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Thought itself needs words. It runs on them like a long wire. And if it loses the habit of words, little by little it becomes shapeless, somber.
Ugo Betti, 1946, *Crime on Goat Island* (trans.), I. iv

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On 8 April 2016, the ACC celebrates its 26th Anniversary. It's been 26 years of brilliant and inspired crosswords, quizzes and puzzles of all sorts. And the ACC is thriving 26 years on! We sincerely thank our Founders for their history-making contribution to the Cruciverbal Art in Australia and for their continuing support over the years. We also thank our other valued contributors such as David Stickley (Puzzle set-up person No 2), Bev Cockburn (Second Secretary), Ian Williams (our current Puzzle Editor) and Patrick Street who has been our President since 1992 and has published our exciting monthly magazine *Crozworld* for almost 16 years. Well done to you all! Here's to another 26 years of success and puzzling perplexity! Many Happy Returns!

Our outstanding Puzzle Editor **Ian Williams** has selected a Special set of puzzles for this Anniversary month starting with a Half 'n Half by *St Jude*. In Slots 2 & 3 we feature puzzles by our famed compilers *The Lady and the Scamp* and *Illywhacker* and *Bogeyman* has compiled our favourite AJ. In our slot 5, *Flowerman* has contributed another challenging cryptic titled *Nutsy* and in Slot 6, our brilliant *Blue King* has given us another perfect Cryptic puzzle. Karl Audrins (*KA*) has furnished us with an excellent Quiz which should delight all puzzlers.

We sincerely thank all of our Compilers, Adjudicators and Members for making the ACC such a Special Club over the past 25 years. Happy Anniversary!

Good Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

It was lovely to hear from those who are still snail-mailing despite Australia Post's best efforts! Nothing diabolical in this March's set of puzzles, but there were still plenty of challenges.

Slot 1: DINNERS and THIRTY-SOMETHING were well-received. The intended nutriment was ALBUMEN (think egg white) but it was determined that ALBUMIN could not, in good conscience, be rejected (which saved at least a couple of clean sheets).

Slot 2: Another well-solved puzzle with a mini feline theme. The PANTO reference is 'Puss in Boots'. The unusual TOSH (meaning 'chum') accounted for only a couple of errors. The itching-to-be-misspelled RANUNCULI also pleasingly only caught out a handful of solvers. 21dn was ARMIES (as in up her 'SLEEVIES').

Slot 3: TACK WELD was a tricky one here – offerings included TUCK WELD and the unappetising TACO WELD. FREELY could not be justified for O(R)NE+RY. The superfluous E in the fodder for THE WINTER'S TALE was remarked upon by several members but fortunately fooled no-one. BAR+DO(LA+T)RY – being the adoration of Will Shakespeare – was warmly received to the point of being COTM runner up.

Slot 4: The first R clue caused a number of errors, requiring the solver to first change L to R and then N to S in GAMEPLAN and then anagrammatise it to reveal RAMPAGES (not RAMPAGED). The 'planet' reference in E proved seemingly irresistible for a number of 'EARTHINGS' but what was sought was EAR(P)H+ONE.

Slot 5: The deadly homophone strikes again! Yet 29 across was soundly clued and required poetry (VERSES) not antagonism (VERSUS). EX+P+LOADED less the A tripped up a couple of solvers who went and 'EXPLORED'.

COTM: It was *Manveru's* DENTISTS whose crowning achievements now include COTM! Perhaps some comfort for you next time you're in the chair, but I doubt it...Happy & Safe Easter to all.

—Andrew Miles

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Entries received	107	100	98	99	90	494
Correct entries	95	84	73	75	66	393
Success rate (%)	88.8	84.0	74.5	75.6	73.3	79.5
Prizewinners	Roger Hearn	Susan Howells	Greg McAdoo	Nea Storey	Corryn Anderson	from 110 members

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Prizewinner: March 2016 Slots 1-5: Stephen Young. Congratulations!

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March 1-2016

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March 2-2016

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March 3-2016

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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR FEB Slot 6 & MAR 2016 Slots 1-5

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ABBOTT P
ALLEN W
ANDERSON C
AUDRINS K
AXELSEN U
BARBOUR J
BARNES J
BARRETT A
BATUM C
BAYLIS J
BLAKE M
CAINE R
CALLAN A&D
CARPENTER R
CARROLL L
CHAMPION G
COATES D
COCKBURN B
COLE G
COLGAN L
COLLINS M
COPLAND F
COULTON L
CROMER H
CROWE J
DAVIS M
DEARIE P
DENNIS M
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DYER A
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GARNER P
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GOODERICK R

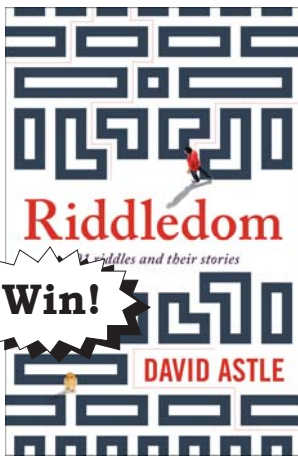
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HAGAN Robert
HAMBLING C
HARPER K
HEARN R
HEYES N
HOWARD V
HOWAT S
HOWELLS S
IBBOTT B
JONES C
JONES D
KENNEDY L
KENNEDY M
LEE C
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LEIGH J
LORD P
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McKENZIE R
McKINDLAY Y
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MILES A
MILLARD A

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
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PROCTER M
PYC M
RANDALL J
RODDICK M
ROLFE G
ROULSTON S
RYAN W
SCHULZ J
SHAPIRO R
SHIELD A
SIEGMAN B
SIMONS A
SKINNER R
SMITH J
STEINBERGER M
STOREY N
SYMONS B
TAYLOR R
TAYLOR S
THOMPSON I
TICKLE B
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Half 'n Half
by
St Jude

Prize



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Across

- 1 Order (7)
- 5 Beaming (7)
- 9 Vortex (9)
- 10 Jargon (5)
- 11 Dress (4)
- 12 Prepared (5)
- 13 Pierce (4)
- 16 Clearly written (7)
- 18 Personify (6)
- 19 Bygone reputation (3)
- 21 Dung (6)
- 23 Encumbered (7)
- 26 Stake (4)
- 27 Manner (5)
- 29 Wheel shaft (4)
- 32 Laxative pod (5)
- 33 Became a milky iridescence (9)
- 34 My bride to be (7)
- 35 Thug (7)

Down

- 1 Yellow, like Noel the playwright? (8)
- 2 Man announced capture of postal sack (7)
- 3 Competent clearance of top of table (4)
- 4 Urge a vehicular excursion (5)
- 5 Sensed Sid developed preference? (9)
- 6 Partly unbridled unemployed (4)
- 7 Big nit edgy inside, set off (7)
- 8 Parts of shipping lobby like a dollop (6)
- 14 Concerning a round (5)
- 15 Sailor with indention goes to the Orient to live (5)
- 17 Chosen travelled by horse to the terminal (9)
- 20 As an afterthought dude damn distressed ... (8)
- 22 ...and German degenerate's first to a round building (7)
- 24 Angrily, I call ex about words used (7)
- 25 French block mountain rite perhaps (6)
- 28 Fifty take promise to be reluctant (5)
- 30 Powder interior of genital canal (4)
- 31 Vote about the ban (4)

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Cryptic

by
*The Lady and
the Scamp*



Seven solutions do not possess a clue but collectively comprise a set defined by another solution.

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Across


- 1 Award for large vehicle (5)
- 4 Ill-dressed bum restrained by grenadier, say (8)
- 9 Fire! Hurry away! (5,3)
- 10 Potent dope found in hospital bed (6)
- 11 Woodlouse from roof layer (6)
- 12 One scoffing around graveyard tree produces tears (3-5)
- 13 See rubric (8)
- 14 Weed remains in fertilizer (6)
- 16 Incites with, for example, revolutionary song (4,2)
- 18 Downer ducks around it upon returning (8)
- 20 Female, for example, embraces stud providing grass (8)
- 23 Places for putting vegetables (6)
- 24 One freed has heart turned (6)
- 25 See rubric (8)
- 26 See rubric (8)
- 27 Youths support Poles (5)

Down

- 2 Reveal information about cold cash in the past (9)
- 3 Supporter bitter about appointment (7)
- 4 See rubric (7)
- 5 Sordid, but article deleted for Sam, perhaps (5)
- 6 Person attending member of army in parade (7)
- 7 Country stylist, for example, loses right to burn ends (5)
- 8 See rubric (8)
- 14 Dopey gag disrupted training (8)
- 15 See rubric (9)
- 17 Spanish fellow circling towards politician (7)
- 18 See rubric (7)
- 19 Present includes attending cinema (7)
- 21 Corporation excludes a strike (5)
- 22 Confectionery cook (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Thank you for the lovely new *Chambers* that was waiting for me when I arrived back from holidays. It was doubly appreciated as I was able to pass my earlier edition to a fellow crossworder to replace her 60s *Chambers*. *Lesley Carroll*
- I would like to sincerely thank the club for my prize last month. It arrived very close to my birthday! *Brian Symons*
- How nice it was to receive a cheque for February Slot 4! Thank you! Solving is always a pleasure; to win a rare delight. *Max Roddick*
- I was delighted to receive the *Riddledom* book as the prize for Slot 1 last month. I started to have a browse through it and was immediately 'hooked'! Thank you. *Maureen Blake*
- Excellent as ever. *Jim Fowler*
- Quite a few clever clues hard to choose just one. *Marian Procter*
- Great to have some puzzles from the original setters. There are so many clever clues in all the slots this month: it's hard to pick just one. Thanks to all the setters. *Hilary Cromer*
- Thanks for these great puzzles and this easy way of submitting them. *Norma Heyes*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 5px 0;">by</p> <h3 style="margin: 0;">Illywhacker</h3>


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Across

- 1 Inappropriate person retreating if fog is outside (6)
- 4 Classic art elaborated inside ring (6)
- 8 Unbeaten path empty when taking right, not left (3-4)
- 9 One type of scan in five gives false reading (7)
- 11 Print poor likeness with cropped arch (10)
- 12 Account for all points (4)
- 13 Bush brush (5)
- 14 Definitive table has a shine and a rosy exterior (8)
- 16 Filming a romance that it is badly cast (2,6)
- 18 Baby does crawl on sister's head (5)
- 20 Bit of lead is broken (4)
- 21 Shop loses capital in restructuring. Refund is surprising (7-3)
- 23 Mental about most gypsy fashion (7)
- 24 Fools evil twin when it is contracted (7)
- 25 Tailor threaded around head of knitting pin (6)
- 26 Fungal cigar a problem (6)

Down

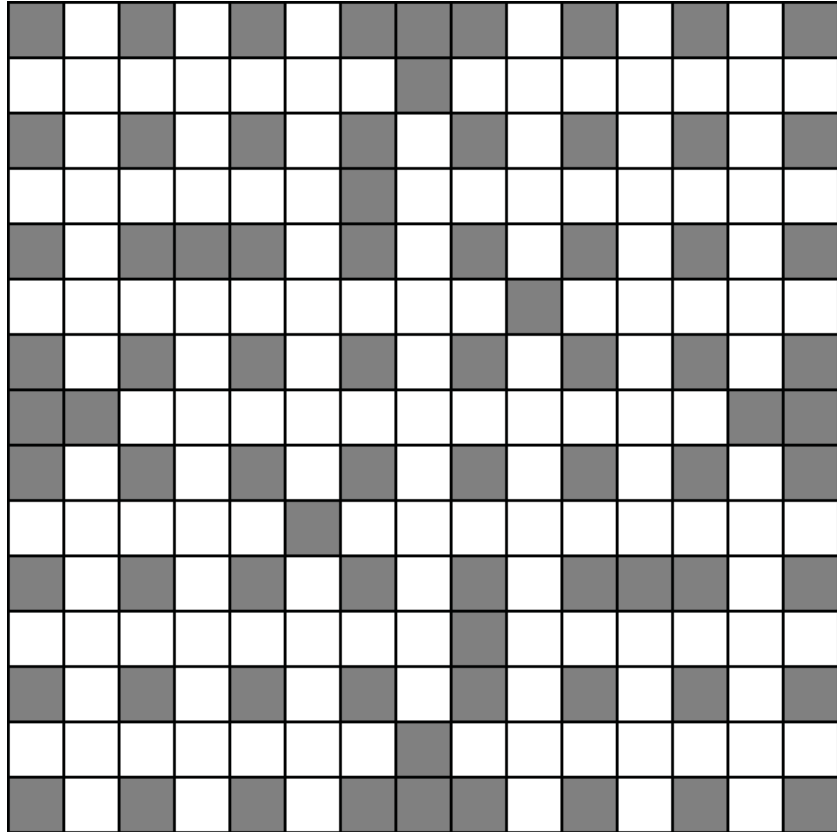
- 1 Law maker not wearing normal dress (5)
- 2 He achieves goals without working (7)
- 3 Rifle calibre is quick to shoot off (9)
- 5 Strange article about fiction (5)
- 6 Rats eat nuts and get an infection (7)
- 7 Energetic people are electric (4,5)
- 10 Lay out a subject (9)
- 13 Shyness; it is destroyed by a combination of elements (9)
- 15 Not even well yet they succeed (9)
- 17 Compiler in 4! Fantastic, and should appear in the newspaper (7)
- 19 Woman expresses uncertainty after another woman says "I do". One is no longer married (7)
- 21 Join group before the end (5)
- 22 Work on sudden contraction of the eye (5)

GENERAL COMMENTS (Cont'd from p4)

- Found the March slots testing and was delighted to complete slots 2 and 4 in time to submit. *Cheryl Wilcox*
- Some very tricky clues this month. Thanks to all compilers for very challenging puzzles. *Laurence Kennedy*
- As ever, hard to choose COTM. Has it ever been suggested there be a "Runner Up" for COTM? Liked CALENDARS as well as the one I finally chose (PUSSYFOOT). *Eileen O'Brien*
- The March lot had quite a few challenges as always. Lots of clever clues to test the old grey cells. *Bob Hagan*
- I'm afraid I'll need a couple more decades in the Club to cope with too clever Gillian and much as I dote on *Crowsman* he has me lost this month! Happy Easter. *Dale McManus*
- Thank you to everyone for another interesting set of puzzles. Every one of them proved a real challenge and I appreciate the effort entailed in their development. *Jean Evans*
- Well, who feels like Mr Greedy Guts then? I thought I'd had a good solving year and this confirms it. I must say that, while it is always nice to win something, the biggest gift the ACC has given me (apart from the obvious challenge and enjoyment of solving the puzzles) is that it has made me a much better solver. I have learnt a great deal from the Club and continue to do so. May it long continue! Thank you. *Andrew Miles*

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AJ
by
Bogeyman

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

- A** "Viva Kat" rendered with spirit! (7)
- B** Man follows flying fox to dip (5)
- C** Bad boy is into elegance (7)
- D** His ladette – strangely most lifeless (10)
- E** Leave country when old record company sounds sublime (8)
- F** Ignite the factory in a show of temper (9)
- G** Thug to continue (4)
- H** Abolish Dr Dicky when he over-cooks an egg, maybe? (4-5)
- I** Cleric with one mother (4)
- J** Aussie bird may raise yen to achieve short period (5,6)
- K** Very keen to put nickel, iron and lithium in potassium cases with electron (9)
- L** Non-professional, a constituent of Nicolai Calvert (6)
- M** Secret society members are generally bricks! (7)
- N** Propose no bird to the Maori (8)
- O** Nothing on grazing country but fruit (6)
- P** Studied country with speed, oddly (7)
- Q** Strange behaviour. Taking speed, ignoring cocaine and injecting – initially Rohypnol, then iodine (10)
- R** Dashing far, returning to perch, say, by lovely surroundings (9)
- S** She runs to dance and Guides! (7)
- T** Material needed to send message to Wight, we hear (7)
- U** In Laura, broken bones (7)
- V** Attendant to examine taking city back (5)
- W** Was relaxed, we hear, when taken by force (7)
- X** Dry kiss by man (5)
- Y** Directory for frightened attendants? (6,5)
- Z** Indian administrative district not good in South Africa (5)

Did You know?

- "stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- "lollipop" is the longest word typed with your right hand.
- No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "MT".
- The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.
- The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous and hazardous.
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious".

- TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.
- A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- A snail can sleep for three years.
- Almonds are a member of the peach family.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until the child reaches 2 to 6 years of age.
- Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!
- Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.
- The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.
- The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
- There are more chickens than people in the world.
- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.

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<i>Nutsy by Flowerman</i>


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Across

- 8 A way to cover blunder when returning book (6)
- 9 Australia invested in expert to start to assess microscopic organisms (8)
- 10 Sinister ways to make money by people on course, possibly (8)
- 11 On hand reportedly to serve tea again (6)
- 12 Put on notice to receive page by writer (6)
- 13 Without a trolley, initially, what's orderly to do with the body? (8)
- 15 On one's back to cut down problem tree (6)
- 17 Kicks out at times during restless sleep (6)
- 19 Old hat's lining primarily inserted into restored bootees (8)
- 22 Top knight's offering to return as well? (6)
- 24 Villages on river in Alaska half-heartedly resettled (6)
- 26 Flower in Bloomington to redden over about a day (8)
- 27 Friend in wrong game initially striking out (8)
- 28 Animals take a drink when coming back past well (6)

Down

- 1 Tempers lost after leader of party heads off (3-5)
- 2 Vehicle driven slowly picks up speed at the halfway mark (6)
- 3 Crowd catch cheers up skip (10)
- 4 Son plans to climb over section in bursts (6)
- 5 One tucked in to cereal that's reduced in fibre (4)
- 6 Shop all over the place before acquiring duck egg (8)
- 7 Start to like round windows in scientist's chambers (6)
- 14 A vast number head for safe exit after teasing large cat (10)
- 16 Investigation about a second-rate lecturer is on the cards (8)
- 18 Poor sod panics, missing the end by about a foot (8)
- 20 Department's only contracted to store biological waste (6)
- 21 Put in a pound, perhaps, for English agency almost ruined (6)
- 23 Oddly, ark unknown to top Afghan leader (6)
- 25 Artist's content with new order to move (4)

Appeal for puzzles

The Club has a goodly stock of puzzles, ranging from readily solvable to "challenging". However, we have very few half and half puzzles, which we try to feature in Slot 1 to give members a reasonably easy introduction to the month, and we have Alphabetical Jigsaw puzzles, which some members tell us are their favourite type of puzzle, from only two compilers. While we value the work of these compilers, the limited authorship does not allow us to provide you with a variety of puzzles in this slot. The shortage will become critical in May, and is the reason for lumbering you with a *Bogeyman* AJ in Slot 4 this month.

I have some notes on compiling in general that I can send out to anyone who is interested in trying their hand and I'm very happy to provide feedback to budding compilers at all stages in the process up to publication.

The Club relies on our members for puzzles, so do sharpen your pencils and/or fire up your computer and have a go.
—Ian Williams

A P R I L 2 0 1 6 S L O T 6
Cryptic by <i>Blue King</i>


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Across

- 1 Cold from the get-go! (6)
- 4 Supported phenomenon of second sight down by the river (8)
- 9 Sweet Southern girl's flutter (7)
- 11 Thrice ten, internal agreement (7)
- 12 Clear over the green (5)
- 13 A non-person initially is elementary (9)
- 14 Certain leader shifted to the right after brown American men from the East made indications of approval! (10)
- 16 Came by centre quietly to join in (4)
- 19 Coward returns to sign name? (4)
- 20 Top-dog mostly with help in charge of the natural order (10)
- 22 Opinion pronounced about one musical performance in playback? (9)
- 23 Some atmosphere developed from confusion in the senior service (5)
- 25 Paperwork or one paperback I used for it (7)
- 26 No problem for lady in truly long-gone environment (7)
- 27 A logical approach for a lost sheep perhaps with get-around (8)
- 28 Moved smoothly over to be unmoved (6)

Down

- 1 State members of "Jam and Jerusalem" cheat evil (9)
- 2 Young female that's cold in Tyneside (5)
- 3 Defeat rising in time, harbouring doubt (8)
- 5 Expensive, as in profligate jumper (13)
- 6 Policeman and pimp head off to say no (3,3)
- 7 Emotional impact of small French piece with territory after guillotine (9)
- 8 Imagine Doctor West coming back (5)
- 10 Use a nightlong blistering attack (6-7)
- 15 Dearer gin intoxicated messy drinker! (9)
- 17 Cut and informally looked after over-worked (9)
- 18 Strange man on board a-wandering (8)
- 21 Complete discretion begins at home (6)
- 22 Sleep roughly taking in compiler's latest rubbish (5)
- 24 Pierce sick medic! (5)

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to:**

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Carrington NSW 2294.
e-mail: roy@low.net.au
Closing mail date: Friday 13 May 2016.
[or submit via www.low.net.au/accolade].**

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Results of Quiz No 2/2016
As Easy as ABC by Brian Symons

Answers: 1 Calmness 2 Coryza 3 Coughing
4 Dabchick 5 Defile/Defoul 6 Film Noir 7
Firstly 8 Fistula 9 Ghilgai 10 Hijinks 11
Indefatigable 12 Limnology 13 Liverwurst
14 Nopal 15 Panoply 16 Semnopithecus 17
Stump/Studs 18 Top Quark 19 Tuvaluan/
Tuvinian/Yukaghir 20 Zabaglione.

Entries 35. Winner: Eileen O'Brien.
Congratulations!

20: W Allen, K Audrins, U Axelsen, R Caine, J Crowe, J Evans, J Fowler, B Hagan, D Jones, P Lord, R McKenzie, D Meek, A Miles, A Millard, E O'Brien, M Potts, J Wenham and R Wimbush. **19:** B Cockburn, G Cole, R Gooderick, S Howells, J Leigh, J Pearce, H Perrow, S Pinder, M Procter B Siegman, A Simons, N Storey and R Taylor. **18:** P Garner and B Glissan. **17:** R Hearn. **16:** P Heath.

Adjudicator's Comments: Many thanks to all who entered and for their positive comments. Only TOP QUARK caused any significant difficulty and inspired some imaginative guesses. As usual members found some correct alternatives. Most members should really have achieved perfect scores but didn't due to incorrect spelling or using words out of alphabetical order or with the wrong number of letters.
—Brian Symons

Comments:

- Great puzzle. Now I'll be able to slip semnopithecus into my conversations. *Julie Crowe*
- Thoroughly enjoyable. Hijinks took ages till the eureka/light bulb/duh moment. *Jim Fowler*
- A searching quiz whose title belies the degree of difficulty. *Ray Gooderick*
- What a challenging quiz you set this month! *Bev Cockburn*
- See how addicted I am to quizzes. Even attempting while on holiday in New Zealand. *Julie Leigh*
- Monkey genera and prickly pears are closed books to me – but a satisfying quiz. *Robyn Wimbush*
- What a stinker. Thank you. *Pat Lord*
- A gem of a quiz. *Pat Garner*
- A fun quiz. I particularly liked learning the prickly pear is appropriately named NOPAL. It certainly has no friends around here. *Jenny Wenham*

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Puzzle Adjustment: January 2016 Slot 1: Warren Allen gained a dot.

Adjudicator's Notice: Veniece Lobsey who is adjudicating the April Slots 1-5 puzzles says that the mail is usually delivered to her place by 6am.

David Astle's recent clever and amusing anagram:
THEY MAY DRESS IN DRAG = THE SYDNEY MARDI GRAS

ACCOLADE – a progress report

There is little doubt that ACCOLADE has been a success. It has proved more reliable and easier to use than e-lodgement, which required a reasonable degree of competence on a computer, and the rate at which it has been adopted by members indicates its popularity. From a ratio of around 40 e-lodgements to 70 mailed entries in April 2015 we are now recording over 90 ACCOLADE entries to 20 mailed entries. If Australia Post continues to maintain its current performance the latter figure could well reduce as more members vote with their feet (or their fingers).

That is not to say that the system is without problems. Members are still reporting that their solution disappears after they have saved it – or that an old solution reappears on the screen. Given the number of different operating systems, browsers and devices that members use it is not possible to provide a fix for every problem, but there is little doubt that most issues relate to the information in the cache that every computing device retains after it has accessed a website. The ACCOLADE site contains links to information on enabling cookies, which also deal with cache-clearing issues. If that information is not enough, type in your browser search pane "clear cache" plus either the browser or operating system name and additional advice will be available.

The other problem is the age-old issue of typos. While ACCOLADE does not allow you to submit solutions containing the dreaded blank square, it will allow any combination of letters that you type in. Recently, dots have been lost for solutions such as ENTREARY, NONSMOKGR, LIGEE, PROCRASTINATINN, NITTYGRATTY, CUNUNDRUM, BARDOLTARY and YUDEL. The cure is simple. After completing the puzzle, click on "Save or Submit" and on the next page click on the button "Visual/Spell Check" and follow the instructions. The web-based checker is free, if you select the Basic Check option and you can set it to check Australian English spellings.

We have other proposals up our collective sleeves to ease the task of the adjudicators and make it less likely that your dots will be lost. Also, we are working on proposals that will ease the job of our editor when it comes to displaying the dots in the table on page 2 of CrOZworld.

—Roy Low and Ian Williams

Quiz 4/2016

DOUBLE TROUBLE by KA (Karl Audrins)

Each answer contains a different double letter.
eg Vegetable = Carrot Animal = rabbit etc.
All letters of the alphabet are used once. Answers are not in alphabetical order.
Send your answers to Karl Audrins, 10 Elizabeth Parade, Charlestown NSW 2290.
email: karlishane@optusnet.com.au
Closing Date: 13 May 2016. Prize \$75.

- 1 Conference (6)
- 2 Animal gone wild (8)
- 3 Dense thicket (9)
- 4 Dries out (10)
- 5 Drug (8)
- 6 Iranian town (6)
- 7 Irregular verse (8)
- 8 Laundry (9)
- 9 Law man (8)
- 10 Man's overcoat (9)
- 11 Marsupial (6)
- 12 Motor fuel company (5)
- 13 Muhammad's descendant (6)
- 14 Mushroom (8)
- 15 Musical instrument (8)
- 16 Oarsmen (8)
- 17 Old car (7)
- 18 On the other side (8)
- 19 Pilgrim (5)
- 20 Pugilism (10)
- 21 Small, low, window (9)
- 22 Something left over (8)
- 23 Speech (7)
- 24 Tilt to one side (6)
- 25 Trade (8)
- 26 Unimportant task (10)

March 1-2016: Half 'n Half by Lexi Conner (Ron Shapiro)

- I liked 1dn, 17dn and 18dn. *Brian Tickle*
- Liked 1dn and 2dn. *Rob Moline*
- 7, 17 & 20dn were good clues. *Anne Simons*
- Liked 7dn THIRTY-SOMETHING – nice anagram. *Tony Dobe*
- Easy enough as Slot 1. I liked DINNERS. *Andrew Patterson*
- Slot 1 seems to be getting harder. Hope I am right with all of these. *Christina Lee*
- A bit trickier than average with some nice clues. *Ian Thompson*
- Great puzzle Ron. I'm glad I found you! *Bev Cockburn*
- A nice balance of clues; and some very neat ones. *Kath Harper*
- An enjoyable slot 1. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Thank you Ron. A good start to March crozses. *Robyn Wimbush*
- 22ac ASIDE. I think that this is a Thesaurus answer. Hope I have it right. *Doreen Jones*
- Quite a difficult puzzle for Slot 1, and I thought the clue for 14dn with the four Herbs very clever. *John Baylis*

March 2-2016: Cryptic by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- I enjoyed the connections between HOT TIN ROOF, PUSSYFOOT, SCATTY and PANTO. *Brian Tickle*
- Took forever to see 11 ac. Then failed to get SLATTERNS – don't like the definition – and the unknown TOSH and RANUNCULI – couldn't see RAN as spread; guessed FAN. Liked the 10-11-15ac-29 connection. *Rob Moline*
- 10 & 11ac & 21dn were the most difficult here. *Anne Simons*
- Clever mini cat theme – PUSSYFOOT, (CAT ON A) HOT TIN ROOF, S(CAT)TY, PUSS IN BOOTS (PANTO). *Tony Dobe*
- Quite tricky in parts. *Ian Thompson*
- Liked the clue for MASSEUSE. *Nea Storey*
- Audrey's puzzles are always entertaining. *Bev Cockburn*
- A few new meanings of common words learnt here: spoon; nippy. Not sure of second part of 29ac. Liked definition for masseuse. *Ulla Axelsen*
- 1ac: I think this clue is unfair as the extinct bird is a passenger-pigeon not a passenger. *Drew Meek*
- 2 Having 'on' in the middle of the anagrist is not a good idea. *George Rolfe*
- An enjoyable puzzle and posed some challenges for me. *Ann Millard*
- Quite an animal theme here; but no pussyfooting around with the clues! *Kath Harper*
- Some great clues. I particularly liked "Entrances" for "Captivates indoors". *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thank you Audrey. How lucky are we to have such talented compilers. *Robyn Wimbush*
- This slot also presented problems and it took me a long while to discover ARMIES. *John Baylis*
- Enchanted by all the feline links in Slot 2, especially PUSSYFOOT...and toyed with the arch enemy POOCH as COTM...but could NOT resist ARMIES! Altogether Slot 2 was full of imaginative clues. *Dale McManus*

March 3-2016: Cryptic by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- Tack weld took some time to find. 20dn a good clue. *Anne Simons*
- What a great word bardolatry is! *R and P McKenzie*
- 1ac: English seems superfluous here. *Tony Dobe*
- I gave BARDOLATRY COTM. Second was DAMBUSTER. *Roy Taylor*
- Mostly straightforward; but trickier in the NE corner. BARDOLATRY was a tough but very good clue. *Ian Thompson*
- Normally I refrain from giving my vote for COTM to a deceased member; but BARDOLATRY just did it for me! *Nea Storey*
- Loved 15ac BARDOLATRY. It was a new word for me! *Bev Cockburn*
- 1ac: The word "English" appears unused in the wordplay. *Ian McKenzie*
- Stuck on 21dn as I had merest in mind. When I finally thought of fewest it suddenly all made sense. *Ulla Axelsen*
- 1ac: if my answer is correct, there seems to be a superfluous E (=English) in the letters to be anagrammatised. *Drew Meek*

- I am sure that I will never stop learning while I do these puzzles. Thank you. *Ann Millard*
- Love the definition of bardolatry as Will adoration. *Kath Harper*
- A tricky but enjoyable puzzle. Am I right in thinking that "English" was redundant for working out 1ac *The Winter's Tale?* *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- This slot had some lovely clues and I gave BARDOLATRY my COTM. *John Baylis*
- Favourites BARDOLATRY and ORNERY. *Dale McManus*

March 4-2016: AJ by Valkyrie (Ulla Axelsen)

- I really enjoyed this – great clues and a great grid. *Brian Tickle*
- Like K and M. *Rob Moline*
- A difficult grid. Some great clues – C E F H S T U V. *Anne Simons*
- Great clues and we thought varicose vein was a beauty. *R & P McKenzie*
- Very devious clues. I prefer the 'traditional' grid but this was satisfying to solve. *Tony Dobe*
- Initial placement of answers took a while. Loved the J clue. *Bev Cockburn*
- Solving this took some creative thinking to match the clues. *Kath Harper*
- I really enjoyed the exercise of fitting the words into the grid. I had to guess clues C and I, the parsing of which escaped me. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thank you Ulla. Still my favourite puzzle. *Robyn Wimbush*
- ENJOYED THIS PUZZLE. *Norma Heyes*
- As usual, I thoroughly enjoyed the AJ, and was pleased to note that ZEST removed any doubts about the spelling of CAPSIZES. *John Baylis*
- KNUCKLE SANDWICH jumps out and with two helpful K cross letters! *Dale McManus*

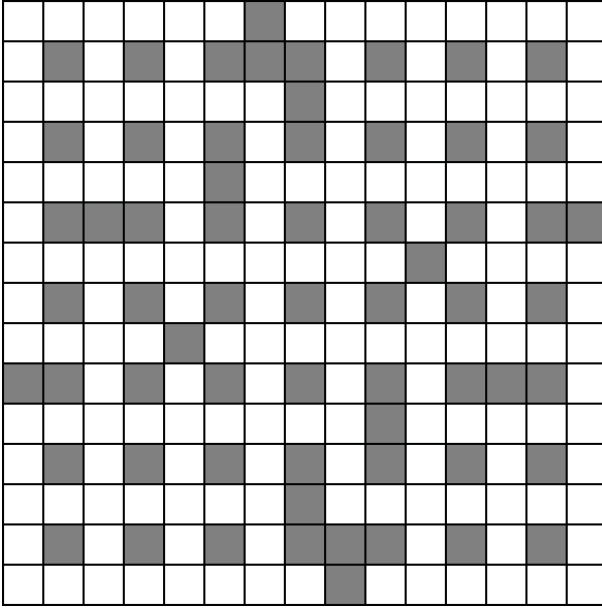
March 5-2016: Cryptic by Manveru (Michael Kennedy)

- So many clues with such wonderfully smooth surfaces such as 1ac, 1dn, 9dn and 20dn. *Brian Tickle*
- Some tricky definitions but all good fun. Liked the &lit-ish TEENAGERS. Needed that to get SKATE; hard to find. *Rob Moline*
- Wonderful clues! Almost gave COTM to 15, 17 or 23dn. *Anne Simons*
- Excellent cryptic. I think lenity much better than length. *Brian Symons*
- Very nice effort. COTM was WHISTLE. Thought LENGTH was a bit overdone. *Andrew Patterson*
- I chose 18dn as my COTM because I thought that it was a very clever clue but mainly because I was having trouble with a tooth at the time. My mind was fixated on dentists! *Susan Howells*
- So many clever clues and such variety of trickiness. We both loved dentists and pentad. *R & P McKenzie*
- Love 18dn – the first time I have thought of dentists in this light! *Lynne Coulton*
- *Manveru* always sets a fair puzzle. *Nea Storey*
- Great clues. Loved 18dn DENTISTS! *Bev Cockburn*
- 24ac: The wordplay seems to generate one too many Es, assuming "Victory Day" equates to VE. *Ian McKenzie*
- Some good homophone and pun type clues. Especially liked 18dn. *Ulla Axelsen*
- 29 Query 'oration' as a homophone indicator. *George Rolfe*
- Some topical and typical *Manveru* clueing here – very clever. *Kath Harper*
- Some very good clues that read beautifully; although 1ac (thesis) and 20dn (whistle) did not seem cryptic to me. Dentists was my CoTM but Teenagers at 27ac came a close second. *Caroline Mackay-Sim*
- Thank you Michael. Some very tricky clues. I loved "exploded". *Robyn Wimbush*
- This was another challenging puzzle and I am keeping my fingers crossed over this one. *John Baylis*
- Loved WHORL and DENTISTS. *Dale McManus*

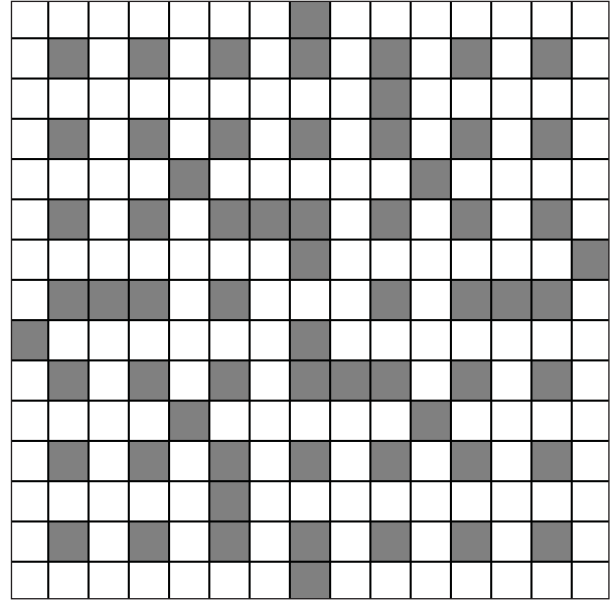
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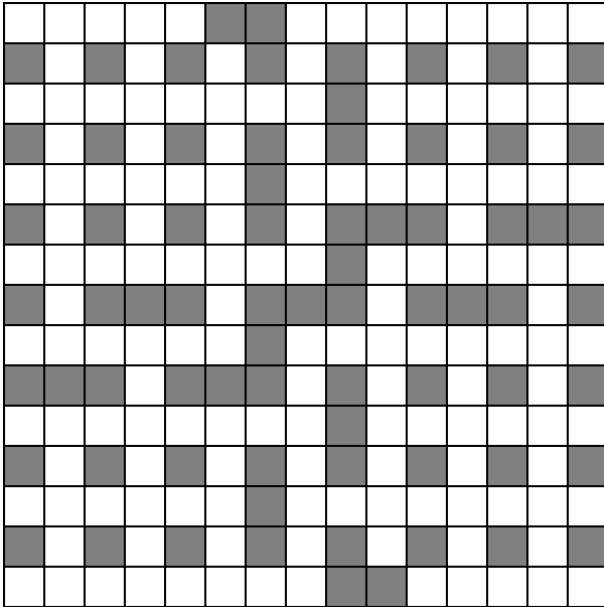


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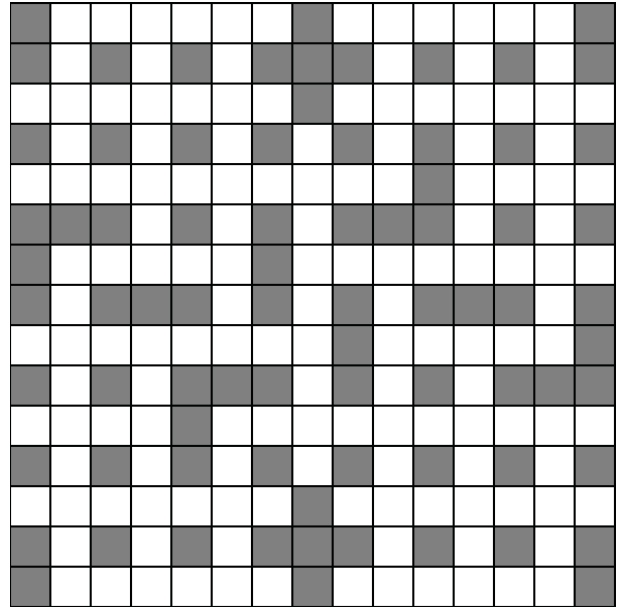


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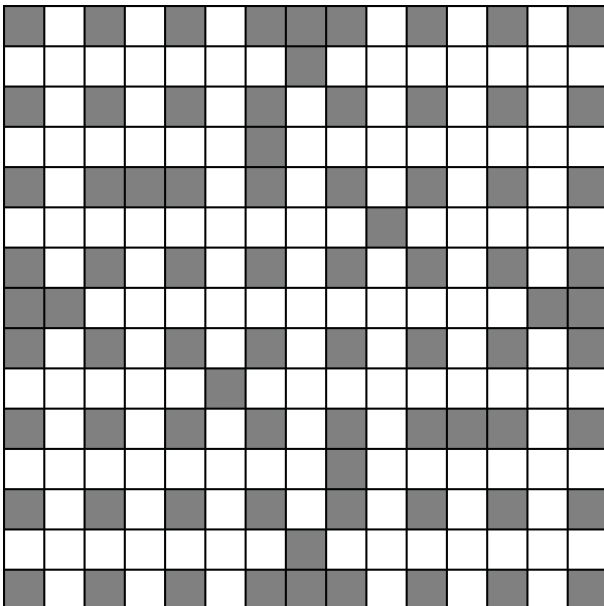
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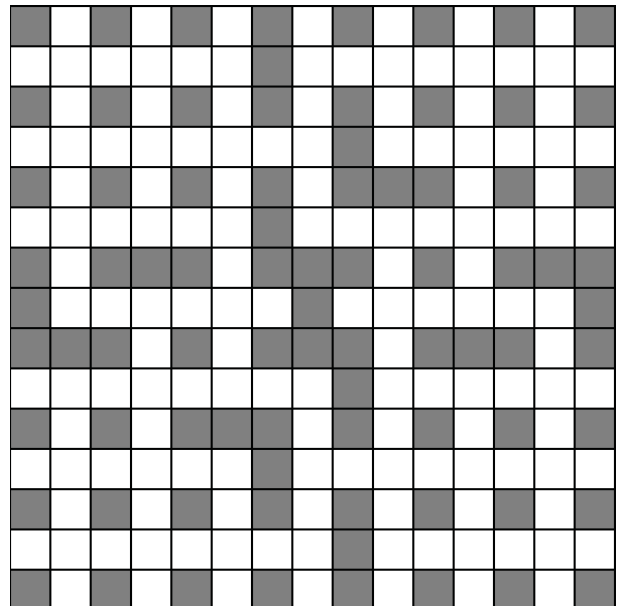
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February 6-2016: Cryptic by *Flowerman* (Ian Thompson)

Entries: 64. Correct: 47. Success Rate: 73.4%.

Prizewinner: Gillian Champion. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's comments: Thank-you solvers for your entries and comments. It was interesting, and pleasing, to see such a diversity of opinion regarding favourite clues. It appears that 1ac and 18ac caused the most trouble re parsing. Both used the wordplay indicator "leave". In 18, ma leaves (goes away from) manana; in 1, still (quiet) leaves (= abandons) i(land). Apart from typos, most errors related to NANA and SIDESWIPEs, presumably both because of difficulties with parsing.

—*Flowerman* (Ian Thompson)

Solvers' comments:

• Many thanks for your puzzle. It reminded me of a landscape designed by Capability Brown: a surprise round every corner. *Denis Coates*

• Plaudits & thanks. IMHO the most challenging & interesting slot since joining ACC 3 years ago. Several worthy contenders for COTM (if it were allowed). *Ray Gooderick*

• Thank you for a most enjoyable puzzle. I liked the way that "mulga" was the eucalypt in question. I'd been racking my tiny mind for eucalypts, and was chuffed when the answer clicked in (*Adj. Did you mean acacias?*). *Robyn Caine*

• Challenging and enjoyable slot 6. *Bob Hagan*

• I wonder how many people had POTS before BRIQUET took shape. A nice puzzle and one that I greatly enjoyed solving. *"Leadfoot" John Baylis*

• Toughest ACC in a long while. Great stuff. *William Ryan*

• Thank you for another challenging and enjoyable puzzle. I must admit that due to the manner of wording BRIQUET took me a while! All good fun. *Jean Evans*

• Thank you for a challenging puzzle. My first answer to 18ac was NONG (Maybe self-explanatory). *Odette Greenberger*

• I reckon the last time I heard NANA was in the song, *My Old Man's a Dustman*. *Peter Dearie*

• So many great clues: CONVERSANT; BAGS; SCANDALOUS; FLOTILLA – and UNOPENED is just brilliant. *Brian Tickle*

• Good workout; with top left corner taking longest. *Len Colgan*

• Quite a challenge but enjoyable nevertheless. *Trish McPherson*

• Terrific clues. *Brian Symons*

• Oh boy! 1ac and 18ac a mystery. Thank you Ian – a very tricky puzzle. *Robyn Wimbush*

• Lots of great clues as usual. *Roy Taylor*

• A worthy slot 6. Starting with 1dn POTS didn't help but we got there! *Richard Skinner*

• Very hard to decide which word was the definition. Just loved ORALS. *Bev Cockburn*

• Good puzzle; but I'm not sure about 18ac; fingers crossed for it. *Betty Siegman*

• One can always rely on *Flowerman* for a challenge! *Nea Storey*

• I thought 1ac and 9ac very clever; but gave my COTM to 5ac COMBATS. *Julie Crowe*

• Liked the answer for 3dn UNOPENED. *Marian Procter*

• A good workout. Took me ages to work out word play for GUSTO – an august clue. *Ulla Axelsen*

• Thanks Ian for another excellent puzzle. They always stretch the mind! Really liked 13, 19, and 28ac and 12dn. *Gillian Champion*

• I was stuck for quite a while until I realized it was 'bags' not 'pots'. A brilliant misdirection of thinking! *Maureen Blake*

• Entered POTS for 1dn which caused some problems. Good clues – especially FLOTILLA. Many thanks. *Anne Simons*

• Some of these very crafty (well crafted) clues took me some time to decipher. *Kath Harper*

• Great crossword but NW beat me; had a dubious pots for the excellent BAGS; and didn't know ISSUE. *Rob Moline*

• Bags of very neat clues as usual from *Flowerman*.

Susan Howells

• Loved this one! I mean, where else could you see an OBSTETRIC LLAMA? And NANA was a gem. *Michael Potts*

Explanations of clues in March 2016 grids

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

Slot 1 by Lexi Conner. Down: 1. DD, 2. BUILDING + SOCIETY, 3. DD, 4. GUM + TREE, 5. DD, 6. hidden, 7. (MOTHERS NIGHTY IT)*, 8. RE (E) NTER, 13. Hidden <, 14. DD, 17. DIN (N) ERS, 18. DE (S) ISTS, 19. ADD + (affl) ICTS, 20. NO + MINE + E, 24. SiCk AuNt, 25. PURSUING* - NIPS.

Slot 2 by Virgo. 1 dd [pigeon], 6 rev hidden, 9 anag, 10 cd - cf leggies, 11 cd - ref to TW play Cat on a..., 12 IDEA (I), 15 S (CAT) TY, 17 E + SOT + ERIC, 19 anag, 20 T (OR) IES, 22 anag, 23 anag -(if), 27 RAN + UNCUT + LI, 29 cd - Puss in Boots, 30 homoph, 31 ESSAY + I + STS. Down: 1 POO (C) H, 2 anag, 3 EN + NUIT, 4 GOP + U + RA, 5 RE + SPoN + SE, 6 hidden, 7 DU + O, 8 dd, 13 anag, 14 anag, 15 (SALT)* + TERNS, 16 hidden, 18 MASSE + USE, 21 cd - cf leggies, 24 dd, 25 dd, 26 K (N) IT, 28 dd.

Slot 3 by Jesso. Across: 1 anag, 9 IN + C (UR) ABLE, 10 CO + BAR, 11 EDDIEd, 12 anag, 13 hw, 15 BAR + DO (LA + T) RY, 18 ANIMAL< + TING, 19 anag, 22 dd, 24 tERROR, 26 LATE + X, 27 OZ + ONE + HOLE, 28 BREAK FAST + TABLE. Down: 1 T + R + IRE + ME, 2 E + L (C) ID, 3 anag, 4 dd, 5 R (E) EDS, 6 TACK + WE + L + D, 7 anag, 8 O (R) NE + RY, 14 D (A MB) USTER, 16 anag, 17 AN + O + R + AI<, 18 LUSH + LiterallY, 20 D (A RL) ENE, 21 F (E + W) EST, 23 dd, 25 RHO + MB.

Slot 4 by Valkyrie. A A(R)MOUR, B Homoph, C C + A + PS + I + ZEST, D Double, E EARTH replace T with P + ONE, F FE(IST)Y, G Anag of ANGRY RIOT - R, H HE + ADS + PIN, I Anag of DEPOSIT after replacing T with M, I SPIN-DOCTORS - S - P - C - T, J J + A + REPS<, K anag, L L (A + MP)OON, M ME + ANS, N N + E + A + REST + RE + LAT (IV) E, O OVER(anag of TIMES)ATE, P PLAN + K + TON, Q QUIt + CHE, R (GAME PLAN)* with L/R and N/S substitution, R Homoph, S SE (A + T) E + D, T T(RAN)S + FIX, U U + homophone of GANDER, V V + (CAIRO)* + SEVE (I) N + , W ROW< + T + HIT, X (AND + A)* + X + U, Y Double, Z ZAPPER replacing A with I.

Slot 5 by Manveru. Across: 1 THE+S+IS, 4 G+RACE+FUL(I), 10 (ENTERPRISE - I)*, 11 hidden, 12 WHO+R+L, 13 STRING+ENT, 14 dd, 16 homoph SAW, 19 homoph no, 21 CO+ (MUST+E)*, 24 EXECUT(IV)E, 25 (THIS)* around R, 26 TY(p)ING, 27 TEE (ANGER)* + S, 28 DIS+ (RATES)*, 29 homoph versus. Down: 1 (W+NO+RIGHT)*, 2 EX+P+LO(a)DED, 3 hidden, 5 (TRIES)* around E, 6 CD, 7 (FLUE and NN)*, 8 ru(L)er=Length, 9 TEN(S+E)D, 15 cd, 17 (B + ISSUES + N)*, 18 cd, 20 (b LEWTHIS)*, 21 C+ REVEL<, 22 PEN + TAD, 23 (SU(I)N+EG)<, 25 Double definition.

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