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A mild answer turns away wrath: sharp words stir up anger.
The Bible, Proverbs 15:1 (Jerusalem Bible)

GRIDATORIAL

Our website will celebrate its first birthday on 2 March 2003. In that time, it has been accessed by people from around the globe. For the 3 months ending January 2003, there were 10664 sessions which involved a total download of 1014MB of data with a massive transfer of 117MB on 4 November accounting for 507 sessions. 41.3% of the sessions came from USA, 8.3% from Australia, 2.8% from Europe and 1.7% from China. The most commonly accessed page was *CroZworld* (1266) followed by the list of phobias (1120), collective nouns (387) and *AxWord* (285). The website has been useful for all things cruciverbal and we will strive to improve and develop it during the year. To ensure you are accessing the latest page of our website, click on the Refresh button on your browser or hit the F5 tab on your keyboard. We are adding to our list of Contacts on the website. If you would like to have your name and e-mail address included, send it to Patrick.

It has been a sad month for the Club with the demise of two original members: Betty Cumming and Joyce Sheahan. Both of these brilliant crossworders contributed so much to the Club and their loss will be keenly felt by all ACC members. Sadly, Del Kennedy's husband John passed away recently. We extend to Del and the families of the dear departed our sincere condolences. See page 9 for further details.

We have an excellent selection of puzzles to delight you this month. *Virgo* will test your General Knowledge, Noel Jessop and *Southern Cross* have provided the usual high-standard cryptics and *Praxis* is back with yet another brilliant puzzle. We welcome back Ann Jermy who has been searching through the Postcode book...

Finally our congratulations to all the lucky prizewinners especially Steve Trollope who won *Pundit's* generously donated prize of \$100. Many thanks to *Pundit* for an outstanding trio of puzzles with the wonderful ending!

Happy solving!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Warmest greetings for the New Year from this benign and generous adjudicator! (Would you buy a used car from me??)

Not a lot of errors in this month's entries.

Surprisingly Slot 1 claimed the most victims with 24 entries straying from the path of righteousness and electing to elevate 'PETER' above 'PATER' which, after due consultation with a most erudite higher authority, was disallowed. Although 'Peter' fits the secondary indicators of the clue i.e. 'pet + er', it does not really satisfy the definition requirements of 'The old man'. There are many "Peters" running around who are not at all old whereas 'Pater' = father = "The old man" is well-known and familiar to most of us. I rest my case.

The usual array of blank spaces (3) and typo's cropped up.

The only other clue giving more than a modicum of angst among solvers was the 'W' clue in the AJ slot 4. I think that Alan Walter has covered that and other clues that may have caused heartache and gnashing of teeth in his (as usual) invaluable comments, thus saving me interminable typing and consumption of Panadol! See page 10 for Alan's comments. Thank you Alan.

I have one anonymous entry for slots 1 to 3. Would the guilty party please contact me ASAP?

Clue of the Month:

The overwhelming winner for clue of the month was *Daintree Lady* in slot 3, 7dn. The clue was: Aitch is there – and very isolated! (6,2,7). Solution: Middle of nowhere. This clue gained 17 votes. Congrats Daphne!

—Col Archibald

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	106	103	106	94	97	506
Correct entries	82	97	96	79	95	449
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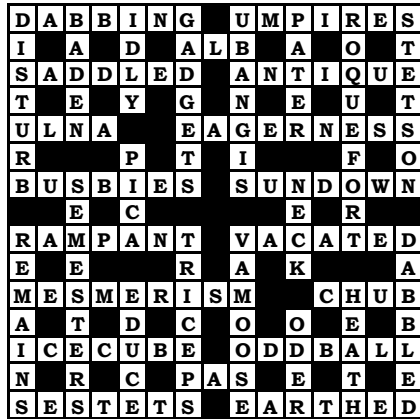
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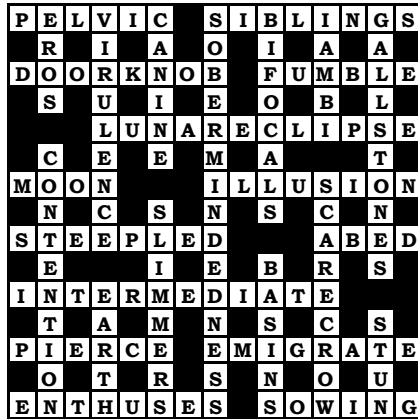
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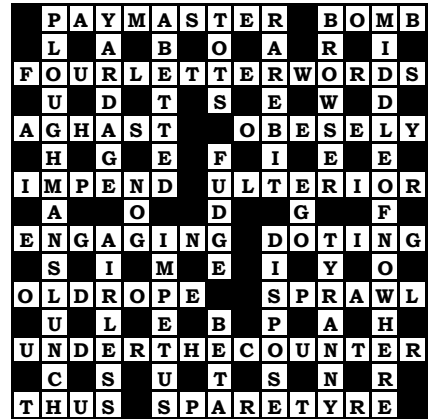
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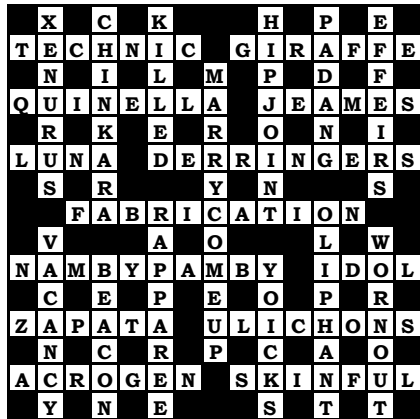
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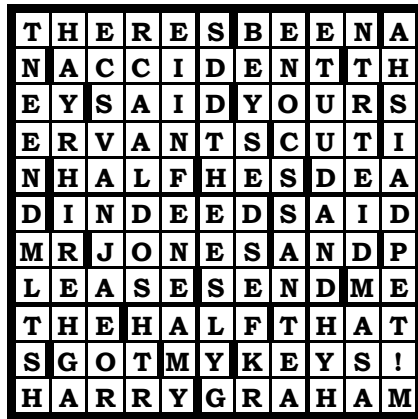
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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY 2003

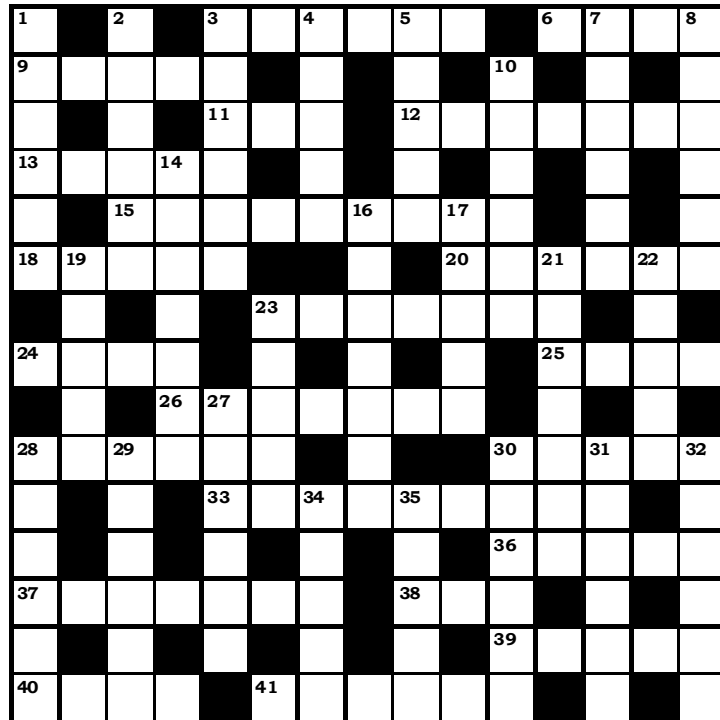
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**Crossquiz
by
Virgo**

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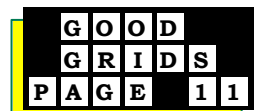
- 3 *Truly, Madly, _____*, 1991 English movie starring Alan Rickman (6)
- 6 A pilgrimage to Mecca (4)
- 9 Lady _____ McMahon, widow of former Australian PM (5)
- 11 The point of a fountain pen (3)
- 12 The family featured in HE Bates' *The Darling Buds of May* (7)
- 13 Compiler of the first Thesaurus (5)
- 15 Song of a wildflower featured in *The Sound of Music* (9)
- 18 Wrap-around Indian garments (5)
- 20 The seat of a monarch (6)
- 23 Pablo _____, Brazilian F.1 racing car driver (7)
- 24 A large, juicy citrus fruit (4)
- 25 The spy in the network (4)
- 26 A short, heavy, curved sword (7)
- 28 _____ Finney, UK actor — *The Browning Version* (6)
- 30 The three Goddesses of Destiny (5)
- 33 A racing sledge (9)
- 36 In tennis, where either side has to gain a 2-point lead to win the match (5)
- 37 Hereditary title ranking below a Baron (7)
- 38 _____ Abbott, Lou Costello's partner (3)
- 39 An Aboriginal woman (5)
- 40 The highest male voice (4)
- 41 Tristan's partner (6)

Down

- 1 The husband and sister of Isis (6)
- 2 The wild ass of SW Asia (6)
- 3 Edmond _____, alias *The Count of Monte Cristo* (6)
- 4 The joint of the arm (5)
- 5 _____ Palmer, German-born UK actress (5)
- 7 TVs *Surprise Chef* (6)
- 8 A cowardly or effeminate man (*slang*) (6)
- 10 Rubbishy or worthless (6)
- 14 A large building usually of stone (7)
- 16 Groups of nine people or things (7)
- 17 Long porticos used as promenades or meeting places (5)
- 19 TV series *Touched by an _____* (5)
- 21 Violent or furious behaviour (7)
- 22 Nick _____, US actor — *The Thin Red Line*, *Teachers* etc (5)
- 23 A maxim expressing one's guiding principle (5)
- 27 Smooth or suave as with city dwellers (6)
- 28 *Lawrence of _____*, Academy award-winning movie directed by David Lean (6)
- 29 The capital city of Lebanon (6)
- 30 Nigel Kennedy's main instrument (6)
- 31 Large digits on the hands (6)
- 32 _____ Egberg, Swedish tennis ace (6)
- 34 Alan _____, British actor — *Zorba the Greek* (5)
- 35 Defamation of character via the written word or illustration (5)

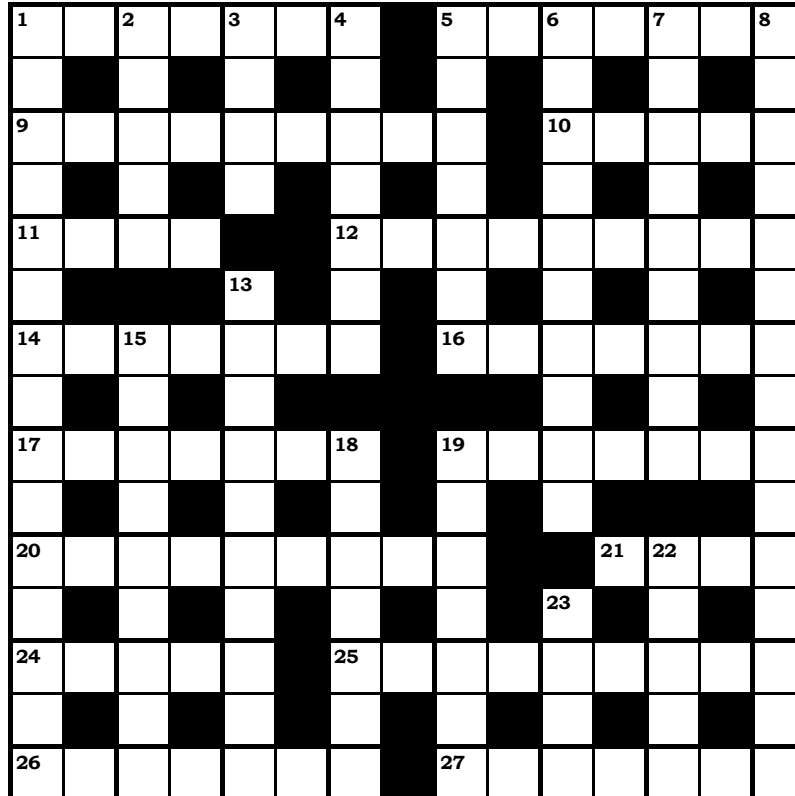
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CRYPTIC
by
Noel Jessop

MARCH 2 2003



Across

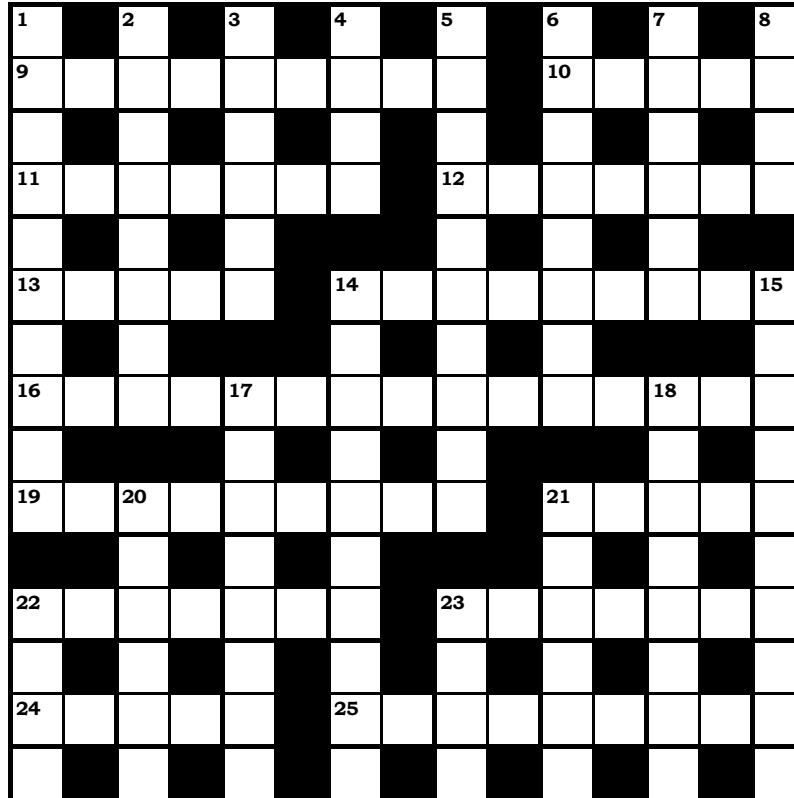
- 1 High-pitched terrible quakes at the start of the year (7)
- 5 Disappears without current giving illusions (7)
- 9 A horse, after makin' a shot, gets a part in Northwest Passage (6, 3)
- 10 Touch in rings in New Zealand region (5)
- 11 Say further English backed a book (4)
- 12 Island magicians sniffing bone out and thinking (9)
- 14 Argues against things (7)
- 16 Crew starts to vet old book (7)
- 17 Waited to be tested about Arabic (7)
- 19 Backed G-man and expert detective to be obliterated (7)
- 20 Volunteers unemotional about the Spanish high area (9)
- 21 Starts to tour England in country vehicles (4)
- 24 Soldier worker — a big one (5)
- 25 Lass doing tailoring with smooth movement (9)
- 26 Whispered, but held sway around street (7)
- 27 Face gang-leader to clear lines on a chart (3, 4)

Down

- 1 Mad hatter boos blood-thirsty fellow's old cat (5-5, 5)
- 2 G-man at international forum is hungry (5)
- 3 A thing to go with tucker in Nisan once (4)
- 4 Craze, by the sound of it, of referendum vote about a very black heart of flint (7)
- 5 Hurry and prohibit English insecticide (7)
- 6 Losing interest, murmur fish unavailable (7, 3)
- 7 Praise returned is on a movement consisting of two (9)
- 8 In deep depression, fools spend dough without thought (6,2,7)
- 13 Western is haphazard? Eh, by the sound of it, it's out! Oh, it's in! (10)
- 15 Great quantities of champagne make major be so squiffy? (9)
- 18 Pulled damned uneven (7)
- 19 Art movement to stop up around platform (7)
- 22 Piano expert taking the air by right (5)
- 23 A step up as soon as possible (4)

CRYPTIC
by
Southern
Cross

MARCH 3 2003



Across

- 9 A bit player, Max is taking filter to be adjusted (4, 5)
- 10 A bit isolated? (5)
- 11 Awkwardly placed in taxi, nab Indian driver (2,1,4)
- 12 Don't start "Baby-face" — exchange for author of "A Fortunate Life" (1,1,5)
- 13 Come out, child! (5)
- 14 Utterly wearied by Space? Far-reaching decisions are made there! (9)
- 16 Min appears twice with just an overnight bag (10,5)
- 19 Stockpile incomplete, receding Spanish river becomes a source of water (9)
- 21 "Run for your life" heard — two nuts are wanted for it (1-4)
- 22 Perpetuate old English film series (5, 2)
- 23 Southern timber will do for the rest (7)
- 24 Doctor and his associates work in the theatre (5)
- 25 Lower classifications on vessel gaining knowledge, with time (9)

Down

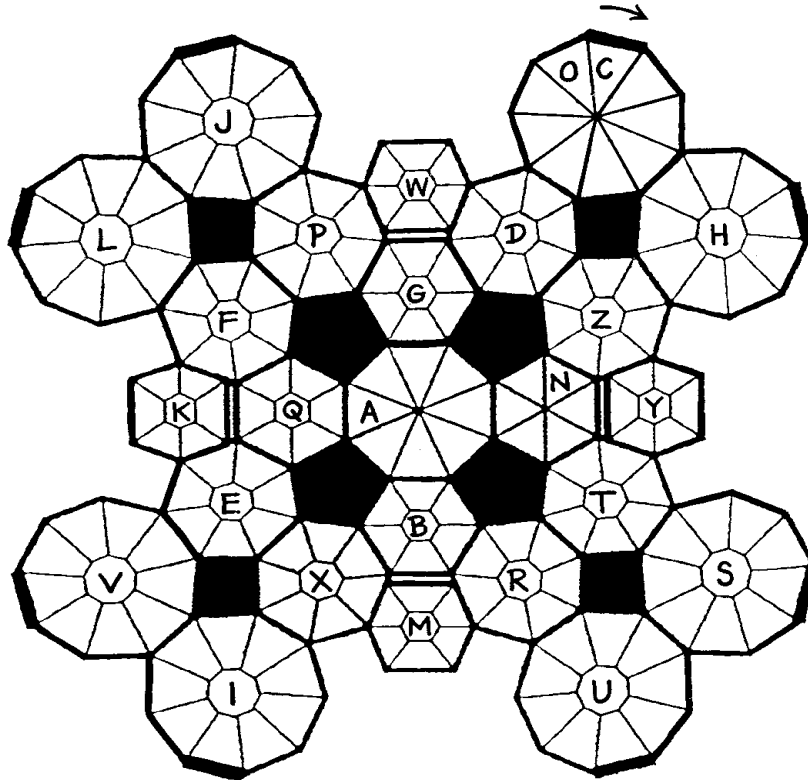
- 1 The administrator's away — in charge, I upset the schedule (10)
- 2 Completely confused, as sailors are in the main (3,2,3)
- 3 Take what's needed to make the dish (6)
- 4 Studio's boss (4)
- 5 He can always get Meals on Wheels (10)
- 6 Fundraiser for cancer research is lifting lid on rotten commercial (8)
- 7 Cook doesn't finish on the sandbank in this river (6)
- 8 Prop is to remain (4)
- 14 He's on a high, putting ring on first after the ball (10)
- 15 Bone out meat, and salt, girl (10)
- 17 Many evolving after the noble Neanderthal (5, 3)
- 18 Bargains said to be extended to those taking leave (8)
- 20 Southern dairy product causing an outcry (6)
- 21 Loan shark sure to be located in the old city (6)
- 22 Something encrypted in canon (4)
- 23 Boss moved to tears? (4)

**Ozzie Summer
an AJ
by
Coming and
Going**

MARCH 4 2003

**Prize
\$75**

The letter in the middle of each polygon is the first of the solution that fits there. The C-word comprises the eight letters beside the heavy boundary lines. A, C, O, and N are all correctly placed at the beginning of their words, all four of which go around clockwise. Other solutions may begin at any point and go in either direction. Touching letters in the neighbouring polygons are the same, except for those beside the pairs of short heavy lines. These letters are independent of each other. The letter before each clue is the FIRST of the answer.



- A** Sane gale blowing around on the South Victorian coast (8)
- B** Swimmer unsure after spa (6)
- C** Auto in back with Val for gala? (8)
- D** A scheme which makes one lose one's voice (7)
- E** To do with horses out east and an animal of bovine type when the sun crosses the equator (7)
- F** Edward and Alf launched with love into the first step towards swimming (7)
- G** Sugar daddy first spoilt professional Ls (6)
- H** First rate involvement of Ian Shaw gives people who have been great promoters of surf boarding (9)
- I** Rice stirred thoroughly with maces makes popular summer treats? (3-6)
- J** A favourite dish for children's parties with sardines, perhaps, can be a stinging menace for swimmers (9)
- K** A green New Zealand parrot with brief Dutch following gives our World Heritage listed National Park (6)
- L** Flies rave around our summer picnics – ready to guard our beaches (9)
- M** Simpleton not quite full gives a very adequate drink (6)
- N** How a teetotaller in need caught a fish (6)
- O** Race around with doona for a Great attraction of our South Coast (5, 4)
- P** Did past trouble the spectator area overlooking Bells Beach (2, 5)
- Q** Illegal occupation of an empty building with right over a minimum of half a gallon (6)
- R** Rub lied about what many a jetty needs after a storm (7)
- S** An important part of the "slip slap slop" campaign runs around the scene (9)
- T** Sounds as if he rushed off with a dock to where there is much manufacture of surfing equipment? (7)
- U** Raising the flag involves flung ruin (9)
- V** Lo vary nut crushed without compulsion (9)
- W** Curl the wig to see if you need to lose some (6)
- X** Even scar taffetas follow unknown to small vessels (1-6)
- Y** Well-designed toy rug gives a healthy summer dessert (6)
- Z** Incorporated in zest when applying a popular white suntan cream? (7)

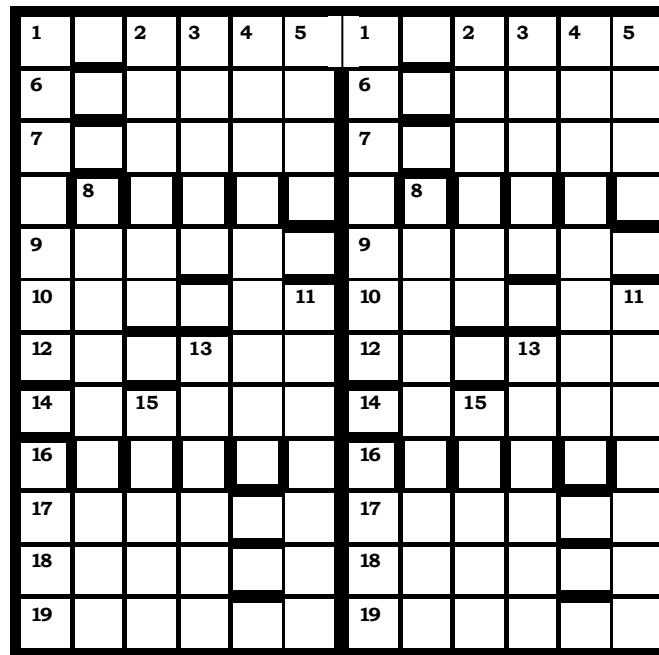
Two-in-One
by
Praxis

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[rrp: \$75]

Apart from 1 across, which is normal, each clue is really two clues, side by side but not overlapping, leading to two answers, one for the numbered space on the left of the central line and one for that on the right — the clue for either side may come first. The division between the clues is not necessarily marked by punctuation. One of the two answers for both 19ac and 8dn is hyphenated.



Across

- 1 Join in separating giant tangle — trust the puzzle's so (12)
- 6 He worked some time on a tanker when recalled to oil spill — first-rate seaman (6, 6)
- 7 Suggest aged accept back flat — remove the tax (6, 6)
- 9 Capote designed part of shoe — sorts of soles for publicans? (6, 6)
- 10 More than one musical transition makes sure viol's included in direction — ultimately it's slight (6, 6)
- 12 Chief engineer's about to band quail mum left with the animal (6, 6)
- 14 Band set out about ten with useless crate popular with cheese maker (6, 6)
- 17 The strongest one is happy to drink is 'Lite' the gradiate's brought in (6, 6)
- 18 Perhaps Stephen had the shop a year, close to some clinic Len chose (6, 6)
- 19 Drunkard pulled back after hard bouts else tipsy rider nods off (6, 6)

Down

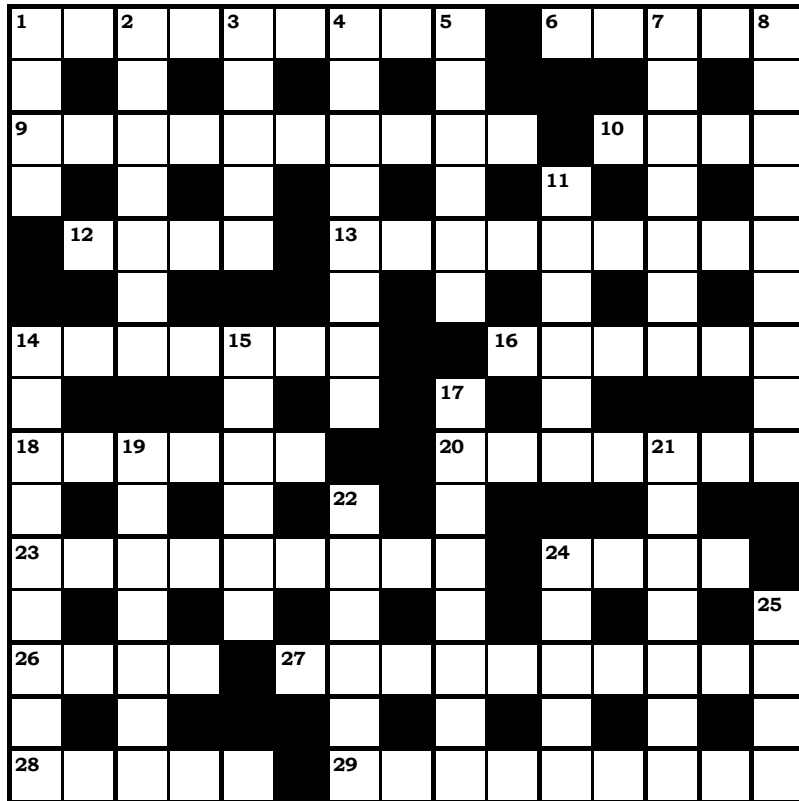
- 1 Bill kept the start of spring to clean out items, including account regarding said Greek character (7, 7)
- 2 Chinese curtailed design for alcoves, Italian picked up plant from bathroom floor (6, 6)
- 3 Trojan in Homer's work's lost 400 at the end — tricks included escape (5, 5)
- 4 Robin (Braveheart?), analogist suffering fond remembrance (9, 9)
- 5 A pedigree? The elder may be old Earl! (4, 4)
- 8 Multicultural law set up includes right for the Italian to hold a French unit, a stand hard to swallow (9, 9)
- 11 They look after submissions shut out after direction by the French detectives (7, 7)
- 13 Saw people inside for a second — four left no countermand (6, 6)
- 15 Cove (with permit) bears unusual weapon (5, 5)
- 16 State civil service gets Indians charity from members I hear (4, 4)

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All answers are in the Postcode book
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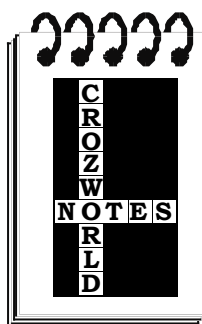
- 1 Second missile hits the castle! (9)
- 6 Green island (5)
- 9 All leading yodellers note well the blackbird (10)
- 10 A special disposal of goods from universal enterprises (4)
- 12 Victorian mail exchange (4)
- 13 Some million vermin went to the territory (9)
- 14 Don't you worry about that person meeting a girl! (7)
- 16 Vehicular convenience — so to speak (6)
- 18 First night in 'Club Kool' — open late? (6)
- 20 Lead acting roles are taken up last — apparently (7)
- 23 O my! Learnt with difficulty (9)
- 24 The original centre of military operations (4)
- 26 Sonya lost a child when pursued by German troops (4)
- 27 Combat deserter runs back from a car bomb! (10)
- 28 The alien surrounded the large vessel (5)
- 29 Would be 'Straight One' is left out (9)

Down

- 1 Demand the doctor leaves (4)
- 2 Wright loses weight while supping beer (7)
- 3 Belgian in Russian agreement (5)
- 4 Where in France did Edge earn his degree — hospital? (8)
- 5 Look after Scottish cows (6)
- 7 You and I in a stable compartment (7)
- 8 Opt for the inaugural rights of North Americans (9)
- 11 Decree I am confused about (6)
- 14 Judge elected the lawyer by points (9)
- 15 Refuse Mr Simpson with ease! (6)
- 17 Queen Anne is in court (8)
- 19 Spanish house lit on the inside (7)
- 21 Charles Ulm arranged to be found (7)
- 22 The way to socially acceptable pictures (6)
- 24 Company is starting workers at night (5)
- 25 Silver found in Peru (4)

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We were deeply saddened to hear of the death of **Betty Cumming** on 16 February aged 81. Betty had been a member of the ACC since its inception and had been a great contributor, not only by her excellent solving but also with her wonderful octagonal puzzles. Betty was a brilliant student at school and graduated with a Master of Arts in Pure and Mixed Mathematics. She won a scholarship to Cambridge but later turned this down in favour of starting a family with her husband Ron Cumming. Betty lectured part-time at Melbourne University and later at Monash and then took on the onerous task as Sub-Dean and later as the Warden of Monash's residential college Howitt Hall. Shortly after retiring Betty suffered a stroke and it was during her rehabilitation that she discovered the challenge of the cryptic crossword. After mastering the cryptics, Betty turned her hand to compiling. She said recently: "I was inspired by Stroz's Pud. I thought if Stroz can do it for hexagons I can do it for octagons!" We feature Betty's final composition in this month's *Crozworld*. Betty was a warm, caring and gracious lady who will be sadly missed by her loving family and all members of the ACC.



MEMBER NEWS

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish Cryptic by *Southern Cross* (Mar 3-2003).

Puzzle Adjustments: Jacqui King gained ticks for January Slots 1, 2, 4 and 5.

Amendments to *What a Pair Quiz*, p9 February *Crozworld*. For No 22, read '8, 9' and for No 24 read '7, 11'.

Anagrams: In our last *Crozworld* we mentioned that 'Naomi I Caravan-Park' was an anagram of 'Marina Karapanovic'. Mike Potts discovered the following anagrams from the same name:

- The reformed Russian tennis player A PRIM ANA KARNICOVA
- The Scottish Star Wars character ANAKIN MACPORRIAVA
- The refugee from the 60's CAMPARI NIRVANA OAK
- The native Australian MARVIA ONKAPARINCA
- The gravitationally challenged South American dancer MACARINA VON PORKIA
- Finally, the Italian/Turkish capitalist (!) VINO CAMPARI ANKARA.

A Stickley Snippet: Check out this link:
<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/section/0,,962,00.html>
 It links to a series of articles that have appeared in The Times over the years. Did you know that The Times doesn't allow setters to use names of any living persons? When I asked David Akenhead (The Times crossword consultant since 1990) why, he replied with one word: TRADITION. Maybe members could submit possible reasons for this restriction. If so, e-mail David at: puzzled@ar.com.au

Mass v Mess: An appeal has been received by the Executive Committee in relation to the rejection by the adjudicator of the word MASS for the clue "A medley" in clue 43 down in the puzzle *Christmas Delights* January 1-2003. The main argument seems to be that "mass" appears in the *Chambers* definition of medley as "a mingled and confused mass". This is true, but mass is only a generic term on which to hang the defining qualifiers "confused" and "mingled". As another example, *Chambers* also defines "ball" as "a rounded mass", and "a spherical mass"; however one would hardly clue "mass" with "ball"; the adjectives are the essence of the definition. Secondly, the essence of the word "medley" is variety. The essence of "mass" is homogeneity. These are opposite. Thirdly, the crossword is not cryptic; it is conventional. The MOST correct answer only should be accepted. For these reasons, the appeal is rejected.

—The Executive Committee.

A note about Appeals: If you would like to lodge an appeal against the Adjudicator's decision to reject an answer, please take up the matter initially with the Adjudicator. If the Adjudicator allows the appeal and overturns the decision to reject an answer, you will be given a tick for that particular puzzle. Also, any other member whose similar answer was rejected will be treated in the same manner.

If the Adjudicator refuses to allow the appeal, you can refer the matter to the Executive Committee for a final decision. In making this reference, feel free to include any relevant material in support of the appeal. You can lodge this appeal with any member of the Executive Committee.



Joyce Sheahan sadly passed away on 10 February aged 76. Joyce had been a member of the ACC since its inception and in fact one of her elegant cryptic compositions was featured in the inaugural magazine published by the Club in May 1990. If you would like to sample this puzzle, visit our website and click on *Classic Oz* Number 11. Joyce was a retired pay-lady from Melbourne but lived for many years in Balmain, NSW. She first heard about the Club on the radio and after finding a book of Ximenes' puzzles at a jumble sale, she began her long love affair with the cryptic crossword. She was an outstanding solver and time and again was a winner of the cumulative competitions. She said her secret of successful solving was "to check, re-check and then check again". Joyce was known to many club members particularly our former Secretary Carole Noble. Carole said that she was really upset about Joyce's passing. "We were very close", said Carole. Joyce was a wonderfully generous lady with a bright, outgoing personality and will be missed by her loving family and members of the ACC.



John Kennedy, beloved husband of Delores, passed away on Thursday 20th February.

Born at Casino, he received his early education there, and later at St Mary's Cathedral School. He entered the teaching profession, moving around many country towns, amongst them Camdenville, Texas (Qld), Muswellbrook and Aberdeen. In this period he began courting his lovely Delores, also a teacher, and they wed in 1957.

In the early 70's they moved back to Sydney, teaching at Kingswood, St Mary's and also Lethbridge Park, which at that time was the largest primary school in the southern hemisphere, numbering some 2500 pupils. In the late 70's they made the move to the Central Coast, and John became the headmaster of Wamberal Primary School, where he remained until taking retirement in about 1988. In addition, he involved himself in the community, either as a member (or sometimes founder) of the local Lions' Club, and later with the Bateau Bay Probus Club, where he gave freely and generously of his time.

John was a great teacher, respected and loved by his peers and pupils alike. Not only that, he was a great and good man, a staunch and loyal supporter of South Sydney Leagues Club through times good and bad, quite partial to a good Guinness, and a great lover of company and a good story.

He will be sadly missed by his family and his numerous friends, but most certainly he will not be forgotten. We extend our sincere condolences to Del and her loving family.

—Betty Siegman

FEBRUARY 1-2003: Half and Half by Noel Jessop

- Yet again a half cryptic puzzle. Please can we maintain one orthodox! *Barb Ibbott*
- I liked Noel's 1 and 26 dn. *Ted O'Brien*
- I had a bit of trouble with Noel's half and half, mainly caused by thinking "Dabbing" should be Daubing". Also I couldn't find "Baden" as a state, only a town. Still I assume it is right. *Margaret Galbreath*
- I enjoy Noel's half and half but it's always the last one I complete. *Catherine Hambling*
- An enjoyable slot 1 puzzle. No. 1 down was thought provoking giving BID as 'an offer' surrounding RUTS as 'boring routines', the answer taken in reverse giving DI(STUR)B; a cleverly constructed clue. *Alan Walter*
- Great grid, Noel. Loved 28 ac – a great 'cryptic definition' clue! *Roy Wilson*
- I like these half and half's – tricky, but clues always spot on! *Catherine Foster*
- Not too keen on these half and half's. They are somewhat heavy going and they pander to those members who want to make No 1 into yet another cryptic. Why can't we have a few more conventional or thematic puzzles at this slot? *Irene Watts*

FEBRUARY 2-2003: Cryptic by Southern Cross

- Probably the most difficult February puzzle. Loved 7dn. *Barb Ibbott*
- I hope Shirl was thinking musically when she linked study and piece! (23ac) *Ted O'Brien*
- A good cryptic from Shirl; liked 20ac and 23ac. *Catherine Hambling*
- Thanks for your sparkling Cryptic puzzle *Southern Cross*! Particularly liked 24ac: EMI+G+RATE, 25ac: ENTH+USES & 26ac: S+OWING. In 9ac, it took quite some time to realise 'Going back cross' = DOOR where ROOD is a cross! 4dn was Very clever [CAN+IN+E] as was 8dn: G+ALL+ST+ONES. In 21dn 'A go between' in 11 (LUNAR ECLIPSE) had to be earth (between the moon and the sun). Also liked 22dn very much S+T+UN where T model and big star = SUN. Brilliant clue. *Alan Walter*
- Extremely enjoyable puzzle, Shirl – loved your 'cryptic definition' clue for 10ac. *Roy Wilson*
- Good clueing SC! I've nominated 9ac for clue of the month. *Catherine Foster*
- Loved that DOORKNOB clue! *Max Roddick*
- A clever cryptic with some very difficult clues. Without the second half of some of the clues, I wouldn't have been able to solve them. An example of this is 15dn. How on earth does 'Mark Crowes drunk' equate to scarecrow? *Irene Watts*

FEBRUARY 3-2003: Cryptic by Daintree Lady

- Some clever clues; enjoyed solving the 15 letter answers: loved 16ac. *Barb Ibbott*
- 12ac is my clue for the month with its clever outside Proserpine. *Ted O'Brien*
- Also liked this one, especially 18 and 25ac and 7 and 18dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- Quite a challenging slot 3 cryptic, thanks *Daintree Lady*. In 12ac took a while to realise outside Proserpine = PE. In 21ac I was aware of the phrase 'money for jam' = easy money, but it took ages to locate 'money for old rope' equating to this. (Reference , the latest single volume *Oxford English Dictionary*) (Can also be referenced in *Brewers Dictionary of Phrase and Fable* '98 ed. and *The Cassell Dictionary of Slang* '98 ed. C.) *Alan Walter*
- Likewise opted for several 'cryptic definitions' with 1dn and 7dn. Excellent, Daphne! *Roy Wilson*
- I usually strike at least one nasty and to me 21ac is it! Took a guess as I haven't a (clue?) and I'm sure my down answers are right. I liked 19ac: 7dn and 24ac were brilliant! *Catherine Foster*
- *Daintree Lady's* clues are often very amusing, e.g 26ac. (my favourite this time). However the amusement sometimes makes the answer a little doubtful (e.g. 10ac and 7dn). *Irene Watts*

FEBRUARY 4-2003: AJ by Timid Terrier

- I always enjoy the AJ. The M clue had me searching; what a strange expression! *Barb Ibbott*
- The glossary to Collins ed. of the poetical works of Robert Burns gave me the explanation for Wornout – row = to roll (back = Wor + Nowte (nout). Sleep, Yoicks, Jeames! *Ted O'Brien*
- This one had lots of way-out words, but I know from experience how hard it is to fill an AJ grid! *Catherine Hambling*
- Thanks for a stunning combination of answers. With words such as ACROGEN, CHINKARA, EFFEIRS, JEAMES, MARRY-COME-UP, OLIPHANT, RAPPAREE, ULICHONS, XENURUS & ZAPATA your puzzle seems far from TIMID! The J answer J+(E)+AMES from *Chambers* is a flunkey from Thackeray's *Jeames* (James) de la Pluche. The W answer caused difficulty: WORN-OUT where ROW = ROLL (Scots) and NOUT = NOWT which equates to cattle. What a workout!! *Alan Walter*
- Phew! Didn't Joan make us work for our brownie points! Thoroughly enjoyed the challenge, Joan. *Roy Wilson*
- I had a hard time with the W clue, but then it dawned. It was hard to find your spelling of 'Ulichons' – but the clue fits, so here goes! Hooray! I've found a new word 'effeirs'. When *Timid Terrier* appears as the compiler, I say to myself "oh no"! I was about to crow on completion, but the 'J' clue is a bit of a worry. (Is that all you say when you see the 'bloody great rotty' as compiler, Catherine? You should be here!!! C) *Catherine Foster*
- Candle fish must be ULICHONS and EULACHANS. Is there a Chinook Dictionary? *Max Roddick*
- Alphabeticals by *Timid Terrier* are often very difficult to solve. This time Joan seemed to be a little kinder, though there were plenty of peculiar words. As for Marry-Come-Up, I've never heard of it before. *Irene Watts*

FEBRUARY 5-2003: Acrostic by The Beast

- I do like acrostic puzzles, and particularly Kev's clues. He combines humour and words in a clever way. *Barb Ibbott*
- Unselfish Mr Leyton! Giving way to Harry Graham for this piece of clever doggerel. *Ted O'Brien*
- I don't mind indirect anagrams if they're witty. These four (1,9,10,17) didn't make it for me. *Doug Butler*
- A good acrostic except for at least 4 indirect anagrams 1, 9, 10, and 17. My favourite clue is 14. Somehow I don't think Harry Graham challenges Shakespeare for top honours! *Catherine Hambling*
- Greatly liked your humorous quote, thanks Kev. In 1 International fraternity = MASONS, butchered (anagind) = SAMSON. In 9 GET + (African manger) BAAS, in trouble (anagind) = TEA BAGS, *Chambers* gives baas as a S. Afr. Master or overseer. In 14, soft sweet = JELLY, angle = FISH > JELLYFISH. *Alan Walter*
- Pavlov would be proud of me. As soon as I saw 'The Beast', I looked for a spot to write 'Kev Layton' at the bottom. Indirect anagrams had me tricked for a while. I didn't know whether to write in 'Samson' or 'Masons' at 1. Always love reading the verse at the end. *Roy Wilson*
- The humour of *The Beast* is priceless – the entire puzzle was a joy! *Catherine Foster*
- Kev's acrostic and Harry Graham's verse – the fun never stops! *Max Roddick*
- Oh, ha ha! When the solving here was done, I laughed out loud – it was such fun. So thank you kindly to *The Beast*, for giving us this spicy feast! *Irene Watts*

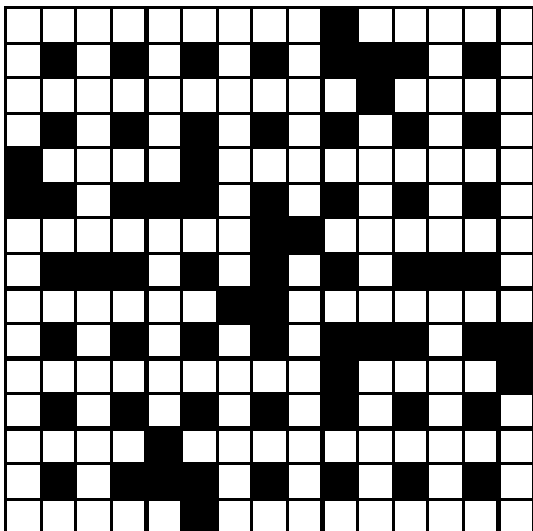


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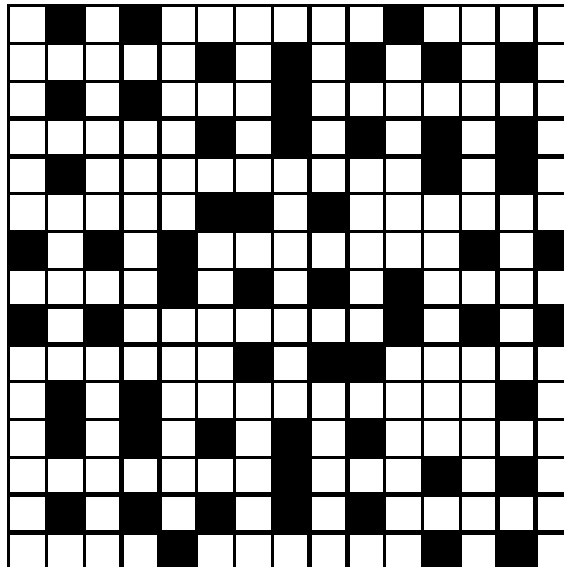
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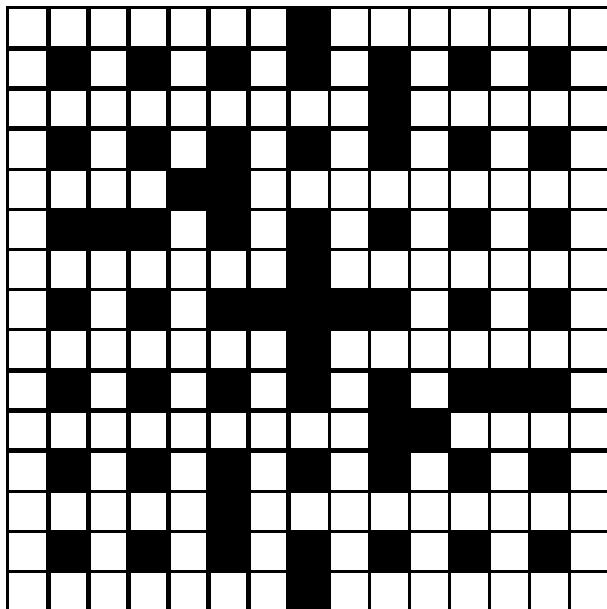
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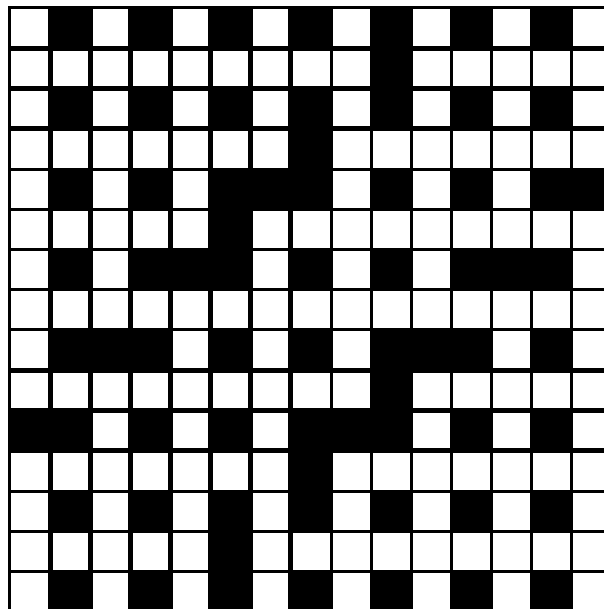
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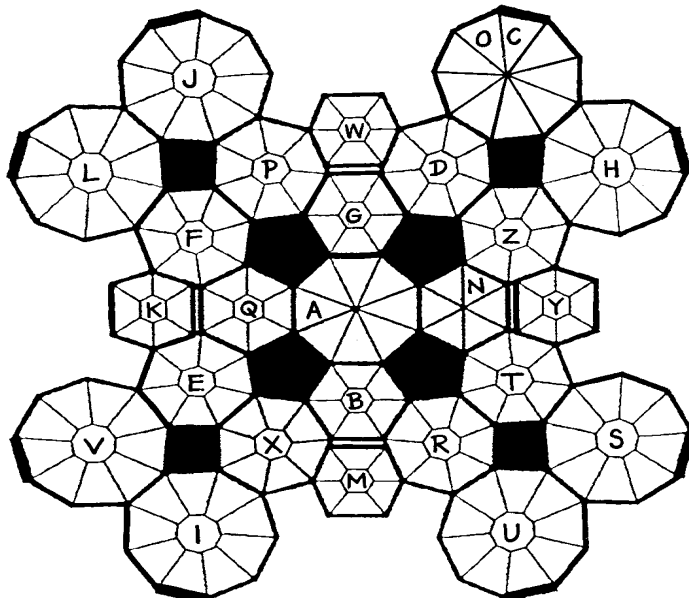
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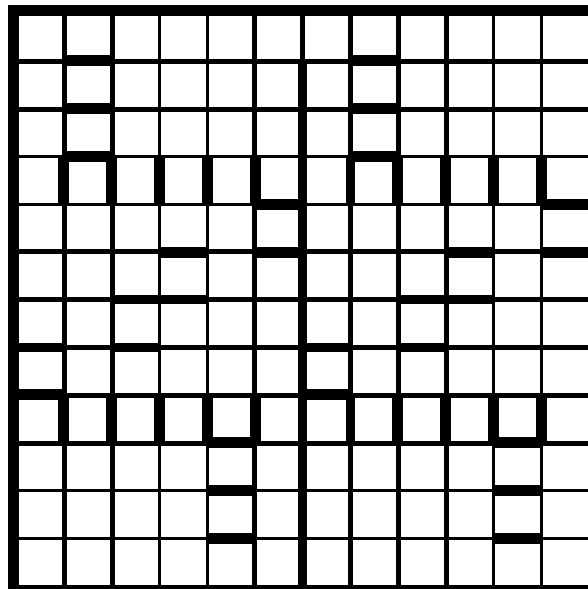
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January 6-2003 - Treasure Hunt Trilogy [Part 3] by Pundit (Stef Savanah)

Entries: 72, correct = 62, success rate = 86%. Prizewinner: David Procter.
Treasure hunt correct entries = 12. Bonus prizewinner: Steve Trollope.

Compiler's comments: Thanks for the letters, cards and feedback. See Alan's comments for some explanations. Also: 4dn: Defn = tears away (verb); cards = TENS, keeps = HAS. 16ac: Defn = on side of head; backing me = EM; example: getting rid of test (EXAM) = PLE; primary teacher = T. Please refer to the website for a full explanation of all clues. To locate the treasure: superimpose all three grids to create a template of 16 blank squares, then place template over each completed grid.

Solver comments:

- At first I put MIN(ION)S taking ION as a 'minute' particle. However MINIONS do not equate to little 'uns. Next I tried MIN(NOW)S taking NOW = This minute! And MINNOWS are certainly little 'uns. Core of coven is OVE, add ST to obtain STOVE which is the past tense of stove. MITTENS are certainly clothing. Front to back can only imply take MITTEN (the front letters) and put them after S, the back letter, to obtain S+MITTEN which equates to 'taken'. Have always taken 'penniless' to imply subtract D. However using English new pence P, subtracting P from PREEN (=groom) gives REEN+TRY (attempt) = RE-ENTRY (whew!). You can now raise the Blue Peter as your Trilogy has certainly come up trumps! *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for a challenging puzzle with devious clues. *Joan Smith*
- I thought the Treasure Hunt Trilogy was a terrific puzzle and it must have taken quite a while to set it up. *David Procter*
- It has been a very enjoyable series of puzzles and I congratulate you on the idea. *Roy Wilson*
- Thank you for a very satisfying three-legged puzzle! *David Grainger*
- Great puzzle and great concept. *Bill Bennett*
- A most unusual concept which turned out to be less complex than I first imagined. *Bob Hagan*
- That was a challenge! I was really surprised when it started working out. *Margaret Galbreath*
- Thanks for such a great quiz. *Betty Siegman*
- Loved 26 across. *Margaret Raw*
- Thanks for the puzzles with some A1 clues. *Shirl OBrien*
- A fascinating concept!! *Steve Trollope*
- I congratulate you on the interest you have generated in the club with your puzzles and their originality. *Ron O'Rourke*
- The puzzle was very clever and must have taken ages to put together. Now I understand why the grids were so strangely constructed. *Audrey Austin*
- Tricky as usual - but very clever clueing! 10ac - 12ac were great; 23, 27dn brilliant! *Catherine Foster*
- I liked 29ac but not 25ac where the definition is in the middle rather than at the beginning or the end. *Jenny Wenham*
- I hope you get as much pleasure adjudicating as you obviously do compiling puzzles. *Max Roddick*
- Wow! *Eva Seale*
- As with the previous parts, I completed it with much weeping and gnashing of teeth. All three puzzles were, nevertheless, most enjoyable to solve. *Daphne Greening*
- Thanks for a very different puzzle. *Valerie Howard*
- Another good puzzle - dare I say 'a bit on the easy side'. *Jill Freeland*
- I really like the concept. *David Stickley*

Treasure hunt correct entries from:

Audrey Austin, Maurice Cowan, Ken Davis, Margaret Galbreath, David Grainger, Daphne Greening, Bob Hagan, David Procter, Betty Siegman, David Stickley, Steve Trollope and Kay Williams.

Solution to Treasure Hunt location:

The three grids should be 'combined' by superimposing them to create a master grid containing 16 blank squares. This acts as a template for each of the three completed grids to spell out the following:

NSW PUBLIC LIBRARY
FRED JOHNS'S ANNUAL
NINETEEN FOURTEEN

The treasure (a voucher for \$100) was to be buried in the back page of the volume at the library, which is situated on Macquarie Street in Sydney. I hope you enjoyed the Trilogy. I am always pleased to receive comments/feedback on my clues and puzzles. Please feel free to email me at stef_savanah@optusnet.com.au.

A Final Note from Betty Cumming:

"Dear Patrick

I want to let you know that 3 weeks ago I was diagnosed with liver cancer for which no effective treatment is available. In case we have no further contact I do want to let you know the enormous pleasure & fun I have had in my retirement years thru the ACC. I have been delighted to see its extension into the Computer Age even though I have not been able to keep up with all developments. I enclose my last effort "OZZIE SUMMER". I think it's not very good but there it is - just to show you my heart was with it to the end. All the best, Betty C (C & G). 24 October 2002."

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- My thanks for the January slot 4 prize, a great start to the New Year. *Val Knight*
- I would like to say thank you very much to the club for my prizes. They are very much appreciated. *Margaret Galbreath*
- A good selection of puzzles this month, with the ladies well represented, and turning out great puzzles, a first class selection. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Please express my thanks for cumulative 1 - 5 puzzles. A great surprise on getting out of hospital. *Bill Bennett*

What to wear at Crossword Get-Togethers:

Black tie is the default, but more than half of the men should wear white ties. Diners are arranged around tables such that the black tied ones form a rotationally symmetrical pattern. Checked shirts are encouraged, and diners with unchecked shirts are not allowed to sit together. There is a bar code. The bar may be viewed horizontally or vertically, depending on the stage of the evening and the relative intoxication of the diner. A certain amount of cross-dressing goes on. Finally, there is the Playfair code, which means that (for example) all the Ians and Johns have to share seats. (Many thanks to *MindRot* from <http://www.crossword.org.uk/>)