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Man is a creature who lives not upon bread alone, but principally by catchwords.
Robert Louis Stevenson, 1881, title essay in *Virginius Puerisque*, II.

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RENEWAL OF SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR 2019!

The Annual Membership subscription for 2019 has remained at \$45 for the paper copy and the e-CroZworld only costs \$35. There have been increased costs associated with printing and posting CroZworld via Australia Post. We hope that the present postage costs will not be changed in 2019, but it's quite possible that they will. This makes the receipt of e-CroZworld a better alternative and much quicker not to mention the environmental issue of less paper usage. Why not opt for the email version in 2019?

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 2019. We have a special offer whereby you can sign up a new member for 2019 for only \$35. Just a reminder that we distribute more than \$6500 in cash prizes per year. In order to maintain that plentiful level of prizes, we hope you will be more than generous with your donations to the ACC Prize Pool 2019.

Puzzleman **Ian Williams** has another masterly selection of puzzles for you this month. Included are some of your favourites *Fortuna 48*, *JAXA* and *Barney Naga*. The accomplished *Manveru* has contributed another excellent AJ and the skilful *Flowerman* has presented another fine Cryptic in Slot 5 called *Nina's Unusually Square!* And *Valkyrie* has devised an excellent puzzle in Slot 6 called *Sweet 100* and has contributed another one of her outstanding Quizzes.

Kindly note that the Closing Mail Date for the Slots 1-5 puzzles is Friday 26 October 2018. Best of Luck with your solving. Happy CroZworlding. —Patrick

Here we are at the end of another enjoyable month of ACC crosswording. Once again a set of challenges has been cleverly thrown down by the setters and bravely picked up by the solvers. Congratulations to all who got their entries in. Now there's just to join the dots . . .

Slot 1: This puzzle had a theme of partners: SHOW and TELL, RANK and FILE, SPICK and SPAN, EVER and ANON, plus a bonus mini-golf theme of PAR, BIRDIE and BOGEY. Some created a new Japanese dish by blending SUSHI and SASHIMI to create SUSHIMIS (10). DIG IN (9) was the wrong tense for DUG IN and mis-spelling BOGEY as BOGIE lost dots for 4.

Slot 2: Nice straightforward well-received puzzle which didn't cause too many problems.

Slot 3: This slot coincidentally continued the 'partners' theme of slot 1 with some paired solutions around the outside: SERVICE STATION, SECOND OPINIONS, NAPOLEAN BRANDY, STORAGE BATTERY, although these were not clued as such. Perhaps a type of Nina? No two errors were the same, the majority seemed to be the result of mis-transcribing from the original to the submitted version.

Slot 4: I thought this was well-clued but it caused the most problems. RAPINE became REPINE (14) and REPENT (3), NUCLEI was thought to be NICKEL (10) and XYLOPHAGE multiplied into XYLOPHAGA (5). I could go on.

Slot 5: In this puzzle, every solution included the letters TEN (28 solutions x 10 = 280, geddit?) If the penny dropped early enough it possibly made this a tad more doable. Some unfamiliar words (at least to me) may have led to imaginative solutions like SELECTEN and PENTO.

COTM: Nominations were spread over all slots but the runaway winner with a whopping 11 votes was slot 5's INTENDING. Congratulations **Crowsman!** —Tony Dobelev

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	92	105	90	86	67	440
Correct entries	60	99	80	48	52	339
Success rate (%)	65.2	94.3	88.9	55.8	77.6	77
Prizewinners	Sally Shipway	Pat Horan	Margaret Steinberger	Greg McAdoo	Catherine Hambling	from 107 members

Prizewinner: September 2018 Slots 1-5: Corryn Anderson. Congrats!

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Half & Half
by
Fortuna 48



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Across

- 8 Post-grad, most of them experience ludicrous descent (6)
- 9 Skill in dance not acceptable to strict disciplinarian (8)
- 10 Fleecing King's Inn Exchange (8)
- 11 No duel resulted in swelling (6)
- 12 Measure manoeuvre by every second year job provider (8)
- 13 Refer suggestively to Gore? Sounds obscene (6)
- 14 Cram in – switch sides of empty nest – pass on! (5,2)
- 17 Degeneration of a prize (7)
- 20 On board ship, extreme pressure is cause of putrefaction (6)
- 22 Name torn, displayed as mark of honour (8)
- 25 Element of cricket match shown in result (6)
- 26 Reminder of Spooner's marsh cake (8)
- 27 Avoid fish and bird (8)

28 Wild cat gets gas stuck in part of throat (6)

Down

- 1 A good shooter (8)
- 2 A powerful disinfectant (6)
- 3 To become rigid (6)
- 4 Figures of speech (7)
- 5 Conduct business (8)
- 6 Very hot curry (8)
- 7 Obscured (6)
- 15 Rummages (8)
- 16 Inability to sleep (8)
- 18 Asian city (4,4)
- 19 Accommodation for ships (7)
- 21 A novel by Leon Uris (6)
- 23 A pointer on a dial (6)
- 24 Wretchedness (6)

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Cryptic by JAXA



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- 1 Last escapee Pat's back in – go for police (7)
- 5 Fee when 1 Across is redeployed (7)
- 9 Afterword after mother gets illness (5)
- 10 Compensation for badly presented motel menu (9)
- 11 Hail rudely to sibling, giving reason for avoiding kisses (9)
- 12 Concern with the past gets into more trouble (5)
- 13 Return cereal that is found at high altitude (5)
- 15 Death notice appearing once glory is destroyed (9)
- 18 Girl's desire achieved by finer body movements (9)
- 19 Caesar's forty heard to be at the top (5)
- 21 About four pints, like the Queen (5)
- 23 In essence, bay includes (as it was written) everything (9)
- 25 Endless surf...rip...hesitate...give up! (9)
- 26 Small person hides where war occurs between England and France (5)
- 27 Ardent supporter interrupts drink with mail (7)
- 28 Fat queen's food stores (7)

Down


- 1 American detective returning self-satisfied with

means of digging up dirt (7)

- 2 Like phone component, one left early with no direction (9)
- 3 Fool with every second best thing of value (5)
- 4 Robe is ancestral covering for sign of respect (9)
- 5 Concert series using openings from Puccini requiring only male singers (5)
- 6 Where you may have started outdated then reportedly got the prize (6,3)
- 7 One who represents a respectable man (5)
- 8 Portal incorporates 2/3 of top physical process (7)
- 14 Agitate loner with some argument for registration (9)
- 16 Bad man, related to stars, deals with details of land ownership (9)
- 17 Vibrate because of damaged coils badly timed (9)
- 18 Beverage maker to deny service to half of Turkish city's characters (7)
- 20 Put down, not on top of some job losses (7)
- 22 Actress in something to brag about (5)
- 23 Move young flower with glove tips (5)
- 24 Last two in first three of carved wood (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Thank you very much for the cheque and personalised card which arrived to-day. It is such a pleasure to receive *any* mail these days which is not a bill but to get one such as you sent is a real thrill. *Doreen Jones*
- Many thanks for the prize for the quiz that I thought I was never going to finish. Archdukedom (duke) was nearly the death of me! *Julie Leigh*
- Thank you for the very generous prize for August 2018 Slots 1-5. The challenge of grappling with the puzzles is reward enough but the prize is appreciated. *Ian McKenzie*
- Thank you for the prize for August Slot 4. My wife and I solved it together, and found it quite a challenge. *Peter Dearie*
- Glad to be able to 'solve' (I hope) and submit 4 of the puzzles before heading to UK on Sept 7. Will keep working on the rest while away. Thanks for the fun as usual. *Hilary Cromer*
- I was thrilled to win the clue writing comp. My cheque was very much appreciated. *Rob Moline*
- Thank-you for the pleasant surprise of the cheque for Slot 3. *Sonia Roulston*
- Thank you for the prize from last month's puzzles – a nice surprise ... and a lovely bonus. *Robyn Wimbush*
- Thanks again to all hard-working members. *Lynn Jarman*
- I found the puzzles difficult this month, possibly because the warmer weather made gardening a great temptation!

O C T O B E R 2 0 1 8 S L O T 3
<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by <i>Barney Naga</i></p>


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Across

- 1 Form of torture covers the joint (7)
- 5 Squashy ink producer – gooey at the edges (7)
- 9 Group failure can be incendiary (7,4)
- 10 Small metropolis exists in any central location (1,1,1)
- 11 ASIC board management is a real gem (9)
- 12 He is 86 and starts to naturally tire after some time (5)
- 13 Fund raiser chef accepts heat at famous hotel (5,7)
- 15 Ready for the hammer to fall beneath a colourless reduction (5,7)
- 19 Spare wheel can be a sticking point! (5)
- 20 Bottom nations form part of the games (4-5)
- 22 Every second elongated curved trumpet is used to call cattle (3)
- 23 Truman’s work was ruthless (2,4,5)
- 24 Plans removal of posters! (7)
- 25 Embrace girlfriend! (7)

Down

- 1 Boots objects for thrills (5)
- 2 Coach would regularly send out coast tours (8)
- 3 Reduction in slice of rump (7)
- 4 Consequences after character left her belongings (8,7)
- 5 Is threatening danger the weapon of a sneaky flatterer? (5,2,8)
- 6 Following bum around with anger can be an offence (7)
- 7 Spooner’s joint passed but was turned down (6)
- 8 Chants may upset one who spends time on board (9)
- 13 Loose car lid – shy of covering (9)
- 14 Record drop to share with others (8)
- 16 Run about to celebrate caring (7)
- 17 Vehicle is initially bought (with 50% discount) for a buck! (7)
- 18 Nervous brides become bits of wrecks (6)
- 21 Plant housed generally inside (5)

September 5-2018: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan) (continued from p10)

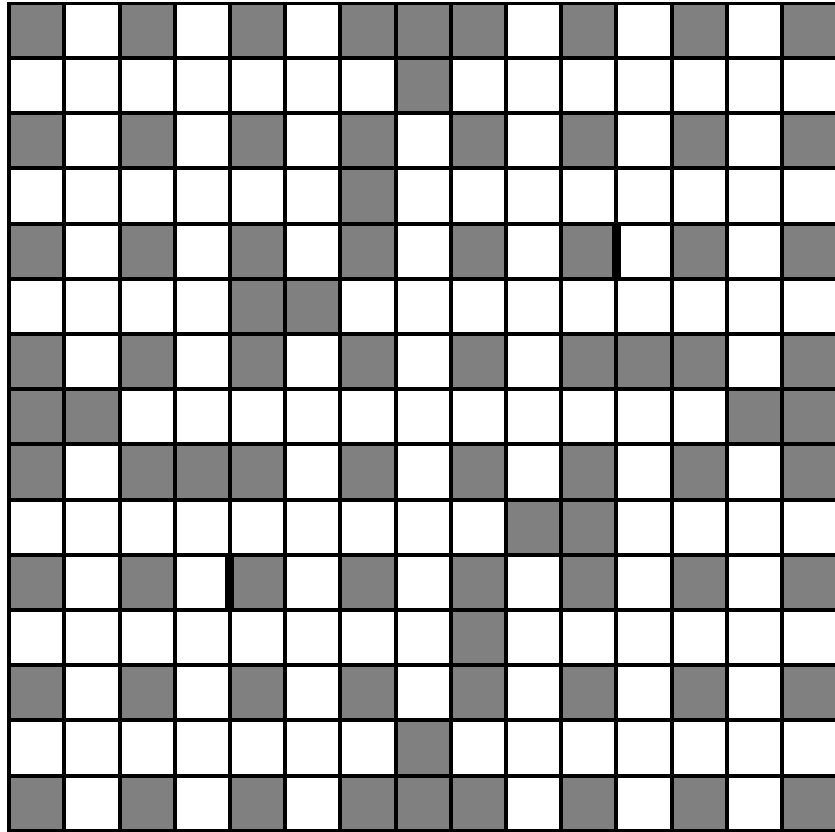
- Another gem from Len. *Pat Garner*
- It was only upon completion when pondering the meaning of 280 did the penny drop... 28 clues containing 'ten'. Clever! *Maureen Blake*
- So TEN is in all the answers and there are 28 clues. Hence the title I assume? I did think initially it might be the number of times Len has almost stumped us! A number of worthy COTM' but in the end went for 3dn. *Richard Skinner*
- Clever *Crowsman!* 10x28=280. *Nea Storey*
- Oh so clever and includes my COTM! *Bev Cockburn*
- The inclusion of TEN in every solution is mind-boggling! *Catherine Hambling*
- Thank you for an enjoyable puzzle with good clues Len 10/10. *Joan Smith*
- Amazing, *Crowsman!* Took me a bit to understand the 280 as ten times 28 clues but when I did it helped a lot. Thank you and wow! *Robyn McKenzie*
- Loved INTENDING. *Ann Millard*
- 28 (clues) x 10 (ten) = 280. Twenty eight brilliant clues. You have done it again, Len. Thanks. *Jim Fowler*
- Ten out of ten for a brilliant and enjoyable puzzle. *Ann Millard*
- Brilliant! 28 (clues) x 10 (ten) equals 280. How do you do it, Len?? Thank you, once again. *Robyn Wimbush*
- 10/10 Len.

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AJ
by
Manveru



Solutions begin with the given letter.
Place them in the grid jigsaw-wise, where they fit.



- A** A music player's brilliant new hit's finale could be touching (8)
- B** Sounds like a splendid meal on a restaurant bench (9)
- C** Secret deal with sect in Norway goes awry (11)
- D** Water reservoir section directed towards fruit tree (6)
- E** Meet earl, knight, noble and queen (9)
- F** Put on a pretence and collapsed reportedly (7)
- G** Escaped with *Game of Thrones* on vacation (3,4)
- H** Praise God after Noah somehow stows sons and first pair of animals (7)
- I** Einstein, undergoing experimentation about time, is making significant contribution to GUT! (9)
- J** Judge is needing security after bishop is taken away to prison (4)
- K** Cordial and rosé are similar? (7)
- L** Perhaps like edge of Dead Sea! (8)
- M** Jersey wind perhaps? (7)
- N** One travelling north over motorway with a police unit heading west (7)
- O** Biblical works include chapters beginning to understand Leviticus and the metaphysical (6)
- P** Land at ski resort in Pennsylvania before heading to Nebraska (8)
- Q** Lunch perhaps, at 12:45 served by chef, mostly (6)
- R** Opening of gutter overwhelmed by this? (4)
- S** Subaru's first advanced vehicle with new acceleration based on hydrogen is kind of plain (8)
- T** A surprising gesture of appreciation from Thor? (11)
- U** Copper involved in search disregards lead completely (5)
- V** Remarkably, a Thailand cave supported by leading divers is no longer occupied (7)
- W** Fight escalating before King joins army and staff (9)
- X** Olivia Newton-John song in top spot? (6)
- Y** Threw in the towel with eyelid beginning to droop alarmingly (7)
- Z** Spheres of gas devoid of uppermost oxygen and sulphur (5)

Antigrams: Anagrams with a difference

Antigrams aren't negative weights or cables you send to your father's sister, but anagrams with a difference: the new word or words created out of the original word or words have the opposite instead of a similar meaning. This **real fun** is what you don't have at a **funeral** and **fluster** is far from **restful**.

- Misfortune = it's more fun
- Santa = Satan
- enormity = more tiny
- infection = fine tonic
- militarism = I limit arms

- filled = illfed
 - violence = nice love
 - marital = martial
 - anarchists = arch-saints
 - commendation = aim to condemn
 - evangelists = evil's agents
 - discretion = is no credit
 - protectionism = nice to imports
 - a picture of health = oft pale, I ache, hurt
 - the man who laughs = he's glum, won't ha-ha
 - Monday = dynamo
- from *Word Play* by Gyles Brandreth, Coronet, 2016

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Nina's Unusually Square! by Flowerman


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Across

- 8 Clots ruined mobile (6)
- 9 Separate French articles describing triumph (8)
- 10 Felicity put in control (8)
- 11 At end of dive, good to break pool's surface (6)
- 12 Abnormal reaction extremely revealing in a way (7)
- 14 Well-informed on situation north of Boston, maybe (7)
- 16 In Wall St, rising chief backing gold perhaps (7)
- 18 Animal finding rhythm going around bend (7)
- 19 Backward Earth mother prepared vegetable dish (7)
- 20 Loaded question about Environment Agency officer (7)
- 23 Shellfish briefly turned up around lake (6)
- 25 Sappers curse mad saint liberating people (8)
- 27 Pandora beginning to lecture vagrant in declamatory style (8)
- 28 General suspicious after king left room (6)

Down

- 1 Boss in jet leaving Japan (4)
- 2 Pout about son's dessert (6)
- 3 Whence shouting by Indian not content with curry? (6,4)
- 4 Girl drinking Kelvin's tinny (5)
- 5 Be sore at American revolutionary (4)
- 6 Old Roman magistrate migrating to square (8)
- 7 Lecturer in quarrel over pathology course (6,4)
- 13 Mal finally went around to do a spot of cleaning (10)
- 15 Ernie helps at sea as a hand perhaps (10)
- 17 Welcome Mike charging nothing for setting up oven (4,4)
- 21 American city to rule out award (6)
- 22 Minister dismissing page's crime (5)
- 24 English soldier possibly climbing mountain (4)
- 26 Managed to pen old horse (4)

2018 GET-TOGETHER AND HAVE FUN!!

The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at William 'Raoul' Ryan's delectable pub *The Harold Park Hotel*, cnr Wigram Road and Ross Street, Glebe NSW on Sunday 25 November 2017 commencing at 11:30am. William has allocated a comfortable and spacious room upstairs and he serves 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 cruciverbal! 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 prizes to give away and our dynamic Secretary Bev Cockburn has some exciting intellectual challenges for you. Looking forward to meeting up again. Be there!



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Sweet 100 by Valkyrie


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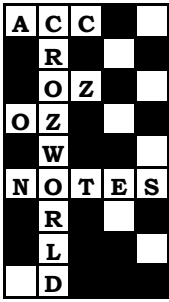
- 1 **and 1-down** New admirer of 18, 21, an impostor and low cheat (6,7)
- 4 Cake decorator grabs produce for freezer perhaps (3,5)
- 9 Expose evil design at the end of international delegation (6)
- 10 Prince's *Resolution* at first baffled when played as a musical introduction (8)
- 12 Once a tax contribution of retiring elderly (4)
- 13 Top sprite becoming offhand (4)
- 14 **and 7** Naked tyke is crazy for some contents of 18, 21 (5,6)
- 16 Wrong number is initially corrected in the shopping centre (7)
- 17 Charlie lied, replacing Sweden with Norway (4)
- 19 Large South American vertebrae for example (4)
- 20 Fruit appeared trendy (7)
- 24 Sanction places to hang out with both sides (5)
- 25 Charming centres of Munich and Gloucester (4)
- 26 In the thick of mainstream ideology! (4)
- 28 Star Wars power police (3,5)
- 29 No rope by the sounds of it for antelope (6)
- 30 Famous to restrict condition I published (8)
- 31 Drunk loses top tooth in wooden boat (3,3)

Down

- 1 See 1-across
- 2 New first for provider of 18, 21 (8)
- 3 One gentleman raised flag (4)
- 5 Previous owner of 18, 21 in the pool with Lisa and Stephanie? (5,3,4)
- 6 Bad English, lacking gravity, is in confusion, a characteristic of 23 (10)
- 7 See 14
- 8 Seen at dusk possibly even friend is okay (3,3)
- 11 Note boozier unnaturally clean for current owner of 18, 21 (4,8)
- 15 State manuscript, a heartless new review, bad for current owner of 18, 21 (3,7)
- 18 **and 21** Three wise men, initially choking up, returned with a doctorate in Good Book (3,5,7)
- 21 See 18
- 22 Lewd, colourless fashion (6)
- 23 18, 21's watch chain? (6)
- 27 Woman who is demanding most of bed (4)

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Results of Quiz No 8/2018.

Odd Fauna by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen).

Entries: 27.

Winner: Jim Fowler. Congratulations!

Results: Results: 26: W Allen, R Caine, B Cockburn, L Colgan, J Fowler, D Grainger, B Hagan, K Harper, D Jones, J Leigh, P Lord, R McKenzie, A Miles, A Millard, J Pearce, S Pinder, D Procter, M Procter and B Siegman. **25:** G Cole, J Crowe, P Garner, R Gooderick, C McClelland, E O'Brien and R Wimbush. **21:** K Williams.

Answers: 1. Annotate (ant) **2.** Appreciate (ape) **3.** Beastly (bat) **4.** Brewery (bee) **5.** Chowder (cod) **6.**

Crafty (cat) **7.** Drought (dog) **8.** Everlasting (eel) **9.** Exmouth (emu) **10.** Furlough (frog) **11.** Genius (gnu) **12.** Good afternoon (goat) **13.** Hoing (hen) **14.** Indeed (ide) **15.** Keelage (kea) **16.** Knowingly (koi) **17.** Lounger (lug) **18.** Mayonnaise (myna) **19.** Orwellian (owl) **20.** Priggish (pig) **21.** Reaction (rat) **22.** Stopwatch (sow) **23.** Teacher (tahr) **24.** Triathlon (tit) **25.** What's up Doc? (wasp) **26.** Zooming (zo) or Zipping (pig).

Adjudicator's Comments.

Thanks to all the people who gave this a go and all their positive comments. It is lovely to still receive snail mail. Although the majority of people included animals using odd letters starting from the first letter (as I did) there was no reason why they could not start with third letter or the fifth letter, nor was there any instruction saying an animal could not be repeated. Hence I accepted 'zipping' for word 26. The word I had in mind was zooming with the animal being a zo, a cross between a male yak and a common cow.

Solvers' Comments

• Thanks for the quiz which was made a little easier by being in alphabetical order. I would have had a few difficulties otherwise.

David Procter

• It is a great quiz: it must have taken hours of searching to come up with all these words. *Betty Siegman*

• Many thanks for yet another great quiz. *Julie Crowe*

• Thank you for a great quiz. *Pat Lord*

• Enjoyed the quiz. I can't think of an alternative for the last one, and the hidden word doesn't start with the 1st letter, but the 3rd. Still satisfies the instructions, I believe. *Ann Millard*

• Odd but fun fauna! You are a number 11 with word puzzles, and possibly a bit number 19 as well – Animal Farm? *Kath Harper*

• An unusual and challenging quiz. Some of the creatures were very strange. *Bob Hagan*

• Thank you once again for your quiz. Just the right amount of difficulty! *Doreen Jones*

• Thank you for another of your clever quizzes. My first answer was 'What's Up Doc' which got me 'wasp' and I was on my way! #26 took ages and I hope my answer is correct as I cannot come up with anything else! *Bev Cockburn*

• Thank you for the quiz. It was a good challenge and took me a little while to work out the common factor. I enjoyed doing it. *Robyn McKenzie*

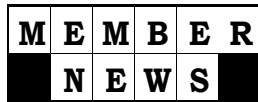
• That was a really interesting quiz, thank you. *Julie Leigh*

• Did so much enjoy it, but must admit to needing the dictionary for 16 and 23. And 17 drove me crazy. Thought nos. 4 and 19 brilliant. Many thanks. *Eileen O'Brien*

• Thanks for a great quiz. Some answers quite tricky to find and must have been even trickier to compile. Last one in – and it took ages was Zo. I had heard of Zho but I wasn't really looking for a 2 letter beast. *Jim Fowler*

• Thank you for a fun quiz. Most impressive how you found so many animals in the odd letters! *Robyn Caine*

• Yet another entertaining and sometimes frustrating little gem! Thank you for the work you put in to keep us all on our toes. *Pat Garner*



Welcome renewal of ACC Member.

Jenny Madden from Uranquinty NSW. Welcome to the Wonderful World of Crozworlding!

Donation to the ACC

Sincere thanks to **Peter Dearie** for his generous donation to the ACC for the Club's prizes in 2019.

Reverse Anagrams

A recent conversation with another ACC member made mention of reverse anagrams, a relatively uncommon type of cryptic crossword clue. That has prompted this article for the benefit of some members who might not be familiar with specific terminologies.

Consider a simple anagram clue: *Greatly dislike heat treatment (4)* with the obvious answer HATE. In this clue, "greatly dislike" is the definition, "treatment" is an anagram indicator, and "heat" is the fodder on which it operates. Conversely, a reverse anagram has, as its answer, a usually common expression comprising both an anagram indicator and its fodder, while the clue contains the result of that anagram operation plus, of course, the definition.

Consider: *Hate thermotherapy (4,9)* The answer is HEAT TREATMENT, defined by "thermotherapy", with "hate" being produced by the answer.

Other examples are: *Tedious open-air TV programme (7,9)* with answer OUTSIDE BROADCAST ("broadcast" is an anagram indicator); and *Bowls fight (8,5)* with answer EXCHANGE BLOWS.

Needless to say, reverse anagrams can be tricky without sufficient checked letters. Here are a few for you to try.

The answers are on Page 12.

Bangers are rife (4-8)

Finger an eccentric minority (7,6)

Butcher's product from mate (5-4)

Prince in two-sided military advance (6,8)

Lured, but not allowed in parliament or court (5,3,2,5)

Satchmo gets indigestion (7,5)

Crowsman (Len Colgan)

Quiz 10/2018 Taking It in Turns by Valkyrie

The solutions to the clues have something in common. The answers are in alphabetical order. Send your entry to Ulla Axelsen, 6 Maud Street, Donnybrook, QLD 4510: e-mail: ullaaxelsen@hotmail.com Closing date 9 November 2018. \$75 Prize.

- 1** Cocktail (8)
- 2** Dress gaudily (7)
- 3** Ridicule (10)
- 4** Consider carefully (10)
- 5** Contracted (10)
- 6** Prevalent (8)
- 7** Wind up (8)
- 8** Common (7)
- 9** Dissident (9)
- 10** Spiritless (9)
- 11** Minstrel (9)
- 12** Robe (6)
- 13** Power (8)
- 14** Curse (7)
- 15** Small (7)
- 16** Banal (8)
- 17** Self-contradictory (11)
- 18** Tunnel (5)
- 19** Root vegetable (8)
- 20** Mimic (8)
- 21** Barrow (7)
- 22** Ignorant (10)
- 23** Neighbourhood (8)
- 24** Rake (9)
- 25** Abnormal dryness (7)
- 26** Harem (6)

September 1-2018: A Bit More of Everything by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

• An enjoyable puzzle. UNICYCLE, STYLUSES, RUFF and ENEMA were all good clues. I would have had STICK for SPICK but for its cross-clueing with SPAN. *Andrew Miles*

• Clever and entertaining. I particularly liked 10ac and 11dn. *Len Colgan*

• This was an enjoyable variation from what usually happens in slot one. *Barbara Ibbott*

• Took a long time for the penny to drop on 5ac and 5dn. A good challenge. *Trish McPherson*

• I enjoyed the paired clues, and RUFF. *Kathy Horadam*

• Quite a tricky Slot 1. *Julie Crowe*

• Very enjoyable; gave me a few laughs. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Not being a golfer, it took a while to twig re 5ac and 5dn. *Hilary Cromer*

• 21ac is a guess – found this puzzle rather hard. *Anne Simons*

• Liked the BOGEY and BIRDIE clues; had me scratching my head for a while. *Ian Thompson*

• Excellent – maybe a bit hard for #1. Who needs enemas with fiends like this? *Jim Fowler*

• Nice slot 1. *Richard Skinner*

• 5ac and 5dn – two clever golfing clues. *Nea Storey*

• Up yours indeed!! Excellent puzzle, really enjoyed this one. *Judy Schulz*

• The BIRDIE/BOGEY references were clever! *Bev Cockburn*

• Being a numbers person I liked 5ac and 5dn; very clever. *Betty Siegman*

• Clues were cleverly linked! *Robyn McKenzie*

• Only took me 3 weeks to get my head around BOGEY and BIRDIE. Clever! Thank you, Zinzan. *Ann Millard*

• Loved birdie and bogey. Clever. *Robyn Wimbush*

• The paired clues added extra zing to an entertaining puzzle. *Kath Harper*

• A refreshingly different Slot 1. The paired clues made it a lot of fun. All golfers would love PAR, BOGEY and BIRDIE. *Robyn Caine*

September 2-2018: Cryptic by Murphyslore (Ken Callan)

• Enjoyable puzzle favourite clues UDDER, WITCHDOCTOR and HAMBURGER. *Joan Smith*

• Mmm: another puzzle with a random article in an answer i.e. 15ac – A DOLLS HOUSE. *Andrew Patterson*

• A very pleasant solve. Thank you Murphyslore. *Trish McPherson*

• Thank you for a puzzle I could complete without having to pore through all my references. *Barbara Ibbott*

• I liked the wordplay in ONGOING and EGRET, thanks Murphyslore! *Kathy Horadam*

• EARDRUM< DEFERENCE and NEEDY were good clues. *Anne Simons*

• EVERY clue was a gem. This was the Slot of the Month! *Bev Cockburn*

• Lots of clever clues. I enjoyed doing your puzzle. *Robyn McKenzie*

• 25: As 'backdated' is meant to be read as 'back dated' a "2" is in order. *George Rolfe*

• A very enjoyable puzzle. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• Across clues all pretty straightforward. Among the Downs I like: TEPID, AMBULANCE, OSMOSIS. *Max Roddick*

September 3-2018: Cryptic by Pentangle (Brian Tickle)

• Some good clues here, particularly in the Down clues – ABSORB, LIMIT, SAUCEPAN and NAPOLEON. The border words were nicely linked too. *Andrew Miles*

• I "never" spot Ninas, but the four sides have them. *Rob Moline*

• A nice, subtle extension to have four 2-word expressions placed around the perimeter, without indication. My favourite clue was 6dn. *Len Colgan*

• Some phrases on each side of the grid – not sure if they amount to anything. Still, all good. *Andrew Patterson*

• Liked the word pairs around the perimeter. *Hilary Cromer*

• Is NUBIA really a head covering? 27ac was too cryptic for me. I really liked ARISTOTLE, BREAKAGE and LIMIT, but the indicator in 18dn is in the wrong place. *Kathy Horadam*

• Quite a tough, and enjoyable, slot 3 – almost slot 6 material I thought. *Ian Thompson*

• Really interesting slot 3. Good wordplay. *Richard Skinner*

• Note the phrases around the perimeter: SERVICE STATION, STORAGE BATTERY, SECOND OPINIONS and NAPOLEON BRANDY. *Nea Storey*

• Some great clues, as always, from Pentangle. *Bev Cockburn*

• Nice puzzle, Brian. I loved the NAPOLEON clue. *Joan Smith*

• When I was checking answers I realised how many pairs of words went together. Very clever. *Robyn McKenzie*

• 2: 'Not very' is redundant. [It removes the V from "vice" in the anagram fodder – Adj] 15: 'topless' is better suited to down clues. 16: 'NB' rather than 'Note well' better suits the clue's parsing. *George Rolfe*

• Some wonderful clues. Especially enjoyed NUBIA, INDIA and BABOO. Thank you, Pentangle. *Ann Millard*

• This one was "Nice as pie"! It was fun to discover the linked words around the outside of the puzzle! *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• NINA located! *Warren Allen*

• How clever of Pentangle to form phrases around the perimeter. *Kath Harper*

• Liked STATION. Some very challenging clues in the SE corner. Congratulations Pentangle! *Max Roddick*

September 4-2017: AJ by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

• Very difficult, but very well-clued. All the unknowns and obscurities were gettable. *Rob Moline*

• A tougher AJ than usual. Learnt some new words – thanks!! *Wayne Bradbury*

• Took a while and not sure of a couple but most enjoyable. *Eileen O'Brien*

• Took a while to work out KILEY, then gave it COTM. *Roy Taylor*

• I found this AJ to be quite difficult. Nice tricky clues. *Ian Thompson*

• A very worthy slot 4. These are getting tougher both in solving and entering. Excellent trend. *Richard Skinner*

• Definitely found this hard. *Nea Storey*

• Great AJ Answers REPINE and NICKEL are puzzling. *Bev Cockburn*

• More tricky than usual, methinks. Some new words for me, especially garnet – Chambers is a great reference! *Ann Millard*

• I resorted to guessing for a couple of clues. I was reluctant to put down xylophage as "age" does not quite replace "mature" in my book. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*

• A very good AJ from Valkyrie. Liked IMPRUDENCE, and learnt a new meaning for GARNET. *Max Roddick*

• Another good AJ from Ulla. Always that bit more challenging when there are not two eleven letter words crossing in the centre. *Robyn Caine*

September 5-2018: Cryptic by Crowsman (Len Colgan)

• 10/10. *Andrew Patterson*

• Still working on this one and hoping for the best. Thanks for keeping my brain more or less working. I'm not at all confident about this puzzle but I am sending it so I will stop thinking about it! *Norma Heyes*

• A tour de force – the extraordinary achievement of inclusion of the letters TEN in every solution plus a handful of worthy candidates for COTM while doing so eg 3dn, 4dn, 6dn. *Ian McKenzie*

• Ten out of ten for Len's 280 puzzle. The many Es in checked squares that resulted from the clever theme made the challenge even more difficult but well worth the effort. *Brian Tickle*

• Beautifully set puzzle, 10/10. *Ian Thompson*

• Very cleverly titled. But now we have to "do the math" as well as the English! *Eileen O'Brien*

• A very enjoyable crossword thank you Len. *Julie Leigh*

• 28 clues each with a 'ten' = 280. Very clever compiling. Really liked the clue for 'intending'. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Ten out of ten (or 28 I should say). *Michael Kennedy*

• A typical Len puzzle – precision plus, with a bit of fun. And of course, 28 tens equal 280. Quite a few new words for me too. I loved clues for 3dn and 23dn, but give my COTM vote to 13ac. *Julie Crowe*

• Even after realising all answers contained TEN, this was not easy! *Anne Simons*

• 280 = 28 x TEN. *Warren Allen*

• Very grateful to the Timid Terrier. Added several new words to the vocabulary from this slot. *Lynn Jarman*

• Ten out of ten for ingenuity – and all the new words added to my vocabulary. *Kath Harper*

• Tension, tenacity, it's got the lot. I had a lot of trouble with SEBESTEN even though the 28 x TEN clicked about a quarter of the way through. INTENDING gets my COTM. *Kathy Horadam*

• Once the penny dropped (half way through), the rest was comparatively easy. APPETENT and SEBESTEN were new to me. *Max Roddick*

• TENTH for COTM! *Max Roddick*

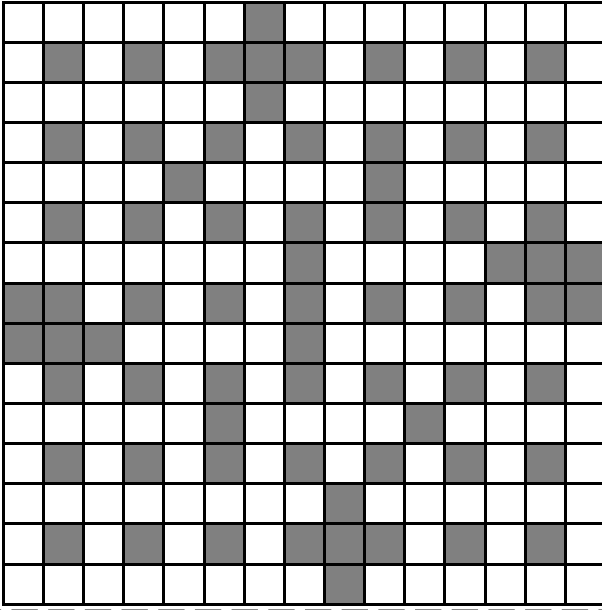
• Len's tens! Twenty-eight clues with each answer containing 'ten', just brilliant. *Robyn Caine*



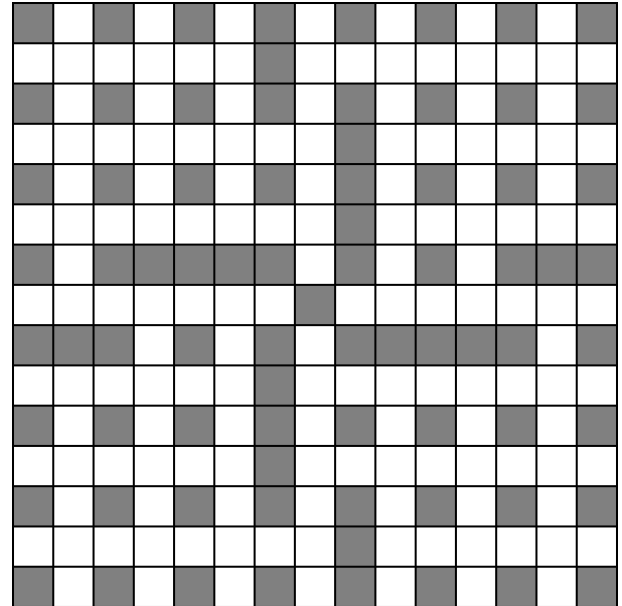
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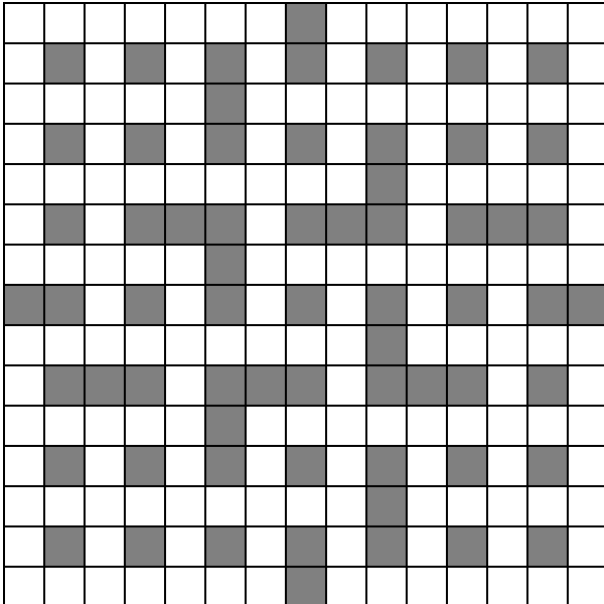


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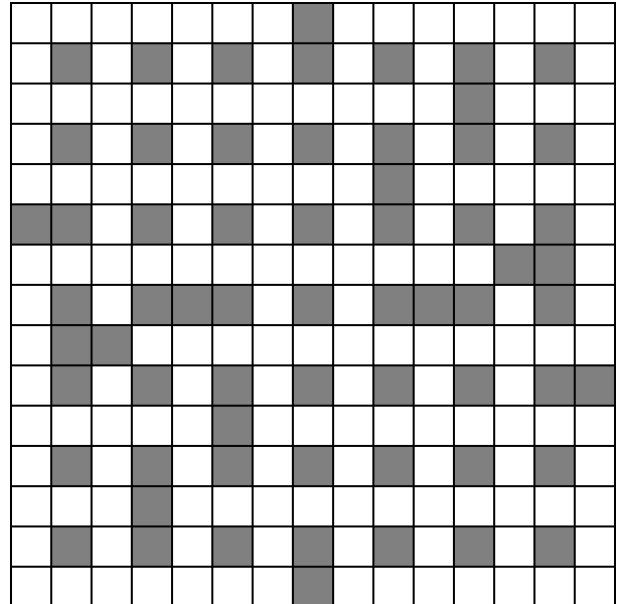


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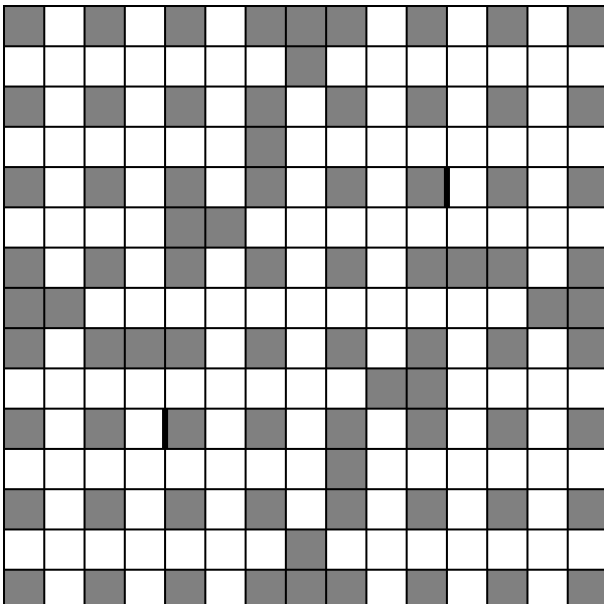
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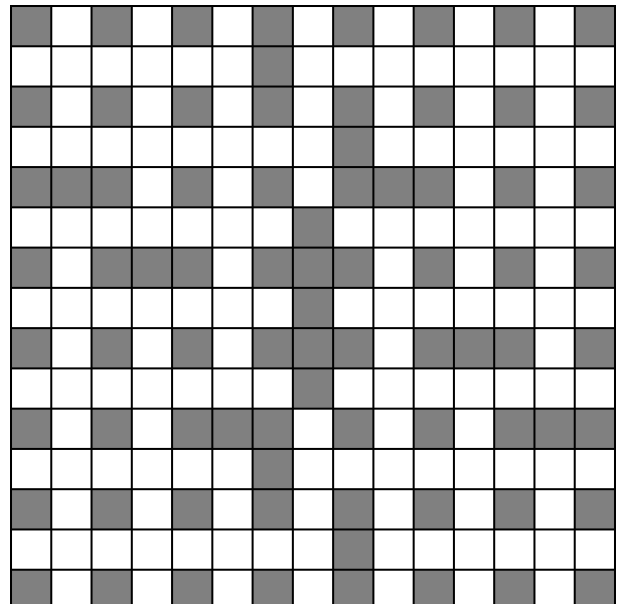
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August 6-2018: "Ton-up" by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham & Ian Williams)

Entries 72. Correct 57. Success rate 79.2%.

Prizewinner: Len Colgan. Congratulations!

Adjudicators' Comments:

Once again, our sincere apologies for the gremlins in this puzzle. Although the title *Simhu Na* **does** appear in *Wikipedia*, this is not our reference of choice – we're unable to verify it elsewhere and should not have used it. Regardless, solvers have enjoyed this celebration of Leonard Bernstein's 100th birthday. ECSTASY instead of ECSTASY was the cause of most of the missed dots and all were from Accolade entries. I know we adjudicators sound like a broken record but please, please, please use a spell check tool for your computer entries.

Solvers' comments:

- An interesting puzzle – I enjoyed learning about Huffduffs. *Ian Thompson*
- A most appropriate puzzle. *Len Colgan*
- Great puzzle; fun to solve. I hadn't been aware Bernstein was born in 1918. I guess the coincidental work was BIG STUFF. [correct, Roy – a total surprise to us! What are the chances? - H&C] *Roy Taylor*
- Lots of good clues – especially HIP BATH, EUCALYPTI, TORSO, NIGHTIE, ACT UP and OPERATTAS. *Catherine Hambling*
- Haven't come across HUFF DUFF before. Liked the clue for PAYEE – very concise. *Nea Storey*
- Despite the gremlin, an enjoyable solve. Some wonderful music there. *Ulla Axelsen*
- I know a lot more about Leonard Bernstein now. Thank you! *Ann Millard*
- Thanks for aspects of Bernstein I never knew existed. Incidentally the Bernstein entry at *Wikipedia.org* lists "Simhu Na" as a traditional song arranged by him. [Just shows that you can't always trust Wikipedia and we decided to play it safe with the confession – H&C] *Ron Carpenter*
- Thank you for an enjoyable puzzle. "SIMHU NA" was driving me insane until I remembered an e-mail from Patrick about Slot 6 (a big help). Good clues: I especially liked BIG STUFF and NIGHTIE. *Joan Smith*
- An interesting theme. I don't understand 'Ton-up' title! *Bev Cockburn*
- Thank you Jenny and Ian. Once again amazed at the knowledge of you compilers – Huff Duff! *Eileen O'Brien*
- Very confused about 23dn. ["sunlit" with the sun (S) disappearing – H&C] *Richard Skinner*
- Great theme: I enjoyed this challenge. *Cath Fernando*
- Lovely music; lovely puzzle. *Kath Harper*
- I now know how much I didn't know about Leonard Bernstein! *Alison Martin*
- Some very good clues as always. *Bob Hagan*
- Thank you for providing "Ton-Up" – a challenging puzzle for me but I was pleased to solve, hopefully, most of the crossword. [All correct, Graeme - H&C] *Graeme Cole*
- I really enjoyed the Leonard Bernstein theme – brought back memories of *West Side Story*. Many thanks. *Bobyn Caine*

Reverse Anagram solutions: FIRE-CRACKERS; LUNATIC FRINGE; MINCE-MEAT; PINCER MOVEMENT; RULED OUT OF ORDER; STOMACH UPSET.

Explanations for clues in September 2018 Slots 1-5 grids

Note: cd = cryptic definition; dd = double definition; rev or < = reversal; homophones are noted as "homoph" and words from which they are derived may be shown in quotes; anagrams as anag. if straightforward or (NNNN). "Heads" or "Tails" are first or last letters of part of a clue; letters forming solutions are normally written as capitals and removals as lower case; hw or hidden = hidden word. Explanations provided by individual compilers may vary from this format.*

Slot 1 Zinzan: Explanations to Cryptic clues. **Across:** **10** UN (ICY) LE, **18** (TO EVERY MAN + P)*, **23** E-PIC(ture format), **29** W + ALLAH, **31** S + PICK, **35** (IS NOT A HUMAN)*, **44** END (O + W) ING, **47** (ULYSSES + T)*. **Down:** **2** SA + Island + Leewards, **7** dd, **11** (EVEN)*, **14** O+ LEVEL, **25** CHINa, **27** (AN ARM I)*, **32** ICI + NESS, **36** mONKEY, **38** homoph "rough".

Slot 2 Murphyslore. **Across:** **1** cd, **6** EL + CID, **9** PARA +PET, **10** hidden, **11** (MURDER)*, **12** HABIT + ABLE, **14** stAINing, **15** (LOUSE HOLDS A)*, **17** BLOOD + STREAM, **19** tHAT, **20** LEMON + DROP, **22** bUD + DER, **24** N + ASCENT, **26** ON + GOING, **27** dd, **28** (DEER + FENCE)*. **Down:** **1** TE (PI) D, **2** O (heads=ARS) MAN, **3** AMPERe + S + AND, **4** dd + homoph "which", **5** hidden, **6** rEGREtS, **7** hidden, **8** (DAMES TEND)*, **13** BULLET + PROOF, **14** (CANdELABrUM)*, **16** dd, **18** OS + MO + heads = SIS, **19** (HAD + RAIN)*, **21** N (DEE<) Y, **23** ROG + homoph "you", **25** rev hidden.

Slot 3 Pentangle. **Across:** **1** eraSER + VICE, **5** waSTAge + (INTO)*, **9** C(IT)EDe, **10** TRUMPEt + DUP, **11** NICE + A + SPIEL, **12** IDEA + L, **13** <CANE + T, **15** CASTR(fAT)O, **19** PLEA + SURE, **20** (TI(R)ME)*, **23** <AIBUN, **25** (aLARM ABOUT)*, **27** (TAB(B(L)IG)OO)*, **28** MARtIN, **29** ST(OR) AGE, **30** dd. **Down:** **1** dd, **2** (RECENT vICE)*, **3** INDonesIA, **4** (POSTErS)*, **5** homoph "source" + PAN, **6** A + P(POINT) EE, **7** (UNDIEs)*, **8** <AN + POLE + ON, **14** (ACROSTIC)* + A, **16** (IROn TABLETS)*, **17** O + PINIONS, **18** B (R for L) EAK + AGE, **21** A + BS + ORB, **22** B + RANDY, **24** BAn + BOOk, **26** LI(MI)T.

Slot 4 Valkyrie. **A** (MISTER YMCA)*, **B** ALB< + RING, **C** Double, **D** D+ITCh, **E** Hidden, **E** E+MISSION, **F** FIG+URE, **G** GAR+NET, **H** HEDGE+HOG, **I** IMP(R)UDENCE, **J** JERRY+CAN, **K** (LIKE)* + Y, **L** L+A+(GUN)*+AGE, **M** ME(A) N, **N** Move N to front in UNCLE + I, **O** OUT+PER+FORM, **P** PRO+CURED, **Q** QUID - D + P, **R** RA(P)IN (homoph "rein") +E, **R** (H + ANGER)*, **S** eSCAPEs + GRACE, **T** TR(CANS)*END, **U** UP+STAGE, **V** V+ (I)OCATION, **W** (NEW CITY - T)*, **X** XYLOPHone + AGE, **Y** (SITE+Y) <, **Z** OZ< + DEN<.

Slot 5 Crowsman. All 28 answers contain the word TEN, hence the title '280' [28 clues x 10]. **Across:** **8** (NIP NET)<, **9** MI(TiE)NED, **10** TENE(MEN)T, **11** uNEATEN, **12** (SEED +NETT + A)<, **13** inTENTS, **15** PO(TEN)T, **16** HAS TEN, **19** homoph "tents", **21** TOSS* + TUNE< + O, **24** KE(T)EN + E, **25** TEND(ROn)S, **26** homoph "shoutin", **27** EX + TEND. **Down:** **1** DETENtE, **2** A + P(PET)ENT, **3** 'INT' ENDING, **4** S + MITTEN, **5** TENTS, with S moved to top, **6** cd TEN + ACE, **7** SE(BEST)EN, **14** BART(EN)ER, **15** P(uRgEnT)ENCE, **17** T (ONE<) RITE, **18** dd, **20** (SONnETS)<, **22** (S + NONET)<, **23** 0.1.



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