

# CroZ world

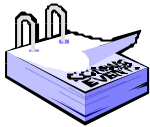
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Grammar is the art of rightly expressing our thoughts by words.  
Robert Lowth, 1762, *A Short Introduction to English Grammar*, p1.

## GRIDATORIAL



**It's September! Spring is in the air!**  
The blossoms are out! It's time to think about some festivities and cruciverbal celebrations. Here are some details to put in your busy Diary now!

**1. ACC ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER 2003** will be held at Rydge's, 54 McLaren St, North Sydney on Sunday 16 November 2003 commencing at 12 noon. The cost will be \$35 per head. There will be plenty of highlights! Make a note in your Diary now! More details in the next Crozworld.

**2. CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL** (Victoria) is back again this year to be held on Sunday 14 December 2003. Everyone welcome! Make a note in your diary now.

**3. CROWSWORLD.** Doug Butler would like to know if any ACC members are visiting Adelaide in the next few months. If so, please contact Doug at Doug.Butler@flinders.edu.au He has an excellent Annual Luncheon in mind!

We have been delighted with the response to the puzzles we publish every month. They are varied and challenging and are a credit to the skill and ability of the compilers.

This month is no exception. Virgo starts us off with a popular Crossquiz, and we are privileged to publish well-crafted cryptics by our resident 'masters' Noel Jessop and Southern Cross. Timid Terrier has provided us with an excellent AJ and in Slot 5, we welcome back an old friend in a new guise, Holy Moses. To round off the selection we have a brilliant composition by Cactus which will keep you occupied for quite some time...

Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

## FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

**A delightful set of puzzles** this month, as all your comments attest to.

**Slot 1:** The “connections” were enjoyed by all, and with a success rate of over 97%, clearly a valid slot 1. “Tea Club” gave us 3 acceptable answers: BILLY, GIRLS, BIBLE. The setter’s intended answer was “billy” (see Alan Walter’s comments p10), but as none of the 3 were in our standard references, we accept all.

**Slot 2:** Many praises were heaped upon *Aeolian* for his first Croz. puzzle. Four of us need spelling lessons (rhinocerUs) and at least one (other than me) was thinking of wumpus for wamus. Both hedgerat and houserat were accepted for the same reasons as “billy” above. (I am guessing that all 11 members who submitted “hedgerat” own a copy of Doug Butler’s AxWord)

**Slot 3:** Passable was unfortunately not passable for passible in slot 3, and this caught 7 members.

**Slot 5:** This puzzle caught out the most of us. 25 variations of SINNETS (the “SIN” at the beginning requisite to the answer) including sennets, sennits, and sunsets. And in the same puzzle, 15 “WEE” instead of “DEW” at 33 across.

In relation to the skeleton grid at Slot 5, we decided quite early (in fact before the publication of the magazine, but we sort of forgot to tell you) that it would not be necessary to fill in the numbers in the solution grid. Apart from the numbering issue, I had a number of complaints about the tediousness of colouring in all the black squares. Many people just put X's or wavy lines in the blacks, and this made it extremely difficult to read as an adjudicator. The ones that were coloured in were much easier to read, but by far the most sensible were those few people who just left the black squares blank. It was very easy to read, and there was no ambiguity in using whites instead of blacks once the puzzle was complete. —Steve Workman

### Clues of the Month

New compiler *Aeolian* (Max Roddick) won with Slot 2, 20ac: Nice man? (4) Answer: Frog. Congratulations, Max. Runner up: *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien) for Slot 4, “S” clue: Caught on the first day of Spring and poisoned (6). Answer: Septic. Well done! Shirl.

## LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	86	88	87	99	88	448
Correct entries	84	64	64	86	52	350
Success rate %	97.67	72.73	73.56	86.87	59.09	78.12
Prizewinners	Y McKindlay	JB Anderson	P Garner	G Campbell	B Tickle	From 99 members

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### August 1-2003

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### August 2-2003

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### August 3-2003

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### August 4-2003

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### August 5-2003

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## MEMBERS RESULTS FOR AUGUST 2003



MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALTMAN F	✓		✓	✓		
ANDERSON C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ANDERSON J B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ATKINSON S						✓
AUSTIN A	✓	✓	✓	✓		
BENNETT B	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
BENNETT D			✓	✓	✓	
BUTLER D		✓	✓	✓	✓	
CAMPBELL G B		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CHANCE C			✓	✓		
COATES D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
COCKBURN B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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CONWAY H		✓	✓	✓	✓	
COWAN M						✓
CRANE I	✓	✓				✓
DAVIS M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DAY R	✓			✓	✓	✓
DEARIE P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DENNIS M	✓	✓	✓	✓		
DINHAM V F	✓	✓	✓	✓		
DODD M						✓
EDWARD J	✓					
EISENTRAGER D	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
FOSTER C	✓			✓		✓
FOX I						
FREELAND J	✓	✓	✓	✓		
FULLER D	✓		✓	✓		
GALBREATH M	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GARNER P	✓	✓	✓	✓		
GLESON C			✓	✓	✓	
GLISSAN B	✓		✓	✓		
GREENING D	✓			✓	✓	✓
HAGAN R	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
GRAINGER D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
HAMBLING C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
HOCKING A						✓
HOWARD L	✓			✓		
HOWARD V	✓	✓				✓
IBBOTT J	✓	✓		✓		✓
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KNIGHT S	✓					✓
KNIGHT V				✓		
LAYTON K	✓					
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McCLELLAND C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McDERMOTT P	✓			✓		
MACDOUGALL I		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
McGRATH J	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
McKENZIE Dr I	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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MERCER P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
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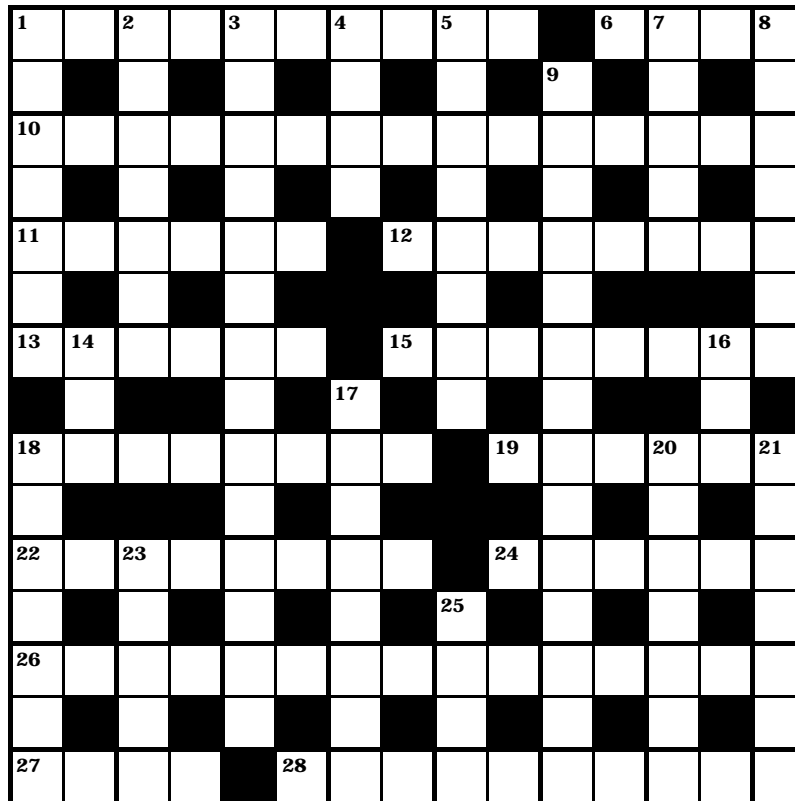
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RYAN W G	✓					✓
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WHITEHEAD R	✓	✓		✓		
WILCOX C				✓		
WILLIAMS K	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓

**Crossquiz  
by  
Virgo**

SEPTEMBER 1 2003



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**Across**

- 1 An expedient used to escape unfavourable consequences (10)
- 6 \_\_\_ MacGregor, Scottish actor, star of 'Trainspotting' (10)
- 10 Play by Samuel Beckett featuring two tramps engaged in an uncommon dialogue (7,3,5)
- 11 A container for writing fluid (3, 3)
- 12 1984 movie starring Nick Nolte (8)
- 13 see 3 down
- 15 Sydney suburb postcode 2230 - home of 'The Sharks' football team (8)
- 18 A smudge of writing fluid not easily removed from fingers or clothing (3, 5)
- 19 Robert \_\_\_ author of 'I, Claudius' (6)
- 22 U.S actress \_\_\_ Turner who played the heroine in 'Romancing the Stone' (8)
- 24 Colloquially the head or the skull (6)
- 26 A saying or expression that may well be applied to the letter Z (4,3,3,5)
- 27 John \_\_\_ English movie and TV actor who starred as Kavanagh QC (4)
- 28 US female star of the 1999 remake of 'Double Jeopardy' (6,4)

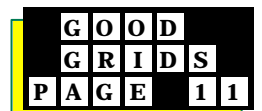
- 2 A joint of meat cut from the portion of breast lying next to the ribs (7)
- 3 and 3ac. Famous turn-of-the-century children's novel by Frederick William Farrar (4,2,6,2,6)
- 4 Round fruits with small seeds that flourish in warm countries and can be eaten either fresh or dried (4)
- 5 The branch of mathematics which deuces the properties of figures in space (8)
- 7 An iron-headed golf club used for lofting the ball (5)
- 8 \_\_\_ Scott-Despoja, former leader of the Australian Democratic Party (7)
- 9 In a self-centred manner (14)
- 14 A small hotel that provides food and lodging for travellers (3)
- 16 Alkaline solution resulting from vegetable ashes by leeching or percolation (3)
- 17 Sweet red and green peppers obtained from a West Indian tree of the myrtle family (8)
- 18 A roundish stain resulting from of a drop of writing fluid (3,4)
- 20 A republic in the S.W. Pacific consisting of about 80 islands, capital Vila (7)
- 21 Sprinkled with perfume (7)
- 23 Nikola \_\_\_ Yugoslav born US electrical engineer noted for his work on high voltage electricity (5)
- 25 \_\_\_ Grey, actor who won an Academy Award for his performance in 1972 movie musical 'Cabaret' (4)

**Down**

- 1 An establishment in which timber is made into boards or planks by machinery (7)

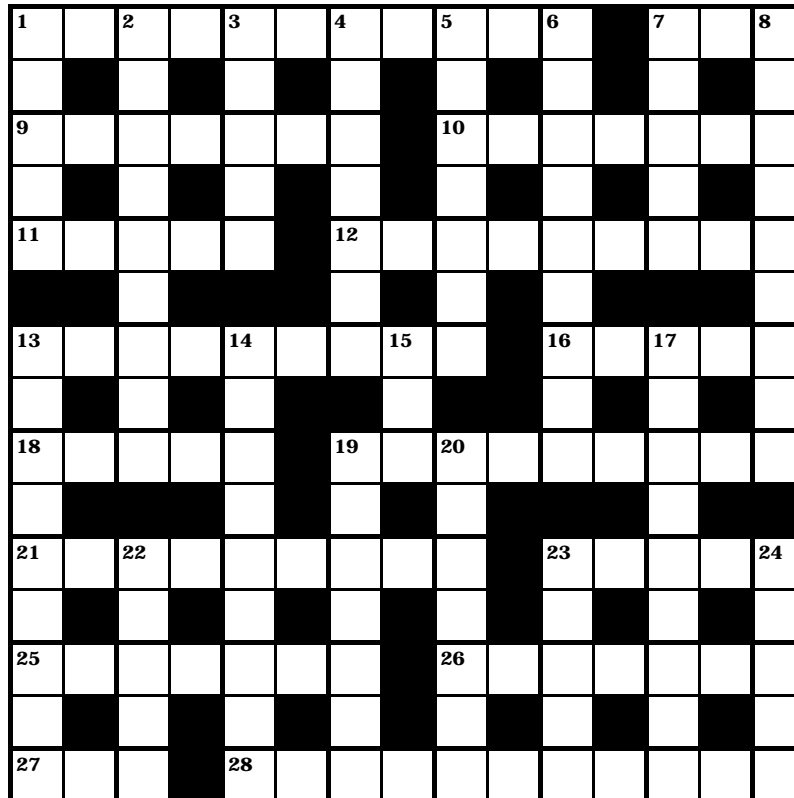
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**CRYPTIC**  
by  
**Noel Jessop**

SEPTEMBER 2 2003



**Across**

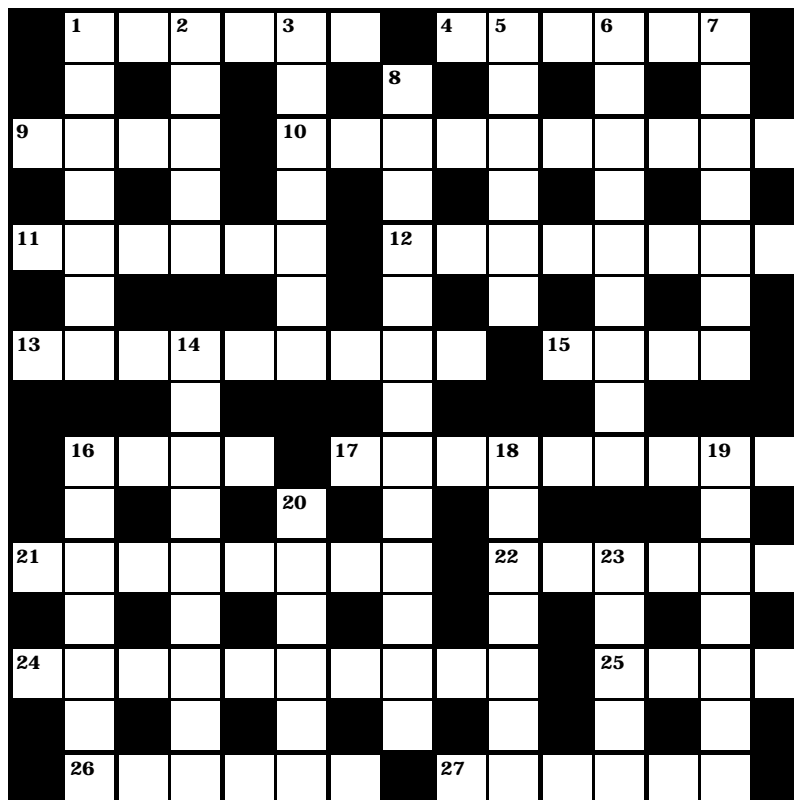
- 1 A domain toll organised for drink (11)
- 7 Took no potassium. Just as well (3)
- 9 Set down in charge of the intestines (7)
- 10 Write seriously, otherwise eastern soldier goes in (7)
- 11 Feeds some dame also (5)
- 12 Longs to take drinks around in a cold condition (9)
- 13 National starts to put axes, spades in equipment with a new independence (9)
- 16 End of church and sea-change (5)
- 18 Help an overwrought girl? (5)
- 19 Diesel centre state took in deuterium and developed rapidly (9)
- 21 Grieve, start to fade by the middle of July. It's sad (9)
- 23 Zigzags temporary stitches (5)
- 25 Banker's last letter written by a doctor easy to be heard (7)
- 26 Thanks academic's company for sauce (7)
- 27 Infernal world is after diamonds (3)
- 28 Beginner sees two men in a tree? Just the opposite (11)

**Down**

- 1 A ray in a line at right angles to the vessel's length (5)
- 2 Held a higher position than revealed without going off (9)
- 3 Sailor at diesel centre waits, say (5)
- 4 Note cheat raised sloth in the old country (7)
- 5 Notice given to Cockney to stand by his unfinished buildings in London (7)
- 6 Company label is redesigned long and to the point (9)
- 7 French literary critic, one in the money (English) (5)
- 8 Finished enclosure in odds and ends to exceed estimates (9)
- 13 Small unit of capacity prepared the ground (4-5)
- 14 Therefore a president works in entertainment (4, 5)
- 15 Wrong return for Brownie (3)
- 17 Island hill-dweller is going around company with note (9)
- 19 Small and charming, but fell out with a president (7)
- 20 Woman permitted in animal shelter (7)
- 22 Zero rpm's represented easy runs (5)
- 23 I bit a variety of shinbone (5)
- 24 Southern company service in contempt (5)

**CRYPTIC**  
by  
*Southern*  
*Cross*

SEPTEMBER 3 2003



**Across**

- 1 Elaborate on rate to be applied (6)
- 4 Bent over as ringleader leaves squad (6)
- 9 Beautiful blonde (4)
- 10 A hot tip could be Altruism (1,4,5)
- 11 Height is amended by a fraction (6)
- 12 Operate reciprocally, with Virgin Queen inside (8)
- 13 Warder from London is no vegetarian (9)
- 15 A headlong descent into disreputable bar? (4)
- 16 Shore is in proportion (4)
- 17 Rod nipped around and paid a casual visit (7, 2)
- 21 Something enchanting about info. link — naturally attractive (8)
- 22 Stirring, I have taken on Canberra (6)
- 24 Begin to work with diplomacy, including Keefe (4, 6)
- 25 Bypassed, reportedly, in the haze (4)
- 26 Something to remove film's rudest parts (6)
- 27 Removalist finally races out with packing cases (6)

**Down**

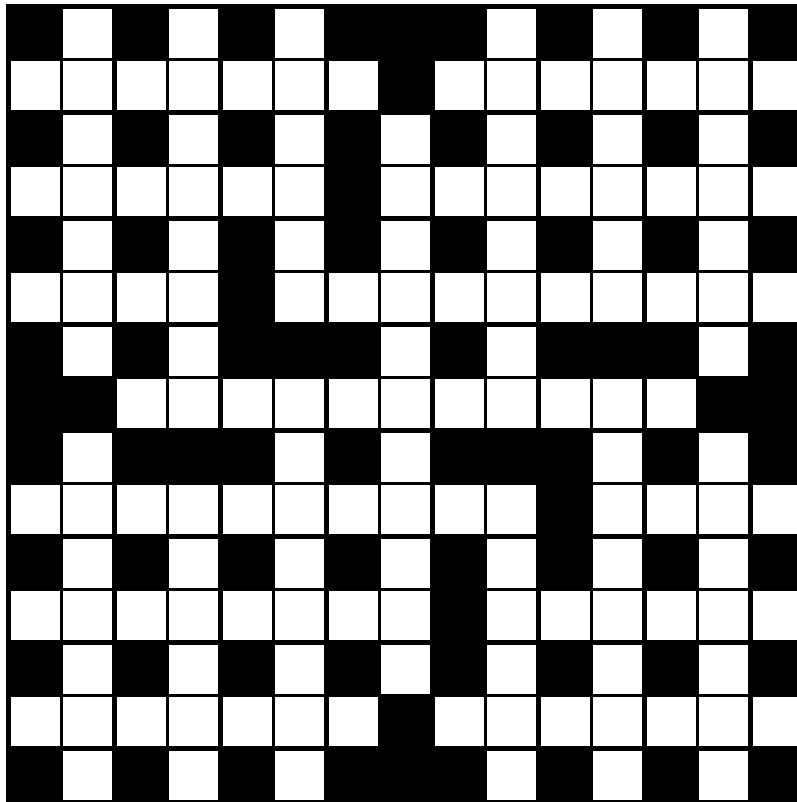
- 1 Turn to stone-work — a trainee is employed initially (7)
- 2 Direction provided by Kevin Connor, the former editor (5)
- 3 Pictures mounted around long air passage (7)
- 5 Collected southern newsman, then dined (6)
- 6 Alternative sound needed — or else! (9)
- 7 Piper suffering from theatricality? (7)
- 8 Move fast, like Stephenson's steam engine (2,4,1,6)
- 14 Blunders made by the first settlers around lake (9)
- 16 Car replaces one in tartan poster (7)
- 18 Student's taken in unfinished design for serving dish (7)
- 19 Home before five, Tess changed sinks (7)
- 20 Suppress controversial files about model (6)
- 23 Lure interim office worker, given time (5)

**AJ**  
by  
**Timid**  
**Terrier**

SEPTEMBER 4 2003



Solve the clues and fit the answers where you can.  
All answers begin with the leading letter.



- A** Absent-mindedness of sailors pamphlet on the electrically charged particle (11)
- B** Impertinence to support old louse (*coll*) (8)
- C** Charlie later prepared the French fungus (11)
- D** Destroy vessel holding wayward mole (8)
- E** Removes the chosen Society without money (10)
- F** Knock out strong metal in thin plates (7)
- G** Geological Society outside rugged deep ravines (7)
- H** Pay attention to listen to man (7)
- I** Hindered mischievous child with reformed deed (7)
- J** Shameless woman the King of Israel's wife (7)
- K** Ship with one thousand fish (4)
- L** Half-hearted man with weak limb (8)
- M** Modification of river down unfinished pasture (6)
- N** Fiji town with directions to palm-civets (8)
- O** To return with thanks wine instrument (8)
- P** Dust Scots head with reverse colour (6)
- Q** Spenser to stir English food (6)
- R** Trio enrol learner rendering short instrumental passage in vocal work (10)
- S** Stephen drops model stingray (6)
- T** Hat trick not finished by topless Lorne (8)
- U** Universal politicians without the rage of arbitrators (7)
- V** Old pew-opener to pass gradually right (6)
- W** For what reason did Capone go to the French city? (7)
- X** Nothing reported to setback of dry body habit! (7)
- Y** The old tree monster (4)
- Z** Change course on Gateshead city? (6)

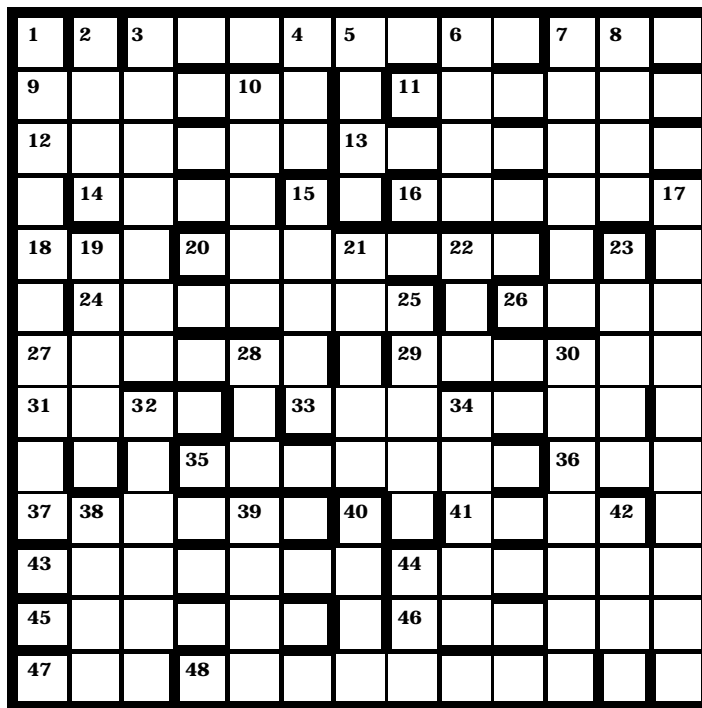
**BROKEN  
TABLETS**  
by  
*Holy Moses*

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Unclued lights have something in common



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**Across**

- 3 (8)
- 7 The brat is expelled from these S African warrior groups (3)
- 9 About a scoundrel having to repair a shoe (6)
- 11 Goosefoot, one of five to receive Order of Australia (6)
- 12 Direction of no return? Ace thoroughfare (3-3)
- 13 Girl from N Nassau exploited (7)
- 14 Measure and take note of shifting regions of Sahara dunes (4)
- 16 Have endless meal, first salad, then go by again (6)
- 18 Old uncle took ecstasy with me (3)
- 20 (7)
- 24 Absence of passage confused Astaire (7)
- 26 That woman goes with a sister of Zeus (4)
- 27 Young upper middle class woman in London takes out first emergency loans (6)
- 29 French road almost chock-a-block and deplorable (6)
- 31 Bulletin article (4)
- 33 Recaptured then abducted again (7)
- 35 Observer takes post with specialist field of medicine (7)
- 36 Chap rides over-night initially (3)
- 37 Go and fish with the Spanish Gael (6)
- 41 Alpha last, Yankee second, and the compiler in a ferment! (4)
- 43 (7)
- 44 Smaller container? That's right! (6)
- 45 Back on course to fish deep slope (6)
- 46 Gifts not backed with atmosphere are for the girl (6)
- 47 American Indian gets a vehicle (3)
- 48 Arab commandos nourished yes up to the eyes in Scotland (8)

**Down**

- 1 Pretending for five sides, and on course to blow the whistle (10)
- 2 (4)
- 3 To what? Place the cabbie may ask you about (7)
- 4 Found lately in Cambridgeshire town (3)
- 5 Eruption at headland, near the hospital (4)
- 6 Scot expressing concession seen oddly by Yorkshire banker (4)
- 7 Hotel consumed That's natural (6)
- 8 (4)
- 10 Detestably eager, what a bore! (5)
- 15 Old expenditure riled first cheapskate (5)
- 17 (10)
- 19 (5)
- 21 Short Biblical book taken to journalist and measured (5)
- 22 Satellite of Jupiter you say. Take note (1, 1, 1)
- 23 Italian philosopher born you say. Painfully? (5)
- 25 Russian Workers Guild expertise on elevated railway (5)
- 28 Apprehend after tax (3)
- 30 Wayward male on fire finds one of a group of subatomic particles (7)
- 32 The end? With this fellow ready to confess (6)
- 34 (5)
- 38 Expel Oxford University nice guy (4)
- 39 English with anger in Ireland (4)
- 40 NZ parrot King shot at Brisbane show (4)
- 42 At ease reported on the railway. Spooky! (4)
- 44 Your old thyroid preserved (3)

**LETTER  
DROP  
by  
Cactus**

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From the answer to each clue one letter is removed every time it occurs, before entry in the grid. Definitions refer to the full word, and subsidiary indicators refer to the mutilated word to be entered. Numbers in brackets refer to the full answers. The excluded letters, in clue order, pose a question which should be inserted in the space provided below the grid.

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Q. ....?

A. (optional) .....

**Across**

- 1 Coppers keep on case, but not as priority (10)
- 6 Pursues low-life the back way (6)
- 9 Live Aid initially paid off, run by rock star? (8)
- 10 Making fit woman, with exercise at home (8)
- 11 Sick relative returning across rough sea (8)
- 12 Great respect for Paul around English clubs (9)
- 14 A branch store's ordered to stock hard biscuits (11)
- 15 Short boundaries during teams fringe matches (5)
- 17 Ford overheads cut at last (5)
- 18 Decorated, but he'll die, sadly, without honour (11)
- 22 Halt before I enter names attending final mourning (9)
- 24 Refuse Liberals entry to casual aged centres (7)
- 26 Collecting at empty house, doctors curse (8)
- 27 Strangled fish with excessive energy (8)
- 28 Hearing things about horse hides (6)
- 29 Flog Bob's birds (10)
- 2 Poor Sue mopes, opening umbrella when stormy (11)
- 3 Top card player takes diamond and promotes heart (8)
- 4 Weather finally clear outside, and still (5)
- 5 Annoyed by returning sailor in ocean cutter (11)
- 6 Dressed to get married, bride eventually taken (7)
- 7 Find time in order to take stock (6)
- 8 Stars gather about three, in lounges (8)
- 13 Crook rules give a bird access to crops (8, 4)
- 16 Learned nothing from fish that finally I caught (10)
- 17 Faulty copper line, lacking colour (8)
- 19 Drunk tramp turns up behind long queue you observe (8)
- 20 Digger's doctor tends second redback sting first (8)
- 21 Popular with groups to form bees (7)
- 23 Space traveller paid up again (6)
- 25 A surge of support and spirit (5)

**Down**

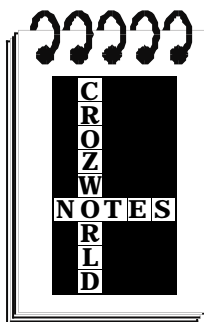
- 1 Sweets courses to follow pork chop. Alright? (8)

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MARGARET GALBREATH



"I was born in Teddington, on the Thames, in 1925. During the war we lived in Orpington on the SE outskirts of London, so had a ringside view of everything going on in the sky. Father always did the Daily Telegraph crossword in the train on his way to the office, and I used to wonder how he did it. Then I went Youth Hostelling with a friend who was equally curious and interested, and we would buy the Telegraph and work on the crosswords while we had our lunch. Gradually the mysteries became clear. It took longer to come to terms with Ximenes, but when I discovered that all those strange words were real and could be found in Chambers, I was hooked. Ron and I married in 1946, and came to Australia with Mary, our eldest, in 1949 when she was a year old. We moved around Oz, starting in Queensland on a cousin's dairy farm - incredibly hard work! - then to Melbourne for 6 years, to Hobart, 3 years in Canberra, finally to SA. On the way we collected another 5 children. They are all grown up now, and we have 6 grandchildren. Discovering the Crossword Club was opening a

door to an endless supply of hugely pleasurable puzzles and frequent bursts of the 'Wow Factor!' I have other hobbies: gardening, embroidery, music and walking. I took up Tai Chi at the urging of a doctor at an osteoporosis study in which I take part. She urged us all to do it as an aid to balance and to help prevent falls. I don't know how many others in the program took her advice, but I am glad I did."

MEMBER NEWS

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

**Puzzle Adjustments:** Ken Davis received ticks for July Slots 2-4; Eva Seale and Betty Siegman for Slots 1, 3 and 4; Aileen Skillicorn for Slots 1, 2, 3 and 5; Valerie Howard for Slot 3; Corryn Anderson and Roy Taylor for Slot 5, and Jill Freeland for June 6-2003. Jack Stocks and Ian McKenzie gained a point for Stephen King, surfer, in Virgo's King Size Quiz.

**Thank You:** Many thanks to Steve Workman & Maurice Cowan for their generous donations to the ACC Prize Fund.

MYDEAS (or HISTERICAL MOMENTS)

From Sonia Atkinson:

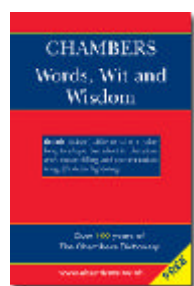
- With Brekekekex for the sound of a frog  
And Bau Bau, Hau Hau for the voice of a dog  
There's Beh Beh for sheep and Kokku (guess the bird for it!)  
No worries, m'dear, the Greeks had a word for it.
- When the courtiers found that Canute really did it  
They'd have conferred for an hour, harnessed his power,  
Then privatised it and doomed him to the Tower.
- If Caesar had not cast that die on that fateful day at the river  
He'd have gone back to Gaul and deprived us all  
Of our Leap Year day for ever.

MYDEAS (or HISTERICAL MOMENTS)

From Roy Wilson:

- 'I think, therefore I am', proudly asserted Descartes,  
I wonder, my dear, had he not stopped to think, would they have said to him still: 'thou art'.
- 'Rhapsody in Blue' - it's from the pen of Gershwin, I think,  
I wonder, my dear, would a woman have penned: 'Rhapsody in Pink'.
- With elephants Hannibal crossed the Alps, to take on the might of Rome,  
I wonder, my dear, if those nearest their rear, wished that he'd left them at home.
- While Da Vinci was painting 'La Belle Gioconda',  
I wonder, my dear, did that smile make him ponder.
- Darwin's 'Natural Selection', created an almighty fuss,  
I wonder, my dear, was it easy, making a monkey of us.
- I'd love to own a Van Gogh, but, alas, his work is so dear.  
I wonder, my dear, would it be so, if he hadn't hacked off his ear.

There will be a CD-rom version of the *Chambers Dictionary*, 9th ed in 2004. A subscription on-line dictionary is a possibility but has not yet been decided. Chambers has teamed up with Franklin to develop a range of electronic editions featuring Chambers words. For further details visit: <http://www.franklin-uk.co.uk/>



The ninth edition of the **Chambers Dictionary** was launched on 15 August in Edinburgh, UK. To celebrate this new edition, Chambers are offering a free copy of **Chambers Words, Wit & Wisdom** which you can download as an e-book at <http://www.chambersharrap.co.uk/chambers/centenary/index.php>

*Words, Wit & Wisdom* details 100 years of *The Chambers Dictionary*. It charts the fascinating history of this book and the evolution of the English language through each new edition since 1901.

Here are some words from the book which are said to have appeal because of a pleasing combination of sounds:

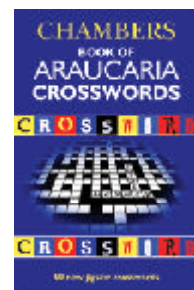
- beblubbered** *adj* disfigured by weeping
- deliquesce** *vi* to melt & become liquid by absorbing moisture
- discombobulate** *vt* to disconcert, upset
- flimp** *vt* to rob (someone) while a partner hustles
- goluptious** *adj* delicious; voluptuous
- impossible** *adj* incapable of co-existing
- mulligrubs** *n pl* colic; sulkiness
- obumbrate** *vt* to overshadow
- pilliwinks** *n pl* an instrument of torture for crushing the fingers
- pinguitude** *n* fatness
- roscid** *adj* dewy
- rutilant** *adj* shining; glowing ruddily
- scroddled** *adj* (of pottery) made of clay scraps of different colours
- spoffish** *adj* fussy, officious (*archaic*)
- squabash** *vt* to crush, smash, defeat
- suaveolent** *adj* fragrant
- unguligrade** *adj* walking on hoofs
- vug** *n* a Cornish miner's name for a cavity in a rock.

We are expecting the 9th ed *Chambers Dictionary* to arrive in Australia in September and the cost is \$89.95 less 25% ACC discount plus p&p. If you would like to place an order, contact Patrick.

It is pleasing to hear that the favourite *Chambers Words* will be republished next year and will include the 2003 database. Details later.

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**Chambers Gigglossary:**

- bra burner** a woman who would rather rely on support from her fellow protestors.
- home** an estate agent's word for a house.
- horrific** a word used to describe an accident on any occasion when 'tragic' is inappropriate.
- skiving** when one is working hard at not working at all.
- thatcher 1** a craftsman who for a charge will put a new roof over one's head. **2** (with *cap*) a politician who will charge for the existing roof over one's head.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

**August 1-2003: Connections for Example by The Beast (Kev Layton)**

- The Begonia tree (25dn) is actually a tree-vine - Cissus Discolor - according to 'Encyclopaedia Botanica's' Francis Bodkin. *Ted O'Brien*
- This variety of puzzle makes a suitable and enjoyable slot 1, provided that it is on an occasional basis. I still think the orthodox type puzzle is best for slot 1. *Irene Watts*
- This type of puzzle is always harder than expected. *Brian Symons*
- Telstra, Optus and Smartchat connections gave no assistance here! Some clues like 6ac "flying high" took 3 guesses... flying JUMP & high JUMP, TIME flying & high TIME, before the correct connection flying ACES & ACES high. For 13ac at first I tried tea FIELD & FIELD club. As field had already been used... I felt the Beast required a different answer viz. BILLY tea & BILLY club, the latter which, although not in our club references, I found to be a police baton or cudgel. *Alan Walter*

**August 2-2003: Animal Crackers by Aeolian (Max Roddick)**

- A good cryptic helped by the theme. 20ac caused some problems because of the uncrossed grid. However there were not many words suitable for theme and answer, so I presume FROG is right. "Nice" can be used in a sarcastic way as it is also a French town. (*Bravo, Irene, c'est vrai!* - SW) *Irene Watts*
- Another great month of puzzles! Good to see another member trying his hand at setting and doing a very creditable job. 20ac: 'Nice Man' was a delight! Perhaps this diagram could have been fairer by making 6dn (along with its companion) a 5-letter word and 21dn (and its companion) a 6-letter word. *Roy Wilson*
- I really enjoyed this puzzle, and discovered a few new beasts. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Beast of a grid, but a fabulous zoo. 'Nice Man?' my favourite clue for the month. *Carole Noble*
- Welcome to new challenger Max Roddick. Particularly liked MANGABEY and GOPHER, and look forward to more from *Shirl O'Brien*  
*Brian Symons*
- A great first attempt with some wonderful clues. Hope to see more from *Aeolian*. *Eunice Altman*
- Tea Club really had me tossed, much as I enjoyed the rest of the puzzle. Congratulations to *Aeolian* for his interesting debut piece. 11ac and 19ac untraceable but the clues seemed to be spot on (I hope).
- Max, may your harp entice more of these exotic creatures from their lairs for further Carnival's of Animals. *Ted O'Brien*
- Splendid vocabulary, worthy of an AJ (which was just as well, since this month's AJ was a bit tame in that regard). *Iain Mac Dougall*
- Congratulations *Aeolian* on your first *Crozworld* puzzle. Except for 27ac TERMITE which is an insect, all the other across answers were animals including the ornithorhynchus or duckbill platypus. In 20ac I questioned at first why a frog should be a nice man. Then this nice clue dawned; you were referring to the town in France. In 24ac GOP in GOPHER refers to the Grand Old Party of the Republicans. *Alan Walter*

**August 3-2003: Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)**

- Lissajous, may be 'famous' to St Jude, but... *Iain Mac Dougall*
- A difficult cryptic. I had to seek help with 29ac. I haven't heard of this scientist, and he didn't appear in any of my reference books. *Irene Watts*
- 29ac - what a simple clue for an incredible word (Lissajous). *Ted O'Brien*
- Ah, those terrible twins PROSATEUR and PASSIBLE! *Max Roddick*
- In 17ac PRO+SAT+EUR could someone please explain why "professor without shouting" equates to PRO? I thought a "fessor" would be a person who confessed. (*Professor is PROF, without F (forte) loud as shouting* - SW) In 18ac OA+RSM+AN what relevance has "abandoning the queen's patronage" to this clue? Is "St Jude" being "obscure" in these clues? (*The Australian Navy is the RAN, so abandoning the Royal you get AN* - SW). *Alan Walter*

**August 4-2003: AJ by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)**

- Shirl's puzzles do become a D, don't they? *Ted O'Brien*
- Thanks to *Southern Cross* for a lovely normal alphabetical which is so much more enjoyable than the variations that appear from time to time, no matter how clever. *Irene Watts*
- Your timing with the 'Q' clue was perfect Shirl. I presented two sessions at a Maths Conference at QUT (never been there before) two days before I received this month's issue of *Crozworld*. *Brian Tickle*
- A few new words for me to learn. *Brian Symons*
- Enjoyed doing Shirl's AJ, but I can't equate REQUISITE with INTEGRAL from any angle. *Max Roddick*
- Many thanks for another 5-star puzzle by *Southern Cross*. In clue 'E' I had trouble equating "female, not having initially..." to (H)EN. Very much enjoyed your 'S' clue ... Sept 1 being the first day of spring. Superb clue. The 'R' clue could be improved by making it a statement rather than a question. I would suggest "lifting could be said to be demolishing". *Alan Walter*

**August 5-2003: Skeleton by Daintree Lady (Daphne Titus-Rees)**

- I enjoyed *Daintree Lady's* puzzle and her amusing clues. I think that 10ac ZEBUS and 27ac RA could be the clue of the month. The only thing I didn't enjoy was ... filling in the numbers and black squares. *Irene Watts*
- Just nicely difficult, with many enjoyable clues, even if murder to transcribe. *Iain Mac Dougall*
- I greatly enjoy this type of crossword. Thanks *Daintree Lady*. *Brian Symons*
- 10-down, Wonder of wonders, the word is GAZUNDERS! *Max Roddick*
- There are some strange "bones" lurking in that forest of yours, Daphne. A real challenge. Thanks. *Ted O'Brien*
- I haven't done this much colouring-in since I was five! *Carole Noble*
- Very much would like to see these skeleton grids put back in the closet and locked up. No pleasure was gained from filling in the remaining black squares and clue numbers, (particularly) in our compact solution grid. Once the grid was sorted out, your puzzle was quite enjoyable, particularly 21ac SNAG and 10dn CHAMBERPOTS. Many thanks for the skeleton's body. *Alan Walter*

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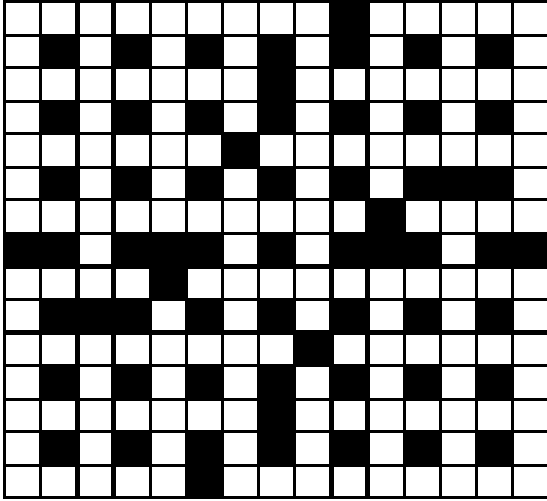
- What a great selection of puzzles this month, the standard is excellent and really testing. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Great to see the AJ has recovered and is back to normal. I'm finding it more and more difficult to complete the crosswords without the aid of a computer, but I guess I'm not the only one. *Eunice Altman*
- Sorry to see that this month's quiz has included 15 cryptic clues in part 7. We don't get any help from a grid if they are difficult to answer. All quizzes should have some straight (non-cryptic) questions to provide some variety to the other puzzles which are mostly cryptic. *Alan Walter*



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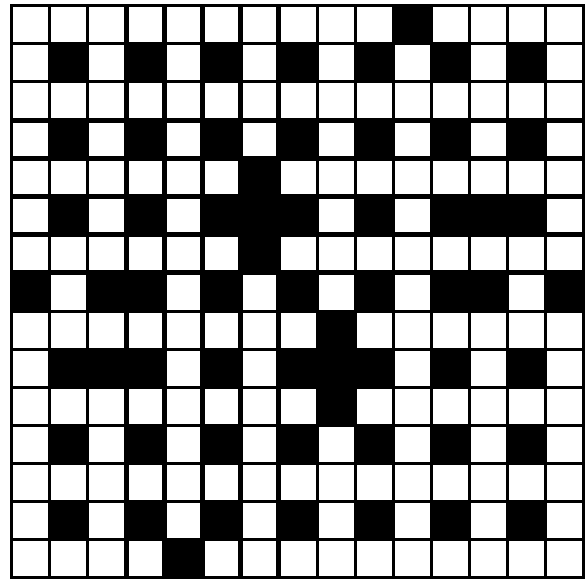
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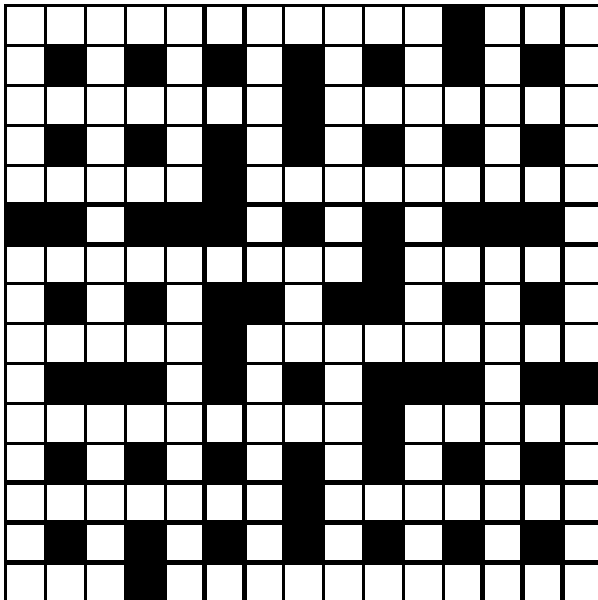
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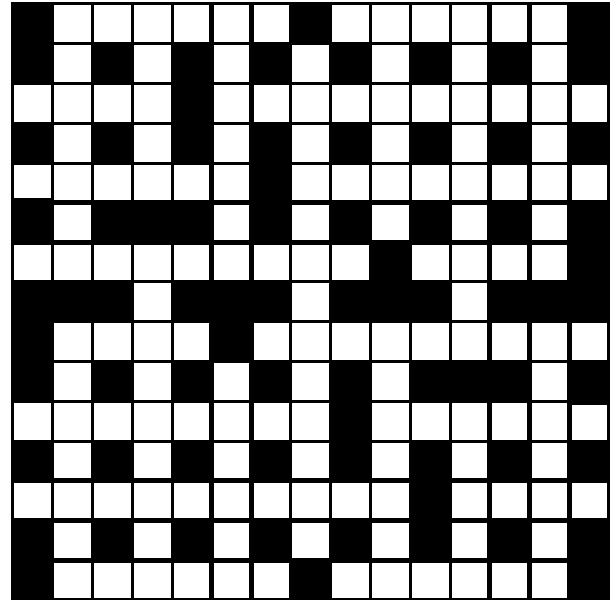


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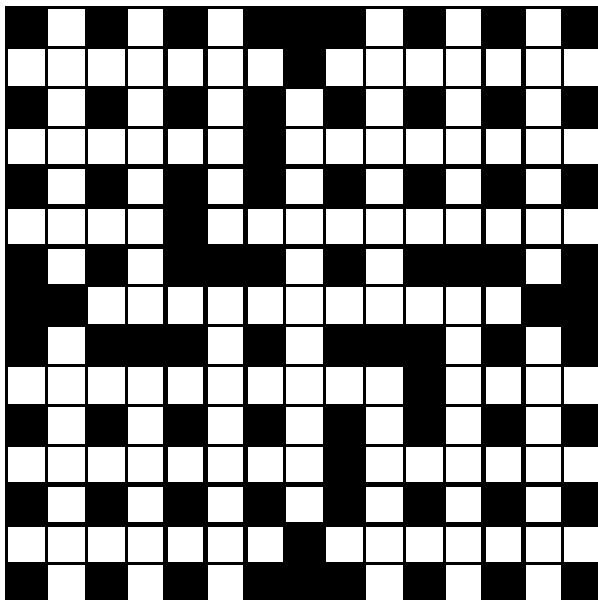
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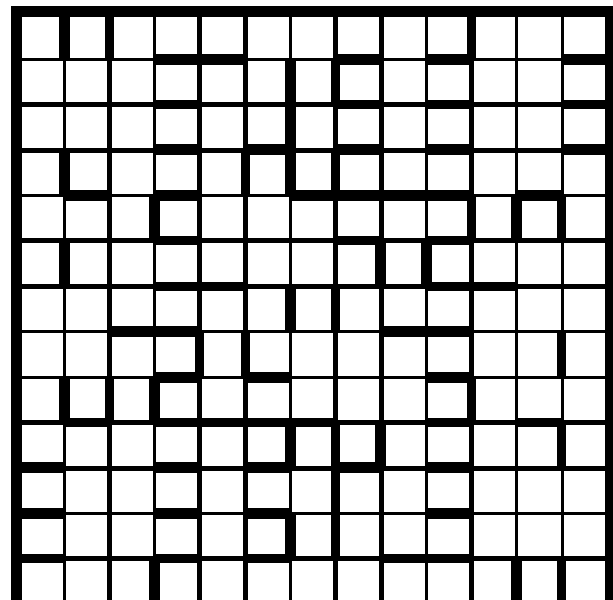
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**July 6-2003 - - - - - by Red One (Doreen Jones)**

Entries: 83. Correct: 64 (excludes 6 correct entries which did not highlight the centre square to indicate Red Square in Moscow (and Beijing, I believe) as requested. Success rate: 77.1%. **Prizewinner: Barbara Ibbott — Congratulations!**

**Members Comments:**

- I thought 18ac and 5dn great clues and 28dn was a very good anagram. *Eunice Altman*
  - Brain battered, black and blue; thank God for the old man kangaroo; the obolus dropped and so to bed; with an extra blanket of Red Ned. *Bill Bennett*
  - I'm ashamed to say I didn't get the meaning of the instructions and was most of the way through the puzzle when the penny dropped – even when I had already got HOT POKER and CROSS SOCIETY. It was only after I got LETTER DAY when it made sense. I liked 39dn "tailless mouse...." I don't understand 20ac LATRON. *Mal Cockburn*
  - The clue for 20ac mystifies me. *Jim Colles*
  - Congratulations on managing to get so may RED clues into the grid. No doubt you lamented the fact that BACK SPIDER could not be incorporated. *Peter Dearie*
  - I thought the square in the middle should be red but was trying to make it form a word with the words around it and the red square clicked! *Mary Dodd*
  - For me it was a bit of a brain drain, but I loved the concept once I got on to the correct wave-length. *Catherine Foster*
  - It took a while before the penny dropped but then I found red everywhere. *Margaret Galbreath*
  - When I first read the instructions, I had no idea what it meant. I decided to start with clues without asterisks and eventually all was revealed. *Catherine Hambling*
  - It took ages for the penny to drop – or should it be red cent! *Ann Jermy*
  - The problem was to find a red pen or pencil as the grandchildren confiscate most things here. *Del Kennedy*
  - I liked the Red Square touch, though, to be honest. my mind was set on finding Delhi's Red Fort. *Iain MacDougall*
  - Words like TUILLETTE, OCTONARII and LACUNARIA have duly been added to my vocabulary. *Leigh Marsland*
  - LATRON was the one I agonised over, but have now looked up LA – at last! You sneaky devil! *Shirl O'Brien*
  - To get not only Red Square but also the Red Centre in one go definitely deserves a big Red Star for a very clever Red Setter. *Ted O'Brien*
  - Thank you for your excellent puzzle but it made me see RED. You could have had RED CENTRE instead of RED SQUARE to give it more of an Aussie connection. It must have taken a lot of work to fit in thirteen answers all relating to red. I haven't double checked my answers as I feel your clues were good enough to yield only the answers that I've filled in. *David Procter*
  - Hope I'm not too late getting my entry in – I'll have a RED FACE if I am. *Marian Procter*
  - So beautifully simple when the penny drops but did it take time to drop! *Margaret Pyc*
  - Thanks for a Slot 6 that I could complete. It may not be all correct but (to mangle an old saying) "to finish hopefully is better than not to arrive!!" *Max Roddick*
  - Loved the clue for KANGAROO. *Audrey Ryan*
  - Wow! *Bev Solomon*
  - Was my face RED when I thought it may have been LTD RED UTE, but this didn't relate to a foreign capital city. Secondly, I thought it may relate to the RED CENTRE of Australia, but this was not foreign. Thirdly, I considered RED LIGHT!!! Although these may feature in several foreign capital cities I still thought this inappropriate. Fourthly just as I was about to retire, I saw the obviously correct answer. How could anyone miss seeing this for so long?! *Alan Walter*
- Compiler's Comments:** A lot of solvers gave the puzzle the title which I hoped they would as I could not do so without giving the game away. Thank you to the 45 solvers who commented positively and who took the trouble to write and let me know how much they enjoyed the puzzle. Those who did not colour the centre square red had to be marked as incorrect unfortunately – I am sure an oversight in some cases. 20ac caused the most trouble - SEE=LA, TRON is a market-place and the full word LATRON is archaic for robber; 16ac also caused problems for some who put PADLE as the answer, LADLE is hidden in the letters going back inside "held a lot": Several spelled OCTONARII incorrectly putting an A instead of the second O. A couple of solvers showed their sense of humour – Merv Collins addressed the envelope with all the O's as squares and coloured them red (no objections from Australia Post) and Brian Tickle said that he tried to stay inside the lines when he coloured in the Red Square! Barbara Ibbott and Irene Watts purposely sent lovely cards with red pictures. Thank you.
- Doreen Jones (*Red One*)

**GENERAL COMMENTS:**

- What a wonderful month!! Selected as winner for July 5 and also sharing in the prizemoney for the slot 6 entries for the first half of 2003. I might turn professional!! *Steve Trollope*
- This month's puzzles displayed quite a contrast – some difficult and others extremely easy (I hope). You might be surprised that I have nominated a slot 1 clue for clue of the month. I thought it was neat, simple, and put me right off the track for quite a time. *Catherine Hambling*
- Thank you very much for my prize for Slot 1 July. I was so thrilled to get the parcel and have already found the Thesaurus very useful. I love being a Crozworlder and would like to thank everyone concerned for all the hard and clever work you put in. *Wendy Villiers*

**Umlauten — dem darned double dots by dB**

Germanians love their crosswords, almost as much as English-speakers. But have you ever wondered how they handle those accented letters Ä, Ö and Ü? As their base letters A/O/U, or as the separate entities they are? Answer: neither! In every case they use a diphthong AE, OE or UE.

So placenames like *öln* and *Bützow* become KOELN and BUETZOW. But what, I hear you cry, about *Zürich*? True, but we spell it Zurich for the same reason the French call London *Londres*, and this is one of very, very few exceptions. Personal names *Gödel* becomes GOEDEL, *Jürgen JUERGEN* and *Röntgen* ROENTGEN.

And common nouns (capitalled in the German fashion) *Führer*, *Göthite*, *Jäger*, *Ländler*, *Schläger* become FUEHRER, GOETHITE, JAEGER, LAENDLER and SCHLAEGER.

In the era of the keyboard and global communication, this little rule has become quite important. If you're travelling to Europe and want to find out about the ancient church in Rühn, your Web search must be spelt right – there is a word *ruhn*, but it's not a placename. And label your luggage "DUSSELDORF", it may end up anywhere.

A sort of exception to the above lies in alphabetical lists, where the 'base letter' method is used, so *Göttingen* should appear somewhere between *Gotthelf* and *Gottwald*.

Note that I've never studied the language. But I work with a lot of academics from all over the world, and while fixing their gizmos am in a great position to get answers to all sorts of curious questions. Anything I know about German I owe to Dr Jürgen Stein and Dr Christa Niemietz, to whom (wherever they are now) I dedicate this little piece.