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Kindly words are a honeycomb, sweet to the taste, wholesome to the body.
The Bible, Proverbs 16:24 (Jerusalem Bible)

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In our August edition of *Crozworld* we mentioned that Wordplay Wizard **David Astle** — well-known to crossworders as 'DA' — has written a book titled **PUZZLED** which the book publishers Allen & Unwin released on 26 August (rrp \$29.95, pb 424pp). David said that the book is "a cocktail of a kind, where every clue of a central puzzle is the next chapter, and every chapter throws open a new door [anagram of one word!] onto an aspect of wordplay, puzzle history or even my own puzzling history — how I ended up captive to the black-and-white squares." David in his engaging prose style mentions Shirl O'Brien, David Stickley and our Forum DEEF. We are delighted to tell you that the publishers have offered this eminently readable book to ACC members at a special discounted price of 25%. See p9 for further details of this exciting offer. And Allen & Unwin have kindly given us some copies of this new book to give away as book prizes. Thank you Allen & Unwin for your generosity.

Our accomplished Puzzle set-up person, Ian Williams, has selected another challenging set of excellent puzzles and quizzes for you this month. Perennial favourites like *Timid Terrier*, *Jesso*, *Manveru*, *Penobscot* and *midships* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus another skilful offering from *The Eager Beaver* in Slot 6. In Slot 7 titled *Perimetric Jigsaw* the challenging *Betelgeuse* has devised a skilful offering which no doubt will give solvers a great deal of pleasure. We have Quizzes from the expert Brian Symons and another beauty from the irrepressible *dB* this time asking solvers to spell out the names of pop song titles. Our new Clue Writing Competition Adjudicator Michael Kennedy has challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for the word CHASTE (6) and his results can be found on p16. Many thanks Michael for taking on the adjudication of this important feature of *Crozworld*. Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

GENERAL: IT WAS RIGGED, I tell you!! It wasn't fair!! My buzzer was jammed. Morecraft and Astle had it in for me from the very beginning . . . That, or I just wasn't good enough. I'm not sure which. It may have been that my opponent was actually pretty good and would be a reasonable contender for the series title. Who has ever knowingly done some *patterning* anyway? Also this month, some adjudication . . .

Slot 1: The main source of damage was in the NE corner where the OBVERSE/ARBOR answers lay. Over a dozen entries had ADVERSE/ALDER. ADVERSE isn't an anagram of 'verbose'. Of those who had OBVERSE, another dozen had AMBER rather than ARBOR. Much consideration was given to AMBER by the adjudication crew. Although not in *Chambers*, there appears to be support for an 'amber tree' and as the clue was simply 'tree', AMBER was accepted. 'Neology', 'golam' and 'uruguay' appeared with a couple of spaces. Sometimes the Slot 1 creates the most carnage.

Slot 2: We've had issues with homophone clues before where both versions fit the grid — SEAM/SEEM in this one. If the indicator is between the options, then I'd allow both. The clue being 'A lode will appear, so to speak', the indicator suggests 'appear' is homophonic for the answer SEAM. So in this puzzle, SEEM was disallowed.

Slot 3: LOW LATIN created some versions of BOG, DOG and COW LATIN — none of which have an anagram of 'allow'. The other issue was SAPOTE, anagram of 'a poets'. Several SAPOTA were included.

Slot 4: Very few problems were encountered in this puzzle. Only one solution was on the wrong track, the others were just silly stuff like spaces. Many commented on the two-wayedness (my invented word of the month — feel free to use it) of the puzzle. When the grid is diagonally symmetrical, then yes, any set of answers will be so. Either alignment would be fine.

Slot 5: My eyes having only recently stopped spinning clockwise, I can tell you that TRADE WOMEN and STINGING were close, but no cigar. There was also SPAC, CHEAT, HUSKINGS, TACA and BEEBOP — all not good enough. A good snail should have the diagonal 'extra' answers and this one did. The snail is not everyone's favourite but *c'est la vie*.

COTM: This was a very dour affair. Not that many clues were nominated, only about 20% of respondents bothered. 19 clues were mentioned, only 5 more than once. The winner with 5 is TRADE UNION in Slot 5 (including one vote from someone who got the answer wrong!) Well done, Nea.

—Andrew Patterson

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Entries received	120	119	113	110	95	557
Correct entries	78	105	93	105	65	446
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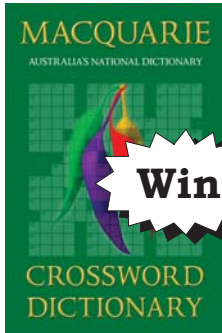
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Half 'n Half
by
Timid Terrier

Prizes: \$50



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[2007 edn]

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- 1 Accept, capture (4)
- 4 Hedge, shrub (4)
- 7 Servant (4)
- 10 Plus, in addition (4)
- 11 Tantrum, mood (6)
- 13 Operates, dashes (4)
- 14 Bitter, tart (4)
- 15 Mistake (5)
- 16 Achieves (4)
- 18 Level, stage (6)
- 19 Female pronoun (3)
- 21 Arrangement (9)
- 24 Thespian (5)
- 25 Transverses (7)
- 27 Bombarded (7)
- 30 Punctuation mark (5)
- 32 Natives of Egypt (9)
- 34 Dined (3)
- 35 Part of garment (6)
- 38 Song of praise (4)
- 40 A sink (5)
- 41 Rest (4)
- 42 Greases (4)
- 43 Submits (6)
- 44 Merit (4)
- 45 Beak (4)
- 46 Shout (4)
- 47 Ova (4)

Down

- 1 Amazing small dog with no hesitation heads off female in charge (8)
- 2 Maori village gives up one small marsupial for another? (8)
- 3 Other eels rotten (4)
- 4 Bully from Branch Office on ship (4)
- 5 Projecting boss starts off informal open workshop (6)
- 6 Some Apache refugees at this point (4)
- 7 French sea east of lake (4)
- 8 Stop painter from going up before break (6)
- 9 Trader: Dicky Bird (6)
- 12 Endlessly, steadfast lady denies having Alzheimer's Disease (11)
- 17 Signifying a cross mother is obvious? (11)
- 20 Bob to dance with energy (4)
- 22 Concern for Island girl (5)
- 23 Filthy North American pen (5)
- 26 Spoiled trio run wild (4)
- 28 Discovering ale brewed by sailors in front of gate (8)
- 29 Girl's composure initially stifles complaints (8)
- 30 Non-metallic element on vehicle for good French (6)
- 31 Actual existence in Mississippi's communal dining rooms (6)
- 33 Re sage mixture in oil (6)
- 36 Penicillin experiments in course (4)
- 37 Five starts off ensemble by railway light (4)
- 38 Rotter starts off harassing eminent elderly ladies (4)
- 39 Additional NSW town not English (4)

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Cryptic by Jesso



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Across


- 1 Can vote to change money (7)
- 5 Ace lost blood and played (7)
- 9 Scoundrel lost head for a great swimmer (5)
- 10 Europeans running around, often oddly short of oxygen, demonstrating alacrity (9)
- 11 Travellers returned parts and short swords (5-7)
- 14 Painter to score over a heartless woman (7)
- 15 Easier conservative to lead around island (7)
- 16 Self-confidence of sweetheart on the move? (3)
- 17 Berries, say, sent mob crazy (7)
- 19 Hazel, maybe, almost short with lunatics (7)
- 21 Crazy Uncle Rob and me up for the race (9,3)
- 25 This civil engineer upset with Zen philosopher (9)
- 26 Concerning first woman steward (5)
- 27 Girl taking in a place in Egypt (7)
- 28 Any old English crook's girl (7)

Down

- 1 Hybrid went over without starting to babble on (10)
- 2 Healer ran out, ruined, by the way (10)
- 3 General with sad heart to hold public address (7)
- 4 Stumbling-blocks to cable's second construction (9)
- 5 Pegging out dingy materials (5)
- 6 Heartless Bluey moves alternately (2,5)
- 7 Emblem puts up ship's member (4)
- 8 Detective has murdered T. Morse (4)
- 12 It should keep brands in to let go at film (10)
- 13 Not happy with part of transverse beam (10)
- 15 Graceful about crazy nut's insolence (9)
- 18 Muslim official, silly Aussie bird taking forty winks at home (7)
- 20 Shoot watch over one between hands (7)
- 22 Beginnings of boil-over with two hundred engaged first in sport (5)
- 23 Woman to take food up (4)
- 24 Show physical training to and fro? (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- In the August *Crozworld* p4, Graeme Cole asked for an explanation of the following clue: Pet becomes injured when sleeping in shed (3) CAT. Michael Vnuk sends us this explanation: Which pet? Only a cat, because if you put CAT in SHED (ie CAT is 'sleeping' in SHED) you get SCATHED, which means 'injured'. Actually, I didn't know the verb 'scathe', but it seemed likely based on the more common word 'unscathed', so I was pleasantly surprised to find that 'scathe' existed with my expected meaning. I think I would have written the clue as: 'Pet kept in shed is injured'. Michael Vnuk
- Thank you so much for my prize, the newest edition of *Chambers*! I was thrilled to find it in the post, and to open the exciting parcel. It has come at a very good time because my old *Chambers* is definitely falling to bits. It is funny how all my dictionaries do that. I must admit I have dropped it once or twice, and that isn't good for such a weighty tome. I shan't throw the old one out though: it is an old friend and has seen me through hundreds – thousands? – of crosswords. Margaret Galbreath
- Thank you for the \$50 cheque; a very pleasant surprise, indeed. Roy Wilson
- Thank you Patrick for your beautiful calligraphy and to the Club for two recent book prizes. Although I have many reference books, I had not got either of the prizes *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* and *Chambers Word Lists* and I love them. I was delighted to get a lovely book prize for Nea's quiz particularly as I think that is the first prize that I have received for a quiz. Doreen Jones
- My thanks for the \$50 prize in July – a lovely surprise and so attractively written by Patrick. Ro Ducker
- Many, many thanks for the prize of the 11th edition *Chambers*. We can now retire the venerable and much-thumbed, much earlier edition. Al & Dave Callan
- Great puzzles this month – 1st time I have completed all 6! Lynne Spicer

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Across

- 1 Set out to live with spirit (5)
- 4 See 3 Down
- 9 Anti beer? I somehow doubt he is! (9)
- 10 Country ball without a gent (5)
- 11 Boat is run-down needing front edge of hull secured (6)
- 12 No job is an exception (8)
- 14 This may be left behind after eating mashed taters with feta (10)
- 16 Agent managed to get back cape (4)
- 19 Characters regularly overdramatise at times (4)
- 20 Bug, for example, can trace us in disguise (10)
- 22 Model cheated on husband to divorce and produce story (8)
- 23 Surface in clue ultimately has to blend (6)
- 26 Opening in lease (5)
- 27 I sell mink cooked in these ovens (9)
- 28 Taken unawares, it is said knight is held in high regard (9)
- 29 Breeds flies (5)

required (5,4)

- 2 Raw energy? Not quite – needs developing (5)
- 3 /4ac The far borders of Australian continent to be opened up here? (8,9)
- 4 With hike, leave motorway behind – it's a hazard (4)
- 5 This ailment hurts me – I am in need of treatment (10)
- 6 Cut in volume during speech (6)
- 7 Start with the Iron Age – it needs revising (9)
- 8 Long period of time before the first of November (5)
- 13 These stories are honest, with a style that is fictionalised (5,5)
- 15 He moves speaker to control party and eject right-winger (9)
- 17 Agreement sees prisoner almost sent to South America (9)
- 18 Farmer perhaps – what a great Aussie job? (8)
- 21 She checked it orthographically, circling some of the letters (6)
- 22 Sign differs – there's no heading (5)
- 24 Object of veneration found with priest in Roman Catholic tomb? (5)
- 25 Inverted image – turn it around to find answer within! (4)

Down

- 1 Where this meeting is concerned, no foresight is

SELECTED EXCERPTS FROM PUZZLED by David Astle ('Mr Dictionary')

• "Shirl O'Brien is an anagram of HORRIBLE SIN, but you won't meet a sweeter crossword compiler. The Brisbane mum of five has made more than 1200 puzzles for that city's *Courier-Mail* under the alias of Southern Cross. Now in her eighties, Shirl has quit the local gig to spend more time with her grandkids ... Notably, Shirl belongs to a select group of females making cryptic puzzles at the top level, as well as being a very rare Australian who compiles for an English audience, her work appearing once a month or so in *The Guardian*, under the code-name of Auster." p67

• "Hugh Stephenson, the puzzle editor at *The Guardian*, recently did a head-count to learn that a third of his contributors are female, including Australia's own Shirl O'Brien. Nearer home, three of the seven Fairfax setters are daughters of Eve, namely Nancy Sibtain, Rose McGinnis and Elisabeth Palmer, better known to solvers as NS, RM and EP." p90

• "In Australia, the online trend is accelerating. Two active blogs chew over Fairfax puzzles most days, the first a long-running forum called Deef (or Feedback), the web annex of the Australian Crossword Club." p115

• "... a special mention to Shirl O'Brien and David Stickley. Reversing the import trend, these two locals both fashion clues for UK papers as Auster and Styx respectively... Here in Australia, the crews at Deef and Trippers keep a vital chat ongoing." pp409-410

• "Crosswords are built for breakthrough, that piñata euphoria." p350

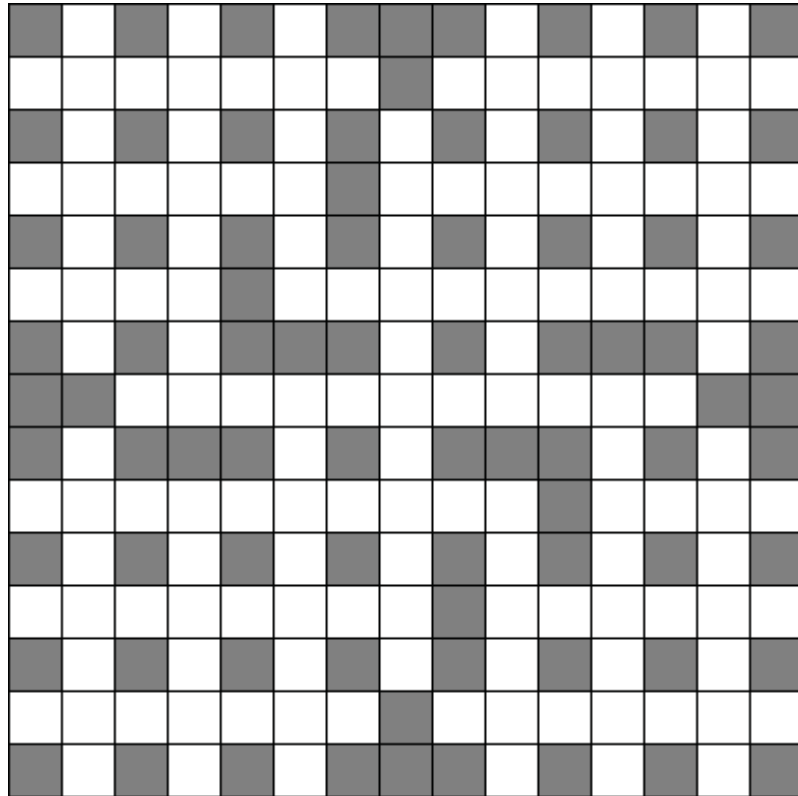
• "Every puzzle is a mystery tour, every clue a head-trip promising any number of destinations. Now that you know these things, you have my permission to get lost." p383

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AJ
by
Penobscot

Prize:
Brewer's
Dictionary of
Phrase & Fable
18th edn [2009]
[rrp: \$69.95]

Solutions begin with the given letter. Solve the clues and insert the solutions, jig-saw wise, where they fit.



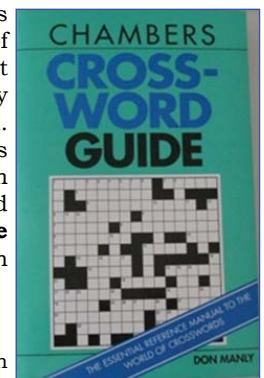
- A** Natives take a midday dram, containing marrow of bones and sulphur (11)
- B** In the doldrums, cool with Bede running around (8)
- C** Downfall of a harvester (7)
- D** Impressive return of police surrounding Tasmanian river (8)
- E** Horse is all there (6)
- F** Alliance supplied Spain with allowance (10)
- G** NE Brit with dire ego problem (7)
- H** As a stagecoach may be – not only when it's late (4,2)
- I** Is African leader Smith something of a prophet? (6)
- J** Native officer Raj made mad (7)
- K** Strung up old Jock may have been thus attired (6)
- L** As a shoe may have been, most unlikely on a boy (6)
- M** Temperamental interval for leading artist in Melbourne Bayside area (4-4)
- N** To the audience, when the eyes don't have it these do. Straight from the horses' mouth! (6)
- O** Expression of pain after initial casting falls from couch (4)
- P** Emergency operatives aid campers in distress (10)
- Q** Stanza in the capacity of coach (or a string of them) (8)
- R** Puzzles about conveyances (7)
- S** Members of "The Board" lose early starter, but they still have something in common (7)
- T** Preview to follow "The Queen" (7)
- U** Part of a character from crumpled UK poster (8)
- V** Prohibition overturned in note verbale (4)
- W** Maybe Daddy wings on these occasions (7,4)
- X** Folding seats for former professorships we hear (1-6)
- Y** Territorial chaps' freeholder on the line (8)
- Z** Realgar from a rich NZ concoction (7).

NEOLOGISMS:

The new edition of the *Oxford Dictionary of English* reveals, as the latest crop of new words to be added to its pages is published. Soccer fans will perhaps be unsurprised to learn that the **vuvuzela** has blared its way into the dictionary's pages. By being ushered into the dictionary, which is based on how language is used, the metre-long plastic horn has cemented its immortality, as well as its ubiquity. **Climate change**, an issue only marginally less controversial than soccer refereeing, has also made its mark. Even the most ardent sceptics will no longer be able to deny the existence of "carbon capture and storage" — the process of trapping and storing carbon dioxide produced by burning fossil fuels — or "**geo-engineering**", better known as the manipulation of environmental processes to counteract the effects of global warming. The new words appear in the third edition of the single-volume dictionary, which was first published in 1998. Two of the buzzwords of this economically squeezed epoch also figure: **toxic debt**, used to describe a debt that has a high default risk, and the rather less snappy **quantitative easing**: the introduction of new money into the national supply by a central bank. The **virtual world**, as ever, offers plenty of its own jargon. The new edition has finally cottoned on to **social media** and **micro-blogging**. Slightly less quotidian is the phrase "**dictionary attack**", which describes an attempt to gain illicit access to a computer system by using an enormous set of words to generate potential passwords. The new edition also dusts off and polishes a couple of terms — **staycation** (a holiday spent in one's home country), **national treasure** (someone or something regarded as emblematic of a nation's cultural heritage) — that feel as though they have been in common usage for some while. —*The Guardian*

ANOTHER BLOOPER UNEARTHED BY DOUG BUTLER

The author of this crossword book (pictured right) is the famous UK crossword compiler Don **Manley** not Don Manly.



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Cryptic by <i>midships</i>
Prizes: \$50

[2006 edn]

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Across

- 1 Drink one extra flip – too much! (8)
- 7 A drink. Most is regurgitated. Capital! (4)
- 11 Independently-minded person could liberate a singular drink (10, two words)
- 12 Beastly swimmer turned in first drink (5)
- 13 Bird's drunk back in the highway (5)
- 14 Lyrical author in charge, behind bar with gangster (8)
- 17 Drink returned to hostels regularly in the late hours (6)
- 18 Sidecar mixed with loss of identity by first politician on the Hill (6)
- 19 Fabled lifeboat landing place where returning sailor had most of a drink (6)
- 20 Arguments regarding licensee's cocktail – no lie! (6)
- 22 Mother, say, from Greek island not involved in nectarous concoction (6)
- 24 To bribe once, pulling in the drink? (6)
- 27 Army chief to river with instruction to return to sign mainly found in the drink (8)
- 29 Note I take on beer lacking head yields profit (5)
- 30 Shade, or decapitated spirit needing support (5)
- 31 Amaryllis brewed bland ale? No! (10)
- 32 Language in which to ask for 8 drinks? (4)
- 33 Kelly takes free dram to cop (8)

Down

- 1 Article having beer glass upended over (4)
- 2 Transport for wild race to Tromso. Ace goes for second of ports (12, two words)
- 3 Frequently characterised by two over the eight (5)
- 4 Stranger, more affected by alcohol, losing head (6)
- 5 Speculative building Elvis has left – in China, perhaps (6)
- 6 Drink delivered to South West Australia not available to South African society (6)
- 7 Sue shone on last of Asti, with spectators (8)
- 8 Race to whiskey? (5)
- 9 G 'n S rum tum tum beaten? I'd a clue! (12, two words)
- 10 Bard gave testimony, awkwardly seated on the wagon (8)
- 15 Lab equipment used to analyse Australian beer can (8, two words)
- 16 Masses able to drink. Forty-nine involved (8)
- 21 Dryness of wine leads man on drug to withdraw (6)
- 22 Race to fermented Tia Maria. Leave the lady out? Non, outside! (6)
- 23 Outcome of shout is somewhere near? (6)
- 25 Fool, not included in drinking songs, cries (5)
- 26 Company pub in NSW (5)
- 28 Herb may be found in revolutionary bodegas (4)

Explanations to August 2010 grids, where provided by the compiler: Thanks to Catherine.

Slot 2 by *Cha-Cha*: **Across:** 1. CON+SCIENCE 6. EWE+R 9. anag SMOOCH MORE 10. LOD=SEAM+homophone 12. dbl defn 15. anag TASTIER 16. C(ED)ILLA 17. BAR(COD)E 19. N+anag COUPLE 20. dbl defn 23. anag RISK 24. anag ANEWIDIOT+N 25. NEDDY-N 26. dbl defn **Down** 1. dbl defn 2. dbl defn 3. COMM(ISSI)ONER 4. anag PERSISTENCE-TRIP 5. About(C)A(MB=dr)RIC 7. WEE D(500)K(1000)I(1)LL(50 50)ER(sov)erign 8. anag ERECTATMIN 11. anag CURRY AND RICE-I+H 13. BAN=BAR INNERSPRING=BEDWIRE 14. anag DICK-DIC+DARENT' ASK 18. RAN back+anag LENS 19. dbl defn 21. 50(L) HELP(AID) back 22. HO(MEOW)NER.

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Fiction Favourites by The Eager Beaver



12 solutions are consistent with the theme and are not otherwise defined

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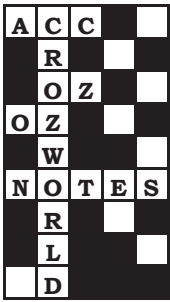
- 1 Useful in a white-out? (8)
- 4 He's athwart before tea, I hear (5)
- 8 Promissory notes are vicious and stateless (4)
- 9 Therefore lawful love makes us considerate (10)
- 11 Listen, it's an American woodpecker (6)
- 12 Melt Arab ghee (8)
- 14 Tropical fruit to a lesser degree? (4)
- 16 Can Flo psychoanalyse this obscure character? (6)
- 17 I simulate the seed-bud of a potato (3)
- 18 Torment not wrong for the chaps (3)
- 19 Informed feline recognises a hipster (6)
- 20 Able to miss the card game (4)
- 23 It's historically delicious! (8)
- 24 Spanish cutter's handle (6)
- 27 Climaxes make dense crocs go to pieces (10)
- 28 Sycophant loses unknown quantity (4)
- 29 Character found at Fawltly Towers. (5)
- 30 A wish for good fortune with Jehovah's celerity (8)

Down

- 1 Brace oneself for a quarrel between the south, east and north (7)
- 2 Puzzled Lucio operated the eyepieces (5)
- 3 Encircle the puddle in reverse (4)
- 4 To start with, a pretty idiotic situation has lasted years and continues foolishly (7)
- 5 Self-indulgent behaviour on a detached headland (9)
- 6 Well-known as nasty tennis player? (7)
- 7 Pluto, to materialise, then vanish from sight (9)
- 10 Lengthen this odd necklet (3)
- 13 A nightclub that could trim your hip (pocket)! (4,5)
- 15 Nine of them! Socially unacceptable pressure allows! (9)
- 18 Transport using a very little taxi (7)
- 19 Twisted accountants in the underworld (7)
- 21 Sidestepped a chasm with Sullivan (7)
- 22 Primarily work in tandem to take the prize (3)
- 25 Buggy's lost his millions and is forsaken (5)
- 26 Entirely without indium (4)

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Banausic by pds

This is one of my favourite obscure words: **The OED v4.0 (2009)** defines it thus:

banausic, a. [ad. Gr. βαναυσικός of or for mechanics, f. βάναυσος working by fire, mechanical, f. βάναος furnace, forge.] Merely mechanical, proper to a mechanic.

Historical references: 1845 G. Smythe in *Oxford & Cambridge Review* Aug. 206 When the Banausic principle (we must coin a word from the most expressive of languages to express all its intense vulgarity) began to

obtain. 1876 *Grote Eth. Fragm.* vi. 227 Alleged that the teaching music as a manual art was banausic and degrading. 1901 J. C. Collins *Ephemera Critica* 68 The one instinct in them which is not quite banausic being the conscientious thoroughness with which they impart what they have been taught. 1957 *London Magazine* July 57 A sensitive, self conscious creature ... in sad revolt against uncongenially banausic employment.

Chambers Dictionary defines it:

banausic, adj (also **banausian**) merely mechanical; really or apparently appropriate to an artisan; vulgar; materialistic. [Gr *banausikos*, from *banausos* a handicraftsman].

The Macquarie Dictionary defines it:

banausic adj. 1. Suitable for manual workers; uncultivated. 2. materialistic; utilitarian. [Greek *banausikos* for mechanics]

The Merriam-Webster Dictionary v 2.5 (2000) defines it:

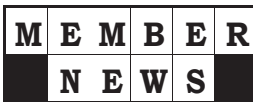
banausic, adj. Etymology: Greek *banausikos* of artisans, from *banausos* artisan + -ikos -ic. **1a:** governed by or suggestive of utilitarian purposes: **PRACTICAL** <my approach to this

literature was ... *banausic*. I wanted advice, instruction, not aids to reflection John Buchan> **b:** common in taste, thought, or intention: dull and menial <this sort of *banausic* performance is not mitigated by the striking of a few brave attitudes John Wain> **2:** MONEYMAKING, BREADWINNING: VOCATIONAL <a class freed from *banausic* pursuits and enjoying its leisure>: commercially minded: MATERIALISTIC <a *banausic* civilization>.

I first came across the word **banausic** in *The Epicurean*, vol 12, April 1968 at p3 where the well-known wine merchant Doug Seabrook said: "I am intrigued by Max Lake's latest literary effort. That an FRCS whose particular skill, if slightly banausic, is recognised by the profession as one requiring meticulous care, should be so careless is puzzling, and I can only assume that the work has been produced too hastily."

This produced a reaction from readers. In *The Epicurean*, vol 13, June 1968, p39, food writer and word lover, Oscar Mendelsohn wrote: "No doubt many readers will be surprised by the tone of Mr Seabrook's attack on Dr Max Lake's book. Unless, however, he is anxious to parade an archaic word, one may wonder why he also sneers at the author's profession as a surgeon."

Margaret Kidd wrote: "I have been a reader of your magazine since the first issue, and never have I seen such a personalised attack by one contributor on another. And banausic as relating to a surgeon's skill, really, Mr Seabrook!" Mr Seabrook, who suffered from the effects of poliomyelitis, sold the family wine merchant business in 1976 and died in 1984. I have not seen the word **banausic** in print since 1968.

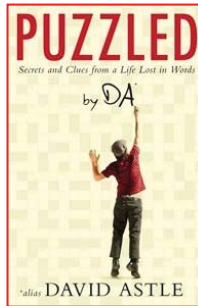


Membership renewals: We extend a warm welcome back to **Paul Derrington** from Cairns, Qld. Paul was a valued member of the ACC for many years but let the membership lapse. And a subs renewal from **Margaret Banks**. Delighted to have them back in the Team.

Sincere thanks to **Maurice Cowan** for his generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund 2010.

PUZZLED! NEW BOOK by DAVID ASTLE:

If you're interested in purchasing *Puzzled*, the publishers Allen & Unwin have offered a special price for ACC members — 25% off the recommended retail price! Just visit www.allenandunwin.com to make your purchase, enter the promotional code ACC25 at the checkout and you will receive a 25% discount on *Puzzled* (postage & handling charges apply). Offer is valid until 30 November 2010, while stocks last.



The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

mimsy adj. rather feeble and prim or over-restrained. [ORIGIN: nonsense word coined by Lewis Carroll (1832-98) in 1871, a blend of **MISERABLE** + **FLIMSY**.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004. Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$115.00 ISBN 9780195517965

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BONUS QUIZ dB

Each of these pop song titles consists of two rhyming words. Only clue is the artist's (or group's) initials ("T" is often "The" and punctuation is ignored). The solutions are in alphabetic order. Send your entries (it's doubtful anyone will find all 30) to Doug Butler, PO Box 303 Oaklands SA 5046. e-mail to d.butler@internode.on.net Closing date 8 October 2010. Book prize.

		Solution
1	4,7 (LW)	
2	9,7 (K)	
3	6,7 (LS)	
4	6,5 (T)	
5	5,10 (TLP)	
6	5,5 (M)	
7	4'1,5 (AD)	
8	6,7 (TB)	
9	5,5 (F)	
10	5,5 (RT)	
11	1,3 (MG)	
12	6,7 (SW)	
13	5,4 (BH)	
14	6,6 (D)	
15	5,5 (EP)	
16	2,3 (MW)	
17	4,5 (RO)	
18	5,4 (BD)	
19	5,5 (LR)	
20	4,6 (JW)	
21	6,6 (BH)	
22	3,4 (S)	
23	6,5 (CF)	
24	5,7 (A)	
25	4,4 (AF)	
26	4,4 (JW)	
27	4,6 (TFT)	
28	5,6 (LR)	
29	4,5 (IP)	
30	6,5 (STS)	

August 1-2010: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jesso)

- As usual a great puzzle and good clues from Noel to start.
Joan Smith
- TOHEROA was the only unfamiliar word in Noel's excellent 'starter'.
Margaret Davis
- Re 5dn, I had no idea that 'raffle' had so many meanings. The usual well crafted puzzle from Jesso.
Peter Dearie
- Good general knowledge required.
Carole Noble
- Another enjoyable puzzle. I liked PUPA-CASE.
Anne Simons
- 7dn 'opposing aspect' here is OBTUSE in 'verbose' anagram - ADVERSE is not appropriate. 10ac tree = ARBOR (esp in scientific use). Those tempted to put AMBER as a tree should consult *Collins* and *Oxford* where 'amber' is defined as a 'fossilised resin'. Apparently 'amber' is incorrectly defined in *Hamlyn*. 29dn a gem clue URUG+U+AY.
Alan Walter

August 2-2010: Cryptic by Cha-Cha (Catherine Hambling)

- Thank you Catherine for a great puzzle. Many good clues especially liked 6, 16, 17 and 25ac and 13 and 19dn. More please.
Joan Smith
- Quite interesting puzzle. Favourite clue is COMMISSIONER. Some superfluous "a" and "an" words. For example, "An animal has a right to a water container (4)" could (should?) be "Animal has right to water container (4)".
Len Colgan
- An excellent crossword. Bedwire was such a clever way of defining innerspring (13dn) and I also liked barcode (17ac).
Nea Storey
- Nice to see Cha-Cha again. I've given her my COTM.
Margaret Davis
- Happy 80th birthday, Cha-Cha. A most enjoyable puzzle.
Peter Dearie
- So many good clues. Loved 7dn. Welcome back, Cha-Cha. More please.
Carole Noble
- Some very ingenious clues: CEDILLA, BAR CODE, STARK NAKED.
Max Roddick
- Some good clues especially BARBED WIRE and BLOW BY BLOW.
Anne Simons
- Wow! Catherine, you are an inspiration to all of us. I really enjoyed this - especially 'innerspring' to get the 'bedwire' in BARBED WIRE. Please don't wait until your 90th to entertain us with another puzzle.
Brian Tickle
- Loved 16ac clue for C+ED+ILLA. 5dn CA+MB+RIC. 7dn WEE+D+K+I+L+L+ER. 14dn D normally not recognised as 'drunk' - need the word 'initially' Thanks Cha-Cha for an enjoyable cryptic with clever clues.
Alan Walter

August 3-2010: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Nice puzzle from Shirl though I do not like this grid for a cryptic. 6ac and 8 and 15dn were my pick of the clues.
Joan Smith
- Another classy puzzle, Shirl. Precise clues.
Len Colgan
- Flea circus was my favourite here.
Nea Storey
- I hope she won't be offended if I call Southern Cross our 'Old Faithful'. She can always be relied upon for a good, fair puzzle.
Margaret Davis
- 11ac - six-footer equals 'ant' - very crafty.
Peter Dearie
- Wanted to put 'summertime' but reread the clue luckily!
Phyl Heath
- I particularly liked Slot 3; some very good cluing, which caused me a few headaches.
Gabrielle Leeds
- All good as usual. Loved 25ac, WAFFLE.
Carole Noble
- SUPPERTIME - what a good clue!
Max Roddick
- Struggled with MIDDLE EARTH (not having read Tolkien) [Manveru will be most disappointed! - Adj] and could not confirm SAPOTE.
Anne Simons
- Great clues as usual from Shirl. I first read Tolkien almost fifty years ago and I have returned to his works many times since but I never saw 'middle ear' in Middle Earth. I also liked the clues for 'supertime' and 'ear-piercing'.
Brian Tickle
- 6ac A, L E G < U P = A L E + P U G < = d r i n k + b o x e r . 1 2 a c S U M M E R T I M E > S U P P E R T I M E . 1 3 a c a u d i o c o m p o n e n t = M I D D L E E A R + T H 1 d n c l u e s h o u l d h a v e ' i n f o r m a l f i n a l e ' a s H A R I - K A R I i s i n f o r m a l b u t a p o p u l a r u s a g e o f H A R A - K I R I , t h e c o r r e c t J a p a n e s e f i n a l e . 7 d n P + S I R < + M S . T h a n k s S h i r l f o r y o u r c h a l l e n g i n g c r y p t i c .
Alan Walter

August 4-2010: AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- An enjoyable AJ, the A and L clue were my favourites.
Joan Smith
- Virgo's AJ had a number of good clues. I liked G, L and T particularly.
Margaret Davis
- The A clue was one of the best solved. 'Port' had me totally misled. I hope ENSHRINE is correct. It doesn't fit the clue but I can't think of anything else. The O clue appears to consist of two indicators and no definition.
Peter Dearie

- The answers fitted two ways. Horizontals could be verticals or vice versa. Neat!
Carole Noble
- B has to be BLOCKHEADED (doesn't it?) but the usual references don't support it meaning 'stubborn'.
Max Roddick
- This was a challenge - took ages to twig to ATTACHE CASE and had A and B wrong way round!
Anne Simons
- I had to work backwards - the last two clues I got were A and B.
Lynne Spicer
- Some tricky clues (especially the A word) and tricky jigsaw placement.
Roy Taylor
- Interesting that this puzzle could be solved regardless of which way the two 11-letter words were placed. I submitted entries for both orientations. Do I get an extra tick?
Brian Tickle
- Thanks Virgo for your pleasurable AJ which can be entered into your grid in 2 ways!
Alan Walter

August 5-2010: The only game in town by Fortuna 48 (Nea Storey)

- The theme was helpful for this challenging puzzle which really had the grey matter working overtime. Liked clues for 20, 23 and 25.
Joan Smith
- A special thank you for the clever & sparking spiral Slot 5 puzzle containing many clues relevant to current politics. The four diagonals, RE-ELECT, SPEAKER, RE-COUNT and ELECTOR were very neatly woven into your grid, and I much liked the clues for BIS+HOP, TURN+BULL, BROWN, HUSTLINGS-L, GILL+ARD & SPEC. ... thought-provoking and entertaining.
Alan Walter
- This puzzle was the one original and enjoyable aspect of this election. Several good COTM candidates but I put my "1" alongside SIT.
Doug Butler
- Congratulations to Fortuna 48 for a most topical puzzle this month with Slot 5. Clue 1: Trade Union gets my vote for COTM. I wonder if Bob Hawke would understand the symbolism of this clue? Seems appropriate with his past and present involvements!
Frank Martin
- A very clever puzzle, thankfully fairly early in the campaign. I have now reached saturation point with all things political!
Margaret Davis
- A cleverly themed slot. 'Button' at no.5 took a while to work out.
Peter Dearie
- A great puzzle - well done.
Phyl Heath
- A lot of difficulties here but well-designed. It took me a long time to find TRADE UNION.
Gabrielle Leeds
- Brownie points for an up-to-date topic.
Carole Noble
- Some great clues, Sis! Hope I've got it all right. I gave several clues serious consideration for COTM.
Anne Simons
- I don't usually like these 'square spiral' grids. Perhaps because they don't give you extra letters you can find in 'checked' squares in conventional grids. However, the theme was both amusing and helpful, so I found solving it to be very enjoyable. [These types ideally have diagonal theme words amid the answers. Look again. Adj]
Brian Tickle
- 4 helpful diagonals REELECT, SPEAKER, RECOUNT and ELECTOR. Nearly put NAYS but NOES needed. Much liked clues 11, 16, 19, 24, 26 and 34. Thanks Fortuna 48 for a clever puzzle relevant to current politics.
Alan Walter

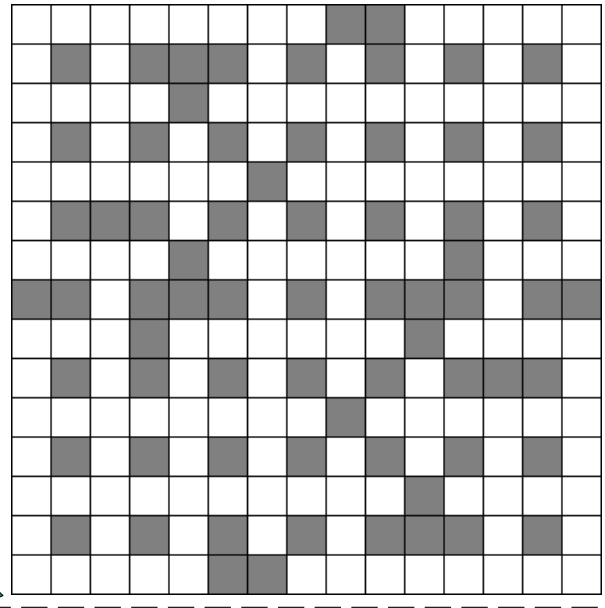
GENERAL COMMENTS:

- The puzzles were all excellent with many good clues. My COTM was Cha-Cha's ESSENCE - a nice neat clue. I was particularly impressed with all Fortuna 48's cluing which enabled me to complete the puzzle satisfactorily and I hope correctly.
Bev Cockburn
- Dear colleagues, with some of the puzzles becoming more and more taxing in recent months, I had considered giving up my membership, but my unexpected win last month has given me the encouragement to carry on. A wonderful surprise.
Verna Dinham
- As always a few new words to add to the vocabulary. There were some very clever puzzles, hard but rewarding when completed.
Bob Hagan
- I don't understand how this type of puzzle (Slot 5) qualifies as a 'crossword'. Puzzles they be but certainly not crosswords. If they are to be included in CrOZworld they should be at no.7. [There should be crossing words through the diagonals, ideally of some related theme, as this puzzle had. Adj]
Veniece Lobsey
- Thank you for such very interesting puzzles this month, particularly the 2-way AJ and the political "Only Game In Town". Also thanks for the most enjoyable Christmas in July at the Royal Oak. Great meal and great fun as usual.
Wendy Villiers

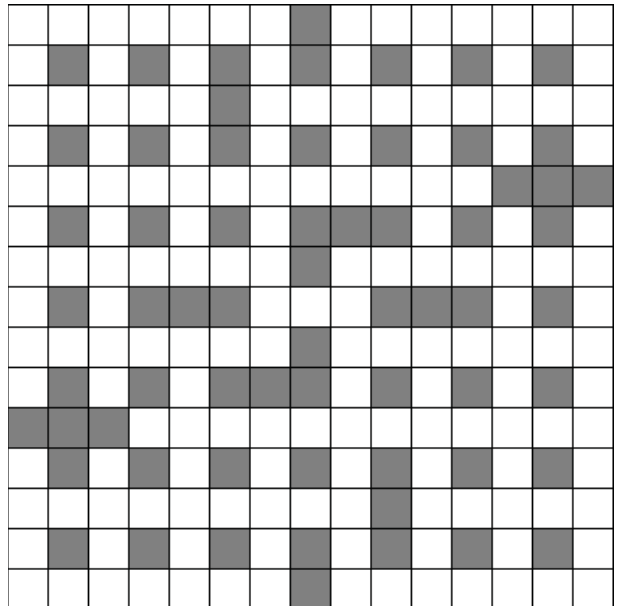
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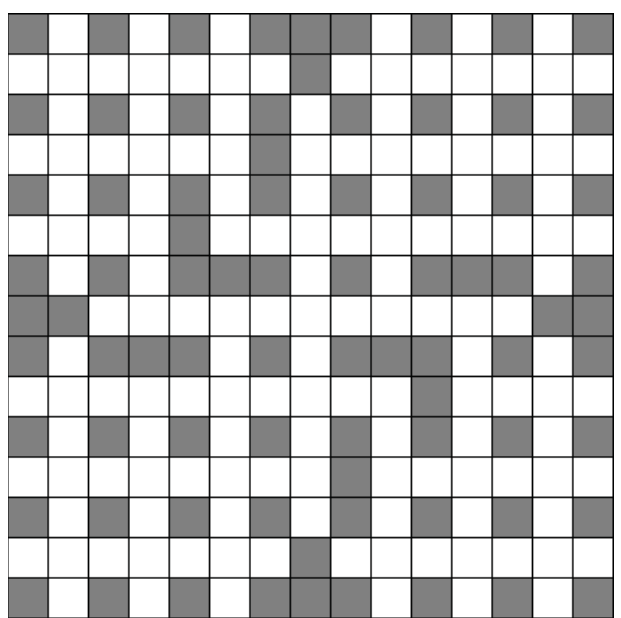
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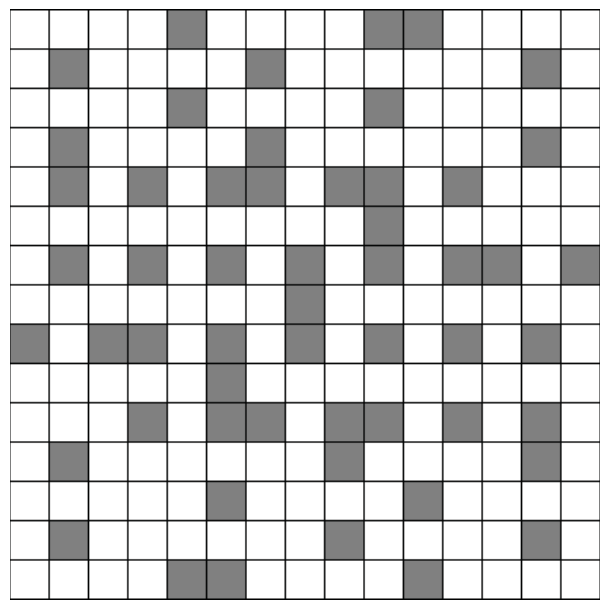
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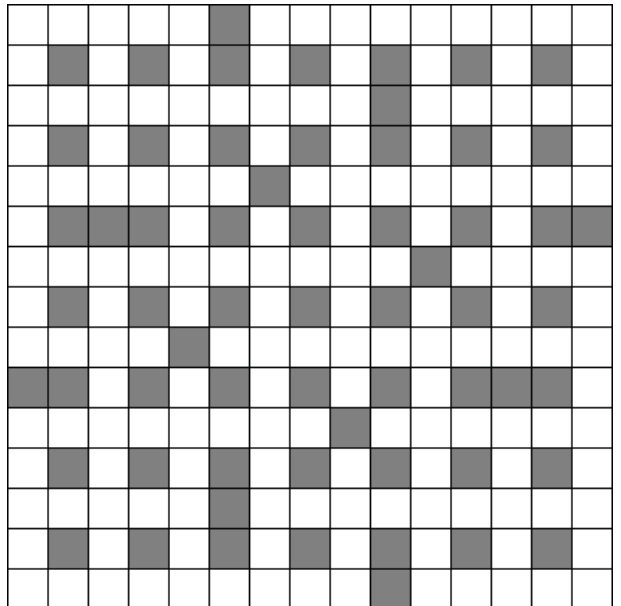
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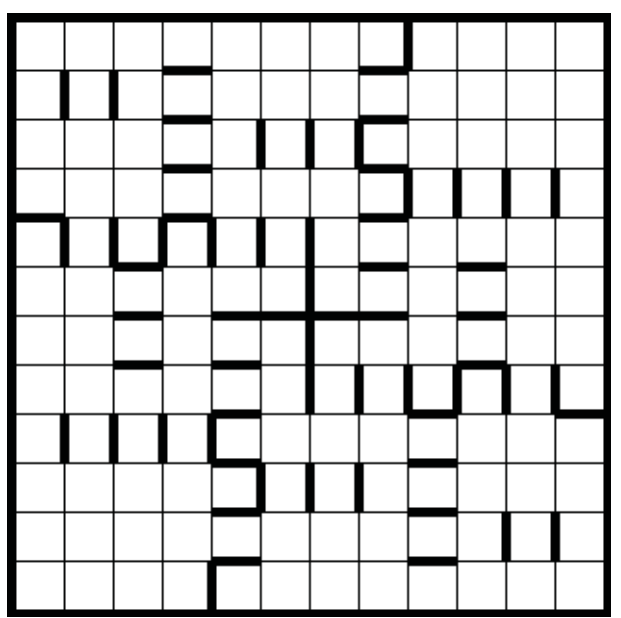
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Clue of the Month

July 6-2010: Thematic by *The EmCee (Merv Collins)*

Entries: 64. Correct: 28. Success rate 43.75%.

Prizewinners: Col Archibald & Carole Noble. Congratulations.

Setter's Comments:

Thanks for all the cards and notes in response to my thematic July #6. It was inspired by my grandson's love of colourful birds particularly, but not exclusively, from the parrot family. He thanks you for the parrots on the cards some of you thoughtfully used for your greetings. Solvers, almost without exception, had most trouble with 4ac 'Kayakers by the sound of it.' The answer required was 'conures' (kayakers = canoers/conures - geddit?) - South American parakeets. It's in both my *Chambers* and *Oxford* dictionaries and, since I use it frequently in conversation with a 4 year old, I didn't think it was a particularly obscure word. It also popped up when I put '?o??r?:birds' into the on-line word-finding site *One Look Dictionary* which is a useful resource for crossword solvers. There was some discussion as to whether 'canoers' and 'conures' sound alike. My *Chambers* shows the pronunciation of the bird as 'konūr' with the 'ū' symbol indicating pronunciation as in 'endure' or, in this case, 'manure' if you think that's more appropriate! Alan Walter suggests quite rightly that the syllables 'can' and 'con' should sound different. For some they do, but as Ted O'Brien implies below, most of us say 'c'n' for both (unless the accent falls on the first syllable as in 'candid' and 'concert.') So 'kororas' (16 times), 'roberds' (5x), 'robirds' ('robot birds' one solver suggested) (5x) and fiacres, polaris, bitterns, icterus, sabirus, jabirus, ptloris and rowards (once each) weren't acceptable. None of them are 'kayakers by the sound of it' to me! I take Alan Walter's point that the clue should have had an exclamation mark. Other mistakes included 'conurus' and 'eth' (instead of 'nth at 19dn), both of which could have been transcription errors. If so, sorry about that! Sadly, two twitching solvers spotted all the birds but both fell over a faulty 'trestle' in the corner spelling it 'tressle' and 'trestel.

—Merv Collins

Solvers' comments:

- I almost did not send this in as I could not find an answer for 4ac. At last, and I hope not too late, 'conures'! It could have been my COTM had the puzzle been eligible. Keep up the good work and thank you. *Gabrielle Leeds*
- I enjoyed the puzzle but was stumped by the 'kayakers' clue. All I could come up with was 'kororas' for fairy penguins - 'core oarers'? *Robyn Caine*
- Many thanks for your maiden contribution to our magazine and a very clever entry it was too - some great clues and six cleverly hidden Australian birds, two of which took some research. Welcome to the setters' group and keep them coming. *Bev Cockburn*
- 'Hyacinth macaw' followed by 'rainbow lorikeet' convinced me that I was looking for members of the parrot family which meant I was stuck for a while before 'superb fairy wren' slotted in. 4ac took me longest. 'Conures' is all I can find to fit though according to *Chambers*, the pronunciation is quite different to 'canoers' which I have assumed (possibly incorrectly) is what 'kayakers by the sound of it' refers to. Plus, I cannot even find 'canoers' in any of my dictionaries. 'Canoeists' apparently are people who go canoeing, and 'canoers' are not welcome! If someone laid out all seven tiles to make this in a game of Scrabble, I probably would not have challenged it. Thanks for an interesting puzzle. *Peter Dearie*
- Nice collection of birds for the theme. Conures took some getting! *Tony Dobebe*
- Thanks for your hard work in putting this one together. *Mike Potts*
- I was hesitant to submit this entry because I have no idea about 4ac - look forward to explanation. *Jan Wood*
- Took a long time to solve this one, especially 4ac. Bird clues were clever. *Anne Simons*
- Your puzzle was quite a challenge, especially 4ac. I can only deduce if 'conures' is pronounced 'c'noers' that it is the answer. It also fits as the 6th of the bird species. Many thanks and best wishes. *Ted O'Brien*
- A while doing this and I was away with the birds! I'm sure 'Mrs. Bouquet' would have enjoyed it too. *Roy Taylor*
- I enjoyed your thematic. I have a query about 'conures'. Does

- it sound like 'canoers?' It took me ages to work that out so I do hope it's right? It is the only non-Australian bird so I'm still a bit doubtful. Anyway, thank you for a good puzzle. Good crosswording! *Margaret Galbreath*
- Loved your bird puzzle - just hope I got it right! It helped keep me marginally sane for a while as I feel I am going nuttier than ever, as I am in the midst of a massive house clean-up and move. *Del Kennedy*
- Thanks for your mind-bending puzzle. It was a stunner, particularly 4ac. At first I tried 'mokoros' which are the traditional dugout canoes of the people of the Okavanga delta. Then I realised that the clue for 'chick' in 23ac had the definition of 'modern Sheila's' so 'chick' could not be counted as one of the six thematic answers. I next tried 'kotares' which are kingfishers from New Zealand. On Google I found that 'kingfisher' was a kayak as was 'mokoros' (kayaks). Neither related properly to your subject 'kayakers'. Eventually I tried 'conures' - colourful parakeets. It still took me a while to realize that you thought this word sounded like 'canoers' ('kayakers'). Actually, the 'con-' and 'can-' sounds are quite different and your clue really needed an '!' to indicate the stretching of the proper pronunciation. Your 'superb fairy wren' was a testing anagram. *Alan Walter*
- Thanks for your great crossword. I'm not too happy about 4ac. though. *Doreen Jones*
- Thanks, Merv, for a great crossword. *David Procter*
- Thanks for a wonderful cryptic - lots of great clues. 4ac is very good even though the bird is obscure (to me). (*How long since you've been to Taronga Zoo, Brian? Lots of them there.* *EmCee*) *Brian Symons*
- 4ac was very tough. Had 'kororas' but unsatisfied. Looked harder, glad I did! (*Sorry, Andrew, not hard enough!* *EmCee*) *Andrew Miles*
- Thanks, Merv, a good puzzle. Not sure about 4ac. *Robyn Wimbush*
- It's not that often I can complete the #6 puzzle so early! I really enjoyed the theme and at the moment there are rainbow lorikeets on my balcony. Many thanks for making ACC such an enjoyable club. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Hope I've spotted all the birds! *Nea Storey*
- Thank you for supplying such a challenging and different crossword. It certainly kept me occupied. I liked 1ac 'rosella' and 10ac 'shrimp' particularly. I thought 6dn 'raiment' was a bit suss. I think I have 2dn 'superb fairy wren' and 8dn 'hyacinth macaw' but not in my reference books; probably can be found on the internet. Re 27dn, I assume 'Argyle' is a Plymouth football team?! (*Not just a Plymouth football team, Graeme, the Plymouth football team, my boyhood heroes!* *EmCee*) *Graeme Cole*
- An enjoyable challenging puzzle with great clues. Especially liked 9, 18, 20 and 30ac and 3 and 8 dn. *Joan Smith*
- I found this a most enjoyable puzzle. *Ro. Ducker*
- A very nice puzzle with a theme that was attainable. 'Conures' was my last issue to resolve. Won't be many times we'll see 'Uriarra' in a puzzle! *Andrew Patterson*
- Thank you for your puzzle. I did not find it too difficult except for 4ac which I hope I have correct, though I cannot find it in any reference book. I understood that if any word not readily found appeared in a puzzle there had to be some allusion to it in the instructions, even if only in very general terms. Sorry to quibble, but perhaps you could explain what or who 'robirds' are when the solution is published. That is assuming I am correct, of course! I could be way off the track, though I cannot for the life of me see what else it can be. Thank you again for the puzzle and please keep them coming. (*Hope my note above and Alan Walter's comments clear things up for you,* *Margaret.* *EmCee*) *Margaret Davis*
- Kororas has been the great hold-up and I was feeling so frustrated to have just one blank space, so now at least I can post it in. Jack found it for me. Hope you're working on another. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thanks for your bird HIDE. Had Rosella for Corella (rose as in centre from which a light is hung or from which a ceiling decoration radiates) and took a while to discover the trick. Have trouble reconciling pronunciation of KORORAS with K rowers if indeed this is the intended solution. Liked CHICK and LITTERS. *Jack Stocks*
- It took me a while to work out the fairy penguins for 4ac. A good puzzle, thanks. *Hilary Cromer*

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**Perimetric
Jigsaw
by
Betelgeuse**

**Book
Prize**

In this perimetric puzzle, the letters taken from the top left hand corner of the puzzle clockwise around the periphery spell out some verbal advice given by a Spaniard on how to play the game. Clues are listed in alphabetical order of the solutions and are to be entered jigsaw-wise, where they fit.

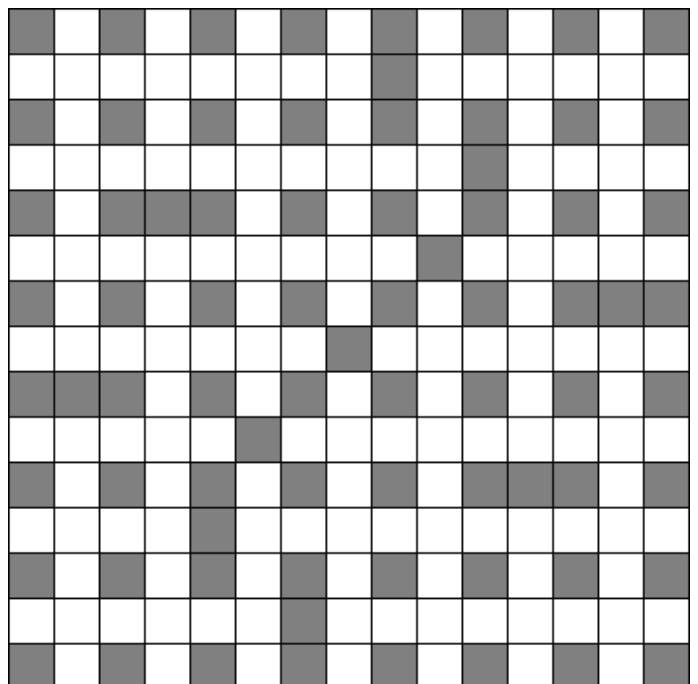
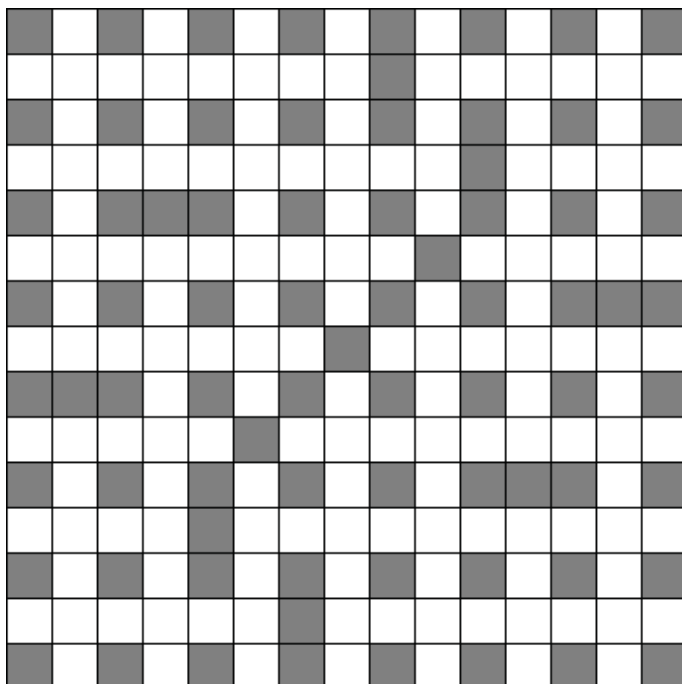
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Closing mail date: 8 October 2010.

- Note describing First Officer at sea (6)
- With suspicion, question Caen tripe (7)
- Animals' sounds of obedience (3-4)
- Source of camels' germs but not primarily Escherichia (7)
- Exercise support for run during display (5)
- Sculpture of sabre-rattling old dear (3,6)
- Object about beer (heard to include volume? (5)
- Meals on wheels cause of noise in first gas vehicles? (6,4)
- Festival takes time-out – one inside finds it less strenuous (6)
- Returnable island? (4)
- Aired dubious message, which can be got rid of (10)
- Male extremity with partial sprain gets old-fashioned compensation (4)
- Floods of cheeky aliens (8)
- Greeting expressed reverence (6)
- Passionate game first developed in exciting plot (3-7)
- One dress in fashion for those in the know (8)
- Underwent chemical reaction and created tin alloy (10)
- Envelop disastrously in hot water (8)
- Went right and stopped (4,3)
- Island where French retain a hotel
- Take quarter out of savings but put in cent for helpful transport (9)
- Border on a new boat (6)
- Took after Ruby – collecting musicians short of space (9)
- Costume gives affected airs (4)
- Covering certain talk on line? (5)
- Surreptitiously charmed snake, one outwardly lively (8)
- Suffering woman's gone for past support (5)
- Overcomes bird characteristic, for example? (5,4)

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Quiz No 9/2010

Quiz 9/2010 Speed Test by Brian Symons



by **Brian Symons**

- 1 girl's name (7)
- 2 definite (8)
- 3 type of vessel (9)
- 4 Scottish vessel (7)
- 5 shaped like a hooked beak (9)
- 6 stride exultantly (7)
- 7 interjection expressing doubt (5)
- 8 sprite (5)
- 9 get-up-and-go (5)
- 10 axolotl e.g. (9)
- 11 insect repellent (7)

All answers contain the sequence MPH. Word lengths are given. All answers are in *Chambers* apart from proper nouns. Answers are in alphabetical order of their LAST letter. Where answers share the same last letter the order is alphabetical according to their FIRST letter.

Send your answers to Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Place, Grays Point NSW 2232 e-mail bms65@bigpond.com.

Closing mail date 8 October 2010. Book prize.

- 12 socket for electric light bulb (10)
- 13 U.S. city (7)
- 14 centre (8)
- 15 circular (8)
- 16 cock-a-hoop (10)
- 17 skin disease (9)
- 18 nonsense verse (9)
- 19 boy's name (8)
- 20 harmony (8)
- 21 Scottish blockhead (6)

Quiz No. 7 Novelists Linkwords by *Virgo (Audrey Austin)*

Solutions: 1. Anne Rice, 2. Ben Elton, 3. Clive James, 4. Dan Brown, 5. Dick Francis, 6. Douglas Adams, 7. Frank Herbert, 8. George Meredith, 9. Howard Spring, 10. Iris Murdoch, 11. Irving Wallace, 12. Jack London, 13. James Joyce, 14. Joseph Conrad, 15. Mary Shelley, 16. Morris West, 17. Patrick White, 18. Richard Bach, 19. Sinclair Lewis, 20. Stephen King, 21. Thomas Hardy, 22. Walter Scott, 23. William Blake, 24. William Trevor, 25. Zane Grey.

Scores: **25:** B. Cockburn, R. Gardiner, P. Garner, B. Glissan, K. Harper, S. Howells, C. McClelland, M. Steinberger, C. Noble, B. Siegman, B. Symons, R. Wimbush and A. Walter. **24.5:** R. Caine, P. Dearie, R. Dorrell, A. Jermy, G. Leeds, A. Miles, A. Simons, J. Smith and L. Spicer. **24:** P. Heath and N. Storey. **23:** V. Howard and C. Jones. **22:** D. Butler.

Prizewinner: Pat Garner. Congratulations!

Members' Comments:

- Thank you for a challenging quiz. I really enjoyed it. *Catherine Jones*
- You sent me on a merry dance with this one. Thank you, it was fun. *Valerie Howard*
- It took me ages to get William Trevor. A great puzzle, thank you! *Lynne Spicer*
- A tough one! I needed lots of help from friends and relations. *Anne Simons*
- You really made this hard, putting it in alphabetical order of FIRST names. I spotted a couple of repeats from an earlier quiz but unfortunately it didn't give me the answer to No. 23 so I just had to make a wild guess. (I always go wrong when I make wild guesses too! A) *Nea Storey*
- I really enjoy these types of 'Linkwords' quizzes – and this was no exception. William Trevor took this solver quite some hunting down. *Andrew Miles*
- I enjoyed doing this quiz. I certainly admire your ability to make it up. *Rosemary Dorrell*
- Somewhat to my surprise I have managed to find an answer to all the clues, with help from my wife. The last one we found was White Rabbit which for some strange reason escaped us. Welsh and Roger kept us busy for a while and we kicked ourselves when White finally surfaced. Thank you for a very enjoyable and ingenious quiz. *Peter Dearie*
- Thanks for your testing Novelists Linkwords quiz. *Alan Walter*
- I thoroughly enjoyed this quiz. Some very challenging clues, but very fair nonetheless. *Robyn Caine*
- Great puzzle, Audrey. Took a while to get them all. *Robyn Wimbush*
- A very tough quiz (but enjoyable). *Brian Symons*
- A really good quiz which I thoroughly enjoyed. Even making a good guess at the first name, it was not always easy to find the writer. No. 3 was the last one I found, Clive James. I would have been pretty annoyed to miss out on him, but strangely I couldn't find

him listed in the *Wikipedia* list of well-known writers. I had Robert as Robert the Bruce, which threw me off track until I suddenly thought of Robert Clive. *Betty Siegman*

• A interesting quiz. Wasn't William Blake a poet? He was also into painting and etching, but I can't find him as having written a novel. *Carole Noble*

• I always enjoy your Linkwords puzzles and this was no exception. As far as I know, William Blake was not a novelist but I couldn't find a novelist whose name fitted. *Susan Howells*

• Another intriguing quiz. Not sure about my answer to No. 23: William Blake, whom I know only as a poet. *Gabrielle Leeds*

• Your challenging quiz introduced me to some writers I now want to get to know better. (I've just read a delightful interview with William Trevor at www.guardian.co.uk/culture/2009/sep/05/William-trevor. Thank you for enlightening me as well as entertaining me. *Kath Harper*

• Many thanks for your brain-stretching quiz which I enjoyed researching. *Beverley Cockburn*

Adjudicator's Comments: 27 entries – a goodly number with a high success rate in that errors were few and related mainly to only one half of the answer. Apologies for William Blake to those who pointed out that although he was many things – writer, poet etc. he never penned a novel. Fortunately, no one failed to work out the answer, so the clue must have been one of the easier ones. Thanks to those who enquired about the weather up here (it's been freezing most mornings) and to Robyn Caine for her nice postcard. **—Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

Results of July 2010 Bonus Quiz. The A-Z of Trees by *The Eager Beaver (Bev Cockburn)*.

Entries: 46. Winner: Claire McClelland. Congratulations!

Results: 26: W Allen, H Annand, R Caine, G Cole, M Collins, P Dearie, V Dinham, R Dorrell, H Freeman, M Galbreath, R Gardiner, P Garner, B Glissan, K Harper, S Howells, B. Ibbott, A Jermy, C Jones, D Jones, P Lord, J Martin, C McClelland, I McKenzie, D Meek, P Mercer, A Miles, C Noble, S O'Brien, T O'Brien, J Pearce, B Siegman, A Simons, J Smith, M Steinberger, N Storey, B Symons, R Taylor, A Walter, J Wenham, C Wilcox, N Wilson and R Wimbush. **25½:** P.Heath. **25:** S Pinder. **24:** N Hazell.

Adjudicator's Comments: A very pleasing number of correct entries with 4 with minor errors. Congratulations to all. Apologies for the indirect anagram "Homogenised honey" = mel, using 'homogenised' as an anagram indicator! I couldn't resist it and everyone got it right even though some just guessed! "Holly" and "Hazel" were both accepted and errors included "Quercine", "Karui", "Veneer" and "Zamia". **—Bev Cockburn**

Solvers' Comments: [Comments continued on p16]

- Thanks for an interesting and enjoyable puzzle. *Claire McClelland*
- I couldn't see the wood for the trees. Good to have a quiz that didn't take heaps of research. *Carole Noble*

July 7-2010: TLA by dB (Doug Butler)

Winner: Bev Cockburn. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments:

A very modest return for this puzzle, which was variously described as "challenging", "daunting" and "engaging". Alan Walter pointed out that the term "acronym" should only be used for abbreviations such as SAM which are sounded as a single word rather than spelled out. Several pointed out that MGM does not follow MIG alphabetically, for which I can offer no excuse only apologies. 100% entries were received from Bev Cockburn, Peter Dearie, Pat Garner, David Grainger, Doreen Jones, Ian McKenzie, Carole Noble, David Procter and Alan Walter. —dB (Doug Butler)

Solutions: ABC, ACC, ACT, AFL, AGR/AHR, AWA, AZT, BBC, BHP, BMC, BMW, BYO, CIG, CPI, DDT, DNA, IXL, LSD, MIG, MGM, NSW, OIC, OTC, PCB, PLO, PMT, POS, POW, PSI, PTT, PVC, RAA, RAC, SAM, SDA, SEC, SLR, SOB, STD, SUV, TAB, TID, TUC, TWA, USN, UVB, WHO, WMD.

DEFAMATION IN CROSSWORDS:

Doug Butler sends us a copy of this interesting hobby story from the *Sydney Morning Herald* 28 July 2005. The headlines were:

Crossword guilty of defaming Abe Saffron

A Queensland newspaper which published a crossword that called Sydney identity Abe Saffron an underworld figure has been found guilty of defamation by a NSW Supreme Court jury. Gold Coast Publications ran a crossword in the puzzles page of the *Gold Coast Bulletin* on January 2, 2004, that asked the question:

Who is the Sydney underworld figure nicknamed Mr Sin?

The answer, published in the paper the following day, was Abe Saffron.

Mr Saffron's counsel Clive Evatt today told the four-person jury the crossword had diminished the 83-year-old's reputation in the eyes of the community by implying the well-known Kings Cross nightclub operator was connected with "Sydney's criminal element". "If it is said that a person is a Sydney underworld figure it means he is a man of the criminal element in Sydney," he told the court. "Any imputation that suggests a person has offended the moral code of the community is defamatory ... any imputation that tends to lower that person's standing in the community is defamatory."

Mr Evatt said Mr Saffron was entitled to defend his good name, regardless of what had been said about him in the past. "Even a person with a bad reputation is entitled to protect what reputation he has," he said. Mr Evatt said the crossword question carried two defamatory imputations that diminished Mr Saffron's public reputation.

"He (Mr Saffron) says to be described as an underworld figure, and to be described as having the nickname 'Mr Sin', has injured his reputation, and would cause people to shun him and avoid him," he said.

"It is a serious matter to describe a person as Mr Sin, it has a deadly effect."

But the jury found the newspaper guilty of only the first imputation, and dismissed allegations "Mr Sin" was defamatory. Defence counsel Lucy McCallum said the jury had to consider the context of the crossword and the offending statement. Ms McCallum also argued that newspaper readers visited the puzzles pages for entertainment, and not news. "Unlike the front page of a tabloid where people are only looking for the news ... we tend to think that since they have turned to the puzzles page the readers approach it from a different perspective and judgment about what's said about a person is suspended," she said. Justice James Wood will decide on a date to be fixed whether Mr Saffron is entitled to damages.

UK Sky News on January 21, 2010 reported:

One of our national newspapers was threatened with a libel action this week over a crossword clue which invited the solver to name the current beau of a young actress. Not long after it appeared, a letter was delivered to the paper's managing editor from one of London's top libel lawyers. It said they represented a young man, also an actor. They complained that the number of letters in the answer to the clue was the same as the numbers of letters in the surname of their client! Since he was adamant that he was NOT stepping out with the young woman in question, he had been potentially libelled, so would the paper (a) promise not to do it again, (b) pay his costs and (c) pay damages.

This is the extent to which minor celebrities are prepared to exploit our absurd libel laws to make themselves a few hundred smackers for minimal effort, aided and abetted by avaricious lawyers with eye-watering rate-cards. *Alice In Wonderland* stories like this deserve wider currency because they underline the urgent and long overdue need for reform of Britain's libel legislation. Meanwhile the crossword editor is planning to leave a gap when he publishes the puzzle's answers, with a note blaming the omission on legal considerations. Is this a first?

AP Herbert's Misleading Cases

One of Herbert's favourite hobby-horses was the peculiar English legal distinction between libel (written or printed) and slander (spoken), with the former being regarded as very much more wicked. The law of libel is exceedingly complicated and wholly unintelligible.... *His Lordship here gave a brief explanation of the law of libel, beginning with the Star Chamber.* ("Is 'Highbrow' Libellous?")

Haddock and other tireless litigants worked their hardest to introduce new complications. Is it libel or slander when the defamation is conveyed by a gramophone record, as the House of Lords is asked to decide in *The Lawyers' Dream*? Then there's the problem of skywriting, as in *End of a Nonsense*: transitory like speech, because it fades away, but not *that* transitory.... Nautical flag-signals are employed in *Slander at Sea*, raising the question of whether it's defamatory to keep sending – preceded by the distinguishing flags of the target vessel – the signal-group for "Have dead rats been found on board?" Haddock's finest hour involves libel by crossword (*A Cross Action*), in which it's the hapless puzzle-solver who is lured against his will into entering libellous answers to clues about public figures:

Sir Antony Dewlap, K.C.: ... Say to me, milord, "A bibulous bishop in four letters", and I do not think particularly of the Bishop of Moat, the aged Bishop of Bowl, or even of Bishop Loon. Each of these names will enter my mind, only of course to be indignantly dispelled. [...] But take the thing a stage farther, milord. Take the "Down" clues. Take No. 7. ... which most unfortunately eliminates two of the named bishops, leading the solver to a dreadful hypothesis.

An interesting related judgment is cited in the *Gramophone Case* (*The Lawyer's Dream*):

In *Silvertop v. The Stepney Guardians* a man trained a parrot to say three times after meals, "Councillor Wart has not washed today." It was held that this was a libel.

Several later *Misleading Cases* refer to this precedent in terms suggesting that an awful lot of people had searched for it in law libraries, without success, and had sent plaintive enquiries to the author. Herbert eventually inserted a mendacious explanation that the original case report had been destroyed in a fire. He also took extreme measures to leave the *Gramophone Case* unresolved by the House of Lords. After the Lord Chancellor, Lord Lick, Lord Arrowroot and Lord Sheep have split fifty-fifty on the decision between libel and slander (the latter three all saying "I do not agree ... The law is clear"), it's up to the final Law Lord to make history:

Lord Goat: The law is clear – (At this point, however, his Lordship suffered a heart-attack, perished, and was removed.)

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 4/2010.

Write a clue for CHASTE (6) Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy

It is with great pleasure that I accept the opportunity to adjudicate this competition. I would like to acknowledge Steve's efforts over the past few years and I hope I can carry the baton adequately. While I will do my utmost to be objective, it goes without saying that, based upon my own bias, some subjectivity will inevitably creep in. To be as objective as possible I have incorporated a scoring system which I've explained below. It's a work in progress and constructive criticisms are welcome. In essence, I adhere to the adage 'the whole is greater than the sum of its parts' when trying to find the winning clue. While the parts are essential and should adhere to *Ximenean* principles, the clue in its entirety should stand alone.

Considering the short turnaround this month, it was reassuring to receive twelve entries, including several first timers. The clues are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions are *italicised*. In a close finish, the winner this month goes to **Merv Collins** with **Born-again cheats become virtuous (6)** (See below for the explanation)

Definition of **chaste** from *Chambers* (11th Edition)
(*adj* sexually virtuous, modest; decent and pure in taste and style; restrained)

Born-again cheats become virtuous ****

This winning clue is an anagram of *cheats*. It is elegantly constructed, particularly the novel anagind (*born-again*), and it evokes a wonderfully pithy image.

Decent Chemical Engineer sat awkwardly **

CH plus an anagram of E and SAT. I have not come across CH (chemical) before and I could not find it in *Chambers* or the *SOED*. Assuming it is correct, then the mechanics work well. However, the surface reading is lacking.

Immaculate tea set's broken ****

A simple and concise clue using an anagram of TEA SET. The surface reading is fine.

Leading members of church hierarchy and Synod thought Eve to be the 'Immaculate Conception' ***

A simple clue that clearly indicates to the solver to take the initial letters. The surface reading is piously excellent. As the Immaculate Conception relates to a specific example of being chaste, a *for example*, or something similar in the clue would be fairer to the solver. These clues are notoriously difficult to disguise and this clue is no exception.

Not getting any adulterous cheats ****

If there was a chuckle rating then this clue would win hands down. While it is a simple anagram of CHEATS, it's the quirky definition and original anagind that makes this clue gratuitously entertaining. However, while the surface reading is solid, I would imagine that it needs to follow on from a previous clue marked by ellipses, as it seems to be only half the story.

Pure blend of cocaine and speed **** (exp. C + HASTE)

This top grade charade clue uses C and HASTE in a cleverly constructed way that does not make the definition too obvious. One may argue that a blend is no longer pure, but I will leave that to the pharmacologists!

Pure saint seen in each order ***

ST (saint) inside anagram of EACH. This is a solid clue with sound surface.

Pursued, I hear, but didn't fall ***

I hoped someone would have a go at the tempting homophonic characteristics of *chaste*, and this was a fine attempt. The surface reading is cleverly misleading, if a little inaccurate. *Chaste* is an adjective, but *didn't fall* (i.e. opposite of 'fallen' as in a fallen woman) is verbal.

Rush after light! Speed for what is virtuous! ****

This is quite a good charade type clue. Here we have *rush* (haste) following *light speed* (c), cunningly concealed. Through misleading punctuation the reader is led to believe that 'rush' and 'speed' are verbs (finite, intransitive, imperative), instead of nouns (abstract). It conjures an image of 'following the light' after expiration perhaps.

Simple head of circus has acquired six tame elephants *

This is an attempt at using initials. Unfortunately, while the surface reading is adequate, the secondary indicator needs to be 'heads of' to be accurate. Of course 'heads of' would not serve the surface reading as it currently stands.

Spore cases are pure when adjusted *

The most difficult clue of those submitted. It's an indirect anagram of *thecas* (Spore cases). (NB. *Chambers* only has *thecae* as the plural of *theca*). In any case, indirect anagrams are not accepted by most crossword publications, including *CrOZworld*. While there may be a case for simple indirects, I doubt many solvers would easily graduate from *spore cases* to *thecas*, even assuming *thecas* was correct. It's also worth noting that the definition is found in the middle of the clue.

With nothing to lose, aches to destroy the virtuous ***

An anagram of ACHES TO minus O. The surface is slightly strained, as we don't know who or what aches. I did like *with nothing to lose* as an indicator to subtract O.

Clue Writing Competition No 5/2010

Write a clue for the word STALEMATE (9)

Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue **and explanation** to the adjudicator: Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to mlk@activ8.net.au
Closing mail date: Friday 8 October 2010. Book prize.

Comments continued from p14:

- Couldn't leaf this alone! Helen Annand
- Enjoyed doing this over a cuppa without having to resort to the Internet. Thank you. Catherine Jones
- Thanks for a nice walk in the forest. Roy Taylor
- Thanks for your entertaining but accessible Tree Quiz. "Homogenised honey" has me baffled so I've gone with the only 3 letter 'E' tree I can find. Merv Collins
- Enjoyed this quiz. More please. Anne Simons
- Did enjoy this quiz. Made the old brain work. Cheryl Wilcox
- Introduced me to a couple of unknown species. Thanks for the enjoyment of doing your quiz. Peter Dearie
- I enjoyed your quiz although my old toothless dog was very capable of chewing with his gums! Susan Howells
- Thanks for a great quiz to exercise my grey matter. Betty Siegman
- Enjoyed your quiz – some tough clues which kept me occupied for quite a while. E and N were the last two. (To answer your question, Graeme, it's qu+and+ong from 'ongoing'. Bev) Graeme Cole
- I enjoyed this quiz. The "bedecked annual" made me think. ELM troubled me – perhaps with good reason! (Not at all. Bev) Andrew Miles
- Thanks for a peach of a puzzle! Ted O'Brien
- Lots of fun! Robyn Wimbush
- A fun quiz. It was good to have a puzzle that required the use of the brain rather than research. Pat Garner
- It was nice for a city dweller to get out among the trees – though there were some I didn't recognise and had to get expert help on. It's a pity that my ever growing reference library involves sacrificing trees, but hopefully not the ones listed here. The quiz brought back memories too of a childhood spent 'among the gum trees' – and the occasional quandong (which, for some reason I can't recall now, we called a 'snottygobble tree'). Childhood has its own rules! Kath Harper
- All good wood. Wood like to thank you for this Bonus Quiz. Alan Walter
- A lovely quiz to do. Lots of these bring back memories for me. I remember going to England after Dutch elm disease had practically wiped out the elms in England, and seeing all the stands of dead trees where once they had been shaping the horizon. I remember collecting quandong stones and growing them according to the instructions from the Land Dept or someone like that. I remember walking past a big old garden when I was very young, and mother pointing out a great ilex tree. Margaret Galbreath
- Another good one for the brain!! Ann Jermy
- What a lovely quiz! I sat down and did it on the day I got my puzzles whilst having a welcome cuppa. Barb Ibbott
- Another delightful quiz, thank you, Bev. Fancy tracking down N and Z – I'm impressed! Nea Storey