installed when French royal family (BOURBON) replaced baron (B) with daughter (D): C; Most secretive (Def) about (CA) a soldier (GI) having therapy (EST): D; Remained (Def) dead, I declare (homophone =DED), but healthy (WELL) inside [container indicator]: E; Measure (EN) weight (W) of hammer (RAP) cover (Def): F; one (ACE) time (T) an agent (FED) held [container indicator] some types of eyes? (Def): G; Graduates set off (REMOVE SET FROM GRADUATE) to fabricate (anagind) a demigod (Def): H; Befuddled [anagind]? Call the witch! (Def) (7): I; Nail gun I used [anagind] in crotch area (Def): J; Exhausted (JIGGERED) but without hesitation (REMOVE ER) danced (Def): K; CREDIT given to a sailor (AB) after some bAKING of seafood (Def): L; Choked (GAGGED) on a sweet (LOLLY) and did nothing (Def): M; The spiritual initiator (Def) said to be [HOMOPHONE] excited (AGOG>AGOGUE) after mist (>MYST) formed: N; In point of fact (NAY), announce (SAY) the queen (ER) is an opponent (Def): O; Apart from (OFF) a defence (GUARD) I was unprepared (Def): P; Loin portal excited [anagind] fertiliser (Def): Q; Poems (Def) with questions and answers (QAS) about [container indicator] French aids (=SIDA): R; Declare again (Def) that after disturbing [anagind] fear we are resolute (FIRM): S; Expression of surprise (COR) from (REMOVE) pirate (CORSAIR) made to serve in Scotland (Def): T; Lift (Def) model (T) bird (EAGLE): U; exploit (USE) duplicate (DUP) until it is finished (Def): V; Sing (Def) as I look at old (VISE) container of no (O) calibre (CAL): W; Wrestle (Def) with empty water (=WR) shaft (AXLE): X; Woody tissue's (Def) oxygen tolerance disturbed following removal of carotene [UNDER anagind] Y; Cry (Def) regularly (every third letter) at drY stOne Wall: Z; Watching nun (Def) use excited [anagind] zeal TO start Rapture. *Drew Meek*

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Word Games by Barney Naga

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The clues marked * have no definition and are linked to a theme which is the answer to one of the other clues.



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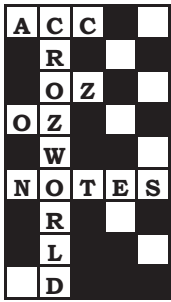
- 1 *Start hoe-down and dance! (8)
- 4 See 20
- 8 Drug in low discontinuity (4)
- 9 *Exercise new tactics and trial openings even while working (10)
- 11 *Increasing in stature but lacking basic good character! (6)
- 12 No weak shots heard at these contests?! (8)
- 14 This agent is the leading mover of local enquiries (4)
- 16 Future theme city originally located on Russian River (6)
- 17 Eat out for the evening meal (3)
- 18 Sounds damn silent (3)
- 19 Feels sorry about dropping the first but finishes with birdies (6)
- 20 **and 4** *North or South European Spring! (4,5)
- 23 *Is able to finish the final in first grade (8)
- 24 * Scaly creatures' ugly heads found in the underworld (6)
- 27 *Enjoy the spotlight at the ballet production (10)
- 28 Polish Cup winner paradoxically flew home (4)
- 29 This takes place the day before night ends (5)
- 30 *I followed directions and started mixing my first gin sling (8)

Down

- 1 Monotonous sound of an insect beat (7)
- 2 What a smart, but unfriendly, Apache demonstrates! (5)
- 3 Smooth topless bulb! (4)
- 4 Pick me up by about time (60 secs) (7)
- 5 Adjustment to go in truly hostile opening! (4,5)
- 6 State management is at uni (7)
- 7 Show of moral soundness hiding the fundamental lack of real emotion (9)
- 10 Safari attraction is recognised by sound (3)
- 13 Bonk back indoors for openers!! (9)
- 15 Some fish outside tunnels emit a cold light (9)
- 18 To wear a bead charm even back then looked ghastly! (7)
- 19 Always establish the ultimate test (7)
- 21 Directions with two small countries following (7)
- 22 Close-up, nothing flash! (3)
- 25 A pungent pod which I like a lot (5)
- 26 Expired in horrible work accident (4)

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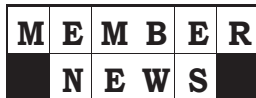
Our Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be **Christmas in July** and will be held at noon on Sunday 26 July at the Royal Oak Hotel, 442 Nicholson Street, North Fitzroy. The Dining Room does not usually open on Sundays, but we persuaded them to open specially for us if we can guarantee at least 30 persons. So we need your support for this function otherwise. We already have a few attending: we need many more. Help! Please. We have organised an excellent lunch: tasty savouries on arrival, a choice of three delectable main courses and a selection of three desserts followed by coffee/tea. The cooking is good country style and will suit all palates. The main courses cost about \$18 and you can buy all sorts of drinks from the bar at very reasonable prices. Pay on the day. Bookings and enquiries to Patrick Street, ph (03) 9347 1216 or email: pstreet@bigpond.net.au by 20th July please. There will be an exciting Quiz and plenty of prizes! Come along and join in the merriment! We look forward to renewing acquaintances!

VALE JIM TAYLOR: We were saddened to hear that **Shelia Taylor** lost her husband Jim recently. Fay Copland tells us that Shelia and Jim did the crosswords together (and with Dave and Rebel Parsons) and had a lot of fun with them – not to mention a lot of success too! Rebel Parsons said that Jim's quick wit and personality will be greatly missed.

DOUG BUTLER'S CROSSWORDERS DICTIONARY: If you're one of those who responded to Doug's offer of a 'beta copy' of his Crossworders Dictionary of Biography, and have any useful amendments, now is a good time to send him your edited copy. Contact Doug at d.butler@internode.on.net

MARGARET DAVIS WRITES: Do you see "Ozwords"? In case you do not I thought I'd bring to your attention an item in the latest issue which I thought our members might like to know about. "The Word of the Month continues to be distributed by email, and if you would like to subscribe to it, send an email to wordofthemonth.au@oup.com Reminder, too, that the *Australian National Dictionary* has been made available free online by Oxford University Press at www.oup.com/au.and."

MEMBERS VIEW: I agree with Jill Freeland. I have been a member from the start (and previously before the ACC commenced) and I still look forward to the new lot of puzzles each month, but I do think the trend now is towards more obscure offerings and words – I also hate a puzzle that has to be preceded by an explanation of how to do it. I believe we have an ever increasing membership but presumably many members do not bother to submit their puzzles – perhaps they have given up trying. I live in rural Tasmania and although many people may think Tassie is tiny, I have to travel 200kms return to a decent library, and that's not an option. I do have the internet but I feel sorry for members who do not as so many puzzles & quizzes seem to require that these days. I am one of the majority that does not get every puzzle right every time, but I do try. It really annoys me when I struggle to solve a puzzle and eventually give up in frustration, I have lots of other things to occupy my time. I would like to see puzzles with words that can be found in *Chambers* or *Macquarie* dictionaries (as was the case at one time) whenever possible, and if not then we should be told what reference books have been used. Setters should also avoid references to 'local' football players etc. It would also be interesting to see an annual financial report, as a member that should be the norm. Thanks for inviting comments, I hope other members have also taken up the opportunity; and good on you Jill for saying what you think. —Marg Dennis



Membership Renewal for 2009: Caroline Mackay-Sim.

Adjudicator David Grainger reports:

I can report that the entries from Shelia Taylor, Bertha Foott and Margaret Steinberger missed the cut-off and hence were not included. I also had one anonymous entry – received on 8 April, so well within time, with numbers 1, 4 and 5 correct but PEERED OUT in #3 and BORROWS in #4.

Corrigendum: May Slot 7: The word length indicators for 11ac should read (7,7) (3,6). Our apologies for the error.

Audrey Austin Sounds Off!

As one of the compilers, I was reluctant to comment on the difficulty encountered in solving crosswords by others, and hope I'm not often one of the guilty ones. What I hate most is unfairness: Clues without the full number indicators for phrases, just putting (14; 3 words) instead of breaking them up with commas. I don't like puzzles with blanks alongside the clue number with just an indicator that they have something in common. I dislike words of Indian, Scottish, Japanese origin or the like – but that's just me! I don't like a puzzle containing too many obscure or obsolete words, although sometimes it is necessary to use one in order to fill the grid, I have been known to redo a whole corner rather than having to use one. Any such word should be carefully clued so no mistake can be made. Having two or more obscure words intersecting make it very difficult for the solver. I find you don't have to make the puzzle as hard as you can, because even with the easiest puzzle, some still get it wrong. That goes for quizzes too! There, I've had my gripe! Cheers! Audrey

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

mumpsimus *n.* (*pl.* **mumpsimuses**) **1** a traditional custom or idea adhered to although shown to be unreasonable. **2** a person who obstinately adheres to old customs or ideas in spite of evidence that they are wrong or unreasonable. [ORIGIN: erroneously for Latin *sumpsimus* in *quod in ore sumpsimus* 'which we have taken into the mouth' (from the Eucharist), in allusion to the story of an illiterate priest who, when corrected for reading *quod in ore mumpsimus*, replied 'I will not change my old mumpsimus for your new sumpsimus'.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110. ISBN 9780195517965

Quiz 6/2009 Know Yourself by Brian Symons

Definitions and the word lengths for the complete answer are given. Each answer contains, at the beginning, inside or at the end, a human body part eg DIVE (6)---pLUNGe. No obscure medical terms. Answers are in alphabetical order OF THE BODY PART. Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Pl, Grays Point NSW 2232 (postal entries only) Closing mail date: 10 July 2009. Book prize.

- 1 IRRITATE (6)
- 2 INJURIOUS (7)
- 3 AU FAIT (7)
- 4 GRAZE (6)
- 5 A TREE (8)
- 6 IMP (6)
- 7 HANKER (5)
- 8 TENSE (5)
- 9 COUNTRY (7)
- 10 HIGH RANKING MUSLIM LADY (5)
- 11 USED AT PERISHER (9)
- 12 DRINK MIX (6)
- 13 SPIN (5)
- 14 N. AM MAMMAL (8)
- 15 PANIC (4)
- 16 UNEMOTIONAL (10)
- 17 ELUSIVE (8)
- 18 SET FREE (9)
- 19 GASTROPOD (5)
- 20 TABLE LINEN (6)
- 21 IDENTIFY (8)
- 22 SUGAR SUBSTITUTE (8)
- 23 CARD GAME (8)
- 24 SMALL KNIFE (7)
- 25 PARTY (7)
- 26 ENJOYING GREATLY (7)
- 27 RUDE (8)
- 28 MUSICAL INSTRUMENT (6)
- 29 PROHIBITIONS (6)
- 30 OZ ANIMAL (6)

May 1-2009: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

• Far too tough for an introductory Slot 1 puzzle. With a completely cryptic puzzle here it seems the ACC is diverting again from the excellent standard of puzzles set in the April issue. In 5dn the indicator for DIE-CAST should be (3-4) not (7). *Alan Walter*

• Tough 'un, Slot 1 – but excellent. *Brian Symons*

• Some nice clues from Noel, especially 9ac. *Margaret Davis*

• Wood's destination? DUNSINANE. I'm not certain who Wood is? (Tiger? But surely should be Woods; adj) Should DIE-CAST be (3-4)? (See Alan's comment adj). I guess HEINKEL is a type of plane. I do not follow how PICASSO is obtained. (See separate article). *Graeme Cole*

• As always it's hard to pick Jesso's best clue – this time I'd choose EVASION, with the rest close behind. *Max Roddick*

• Do any other members get confused about clues such as 13dn, 'WITHOUT STRESS', when the answer is 'WITHIN STRESS', i.e. 'LERA' is within 'ACCENT'. *Peter Dearie*

• If KIOWA be the answer to 27ac I don't fully understand the clue. *Doug Butler*

• My goodness, this was a challenge for slot 1. 5dn I thought should have had (3-4) instead of (7). 9ac has my vote for COTM: what a difficult one that was, but very clever! *Barbara Morris*

• It seems that Slot 1 is no longer the gentle opener of previous Crozworld issues, which I find disappointing. *Barb Ibbott*

May 2-2009: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

• Thanks Virgo for an enjoyable Slot 2 cryptic puzzle. *Alan Walter*

• Thanks Audrey. TOOTH FAIRY and SETTING OUT my favourites. *Brian Symons*

• FETTUCINI, 18dn, 'for placing in a jar'? Don't understand. (May refer to the shape, long ribbons; adj). *Graeme Cole*

• THROW OFF and OSIER took my fancy. *Max Roddick*

• In 1ac, I thought 'RIDERS' was rather a vague definition, 'WILD ONES' could have been substituted. *Peter Dearie*

• 14dn: I'm not positive I have this one right. Quite a few curly ones, but overall found this one easier than slot 1. *Barbara Morris*

• 20ac. Answer "Odds" being every other letter in "word odes". Odd indeed as the letters are the Even ones. *Jim Fowler*

• Fairly straightforward and enjoyable. *Barb Ibbott*

May 3-2009: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

• A very pleasant Slot 3 cryptic thanks Shirl. Particularly liked 26ac, off peak calls? (6), giving YODELS, 3dn for HASH BROWN and 7dn for CANE TOAD. *Alan Walter*

• Thanks Shirl. Especially liked SCRAPPED and YODELS. *Brian Symons*

• Nice one from Shirl, as always. *Margaret Davis*

• A well crafted puzzle. *Peter Dearie*

• My COTM is slot 3 26ac – a laugh-out-loud moment! *Alison Martin*

• 20dn had me stumped, till I eventually found flag was another word for iris! *Barbara Morris*

• Had a struggle with the bottom right corner after I first put *warsle* for *wrestle*. *Jack Stocks*

• 26ac in Slot 3 (Off-peak calls) is brilliant, with 8dn in the same slot not far behind. *John Brotherton*

• This too was straightforward and enjoyable. *Barb Ibbott*

May 4-2009: AJ by St Jude (Drew Meek)

• A difficult AJ to complete with answers like ZELATOR, SAIR, MYSTAGOGUE, WRAXLE, QASIDAS, TEAGLE, INGUINAL and BOURDON. In clue Q is 'French' an anagind? *Alan Walter*

• An intriguing AJ, with lots of new words and clever clues. *Brian Symons*

• I don't understand the first half of the 'S' clue. *Margaret Davis*

• Cleverly clued/ With pitfalls strewed/ That vex and elude – / it must be *St Jude!* *Max Roddick*

• Quite a tough AJ, but enjoyable. *Peter Dearie*

• S gave the most grief. If SAIR is the answer it's dumb luck. [Take cor from corSAIR et voilà! - adj] *Doug Butler*

• I found Slot 4 quite hard though the anagrams were a big help. Would like explanations in June Magazine for the A I M R V and Y clues please. [see separate article p7 - Ed] *Joan Smith*

• I've had to make a few guesses in this one, so am expecting the worst. *Jenny Wenham*

• A lot of unusual words in this AJ. I had to wraxle with *St Jude's* clues, but think I got there in the end. *Nea Storey*

• I found the AJ very difficult to complete – some of the clues were, I thought, unnecessarily vague. I appreciate that it is difficult to find words for each letter of the alphabet, but weird words should have the compensation of an easier clue. *Catherine Hambling*

• My favourites are the AJs, but this one had me tearing my hair out; it was very challenging. I am still not confident on a couple of the answers. The F clue has me beaten, if my answer is incorrect. B, C, D and E took me forever. Now have to hope they're all correct. Not terribly confident. *Barbara Morris*

• I thought that this month's was overall a good selection of challenging but "do-able" puzzles. However, I do think that Slot 4 had a slight excess of obscure terms – "wraxle"?! *John Brotherton*

• Could not get my head around Slot 4, despite it having the traditional grid. Many of the clues were too obscure to solve. *Barb Ibbott*

May 5-2009: Double Acrostic by zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

• Without any word division lines given in the Quotation grid, made this very time-consuming puzzle even longer, making it unfair to completely solve. Would have much preferred Roy's Slot 6 puzzle here in Slot 5 and your Slot 5 puzzle as the optional puzzle in Slot 6, as your puzzle isn't a proper crossword. *Alan Walter*

• Wonderfully clued in the main – especially WOODFORDE, ESCARGOT, YOOHOO and my COTM OUTDOOR, but is the anagram in clue O slightly faulty? Could you please explain clue M. *Brian Symons*

• Methinks my 'Pink Floyd' lads were susceptible to 'Hallucinogens' rather too often. *Del Kennedy*

• Where would we be without Google? I would have got nowhere with this one. Indications of word length would have been a help. *Margaret Davis*

• Is PSYCHODELIC acceptable for PSYCHEDELIC? (My Chambers gives both spellings: adj) *Dale McManus*

• How is R word NIGHT explained? (Crew, EIGHT, change E-ast for N-orth). *Graeme Cole*

• Zinzan made us work hard. PSYCHODELIC was a surprise. *Max Roddick*

• Trivia buffs may be interested to know that the band name originated from a combination of the name of a blues singer and a district council! And they were originally called the Screaming Abdabs. *Peter Dearie*

• I believe 'Wish You Were Here' was written for Pink Floyd founder Syd Barrett who ruined his life with PD long before ROU. *Doug Butler*

• Thanks Zinzan. This is my favourite song from my favourite album, so it didn't take me long to twig. According to my memory, and the words in the 30th anniversary edition, it should be "a walk on part in the war", but I'll forgive you since you gave me a good excuse to play the album. Hope I haven't made Ann Ass of myself with any typos. *Jenny Wenham*

• Took a while for the penny to drop. *Joan Smith*

• Zinzan being very tricky, as usual! Another wraxle! (Thanks for that word, *St Jude!*) I guessed the band quite early, but as I'm not a fan of Pink Floyd this didn't help much. The H clue was cleverly misleading: wonder how many, like me, went looking for a 6-time singles champion! (And I still don't know what their most successful album was!) *Nea Storey*

• The Acrostics are not my favourite form of puzzle. In this case, however, I loved the sentiments expressed by Pink Floyd. *Catherine Hambling*

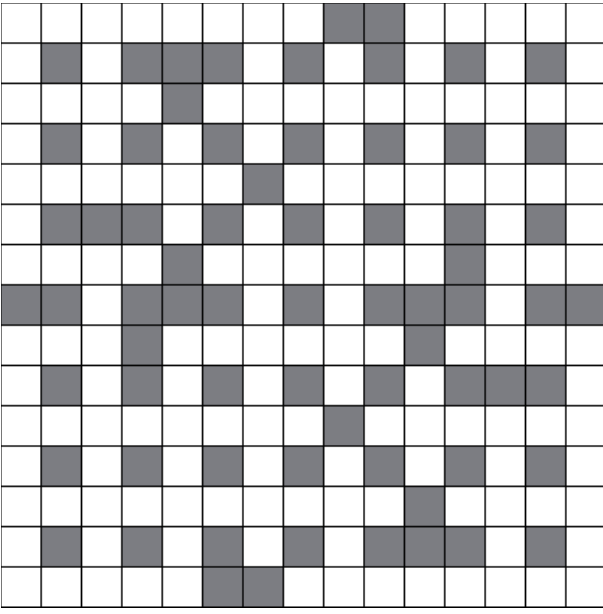
• Loved this one, though had a great deal of trouble deciphering the clues. It was only when I realized it was Pink Floyd that I worked out the lyrics. Even after knowing the answers, I am stumped by some of the clues (M clue EXACTOR?? V clue OUTDOOR?? X clue DATABANK??). But overall, satisfying to find the right part of the song. Brings back memories, too. *Barbara Morris*

• Slot 5 was fun, and reminded me of the days when my son played Pink Floyd recordings fortissimo. The memory of the songs helped in solving the puzzle. However, my memory is that the last line should read 'A WALK ON PART IN THE WAR', not 'A WAR'. *Barb Ibbott*

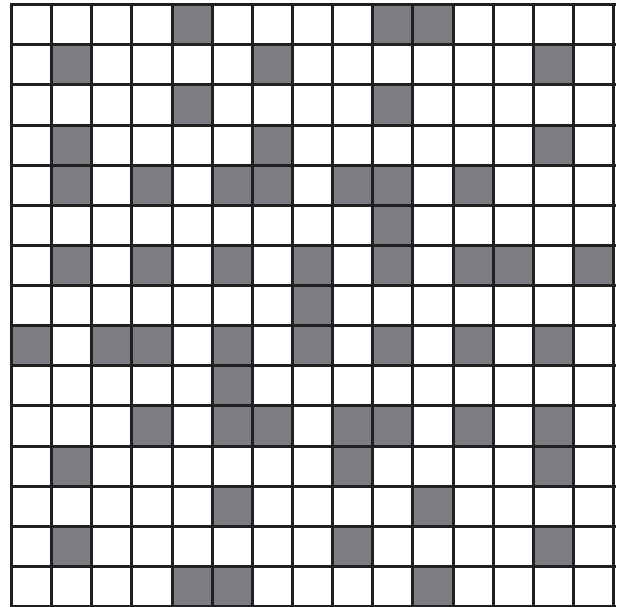
• Thanks Andrew for the trip down a musical memory lane. Wonderful! Had to listen again to the old records. *Bronwyn Hull*

• For the bonus question, my guesses would be 'night', 'edge' and 'lunar' (indicating 'Dark Side of the Moon') – although 'psychodelic' and 'hallucinogens' could well have been involved too! *Kath Harper*

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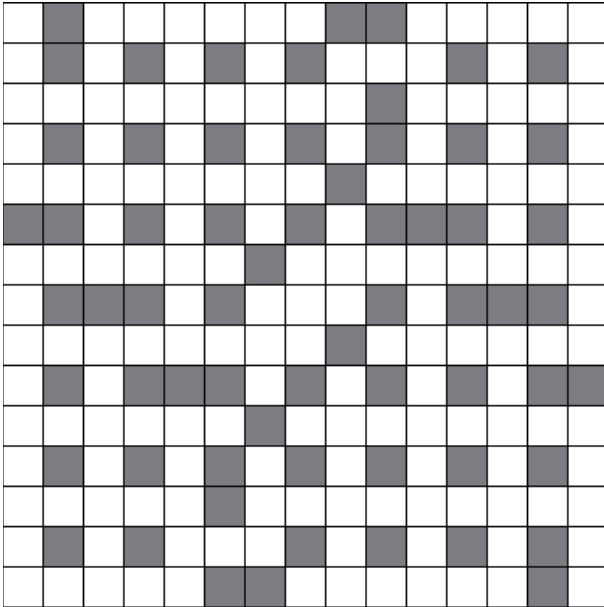
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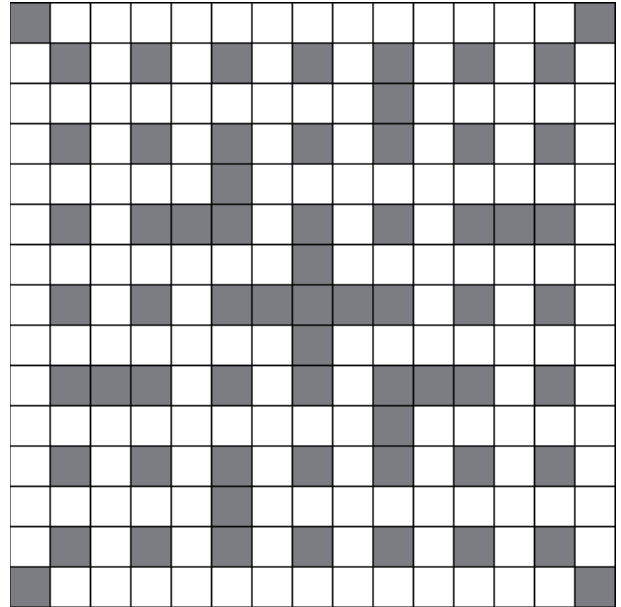
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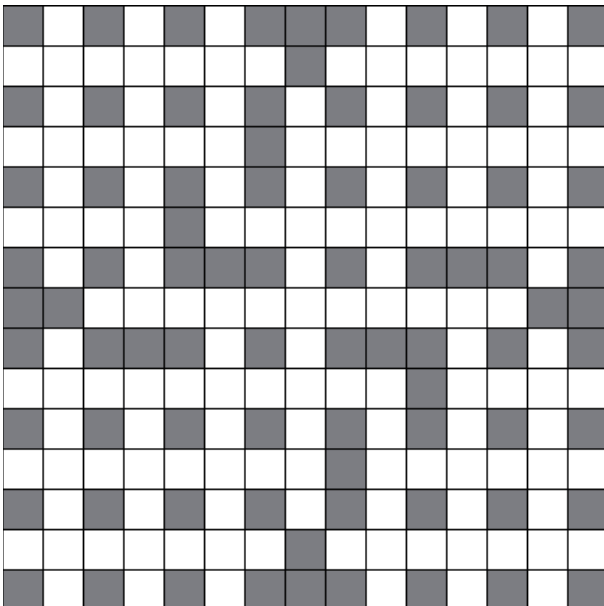
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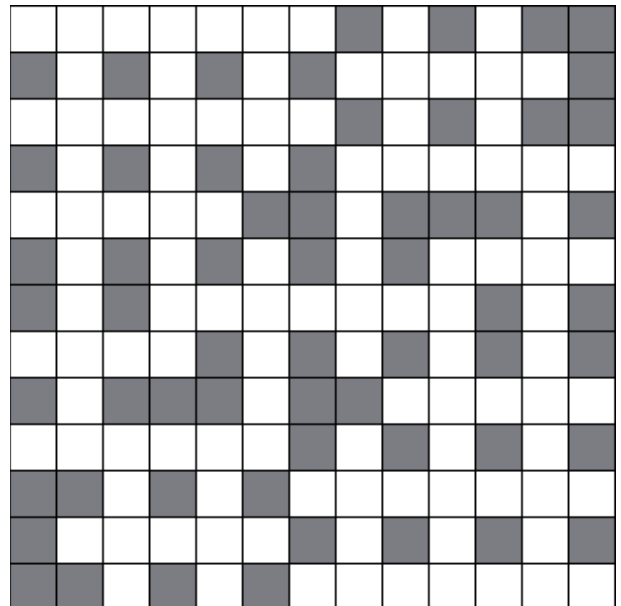
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Clue of the Month

April 6-2009: Cryptic by *Manveru* (Michael Kennedy)

Entries: 96. Correct: 88. Success rate: 92%.

Prizewinners: Pat Garner and Louisa Cooke. Congratulations!

Compiler's Notes:

Thanks to everyone who had a go at this puzzle, and also for the cards and gracious comments. I apologise for the careless plural definition for SCREEN SAVER, but fortunately everyone managed to get this one right. In fact, there were few mistakes overall, the most common being 'unrag' for UNRIG. There were several queries which are hopefully answered below.

11ac: Take clothes off 'International' body with doctor (5) UNRIG – Take clothes off (definition) International body (UN) with (literally with) doctor (RIG – synonym)

15ac: Local fund with chance to sit on Property Board? (9,5) COMMUNITY CHEST – The cryptic clue is a reference to the game of Monopoly where Community Chest and Chance cards sit on the board.

23ac: Mainframes covered later on in the book (5) INFRA – Containment clue – maINFRAmes, with the definition 'later on in the book'.

5dn: Burial chamber, say, is demolished with our son inside (7) OSSUARY – The obvious interpretation is simply an anagram of SAY, OUR and S(son). As has been rightly pointed out, this would indeed make the word 'inside' superfluous, but anyone who knows me knows I loathe the superfluous word in a cryptic clue. The interpretation that I had actually intended was for an anagram of SAY and OUR with S(son) inside the anagram (i.e. osSuary).

17dn: One who struggles with sleep initially lies about getting up (8) – WRESTLER One who struggles (Definition) with (W) sleep (REST) initially lies (L) about getting up (ER). Several people missed W from WITH (*Chambers*) – a most useful abbreviation.

Solvers' Comments:

• Thank you for this most challenging puzzle. It was lots of fun.

Jean Barbour

• A good one! I particularly liked COMBUSTS AND PITTANCE.

Bill Bennett

• Thank you for a brain-teasing but truly honest puzzle with some great clues. I particularly liked EDITOR, NAG and BONSAI. These and others particularly tickled my fancy!

Bev Cockburn

• Thank you for an enjoyable cryptic. You obviously gave the clues a lot of thought, they read so well and no unusual words. Thought BONSAI was a beauty and COMBUSTS. However, not certain how COMMUNITY CHEST, INFRA and SCREEN SAVER work (see above).

Graeme Cole

• Thank you for your puzzle. I have one question about the clue to OSSUARY. "Our son" is not actually 'inside' the demolished 'say'. Am I nit-picking or could that have been rephrased to better indicate the placement of the letters? (Good question Margaret – see above)

Margaret Davis

• Thanks for producing a solvable puzzle that was still quite a challenge to complete. I am uncertain of WRESTLER, but can't think of anything else to put. I don't understand the clue. (See above)

Peter Dearie

• 11ac: Does 'with doctor' mean 'with doctoring'. Is RIG the name of a doctor? (No and no – see above) 15ac: chance to sit? Is board connected with chest? Unintelligible (see above). 25ac: 'Evidence' gives answer away. 26ac: 'somehow' is cleverly used as an adjective for Gulf Stream rather than as an adverb for ignores. 1dn: Almost a girl (mis) as well as almost married (matched). 2dn: What else but 'nag' once you have 1ac and 10ac? (NEG or NOG) 8dn: 'Expresses yearning' does not travel around the 't' of Egypt. Rather the equivalent of the phrase (SIGHS) stays put, the letters stay in the same order. ('Travel' can be defined as to simply 'go round' which is literally what SIGHS does.) 17dn: 'Initially' refers to both SLEEP and LIES (No – only SLEEP – it's up to the solver to determine how the clue works). Incidentally, does one struggle with sleep or struggle to keep awake? I like 'about getting up' (re reversed).

Tony De Gry

• I always enjoy the challenge of your puzzles. I think COMMUNITY CHEST was my favourite this time.

Kath Harper

• Loved PITTANCE and EDITOR in particular: so many great clues.

Carole Noble

• Thank you for the challenge of this puzzle. I particularly liked FOUR-LEAF CLOVER.

Ted O'Brien

• Thanks *Manveru*. Your keen attention for surface and construction make this puzzle a stand-out.

Andrew Patterson

• Thanks Michael for an absorbing puzzle. Loved SIGHTS – a clever clue for a simple word. With WRESTLER I did wrestle, long and hard. Then it dawned. The W is from 'one who' – 1st letter of WHO. I had three reactions: 1) He can't do that. 2) Yes he can. 3) and it's very smart! (Your first reaction would have been the correct one had I used that idea! See above)

Max Roddick

• Great stuff! I liked PROOF and NAG!

William Ryan

• An enjoyable puzzle. Lucky guesses with COMMUNITY CHEST and FOUR-LEAF CLOVER helped a lot. I particularly liked the clues for

SCREEN SAVER and BAMBOO SHOOT.

Nea Storey

• What a dazzling display of wonderful clues – especially FIT, BONSAI, PROOF, WRESTLER, BLURB and TRIP-UP. Just in case you are hypersusceptible to praise (I am!) I thought OSSUARY and COMMUNITY CHEST less than dazzling.

Brian Symons

• I thought this was a terrific cryptic with some great clues. But is the plural definition in 7dn inappropriate? (Yes – see above)

Roy Taylor

• Thanks for a great puzzle. My favourite clues were BONSAI and APPROPRIATE.

Brian Tickle

• Many thanks for a cleverly clued CRYPTIC puzzle. In 21dn I first wanted to enter SLIP UP for 'mistake' but eventually settled on TRIP UP for balloon holiday. A TRIP UP is usually 'a catch' but I guess your word perhaps implies that if you make a mistake you 'trip up!' Much liked your clues for BAMBOO SHOOT, SCREEN SAVER, COMMUNITY CHEST & FOUR-LEAF CLOVER. TABARDS was not an easy answer to break. 28ac clue for PIT+TANCE was a gem.

Alan Walter

Results of Quiz No 4/2009 – Letter Opener by *dB* (Doug Butler)

As anyone who attempted this puzzle soon found, there is a fair number of solutions to many of the clues, the problem being to use each letter just once. The keystone (which no-one got but worth looking up if you're into History of Science) was N-rays. Get that one and the rest falls out, though I slipped up badly with J tariff, which every Croweater knows like fritz or Coopers but means little elsewhere.

My solutions were: T Ball, S Bend, H Bomb, C Channel, Y Chromosome, G Clamp, B Double, Q Fever, V Formation, A Frame, I Girder, E Lamination, W Particle, L Plates, Z Purlin, R Rating, K Rations, N Rays, O Ring, M Roof, D Shackle, J Tariff, P Trap, F Troop, U Turn, X Wing. Equally or more supportable solutions also scored a point and I was quite liberal with half-point scores. I chose **Susan Howells** as the prizewinner.

Results: 25.5: Susan Howells and Jack Stocks **25:** Jenny Wenham, David Procter and Claire McClelland **24.5:** Alan Walter, Carole Noble and Margaret Steinberger **24:** Bev Cockburn, Nea Storey and Graeme Cole **23.5:** Mike Kennedy, Robyn Wimbush and Joan Smith **23:** Betty Siegman **21.5:** Pat Garner.

HOW I MET MY WIFE

It had been a rough day, so when I walked into the party I was very chaland, despite my efforts to appear grunted and console. I was furling my wieldy umbrella for the coat check when I saw her standing alone in a corner. She was a descript person, a woman in a state of total array. Her hair was kempt, her clothing shevelled, and she moved in a gainly way.

I wanted desperately to meet her, but I knew I'd have to make bones about it since I was traveling cognito. Beknownst to me, the hostess, whom I could see both hide and hair of, was very proper, so it would be skin off my nose if anything bad happened. And even though I had only swerving loyalty to her, my manners couldn't be peccable. Only toward and heard-of behavior would do.

Fortunately, the embarrassment that my maculate appearance might cause was evitable. There were two ways about it, but the chances that someone as flappable as I would be ept enough to become persona grata or a sung hero were slim. I was, after all, something to sneeze at, someone you could easily hold a candle to, someone who usually aroused bridled passion.

So I decided not to risk it. But then, all at once, for some apparent reason, she looked in my direction and smiled in a way that I could make heads or tails of.

I was plussed. It was concerting to see that she was comunicado, and it nerved me that she was interested in a pareil like me, sight seen. Normally, I had a domitable spirit, but, being corrigible, I felt capacitated – as if this were something I was great shakes at – and forgot that I had succeeded in situations like this only a told number of times. So, after a terminable delay, I acted with mitigated gall and made my way through the ruly crowd with strong givings.

Nevertheless, since this was all new hat to me and I had no time to prepare a promptu speech, I was petuous. Wanting to make only called-for remarks, I started talking about the hors d'oeuvres, trying to abuse her of the notion that I was sipid, and perhaps even bunk a few myths about myself.

She responded well, and I was mayed that she considered me a savory character who was up to some good. She told me who she was. "What a perfect nomer," I said, advertently. The conversation become more and more choate, and we spoke at length to much avail. But I was defatigable, so I had to leave at a godly hour. I asked if she wanted to come with me. To my delight, she was committal. We left the party together and have been together ever since. I have given her my love, and she has requited it.

—by Jack Winter of *The New Yorker* 25 July 1994