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With me the pursuit of languages has been always modified
by the love of horses.
George Borrow, 1851, *Lavengro*, Ch 13.

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It's that time of the year when the Nation stops. It's when we pay homage to the Roman God of Horseracing — Bacchus. To celebrate this momentous event, the indefatigable *Virgo* has presented us with a wonderful composition titled *In November*. We are sure that all solvers will enjoy this marvellous puzzle. Also, *Virgo* has taken on the pleasant task of adjudicating not only her puzzle but also the Slots 1-5. Many thanks *Virgo* for your sterling work for the ACC. *Barney Naga* (a combo of Bob Hagan and new member Jeremy Barnes) have compiled another fascinating hexapentagonal with a Melbourne Cup theme. Our cup runneth over!

We have a 'new' compiler this month in *A Jolly Swagman* — none other than our Life Member Alan Walter. True to his word, Alan has compiled an Aussie Thematic and it can be found in Slot 3 this month. We hope that members will have plenty of comments on this one! *St Jude* has contributed another fine cryptic with some challenging clues and we welcome back our favourites Noel Jessop and *Southern Cross*.

We all know that a 'tautology' means 'repeating the same thing twice'. Doug Butler has invited members to send him their favourite tautologies and he will select the best for publication next month. See p12.

We have been delighted with the renewal rate of subs for 2005. Those who have already renewed can find recognition in column 7 of the Table on p2. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of those members who have donated to the 2005 ACC Prize Fund. Many thanks for your kindness. Acknowledgements on p9.

We hope you enjoy the puzzles we have selected for you this month. Many thanks to the compilers for their valued assistance. Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

What a lot of good copiers you are! It was almost the last day before I received some entries with blank squares. There were a few spelling mistakes and others I felt were just careless errors. It is so disappointing to be refused a dot after getting nearly all the clues right. Please check and check again before posting!

Slot 1: After combing through dictionaries and thesauri, I allowed FORGO as well as DODGE for 'avoid'. If it had been a cryptic clue the answer would have been clear – but with just a straight definition there is room for variation. INAPT does not mean 'futile' but INEPT does, so 6 members lost points there. Other errors: BOTTLE, CUB, AIR COACH, CONTRE, CONTRO, JIBBIT, LINE, GOANNA, AQUADUCT and some blanks.

Slot 2: LANA can't be LENA. L (left) ANA (collection of anecdotes). BAIRN is a 'young Scot' – BRIAN could be anybody, tho' both are anagrams of 'in bar'. I couldn't accept BANANA for CABANA (CA (about) BAN (prohibition) A (article)). Spelling errors accounted for PALLESTRA, POLTECTRA, BADAN, LANE, REDCURRENTJELLY, EGGANDTART & DRAUGHTSMAN.

Slot 3: I suspect transcription errors gave PLATONNC, PLUTONIC, UNIQUITY, LEACH, ROOD, APPEARANCE. SUMS showed up as SUMO, SOME, SUMA. BIRDCAGE did not fit the clue.

Slot 4: Three chose YEMINI or YESIDI (YE (the old) Z (zone) IDI (one girl, DI)). JAKE, JAPE, JANI, JATE were not accepted as they are not coins. Other errors: XERATIN, XERACID, DIXECIA, DIVECIA, ZINCIDE, ZULUCAT.

Slot 5: Most people who sent this in had it right. Errors were from a missing or wrong title and UMIM, UBIT, ASSITED, SERVA. My congrats to Roy for finding and clueing a word consisting of vowels only: EUOI. Those who found it all too hard should read Roy's explanations of the clues under Members' Comments.

Clue of the Month from 40 members: There was a tie between TIMBER in Slot 5 & OVERLAP in Slot 3. Overall, Slot 5 received 20 votes, and Slot 3 received 17. Well done, Roy & Shirl. One member just nominated all the clues! Thanks for all the greetings & cards & to all who take that extra trouble to print clearly. —Audrey Ryan

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Correct entries	82	75	87	79	68	391
Success rate (%)	83.6	75	87.8	83.1	90.6	83.7
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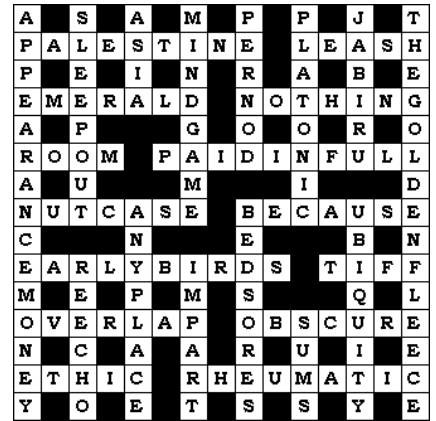
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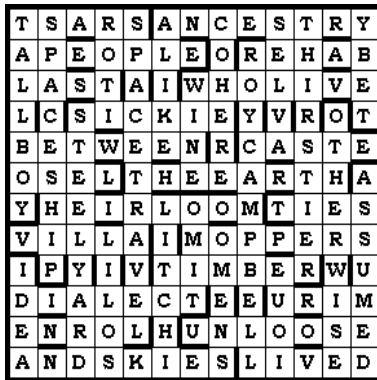
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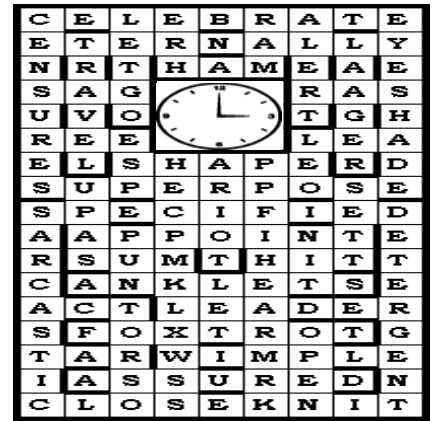
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Answer: Giraffes!

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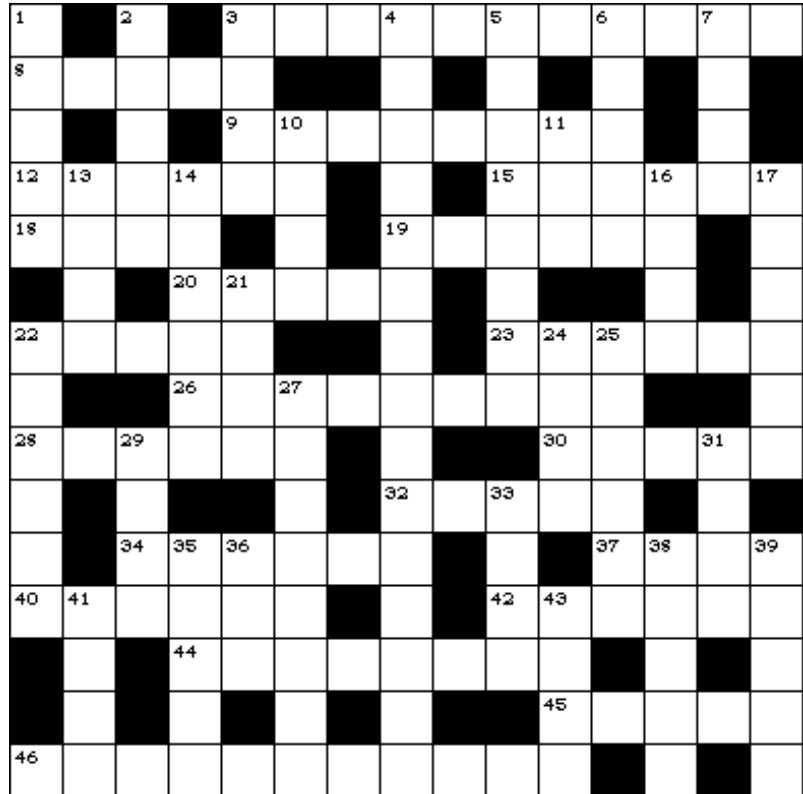
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Half & Half
by
Noel Jessop



[rrp: \$36.95]



Across

- 3 Enthusiast (5, 6)
- 8 Behind (5)
- 9 Wing-flaps (8)
- 12 Secret groups (6)
- 15 Disease (6)
- 18 Period of time (4)
- 19 Made lace (6)
- 20 Clothes-horse (5)
- 22 Lout (sl.) (5)
- 23 Victor (6)
- 26 Unseemliness (9)
- 28 Street market (6)
- 30 Jostle (5)
- 32 Lariat (5)
- 34 Covered arcade (6)
- 37 Blockhead (sl.) (4)
- 40 Paint (6)
- 42 Ocker! (6)
- 44 Vision restrictions (8)
- 45 Antelope (5)
- 46 Front-runners (11)

Down

- 1 Man has some time around church (5)
- 2 Georgia left academic emperor (5)
- 3 English lake hides Territorial Army and other things (2, 2)
- 4 The heartless circle wrongly covering a source of warmth (8, 7)
- 5 Roar at urban centre Ñ a flourishing place (4, 4)
- 6 Ale is spilled in corridor (5)
- 7 Notice, for example, reversal of exclamation (4)
- 10 Runner in Munich is a king (4)
- 11 Man to make leather up (3)
- 13 Or each reversal signifying air (4)
- 14 Song about sailor Felix? (6)
- 16 Silly dean in Yemen (4)
- 17 Branch shaft in plant (6)
- 21 The island - she's mine! (4)
- 22 A very black heart of flint in the old crustacean (6)
- 24 Cools church in island (4)
- 25 Nudist initially only changed square stockings (6)
- 27 Excavator upset darling sweetheart? (8)
- 29 Creatures gathered around Latin writer (4)
- 31 Signifying all in random nicknames (4)
- 33 Supreme Court letter shows evidence of injury (4)
- 35 Solo player bowled Rome out (5)
- 36 Form solution with back-support? (3)
- 38 Award some kudos carefully (5)
- 39 Druse's good English poem (5)
- 41 Head raised article twice (4)
- 43 Functions of country diesel centre (4)

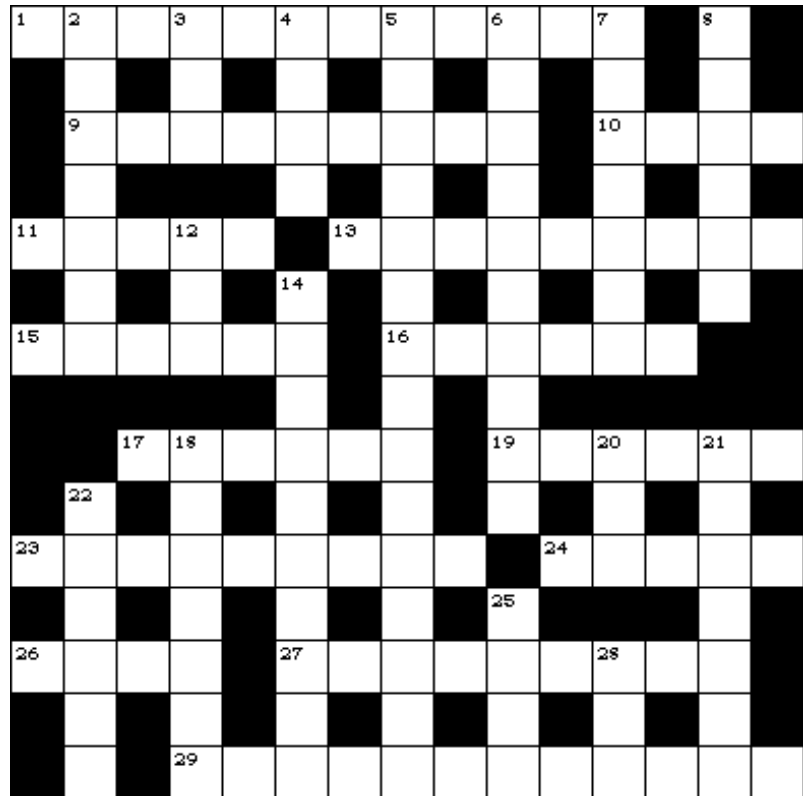
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Cryptic
by
St Jude



Across

- 1 The wind-bag moves, kilts breathe (12)
- 9 Man, the French bloke is a courteous one (9)
- 10 Carry inside the phototelescope (4)
- 11 Short shiver may be allergic response (5)
- 13 Power of the flesh is a farce (9)
- 15 Weird hag sat stunned (6)
- 16 Backwards, since retreat is most rational (6)
- 17 Top bag of fruit holds two kilos (6)
- 19 The dear Frenchman is a rake (6)
- 23 Without man? Romance redhead to become more feminine (9)
- 24 Black model left firmly balanced (5)
- 26 Creature found with the old note (4)
- 27 Catch a type of hot music making (9)
- 29 Told why champion man distressed woman with excessive desire (12)


Down

- 2 Dropping behind insulation (7)
- 3 Barrel with a NZ eel (3)
- 4 Fish skins aren't soft (4)
- 5 Gathers force to order proof (7, 8)
- 6 Naively, Lucy loses her guts after the pub takes no money (10)
- 7 Buries mob sent wild (7)
- 8 Governor of South Australia has a hazard (6)
- 12 Time incarcerated (3)
- 14 Mum's let bub become a clumsy person in America (10)
- 18 Air Ulan in turbulence from the Russian Mountains (7)
- 20 Tea-dance cut short (3)
- 21 Leaders of Ecumenical Union lately observed going into Avignon for blessed bread (7)
- 22 Do without warning to leave (6)
- 25 Hard organisation (4)
- 28 Hotel races removed from takings (3)

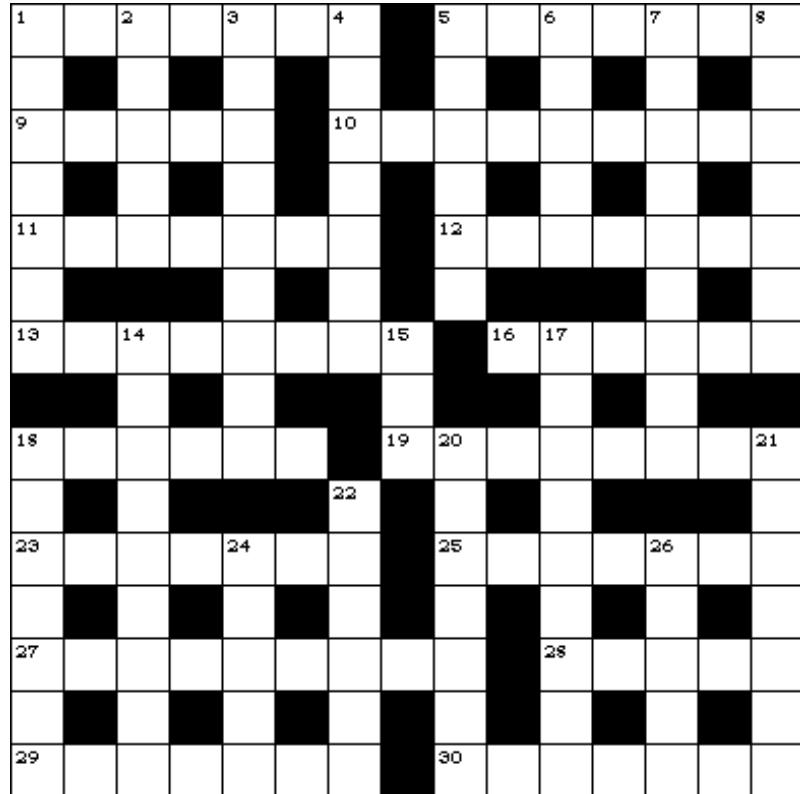
To Solvers of the September Double Acrostic

I'd like it known that two of the clues weren't my own. Patrick has been very helpful to us new compilers (with only three puzzles up I still call myself a novice). With his guidance, we are helped to write clues just a little better than we thought we could. (And in my case, not have every second clue an anagram!) His suggestions for YELLOW and CINNABAR were so much better than anything I could devise that I adopted them; the credit is rightly his. Thank you Patrick!

Heather Zucal and others have lately praised our President for his untiring zeal for the Club in many ways, with which we all agree. Now let's add to the list: Guide and Mentor to the new recruits. Max Roddick (*Aeolian*)

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Aussie Thematic by A Jolly Swagman


Not all answers are in Chambers, Collins or the Macquarie dictionaries.



Across

- 1 Of the French Youth Fellowship done in 1606 ship first visiting Australia! (7)
- 5 Hit one by way of 1629 Dutch ship off W.A. coast (7)
- 9 The Turk found one of Simpson's donkeys (5)
- 10 Hartog's ship has East End artist caught at height (9)
- 11 Found on Australian N.W. shelf with info on ships sails (3,4)
- 12 Is love at highest point made at Lucas Heights reactor? (7)
- 13 Detective in charge of tertiary particles making modes of speech (8)
- 16 Normie tossed top Aussie wool (6)
- 18 Noted Aussie lawyer finds another of Simpson's donkeys (6)
- 19 Sea ears are solitary without muscles (8)
- 23 Melbourne transport system backs Market Street! (7)
- 25 Inflexible lady with a firm manner (7)
- 27 Laxatives are drinks that help you relax (9)
- 28 Rum to back the Australian Force at ... (5)
- 29 Imposing a South Australian port! (7)
- 30 Emotionally upset girl called out in Cockney (7)

Down

- 1 Pink type found at Argyle W.A. with help back on first workday (7)
- 2 Young learner holds poem to sing (5)
- 3 Destroy one swimmer found in N. American waters (9)
- 4 Sounds like popular Sydney Park locates missing Australian heiress (7)
- 5 Mythical aboriginal creature takes bread with bark (6)
- 6 Is to rub out the supercharged car (5)
- 7 Of the Australian State with champion Scot (9)
- 8 Australian architectural style of the 1920s with skill of the French firm (3,4)
- 14 Dog crude upon final warning for Australian bird (9)
- 15 Tasman for one has a body of water (3)
- 17 Educate Nene to uphold land! (9)
- 18 Brisbane games mascot is a dancing Aussie (7)
- 20 Ban bones in Australian valley (7)
- 21 Kick high, Eddie, up to the heavens (7)
- 22 Yardage greeting reverberates to Health goddess! (6)
- 24 Urinated at point over bindii (5)
- 26 A Victorian Premier has another of Simpson's donkeys (5)

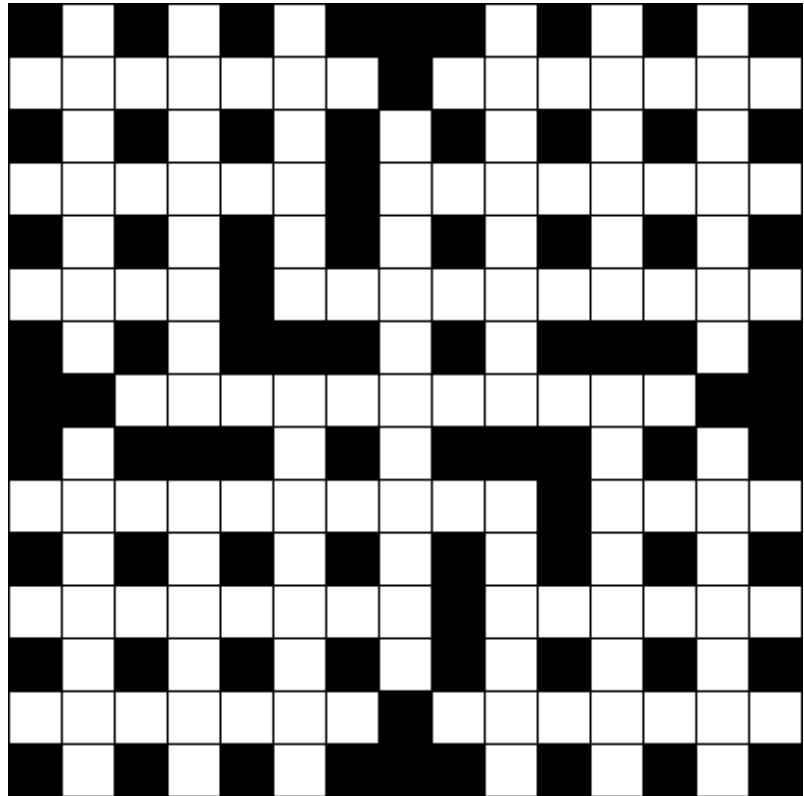
REFERENCE BOOK

The A to Z of ALMOST EVERYTHING by Trevor Montague published by Little, Brown. www.TimeWarnerBooks.co.uk ISBN 0 316 7255 7 9, rrp \$45. This is a compendium of General Knowledge fully revised with thousands of new facts. This is an indispensable reference source of 1326 pages, 44 major sections and 432 sub-sections. It is simply a fascinating book thru' which to browse.

Alan Walter

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AJ
by
Southern
Cross



The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

- A** Your preference for a Shakespearean play? (2,3,4,2)
- B** Stop French Marshal's fights (7)
- C** I'm crafty – really crafty – gaining shared allotment (4, 4)
- D** M.A.'s intensity? (6)
- E** Get money in hand when half goes to Johnny possibly (6)
- F** Fish, you say, spread around England giving traditional environmental balance (4,4)
- G** Left one is restricted by painful inflammation (4, 3)
- H** Pirate with discernment produces bra fastener (4,3,3)
- I** Entombs one within, sobbing (2, 5)
- J** After church is replaced by the first of June, cheering turns to sneering (7)
- K** Native bear said to tolerate old city in Malaysia (5, 6)
- L** A way out from shaft under rising water (8)
- M** There's nothing amiss anyhow with male plants (7)
- N** After a month girl develops a devotional practice (6)
- O** Watchful when unexpectedly aground (2, 5)
- P** This kneeler has misplaced pride – that is understood at the start (8)
- Q** Only half following private silently (7)
- R** A downpour about 5 beginning to enter gully (6)
- S** Source of sauce, by season's changeover (3-5)
- T** To hang in the Northern Territory? (3, 3)
- U** One in Paris sped along and began to disrobe (8)
- V** Haze caused by a downfall after 5 (6)
- W** Turner perhaps would say employee should follow (10)
- X** Hero decapitated in "Kiss, Kiss" – pressman obtained copies (7)
- Y** The abominable creature still has one ... (4)
- Z** ... the last one in the area (4)

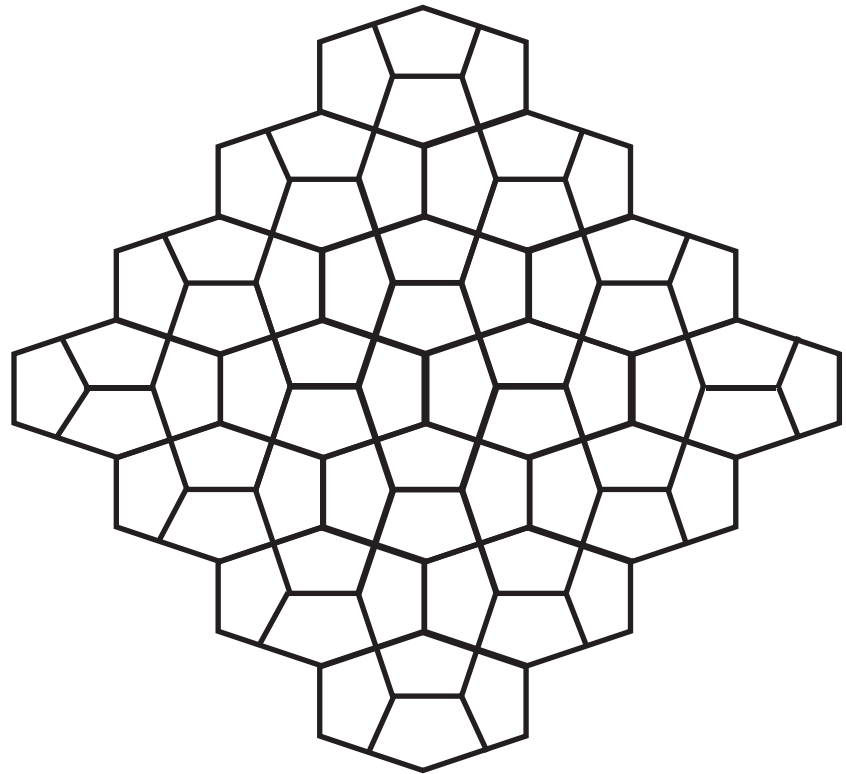
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**A November
Hexapentagonal
by
Barney Naga**



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The hexapentagonal diagram of 64 pentagons has 16 horizontal hexagons intersected by 9 vertical hexagons. Every hexagon forms a word of four letters when read in one direction or another. The horizontal hexagons are clued in order starting at the top and proceeding left to right in successive rows. The vertical hexagons are clued in a similar manner from top to bottom. All clues are cryptic. The 28 boundary letters form 3 words which are the names of possible Cup candidates (10), (8), (4/6).



Horizontal

- 1 Fabulous bird is almost human
- 2 Munch first – chop, chop!
- 3 Mock and deride the scum
- 4 A bit of outgrowth or normal head growth
- 5 Wet and not nice and turned out bleak finally
- 6 Part of input aimed at all the facts
- 7 Rail run results in cash
- 8 Issue an order and discharge
- 9 Song sounds likely to succeed
- 10 Usually starts old story on time
- 11 Therefore after some hesitation follow a direction ...
- 12 ... direction change we hear for an overseas flier
- 13 Serving porridge up at so called "classy" hotel!
- 14 Some went our way on the trip
- 15 Opening payment!
- 16 Preference for irregularity

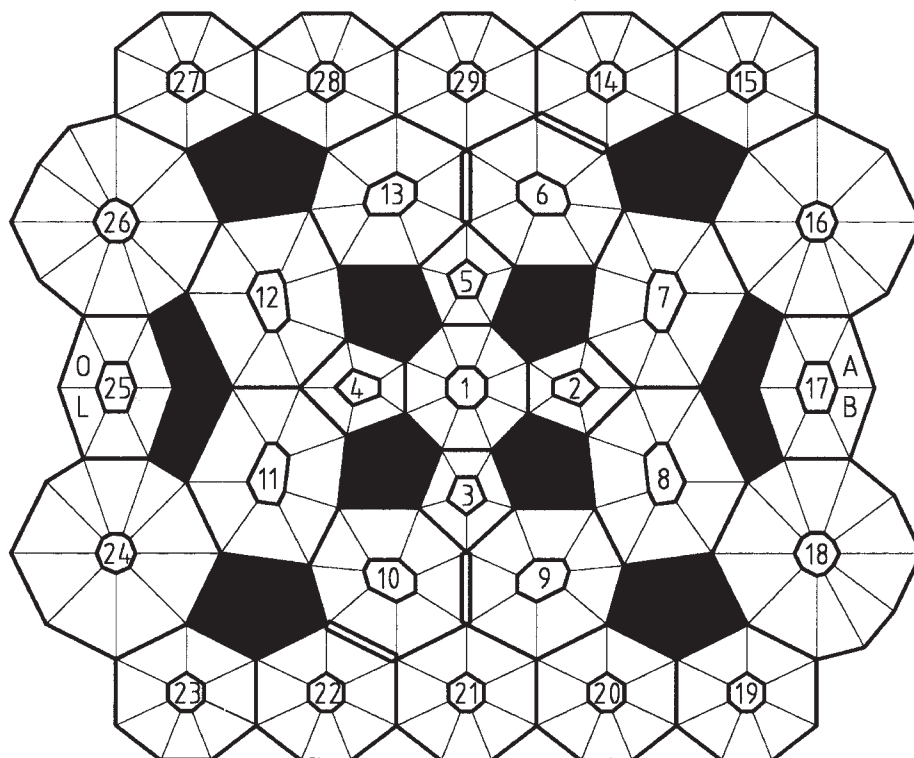
Vertical

- 1 Principals of modelling agencies keep essentially to fashion
- 2 What time was he in the outskirts of Washington?
- 3 Relaxed perhaps – but made a face!
- 4 Keen about it on second thoughts
- 5 Side of meat possibly
- 6 After reasonable start I turned to wild excess
- 7 Check up every other anti-wear components
- 8 Carry off old chook at last
- 9 Rank – first television that is restricted

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**In November
by
Virgo**

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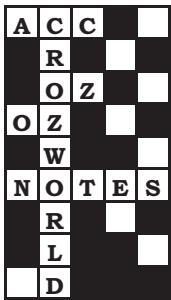
Answers are hidden in a consecutive anagram format within the clues. There is neither anagram, nor definition. However, all the answers are related. A hidden clue will reveal the category. Four letters have been inserted in the grid to start you off. Write each solution inside the appropriate polygon. Some circle left, others right and may start anywhere. Triangles that touch other triangles share the same letter.

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Clues:

1. The day was humid; rose petals fell (8)
2. Wisteria wilted in the Nowra sun (5)
3. Entranced, the teal dallied in the swell (5)
4. None could yet say, I am a lucky one (5)
5. There'd been no heavy rain since June (5)
6. Yet many still survived (7)
7. Nothing could stay the eternal note (7)
8. In a pot or arbour thus they strived (7)
9. Neatly behind a wall or bed so hot (7)
10. Elysian fields of whites to pinks to reds (7)
11. Maybe less firmer irises, alyssum bordered (7)
12. Echoless we traipse the thirsty beds (7)
13. Lofting above, the beech trees, stately ordered (7)
14. Between the flower beds lane ran through and quartered (7)
15. Over yonder, the once gleaming spires (7)
16. Undulated; shimmering sand on rolling hills (4,5)
17. Reflected bark new-grown from old bush fires (6)
18. Newly dug pool in precious azure rills (4,6)
19. Each slim ripple or tiny wave(7)
20. Could carry fairy booty to the shore (4,3)
21. Under a big wand. Only a brave (7)
22. People would gather fir or raw (7)
23. Wood to solemnly enrich papal rites (4,3)
24. I stop, consider, and heed destiny's decree (3,6)
25. Naked ground pleasures beauteous sights (6)
26. Now hear how thunder can clap! We see (5,5)
27. Evening lights flash; it's no locust swarm (7)
28. Rising on Hyperon's destructive arm (7)
29. So let us welcome and embrace in nature's storm (7)



GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN: The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at Rydges Hotel, 54 McLaren Street, North Sydney on Sunday 21 November 2004 commencing at 11:30am. We have booked the Boardroom on the 12th floor and the cost of the Luncheon is only \$35. The Streets will be coming from Melbourne, the Hamblings from Brisbane and the Hagans from Goulburn. Why not come along and say 'hello'? There will be plenty of books on sale and we will have a few prizes to give away. Why not come and join in the fun?

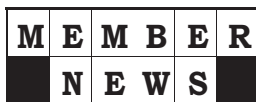
COMPENDIUM: *The Crozworld Compendium Vol 5* will feature a large number of challenging puzzles and Quizzes compiled by members of the ACC. There will also be prizes to be won. In addition, the solutions to all of the puzzles published in volume 4 of the *Compendium* and the names of the prizewinners will be included. If you would like to order extra copies of this exciting publication please add \$5 per copy (inc p&p) to your renewal subscription.

DONATIONS TO ACC: In 2004, we have been thrilled to receive so many generous donations by members to the ACC Prize Fund. As a result, many members have won handsome prizes in 2004. If members are once again able to make donations to the Club, it will enable us to give the greatest return to the membership. Many thanks for your kindness.

e-CROZWORD: In 2004, *Crozworld* has been sent to a significant percentage of members electronically. One of the real benefits of this method of distribution is that *Crozworld* can be received a very short time after the closing date for entries. Another is that the electronic version can be printed out either in black and white or glorious colour! Finally, there are savings to be made to the Club in reducing the amount of printing and postage costs. Upon renewal for 2005, we are offering members a choice as to how they wish to receive *Crozworld*. That is, the fast, electronic version or the printed mailed version. If you would like to opt for the electronic version, simply indicate on the Subscription Renewal.

SIGN UP A NEW MEMBER! If you sign up a new member for 2005, the cost is only \$30 including the Compendium. Unbeatable value! A wonderful present for your friends! We have four new members already for 2005! Let's make a lot of people happy by signing up your cruciverbal friends. It only costs \$30 for the whole year. Great value!

Donations to the ACC Prize Fund 2005 are gratefully received from: Sonia Atkinson, Bill Bennett, Richard Christiansen, Graeme Cole, Jim Colles, Paul Derrington, Jill Freeland, Christine Heenan, Valerie Howard, Del Kennedy, Sally Knight, Veniece Lobsey, Iain MacDougall, Claire McClelland, Ian McKenzie, Yvonne McKindlay, Carole Noble, Ted O'Brien, Shirl O'Brien, Ron O'Rourke, Margaret Raw, Roma Roberts, Aileen Skillicorn, Bev Solomon, Jack Stocks, Patrick Street, Brian Symons, Roy Taylor, Michael Veress, Lorna Waites and Heather Zucal. Many thanks for your kindness and generosity.



New Members: A warm welcome to **Hilary Cromer** from Taroona, Tas (a membership gift from Irene Watts), **Graeme Cross** from Canterbury, Vic (a gift from Max Roddick), **Geoff Bennett** from Mawson Base, Aust

Antarctic Territory) (a gift from Bill Bennett) and **Jeremy Barnes** from Goulburn, NSW (A gift from Bob Hagan). Welcome to the wonderful world of Crozworlding!

Get Well Soon! Bruce Austin has not been in the best of health lately. Bruce has been in hospital but is expected to be home soon. We send Bruce and Audrey our best wishes for Bruce's speedy return to good health.

Acknowledgement: Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish AJ by *Southern Cross* (Nov 4-2004).

Language: The word "crossword" in Kiswahili is "chemshebongo" which, when translated, means "boil brains". (Courtesy of Shirl O'Brien)

Puzzle Adjustment: Oct 6-2004: In the Preamble for the phrase 'always more than' substitute 'at least'.

E-LODGMET: Ian Williams now administers the electronic lodgment of entries for Slots 1-5. E-lodgment is a quick and easy way to get your entries submitted. Kindly send your e-lodgment entries to Ian whose e-mail address is: ianw@webone.com.au

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THE LAST POST...

Last month disaster struck the adjudication. 13 entries which should have arrived on Monday 27 Sept, did not hit my letterbox until Thursday 30 Sept – 2 days past the deadline. Extensive phone conversations with Australia Post and finally a visit to the Delivery Manager at the Albion Mail Exchange could not give me an explanation. One entry was an Express Post which was received and signed out for delivery on the Monday. I surmise that the postal officer delivered them all to the wrong box and that person took 3 days to put them in my box. I am very sorry this happened and Australia Post apologises sincerely to all 13 members involved. *Catherine Hambling*

BRIEFLY...

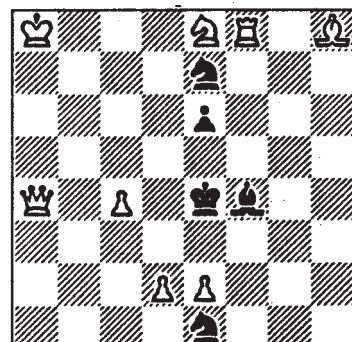
• Have you heard about THE MAN WHO RAN OVER HIMSELF? He asked his son to run across the road to buy a newspaper. His son said he was too busy to do this, so he ran over himself! *Alan Walter*

• A word of advice to members: proofread carefully to make sure you haven't any words out. *Mike Potts*

UNCHECKED ...

Chess Game Problem No 2/2004

White to play and mate in two moves. Name White's first move. Send solution to pstreet@bigpond.net.au



October 1-2004: Thematic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- As a thematic puzzle it appeared as if all the down answers referred to insects, however FLUKE (a worm, PARASITE, and EMPEROR (needs MOTH to qualify as an insect) do not fit. Perhaps I have overlooked a more obvious connection? *David Procter*
- An enjoyable puzzle unearthing a load of pesky varmints! Thanks *Virgo*. 16ac Watering hole (3): Was it TUB or a DUB (=WC ref Macq Dict) or a PUB? As PUB here is an Aussie colloquialism, I felt this was the best answer. *Alan Walter*
- *Virgo* thematics are always interesting and challenging. Couldn't get a start to this one for some time until 24ac ... 'West, actress'. Mae these entertaining puzzles keep coming up. *Jim Colles*
- EMPEROR on its own is not a bug, pest or whatever. I can't find 'Chinese Emperor' anywhere. *Margaret Davis*
- Audrey always manages to fit in a host of similar things – how does she do it? *Catherine Hambling*
- Is Slot 1 supposed to be the easiest? It gave me a lot of trouble. I finally got DIAL TONE after silencing RING RING and BRRR BRRR. *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- After scratching around for a little while, I cracked the insect theme. A nice start. *Irene Watts*
- As always spot on clues by *Virgo* – the pests were pretty creepy though! *Catherine Foster*
- EMPEROR is the only word fits in here but I haven't heard of a bug/parasite/insect/etc called a Chinese emperor. *Drew Meek*

October 2-2004: Cryptic by Noel Jessop

- Learning that the germane answer to 'full brother' was GERMAN came as a surprise! 7dn: took some time to rationalise A+RIS+TOTE+LIAN+I+S+M (it took a while to check it each time too. AR) Similarly for G+AS+TROP+OD. Thanks Noel for a challenging puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- REDCURRANT JELLY is a preserve, surely, rather than a dessert. *Margaret Davis*
- A good straightforward cryptic – not too easy and not too difficult – most enjoyable. *Catherine Hambling*
- My COTM is PECK – I like it because it is just so corny! *Yvonne Ainsworth*
- Quite a tricky cryptic. Some very clever clues: SANSKRIT, EGG AND DART, DAYAK, REDCURRANT JELLY. PALAESTRA proved difficult as the term is unknown to me. *Irene Watts*
- Haven't worked out PALAESTRA (PALES (loses importance) without (around) A with ART (craft) backing. AR) *Peter Dearie*
- Great clueing here – one of my favourite compilers. I liked particularly ETUI & MARLIN. *Catherine Foster*

October 3-2004: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Thanks for another sparkling puzzle. 23ac: Loved OVERLAP. 26ac: Took a while to realise that 'tribal name has disappeared' = ETHNIC – N = ETHIC. *Alan Walter*
- Apart from the superb clues, an admirable feature of *Southern Cross* cryptics is that they are composed of normally well-known words and terms, not requiring constant referral to the dictionaries. My favourite clues in this one are 12ac, 15ac, 3dn, 25dn. *Jim Colles*
- Shirl's puzzles are always a pleasure. *Margaret Davis*
- An excellent example of Shirl's work with very good clues. *Catherine Hambling*
- Can't make up my mind between SUMS & SUMO. ('additional' points to SUMS – things added AR) *Bill Bennett*
- I loved MIND GAME, PLATONIC, UBIQUITY, PAID IN FULL, NUT CASE, EARLY BIRDS. *Irene Watts*
- I couldn't verify JABIRU with my references – I presume this is a NT Aboriginal settlement. (JABIRU is in *Macquarie* as a NT mining town AR) *Bob Hagan*
- Good one SCI – PAID IN FULL & SLEEP-OUT – well done! *Catherine Foster*

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

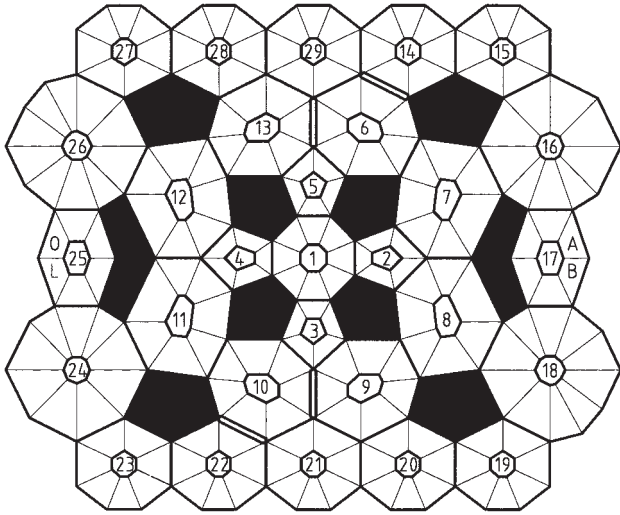
- (From the setter): The J clue should have read 'New England' instead of 'New Zealand'. I do not think it should create too much trouble as the E is part of one of the words. (There were many comments on JANE. AR)
- At least now, if we have to guess (at Jane), it doesn't ruin our six months cumulative. *Joan Smith*
 - WHITE-EYE (for the W clue) is indicated in Chambers as (5-3). This was quite a searching puzzle to complete, especially the neck muscle PLATYSMA. *Shirl O'Brien*
 - The 'timid' one bared some teeth with this AJ. A few new words to be looked up, and some tough but fair clues in an enjoyable puzzle. *Alan Walter*
 - An enjoyable AJ from our very own Rottweiler. *Jim Colles*
 - Plenty of unfamiliar words in this one – a great relief to complete the grid. *Margaret Davis*
 - Good one! Joan has become an expert at giving us enjoyable AJs. *Catherine Hambling*
 - I had fun trying to fit ROCK ROSE into the grid until the alternative occurred to me. *Irene Watts*
 - Still my favourite – especially by TT – loved the I and W clues, but I was stuck for a while with the D clue as I was using 'ten' in the solution instead of IO + E (others tried X too. AR) *Peter Dearie*
 - X clue: I'm unclear why FIN = five dollar bill. (*Chambers* gives FIN as US slang for a five dollar bill. AR) *Catherine Foster*
 - *Drew Meek*

October 5-2004: What the ...? by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- The quote is by Roy Campbell: "Giraffes! – a People Who Live between the earth and skies," – so the author was referring to "Giraffes". *Roy Wilson*
- Explanatory notes to clues (from the setter): Across: 1: t/S(AR)S; 5: anag/try; 11: her (rev)/AB; 12: LA/St; 14: sic/anag; 17: o(c)as -for example|e)t; 18: anag; 21: H(is)E(xcellency)/R(hode) I(sland) (rev)/loom; 24: odd letters in toilets; 25: VI/all (rev); 27: M(op/PE)rs; 30: tim(B)er; 32 Di/Alec/t; 33: u (homonym)/mir (rev); 34: Lorne (rev); 35: anag (UNO and Osel – 18 ac); 37: devil (rev). Down: 1: tall/boy; 2: space/ship (Voyager: spaceship from TV series of the same name); 3: anag; 4: (Maurice) Ravel after anag; 5: la (rev)/Ike; 6: co(He)re; 7: anag; 8: anag/tier; 9: hidden (play bet)ter; 13: win/E; 14: T.S. (rev)/eel/yard; 15: (m)other/wise; 20: a(s-sum)eD; 22: lit/chi; 23: o/Tim (rev); 26: so(L)il (rev); 28 Nemo – captain of sub "Nautilus", *20,000 Leagues under the Sea* – Jules Verne/S; 29: id/ea; 31: E/IOU (rev). *Roy Wilson*
- I had difficulty in deciding the answer under the grid. It would have helped if the required number of letters had been indicated. The quotation comes from the poem *Dreaming Spires* which is from *Talking Bronco* and the stanza begins with "City of Giraffes". However, the quotation in the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* begins with Giraffes, so I assume that that is the answer. *David Procter*
- Thanks Roy, for introducing me to another Roy. He sounds interesting. I'm hoping to follow him up. (M)OTHERWISE required some deep thought. SPACE TRAVEL is indicated in *Chambers* as 2 words (5,6). Thanks for a pleasant brain-tester. *Alan Walter*
- Just loved Roy's again. *Delores Kennedy*
- This was like a Slot 6 – a great brain bender cleverly compiled. What a great description of a giraffe – a gem. *Catherine Foster*
- I had never heard of Roy Campbell & mean to follow him up, now I am almost within touching distance of my computer. (Get well soon, Margaret) *Margaret Galbreath*
- What an enjoyable puzzle. 'What the...?' was with great clues of course. Couldn't find the quote, but as Roy Campbell was a Springbok I can only guess that he was referring to South Africans. (Yes, but not the people. Tricky one that! AR) *Jim Colles*
- Good one from Roy, and very fair, as always. *Margaret Davis*
- My favourite for this month – though I haven't figured out how HEIRLOOM works. (see notes by Roy. AR) *Catherine Hambling*
- The local library couldn't help so I have no idea to what the author, Rod Campbell, is referring. I have quite a few children's books that he has written but they were no help! *Yvonne McKindlay*

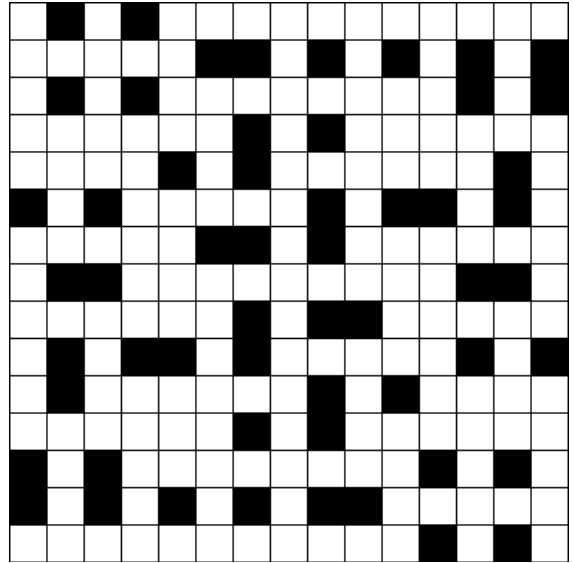
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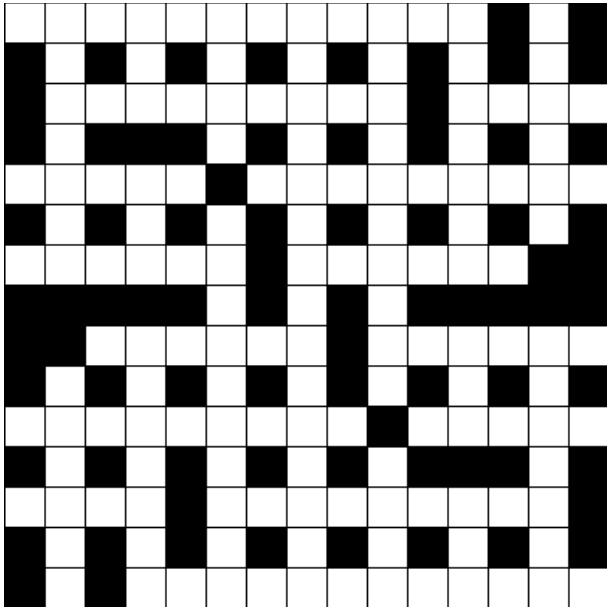
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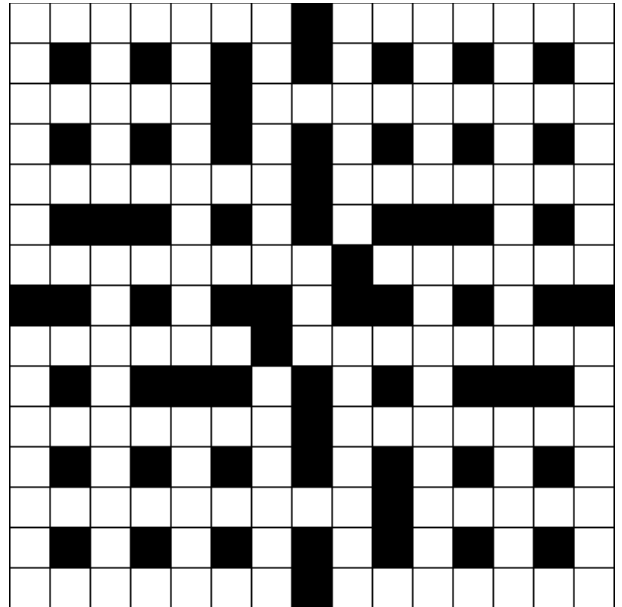


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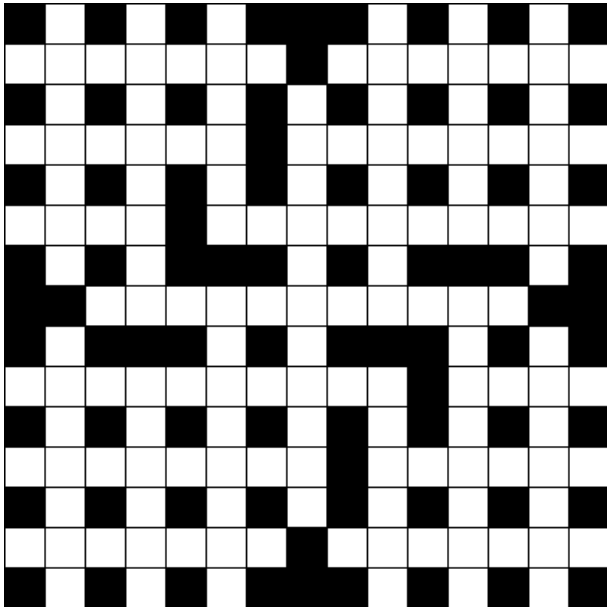
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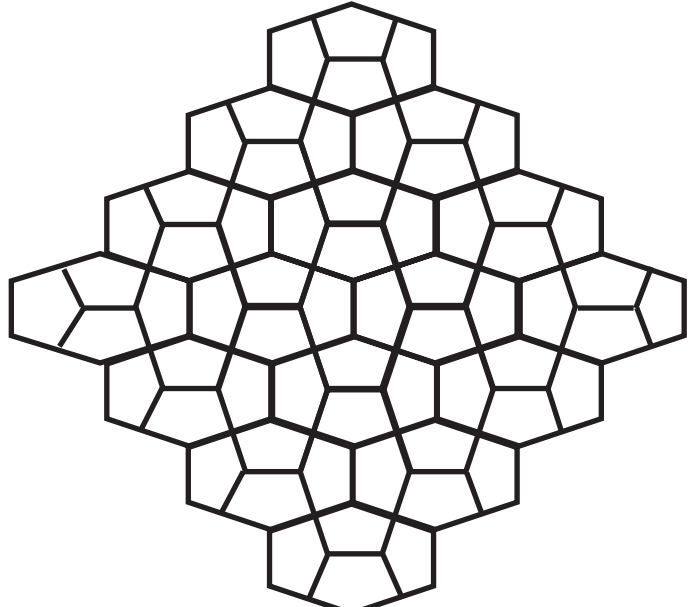
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September 6-2004 - In Good Hands by Stroz (Patrick Street).

Entries: 49. Correct: 38. Success rate: 77.5%. Prizewinner: William Ryan. Congratulations!

Solvers' Comments:

- Another brain buster!!! A worthy challenge indeed. I must admit when it all fell into place I began to wonder if I remembered the lyrics correctly. When it was a four letter displacement I began to wonder if it should have been 'It's four o'clock in the morning ...', but that didn't ring a bell. I can remember my father singing it when I was a very young child and that, I must confess, was a very long time ago. It's going to be interesting to see just how many remember this old chestnut! *Roy Wilson*
 - Thanks *Stroz*. Clever, tricky and enjoyable. *Roy Taylor*
 - Your *Tempus fugit* gave me plenty to think about for quite a few days. You must have put a lot of work into compiling it. I know I found it very testing. *Ron O'Rourke*
 - I enjoyed doing your *In Good Hands* crossword. Something different! The hardest part for me was trying to remember the song from which the quote came. 'Six o'clock in the morning' or something like that ... 'Three o'clock', of course. *Audrey Austin*
 - Thanks for this very interesting and innovative puzzle. I'll admit I had no idea where the quote came from, but I find the internet very useful for tracking down this sort of thing. How did we ever exist without it? *Catherine Hambling*
 - Mind-bending! *Max Roddick*
 - I thoroughly enjoyed this puzzle. The substitution code could hardly, as you indicated, have been simpler. But 'a well-known sentence'? Trusty old Google found it for me — in a 1920s pop song. "Well-known"? *Iain MacDougall*
 - Thoroughly enjoyed the puzzle and I was very pleased with myself for finally unravelling the code after much experimentation. It wasn't as simple as you suggested. *Jim Colles*
 - Lot of fun! Took me longer than I thought because I had a few answers in wrongly. Thanks for the puzzle. *William Ryan*
 - Three o'clock in the morning took longer in the dawning than I had hoped! The main problems were a couple of words spanning the coded columns, the clues for which I don't really understand (shape and wimple). I don't think I'd ever get a job as a cryptographer, but was just lucky to try A for the first letter E, and there it was! *Shirl O'Brien*
 - Great puzzle — not at all easy! *Bev Cockburn*
 - I enjoyed this puzzle but I haven't worked out WIMPLE. I've been out with some devils in my time – yes, and danced 'til 3am – but I don't remember any of them being sarcastic. *Joan McGrath*
 - I really enjoyed this puzzle, but I don't know when you ever find the time to compile them. It's many a long year since I danced until three in the morning, but it sure brought back some happy memories. *Betty Siegman*
 - A triple whammy! First your usual collection of very testing cryptic clues, then your encoded sentence and finally the 'well-known' sentence to find the time for the clock. Maybe south of the border it is commonplace but my education is lacking in this respect. *Bob Hagan*
 - Loved the puzzle. I happened to be playing a CD *Sentimental Favourites* and I heard "It's 3 o'clock in the morning" and as I was singing along, out comes "And daylight soon will be dawning". How about that?!! *Del Kennedy*
 - I enjoyed the crossword & de-coding but the resulting 'well-known sentence' meant nothing to me or my friends. Thank goodness for the internet! Isn't it time to get away from old films & music hall songs? *Jill Freeland*
 - I remember! I remember 3 o'clock in the morning — how old is that? Your puzzle was very good. However, I'm not too confident with some of my answers. *Doreen Jones*
 - I enjoyed this puzzle and considered it time well spent! *Yvonne Ainsworth*
 - What a brain bender — but fun when everything fell into place! The song is one of the old unforgettables — I'm sure it dates back to the 20s making it mighty difficult for the younger members to solve. Great work — thank you! *Catherine Foster*
- Time for Stroz:** The substitution code required solvers to substitute E for A, F for B, G for C and so on. The decoded sentence "And daylight soon will be dawning" comes from the 1920s song by Dorothy Terriss "It's three o'clock in the morning". It was called "The Sensational Dance Hit of Two Continents". A piano version of the song can be heard at: http://www.enchbyench.com/angie/three_o_clock.htm Explanations: 6dn: TRAVEL. 'Rosie' is rhyming slang for Rosie Lee = tea (T) + composer = Ravel = Travel; Teabag, Teaser and Teague were not accepted. 11ac: REE = the female of the ruff (it seems = sounds like = rough). Backer = RE that is ER backwards, 'of England' = E. 14ac: SHAPE: A type of ship is (SHIP)SHAPE. 34ac: WIMPLE. It's found on the head = PIMPLE; substitute W (wife) for P (President) and you get WIMPLE (which is found on the head). 19dn: Quote from Thomas Carlyle's *Sartor Resartus*, *bk II, ch 4*, "Sarcasm, I now see to be, in general, the language of the Devil." Times other than 3 o'clock were not accepted. Many thanks for your kind cards and letters. The sentiments expressed were much appreciated. —(Stroz) Patrick Street

REDUNDANT TAUTOLOGIES by dB

Every day we use tautologies. Sometimes inadvertently, sometimes for effect, and sometimes because they're a part of our language — common expressions that in some way contain a redundancy. It's this last lot that is so fascinating. I have a little list which I'll publish next month, but in the meantime you might like to come up with some of your own. A winner will be selected from those who supply one (or more) I don't already have. The prize? A certificate you can make into a wall plaque. Here's a few to get you going: AC current, air vent, apple cider, ATM machine, buoyed up. Send your entries to Doug. Butler@finders.edu.au

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- It has been a while since I last submitted anything, but my "dearly beloved" and I derive great pleasure from attempting to solve the delightful assortment of puzzles every month. Thanks to all who serve, and long life to the Club. *Tom Smith*
- A fine menu this month, nicely graded from *Virgo's* pleasant appetiser to *Praxis's* tough but satisfying main course, with a promise of more to enjoy in Slot 6. *Max Roddick*
- This month's puzzles were OK but each one had one word I struggled with. (Frustrating isn't it? We can all relate to that. AR) *Barb Ibbott*
- The 6 puzzles in this October *Crozworld* were of an excellent standard, totally enjoyable, informative & challenging, with no time-consuming & frustrating decoding, nor deciphering puzzles. Let's hope this standard can continue. This is *Crozworld* at its best. Many thanks to all compilers. The PIKABO ICU anecdote by Mike Potts was brilliant. Sure does help brighten up *Crozworld* in contrast to solving difficult clues. *Alan Walter*
- Many thanks for the prize. *Valerie Howard and Marian Procter*
- My best wishes go out to you marvellous adjudicators & compilers at CrOZworld – you do a great job! *Catherine Foster*
- QUT is in my *Macquarie*, Alan. *Shirl O'Brien*
- I commend the Executive Committee for all the decisions taken as announced in the October *Crozworld*. Everybody benefits from the reduced subscription, and the reorganisation of prizes gives more opportunities for all, and retains incentive for the better solvers able to do all the puzzles. I think it makes the system fairer all round. *Jim Colles*
- My prize for Sep 2 was greatly appreciated – will go towards the electronic edition of the Chambers Concise Crossword Dictionary. *Graeme Cole*