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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS!

We are pleased to announce that we have managed to maintain the Annual Membership subscription for 2009 at only \$40. However, if you elect to receive *e-Crozworld* rather than the paper copy then the sub is only \$35. We believe that this is outstanding value! And it is due in large part to the generosity of the many members who donated to the 2008 Prize Fund. Thank You! The New Year promises to be a year full of complexity and puzzlement. Why not join in the fun? See flyer enclosed (or for those who receive *e-Crozworld*, p13 of this issue) together with some useful information for renewing members for 2009). We have continued the special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2009 for only \$30. In addition you can buy copies of the *Crozworld Compendium* for just \$5. In order to maintain the plentiful level of prizes, we hope you will be more than generous with your donation to the ACC Prize Pool 2009.

Don't forget about the ACC Annual Get-Together to be held at William Ryan's refurbished Cauliflower Hotel in Waterloo, Sydney on Sunday 23 November. Like last year, there will be plenty of highlights! See page 6 for further details. Ian and Kay Williams hosted a successful Get-Together for the members from the ACT, Goulburn and other nearby places. Many thanks Ian & Kay for organising this function. Read Ian's report of the proceedings on p6.

Ian Williams has another marvellous selection of puzzles for you this month. Your favourites *Waratah*, *Southern Cross*, *Virgo* and *Praxis* are included along with the well-respected *The Busybodies* who have titled their cryptic offering *On a Roman Pedestal*. In Slot 6 we feature *Jack* with a puzzle titled *Next please* plus an interesting Quiz by dB.

Happy Crozworlding. —Patrick

The gremlins crept into Slot 4 this month without causing too much concern. Most solvers had LATCHES without even mentioning the fact that there was an error. Only about a dozen people had CATCHES and it was decided to accept both answers as the anagram = LATCHES and CATCHES started with the C. Blanks especially in the three letter words and spelling mistakes still leave some members dotless. Many thanks for the cards and letters which help make adjudicating more enjoyable.

Slot 1: A nice easy cryptic from Noel. Points were lost with missing blanks E-E (2), A-N, A-ID, OL-F and spelling mistakes. ARRIS for ARRAS AIN, AYN ARN for AWN.

Slot 2: IGUANODON (an anagram of OA orca sides +UNDOING) created the biggest problem with 21 members having IGUANADON. And 2 IQUANODON. In 11ac there were 3 names of girls in the sentence. BEV, ELA (Noble, serene origins in Polish, German) and EVA. Bev did not fit the grid but ELA and EVA did so both were accepted. 11 Members had SCULL for SKULL. The phonetic indicator clearly indicates "ROW" at the end of the sentence. SCULL was not accepted.

Slot 3: DIAPER was the main problem with 4 DIADEMS, DAMSEL, DAVIES and AMABEL. SADDER (2) for SADDEN and CLIVEA 2 for CLIVIA. 31 votes for the COTM for this puzzle.

Slot 4: Many members were pleased to have the conventional AJ return. Only six members lost a dot for this puzzle, BYWIRES for BYLINES and OIL, RAG for OIL, RIG; the other 4 entries were spelling mistakes.

Slot 5: 4 entries had ARACI for ACARI and a couple of transcription errors were the reason for losing dots. Some members remarked that either *Manveru* was being kind or they were on to his wavelength.

COTM: 20 clues were nominated from 64 members. The winner was *Manveru's* MULTIPLICATION SIGN with 18 votes. *Southern Cross* was a close second with DIAPER (16) followed by COTTON with 10.

—Joan Smith

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	124	121	116	120	108	589
Correct entries	107	81	99	114	114	499
Success rate (%)	86.3	66.9	95	95	95	84.7
Prizewinners	Y McKindlay M Raw	M Dennis M Collins	A&D Callan S Trollope	S Taylor	J Martin J Davey	from 125 members

Prizewinner: September 2008 Slots 1-5: Ro Ducker

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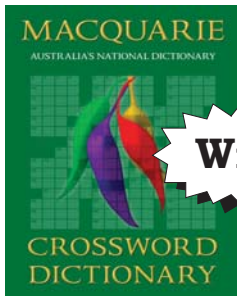
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**Quick
by
Waratah**

Prizes: \$50



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Across

- 1 Capers (7)
- 5 Allude (to) (5)
- 8 Depart (5)
- 10 Ironed (7)
- 11 Tutor (5)
- 12 Biblical passage (4)
- 13 Indistinct (7)
- 15 Manage (3)
- 16 Harangue (6)
- 18 Driers (6)
- 20 Resort (3)
- 22 Genus of dragonfly (7)
- 24 Narrated (4)
- 27 Total (5)
- 29 Copy (7)
- 30 Storyteller (5)
- 31 Irrate (5)
- 32 Colonises (7)

Down

- 1 Wan (4)
- 2 A marble (5)
- 3 Deceived (7)
- 4 Soda dispenser (6)
- 5 Rushes (5)
- 6 Crack (7)
- 7 Blushes (7)
- 9 Annoy (3)
- 12 Rubbish (5)
- 14 Reigned (5)
- 16 Ruler's wife (7)
- 17 Grating (7)
- 19 Remain longer (7)
- 21 Provides food (6)
- 23 Weighty (5)
- 25 Spanish cry! (3)
- 26 Poisonous disinfectant (5)
- 28 Musical work (4)

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Closing mail date: Friday 14 November 2008.

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On a Roman Pedestal by The Busybodies



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Across


- 7 Opponents to paper folds obtain magazine (7)
- 8 Force one related by blood to acquire a small baking dish (7)
- 10 Heartless drug on a daffodil trumpet (6)
- 11 The Tamar anthesis shows a fabled flower, emblem of immortality (8)
- 12 The boss is a macho man (4)
- 14 * (5)
- 16 Change egg release gland when there's no egg (4)
- 17 Recline and spin a yarn (3)
- 18 * (4)
- 20 Dance rumba in a shadow (5)
- 21 Tidy beast of old (4)
- 23 Initially one should get National Health Insurance (3)
- 24 Scandinavian books contain some collected Danish songs (4)
- 25 Beat the Devil's Tattoo (5)
- 27 Old soak will only sip English tea in secret (4)
- 29 Advertise for staked territory (8)
- 32 In turmoil Siam and N.Z. enlisted Turkish soldiers (6)
- 34 * (7)
- 35 Split dividends after match! (7)

Down

- 1 An armed guard in a Ford, perhaps? (6)
- 2 * (4)
- 3 Raisin loaf? No, but reversed, a fructiferous tree (10)
- 4 * (4)
- 5 Coffee place in Indonesia (4)
- 6 * (8)
- 9 Palm whispers prompt to race starter (4)
- 12 Endless gloss elevated by the sun (3)
- 13 * (5)
- 15 Frighteningly furnishing with weapons held by accomplice (10)
- 16 * (5)
- 19 Beneath setter is one likely to be beaten (8)
- 22 Ascot dead heat (3)
- 26 Frost poem recital (4)
- 28 * (6)
- 30 Building block requires an oral quote (4)
- 31 Tease topless relative (4)
- 33 A ferment, zest, yeast, malt extract heads list of ingredients (4)

Explanations to September Slot 5 from *Manveru (Michael Kennedy)* with thanks:

Across: 1/18 Cryptic definition. 10 More modern (newer) city (wen) rejects (goes back) ER = queen. 11 CONTINENT – CONT (I = amps + National) ENT. 12 Double definition, 13 C L ASS IC. 14 anagram of HOLY and POISH. 16 Homophone clue (lord/laud). 19 Pull (attraction) raincoat (anagram) off (anagind) to keep (hold) dry(TT), 23 Anagram of MARCIA HINES minus ASIN, 26 Universal (u) element (uranium). 27 Double definition. 28 T R I B + taking on England (E). 29 Anagram is an example of Sensationalism. **Down:** 2 Anagram of SIR WILLIAM GUNN minus I(one)ARM section(S) TRUE STORY. 3 TOR(threw up rubbish) AND (anagram) over O. 4 Full (def) store (pack) due to – anagram. 5 Superhuman (Bionic) decapitated (ionic) order of the greeks (def). 6 ANIMAL/LAMINA, 7 ITemS (about) ME (returning) Stories (def). 8 Notice (advertisement) on (D). 9 Anagram of partner minus 'r'. 15 cryptic (anagind) CLUE HE RAN, 17 PROBABILITIES. 18 Double definition. 20 Fossil fuel (COAL) is located around the east mostly (AST), 21 Double def. 26 is a number. Can have an unnerving effect – number. I chose 26 as in the puzzle it's uranium! 22 Unable (anagram) to make out (anagind). 24 woodSKIN-CANoe, 25 Anagram of AMERICA minus ME.

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<p>Cryptic by Southern Cross</p>


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Across

- 1 Graduates came out quietly from headquarters (4,4)
- 5 Grants, as presented around electoral district (6)
- 9 FINA sorted out stroke immediately (2,1,5)
- 10 Snoopy, imploring one to leave ... (6)
- 11 ... accompanied newsman following changes to sector (8)
- 12 Hound academics' group (6)
- 14 Often stopped, it can hold up the traffic (10)
- 18 Prepare to admit tennis players – the public is welcome in trials here (4,6)
- 22 Fiction's alternative, or a contributing influence (6)
- 23 An impudent looking type? (8)
- 24 Enjoying being the ruler after just over half a century (6)
- 25 Dine out with very little cash? That's outrageous! (8)
- 26 Rabbi's troubles stemming from small bar? Quite the opposite! (6)
- 27 Blue-pencils for tides? (5,3)

Down

- 1 Warranted to get worse if confined to bed (6)
- 2 Mark made on sides of cave is rarely seen (8)
- 3 Creel is ordered by the end of May for the plant (6)
- 4 General walkout from church? (4,6)
- 6 Marge was upset by "Skirmish" etc (3,5)
- 7 Republished edition is in colour (8)
- 8 Possibly a tag is ok to indicate disease in bananas (8)
- 13 Tumble-down estate controlled by the government (5-5)
- 15 Wood perhaps where Tiger could be spotted (4,4)
- 16 Each child at first takes around something for the afternoon spread (8)
- 17 A glass vessel (8)
- 19 Old theologian set out, which is most peculiar (6)
- 20 Keep your eyes fixed on one half of boat pavilion (6)
- 21 Go away and bang the drum (4,2)

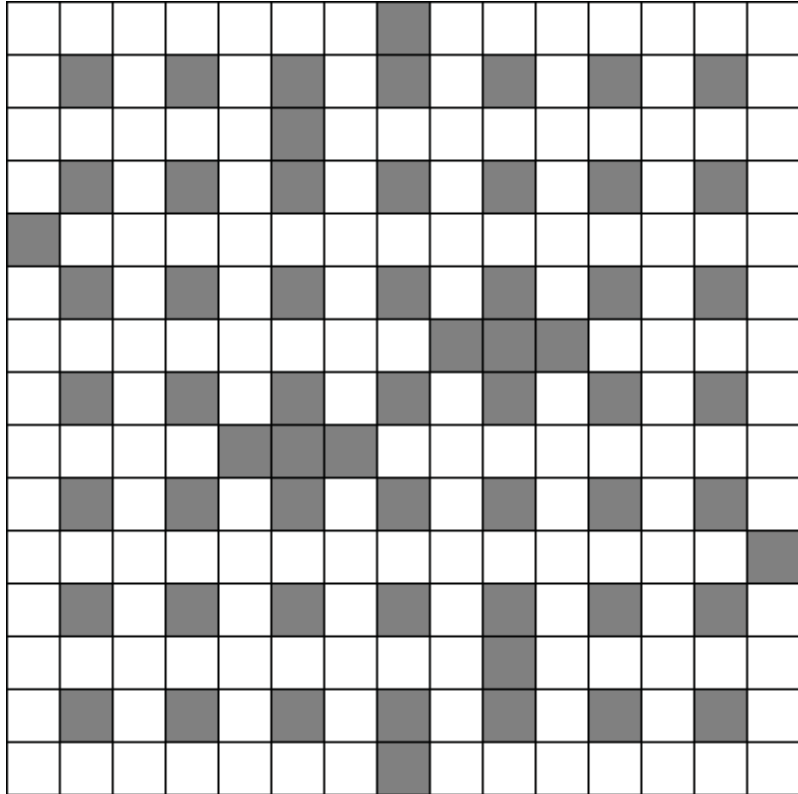
GENERAL COMMENTS:

- What a wonderful surprise to receive your cheque this morning for Slot 3. Especially as I am going into hospital tomorrow to have my right knee replaced! Thank you all for such a great Crossword magazine. *Brenda Webber*
- Many thanks to the ACC for the welcome book prize I received for my entry in the Clue Writing Competition No 3/2008 ('BRIDGE'). What a surprise! Let's have a Clue Writing Competition every month! I especially enjoyed Slots 1-5 in the September magazine. In my view (and I know that not everyone agrees with me!) the mark of a good crossword involves the use of (more or less) everyday words cleverly encrypted. The solutions to clues in some crosswords are so obscure that the puzzles become, principally, exercises in research. *Arthur Barrett*
- Nice friendly bunch of crosswords this month, approachable, readable and do-able. *Merv Collins*
- The grey squares, as well as using less ink, are much more pleasing to the eye. Thanks for this soft approach. *Alan Walter*
- Best wishes to Shirl O'Brien on her retirement from composing for *The Courier-Mail*. I hope that does not mean that *Crozworld* will not be publishing any more of her puzzles – I could not bear it. *Doreen Jones*
- I'd like to congratulate Shirl on her marathon run with *The Courier-Mail*. I always enjoy her puzzles and find them very fair with some ingenious clues. I've given her my COTM this month. And best wishes to David Stickley in taking over Shirl's position. *Margaret Davis*
- Thank you to all the members for the phone calls, emails, cards and comments for my Mum (Irene Watts). The family and all the many friends she kept in touch with will have wonderful and lasting memories of a very special lady. *Hilary Cromer*
- Thanks, *Crozworld* for my Slot 6 prize – it's good to have one's efforts rewarded. *Peter Dearie*

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AJ
by
Praxis

Prize:
Chambers
Dictionary of
World History
3rd edn.
[rrp \$79.95]



Solve the clues and place them in the grid jigsaw-wise where they fit. *Chambers* and the *Shorter Oxford* are recommended.

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| A success at a time when kids are compared (11,3) | O astonished the tournament's widely seen (4-4) |
| B 's on one vegetable; grafted, it's shared (4,6) | P meet after the game with visage serene (5,4) |
| C bat's after insect where people play sport (7,4) | Q in such capacity use Quant design (8) |
| D a double lane highway for heavy transport (4,11) | R select by chance; maybe Dora's mine (9) |
| E with Barbara, TV's Jeannie, a garden is found (4) | S essential to structure, the team needs a bar (4,4) |
| F showing trust, Fido's docked when Lucia's around (8) | T fastener's found in brush under "ta" (3-5) |
| G spirit overcomes resistance, that brings a smile (4) | U UN girl, starting to despair, is set free (5) |
| H A trekking vacation, tramping mile upon mile (6,7) | V Civilian Arcade makes something fatty for thee (10,4) |
| I Anna held pie-tins destroyed by these creatures (6,9) | W lubricate after rinse; it's for use in a still (4-3) |
| J Miss Eyre, the subject of several fine features (4) | X Cleo rose after ten, with warmth and goodwill (6) |
| K anchor before going in for some food (8) | Y submit, lying distressed in subservient way (10) |
| L Cyril's changed words to a lovely etude? (6) | Z Zoe's upset about pupil – nothing fervent to play! (6) |
| M make a slip turning record after old Garner song (7) | |
| N Aussie town tells us: 'No; war is very wrong!' (5) | |

2008 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's 'Gastropub' The Cauliflower Hotel, Waterloo, Central Sydney on Sunday 23 November 2008 commencing at 11:30am. William says: "It is South Sydney's most famous pub, a lovely place, established 1836, five minutes walk from Green Square Station and 10 from Central. Parking is plentiful. It has a wonderful bistro with delicious meals at bargain rates and drinks at pub prices. It will be a lot of fun and we can discuss all manner of things cruciverball!" There will be plenty of the Club's best known personalities in attendance. Why not come along and say 'hello'? Pay on the day. We will have some prizes to give away and there will be a fascinating Quiz. Looking forward to meeting up again.

Canberra Get-together: 21 September 2008

Some 20 members and significant others from Goulburn, Gunning and Young (and Canberra) gathered at the George Harcourt Inn and enjoyed a good lunch and convivial cruciverbally-correlated conversation. An important part of the day was in putting faces to names previously only known through the pages of *CrOZworld* or e-mails. Thanks to all who contributed to making the day a roaring success. Thanks particularly to **Claire Batum**, who generously made a gift of copies of her father's (Noel Jessop) *Crossword Puzzles without Tears*, which may help some of the significant others to take the plunge. See you next year! Photos of the Get-together are available through Picasa and can be accessed by inserting the following in the address area in your web browser: <http://picasaweb.google.com/ianwact/ACCCanberra2008> and pressing Enter. When it has loaded, click on Slideshow at the top left hand corner of the photo display to see the photos: ensure that the "dwell" time is at least 5 seconds to give the photos time to load. I'll also put the photos of the Melbourne "Christmas in July" at <http://picasaweb.google.com/ianwact/ACCMelbourne2008> early in October. If anyone has additional photos that they can send me in digital form I'll put those on too. —Ian Williams

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<p>Theme by Virgo</p>
<p>Prizes: \$50</p>  <p>2006 edn</p>

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Across clues are consistent with the theme

Across

- 1 Prize (9)
- 5 Bearing (5)
- 8 Laughing (6)
- 9 Jockey (8)
- 11 Diet (8)
- 13 Meeting (5)
- 16 Porter (4)
- 18 Smart (6)
- 19 Spike (3)
- 21 Pole (3)
- 22 White (6)
- 23 Drift (4)
- 26 Throat (6)
- 28 Sweet (8)
- 32 Gold (8)
- 33 Blossom (6)
- 34 Mutiny (5)
- 35 Frank (9)

Down

- 1 Sailing away just as tea is prepared (2,3)
- 2 Credit tree frog's voice (5)
- 3 Penning an idea off the student centre (6)
- 4 Author had student going bananas (4)
- 5 Speed hidden in Russian negatives – for cheerleaders perhaps (8)
- 6 Baby start's bawling and I'm really nervous (5)
- 7 The age was a silly one (3)
- 10 Have in can to boil (7)
- 12 Text in China is in every other teapot (3)
- 14 Soldiers in chief correct (5)
- 15 Short detective holds chin up with a twist – that's scientifically artful (7)
- 16 Yours truly lying in bed with P.C. 4702 (5)
- 17 A non-clerical ballad (3)
- 19 Milo, the Spaniard, holds up a sign (3)
- 20 Excited dog likes playing in a hut in the snow (3-5)
- 24 An expression of surprise at mega unit of resistance (3)
- 25 Run to the church and take someone for a ride (6)
- 27 Initially taking care of a territorial island creature (5)
- 29 Gold origins of rhinestones and signet rings (5)
- 30 Gertrude's mug (5)
- 31 Hold up field position in code (4)
- 32 It's dry in half the time (3)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thanks to the powers that be for the wonderful prize for Quiz No 5. I really enjoy reading quotations by the famous and infamous.
Ted O'Brien
- I'm absolutely thrilled with the book prize and Patrick's beautifully crafted certificate I won for the To Be...that is the question quiz, Thank you.
Carole Noble
- Thank you all for another great month of puzzles.
Gabrielle Leeds
- This seemed a much easier batch than last month. Perhaps they're lulling us into a false sense of security before we attack Slots 6 & 7 and the quizzes.
Jenny Wenham
- After last month's vagaries and difficulties it was good to have some straightforward puzzles. It made me think of Irene Watts – she would have loved this issue. Thanks a lot for my \$50. What a great prize – a year of *Crozworld!*
Catherine Hambling
- Loved all our regulars and am extremely impressed with the work of *Manveru* – he has a wonderful gift for the 'cryptic definition'.
Roy Wilson
- Can I please convey my sincere thanks to the club for my prize for Slot 1, August 2008. The \$50 helped defray the cost of the 7 *Chambers'* Reference books I bought as a present to myself for my 60th birthday. As always Patrick's beautifully scripted winner's card was a pleasure to receive.
Dallas Window

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**Next please
by
Jack**



**Prize
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Definitions for across clues form part of the next clue. Down clues are normal.

Across

- 1 Cars overturn in front of church (6)
- 5 Short notice caught Janet out (8)
- 9 Beginning beside accomplice (10)
- 10 Bend and turn initially. Revolve eventually (4)
- 12 United Nations rejected certain battle intelligence (7,7)
- 16 Anti-tank type of bomb-bearing craft (7)
- 18 Over one hill to another (7)
- 21 Caught in decoration on top of a spire (7)
- 23 Fussy thrones (7)
- 25 Make cheeps lessen in two seconds (14)
- 27 Quiet person with a lot of skill (4)
- 29 Speed up Joy (10)
- 31 Strong illumination (6)
- 32 A French group let go astray (8)

Down

- 2 Spoil perch-trout without the batter (7)
- 3 Kingly sends beer back (5)
- 4 Vast age in the grip of communicable oncornavirus (3)

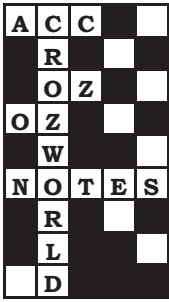
- 5 Concedes gangster is down south (6)
- 6 Fast lady of 29 is rejoicing? (3)
- 7 Social class condemn Elizabeth (5)
- 8 Draw trough for washing ores (3)
- 11 Free travel in vehicle missing front end (3)
- 13 Only over 18's art form vessel comes from the heart (5)
- 14 Small marsupial hidden amongst the brooms (3)
- 15 Suitable small flat (3)
- 16 An unusual fantasy starts 'An old elf's child...' (3)
- 17 Bellyache about husband being in port (5)
- 19 Formed up stole pattern (4,5)
- 20 The smallest turns erratically (5)
- 22 Set up where goods may be displayed for sale? (7)
- 23 Where's he been keeping illicit Irish alcohol? (7)
- 24 Poet dramatist and critic using litotes (1,1,5)
- 26 Use this in the grid perhaps until you find the missing mark? (5)
- 28 Quantity of work done shifting area of sand dunes in Sahara (3)
- 30 Not one Jock said, 'Whicker.' (3)

**Post
Solution
to:**

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Closing mail date: 14 November 2008.

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

- Kudos to the member who suggested the greying of the grids, a brilliant initiative. I was thrilled to win a cheque for July Slot 6, but more so to receive the full quota of dots! I now have 6 beautiful certificates. A few years ago I left one on the table for all to admire, and our (then) 16 year old son graffitied under the **Congratulations Jan Wood....you are pregnant.** I had to laugh, it taught me not to gloat (?) and I treasure the defaced certificate as much as the others. Jan Wood
- Many thanks for my Slot 2 prize. Especially nice as it arrived on my birthday. Alison Hocking
- Thank you very much Patrick for my wonderful prize. So thrilled too to receive this colourful certificate. Therese Savanah
- Please record my grateful thanks for the July prize – it made my week in the far-off wilds of Los Angeles! Ross Bryant



SHIRL O'BRIEN - The Legend continues ...
 Some members, having read in *CrOZworld* that Shirl O'Brien (*Southern Cross*) has retired from setting for the *The Courier-Mail*, have expressed concern that she may also be retiring from setting for *CrOZworld*. When asked whether this was likely she replied: "Retiring from *CrOZworld*? Never!" We also understand that she will be contributing the occasional crossword to *The Guardian* as *Auster*, so we can rest assured that we will be able to enjoy her skills well into the future.

Results of Quiz No. 8/2008:

Sleuths No 2 by Griffin (Ann Jermy)

Entries: 39. Correct: 16.

Prizewinner: Alan Walter. Congratulations!

Solutions:

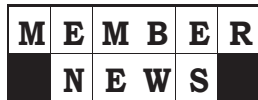
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2. Father Brown
3. Alex Cross
4. Alex Delaware
5. Peter Diamond
6. Gideon Fell
7. Jules Maigret
8. Jane Marple
9. Travis McGee
10. Endeavour Morse
11. Mike Hammer
12. Charlie Parker
13. Peter Pascoe
14. Dirk Pitt
15. John Rebus
16. Jane Rizzoli
17. Kay Scarpetta
18. Jemima Shore
19. Simon Templar
20. Charles Wycliffe.

Results: 20: Sonia Atkinson, Peter Dearie, Jim Fowler, Barb Ibbott, Alison Martin, Frank Martin, Andrew Miles, Carole Noble, Ted O'Brien, Marian Procter, Margaret Steinberger, Brian Symons, Alan Walter, Jenny Wenham, Cheryl Wilcox and Norm Wilson. **19.5:** Bev Cockburn, Pat Garner, Bronwyn Hull, Hazel Freeman, Susan Howells, Catherine Jones, Doreen

Jones, Del Kennedy, Claire McClelland, Trish McPherson, David Procter and Dallas Window. **19:** Audrey Austin, Valerie Howard, Gabrielle Leeds, Ron O'Rourke, Betty Siegman and Nea Storey. **18.5:** Jean Barbour and Ian McKenzie. **18:** Phyl Heath and Joan Smith. **17.5:** Sally Knight.

Adjudicator's comments:

Firstly I have to apologise (again) for a couple of errors in this quiz - I really need a proof reader! Mike Hammer was out of order and the author Tess Gerritsen was wrongly spelt - absolutely no excuse for this as I only have to turn my head to be confronted with her books on my bookshelf! This did not put anybody off - you all knew what I meant! By far the biggest problem was that I asked for the names, meaning Christian and surname: now I got a lot of either Dr Fell, Miss Marple and Inspector Morse or a combination of all three, so... as 16 of you clever folk **had** got them all completely correct, I decided that they were the ones to be given 20 points and would only take off 1/2 a point for each lack of Christian name. In my defence of this decision I think most would be able to find them fairly easily and although poor Morse was only ever referred as Morse, we have mentioned his other name in our magazine several times. As no-one could come up with a Christian name for Father Brown (me either), that one stood. There were also a few misspellings - they also lost a 1/2 point. I haven't included any particular comments as you were all generous in your praise of the style of quiz. As I have said before there must be something about crossworders and crime fiction!! I hope I was able to provide you with some food for thought and new authors to read.
 —Ann Jermy



New Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Liam Culligan** from Drogheda, County Louth, Ireland, **Judith Johnson** of Bathurst, NSW, **Brian McLellan** from Bairnsdale, Vic and **Barbara Morris** from Aberfeldie, Vic.

Barbara said: "I have recently rejoined the club after quite a few years break, and it is great to see the website and the improvements." Welcome to the Wonderful World of *Crozworlding*!

Puzzle Adjustments: Gabrielle Leeds scored 19 in quiz 7/2008.

Bonus prizewinner:

• In our last edition of *Crozworld*, we mentioned that the bonus prize of a Crossword Pencil *Tornado* 0.9mm Twist Action with a Huge Eraser was **Delores Kennedy**. Here is Del's ecstatic reply: "Thank you so much for the beautiful Crossword pencil! It is just so.o.o.o great! I feel really privileged to be its owner, and I shall treasure it."

Solution to Miniquiz 8 by Ian Williams:

This is an unusual paragraph. Just how quickly can you find out what is so unusual about it? It looks so ordinary and plain that you would think nothing was wrong with it. In fact, nothing is wrong with it! It is highly unusual though. Study it and think about it, but you still may not find anything odd. But if you work at it a bit, you might find out. Try to do so without any coaching!

Answer: The letter "e", which is the most common letter used in the English language, does not appear once in the paragraph.

Miniquiz 9 by Ian Williams:

How many "normal" ie non-technical or scientific, words can you find in the English language that contain all five vowels once each, in their proper order? I know of two. How many can you find?

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

lambent *adj.* **1** (of a flame or light) playing on a surface with a soft radiance but without burning. **2** (of the eyes, sky, etc.) softly radiant. **3** (of wit etc.) lightly brilliant. □□ **lambency** *n.* **lambently** *adv.* [ORIGIN: Latin *lambere* *lambent-* 'lick'.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004.
 Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$110.00 ISBN 9780195517965

Quiz No 10/2008: Six on Both Hands by dB

The clues to these names, most of which will be familiar to all members, have been made deliberately vague to appeal to those who rely on memory rather than research tools. The only thing they have in common is the form of their solutions - all are (6,6) ignoring apostrophes. **Caution:** spelling of at least one of these has been misreported in many references. Send your entries to Doug Butler, PO Box 303, Oaklands Park SA 5046 or by email: Doug.Butler@flinders.edu.au
 Closing mail date: 14 November 2008. Book prize.

- 1** Son of Australian transport pioneer started own rental company
- 2** British comedian formed famous duo with another with a name in common
- 3** Ship with geographic name associated with UK environmental disaster
- 4** Military sounding nickname of an early Australian PM
- 5** Pseudonym of long ago late-night horror movie host, played by different actor in each State
- 6** Long-serving deputy to a great Australian PM
- 7** British author who wrote of a salesman pretending to run a spy network
- 8** Astronomer whose name is perpetuated in an astronomical object, one of his less important discoveries
- 9** Penal institution from which a great African leader was released shortly before becoming his country's Prime Minister
- 10** American comedian noted for his emotionless visage
- 11** Australian actress whose first major movie featured bicycles
- 12** Theologian, whose name was given to a great American
- 13** American playwright who married a famous actress
- 14** Australian vocalist who compered an ABC-TV popular music program
- 15** Australian female vocalist who sang about a boy with bleached hair
- 16** American female dancer usually associated with one particular partner
- 17** London location long associated with one particular profession
- 18** Venerable Australian publication whose title is now a misnomer

September 1-2008: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- A surprisingly hard Slot 1. Especially liked G-STRING.
Brian Symons
- Many thanks Noel for yet another enjoyable Slot 1 puzzle. Much liked 30dn: Tax round garment? = GST + RING, a clever clue.
Alan Walter
- Until light dawned, 7dn: "LINEAR B" had me mystified. A clever clue.
Peter Dearie
- An excellent starter from our old friend Jesso. LINEAR,B had me stumped for a while.
Margaret Davis
- A relaxing and enjoyable start to the month.
Jenny Wenham
- As always, neat and accurate clues. *Catherine Hambling*
- Fairly straightforward. I like the Half and Half puzzles.
Barb Ibbott

September 2-2008: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- A challenging cryptic but unsure about accuracy of XYLYL clue.
Brian Symons
- A good Slot 2 thanks Audrey. Could not verify XYLYL in 21ac from Chambers (which only identified XYLOL). Had to refer to a Technical Dictionary.
Alan Walter
- 3dn is confusing and could be either SCULL or SKULL depending on how you interpret the clue particularly as there are both 'poor' and 'we heard' in the clue.
Hilary Cromer
- In 9ac, I'm not sure why NATO was used in the clue - it's not really associated with peacekeeping or the U.N, as far as I know. The clue for 32ac, using "Freud" to indicate "CLEMENT" may baffle some solvers - I barely remember him from U.K television in the 60's, but his name seldom crops up nowadays. I hope "SKULL" is right for 3dn rather than "SCULL". (It is Peter: JS).
Peter Dearie
- Another reliable regular in Virgo with no curly clues this time!
Margaret Davis
- PELORIA was a newie to me, and CATAPULT is a beauty.
Max Roddick
- Thanks for another enjoyable Slot 2 Audrey. I don't understand the use of "NATO" in 9ac. I had BEV for 11ac, but eventually EVA made herself known. My favourite clue was 31ac.
Jenny Wenham
- Good compact clues - very satisfying.
Catherine Hambling
- Problems with 3dn as to which was indicated in the clues ie. SKULL vs SCULL. You can make a case for either, so both should be accepted. (See adjudicator's comments: JS)
Barb Ibbott

September 3-2008: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- The usual high standard from Southern Cross. CANDID gets my COTM.
Brian Symons
- Another star cryptic puzzle, thanks Shirl. Indicator for 6dn should be (4-5) for PUFF-ADDER. Took a while to confirm ALIA as former Albanian president.
Alan Walter
- 1ac was the last clue solved - very sneaky! 24ac made me realise that I can't spell "OPHTHALMOLOGIST".
Peter Dearie
- I always enjoy Shirl's puzzles and especially liked her 1ac so gave it my COTM.
Margaret Davis
- As always, some great clues from Shirl, especially 4ac & 20dn.
Jenny Wenham
- Thanks Shirl - Please don't retire from Crozworld!
Catherine Hambling
- I would like to vote for COTM - my vote goes to 10ac for Slot 3 September 2008 - Brilliant!!!! I also rather liked one other of Shirl's clues which is 1ac in the same Slot 3.
Dallas Wood
- 1ac: Think outside the square then fold it!
Max Roddick

- Loved 1ac which I chose as my clue of the month.
Barb Ibbott
- Once again, so hard to pick a COTM. I liked Virgo's "castles," and Manveru's multiplication sign," but gave my vote to Southern Cross in Slot 3 for 1ac - all mothers would relate to diapers!
Nea Storey

September 4-2008: AJ by Waratah (Carole Noble)

- Very enjoyable. Loved VIEW.
Brian Symons
- Where the 'ell is L? Oh I see, it's C. I presume you wanted LATCHES! (You presumed right Roy: JS)
Roy Taylor
- Lovely to have a standard A-J puzzle thanks Carole. The first C clue should have been re-labelled as the missing L clue.
Alan Walter
- The C clue (7) seems as though it should be an anagram of satchel. Should it perhaps have been the L clue and then the answer could be latches? (Yes it should have been the 'L' clue JS).
Hilary Cromer
- I hope that the 'C' clues and the missing 'L' don't cause too much confusion. (Not too much Peter: JS).
Peter Dearie
- For once I was familiar with all the words in the AJ! Nice one Carole.
Margaret Davis
- Sorry the gremlins got to this. With 2Cs (Christmas Carol?) and No L (Noel) you must have thought Christmas had come early.
Carole Noble
- M seems to be MYSTICAL but I don't understand the clue. (Film heard = MYST + lead in = I = CAL a state: JS)
Max Roddick
- The AJ is always my favourite and this one was a pleasure to solve once I realised there wasn't 2 words starting with C. I had the answer to the V clue for a while before I twigged. Lovely!
Jenny Wenham
- The mix up with L & C was not hard to spot. This was a good example of an A-J - my favourites.
Catherine Hambling
- 2 C's I see, what can this be? Ah to L with it.
Jim Fowler
- A pleasant traditional AJ. Mum loved the AJ provided it wasn't "tampered" with.
Barb Ibbott

September 5-2008: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- So many wonderful clues. Manveru is the doyen of anagrammatists.
Brian Symons
- Answers to 1 & 18ac was a gem: An indication of the times? (14,4) = MULTIPLICATION SIGN. A pleasant Slot 5 puzzle thanks Manveru.
Alan Walter
- I usually have trouble doing crosswords by Manveru but somehow I completed this one and hope I have it right as well.
Hilary Cromer
- 1ac and 29ac eluded me for a long time. I tried to connect 21dn to "URANIUM" without success, until I realised the clue's true meaning.
Peter Dearie
- Manveru in mellow mood for once. I usually find his puzzles much harder to solve. Maybe I am finally getting on to his wave length.
Margaret Davis
- 1 & 18ac: best clue of a very clever lot.
Max Roddick
- In 11ac, what is the purpose of "National" in the clue? I'm unsure of URANIUM but can't find anything else. "to keep dry" had me baffled in 19ac until I got the answer. Very clever! I also liked 25ac.
Jenny Wenham
- Another challenging puzzle with well thought out clues.
Catherine Hambling
- If ACARI (mites) is the answer I would like an explanation of the clue. (An anagram of AMERICA -ME: JS).
David Procter
- This appeared more daunting than it turned out.
Barb Ibbott
- If I get a dot it's pure 'tin', as I didn't understand some of the clues, but MULTIPLICATION SIGN gets my COTM.
Doug Butler

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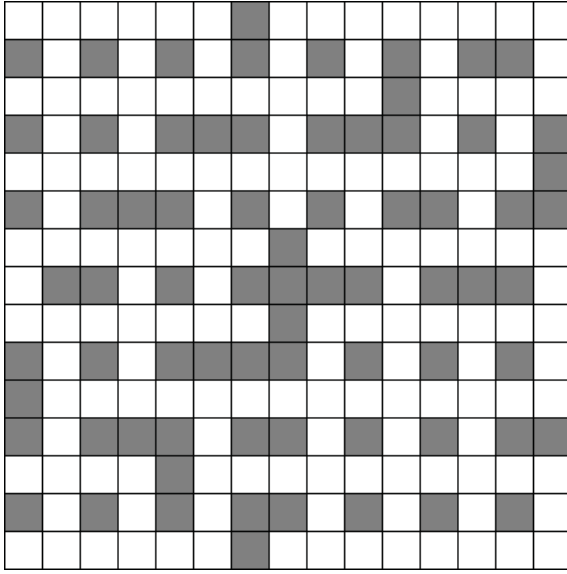
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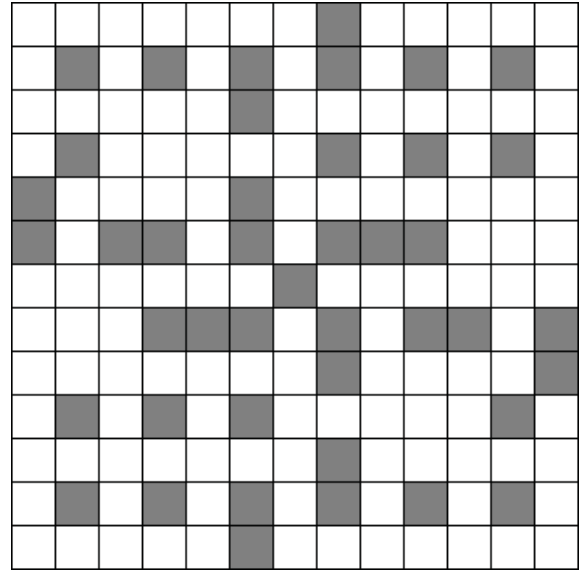
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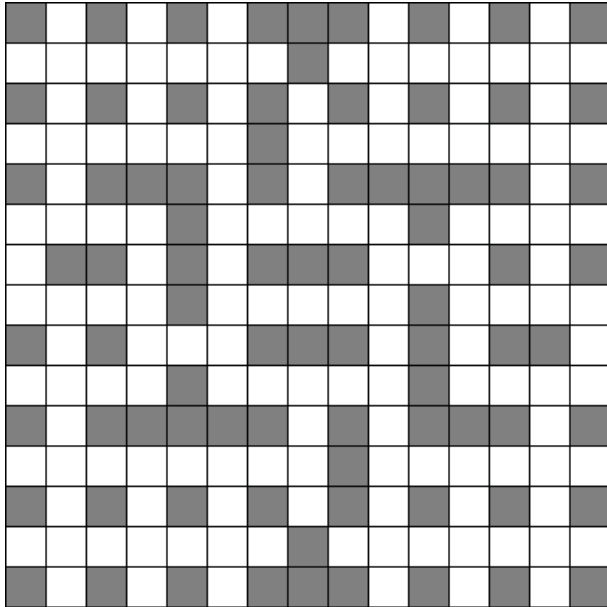
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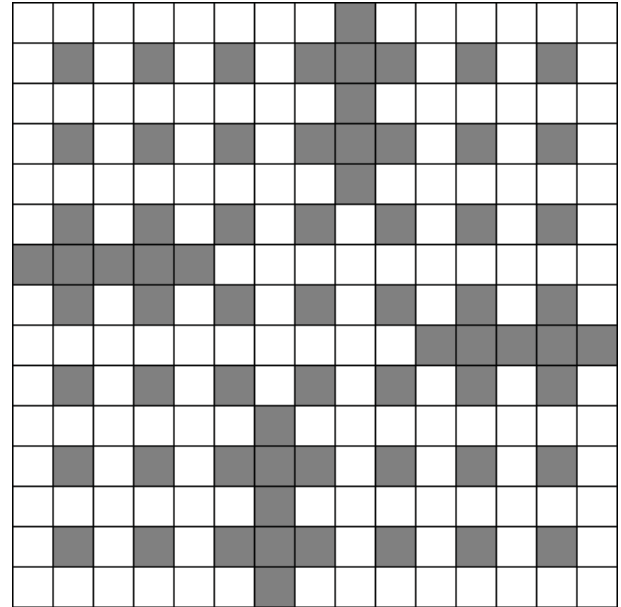
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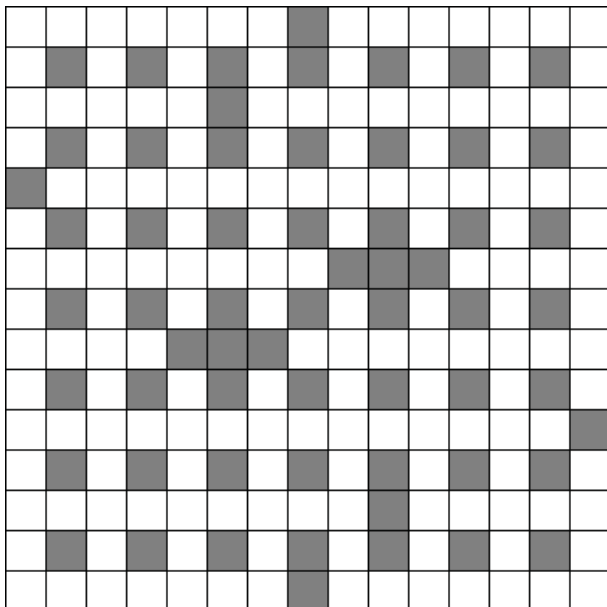
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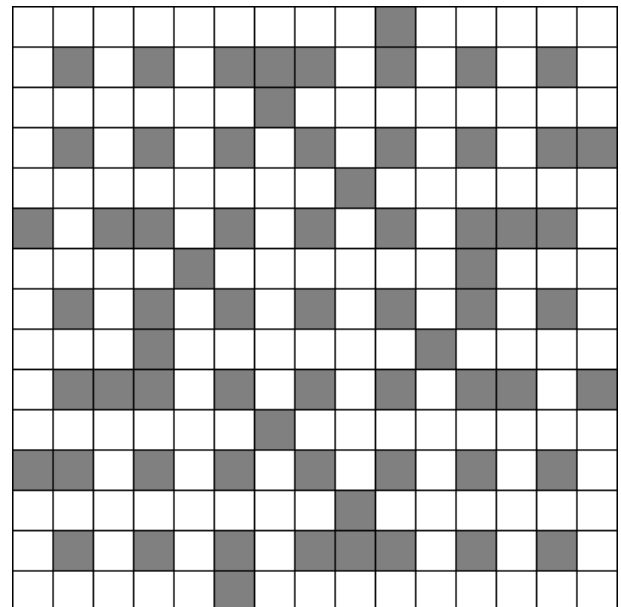
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Clue of the Month

August 6-2008: Wordplay by Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

Entries: 55. Correct: 51. Success rate: 92.7%.

Prizewinners: Margaret Galbreath & Lorna Waites. Well done!

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you for all your letters, cards, and comments. They are always appreciated. The theme, of course, was plays and their authors. It was originally intended to be restricted to the Theatre of the Absurd, however O'Neill and his Iceman snuck in there somehow.

THE OLD NAG: There were many questions regarding 8ac. After trying umpteen combinations of 5 authors and their plays (which seemed impossible – four would fit in neatly but never the fifth – isn't it always the way?). THE OLD NAG was born of desperate measures.

"Shakespearean Theatre" here was The Old Vic rather than The Globe, which was rather misleading. More appropriately perhaps, I should have clued it as "London theatre". "Failing state" meant abstracting "Vic", then adding "worry" ("nag") to produce "aging hack" or "Old nag" (Pretty awful, I know! However, everyone got it correct.)

The puzzle had a high success rate, the only errors being: HOGGET for HUGGED (HU-G(pigtail)-GE+D (headdress), HEDANISM for HEDONISM (the fellow is DON not DAN), OBESIANC for OBEDIENCE (anagram of Be nice + order minus RR) and RHINOSEROS.

Things were a little disorganized this time due to computer breakdown. Thanks to Ian Williams for opening and checking many email entries.
—Betelgeuse (Gillian Champion)

Solvers' Comments

• Thanks for your super-challenging Wordplay puzzle involving five playwrights with some of their works. Specially liked your 9ac Gordian knot and your humour in 21dn with your Punic War reference.
Alan Walter

• Thanks, Gillian, for an excellent puzzle. How tricked I was when I put "Burnett" for 22ac which fits the clue perfectly.
Doreen Jones

• It's a long time since I have enjoyed completing a puzzle as much as I have this one – a perfect combination of both searching for words and facts. The frustration of not knowing the theme – leaning towards Shakespeare, then the penny dropping when STOPPARD came up as a possible answer. ... I'm still on a high from managing to complete your puzzle! Thanks a lot for it.
Pat Garner

• Thanks for another tough and challenging cryptic – with great clues (when understood).
Brian Symons

• Thank you for doing this puzzle. You've improved my knowledge of plays and playwrights a bit. I hadn't heard of Rhinoceros, Rock'N'Roll or The Goat, or Ionesco. The others I had heard about, luckily. It wasn't an easy crossword I must say, so I hope I have it all correct.
Carole Noble

• Quite a challenge – after getting quite a few clues I guessed The Iceman and things fell into place with the help of Google of course.
Bob Hagan

• Loved the "Play" words – how clever! Only hope I'm correct – or should I say "wright".
Delores Kennedy

• What a wonderfully clever puzzle you have given us here! Finding the playwrights in the body of the grid gave me great satisfaction, and I was able to get all but two of the plays without reference to Google – Rock'N'Roll and The Goat. Thanks for the challenge.
Ted O'Brien

• Thanks for the great puzzle – I had a lot of fun with it.
Margaret Steinberger

• Wow! What an intriguing puzzle, and so clever. It must have taken you ages to compile – almost as long as it took me to solve it (or complete it anyway) and such clever clues such as Ionesco and Hedonism. Well done!
Bev Cockburn

• Good one, Gillian! Thank you.
Bill Bennett

• This turned out to be easier than I anticipated on first inspection – an interesting puzzle – although I didn't like the plays!
Jill Freeland

• Thank you for the No6 Theme Puzzle. I found it very difficult but satisfying to complete.
Ron O'Rourke

• Thank you for providing a challenging but interesting puzzle, and so different with the names of plays on the perimeter. I guess the only problem with the names of the plays – you need to try and find a reference to the playwrights. I needed to use Google. Possibly some of the solvers were at a disadvantage if they weren't connected to the internet. Re 8ac The Old Nag. – I'm not certain this is correct as I can't really understand the clue, and I couldn't find a reference to The Old Nag being the State Shakespearean Theatre. I thought 3dn was an excellent clue. Quite humorous – great!
Graeme Cole

• Another great puzzle! Took me back to student days. Well done.
Robyn Caine

• Very enjoyable, thank you. The first answer I got was Albee, which rather gave the game away. Then there were some hints on Google, and

all was light. I liked 16dn, neat, and also struck a chord with me as I have recently acquired two very small great-grandsons, and another is on the way. So I feel very much the grandma. *Margaret Galbreath*

• Took me ages to get the associated words for the perimeter – as I solved Albee I thought another word for it Albeit – but then with the title WordPlay I looked up playwrights and it started to fall into place, except I initially had "The Old Vic" for 8ac and Grandma for 16dn. I feel really "chuffed" that I've done it.
Marian Procter

• First of all let me say I loved your puzzle. I found it very challenging and it wasn't until I had the playwright Ionesco that the penny dropped.
Dallas Window

• What a clever puzzle. I really enjoyed it and hope it is OK. I look forward to the next one.
Valerie Howard

• If I had not been familiar with Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, by Stoppard I might still be playing with words. Well done.
Jack Stocks

• Hooray! I managed to complete your puzzle! Though I am not confident that it is correct, I still get a feeling of satisfaction when the theme becomes apparent. ... The names of the plays were not too hard to find, but my reference books did not mention Rock'N'Roll or The Goat for the simple reason that these plays were produced after my book was published. My wife found them on the internet. All in all, a very clever puzzle.
Peter Dearie

• Thoroughly enjoyed it, thank you, and it certainly took a bit of working though. I'm a bit worried about 8ac – I've got The Old Nag which seems to fit the last part of the clue – could it be that the reference is to The Old Vic Theatre in London failing cos you omit the Vic bit?
Jim Fowler

• Your puzzle was quite enjoyable and had me scouting the reference books to match playwrights and their works.
John Gillis

• Thank you for this most innovative puzzle – it took quite some time to work out the theme, but stumbling on The Iceman Cometh eventually gave the game away.
Catherine Hambling

• It took me ages to get the theme – 4dn was my favourite. I had been trying to anagram NUMBER – it wasn't until I guessed at The Iceman Cometh – discovered it was a play by O'Neill and all fell into place. Not too sure about 8ac. Thank you for an enjoyable challenge.
Jan Wood

• While I knew all the playwrights I was not familiar with all of the plays. It proved to be an enjoyable journey. Look forward to more. Thanks, Gillian.
Roy Wilson

• I went off on a complete tangent initially having put BURNETT as 22ac – decided BURN was the freshwater stream rather than BECK. This sent off onto Queensland Rivers until the penny dropped. Loads of fun.
Trish McPherson

• Brilliant, but time-consuming and just about doable. I couldn't have managed without the net to look up 'Rock'N'Roll' and 'The Goat' as neither were listed in my references.
Audrey Austin

• Very nice puzzle, Gillian. Thank you.
David Grainger

• Thank you for another excellent puzzle. I wasn't familiar with some of the titles but when the author's name appeared in the grid, it was easy to find a list of his/her works. I look forward to seeing and solving more of your puzzles.
David Procter

• Another quirky but enjoyable challenge from Betelgeuse. Slow progress until I twigged to the theme, then it fell into place – (a particularly appealing one for an amateur playwright!).
Kath Harper

• It was challenging, even after I found the 'theme'. Some of the titles brought back old memories.
Judy Caughley

• Thank you for a most challenging and interesting Slot 6. It tested my internet searching skills too. I've held on to this solution for a couple of weeks now hoping for inspiration for 8ac. In the end I've gone with The Old Nag although I seriously contemplated The Ole Nag as well. My best guess is that 'failing state' is an indication to lose 'state' from the Old State Theatre with 'worry' (Nag) but I suspect I'm sitting in the wrong seat – at least for the first part. I tried all sorts of tricks using The Globe in relation to the famous Shakespearean theatre, but couldn't justify it. I did at one point consider removing GB (failing state – Great Britain) from the Globe which would have left Theloe. However to arrive at The Ole would have meant an indirect anagram, so as you can imagine I will be eagerly anticipating the correct answer and explanation. No doubt it's a lot simpler than I have made it out to be.
Michael Kennedy

• This was a solvable theme but still retained some mystery. I have no idea how 8ac works but many others were very neat.
Andrew Patterson

• Thanks for an interesting and entertaining puzzle. I now know something about the "Theatre of the Absurd" – not a subject I was familiar with before. I appreciated the secondary indicators for the themed words. I'm not sure that I'd have solved it without them. I loved the clue for O'Neill.
Jenny Wenham

• Liked 'hungry trout' in 22ac and 'legally void' in 13dn. Both clues gutless and clever at the same time!
Max Roddick



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