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Summer afternoon – summer afternoon: to me these have always been the two most beautiful words in the English language.
Henry James, quoted in Edith Wharton, *A Backward Glance* (1934), Ch 10.

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The tragic bushfires in Victoria on Black Saturday 7 February 2009 have made it a sad and distressing time for us all. Members of the ACC will no doubt have friends or family who have been affected – directly or otherwise – by these heartbreaking events. We send them our sympathy and compassion at this time and hope that their spirit and courage will shine through.

We have also been concerned with the fate of our Queensland members following the recent widespread floods and heavy downpours. This reassuring note from Jenny Wenham from Comet, Qld confirms that the Wenhams are OK but there are parts of Queensland which are still cut-off by the floods. See Jenny's fuller report on p9. "Thanks so much for asking about the Queensland floods. We in the Central Highlands are still high and dry, though we have had some quite good rain and the grass is all green. I'm not aware of any of our members who've been affected by the floods, so I hope all are OK."

Our expert puzzler Ian Williams has selected an excellent range of puzzles and quizzes to keep you fully occupied during March. For a start, Ian has selected another Cryptic by the perennial favourite *Jesso*, and challenging cryptics by *The Posers* and *InGrid*. We are pleased to publish *dB* with the ever-popular AJ and in Slot 5, we welcome back The Ximenean Master *Praxis* with another well-crafted Cryptic which will be appreciated by all solvers. In Slot 6, *Childs Play* has contributed a masterly Cryptic and in Slot 7, the Poetic Maestro *Brother Naga* has given us a puzzle featuring the poetry of the English poet and essayist Leigh Hunt. In addition, we have not one but 2 Quizzes for your delectation and Steve Trollope is again organising the Clue Writing Competition. See p16 for the new Clue Writing Competition. It looks like another busy month for ACC solvers. Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

Hello to all the happy and unhappy solvers. What a busy final week with 50 of the 81 entries coming in. Generally there were not a lot of unhappy crossworders this month and when you turn the page to see your results (if you haven't done so already) there will be even less.

Slot 1: Surprisingly, XIMINES caused the biggest upset. A variety of other wrong answers included TASAR, TUDOR/NEGROID and NYSTAGMAS.

Slot 2: A couple of 'SABLE' and 'SEMILOR' but otherwise, no glaring culprits here.

Slot 3: POTENT for COGENT was the biggest dot taker here – 16 in all. Besides CEREBANO (x7) and CUMQUATS (x5) there was nothing of note.

Slot 4: UNGAG claimed 14 lost dots with UNBAR (x6) as well as uncap, untag, undam, unman, unban & unjam.

Slot 5: 'On the Links'. One member suggested 'on the nose'. Jack's collections of "on the ___" was not well received as many had difficulty discovering the theme.

There were still a few careless errors in various puzzles, including R_E, INTERMENNS. Check, check and recheck.

COTM: 21 words vied for COTM and, fittingly, Shirl's Slot 3 had the most number of words nominated. All the same TASER and COMBUSTS finished up with 5 each. Congratulations Shirl and Andrew.

I have not responded to queries for explanations as, for the most part, I have not known the answers myself and, as my February was super busy (I had to be away for 2 weeks), I did not pursue explanations from the Committee. Perhaps compilers would check out the comments and respond in next month's *Crozworld*. See p12 for Slot 5 explanations by *Jack*. Thank you to all the members who took extra care and time to write answers legibly. Not all scanned emailed entries were easy to read. Perhaps it is time for the emailers to check out the Club email system and have a go at sending them to Ian Williams. Hope you enjoy the March puzzles better than this lot. PS. I feel just a little bit guilty getting 5 'free' dots for this month. Happy crosswording,
—Venice

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	63	78	80	61	45	327
Correct entries	41	66	43	28	22	200
Success rate (%)	65	84	53	45	48	61
Prizewinners	M Steinberger R Wimbush	V Knight B Tofoni	A Austin B Ibbott	D Jones	A Shield B Glissan	from 81 members

Prizewinner: February 2009 Slots 1-5: Ron O'Rourke

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JAN & FEB 2009 & JAN Slot 7

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ARCHIBALD C								HARPER K								O'ROURKE R							
ATKINSON S								HAZELL N								PARSONS D							
AUSTIN A								HEMSLEY D								PATTERSON A							
BALNAVES J								HOCKING A								PROCTER D							
BARNES J								HOWARD L								PROCTER M							
BARRETT A								HOWARD V								PYC M							
BATUM C								HOWELLS S								RODDICK M							
BENNETT B								IBBOTT B								RYAN W							
BROTHERTON J								JERMY A								SEALE E							
CAINE R								JONES D								SHIELD A							
CALLAN A&D								KENNEDY D								SIEGMAN B							
CAMPBELL G								KENNEDY M								SMITH J							
CHAMPION G								KNIGHT S								SOLOMON B							
COATES D								KNIGHT V								STEINBERGER M							
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COWAN M								McCLELLAND C								TAYLOR S							
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Cryptic
by
Jesso

Prizes: \$50



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Across

- 1 Regret gross representation in bird movie (4,4)
- 5 Roman magistrate holding book is going down okay (6)
- 9 Note a repeat of the start in the city (5)
- 10 Flying Officer swearing and concentrating (9)
- 12 Trial spin. Could it produce a boundary? (4,5)
- 13 Clear upper air is there somehow (5)
- 14 Arc of the horizon in the centre of Brazil one mile in front of damaged hut (7)
- 16 Beaked woman backed skill by the pound (7)
- 17 Beginning to torment a loyal heart in the river (3)
- 18 Sailor takes southern Portuguese gentleman into the ruler's office (7)
- 19 Removed seat of intellect in beard transformation (7)
- 20 Rosie twisted willow twig (5)
- 21 Six look back in first string? (9)
- 24 First-class shrines reconstructed in riskiness (9)
- 25 Look in square backs of beasts (5)
- 26 Designated place of debauchery was first (6)
- 27 A greater time to stand for Cupid (8)

Down

- 1 Commotion taking Liberal out in town (5)
- 2 Girl's put to sea with talent, showing undeniable quality (15)
- 3 Gloss over about university association (5)
- 4 Show up in "Getaway" and go around island? (2-6,5)
- 6 Daughter may finish betting records before return of sloth and disorder (9)
- 7 Absolute fool carefree round one girl with old book (10,5)
- 8 Surrounded, girl ended in confusion (9)
- 11 Mister German in city environs to prosper as a fruit herald (6,7)
- 14 King of Syria, city and country (9)
- 15 Being attacked, United Nations man turned by anger (5,4)
- 22 Loafer is riled badly (5)
- 23 State thus sees Italian poet (5)

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Closing mail date: Thursday 9 April 2009.

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Herbert's Remedies by *The Posers*



Nine solutions are consistent with a theme and are not otherwise defined

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Across

- 1 Dirt caught in shoe (7)
- 5 Temperate United Press become more realistic (5,2)
- 9 Forlorn German relation (5)
- 10 Drive in fog with a number Spenser's procured by dishonest means (9)
- 11 Drink money initially gone (7)
- 12 Live with old simpleton (6)
- 15 Check in reindeer (4)
- 16 Land at lowest point the centre of activity (6,4)
- 19 Extent of one working with care (10)
- 20 Denoting great Scrabble game (4)
- 22 Bird and fish for queen (6)
- 24 Torch Ardea in grove (7)
- 27 Rutin mixture intended say for sustenance (9)
- 28 Poet has no right in stake-out (5)
- 29 Perfume extract (7)
- 30 Pamper without ignominious end the Maori character from *Les Miserables*? (7)

Down


- 1 Second generation (4)
- 2 Metal Liam sabotaged around uranium with nickel you reported on 1st May (9)
- 3 Dislike Department of Employment exam (6)
- 4 (*Colloq*) worthless pasture (5,5)
- 5 Some stop Scot's sister (4)
- 6 Order sides for library accessories (4,4)
- 7 Percentage of a riot scattered (5)
- 8 Stately girl – no just the reverse (10)
- 13 Pride of place to lead new church (10)
- 14 All-powerful car Councillor accepted on endless credit (10)
- 17 Mine entrance full of light (9)
- 18 Farewell river man (8)
- 21 College disease (6)
- 23 Lists of gold returned to State (5)
- 25 Hand over letter about Democrat (4)
- 26 Damaged Olea (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- What a thrill! The much coveted ACC Club Champion trophy (and what a classy piece of workmanship it is) now has pride of place ensconced between my 1985 under 16s Indoor Cricket Trophy and a spot reserved for a Nobel Prize (hopefully in physics but any will do). Thank you to everyone involved!
Michael Kennedy
- You can imagine how I felt when that beautiful little trophy for the ACC Compiler of the Year arrived recently! I have admired it, smiled at it, and felt very honoured. I do feel appreciated and will certainly treasure this lovely trophy.
Shirl O'Brien
- I have just received my book prize for the last month's Slot 4. Thank you to the kind person who pulled my name out of the "bag". The "Geddes & Grosset" is a wonderful addition to our crossword solving resources. I hope it helps me to correctly solve more puzzles than my usual score!
Yvonne McKindlay
- As my success rate with solving crosswords is at the lower end of the scale, it was a great boost to the morale to receive a Slot 1 Prize for January – particularly as both certificate and cheque are written in Patrick's beautiful calligraphy!
Nea Storey
- Thank you for my Slot 3 Prize for December. My Thesaurus is worn out so.....Kind regards to all.
Bill Bennett
- Thanks for my December book prize. A lovely surprise when I came back from a brief holiday.
Sandra May

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**Chain
Letters**
by
InGrid



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Across

- 1 Jane might curse Banjo (9)
- 6 Loud and curious about the island (5)
- 9 Are you heading to Germany to appear less aged? (7)
- 10 Hear a violin has food in it (7)
- 11 Order the groove (6)
- 12 A girl the cook puts into servitude (8)
- 14 Leading early, my youngster saved the turtle (4)
- 15 Old defamations reopened dance slurs (10)
- 18 Mad antics on Tuesday finally showed true goodness (10)
- 20 Scottish earth poorly read (4)
- 23 Fool has the right to consent to some of the blackberry (8)
- 24 The relatively short essay (6)
- 26 Misleading weather (7)
- 27 Secret police confused postage (7)
- 28 Main core process has an additive (5)
- 29 Young birds shelter fish for a second (9)

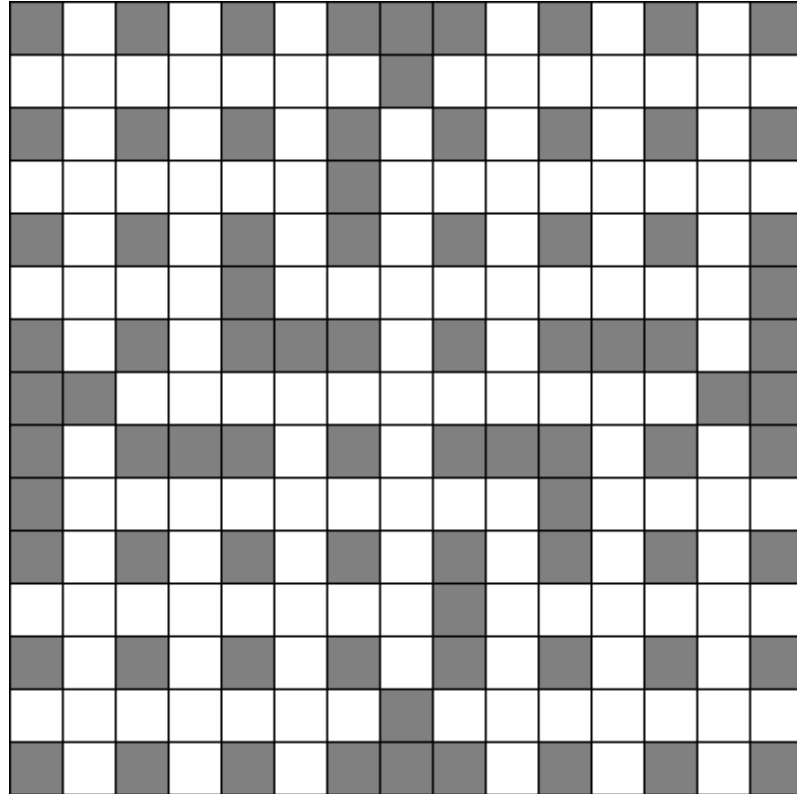
Down

- 1 Airspace for various thrillseekers (9)
- 2 Grass sounds dry from washing (7)
- 3 Woman has soldier despite heartache (6)
- 4 Box found in Moulin Rouge (4)
- 5 Position of bridge protects this direction (10)
- 6 Stews about auto backing into wild rains (8)
- 7 Separate from one so very dead (7)
- 8 Kylie foolishly presented to Spencer as similar (5)
- 13 Weapon tax is potentially urgent (10)
- 16 Team demonstrates amusements (9)
- 17 Inane hat lost on Greek (8)
- 19 Fresh talk primarily rants over New England transmitter (7)
- 21 Dishonour sailor before you take the pledge (7)
- 22 Cold tool? (6)
- 23 Dance two rounds (5)
- 25 Some false gains held back for a long time (4)

SOME WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORDS edited by *Erin McKean*

- Angletwitch: An obsolete but charming word meaning 'a worm used as bait in fishing'.
- Aquamanile: A bowl or jug made in the form of an animal or bird.
- Blaguer: A person who talks pretentiously. From the French word, *blaque*, meaning 'pretentious falsehood', self-aggrandizing stories knowing no borders.
- Codology: An Irish word meaning, jocularly, 'the science of leg-pulling'. *Cod* is an Irishism for a joke or a hoax. A hoaxer is called a codologist.
- Emydosaurian: A crocodile. This fancy term comes from the roots *emyd-*, meaning 'turtle', and *-saurian*, meaning 'lizard'.
- Feuillermorte: An adjective meaning 'having the color of a dead or faded leaf' (ie, brown or yellowish brown). It comes from the French for 'dead leaf'. Other less Frenchy forms are *filemot*, *philemort* and *phillimot*.
- Glaistig: A Gaelic word for a beautiful fairy, usually seen at the bank of a stream. Also, a hag in the shape of a goat.
- Hebetude: A literary word meaning 'dullness or lethargy'. It comes from a Latin adjective meaning 'blunt'.
- Kenspeckle: A Scottish word meaning 'conspicuous, easily recognizable'. The origin is not precisely known, but it may be related to a Swedish word meaning 'quick at recognizing people or things'.

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<p>AJ by dB</p>
<p>Prize: Tornado Crossword Pencil [rrp \$77.00]</p>



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

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| <p>A Nikola Tesla took notes about a caustic material (6)
 B British rock group for Australian birds (7)
 C Ends which may be drawn (11)
 D Uncooked porridge from the 'Mad March' daze (8)
 E Glory vines dancing girl took for postscripts (6)
 F Footy code exploits episodes of starvation (7)
 G Profit from a diminution from encore (4)
 H American wit holds fish for cigar case (7)
 I Raid on members (6)
 J Magicians lose a trick – they sit in judgment (6)
 K Young Sam and Lennon's widow dress (6)
 L Death of Joe perhaps (4)
 M Tower and turret are in pristine condition (7)
 N Seeds on pide loaves, Ms Lawson's perhaps? (8)</p> | <p>O Day lost from holiday camp – terribly bossy? (8)
 P Soldier is into transfer to individuals (9)
 Q Clammy creature starts having a use in a bog? (7)
 R Getting back into shape by study, and nothing lost tilting (11)
 S Spread the cost or get out! (9)
 T Step in heraldry made to stumble then breathe hard (8)
 U Dud tape could be modernised (7)
 V Popular way to pronounce the river (6)
 W Mess made by dog who works with impure ends (8)
 X TV inspector gives up fornication for dryland plant growth (7)
 Y Horse from Melbourne? (8)
 Z Brewing agents get partly crazy by the end of holidays (7)</p> |
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QUOTATIONS: from *More of Who Said That?* selected by Renie Gee

- "Be wiser than other people if you can, but do not tell them so. An injury is much sooner forgotten than an insult. I recommend you to take care of the minutes: for hours will take care of themselves. Idleness is only the refuge of weak minds." *Philip Dormer Stanhope (1694-1773)* fourth Earl of Chesterfield.
- "After all, the world is but an amusing theatre, and I see no reason why a pretty woman should not play a principal part in it." *Marie Jeanne Becu Du Barry (1743-93)* married Comte Guillaume DuBarry and was presented at Court, where she soon became Mistress of Louis XV of France.
- "Society is composed of two large classes: those who have more dinners than appetites, and those who have more appetite than dinners." *Sebastien Roch Nicholas Comfort (1741-94)*. A French writer and wit. At the outbreak of the Revolution he joined the Jacobins, took part in the storming of the Bastille, and bitterly attacked the National Convention.
 "You cannot make a man by standing a sheep on its legs. But by standing a flock of sheep in that position you can make a crowd of men." *Sir Max Beerbohm (1872-1956)*. Sir Max was an English writer who contributed to *The Yellow Book of Essays* and succeeded Shaw as dramatic critic to the *Saturday Review*.
- "Even if the doctor does not give you a year, even if he hesitates about a month, make one brave push and see what can be accomplished in a week." *Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-94)*
- "Congratulations: we all knew you had it in you." *Telegram to a friend who had just had a baby. Dorothy Parker (1893-1967)* An American writer who was a member of the Rothschild family. She wrote much verse and a number of short stories.

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Cryptic
by
Praxis

Prizes: \$50



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Across

- 1 Wife to taste holy water in 27? (11)
- 11 Review criticizes picture (4)
- 12 Coolidge caught a rope (5)
- 13 Reschedule engineers for mass (9)
- 14 Meat for diva's ordered around five (5)
- 15 Sick male retained doctor to treat late? (6)
- 16 To argue is bad for these animals (8)
- 17 The beginning of insidious warfare? (4)
- 19 Preserve strict honesty (7)
- 21 Church backing state is overstretching (7)
- 24 Jerk trimmed down in resorts (4)
- 27 Who's designed vessel for the musical? (8)
- 29 Those in power accept one the French isolate (6)
- 30 Pass Henry the directions (5)
- 32 State conservatives will have more than one win (9)
- 33 The old returned over French sea and it's rough (5)
- 34 Irish soldier who noted 27... (4)
- 35 ... travelled across country in Eastern direction and disturbed deer (11)

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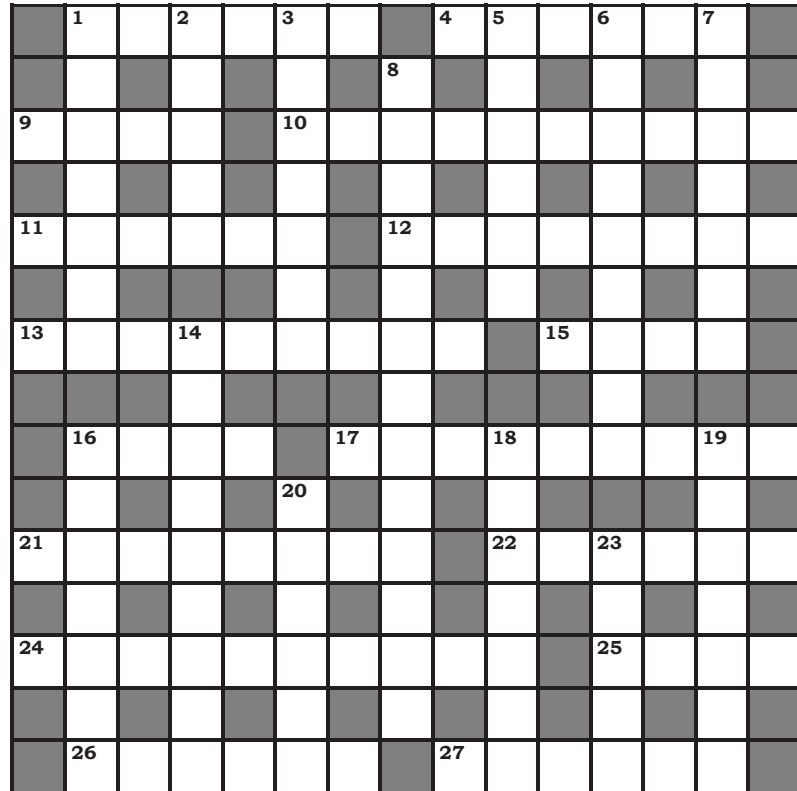
- 2 Smart Italian turned up with old Peruvian money (4)
- 3 One redeems salt against gold (6)
- 4 Fresh side, about to dine, makes plans (7)
- 5 Infected pet's treated with ice mostly (6)
- 6 Splurge with a bookie on the course (5)
- 7 Napoleon establishes foundry's cast? (7; hyphenated)
- 8 Lover lost old place in South American plain (6)
- 9 Lady's disheartened under a palm in the country (5)
- 10 27's lyricist beats Lawrence home (11)
- 11 Wild flower found in Tasmania (11; two words)
- 18 Smartie's beaten top musicians (7)
- 20 Unplaced, Fleming's doctor has partners cover her (7)
- 22 Steep rise covers week in charge as both composer and pressman (6)
- 23 Note five with a fancy tie in council (6)
- 25 Vote on raise for one who lops horns (6)
- 26 Roman's courage transformed Naomi (5)
- 28 Female working as flier (5)
- 31 Yes, it sounds like the beach (4)

A SPRINKLING OF SHAKESPEAREAN INSULTS selected by Wayne F Hill & Cynthia J Ötchen:

- Your date is better in your pie and your porridge than in your cheek. *All's Well That Ends Well*, 1.1.154-55
- Dissembling harlot, thou art false in all, and art confederate with a damned pack to make a loathsome abject scorn of me. *The Comedy of Errors*, 4.4.99-101
- His meanest garment, that ever hath but clipp'd his body, is dearer in my respect, than all the hairs above thee. *Cymbeline*, 2.3.134-36
- [You] leathern-jerkin, crystal-button, knot-pated, agate-ring, puke-stocking, caddis-garter, smooth-tongue, Spanish pouch! *Henry IV, part 1*, 2.4.68-70
- [You have an] undressed, unpolished, uneducated, unpruned, untrained, or rather unlettered, or ratherest, unconfirmed fashion. *Love's Labour Lost*, 4.2.16-19
- Your bum is the greatest thing about you; so that, in the beastliest sense, you are Pompey the Great. *Measure for Measure*, 2.1.214-16

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Cryptic by Child's Play



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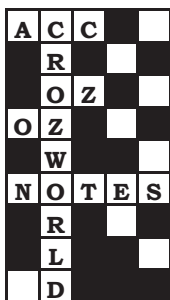
- 1 Rubbish the French and snicker (6)
- 4 Steals weapons (6)
- 9 Vault by inferior cat (4)
- 10 Woman wearing g-string assists in textile and insulation manufacture (5,5)
- 11 Have a backrub with water. In Paris there's a department for this! (6)
- 12 It's strange but to breed after the first of December will lessen the population! (8)
- 13 Art is not dead? (5,4)
- 15 Dam these concise mixed metaphors! (4)
- 16 Trifle for dessert? (4)
- 17 Special Nigerian people go back and forth in weird surroundings for a celebration (9)
- 21 Condescending fairy sits amongst sour characters (8)
- 22 In, but not outstanding (3,3)
- 24 Governments buy trees to make this to buy trees to make this to buy... (5,5)
- 25 Pivot weighs 12 oz (about eleven) (4)
- 26 Sure! It's gone – so please explain (6)
- 27 Gravity's effect on the ear will linger (6)

Down

- 1 A game bird and gal by the sound of it (3-4)
- 2 Gal (in new disguise) rides animal (also disguised). What a message to get! (5)
- 3 Set-up to attract. What a hoax (7)
- 5 The elite butterfly perhaps (6)
- 6 Theme, theme, theme, theme (9)
- 7 Trust ma to achieve this societal level (7)
- 8 This geriatric affliction is not easy reportedly (4,2,7)
- 14 Binder for insecure carbon trap? (5-4)
- 16 A French hanky full of Scottish fat (7)
- 18 This old photograph can have character (7)
- 19 The gentleman came back in to praise the traveller (7)
- 20 Assassin popular with staff (6)
- 23 Chew up the bone. It's just a suggestion (5)

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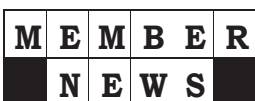
QUEST FOR QUIZZES AND THE MORE UNUSUAL CRYPTICS

The Club has a reasonable supply of normal crosswords and quizzes by our stalwart band of regular quizmasters. However, we are not able to ring the changes on quizzes as much as we would like. If you enjoy solving the quizzes, imagine the pleasure to be gained from compiling them. We encourage all members to have a go. Not only will you have the intellectual satisfaction of developing the quiz but

in adjudicating it you will experience the rare joy of communication with other members through their submissions. Lifetime friendships have been formed in this way. We are also somewhat short of the more off-beat, or more difficult, type of cryptic that we publish in slots 6 and 7. If you have an idea for a crossword, or a half-developed grid that doesn't seem to be going anywhere, or are having problems with clues I'm always ready to provide advice and practical help.
Ian Williams

MEMBERS' COMMENTS ABOUT THE PRIZES:

- Many thanks for my prize cheque for slot 3. I agree that 12 months is too long for cumulative prizes. *Corryn Anderson*
- I agree with Alan Walter about the cumulative prizes. I have only shared in the kitty once, but I must admit there was more incentive when it was a money prize, a trophy only makes more dusting!! *Marian Procter*
- I would love to receive a trophy and would not mind dusting it. However, with the standard of puzzles I expect I may never do that. I think that a generous amount of money is given to members and if, there is more to go around then allocate it each month. It seems to me that it is the same members who were receiving all the money in the cumulative prizes. After all, isn't it meant to be a fun club to belong to. Is big money really that important?? Many members seem to enjoy just being in it and I can't understand the need for cumulative prize money. Further, if members have a couple of trophies and don't want another then just say 'no thanks this time' and maybe give them whatever the trophy costs to buy and engrave and even post. *Veniece Lobsey*



New Member: Felicity Curtis from Glen Iris, Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding* Felicity!

Puzzle Adjustments: Glenda Lloyd scored full marks in Quiz 12/2008. Jack Stocks was awarded a dot for the December Slot 6 puzzle. In Beyond Belief February 2009 Slot 6 22dn should read "Ginger obtained from a state drink (5)". Quiz No 2/09 Financial crisis: For the correct alphabetical order of the solutions, clues 5 and 4 should be interchanged. We regret any angst caused by the error.

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

cacoethes *n.* an urge to do something inadvisable; a bad habit or itch. [ORIGIN: Latin from Greek *kakoēthes* neut. adj., from *kakos* 'bad' + *ēthos* 'disposition'.]

cacoethes loquendi *n. (L)* a mania for talking, esp for giving speeches, literally an itch for speaking.

cacoethes scribendi *n.* a mania for writing or getting things into print, literally an itch for writing.

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**Bonus Quiz March 2009
Autobiography by Ann Ass**

What pressing message was the writer trying to send? While some words may be predictable, others may not be so easily deciphered. Send your answers to Jenny Wenham c/o Post Office Comet Qld 4702; email: sandjwenham@optusnet.com.au Closing mail date: 9 April 2009. Book prize.

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Jenny Wenham reports from northern Queensland:

"Northern and western Queenslanders are still counting the costs of the recent monsoonal rains. Ingham had a double dose with a second deluge topping up the first flood just as it was receding. Towns such as Karumba and Normanton in the gulf have been isolated for over a month and it's expected that roads will remain closed for another 4 or 5 weeks, so those communities are really suffering financially as well. At one stage, an area the size of South Australia was reportedly under water. Health is a major issue with reports of dysentery and warnings about a major outbreak of dengue fever. Most people seem to be more concerned for our Victorian cousins and wish that they could send some of the water to them. There are many reports of those affected by the floods doing the next best thing and signing over their relief cheques to the bushfire appeal, saying that they are not as badly off as the victims of the fires. I'm sure all our Queensland members will join me in wishing our Victorian members the best and hope that none of them have been directly affected by the fires. On a positive, if relatively insignificant, note, the inflow to Lake Eyre is expected to be the biggest since the early 90s, so we can hope to see some spectacular photos as the desert comes alive."

February 1-2009: A mixed bag by zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

- Tough one for starters. *Carole Noble*
- Quite difficult, I thought, for a slot 1. *Graeme Cole*
- Far too difficult for Slot 1. We need a relatively straight-forward puzzle for the average solver to achieve success. eg. 9ac is an unfair clue 4350. Do you really expect us to be able to recall every postcode? 35ac: For shocked apprehension? Was a clever clue for TASER. 31ac: Cutting tool required HANDSAW (not HACKSAW!) 5ac: BEARING, clever answer for N E W S. In 15,17,19 & 21 your US capitals were neat. *Alan Walter*

- Please bring back this slot as it's supposed to be – an easy lead up to the rest. *Col Archibald*
- I thought the February Slot 1 too difficult for that position, and resorted to use guess-work to complete the last corner. *Nea Storey*
- Excellent slot 1. PRO & BEARING share my COTM. *Brian Symons*

- I must object strongly to the use of clues which could only be solved through an internet search. How can people be expected to know the names of sports teams especially when they are regional? All puzzles apart from quizzes should be able to be solved through the clues alone, not by owning a computer. *Barb Ibbott*
- I loved the slot 1; a very stimulating change. *Roy Wilson*

- There was something for everyone here. My personal favourite was BERRIES – a more pansyish name for a football team I'm yet to hear! Had to look up POPROCK and AVIFAUNAL. Liked BEARING and TASER. *Michael Kennedy*

- Slot one requires too much use of the internet for me to be interested. *Leigh Marsland*
- A wonderful variety of clues. More please zinzan! *Doug Butler*

February 2-2009: Cryptic by Waratah (Carole Noble)

- 9dn – a clever clue, 10dn: INTERMENTS fits but not really certain why. *Graeme Cole*
- Thanks Waratah for a very suitable Slot 2 cryptic. *Alan Walter*
- A nice relaxing puzzle with answers that could be related to the clues. *Col Archibald*
- Easy peasy. *Carole Noble*
- Fairly straightforward. Found SIMILOR difficult to solve. *Barb Ibbott*
- An ideal puzzle in this position. Loved 18 and 19dn. *Roy Wilson*
- My COTM goes to the terrific Slot 2 STOLE – a very elegant clue. *Michael Kennedy*

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

- Clever use of anagrams. The best of this month's puzzles. *Barb Ibbott*
- The usual high Southern Cross standard. *Brian Symons*
- 5ac: Pay cut? I'd be interested to see the explanation for 15dn. I assume "11" should be "9". *Graeme Cole*
- A lovely cryptic thanks Shirl for all you anagrams of INGRATES, but in 15dn the number 11 should be replaced by 9. I presume Animals linked up for....ANAG+RAMS? *Alan Walter*
- Only one word for Shirl's compilations...Brilliant. *Col Archibald*
- Very clever use of anagrams. *Carole Noble*
- This was a delight. A great idea with the anagrams. Worthy 'Compiler of the Year'. Congratulations, Shirl. *Roy Wilson*

February 4-2009: AJ by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

- Could not finish this, mainly due to the grid which made it

impossible to solve back and forth between clues and grid. Which is how I usually do the AJ. *Barb Ibbott*

- Vicious clue for VORACIOUS. Hardest AJ I've ever done. *Carole Noble*
- Very tough. Took me ages to understand VORACIOUS. *Brian Symons*

• Thought F was a great clue. V – voracious must be right – it fits but again not certain. "Greedy" gave it to me straightaway. *Graeme Cole*

- Finished this but don't know how!! Arrived at many answers without really knowing how the clue related to that answer! M & R clues. Please explain!! D clue, what does 'Youth' have to do with the answer? This should have been a slot 7 at least!! *Col Archibald*

• M clue answer: King = M+ON+ARCH where 'Working' = ON is deleted giving MARCH. This puzzle was quite a chore to complete. Please explain EL+ECTR+OCUTED, delete ECTR? Also explain J+AC+U+LATE. Does 'out of office after' = LATE at the end? LUCREZIA BORGIA has Z but 'tree' = ti so answer has to be spelt LUCRETIA. P clue, PUT+SOU+TO+FACTION 'of' needs deleting. U clue needs '!' as 'shortage' doesn't equate to 'short age'. V clue answer: V + ORA + CIOUS = Greedy. See OS meaning 'mouth' in Chambers, plural of OS is ORA = mouths, See the 3rd listing of 'fell' in Chambers. 'fell' = brutal or VICIOUS. 'One' is excluded giving V + CIOUS to be placed about 'mouths' giving V + ORA + CIOUS. This must surely be the most devious wordplay that I have ever seen in any clue. I am sure most solvers will obtain the answer from "Greedy". If any obtain the answer from the wordplay I would be much surprised. It took me ages to deduce this roundabout construction. Word play should be reasonably obvious after the correct answer is obtained! Overall too many clues with bewildering secondary indicators. *Alan Walter*

- The innovative grid added to the challenge; very enjoyable indeed. *Roy Wilson*

February 5-2009: On the Links by Jack (Jack Stocks)

- What is the theme? I've solved most ordinary clues but can't work out the 'links' with so many unchecked letters. *Barb Ibbott*
- My brow's awrinkle/Eyes are atwinkle/My hair's gone grey/What more need I say. *Carole Noble*
- Clever theme – but? Some a bit dubious. *Brian Symons*
- This was impossible. Having done all the cryptics I have no idea of the theme! *Jill Freeland*
- This is the first time with a themed puzzle that I've solved all the unthemed clues yet the theme is still not really apparent. The 30dn and 32ac intersection of unthemed clues is unsatisfactory. *Ian McKenzie*
- Just when I thought I'd seen it all along comes slot 5! Very tenuous links I thought, Deserved a Slot 8 position! *Col Archibald*

• Tricky theme using 'ON THE ___' phrased WALLABY, NEVER-NEVER, SHEEP'S BACK, SHICKER, EARTH, MOVE, TAKE. 17ac NEEDS '!' as 'Landmark' has to be taken as land+mark. 25dn (reference Chambers) CENTRE (in machinery) is a rod with a conical tip for supporting a workpiece in a lathe. *Alan Walter*

- Good clues, Jack, and I did my best with the theme, but several guesses, I fear! *Roy Wilson*

• This was a really difficult puzzle. I have BLOT for 2dn but am not all that confident. For quite a while I thought the theme was the name of golf courses around Australia, but eventually I got on the right track. It was a cleverly misleading title. Best clue was AISLE. 'Knucklehead' to designate 'k' is inaccurate. I know this artifice is used widely but it doesn't say exactly what the compiler intends. Strictly speaking it should be 'head of knuckle'. *Michael Kennedy*

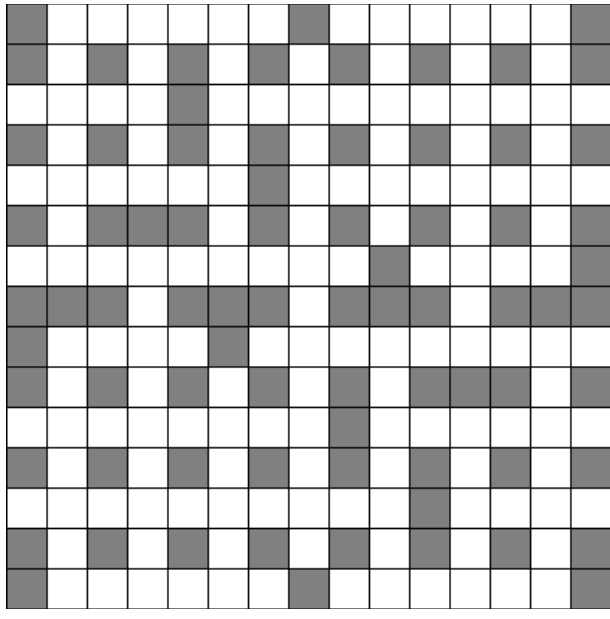
- Alas, the best 30dn/32ac combination I could come up with included an indelicate word. Sorry. *Doug Butler*



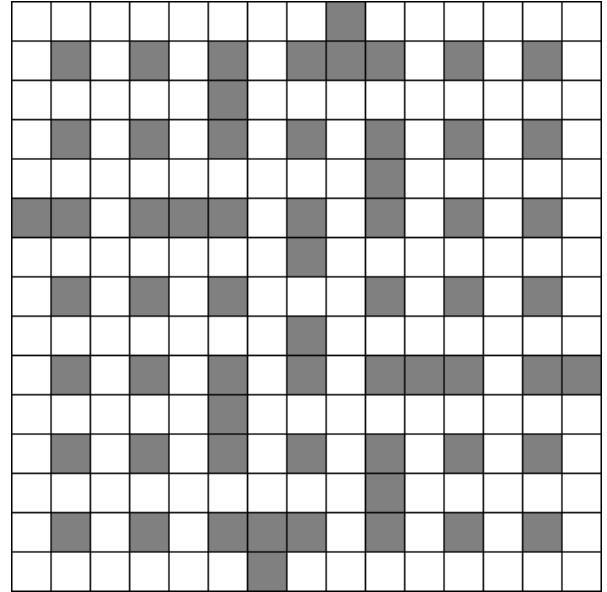
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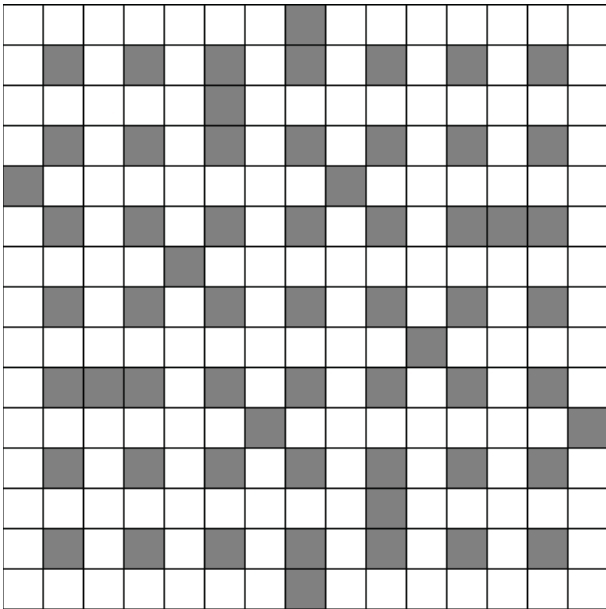
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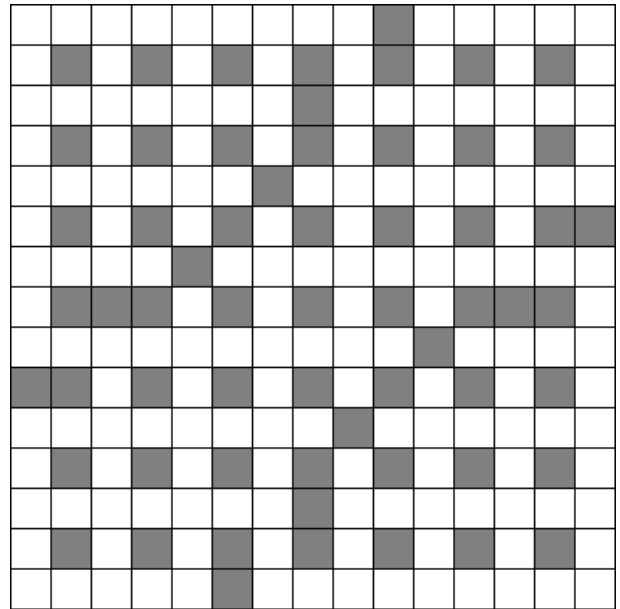
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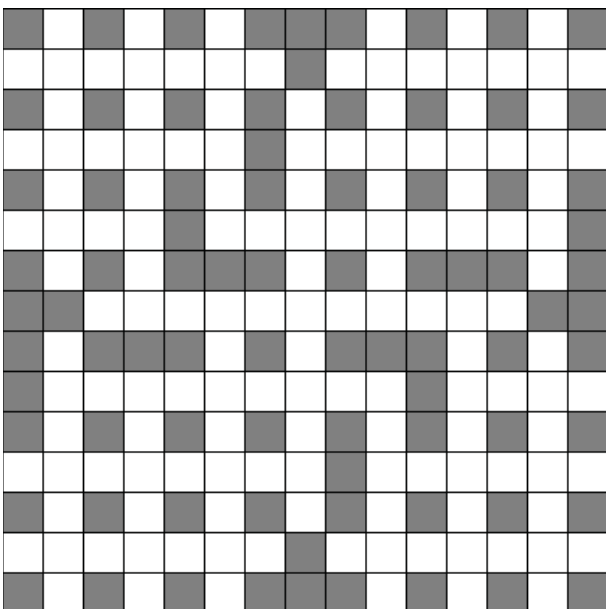
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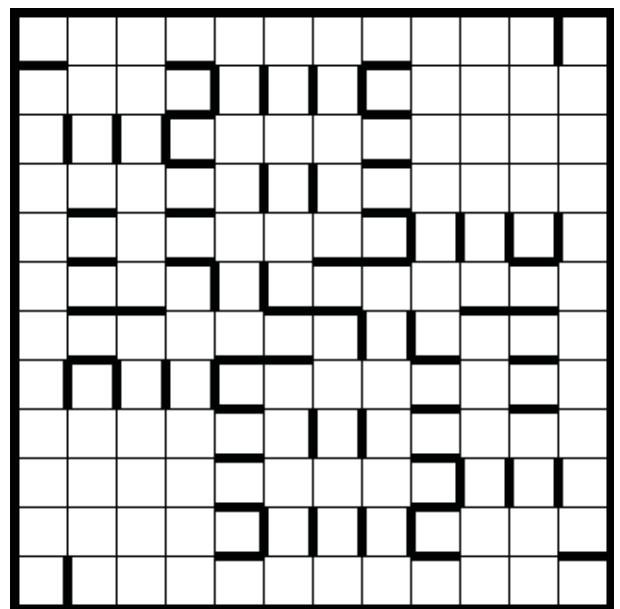
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Clue of the Month

January 6-2009: Cryptic by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

Entries: 99. Correct: 61. Success Rate: 61.6%.

Winners: A&D Callan & Jenny Wenham.

Congratulations!

Solvers' Comments:

• I always enjoy trying to solve one of your puzzles because the clues are fair, Ximenean grid and there is generally something different in your compilations, e.g. in this puzzle the 4 pairs of clues, all anagrams with different words in each pair. Well done. (Thank you, Graeme) *Graeme Cole*
 • Thank you for a nice straight-forward Praxis puzzle, if there is such a thing! I loved the interlocking clues – is that how you would describe them? Anyway, you didn't stretch my somewhat weary brain too much which was quite a relief after the previous two months. *Margaret Davis*
 • I liked the paired anagrams clues – very original!

Peter Dearie

• I loved this; it's my favourite type of puzzle. 'AMOMUMS' are a new plant to me. I couldn't find 'TANOAN' in Chambers, but what else could it be, given the clear clue. (What else, indeed? See below) *Margaret Galbreath*

• Thanks for this exercise in mental gymnastics – wish I could keep the body as fit. *Pat Garner*

• Thanks for this most interesting puzzle. The concept of the same clues leading to 2 different solutions was very clever. The TOKYO/KYOTO connection has sparked lots of conjecture in our household – especially as one has TO before KYO and in the other it is after.

Catherine Hambling

• Thanks for another challenging and informative puzzle – I always learn a few new words from Praxis. Enjoyed your double anagrams. *Kath Harper*

• I did enjoy this one, Roy. I particularly liked your Mary/Myra-type clues. I also thought that 17dn and 19dn were very clever. I'm not sure how 'settee' relates to 'vessel'. Could you explain it, please? *Gabrielle Leeds*

• Very clever Roy, to get those four pairs of anagrams sharing the same clues. But then you are always surprising me with something different. *Shirl O'Brien*

• 21ac had to be Tanoan, but wasn't easy to verify. Eventually found it in the US Heritage dictionary. (See comments below, Max.) *Max Roddick*

• I always find Praxis difficult and very seldom complete them. The double anagrams were clever, and placement of the solutions was critical! Perhaps that's why I had to make a couple of wild guesses at the end. (Great guesses, Nea!) *Nea Storey*

• Very enjoyable Christmas fare. I liked the use of alternative anagrams. Didn't like 21 ac as TANOAN is not in Chambers. (See comment below, Roy.) *Roy Taylor*

• I really enjoyed your puzzle – especially the double anagrams. It's quite weird that two synonyms – 'angered' and 'enraged' can be anagrams of one another.

Brian Tickle

• Thanks for a tantalizing cryptic puzzle. Loved your clever clue in 12ac HAVANA? Giving BIG SMOKE, 21 was very challenging: T + ANOA + N where this represents 'Languages' = tongues and ANOA = buffalo. What a clue! 23dn giving SET & TEE was another clever clue.

Alan Walter

• I think I've successfully interpreted all your clues and learnt a few new words as well. My favourite was 12ac.

Jenny Wenham

Adjudicator's Comments:

10ac: DAMAN – mother (dam)/an (one); **14ac - 'EMYS'** – Som(e mys)tery surrounds ...; **21ac: 'TANOAN'** is found

in *Macquarie*. *Macquarie* has always been a recommended authority of the club. **32ac: CREED** (c = canine (dentistry)/deer (rev)); **19dn: 'HARD HAT'** (ruthless = hard/this year = ha/ t/errorise); **30ac: ARACHNID** – Bend = arch/over a = ar(a)ch/row = din (rev); **5dn: (Norman) MAILER** – (Novelist): Neeson rose (Liam - rev) before queen (ER) he wrote (definition). **22dn: INCISE** – Is. in anagram of NICE; **23dn: SETTEE²**: 'a single-decked Mediterranean vessel with a long prow and lateen sails'. Sorry to report there were several transcription errors.

A big **'THANK YOU'** to all the members who sent best wishes to both of us. —Praxis (Roy Wilson)

Explanations for solutions, where provided by compilers. Thanks to Roy, Michael and Jack.

January Slot 6 Praxis

Across: 1 AMOMUMS – A/mo/mums; **6 KYOTO & 8dn: TOKYO** – anag around y; **10 DAMAN** – dam/an; **11 TIED ON** – tie/Don; **12 BIG SMOKE** – double definition (city/cigar); **13 BICYCLES** – bi/cycles; **14 EMYS** – hidden (Som(e mys)tery); **15 ENRAGED & 25ac ANGERED** – anag; **20 DRIVEL** – drive/l; **21 TANOAN** – t(anoa)n; **25 ANGERED** – see 15ac; **27 EASE** – (C)ease; **28 DECIMATE** – d(mice – rev) ate; **30 ARACHNID** – ar(a)ch/din (rev); **31 MARIAN & 2dn MARINA** – anag; **32 CREED** – c/deer (rev); **33 STOAT** – st/oat; **34 DEBASES** – bed (rev)/as(E)s;

Down: 1 ADOBE ad/OBE; 2 MARINA – see 31ac; **3 OMICRONS** – o/microns **4 MARY & 29dn MYRA** – anag; **5 MAILER** – Liam (rev)/er; **6 KISSERS** – double def; **7 YEMENITE** – ye/men/anag; **8 TOKYO** – see 6ac; **9 ONESELF** – anag/elf; **16 ALOPECIA** – a/L/op/ice (rev)/a ; **17 OVERAWES** – o/anag about aw; **18 STREAMS** – anag/MS; **19 HARD HAT** – hard/ha² (hoc anno)/t; **22 INCISE** – anag around Is; **23 SETTEE** – set/tee; **24 CARAT** – car(a)t; **26 DEEDS** – double def; **29 MYRA** – see 4dn

January Slot 7 Manveru

Across: 1 S(KED)ADDLE, 6 WREATH - E, 9 OB (SERVE), 10 A VI(6) O LI(51) to follow R, 11 HIRED/HIGHERED, 12 ST (STREET) RANGERS, 13 Anagram of gluttony, 14 ENVOY - O, 18 L.U.S.T, 19 MAL (LAM) A M UTE , 22 OP + P + EDRESS (anagram), 24 Containment, 26 I + MIT + ATE, 27 O(PINION), 28 AGREE - A + D, 29 TRE(ASUR)ES.

Down: 1 SLOT(H), 2 ENDS around HOURS (anagram), 3 A CIT(RIDE)Y, 4 Double definition, 5 (T)ERRORS, 6 W(with) A VIN(wine) G(lass), 7 Make up for (DEF) A TONE, 8 Poll = head, BOB is a hairstyle, 13 GALL(OP)ING, 15 THE AIRGUN (anagram), 16 HAND + SOME, 17 COILS ARE (anagram), 20 RE(RAG-reversed) D, 21 ASSENT ASCENT, 23 P(RIDE), 25 Cryptic def.

February Slot 5 (Jack)

Across: 9 visIT ALICe 10 rev TANG 11 homophone beetle 12 homophone mete 17 double meaning land and mark 18 Usher - H 21 prospectoR + FEE rev 22 double meaning 26 force F +independent I + RM 28 anag SAIL E 30 TAN + Knuckle head 31 CURE around V. Down: 1 first True + WINGE (Aust spelling) 2 first Big + LOT(Chambers defn) 3 BON + CAR in front 4 fringes CitY Street 5 homophone gill > JILL 6 opening letters 7 Charade LIKE + WISE 15 anag GIVES OUT minus ITS 16 homophone roo >RUE 17 double meaning 19 charade SPUR (Chambers defn) + IOUS (debts) 20 reverse sub > BUS 24 PX commandeers REFI (anag fire) 25 anag RECENT 28 Double meaning 29

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Poetry for Poets
by
Brother Naga



Definitions are contained in the verse. Each cryptic clue relates to two words in each line of verse, i.e. two separate clues and two defined words per line, in the correct order. If grasshopper (locust) and cricket (insect) were the words and synonyms from the title, a clue could be - *Some cult - crazy characters (not me) join sects mostly to hide*. The defined words are underlined in the first line to give you a start and the first clue has been divided to assist new solvers with the pattern. A list of the first letters of each answer (not in their order of occurrence) is: A A A B B C C E H I L L L M M P P P P P S T T T V V. Send your entries to Bob Hagan, 6, Bradford Drive, Goulburn NSW 2580 or by email: bronaga@bigpond.com Closing mail date: 9 April 2009. Book prize.

- A** Cover the centre half /and kick, kick! (4,6)
 - B** Hold down first gear after reverse part you change first to third gear shift (8,7)
 - C** Piece often orchestrated in the same fast time (5,8)
 - D** Mislaid cable and all of your early letters (8,5)
 - E** Dish of half raw curried mince, (not mine) - tasted bloody (8,8)
 - F** Possibly start to begin again with slight modification (7,6)
 - G** Reallocated pension was not new - money ends without benefit returning (7,6)
 - H** Was seated as, first number, first to order, please (5,6)
 - I** Look fifty-fifty, my half less the third you said, less half (5,9)
 - J** Walk cut short at first - to change direction at the end (8,9)
 - K** Part may be a ratio - five to ten and fifty to ten roughly (4,7)
 - L** High-sounding policy about a scheme to empty exhibit (7,6)
 - M** Only half are natural writers I've concluded (5,7)
 - N** Put left side before left inside as left side before, after, say? (7,8)
- To the Grasshopper and the Cricket**
Leigh Hunt (1784 - 1859)
 - A** Green little vaulter in the sunny grass,
 - B** Catching your heart up at the feel of June,
 - C** Sole voice that's heard amidst the lazy noon,
 - D** When even the bees lag at the summoning brass;
 - E** And you, warm. little housekeeper, who class
 - F** With those who think the candles come too soon,
 - G** Loving the fire and with your tricksome tune
 - H** Nick the glad silent moments as they pass;
 - I** O sweet and tiny cousins, that belong,
 - J** One to the fields, the other to the hearth,
 - K** Both have your sunshine; both, though small, are strong
 - L** At your clear hearts; and both seem given to earth
 - M** To ring in thoughtful ears this natural song
 - N** In doors and out, summer and winter, Mirth.

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Quiz No 3/2009

Quiz 3/09 Celebrities Linkwords by Virgo



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Complete each pair with a well-known phrase or celebrity to find another celebrity with the given word lengths. Send your entry to Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Crescent, Kariong, NSW 2250. fax: 02 43402823. e-mail: ccryptic@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: 9 April 2009. Book prize.

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| 1 | Blair _____ Leach (5,3) | 11 | Spotted _____ Bacon (4,7) |
| 2 | Gene _____ Elephant (5,5) | 12 | Steady _____ Brown (5,6) |
| 3 | Buffalo _____ Gatherer (4,6) | 13 | Boy _____ Kitchen (6,7) |
| 4 | Electricity _____ Darling (4,6) | 14 | Henry _____ Wall (6,6) |
| 5 | Apple _____ Warden (9,6) | 15 | Gamma _____ Dance (3,7) |
| 6 | Robert _____ Hardy (5,5) | 16 | Cliff _____ Cantatas (7,4) |
| 7 | Alan _____ Hall (4,8) | 17 | Lightning _____ Granger (3,7) |
| 8 | Desperate _____ Bomber (3,5) | 18 | Ariel _____ Gallery (6,4) |
| 9 | Hal _____ Donovan (5,5) | 19 | Father _____ Ledger (3,5) |
| 10 | Rural _____ Short (4,6) | 20 | Danny _____ Book (6,4) |
| | | 21 | Ginger _____ Liner (3,6) |

January Quiz No 1/2009 'No Relation' by Max (Doug Butler and Margaret Galbreath)

Solutions:

John Adams, Larry Adler, Frederick Ashton, Francis Bacon, Richard Burton, Harry Butler, Winston Churchill, Peter Cook, Fred Daly, Paul Ehrlich, John Franklin, Bill Gates, John Glover, Victor Gruen, Rowland Hill, Dean Jones, Paul Kelly, Robert Lynd, William Morris, Charlie Parker, John Ridley, Jane Seymour, William Shakespeare, Isaac Singer, Evelyn Wood.

Results: 25: Margaret Steinberger, David Procter, Jack Stocks and Andrew Miles. **24:** Bev Cockburn, Ann Jermy, Carole Noble, Susan Howells and Joan Smith. **20:** Jenny Wenham and Pat Garner.

Prizewinner: David Procter. Congratulations!

Setters' comments:

A remarkably small response, we thought, for a quiz with so many 'household names' as answers. One of the more obscure ones, 'granny killer' John Glover was the subject (at our instigation of course) of a Channel Nine programme on December 29th. Victor Gruen's name was incorporated in the title of an ABCTV show. A major problem for solvers was Paul Ehrlich (German Nobel prizewinning chemist who discovered salvarsan, /US ecologist author of *The Population Bomb*). No-one made a serious attempt at the bonus question (Why are so few women represented?). The answer has three parts:

1. For a number of reasons, there are fewer famous women;
2. Women have a larger range of 'given' names;
3. (and this is the critical factor) There is an exponential effect with coincidences. A simple example is the birthday conundrum: for 2 people, the chance of a common birthday is 1/365. For three it's 3/365, for four it's 6/365 and 5 it's 10/365. When you get to 20 it's better than even, and for 30 practically a certainty! The *Ax Book of Names* has around 350 Marys (the commonest) and 400 Arthurs (maybe 20 down the list). So for any surname there is a far higher likelihood of an Arthur than a Mary, while for a John (3000) or William (1800) it's far, far higher again.

Solvers' comments:

• This quiz was an enormous challenge – I thought your *AxNames* would give me an advantage but it didn't. I must confess I am only making up the numbers this time as I haven't been able to complete it – no doubt will kick myself when I see the correct answers. I would like to give myself a little more time but am being admitted for a femoral artery bypass tomorrow!
Pat Garner

• This needed a combination of knowledge, guesswork, research and a smattering of luck. It was difficult to finish but not unfair, especially with the initials given. Despite not finishing, I've submitted what I have to keep in the running for the cumulative prize. Who knows? I might get there one of these days!
Jenny Wenham

January 7-2009: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

Entries: 89. Correct: 38. Success Rate: 43%.

Winner: Anthony DeGrys. Congratulations.

From the Adjudicator:

Thanks to everyone who had a go at this puzzle, and also for the cards, photos and kind comments. As some of you pointed out there are various versions of the Seven Deadly Sins, but only one list was going to fit this particular grid. The theme was relatively simple and everyone managed to figure it out. Remarkably, out of the 89 entries (besides one entry with HERALD for REGARD, and another with a typo), it was only one clue that was answered incorrectly, but over half of you did so.

The clue in question is: **21d Verbally agree to going back in time (6)** The answer should be ASCENT, not ASSENT! 'Verbally' indicates 'sounds like' agree to (ASSENT), with the definition being 'going back in time' (*Chambers*). I did not set out to make this clue sinfully difficult but clearly it turned out that way. I'm guessing 'verbally agree' was interpreted as the definition, with the rest of the clue somehow serving as the secondary indicator. Unfortunately, despite numerous permutations and combinations, I (and others) could not justify ASSENT as a valid answer. See below for further comments on this clue from some of the solvers.

—*Manveru (Michael Kennedy)*

Solvers' Comments:

- Particularly liked Enshroud, Acridity and Waving. Not sure if Atone is right but it seems to fit. *Gillian Champion*
- Thank you for an interesting puzzle. Not too hard once one latched on to the theme. Having said that, I hope I haven't made any stupid mistakes or transcription errors. Which Deadly Sin would cover that, I wonder? *Margaret Davis*
- I enjoyed your puzzle although solved GLUTTONY very early which gave the whole game away! I'm torn between ASSENT and ASCENT for 21dn, but have talked myself into the latter. *Pat Garner*
- Thanks for your Seven Deadly Sins. Getting GLUTTONY and SLOTH set me on your themed path as these words always bring "The Sins" to mind. *Trish McPherson*
- Ascent delayed my entry. At first, I was thinking assent=verbally agree as a definition but then I couldn't understand the rest of the clue as I was looking for reverse letters and indicators of time. *Chambers* set me right on the ascent definition as going back in time and then the clue was clear. *Andrew Meek*
- Thank you for this very interesting puzzle. I don't think we've had this theme in a crossword before. *Carole Noble*
- 16dn (Handsome) is very neat. 20dn: Not sure about this. REGARD doesn't seem quite right. Perhaps the answer, when I see it, will embarrass me. (*RED* around *GAR* reversed) *Max Roddick*
- Thank you for a really top puzzle with some very clever clues. It is a good time of the year to mention the seven deadly sins. I must admit I'm no saint myself. *Ron O'Rourke*
- I've finished with your Slot 7 and enjoyed the ride. (*Following are some useful suggestions from Andrew on how some of my clues could have been improved*) 6ac WRATH: 'divorced from' implies Garland taken from Rose. The clue needs Rose ultimately divorced from garland, or remove the word 'from'. 2dn: ENSHROUDS – I reckon the sec-inds should read grammatically correct. 'around work-hours' would've been improved as 'around hours worked'. 13dn & 20dn – 'have' is a bit weak as a containment indicator.

Ownership doesn't imply surrounding. *Andrew Patterson*

- An enjoyable and tricky puzzle. I nearly carelessly put ASSENT for 21dn before thinking through the clue and getting ASCENT. The Seven Deadly Sins reminded me of the festive season. *Roy Taylor*

- I really enjoyed your puzzle, your theme and your clues – especially 12ac STRANGERS. It's a stretch, but a clever one. After finding 6 of the deadly sins I was pretty sure 6ac had to be 'anger'. That held me up for quite a while. I think I have interpreted 21dn correctly (*Indeed, you did!*): Verbal (sounds like indicator) agreement = assent – ascent (going back in time). I have a feeling you'll get quite a few 'assents'. (*Indeed, I did!*) *Brian Tickle*

- Thanks Michael for your 'Seven Deadly Sins' cryptic puzzle. Your 4dn clue for DRESSING was entertainingly cheeky! ASCENT was a tricky answer to 21dn. ASSENT does not correctly fit your clue. *Alan Walter*

- Thanks for the puzzle. Does it say something bad about me that I twigged to the theme quite early? (*Hard to say J*) Still challenging enough to make me wait till I got home to my references to finish it, though. ASCENT was the last answer I entered. I particularly liked 10ac RAVIOLI. *Jenny Wenham*

Solution to January 2009 Slot 7

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MORE SHAKESPEAREAN INSULTS selected by Wayne F Hill & Cynthia J Ötchen:

- When he is best, he is a little worse than a man, and when he is worst he is little better than a beast. *The Merchant of Venice* 1.2.83-85
- You witch, you rag, you baggage, you polecat, you runnion! *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, 4.2.170-171
- Thou wilt be like a lover presently, and tire the hearer with a book of words. *Much Ado about Nothing*, 1.1.286-7
- This is a subtle whore, a closet, lock and key, of villainous secrets. *Othello*, 4.2.21-22
- If thy offences were upon record, would it not shame thee, in so fair a troop, to read a lecture of them? *Richard II*, 4.1.230-32
- Earth gapes, hell burns, fiends roar, saints pray, to have him suddenly convey'd from hence; cancel his bond of life, dear God I pray, that I may live and say, 'the dog is dead'. *Richard III*, 4.4.75-78
- If our wits run the wild-goose chase I am done. For thou hast more of the wild-goose in one of my wits than I am sure I have in my whole five. *Romeo and Juliet*, 2.4.72-74
- You taught me language: and my profit on 't is, I know how to curse. The red plague rid you for learning me your language! *The Tempest*, 1.2.365-67
- Your words have took much pains as if they labour'd to bring manslaughter into form, and set quarrelling upon the head of valour. *Timon of Athens*, 3.5.26-28

Results of the Clue Writing Competition: No 1/2009.

Write a clue for SYDNEY (6).

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope.

Only one definition this time:-

The State capital of New South Wales; a seaport on the eastern coast of Australia; the most populous city in Australia; site of the first British colony in Australia.

Sydney Harbour, more properly known as Port Jackson, is the largest natural harbour in the world. There is also a Sydney in Nova Scotia, Canada. Both Sydneys were named after Thomas Townsend, who became Viscount Sydney and, as Home Secretary in William Pitt's Government in the 1780's, was given responsibility for devising a plan for the penal colony to be situated in Australia. He chose Arthur Phillip as Governor, who in turn named the new settlement Sydney Cove, later known as Sydney Town and now Sydney

Thirteen clues were submitted this month, as shown below, and mostly they are fine examples of Ximenean crosswording.

The winning clue is:

Harbour heartless spy, and then deny subversion

by **John Brotherton**. As with the November 2008 winner, it is an excellent example of a clue which has a definition, an indication and nothing else, not even a joining word between the two parts. It makes complete sense as a sentence, which at first reading describes the efforts of a citizen to hide a spy, but then denying everything when confronted by the Authorities. The subterfuge is enhanced by Harbour being used as a verb in the sentence, whereas, in the clue, it is actually a noun indicating the name of Sydney, famous for its harbour.

What marvellous members we have – **Anthony Degrys**, an immigrant from Holland, has just subscribed to *Crozworld* and submitted his first entry to the Clueing Competition at the age of 83. AD, you are correct in your assumption – ANAGIND stands for Anagram Indicator which is used to identify that some letters in the clue form an anagram of the answer, as in the first clue below where “confusion” indicates that the letters of DENY should be mixed up.

For the guidelines which I have used to determine the winner see the March 2006 *Crozworld*. I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, then underneath I have added some comments.

... so you at first deny confusion over **city**

‘So you at first’ leads to the first two letters (SY) followed by an anagram of DENY (the anagind is confusion) giving the required answer – SYDNEY.

This city, with fear, told the President "It's all or nothing"

There is a saying “Sydney or the bush” meaning “all or nothing”. The clue refers to Sydney plus fear (awe - sounds like OR, indicated by ‘told’) plus the plus President (meaning Bush).

Convicts, ultimately an unknown quantity, end up taking year to arrive at **harbour town**

Ultimately leads to the last letter of Convicts (S) plus Y (in algebra an unknown value) plus ‘end’ up (DNE, assuming it is a down clue) plus Y (year).

City of Ducks and Swans

This clue is a double definition, referring to the Sydney Ducks

(who were criminals who had completed their time in the Australian penal colony and then chose to join the Californian gold rush of the late 1840's and became notorious in San Francisco) and the Sydney Swans, of the AFL.

Depleted synergy electrified dyne into **penal tribute to Thomas Townshend**

Depleted synergy leads to SY plus electrified (anagind) dyne giving DNEY. See above for the reference to Thomas Townshend.

Harbour heartless spy, and then deny subversion

Harbour is the definition. Heartless spy leads to SY plus an anagram of DENY, with subversion as the anagind.

A punk group's rotten associate reportedly opens vicious joint in the city

The punk group in question is the *Sex Pistols*, whose lead singer, Johnny Rotten's, associate was his bass player, the late Sid Vicious. The joint mentioned is the knee. The result is SID KNEE and ‘reportedly’ indicates a homophone. To be a “fair” clue Rotten and Vicious should have initial capital letters since they are names – one of the skills of a clue writer is to try to ‘hide’ initial capitals by using the word as the first one of a sentence.

Sounds like James had money to return to **city**

The James referred to is Sid James, star of numerous *Carry on* films, and ‘sounds like’ gives SYD, plus YEN returned.

The big smoke finishes up covering yacht's bow behind quay

‘Finishes’ is ‘ends’ and ‘up’ indicates a reversal (again assuming a down clue) giving SDNE. ‘Covering a yacht's bow’ indicates that the first letter of Yacht should be put inside SDNE and then ‘behind quay’, indicating the last letter of quay, again Y, should be added.

Spanish hero (minus the Spanish) joins a mid-leg joint. They sound **capital**

El Cid minus el gives cid plus a mid leg joint, knee, gives cid-knee which sounds like SYDNEY.

Captain, reportedly, has returned money for **Cape Breton port**

In *Chambers* cid means ‘captain’ and ‘reportedly’ indicates a homophone, leading to SYD plus YEN returned, all leading to the name of a Cape Breton port – see above.

As a cartoonist, I was supplanted by You; Result: Arrival at **this location** of same, *after re-addressing a couple of letters*

Cartoonist is Disney and replacing I with Y (you) gives DYSNEY. Swapping the D and S (re-addressing a couple of letters) gives SYDNEY. Y is not commonly an abbreviation for you, but replacing ‘you’ with ‘your introduction’ would satisfy the need for “fair” clueing. The clue contains several redundant words, which are used to make a sensible sentence, but do not add to the clue – again one skill of good clue writing is to minimize extra words. See the winning clue for an example.

Stupid! Why, why say “send **capital**”?!)

‘Why say’ becomes Y, so ‘why, why’ is YY plus SEND and ‘stupid’ is an anagind.

Clue Writing Competition No 2/2009:

Write a clue for the word **FRUIT (5)**. Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Thursday 9 April 2009. Book prize.