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Proverbial (French)

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The ACC Get-Togethers are a special occasion and should be attended by many members of the ACC. The next one will be held at William Ryan's outstanding location *The Harold Park Hotel* in Glebe NSW on Sunday 25 November 2018. Not to be missed! Looking forward to renewing acquaintances.

Our accomplished Puzzle Editor, **Ian Williams**, has selected another outstanding set of excellent puzzles for you this month. Distinguished puzzlers like *Zinzan*, *Murphyslore*, *Pentangle* and *Valkyrie* are there for your ongoing enjoyment plus another skilful offering from *Crowsman* in Slot 5. Our brilliant compiler *Lexi Conner* has given us another of his challenging puzzles in slot 6 and *Nigrum Cattus* will entertain you with his cryptic puzzle in Slot 7. And Karl Audrins has submitted another fascinating Quiz titled *Gainfully Employed*.

Our brilliant Clue Writing Competition Adjudicator **Michael Kennedy** challenged clue-writers to devise a clue for **mind-reader (4,6)** and his results together with his insightful comments and analyses from the entries submitted can be found on pp16 and 15. Michael said that while this month's challenge presented a myriad of parsing options, it was relatively limited when it came to standard dictionary definitions. With words like this, the trick was to think outside the square to come up with a clever, but accurate definition. There were two clues, in particular, vying for the top spot, but **Anne Simons'** effort got the gong this month with the following clue:

Bodyguard harbours dread, after beheading psychic (4-6)

Best of Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Thank you for the cards and the good wishes, accompanying the mail entries.

Slot 1: A fair number of errors, which is unfortunate in the puzzle intended to give an easy start to the month. The most frequent issue arose in 5-across "Weapon (7)" where a number submitted BRENGUN. Unfortunately, both *Chambers* and *Macquarie* give it as (4,3) and both list the required weapon, BLOWGUN, as one word. SIBYL may be spelt either way and either was assessed as correct. Although derived from "UNCTION", the adjective UNCTUOUS has a "U" where one might expect an "I", which gave problems to some, as did MOCHA, which has only the one spelling.

Slot 2: Despite a number of unfamiliar words, few solvers submitted incorrect entries. Three members failed to recognise the DAN who is proficient in the martial arts and normally has a (black) belt to prove it.

Slot 3: So much praise for this puzzle with its inbuilt theme. Although not intended as a trap for the unwary, the homophone SOWN, rather than "sewn" was needed to complete the 14 examples of SO cited in the rubric: an entry of SEWN was responsible for a considerable number of lost dots. A number of solvers submitted ISON for the intended ASON in 23-down. Owing to the somewhat confusing wording of the clue and the unusual use of the article in the solution (see comment on page 10) either answer was accepted as correct.

Slot 4: No systematic issues with, and considerable praise for, the ever-popular AJ but do, please, confirm that the solution to the clue that you're working on has the correct initial letter. The person who submitted X-AXIS for the Y clue will know who we mean!

Slot 5: A good success rate for this puzzle with its four 15-letter solutions. PATRONIZE and PATRONISE were both accepted as correct for the doubly-defined 7-down. After a considerable amount of research and debate between adjudicator and editor it was agreed that a "cap" issued for sporting prowess could be considered to represent, and to be displayed as, a trophy – thus allowing CAPFUL as an alternative to the intended CUPFUL in 6-across.

COTM

Nominations were received for over 30 clues across all 5 slots. Multiple nominations were received for MOLAR in slot 2, INPUT DATA, NASAL FOSSA and SCHADENFREUDE in Slot 3 and TINOPENER in slot 4 respectively but the winner by a narrow margin was ALIMENTARY CANAL in Slot 5. Congratulations to all compilers, but particularly to Drew Meek. —Kay Williams

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	98	90	96	96	90	470
Correct entries	57	75	65	83	83	363
Success rate (%)	58.2	83.3	67.7	86.5	92.2	77.2
Prizewinners	Doreen Jones	Max Roddick	Rob Moline	Peter Dearie	Sonia Roulston	from 107 members

Prizewinner: August 2018 Slots 1-5: Ian McKenzie. Congratulations!

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August 1-2018

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August 2-2018

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August 3-2018

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August 4-2018

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August 5-2018

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July 6-2018


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MEMBERS RESULTS for August 2018 Slots 1-5 & July Slots 6-7

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Abbott P.					*	*		Gooderick R.	*	*	*		*			Moline R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Allen W.	*	*			*	*		Grainger D.	*	*		*	*			O'Brien E.			*	*	*	*	*
Anderson C.	*	*	*	*	*	*		Greenberger O.	*	*		*	*			Parsons D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Audrins K.	*	*			*	*		Hagan B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Parsons D.	*		*	*	*	*	*
Axelsen U.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hagan R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Patterson A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barbour J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Hambling C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Perrow H.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Barnes J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Harper K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Pinder S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Baylis J.	*	*			*	*		Hearn R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Potts M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bennett D.	*	*			*	*		Hocking A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Procter D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Bilkey C.	*	*			*	*		Horadam K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Procter M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Blake M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Howard V.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Pyc M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Caine R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Howat S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Randall J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Callan D.	*	*			*	*		Jarman L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Roddick M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Carpenter R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Jones D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Rolfe G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coates D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Kennedy L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Roulston S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cockburn B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Kennedy M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Shield A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cole G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Knight P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Siegmán B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Colgen L.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lankshear J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Simons A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Collins M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lee C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Skinner R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Coote P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Leigh J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Smith J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Copland F.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lemon G.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Steinberger M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cowan M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Lord P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Storey N.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cromer H.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Low R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Symons B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crowe J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Mackay-Sim C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Taylor R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dearie P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Madden J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Taylor S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dennis M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Martin F.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Thompson I.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dobele T.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Mason I.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Tickle B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Douglas R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Matthews S.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Veress M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Ducker R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McClelland C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wenham J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Evans J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McKenzie I.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wilcox C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fernando C.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McKenzie R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Williams K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fowler J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	McPherson T.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Williams K.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Freeland J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Meek D.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wimbush R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Gambin M.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Miles A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Wood J.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Garner P.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Millard A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Young A.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Glissan B.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	Milton R.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*								

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**A Bit More
of Everything
by
Zinzan**



This puzzle contains a mixture of normal and cryptic clues. Normal clues may not be exactly that and cryptic clues are set out in italics.

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Across

- 1 Possible fate of Japanese 3s? (8)
- 5 2 on 43 3 (6)
- 9 Made footfall (4)
- 10 *Family member catches cold in open-air transport option* (8)
- 13 Page and Brin's behemoth (6)
- 16 Presentation partner of 33-down (4)
- 17 Teller of tales (4)
- 18 *Giving too much to every man is corrupt, President included* (11)
- 19 Rapper Kanye (4)
- 21 "Up yours!", maybe? (5)
- 23 *Very large GIF?* (4)
- 26 Hardy companion (6)
- 29 *A particular employee with Islamic God* (6)
- 30 Ordinary partner of 38-across (4)
- 31 *Society select a wooden nail* (5)
- 33 Neat partner of 31 (4)
- 35 *Eucalyptus regnans is not a human, surprisingly!* (8,3)
- 38 Foul (4)
- 39 Instrument to which an orchestra tunes (4)
- 42 Not fulfilled; messy (6)
- 44 *Granting nothing worked initially in finale* (8)
- 45 Short-necked web-footed diving birds (4)
- 46 Rooms behind the front door (6)
- 47 *Writers reworked Ulysses? About time!* (8)

Down

- 1 A fungus; filth (4)
- 2 *Leave port in South Australia, heading for island westernmost of Leewards* (4)
- 3 Spanish North Atlantic denizens (9)
- 4 Narrow church tower (7)
- 5 5 on 43 4 (5)
- 6 Single-used last words? (1,2)
- 7 *Stayed a long while and ate a lot* (3,2)
- 8 Continually (4)
- 11 *Granular snow to make level?* (4)
- 12 Thicken; blockhead (4)
- 14 *Achievement at UK school's 15th storey?* (1,5)
- 15 Baltic republic (6)
- 19 Canis lupus (4)
- 20 Otis Redding's genre of singing (4)
- 22 In an ungraceful manner (9)
- 24 Fall into liquid somewhat noisily (4)
- 25 *Mate without a facial feature* (4)
- 27 *One takes off an arm I injured* (6)
- 28 Censure severely or angrily (6)
- 32 *Here in French headland, bitter cold* (7)
- 33 No business like this business (4)
- 34 Occasional partner of 8 (4)
- 36 *Primate missing the start in tune* (2-3)
- 37 Ballerinas' skirts (5)
- 38 *Trump is uncouth, we hear* (4)
- 40 The curved course made by a lawn bowl (4)
- 41 Production of 45, maybe (4)
- 43 Young fish (*var.*) (3)

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Cryptic by Murphyslore



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Across

- 1 Horseplay featured in this ancient conflict (6,3)
- 6 The Spanish/English detectives find the Spanish hero (2,3)
- 9 Dog follows soldier to the wall (7)
- 10 Heard rumblings inside membrane (7)
- 11 Have qualms about heinous murder – not right! (5)
- 12 Routine can be suitable to live in (9)
- 14 Our Scottish staining loses sting (3)
- 15 A toy louse holds a mystery (1,5,5)
- 17 Violently introduce small river into the circulatory system (11)
- 19 Piece of apparel that time lost (3)
- 20 American candy, English sweetie or Australian lolly as fruit let go (5,4)
- 22 Bud heading off the German milk dispenser (5)
- 24 Emerging from Northern climb to the summit (7)
- 26 Working, travelling . . . continuing (7)
- 27 Try to write one! (5)
- 28 Deer fence dismantled out of courtesy (9)


- 2 Rower starts another rowing series, slipping into Oman (7)
- 3 Mostly a unit of electrical current, small and representing a conjunction (9)
- 4 Sorcerer practising medicine? Sounds like there's a choice (5-6)
- 5 Eggs secreted in the Faroes (3)
- 6 A flier rues losing its extremities (5)
- 7 Animal hidden in a car I bought (7)
- 8 The most wretched dames tend to be complicated (9)
- 13 Incontrovertible evidence follows projectile and is unassailable (11)
- 14 Doctor leaves reconditioned candelabrum for a vehicle (9)
- 16 German citizen? Good enough to eat! (9)
- 18 Overseas doctor leads heads of Science Institute, Stockholm, in describing molecular diffusion (7)
- 19 Emperor had rain diverted (7)
- 21 Poor river flowing back in New York (5)
- 23 Scoundrel, you say, joined little Roger (5)
- 25 A small amount, partly backdated (3)

Down

- 1 Little Edward holds a bit more than 3 and is moderately warm (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS

- Many thanks, Patrick and all compilers, adjudicators etc. I am so very grateful to you all. Many thanks also for my Slot 4 prize – a lovely surprise, and very much appreciated. *Julie Crowe*
- Thank you for August Puzzles and the “Gremlin Alert”. Reckon those gremlins have permanent residence in my brain – some of the explanations confuse me more than the puzzle. I only met Gillian Champion through the pages of our publication but always enjoyed her offerings. Please extend my condolences to her family and friends. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Don't know whether I am getting better at *Croz* or these are a bit easier than usual. Maybe a bit of both. Hope the gathering went well at the weekend. One day, I will try to go to the Melbourne gathering, just for the fun of it, but it was my Mother's 100th birthday and I was busy!! *Ann Millard*
- Just a quick note to thank you for Sunday's excellent ACC lunch. I'm finding that each year I'm enjoying it more – must be the company. *David Grainger*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Pentangle</h2>


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Across

- 1 Time to abandon rubber before fault with tennis shot (7)
- 5 Wastage centre converted into depot (7)
- 9 Named it in brief surrender (5)
- 10 Invented short horn duplicate (7-2)
- 11 A short story following French city is just lovely (4,2,3)
- 12 Perfect impression on Labor leader (5)
- 13 Perform backing beat with brilliant finish (5)
- 15 Old Cuban leader imprisons topless fat singer with a high voice (8)
- 19 Appeal certain to produce happiness (8)
- 20 Value wild time around the middle of March (5)
- 23 Excellent hairstyle making a comeback with fleecy head covering (5)
- 25 False alarm about missing Australian walker (9)
- 27 Breaking taboo about big boxing league that cannot be done without (9)
- 28 Dean banishing queen from morning service (5)
- 29 Arrange to hold gold for safekeeping (7)
- 30 Attack the place where cannon are mounted (7)

Down

- 1 Back for a short time (6)
- 2 Not very recent vice managed with restraint (9)
- 3 When one's left the country, there's a country left (5)
- 4 Prevents production of posters right away (6)
- 5 Picked up spring roast with metal container (8)
- 6 One assigned to train in waste water after the first of August (9)
- 7 Provide with change of brief undies (5)
- 8 An upstanding staff working for emperor (8)
- 14 Puzzling acrostic with a Central American country (5,4)
- 16 Note well: out of ingredients for iron tablets in Cockney bottle (9)
- 17 Love confines beliefs (8)
- 18 Split joyless time changing sides (8)
- 21 Soak up rubbish in a sphere (6)
- 22 Be almost turned on by alcoholic drink (6)
- 24 Almost ban unfinished book by an Indian clerk (5)
- 26 Fired up about highway restriction (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS cont'd from p4

- Thank you Patrick for organising the enjoyable get-together at the Royal Oak Hotel on 29 July 2018. As usual, it was great fun, and the difficulty of the quiz caused much hilarity. Thank you also for the beautiful certificate and cheque I received for Slot 1. Most unexpected, but really appreciated.
- Thank you very much for my Slot 2 prize. It was very much appreciated.
- Thank heavens for ACC cryptics – good winter comfort food.
- Another wonderful month. Thank you all.
- Thanks to all.

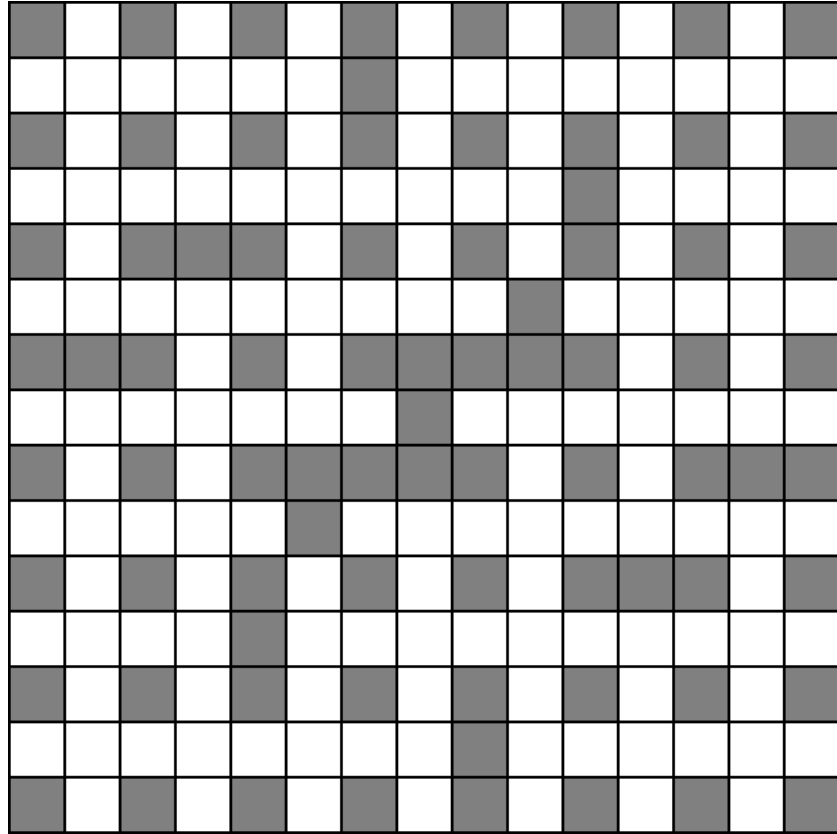
Robyn Caine
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AJ
by
Valkyrie



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



- A** Mister YMCA? Unfortunately irregular (10)
- B** Loud priest's vestment repelled clique (7)
- C** Bracelet clip (4)
- D** Discard Democratic passion (5)
- E** Thermonuclear neutralization not totally secure (4)
- E** Release electronic charge (8)
- F** Fruit flower illustration (6)
- G** Fish bag tackle (6)
- H** Surround and monopolize small defensive position (8)
- I** Rudeness covers up beginning of rebellious recklessness (10)
- J** German and Canadian petrol carrier (8)
- K** Curved missile shaped like the front of some underpants (5)
- L** English student dismantled gun after one day (8)
- M** King and queen without ace is inadequate (4)
- N** Sam perhaps, moving up north on opening of injection centres (6)
- O** Run rings around class following inharmonious period (10)
- P** Bought and pickled by an expert! (8)
- Q** Pound sterling undergoes penny for penny quibble (4)
- R** Utter control over soft drug seizure (6)
- R** Exhibit once more unpredictable hot anger (6)
- S** Incurable rascal escapes boundless prayer (10)
- T** Beat rubbish cans to block rage (9)
- U** Eclipse on high point of life (7)
- V** Career victory for top venue (8)
- W** Material alteration to new city lacks model (6)
- X** Instrument with wooden bars loses one to mature wood borer (9)
- Y** High mountain dwellers reportedly around station yard (5)
- Z** Being divided, Australia did a turn around about sanctuary (5)

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280 by Crowsman


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Across

- 8 Pinch bag overturning target in alley (6)
- 9 Dug around title, oddly wearing gloves (8)
- 10 Conviction locked blokes in dwelling (8)
- 11 Groom is left-over with union cancelled (6)
- 12 Retrospectively, descendants clear a group present (9)
- 13 Objects, but not in camp (5)
- 15 Strong drug restricts a number (6)
- 16 Run achieves double figures (6)
- 19 Tight 13, reportedly (5)
- 21 Toss out regressive music with nothing sustained (9)
- 24 Hard-working European limits time making colourless toxic gas (6)
- 25 Shoots Howard, perhaps, held by ministers (8)
- 26 Yellin' heard from island off Tasmania (8)
- 27 Continue former nurse (6)
- a mechanism (6)
- 2 Craving a pet, but confined outside! (8)
- 3 Meaning that's common to 'taint', 'paint' and 'tint'! (9)
- 4 Small object worn when 9 struck (7)
- 5 Cardiovascular insertion has back to front adjustment in 13 (5)
- 6 Strategic pair of bridge cards, but not these two! (6)
- 7 Spotted bagging choice plum-like fruit (8)
- 14 Person providing drinks trade pockets tip (9)
- 15 Small change squeezed every second from urgent appearance (8)
- 17 Sole flipped in overused volcanic ore (8)
- 18 Pleased constituents (7)
- 20 Shorthand typists write poems up without heart (6)
- 22 Uplifting small musical composition shows how woods can merge (6)
- 23 Point one made from this? (5)

Down

- 1 Shortened relaxation of tension from locking piece in

Reading the OED by Ammon Shea, Viking an imprint of Penguin Books 2008.

• **Yesterneve** (*n.*) Yesterday evening.
 There are a number of words for describing time, well beyond simply saying today, tomorrow or yesterday. For example:
 Hesternal—of or relating to yesterday.
 Nudiustertian—of or relating to the day before yesterday.
 Overmorrow—of or relating to the day after tomorrow.
 Postridian—done on the following day.
 Yestermorn—yesterday morning.

• **Yepsen** (*n.*) The amount that can be held in two hands cupped together; also, the two cupped hands themselves.
 A measurement that has never really caught on like the teaspoon, the *yepsen* also falls firmly within the category of things for which you never thought there was a word—at least, not until some interfering busybody came along and told you what it was.

• **Zoilus** (*n.*) An envious critic.
 Taken from the name of a Greek critic (fourth century BCE) who had a tremendous dislike for Homer. Critics beware: you are entitled to your opinions, but if fate turns its back on you, your name might be forever linked with the notion of a carping and pathetic nitpicker.

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Art & Culture
by
Lexi Conner



A small number of solutions do not appear in *Chambers* or *Macquarie*

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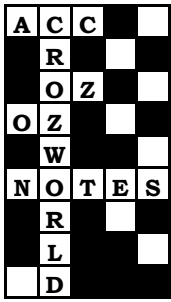
- 1 See 21-across
- 6 Drivers delivering a section of the orchestra (5)
- 10 Exponent of soul exposes drug ring within (5)
- 11 French dramatist signifies an *expression affirmatif* with hollow laugh (7)
- 12 Australian vessel in American TV drama series (5)
- 13 Actor Bruce knocks back fish (3)
- 14 Ceaselessly covering up support for 28 (5)
- 16 Composer with unlimited flair (3)
- 17 Poke about least played instrument (8)
- 21, 35, 1 Are archaic grains aboard ship the beginning of some movement? (4,3,6)
- 23 Idealist rejecting outlandish ties identifying surrealist (4)
- 24 Brazilian sect requires cult initiates to be embraced by snake (7)
- 25 Passion generated in Michael Mann movie (4)
- 26 Report on English poet (4)
- 27 Bearing on encounter with artist's tool (8)
- 31, 33, 34 Cole Porter number states your eternal ignorance? (3,5,4)
- 32 Garment wrapped around pole in Maxim Gorky National Drama Theatre city (5)
- 35 See 21-across
- 36 Song from Eminem, therefore vile! (2,3)
- 37 No new vocation evolved for Nobel laureate Paz (7)
- 38 One German author disheartened when naming Icelandic sculptor Jonsson (5)
- 39 Kundera at home of Teatro alla Scala (5)
- 40 King novel miniseries' heart is smothered by vacuous morality (6)

Down

- 2 Mutilated torso shown in 1977 miniseries (5)
- 3 Chips adopted novice Australian thespian (6)
- 4 Quiet integration with excellent group of artists (6)
- 5 Poet reversed vehicle kept by digger (6)
- 6 See 30
- 7 Process lab too big to effect essential part of performance (9)
- 8 Announcements scare away buff from De Sica film (9)
- 9, 27-down Grey queen had gold sent abroad to novelist (4,6)
- 15 Sculptor lost more than half return from each stock held (1,1,1)
- 18 Proclamations shrouded famous family of luthiers (5)
- 19 Folklore character Tom came from South Umbria (5)
- 20 Disguised saboteur set off to locate Star Trek captain (5)
- 21 Two articles on a menu out of place in a Victorian cultural institution (9)
- 22 Canadian soprano nominally linked with US actor and English writer (5,4)
- 26 Philip dismissed impudence from foreign letter (3)
- 27 See 9
- 28 Manages to provide shelter for live painter (6)
- 29 Dormer fitted into Bengtsson's *The Long Ships* (3,3)
- 30, 6-down Defunct newspaper designed for metalworkers? (6,6)
- 33 See 31
- 34 See 31

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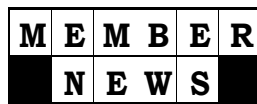
Did you hear...?

- 129% of people exaggerate.
- 3 bottles of bleach: \$15.00. One rope, 3 rolls of duct tape, and a shovel: \$35.00. 3 boxes of trash bags: \$10.00. The look on the cashier's face: Priceless!
- A lie will make it around the world before the truth has time to put on its shoes.
- Always and never are two words you should always remember never to use.
- Being British is about driving a German car to an Irish pub for a Belgian beer, then travelling

home, grabbing an Indian curry or a Turkish kebab on the way, to sit on Swedish furniture and watch American shows on a Japanese TV.

- Dear optimist, pessimist, and realist, while you were arguing about the glass of water, I drank it. Sincerely, the opportunist.
- I live in my own world but it's okay. They know me there.
- For Sale: Parachute. Only used once, never opened, small stain.
- Doesn't expecting the unexpected make the unexpected expected?
- Energizer Bunny arrested — charged with battery.
- Evening news is where they begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- For every action there is an equal and opposite government program.
- Having voices in your head is normal. Listening to them, common. Arguing, acceptable. However, when you lose the argument, you're in trouble.

- There are three kinds of people in this world: Those who can count... And those who can't.
- I don't have an attitude problem, you have a perception problem.
- If at first you don't succeed, ...then skydiving is probably NOT for you.
- If I'm driving you crazy just remember to put on your seat belt.
- I used to have superpowers... But a therapist took them away.
- There are three kinds of people in the world. People who make things happen. People who watch things.
- You're only young once, but you can be immature forever!
- Just when you thought the entire world has forgotten about you...a bill collector calls to remind you that they will never forget about you.
- If the grass is greener on the other side, you can bet the water bill is higher.
- Man is the only living being who cuts trees, makes paper, and writes "SAVE TREES" on it.
- Whoever said that nothing was impossible obviously never tried slamming a revolving door.
- The problem with stealing quotes off the internet is you never know if they are genuine.
- There is nothing more annoying than two people talking while you're trying to interrupt.
- Whoever uses the phrase "Easy as taking candy from a baby," has obviously never tried taking candy from a baby.
- You do not really understand something unless you can explain it to your grandmother.



Renewal of ACC Members: We extend a warm welcome to **Susan Creagh** from Annerley Qld, **Richard Williams** from Carlton Vic and **Stewart Newton** from Whittlesea, Vic. Welcome to *Crozworlding!*

Vale Jean Reid

Jackie Nield who is the daughter of **Jean Reid** of Franklin ACT, notified us that her mother Jean passed away on 2nd July 2018. Jean became a member of the ACC in March 2018 and Jackie said that her mother really enjoyed receiving her magazine every month. We send our sincere sympathy to Jean's daughter and family.

ACC Christmas at Melbourne in July 2018.

This Annual function was a marvellous success. It was held at the Royal Oak Hotel in Fitzroy North on 29 July 2018 and we were thrilled to greet our ACC members. We sincerely welcomed Richard and Dorrie Skinner from SA, Gabriel Fuller, Judith Woodford, Cheryl and Richard Wilcox, David Grainger, Alison Shield, Kath Harper, Alison Martin, Michael Potts, Robyn Caine, Gary & Pat Lemon, Julie Crowe, Jill Lankshear, Kathy Horadam, Peggy Halkyard, Gavan Williamson, Richard Williams, Jan Burke and Peg Lusink. Cath Fernando and Darragh O'Donovan brought along their 5-yr old daughter Piper. The food and wine were outstanding and we sincerely thank Leila Rodgers for capably arranging the event so successfully. There was a pushover puzzle by *stroz* called Easy Street 2018 and a pleasant Quiz. Plus some nice book prizes donated by the President. And there were two special book prizes donated to us from the late Roy Wilson's collection. Many thanks to all who were in attendance. Greatly appreciated.

Errata and Corrigenda

Brian Symons scored a perfect 30 in the June quiz.

Trump Puzzles

Derek Harrison from The Crossword Centre (www.crossword.org.uk) tells us that a cartoon that appeared in the *New Yorker* had President Trump saying to a reporter, "I'll stop calling you 'Enemy of the People' when you start printing crossword puzzles that I can solve." *Guardian* setter, Brian Greer, came up with a puzzle that might be suitable. Visit: <https://wp.me/p7qTXm-8Z>. The cartoon is also commented on in the *Guardian Crossword* round-up at: <https://www.theguardian.com/crosswords/crossword-blog/2018/aug/06/crossword-roundup-donald-trump-in-nine-squares>

Quiz No 9/2018. Gainfully Employed by KA (Karl Audrins).

Answers are in alphabetical order. Send your answers to Karl Audrins, 10 Elizabeth Parade, Charlestown NSW 2290. email: karlishane@optusnet.com.au

Closing Date: 12 October 2018. Prize \$75.

- 1 Registrar or clerk (7)
- 2 Mine pit-head worker (8)
- 3 Expert in finance (7)
- 4 Arabian interpreter or guide (8)
- 5 Military mounted courier (9)
- 6 Business intermediary (6)
- 7 College servant at Cambridge (3)
- 8 Seller of small wares (8)
- 9 One who is engaged in espionage (13)
- 10 Travelling minstrel (8)
- 11 Colliery coal inspector (6)
- 12 Instrument maker (7)
- 13 Steward of a college (8)
- 14 One who tells you where to go (9)
- 15 Monastery door keeper (7)
- 16 Seafood provider (5-3)
- 17 Maker of bed-covers (7)
- 18 Church official (6)
- 19 Merchant in an Army camp (6)
- 20 Prison warder (7)
- 21 Car or furniture craftsman (11)
- 22 Purveyor of aliment (10)
- 23 Builder of wagons (10)
- 24 Maker of printing blocks (11)
- 25 Railroad worker (7)
- 26 Instrument player (9)

August 1-2018: Half 'n Half by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

• Great fun but not sure what the 'weapon' clue was so I guessed it wasn't two words.

• Enjoyed the puzzle. Thanks InGrid. *Judy Ferguson*
• Some neat clues, MOCHA is my favourite. *Wayne Bradbury*
• Solid work required here. *Kathy Horadam*

• Thanks for the puzzle. I didn't have too many problems with this one except for the NE corner where I feel 10dn is a slightly faulty reverse hidden word ... or am I imagining it? I didn't know this meaning of SCHOOLIE. I do like a good Spoonerism but I think 5dn was my favourite for its accurate, but still misleading, simplicity. *Roy Taylor*

• Never knew 'schoolie' could refer to a teacher as well as a student. Puts a whole new meaning to 'schoolies' week". *Jenny Wenham*
Ulla Axelsen

• Very good puzzle, but I don't think I would have solved it without aids for some of the SW corner. *Ian Thompson*
• Thanks Ingrid. Had trouble with Maestro? *Robyn Wimbush*
• According to Chambers, 24dn can be spelt SYBIL or SIBYL. *Nea Storey*

• Lots of well-put-together clues. Liked NATAL, ECONOMY. *Max Roddick*

• Really clever clues in this enjoyable Half 'n Half. *Bev Cockburn*
• Nice succinct clues. Liked RAISIN and BACKHAND. *Tony Dobebe*
• Not sure about BLOWGUN or NATAL, but they fit! *Laurence Kennedy*

• An example of an unfair grid, (a) 5ac and 28, three consecutive unchecked letters (b) 16 and 18 unchecked to checked ratio of 5:3 (c) 23: Beginning an answer with two consecutive unchecked letters. 10: Oops! A reversal gone wrong? 22: As egghead is really egg head, the clue should finish with a '?'. *George Rolfe*

• I'm not sure how MAESTRO works in 10dn. *Peter Dearie*

August 2-2018: Cryptic by Penobscot (Maurice Cowan)

• Lot of good clues, but some obscure (to me) words. *Roy Taylor*
• This was an enjoyable challenge. I haven't heard Native Companion for a brologa since I was a girl. Plus some new words for me but all fairly clued. Thank you Penobscot. *Trish McPherson*

• Even a few words that spell-checker hasn't heard of. Lucky they're in Chambers. Makes crosswording interesting. *Ulla Axelsen*
• Good clues esp. ARMED, MOLAR and AFFLATE. *Nea Storey*
• Most enjoyable and a couple of new words for me. Thank you! *Ann Millard*

• A new meaning of COMMA for me. I liked 24ac and 5 & 21dn. *Jenny Wenham*

• NYALA is very well clued, but ironically that quadruped is not found in any Latin nation, except maybe in a zoo! *Max Roddick*

• Four new words for me – CHAMPLEVE, MOLENDINARY, INDWELL & AFFLATE. MOLAR got my COTM. *Bev Cockburn*
• 4: A molar is a crusher rather than a biter. *George Rolfe*

• Bit tougher than a normal slot 2? *Richard Skinner*
• A few new words for me! I liked MOLAR. *Cath Fernando*

• In clues like 5ac, 1dn I find "this" or "these" as a definition no help at all in finding a solution and need to rely on checked letters. I don't understand the clue to 22ac, but ARP fits the wartime measures [Tricky in a three-letter clue, but the cryptic definition refers to the 19th Century Irish song "The (h)arp that once through Tara's (h)alls ... - Ed]. *Graeme Cole*

August 3-2018: Cryptic by Katydid (Kathy Horadam)

• Definitely not so-so. So so clever. *Brian Tickle*
• I had SEWN for 8dn but was one SO short, so must be SOWN. *Roy Taylor*

• The common element is "SO". *Pat Lord*
• SO is the common element. Thank you for an interesting challenge. *Julie Leigh*

• SO appears 14 times in 13 solutions (twice in SOURSOP). For 8dn, as the homophone indicator appears in the middle of the clue, both SOWN and SEWN should be accepted. INPUT DATA was a good clue and apposite. I like Spoonerisms, so no problem with three in one puzzle for me. *Andrew Miles*

• 8dn: syntax of the clue (placement of the homophone indicator) should allow both sown and sewn. *Drew Meek*

• Had decided that 8dn was 'sown' rather than 'sewn'. The common element 'so' confirmed my choice. *Ulla Axelsen*
• I deliberated over 8dn, and feel that both sewn and sown would work equally well. I have opted for sown, with fingers crossed! *Julie Crowe*

• I wasn't sure if the definition in 8dn was BROADCAST or STITCHED TOGETHER, but as I already had the common element (SO) 14 times

in 13 solutions, as specified, I settled on SEWN as the solution. [Sorry, Nea, our count (and recount) included SOWN in the number cited - Adj]

• Heard SCHADENFREUDE on ABC radio the day after solving - we don't have a word for it that I could find. *Helen Perrow*

• So good! *Jenny Wenham*
• Common element is SO. *Marian Procter*
• Liked ENHANCERS, SOURSOP. *Max Roddick*

• This puzzle was "SO" good, not just so-so... *Michael Veress*
• I should describe this puzzle as 'so-so' but it was actually most enjoyable! *Bev Cockburn*

• 8dn: SEWN or SOWN? I have just discovered the common element which clears up the answer to 8dn. *Doreen Jones*
• So that's it? *Mike Potts*

• I liked the fact that I got to the last clue before remembering there was a hint in the preamble, then finding that this hint helped me solve this final clue (answer RATSO). *Ian Thompson*

• I solved it but didn't get the 14 common elements? *Tony Dobebe*
• More Spoonerisms! What a month. Bliss. *Richard Skinner*

• A SON in 23dn is not a proper crossword answer, it's a random phrase. The setter should have re-jigged the grid to avoid it. *Andrew Patterson*

• Is END USER adequate as the definition of a final destination? I'm not sure! *Graeme Cole*

August 4-2018: AJ by KA (Karl Audrins)

• An enjoyable challenge - a tough grid softened by fair clues. *Brian Tickle*

• I did like the grid and the W clue. Personally, I would not use REALIST and FELONS to clue REALISTIC and FELONRIES respectively. *Len Colgan*

• Always enjoy the AJ. Thanks KA. *Wayne Bradbury*
• Had non periodic which made fitting in solutions impossible: finally realised NONRHYTHMIC! *Roy Taylor*

• Having the wrong N word made placement at the beginning difficult. Once correct, all the words fell into place. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Having 4x1 1 letter words seemed rather daunting when I started to fill in the grid, but somehow it all fell into place. *Nea Storey*

• Some wonderful clues, and always a favourite Slot. Thank you, KA. *Ann Millard*

• I was led up a blind alley by "non-periodic". I was abashed, but realistic, when I realised it should be "non-rhythmic". *Jenny Wenham*

• Liked GHOST, OPPRESSED, WARMONGER. *Max Roddick*
• These grids are difficult with the multitude of five letter words (10). Very hard to get started but most satisfying when completed!

Bev Cockburn
• Just being pedantic: EVET is an archaic name for EFT or NEWT. I believe Newts are Amphibians not Lizards. [But Chambers cites "eft" as being an obsolete word for lizard and says that "evet" is the same as "eft" - Adj]

• Thanks Karl. Thought the grid looked a bit savage but hopefully improved on acquaintance. *Roger Douglas*

• Oppressed: a word other than suppressed should have been used, perhaps 'misused'. *Eileen O'Brien*

• My history as an astronomer interested in periodic and non-periodic changes in stars' light outputs made me persist far too long with the solution NON-PERIODIC for the N clue! *George Rolfe*

Denis Coates

August 5-2018: Cryptic by St Jude (Drew Meek)

• Liked 12ac and 6dn. *Len Colgan*
• Some very neat clues here, I liked GLOOMY. 6dn should have had an apostrophe, I feel. I hope COHOS is correct, it's new to me.

Kathy Horadam
• ALIMENTARY CANAL is a worthy COTM. *Roy Taylor*

• Figured out the answer to 13ac was PROSIT but it took me ages to figure out why. So easy when the penny drops. *Ulla Axelsen*

• I give my COTM to BECLOUD. A clever clue and I learnt a new word, CLOU! Will I remember it or use it? *Ann Millard*

• Favourite clue in this one was 23ac. *Jenny Wenham*
• Liked PROSIT, MONITOR, REINS. *Max Roddick*

• Great clues. Loved clue for DISCLAIM - my second choice for COTM. *Bev Cockburn*

• 6: Not a very well expressed surface. How can one seize a single trophy in quantity? *George Rolfe*

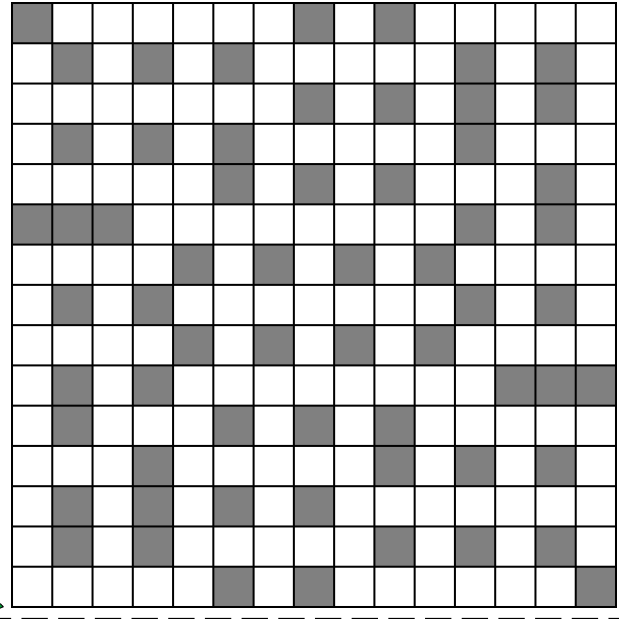
• In 25ac, "two" = DI and "commandos" = SAS ?? ? Please explain 17dn BECLOUD ["CLOU", the main point of interest, in BED - Adj]. In 2dn, is an insect necessarily a worker? *Graeme Cole*

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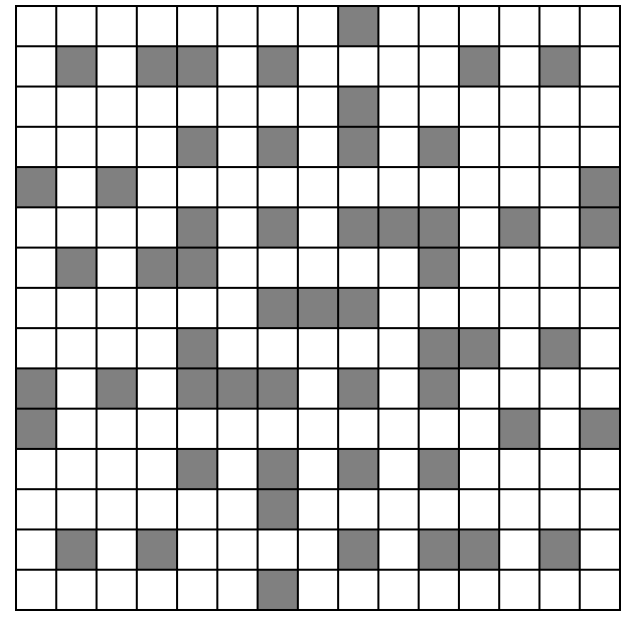
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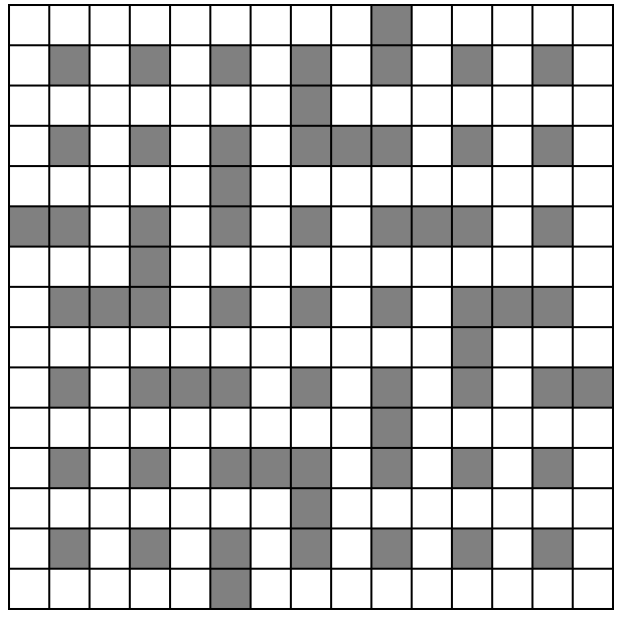
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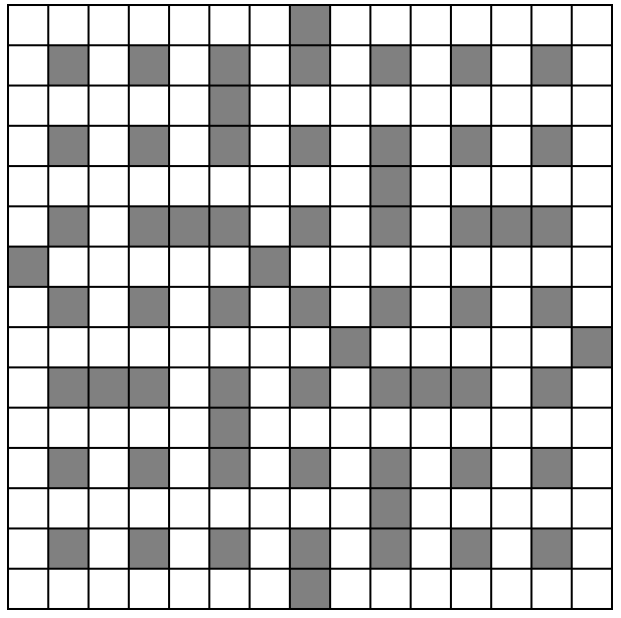
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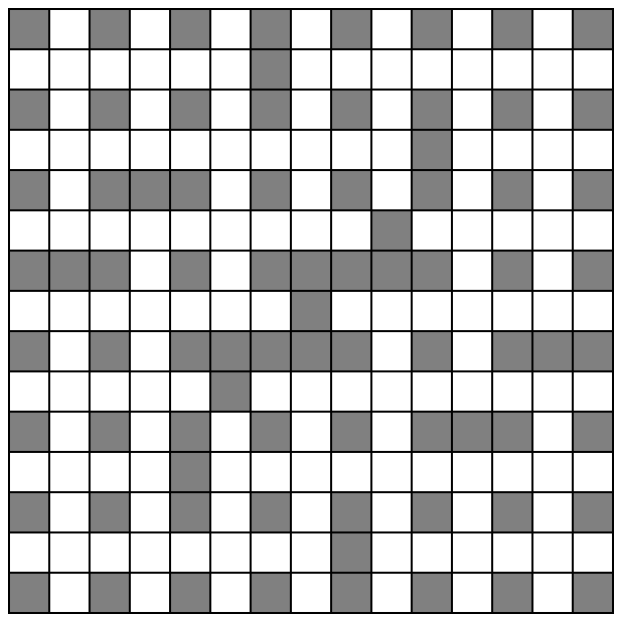
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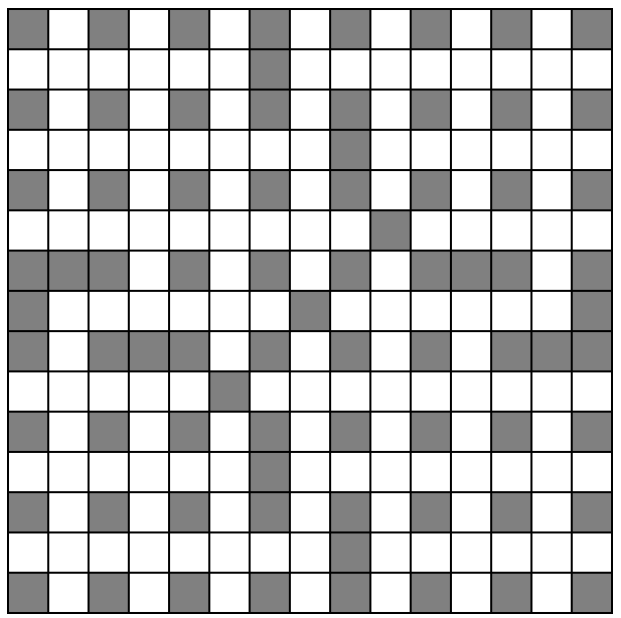
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Clue of the Month

July 2018 Slot 6: Cryptic by Flowerman (Ian Thompson)

Results: Entries 61. Correct 39. Success rate 63.9%.

Prizewinner: Helen Perrow. Congratulations!

Explanations

Across: 1 COMPLAI(tSAr)NT, 7 LEIf, 9 V + MONeT<, 10 EG in (SEDiMENT)*, 11 IN in (WILL H DOG SINK)*, 13 (O R)<+ SETTIES, 14 S(lunatiC HEM)A, 17 CROW(N)S, 19 (AD IS)* + STiCk, 22 (MARY SENT H)* in CHUMS, 25 (M THREESOMe)*, 26 N (ALL) A, 27 S(O)N, 28 MIS(CON)S + TRUE. **Down:** 1 hw<, 2 SW(ON + N)IM<, 3 fLAMING + TO + ...N, 4 IN(SPIRE)D, 5 (LARGeLY)*, 6 ...T + WEAK, 7 dd and (IN LATER)*, 8 (IINE_DANCING)*, 12 (OCCUPIES aRvOs)*, 15 CH(I + PM)UNKS, 16 MACe + HIS + MO, 18 A in (NORMA'S)*, 20 (T/h)UMBLER, 21 dANGERS, 23 STE(A)M, 24 homoph "deign".

Compiler's comments:

Thank-you members for your comments. It was pleasing to have a relatively high number of entries. The big surprise for me was that 14 solvers entered ARGYLE instead of ARGYLL. This suggests to me that in these cases the wordplay (leading to an anagram of "largely" minus E with the anagram indicator "rum") wasn't understood. Without this error the success rate would have been about 85%. The only other clue that caused particular difficulty based on comments was DANE; this being due to 'pick up' not being recognized as a homophone indicator. Another homophone indicator to watch out for is 'caught' or 'catch', as in 'Did you catch (hear) that?'

—Ian Thompson

Solvers' Comments

- Incredible! *Brian Symons*
- Good fun with lots of partial anagrams. 'To pick up' as a homophone indicator was new to me. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Liked LATRINE for ladies. Lot of good clues. *Roy Taylor*
- Nice challenge. *Tony Dobe*
- Because this puzzle was difficult for me I am quite chuffed to have found an answer to every clue! *Maureen Blake*
- Some great clues and interesting words like NALLA. Thank you *Flowerman*. *Ann Millard*
- Quality puzzle. LOI was DANE, taking a while to realise "pick up" is a homophone indicator, new to me. *Len Colgan*
- Unsure of 3dn & 18dn. *Anne Simons*
- I really enjoyed the challenge this puzzle gave me. Thank you. *Robyn McKenzie*
- I know I didn't get this all right. 24dn – impossible!! I'm dying to know the answer. *Cath Fernando*
- SEGMENTED was a nice clue. *Mike Potts*
- Not one to be complaisant about – clever wordplay led me to initially misconstrue several clues. *Kath Harper*
- A beautifully clued uncomplicated cryptic puzzle – such a rarity from *Flowerman*. The clue for LADIES was my favourite. *Bev Cockburn*
- Some answers are based on faith, some on hope, one on chance. Let's see what happens. *Max Roddick*
- Well-disguised homophone in 24dn. *Richard Skinner*
- Not sure about 24dn. *Claire McClelland*

- Most interesting and challenging slot 6. Some excellent clues!
Bob Hagan
- Many thanks.
Robyn Caine

Explanations to Clues in August grids Slots 1-5

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

Slot 1 InGrid. Down: 1 ins(p)ect, 2 anag, 3 dd, 4 ra(is) in, 5 back+hand, 6 anag aGREemEnT, 7 natr(Ur)al, 10 hidden rev, 12 odds - ScUrRiEd, 14 (p)ITCH, 15 (come on)* +Y, 17 Spooner "fill bold", 20 bra+va+do, 21 anag, 22 be(d+e)ck, 23 homoph "mock", 24 anag BoSsILY, 25 ba+sic.

Slot 2 Penobscot. Across: 1 ddd, 5 cd, 9 INDIan + WELL, 10 ddd, 11 cd (I do), 12 ddd, 13 ST + AIR, 14 dd, 16 CH (AMPLE + V) E, 17 '(h)ARMED, 19 MOLE + N(DINAR)Y, 22 h'ARP, 23 A + FF + LATTE - T, 24 (AND OR IS)*, 26 cd re Wilde, 27 anag. **Down:** 2 For he's a ..., 3 hidden, 4 cd, 5 (LO + WAN) in LACE*, 6 (R UM ED)<, 7 ddd, 8 (dia NA DORS)*, 12 S (YR) UP, 14 CLERIC + HEWS, 15 dd, 16 dd, 18 dd, 20 hidden, 21 dd, 25 cd re Judo belt.

Slot 3 Katydid. Across: 1 SO + CK, 3 DIS + SOLVERS, 9 AL + COP + OP, 11 cd - "dogs how", 12 anag, 14 hidden, 15 anag, 17 SO C(I)OP + AT + H, 19 hidden, 21 anag, 24 SO + LICIT, 25 tEND (US) ER, 26 NAS (ALF + SOS*) A, 27 EP + ICy. **Down:** 1 (S + MATTRESSES-T)*, 2 Spooner "pock kit", 4 PUTIN* + DATA, 5 SOD + rICe, 6 Spooner "fight lingered", 7 (CAN HIDE)*, 8 homoph "sewn", 10 anag, 13 GA + SOME + homoph "trick", 16 Spooner "hen answers", 18 CAST + LE, 20 SOUR + SOP, 22 DIT + TO, 23 AS + ON.

Slot 4 KA. A ABAS + H, **B** anag, **C** CAP + AC +IOUS, **D** DE (CATH) LON, **E** EVE + T, **F** FELON (IRE)* S, **G** G + HOST, **H** H (UM) AS, **I** anag, **J** JA + SON, **K** KIN + E, **L** L + HAS + A, **M** MAC + A DAM + (SIDE)*, **N** NON + RHYTHM + IC, **O** OP + PRESS + ED, **P** anag, **Q** 2xdd, **R** dd, **S** SA (TANI(C)A) LLY, **T** TIN + OPENER, **U** dd, **V** PEEV< ish, **W** WARM + cONGER, **X** BEX< + EC, **Y** Y + AXIS, **Z** ZOO + ID.

Slot 5 St Jude. Across: 1 DIS+CLAIM, 6 CUP+FoUILy, 9 IS+TherE+MI, 10 (I+END+AT +PipE)*, 11 ICE+SHEET, 12 G(rand)L+moo>OOM+Y, 13 sit pro > PRO+SIT, 15 RED+GI+ANT, 16 SPARE+RIB, 18 FLEE+T+ S, 19 CL+IN+IC, 20 DD, 22 anag, 23 RA+I+SIN, 24 A+TRIAL, 25 DI+SAS+TERse. **Down:** 2 INSECT+REP+ELLE+NT, 3 CO+HOS, 4 (A + LAYMAN + CLARINET)*, 5 DD, 6 CHARGED+AFFAIR+(E-S), 7 DD, 8 UN+DEMON+ST+RAT+natIVEs, 14 SER (ENG+ET) Ial, 17 BE+CLOU+D, 21 RE+IN+S.

Results of Quiz No 7/2018: Merely Male by KA (Karl Audrins).

Entries received: 21. Winner: Julie Leigh. Congratulations!

Results: 25: M Blake, B Glissan, J Leigh and R Wimbush. **24:** U Axelsen, D Grainger, B Hagan, A Miles, A Millard, D Procter and M Procter. **23:** R Caine, B Cockburn, J Crowe, G Lemon, C McLelland, P Lord and H Perrow. **22:** R Gooderick, I Mason and K Williams.

Answers: 1 Alidade(dad) 2 Archdukedom (duke) 3 Caruncle (uncle) 4 Consultant (sultan) 5 Demister (mister) 6 Desire (sir) 7 Dudeen (dude) 8 Flambeau (beau) 9 Flamboyant (boy) 10 Guyot (guy) 11 Husbandry (husband) 12 Hypoplasia (pop) 13 Kingfisher (king) 14 Legroom (groom) 15 Mastermind (master) 16 Nelson (son) 17 Papaya (papa) 18 Plangent (gent) 19 Quandong (don) 20 Shearling (earl) 21 Subchapter (chap) 22 Tamale (male) 23 Transire (sire) 24 Vacherin (he) 25 Vimana (man).

Adjudicator's Comments:

Thank you to all who submitted entries – at one stage it looked like there would be nothing to adjudicate. Was it really that hard? As in most quizzes, variations are expected, and in a lot of cases accepted. This one was no exception, with a few answers just sneaking in, others not. Last time I saw Cher, she looked quite feminine. However, the French dears also looked O.K. Congratulations to the winner. *Au revoir.*

—Karl Audrins

Members' Comments:

- Another nice challenge. I always enjoy the quizzes.
Ray Gooderick
- Yours truly bamboozled by this one!
Pat Lord
- Thank you for a brain teaser of a quiz; took a while to pick out the theme. Some easy, some harder, and some which I have never heard of. It's always good to learn new words.
Claire McClelland
- Another clever quiz. Uncommon common factors added to the challenge, No 5 nearly got me. Found it via *Macquarie Thesaurus*.
Gary Lemon
- Had all sorts of trouble with your quiz. 3 bothered me for ages – tried coxcomb or variations thereon. And 18 & 19 – who knows! Quandong seems right, but resonant is not only out of order, but repeats son. Not entirely convinced using don and cher, and sire is in two answers. Many thanks, in spite of my difficulties!
Julie Crowe
- Thanks for a mind-bending exercise. Interesting that spellcheck doesn't like quite a few of the more unusual words!
Robyn Caine
- Enjoyed this quiz very much: at first I thought there would be male names.
Marian Procter
- Thank you for your clever and most challenging quiz.
Bob Hagan
- Thank you for your most entertaining quiz.
David Grainger
- What a challenge, a real dictionary trawl. Having the French 'cher' in the French dessert was tricky.
Ulla Axelsen
- What a doozy. I've been struggling with it for a while which means I'm enjoying it.
Robyn Wimbush
- Having made my mind up to give up, yesterday a stroke of genius came to me in the middle of the night. Of course it's Archdukedom!
Julie Leigh
- I felt a great sense of achievement as I finally found an answer to every clue.
Maureen Blake

Daffynitions by Gyles Brandreth, Word Play, 2015

- **acorn:** an oak in a nutshell.
- **afford:** a car some people drive.
- **appear:** something you fish off.
- **arrest:** what to take when you're tired.
- **attack:** a small nail.
- **auctioneer:** a man who looks forbidding.
- **avoidable:** what a bullfighter tries to do.
- **bacteria:** the rear of a cafeteria.
- **barber shop:** a clip joint.
- **carbuncle:** an automobile collision.
- **chair:** headquarters for hindquarters.
- **crowbar:** a bird's drinking place.
- **cube root:** diced carrots.
- **denial:** where Cleopatra lived.
- **dentist:** someone who looks down in the mouth.
- **drill sergeant:** an army dentist.
- **eclipse:** what a barber does for a living.
- **egomania:** a passion for omelettes.
- **extinct:** dead skunk.
- **fastidious:** someone who is quick and ugly.
- **flood:** a river that's too big for its bridges.
- **goblet:** a small turkey.
- **gossip:** letting the chat out of the bag.
- **heroes:** what a guy in a boat does.
- **hogwash:** pig's laundry.
- **ice:** skid stuff.
- **illegal:** a sick bird.
- **information:** how air-force planes fly.
- **kindred:** a fear of relatives coming.
- **khaki:** what you have to use before you can start your vehicle.
- **melancholy:** a dog that likes watermelons.
- **motel:** William Tell's sister.
- **mummy:** an Egyptian pressed for time.
- **obesity:** surplus gone to waist.
- **out-of-bounds:** a tired kangaroo.
- **paradox:** two doctors.
- **parole:** a cell-out.
- **propaganda:** a socially correct goose.
- **quadruplets:** four crying out loud.
- **raisin:** a worried grape.
- **rebate:** putting another worm on the hook.
- **rhubarb:** bloodshot celery.
- **ringleader:** first one in the bathtub.
- **romance:** ants in Rome.
- **rubberneck:** what do you do to help her relax?
- **shotgun:** a worn-out gun.
- **sleeping bag:** a nap sack.
- **snoring:** sheet music.
- **tears:** glum drops.
- **unabridged:** a river you have to swim across.
- **vitamin:** what you do when someone comes to the house.
- **walkie-talkie:** a grounded parrot.
- **wind:** air in a hurry.
- **woe:** opposite of giddy-up.
- **yellow:** what you do when you stub your toe.
- **zinc:** where you wash the zaucepans.

July 7-2018: Famous Setters by Zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

Results: Entries 58. Correct 47. Success rate 81.0%.

Winner: Cath Fernando. Congratulations!

Compiler's comments:

The initial letters of the clues should have become SWAP TEN INITIALS FOR WIMBLEDON WINNERS. They were: Fred P(F)ERRY, Pat C(G)ASH, Lew H(G)OAD, Chris E(O)VERT, Rod L(S)AVER, Boris B(P)ECKER, Don B(P)UDGE, Virginia W(J)ADE, Louise B(T)ROUGH and Billie-Jean K(Z)ING.

The main problem was ATARAXIA which was new to me as well. I tried very hard to have a clue that was clear but variations arrived. Also, a few different spellings for SHITAKE, including SHITAKE which would've resulted in a very different clue, no doubt. (Came close, as it was).

And yes, the "setters" were people who play sets of tennis.
—Andrew Patterson

Solvers' Comments

- Ten Wimbledon winners created. Brought the only never-heard-of. Mystified as to why the title is "Famous Setters." Perhaps it will suddenly occur to me in 3 days time at 2AM.
Rob Moline
- Great fun – loved EDEN & CANNES. *Michael Kennedy*
- All aces. Are you related to Gerald? *Brian Symons*
- Puzzle was fairly straight forward. Finding the Wimbledon winners was a bit more taxing. *Ulla Axelsen*
- Nice challenge with some new words learned along the way. *Tony Dobele*
- Phew!!! *Julie Crowe*
- Thank you for an interesting puzzle! *Christina Lee*
- Ten Wimbledon winners. You made it hard for yourself as well as for us! *Nea Storey*
- A most enjoyable workout. *Len Colgan*
- What a fantastic puzzle. I just cannot imagine the complexities of getting it together. What comes first; the chicken or the egg?? Brilliant! *Ann Millard*
- Setters being people who play sets? [Quite so. Z] *Anne Simons*
- What a batch of champions – and a sizzling ace of a solution. *Kath Harper*
- An excellent puzzle and probably a lot harder to compile than to solve and that was not easy. *Sonia Roulston*
- Serena Williams Alexander Peya Thomas Enquist I don't know where else to write them. *Ian Mason*
- Great puzzle but no idea how to carry out the instructions to swap ten initials for Wimbledon winners. *Eileen O'Brien*
- Loved the triple layer of challenge in this puzzle; but sadly I'm one winner short. Look forward to the solution. *Jan Wood*
- Thank you for providing "Famous Setters" for our enjoyment (mostly). *Graeme Cole*
- It's always a great feeling to complete this type of puzzle when there are several elements to solve. Also remembering old champions. (Vale Gillian). *Robyn Caine*

Explanations:

Across: 8 (a,soap)*,u.l.o., 9 ar(a,RA)t, 10 k(n--)it, 11 pud,g-e-, 12 e.s.a.u., 13 (embryologist - blog)*, 16 t(r)ough, 18 i + con, 20 (fryer)*, 21 hidden, 22 peck + ER, 23 (it,is,hake)*, 26 amazing - AMA, 28 hidden, 30 -slo,t, 31 homoph "muscle", 32 --at --ar + a + xi + a.
Down: 1 can-nes, 2 spo-t, 3 pu(LP + l)t, 4 (a,dog)*, 5 (parts yet)*, 6 rev hidden, 7 h,ar(an)gue, 14 min(s)k, 15 y-arns, 17 (movie + star - aims)*, 19 (pictures)*, 20 f(israel)*e, 24 (ordina-)*, 25 (a + kiln + O)*, 27 hidden, 29 homoph "vile", 30 pans<.

Solution to Slot 7 Famous Setters by Zinzan

C	S	P	G	T	J	H							
S	A	O	P	A	U	L	O	A	R	A	R	A	T
N	O	L	A	P	D	R							
K	N	I	T	P	U	D	G	E	E	S	A	U	
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Z	I	N	G	S	A	V	E	R	S	L	O	T	
T	A	A	I	O	N	L							
M	U	S	S	E	L	A	T	A	R	A	X	I	A
S	H	E	L	D	P	N							

Clue Writing Competition (cont'd from p16)
Unfortunately Ned married this kind of wife ***½

This was the most humorous of the entries. It's a neat anagram of *ned married* as indicated by *unfortunately*. The definition is an entertaining one, and I'm sure if Ned was Edna, the sixth sense could just as easily be applied to this kind of husband.

Who weirdly named rider? **½

This is a semi &lit style clue where part of the definition resides in the secondary indicators. In this instance it's an anagram of *named rider* as indicated by *weirdly*. I quite like it, even if the clue doesn't patently describe a mind-reader. The *rider* is a significant part of the clue, but it could be a baker or a doctor as far as the surface sense is concerned.

Scoring System

	Poor	Proper	Perfect
Definition	0	1	2
Secondaries	0	1	2
Fairness	0	1	2
Surface	0	1	2
x-factor	0	1	2

Total score Star Rating

0	0
1-2	*
3-4	**
1-7	***
1-9	****
10	*****

Clue Writing Competition No 5/2018

For the next competition, please write a clue for the word **SPACECRAFT (10)** complete with explanation.

Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Michael Kennedy, 27 Hennessy Lane, Figtree NSW 2525 or by email to: manveru@bigpond.com

Closing mail date: Friday 12 October 2018. \$50 prize.

Results of the Clue Writing Competition No 4/2018.

Write a clue for mind-reader (4-6).

Adjudicated by Michael Kennedy.

Definition from *Chambers* (12th edition)

n a thought-reader, a psychic

While this month's challenge presented a myriad of parsing options, it was relatively limited when it came to standard dictionary definitions. With words like this, the trick is to think outside the square to come up with a clever, but accurate definition. There were two clues, in particular, vying for the top spot, but **Anne Simons'** effort got the gong this month with the following clue.

Bodyguard harbours dread, after beheading psychic (4-6)

The entries are listed in alphabetical order and the definitions, where appropriate, are *italicised*.

Amazon's Alexa perhaps? Beware Kindle! *½**

This is a neat idea using some very recent technological additions to many households. The parsing is a straight charade with *beware* for *mind* and *Kindle* for *reader*. While I don't own an Alexa (does one really own a disembodied digital intelligence?), I'm not convinced that it's promoted as a *mind-reader*. Certainly, it's designed to respond to requests, and over time it may also learn behaviours and routines, but I think the mind-reading attributes of Alexa are limited at best. Still, a nice linkage of two Amazon devices.

Bodyguard harbours dread, after beheading *psychic* ****

This is a clever tweak on the popular *dread* in *miner*. By using *minder* instead, the compiler was then able to remove the extra D with the *beheading* indication which added to the clue's imagery, however startling it may be.

Careful of the lector – he's a *psychic* ***

This clue is another charade with *careful of* (as in the interjection) for *mind* and *lector* for *reader*. A psychic lector would be a formidable combination.

Channeller planted fear in digger ***

One of the many clues that parsed *dread* into *minor*. To my imperfect mind, a channeller is someone acting as a spiritual or spooky medium to enable communications with the spirits, but that doesn't necessarily entail reading someone's mind. Although, in practice, that's precisely what the channeller is doing, in order to conjure up an 'accurate' reading. I'm so skeptical!

Mad Dr. Irene damaged MRI scanner ***

This clue is a straightforward anagram of *mad, dr*, and *irene*. It's clever to link a doctor with the MRI scanner that serves as the definition. I like the potential around an MRI scanner, although an MRI is not just used for head scans. I would have used this as a secondary definition and incorporated what an actual mind-reader is. For e.g. *She'll provide a prognosis with an MRI head scan perhaps?*

Psychic Digger is filled with fear ***

This popular parsing method sees *dread* placed inside *miner*. While the surface reading makes sense, I am left wondering who is Digger and why he is filled with fear. I would have been tempted to work around the Australian/NZ soldier *digger*, as one could easily associate fear.

Psychic intelligence to study Queen *½**

This psychic is parsed with *mind* (intelligence), *read* (to study) and *ER*. It's a solid clue with nothing superfluous. A *psychic intelligence* has plenty of potential actually, and it would have been great to come up with a subject related to being a psychic.

Psychic terror invades digger ***

An identical parsing method to the above clue. The surface sense does create the image of a frightened soldier.

Psychic / personality – one who delivers a service ****

Here, the compiler has put together a neat charade with the elements *mind* (personality) and *reader* (someone reading scripture at church). I particularly like the misdirection of *service*, as the clue suggests a description of one of those TV psychics who are clever enough to fool a live audience.

She knows what you're thinking or dreaming in bed – funnily not bingo! ****

This is a subtraction anagram with *bingo* taken away from *or dreaming in bed*. *Funnily* serves as the anagram indicator. I love the definition and it's a fine example of how describing the definition can provide an option other than a straight synonym.

Telepath unearths Forty-Niner's buried fear **½

This too uses *dread* and *miner* (a forty-niner is a prospector during the 1849 gold rush in California). The *unearths* is superfluous, although I understand why the compiler has used it. Interestingly, in *Chambers*, a *telepath* is defined as the subject, while a *telepathist* is the mind-reader. However, other dictionaries do define a *telepath* as seen here.

Tend to peruse English recipe with one demonstrating ESP ***

Here we have a different charade using *tend* (mind), *peruse* (read) with E and R. The definition is great, and I'm surprised more entries didn't use some of the aspects of mind-reading a little more. Connecting a mind-reader while looking at a recipe is a touch on the implausible side, but perhaps knowing what's coming out of the kitchen in advance is a handy talent to have.

Underground worker filled with great fear turned to *psychic* ***

Again we have another clue with *dread* inside *miner*. I like the way the compiler has created a realistic image of a miner suffering with fear, although a shrink would presumably be a better option than a psychic.

Underground worker with fear needs a *psychic* **½

This clue is similar to the one above, although *with* doesn't quite indicate containment. The flow of the clue works well but it is at the expense of the superfluous word – *needs*.

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