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Language, the most valuable single possession of the human race.
Charles F Hockett, 1958, *A Course in Modern Linguistics*, Ch 1.

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Trophies, trophies, trophies galore! The Jan-Dec 2008 trophy winners of the cumulative Slots 1-6 puzzles are: Bev Cockburn, Michael Kennedy and Brian Symons. Congratulations to all! Well done!

The official results of the quiz trophy for Jan-Dec 2008 are: 1st: Bev Cockburn. 2nd: Alan Walter. 3rd Andrew Miles. Also, *Southern Cross* (Shirl O'Brien) is the ACC Compiler of the Year 2008; runner-up *Praxis* (Roy Wilson). Thank you sincerely to Brian Symons who has skilfully adjudicated the Trophy selection. A sterling job well done, Brian. Congratulations! 2008 was a Great Year for our devoted Secretary Bev Cockburn. In addition to gaining Life Membership of the ACC, Bev won not one but two trophies. Here is a Special Comment from Bev: "My sincere thanks go to Patrick and Ian for the wonderful compliment bestowed on me - a Life Membership to the best club ever! It was a complete surprise and I am really delighted. Thanks, also, to the many members who have congratulated me. The wonderful thing about it is I just love what I do and it is a pleasure to be part of a group of such fantastic people."

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2009. It looks like Year 2009 will be richly rewarding for all solvers! Details of renewals and the names of those who have kindly donated to the 2009 Prize Fund can be found on p9. For those who have not yet renewed, we enclose a renewal slip. Sadly, this will be the final *Crozworld* 2009 for those who do not renew.

Puzzleman Ian Williams has selected another fascinating range of puzzles for you this month. *zinzan* has contributed a Mixed Bag in slot 1, perennial favourites *Waratah* and *Southern Cross* are featured with quality cryptics and *Betelgeuse* has compiled a challenging AJ. We welcome back *Jack* with a themed Slot 5 and we are delighted to see the award-winning Bev Cockburn and cluey son Mal in Slot 6. *Fortuna 48* has presented us with a Quiz with a topical theme. Good Luck with your solving this month. —Patrick

Seasons greetings to all of our members whom probably through a haze of alcoholic remorse and rheumatics of the forehead managed to tackle and to finish this month's offerings. I was lucky: I only had to sit in my yurt and adjudicate! But enough of Outer Mongolian wafflings on, let the slaughter commence!!

Slot 1: Many entries using IBID, IRIS, (IRID) = the iris of the eye; any plant of the iris family. 'Deliver' to unleash, throw = (rid) this claimed the most scalps in this slot. Also CARRIER (CARRIES).

Slot 2: the nemesis of many members in this puzzle was SYNGE (SINGE) **Edmund John Millington Syngue** (pronounced sinj) (16 April 1871 - 24 March 1909) was an Irish playwright, but the clue clearly stated "if recited" in other words a homophone was required (See Alan Walter's comments). Halleluiaah was allowed as an alternative to HALLELUJAH (Both in *Chambers*).

Slot 3: Not too many errors here: CHUCKA for AKUBRA was disallowed! Also SAGEHEN (SAGETEA) and ZENU (ZONE).

Slot 4: Just the average number of mistakes in this one: ILIA (ILEA) disallowed: 'Body parts'= ILEA I = Island, LEA = MEADOW although the ILIA is a body part (a bone) it does not fit the clue.

Slot 5: Mainly typos and blank spaces took their toll in this puzzle. I cannot stress enough, the importance of double, and even triple checking your entries before submitting them.

COTM: Dead heat with slot 3 21dn 'NOTED' and slot 5 6ac 'AGNES'. Overall slot 5 had the most nominations with various clues being submitted.

Compiler of the year: *Southern Cross* with *Praxis* within cooe: other nominations with honourable mentions were: *Ann Ass*, *Difficult Women*, *Virgo* and *Jesso*.

Many thanks to all who sent me seasons greetings and nice cards BUT as I've stated before, the only thing that works to gain a dot is a bottle of Chivas Regal followed by a cheque in the mail!! —Col Archibald

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	140	138	133	133	128	672
Correct entries	111	102	124	120	116	573
Success rate (%)	79.28	73.91	93.23	90.22	90.62	85.26
Prizewinners	N Storey A Miles	G McAdoo J Brotherton	C Batum C Anderson	Y McKindlay	V Lobsey D McManus	from 139 members

Prizewinner: January 2009 Slots 1-5: Cheryl Wilcox

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A Mixed Bag
by
zinzan

Prizes: \$50



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[2007 edn]

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Clues in italics are cryptic. The others are of various means.

Across

- 1 *Musical types placed in the Cup in 2006* (3,4)
- 5 *Covers up rumour at the Canterbury Bulldogs pre-1978?* (7)
- 9 4350 (9)
- 10 Two-time Best Actress, Hilary (5)
- 11 NZPM32 (5)
- 13 *Relating to birds of a particular region* (9)
- 15 **and 17** US capital (7,7)
- 19 **and 21** ... and another (7,7)
- 23 *Eyes flickering as gymnast fails us* (9)
- 25 For shocked apprehension? (5)
- 26 *Force a confession of identity from Cardinal George of Sydney, nearly* (5)
- 28 Anniversary of Gallipoli in 2005 (9)
- 30 *A book of Phil Collins' early work* (7)
- 31 Cutting tool (7)

Down

- 1 A displeased mafioso may target this ... (7)
- 2 ... for not finishing off one of the two men with the hooker! (3)

- 3 O₃, in formula (5)
- 4 Capital of Uganda (7)
- 5 *Carrying any piece of news?* (7)
- 6 *Religious follower backs up a Russian ruler* (5)
- 7 Australian publisher with a famous lisp (3)
- 8 Saints of aerial ping-pong (2,5)
- 12 *Holds on less tentatively after noon* (7)
- 14 An African race (7)
- 16 Flying part of Sally Field? (3)
- 18 *Confirmation of Pasteur's heart* (3)
- 19 Awaiting confirmation (7)
- 20 Macnutt's pseudonym (7)
- 21 A green liqueur (7)
- 22 *Broadcasts the way to the aerobatics* (3,4)
- 24 A bookish 25dn? (5)
- 25 A League player on the Gold Coast (5)
- 27 Greek god represented as a man with goat's legs and horns and ears (3)
- 29 *SA golfer feels iron is too much* (3)


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Cryptic
by
Waratah



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Across

- 1 He trims untidy anchorites (7)
- 7 Take away problem in sum (5)
- 8 Poser who has a bad smell (7)
- 9 Second exercise caused stress (6)
- 11 Shot of energy (5)
- 13 The entrance for takings! (4)
- 14 Gentleman who ingested maize grain discovered a cheap yellow alloy (7)
- 15 Goggle eyed with delight (4)
- 16 Men go around this garden feature (5)
- 17 Shortness of sight initially means your optician's paid in advance (6)
- 21 Alighting on the staircase! (7)
- 22 Squeezed melon into juicy fruit (5)
- 23 Guitar player sings low pitch first (7)

Down

- 2 Outwardly, lost love-bird has a friend (10)
- 3 Menzies' flower pot is an ancient urn (4,4)
- 4 Pour down and join up (4)
- 5 Herb's a big money maker (4)
- 6 Cadet reporter and a country (4)
- 9 Took the rap, so to speak (5)
- 10 Together two guys and Eliot arranged burials (10)
- 12 Greek character always comes last (5)
- 13 Send gear ordered for small explosives (8)
- 18 Sign nothing, gents (4)
- 19 Press club (4)
- 20 Child's father started an art movement (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- Congratulations to Bev on her Life Membership award. She and all the office bearers have given me so much pleasure since joining the club 2 years ago. Then the December issue landed me with the best Christmas present I could ask for – a *Macquarie Dictionary*. Thank you to the powers that be. Glenda Lloyd
- The new yearly Cumulative Contest for slots 1-5 requiring perfection for 60 crosswords is far too long. With two six month comps at least if a solver takes a holiday break or becomes unwell, there is a second chance in a year to improve one's cumulative performance. Separating the 12 slot 6 puzzles is commendable. If a lucky solver wins \$100 for 5 dots then shouldn't a perfect solver with 30 dots win some financial prize as well a trophy? There's not much you can do with a trophy! Alan Walter
- A neat lot of puzzles for Christmas, with lots of clever clues. I was delighted to get a Christmas present – the book for the clue writing comp. Thanks, Steve. Happy New Year everyone. Roy Taylor
- The No.6 puzzles need to be separated from the 1 – 5 competition, so I'm glad they have got their own slot for a 12 month period. However I think 12 months is too long for the 1 – 5's. That means 60 crosswords without an error. It's a big enough ask to correctly solve 30: not many manage even that. (I heartily concur, Carole. C.) Carole Noble
- In our *CrOZworld* sky are the planets, regular and reliable each with his/her special character, the unfailing bright stars, and a rarely seen comet or two. One could decide on a Compiler of the Year from each group, but to select only one seems unfair to the others. Max Roddick
- The prize for December Slot 4 was a wonderful Christmas present. Very many thanks & a happy 2009 to everyone. Anne Rendell

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Cryptic
by
Southern
Cross



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Across

- 1 An ungrateful lot, possibly from 8 (8)
- 5 Pa having a wage reduction? (3,3)
- 9 Nana ransacked site for these rocks (8)
- 10 A dud beer produced by Scotsman (1,5)
- 11 Point out race Blanchett's following (8)
- 12 Cancel before one rings (6)
- 14 Title-holder is Petro, prior to change (10)
- 18 Hammering outside a little suspenseful? (4-6)
- 22 Clerk's reporting of roof structures (6)
- 23 Conabere arranged for appearance of rock singer (8)
- 24 Stirring, I have taken on Canberra (6)
- 25 Evaluate large property – about one million? (8)
- 26 Dry out copper and lock up (6)
- 27 Most irate when 9 is displaced (8)

Down

- 1 Bergman seen here? (6)
- 2 A drug's distributed by wardens (6)
- 3 A bit each? (6)
- 4 Choose to speak forcefully to constituents (10)
- 6 "Room at the Top" shown around most of the country and part of the Seven Seas (8)
- 7 Burns' red-breasts? (8)
- 8 Where 27's characters could be found in Morocco (8)
- 13 Is it fair game at this time? (4,6)
- 15 Animals linked up for 1 across, 8, 11, and 27 (8)
- 16 Having a disease, basic diet somehow lacking something initially (8)
- 17 One who notices old boy being followed by barman (8)
- 19 Veteran golfer (6)
- 20 Hurt mother appearing a long time after (6)
- 21 Influential businessman? (6)

Quiz No 12/2008 Results: Wise Enough by Brian Symons.

Entries: 35. Winner: Sandra May. Congratulations.

Results:

24: W Allen, C Anderson, S Atkinson, B Cockburn, P Dearie, S Howells, D Jones, G Leeds, S May, C Noble, J Smith, J Stocks, A Walter and J Wenham. **23:** A Austin, P Garner, B Glissan, C Hambling, N Hazell, V Howard, A Jermy, D Kennedy, G Lloyd, M Roddick. **22:** G Cole, J Fowler, P Heath, M Kennedy, A Miles and N Wilson. **21:** T McPherson, T Savannah, B Siegman. **20:** C Jones and C McClelland.

Answers:

1. RHYTHM 2. LYNX 3. SPRY 4. PYX 5. CYST 6. SWY 7. WRYLY 8. TRYST 9. NYMPH 10. GYP 11. SLYLY 12. SYLPH 13. XYST. 14. FRY 15. SHYLY 16. GYPSY or GYPY 17. MYTH 18. DRY 19. PYGMY or CYMR 20. SYZYGY 21. CRYPT 22. LYMPH 23. MYRRH 24. HYMN.

Quizmaster's Comments:

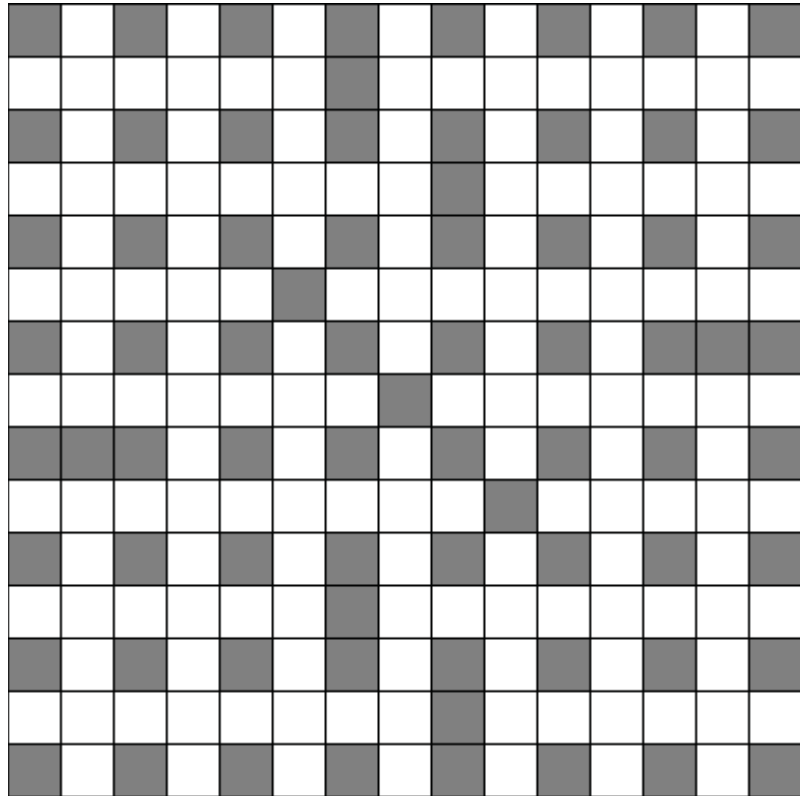
Many thanks for all the positive comments and New Year greetings. Quite a few alternatives were offered but only the two indicated were as good as the intended answers or kept the number of Ys to 31. SWY, WRYLY, GYP and XYST caused the most trouble.

—Brian Symons

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AJ
by
Betelgeuse

Book Prize



Solve the clues and place them in the puzzle, jigsaw-wise, where they fit

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| <p>A Plenty? There's enough body inside a small bottle (7)</p> <p>B Torment with live firework (7)</p> <p>C Lose music complexities in large amphitheatres (9)</p> <p>D Dreadfully boring youth given fire drill (9)</p> <p>E Shocked? Right therapy not available, so gave a speech. (8)</p> <p>F Sleep in, if returning with a yen for bubbly (5)</p> <p>G The bird and nameless knight (7)</p> <p>H A prohibition period after hot type of dance (8)</p> <p>I Smith is all over the place, shirtless, with cries of "Buzz off!" (6)</p> <p>J Throw Jack out of office after current turn (8)</p> <p>K Coarse hair needs time to make neat (5)</p> <p>L Money tree for a devious woman? (8)</p> <p>M King, working, goes out to the border country (5)</p> <p>N Deposit runs into \$100 – not available earlier (6)</p> <p>O Known by sight, light-hearted judge retires (6)</p> | <p>P Sabotages transport of old coin to splinter group (4,3,2,6)</p> <p>Q Find fault with tile (7)</p> <p>R Forest died out and was replaced by first rate woody plant! (4-4)</p> <p>S Had bath with introduction of relaxing mineral (5,4)</p> <p>T Symbols of victory illustrate success of first class long bows (9,6)</p> <p>U Remove restraint causing machine gun shortage (5)</p> <p>V Greedy mouths fell about one excluded (9)</p> <p>W Payment for liquid consumed when tonic is switched for gin? (4,4)</p> <p>X Welcomed back inside with a plain example of hospitality (6)</p> <p>Y Sound disgusted like some plants (6)</p> <p>Z Old zinc oxide compound obtained from animals (6)</p> |
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A SPECIAL NOTE OF GRATITUDE:

- To **Col Archibald** for another brilliant Adjudication this month with record number of entries. Sorry to take up a lot of your precious leisure time Col, but thank you for being such a wonderful contributor to the ACC. Also to this month's Adjudicator Veniece Lobsey who will be carefully checking the numerous solutions in sweltering heat!
- To **Bev Cockburn** our tireless Secretary who has handled all of the subscription renewals for 2008. This is a complicated and time-consuming task requiring special skills and Bev has carried it out in an efficient and most capable manner. Thank you Bev for your enduring contribution to the ACC.
- To **Ian Williams** who not only sets-up and selects all of our puzzles and quizzes every month but quietly and skilfully manages the e-lodgment scheme. Also, he selected another fine set of puzzles for the *Compendium*. Thank you Ian for taking on these multiple tasks on our behalf.
- To **Brian Symons** who has organised all of the trophies for the Jan-Dec 2008 Slots 1-6 and the Quizzes Jan-Dec 2008. This takes a lot of skilful organisation and Brian has done it in a masterly manner. The trophies will be distributed to the lucky prizewinners soon.
- To **all of our compilers**. We could not function without your challenging puzzles. They are always keenly assessed by the solvers and scrutinised in detail. We are indebted that we have such a dedicated band of compilers who so freely donate their skills for the enjoyment of the solvers.
- To **all of our adjudicators** we appreciate all of their work done each month in assessing the hundreds of solutions. It's a task which requires patience and application and we thank you for your invaluable assistance in making the ACC the best crossword club in the world.
- To **all of our members** for making the ACC a thriving, friendly and successful club. Here's to another Great Year! —Patrick
- To **Patrick** for his incredible efforts on behalf of all members of the Club. Until I took over puzzle editing I hadn't realised the amount of work that he did unaided to maintain a very high standard in all aspects of the operation of the club and of our magazine. Publication of the magazine alone, perfectly presented and always sent out on time, is expected but a quick glance through the magazine shows us all of the other things for which he still takes responsibility, without fuss and so very effectively. All this and perfect calligraphy on our prize certificates and cheques too! Thanks, Patrick, from us all. —Ian Williams

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On the Links
by
Jack

Prizes: \$50



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Asterisked words are consistent with a theme and are not clued

Across

- 8 * (7)
- 9 This type has a leaning to visit Alice inside! (6)
- 10 Insect sting withdrawn (4)
- 11 Insect noisily chewing leaf (5)
- 12 To await the arrival of ration, we hear (4)
- 13 * (5-5)
- 17 Landmark (4)
- 18 Selfish person to lead horse away! (4)
- 20 * (5)
- 21 Gold bearing vein; prospector finally gets payback (4)
- 22 Rich drink (4)
- 23 * (5'1,4)
- 26 Company force independent to empty room (4)
- 28 Sail east to make passage (5)
- 30 Bronze knucklehead to drop points deliberately (4)
- 31 Wound therapy around five at road-end (6)
- 32 * (7)

Down

- 1 Pinch first true Aussie to cry fretfully (6)

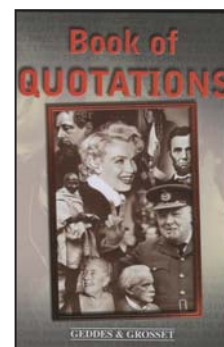
- 2 Spot first big object thrown out from amongst a number (4)
- 3 A copy of good French auto at the front (6)
- 4 Pouch for dormant organism from fringes of city street (4)
- 5 Shout drink for setter's tumbling partner
- 6 Opener's hurt; a recurring muscle injury (4)
- 7 Enjoy being able to make good use of knowledge in the same way (8)
- 14 * (5)
- 15 Magazine gives out its omitted design (5)
- 16 Be sorry about small marsupial sound (3)
- 17 Bush cordial (5)
- 19 Phoney structure to deflect the flow from bank debts (8)
- 20 Roll back vehicle (3)
- 24 US services store commandeers fire damaged place at the front (6)
- 25 Recent sort of rod with a conical point for supporting work (6)
- 27 * (4)
- 28 Some things that help condition (4)
- 29 Tolerable ingredient of Miso soup (2-2)
- 30 * (4)


PRIZES FOR 2009

In addition to the scintillating Trophies for the Club's top solvers, we have some excellent prizes to be won in 2009:

- The *Macquarie Crossword Dictionary*, 2007 edn. Slot 1 prize kindly sponsored by the *Macquarie Dictionary*;
- The *Oxford Crossword Dictionary*, 2006 edn. Slot 5 prize kindly sponsored by Oxford University Press;
- Webster's *Universal Dictionary & Thesaurus*, 2007 edn;
- Geddes & Grosset's *Book of Quotations*, 2004 edn, HB, 480pp, (Quiz prizes);
- The Tornado Crossword Pencil with HUGE eraser.

Best of Luck with your solving in 2009!



F E B R U A R Y 2 0 0 9 S L O T 6
Beyond Belief by The Co-op


Theme words are not clued.
 Not all words are in Chambers or Macquarie.

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Across

- 1 Last month I added a short bell for sound measure (7)
- 5 Theme (6)
- 10 Plant in teak or pine box (5)
- 11 Theme (9)
- 12 Botulism from stewed pig and onions (9)
- 13 Many a large zoo holds an antelope (5)
- 14 Theme (10)
- 19 Main suitability seen as sea is receding? (5-5)
- 23 Theme (5)
- 24 Challenges Spenser to measure fruit (9)
- 26 Theme (9)
- 27 Wonder-worker sounds like a pretender (5)
- 28 Party with the Director General and the editor is avoided (6)
- 29 Heard rumours about concealed membrane (7)

Down

- 1 Drops marsupial into the Department of Parliamentary Services (6)
- 2 Theme (6)
- 3 Sweet horse missing from Bong Bong Races (6)
- 4 Fruit like it contains healthy ingredients to begin with (5)
- 6 Short operations on eyes sound like subjecting bacteria to a constituent of serum (8)
- 7 Put aside and placed elsewhere (4,4)
- 8 State workers came to blows (8)
- 9 Man has inner true glow (8)
- 15 Cecil has one – a former colony (8)
- 16 Roy Rene clowned for revered prophet (8)
- 17 Intervened in mead diet fiasco (8)
- 18 Organisation man in the boot (8)
- 20 27 F upsets African (6)
- 21 Theme (6)
- 22 Ginger obtained from state drink (6)
- 25 Part of a pattern for a narrow band (5)

**Post
Solution
to:**

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 Closing mail date: 13 March 2009.**



VALE BRUCE AUSTIN

Bruce Austin, husband of our prolific and popular compiler Audrey Austin (*Virgo*) passed away on 28 January 2009. Audrey has provided us with these details: "Bruce was a former member of *Mensa* and a computer analyst and a whiz with numbers. He was in the Australian Air force in his youth and served in Vietnam. He loved the ACC especially the cryptics and, as well as compiling on occasions using the cruciverbonym *Sue Donim*, helped check my efforts for me. His health had been poor for some time – diabetes, cardiovascular disease and a gallstone. He died peacefully on Wednesday afternoon in the midst of an afternoon nap and would not have felt any pain. He would have been 60 years old in May." We send our sincere condolences to Audrey and her loving family.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2009:

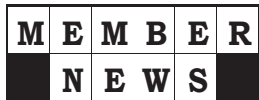
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DONATIONS TO THE 2009 PRIZE FUND ARE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED FROM: Dr John Brotherton, Dell Eisentrager, Barbara Glissan, Valerie Howard, Jeanette Kitto, Marie Maunder, Judith Mitchell and Shelia Taylor.

We have been delighted with the excellent response to the renewal of subscriptions and the generous donations to the ACC prize fund 2009. In addition to generous cash and book prizes, we have a few of the marvellous *Tornado* twist-action Crossword Pencils with Huge Eraser as special prizes to give away in 2009! These pencils also have 6 spare erasers plus 12 1.15 x 60mm spare leads. They will last for years and years and are definitely well worth winning. It looks like the New Year will be richly rewarding for all solvers! For those who have not yet renewed, we invite you to renew without delay. For those who do not renew, this will be their last *Crozworld* for 2009.

SOME WEIRD AND WONDERFUL WORDS:

- **calamistrate:** a rare verb meaning 'to curl the hair'. This word comes from the Latin word for 'curling-iron'.
 - **emacity:** a fondness for buying things. The word comes from a Latin verb meaning 'to buy': it has always been extremely rare and, despite the increasing materialism of recent decades, shows no sign of becoming any less so!
 - **honeypuggle:** to swindle, cheat. This word is American slang and apparently from *honey* plus *fugle*, meaning 'to cheat, trick'.
- from *Weird and Wonderful Words*, edited by Erin McKean, Oxford, 2003.



New Member: We extend a warm welcome to **Bruce Watt** from Ringwood East, Vic. Welcome to the wonderful world of *Crozworlding!*

Puzzle Adjustments: In the Monster Quiz, Quiz No 11/2008 Jenny Wenham got 24½ marks. Also Brian Symons got a perfect score of 26.

Compendium: Cryptic Cake Puzzle No 16: 'Dark wood' should be (5,5) not (5,6).

Tour of Oz by *Stroz*, No 20, some of the Postcodes don't add up. 1ac should be 14, 34ac should be 18 and 17dn should be 21. Sincere apologies!

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WORD OF THE MONTH

logomachy *n.* (*pl. -ies*) *literary* a dispute about words; controversy turning on merely verbal points. [ORIGIN: Greek *logomakhia*, from *logos* 'word' + *makhia* 'fighting'.]

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Quiz No 2/09 Financial Crisis

– a Quiz by Fortuna 48

A light-hearted look at a topical matter: Answers are not defined except by general reference to the title and are in alphabetical order: they may comprise acronyms or initials within the word-length indicated.

Send your answers to Nea Storey, 10 Whiteman St Wanniassa ACT 2903 or by email *neachy2@netspeed.com.au* Closing mail date: Friday 13 March 2009. Book prize.

- 1 ANZAC loses Army Corps (3)
- 2 Little saxophone out of tune (3)
- 3 Desperate action when the boat is taking water (4,3)
- 4 Sounds like a metropolitan gang (9)
- 5 Dyslexic alphabet (3)
- 6 Money now! (8)
- 7 Blue hole (10)
- 8 Order "Down Jose!" (3,5)
- 9 Terrible Anny Fame & Fred McAdie (5,3,3,7,3)
- 10 Concern for dividend? (8)
- 11 Left the He-Man Bros. in a right mess (6,8)
- 12 Topsy Merry Inch left three times (7,5)
- 13 Caribbean pirate with American journalist who met Dr Livingstone (6,7)
- 14 Catch! (3)
- 15 Crooked bar (3)
- 16 Dragon Slayer now swallowed by 20 (2,6)
- 17 Market for fat lambs? (5,8)
- 18 Not the best! Late French challenge (8,8)
- 19 Wrecked submarine (3)
- 20 Refresh PC Sweat (7)

January 1-2009: Half 'n Half by Jesso (Noel Jessop)

- 32ac: An enterprising clue for SPACESHIP. 8dn: Old=EX argument = CON, one out = EX-CON, being an ex convict. Thanks for your 2 halves Noel 3dn. I+RID. *Alan Walter*
- A couple of unusual groupings of consonants in this one – CSARDAS and DIRNDL but the large number of checked squares Noel provides makes puzzles with unusual words quite fair and solvable. *Brian Tickle*
- IRID was new to me. I like to learn at least one new word from every crossword I do. Thanks Jesso. *Carole Noble*
- Liked 28dn. ASPERSE. *Max Roddick*
- 24dn & 31dn - surface is lacking. 28dn needed a reference to Shakespeare. 38dn. O for 'no' seems a two step process 'no' infers 'nothing' represented by a zero, this then is disguised as letter 'o'. I see it lots but don't have to like it. *Andrew Patterson*
- I always love Jesso! *Nea Storey*
- Good one to start with, gets the confidence up as long as it's all correct, of course! *Barbara Morris*

January 2-2009: Seasonal Greetings from Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Thanks *Virgo* for your pleasant CHRISTMAS theme indicated in 25ac. 26dn: Burn = SINGE, playwright = SYNGE, if recited = SINGE (stated) NB. Playwright is in apposition with if recited so must be changed to SINGE, SYNGE is incorrect as the answer. *Alan Walter*
- You did well, Audrey to include so many thematic words. *Carole Noble*
- Loved 26dn SINGE. *Max Roddick*
- 6dn presumably is an error with overlapping 'm' a few extra surface appears - 'the' in 14dn, even 'a' in 23dn, 'how to' in 29dn. Is 'rocker' an anagind? It doesn't say 'rearrange'. Just 'rock' would've been better. *Andrew Patterson*
- Nice theme! But *Virgo's* Christmas fare must be a bit different to mine – pheasant has not yet appeared on any menu I've encountered. I note that several of the down clues continue the theme, notably 1dn, 6dn and 17dn. *Nea Storey*
- Not sure that I have SINGE correct; don't know any playwright that sounds like it. *Barbara Morris*

January 3-2009: Cryptic by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- 1ac: 6 = headgear (see 6dn) A Knight university supporter = A+K+U+BRA. 13ac. (COLL)APSE, delete (COLL) 7dn. Clever answer RECAP is PACER in reverse. 15dn. DA+RED+EVIL neat clue 21ac. Famous = NOTED Pooh missing? = NO TED. This is a brilliant clue. 8dn: NE+VERNE+VER = never-never. Another very enjoyable cryptic thanks Shirl. *Alan Walter*
- 21dn is so clever. I could see the answer had to be 'noted' but even then I didn't immediately make the connection – 'Pooh missing' = No Ted (noted) = famous. *Brian Tickle*
- Where would we be without a *Southern Cross* crossword? Excellent as usual. Good on you, Shirl. *Carole Noble*
- Liked 15dn and 21dn. *Max Roddick*
- Tried hard but couldn't really criticise it. Probably explains why *Southern Cross* was my COTM. *Andrew Patterson*
- It took me a long time to work out 1ac – it's a beauty. I wasn't sure whether to put "knob" or "knot" for 2dn, as both can mean "boss". I settled for "knob" as a homophone for "nob". Hope I got it right! *Nea Storey*
- This one really had me stretching the brain cells. 25ac: SEED-PLOT? Threw this one in, in despair, couldn't think of anything else. *Barbara Morris*

January 4-2009: AJ by Difficult Women (Carole Noble & Joan Smith)

- Thanks *Difficult Women* for your Aptly Joyful A.J. *Alan Walter*
- I enjoyed several of these clues especially the B clue, but the P clue appears to contain the answer within the clue. *Brian Tickle*
- The P clue will probably receive a bit of flak for containing the word precious. The original did not. *Carole Noble*
- Clue P was terrible – 'in a precious way' for preciously (See Carole's comments. C) Clue u I assume is untamed but I reckon UNEASED and UNBATED might've (sic) sufficed. There was a rash of 8 clues - F,K,L,N,P,R,U,V where the secondary indicator too closely resembled the definition and the a suffix or prefix was tacked on. Clue Z should've resulted in NZOE (If a containment clue) or NEZO (If indicating ownership) or the 'in' should've been removed. *Andrew Patterson*
- An enjoyable AJ. Loved the W clue. *Nea Storey*
- Really enjoy the AJ's. Hopefully am on the right track with the answers. *Barbara Morris*

January 5-2009: Cryptic by Ann Ass (Jenny Wenham)

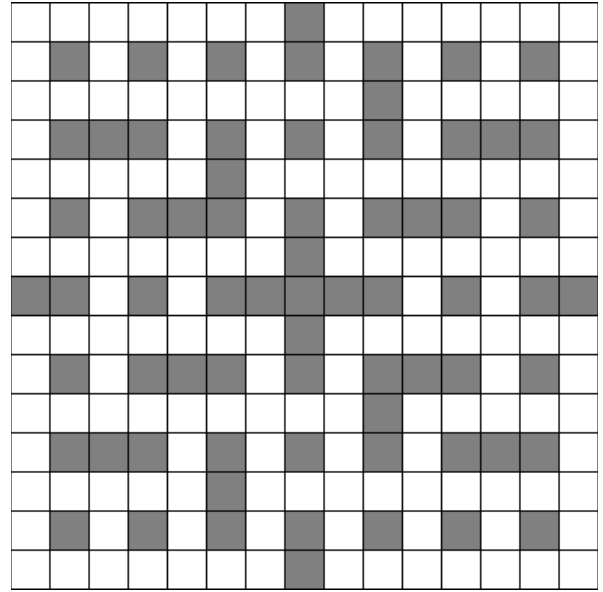
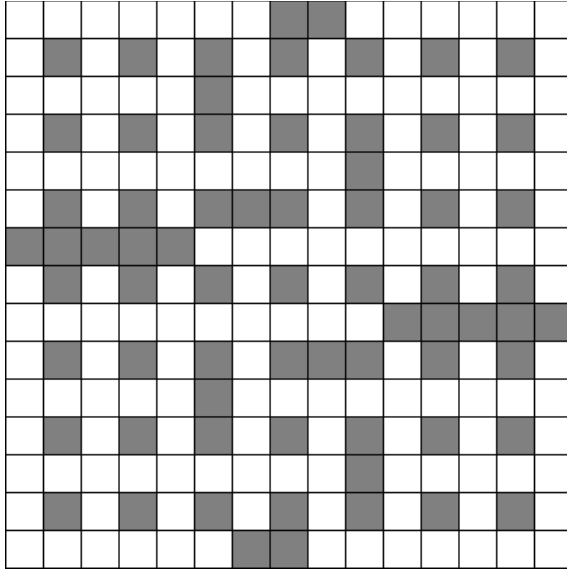
- 1ac: Humorous clue Air Force One = Bush+craft! 6ac: CHAMPAGNES, delete the CHAMP (the best) to leave AGNES – What sparkling reasoning! 13ac: Lovely clue – are able to unite penny & Latin aristocracy – but no Karl=CAN+D+L+ELIT(E) for Hyacinth's CANDLELIT suppers! 22ac: EFFECTIVE= VI(R)TUAL. C replaces R to give VICTUAL=FOOD. 23ac. Ape=COPY, CAT =MAN (As in Cat Stevens) 2dn: SIR JOHN = SURGE ON! 5dn: Anagind = ramble, operates on 'Sweet, or at'= TWO SEATER. 6dn: ARAMAC = Qld town+ I =ARAMAIC=Jesus' language 7dn: N+AIR+OB+I NOB= BIGWIG STATE = AIR & independence. *Alan Walter*
- I loved the surge on/Sir John clue (2dn). *Brian Tickle*
- Plenty of good clues in this one. Well done *Ann Ass*. *Carole Noble*
- Loved 5dn: TWO SEATER. *Max Roddick*
- 14dn: the two parts were not very dissimilar. Most clues were sound but 3dn was a bit weak and 20dn nearly drew comment but Georgia isn't only a state! *Andrew Patterson*
- A lot of tricky clues here. I liked the anagram for Casanova in 28ac. *Nea Storey*
- Have a few here I'm not confident with. 3dn: COLONEL if that's not right, not sure what is, but can't work it out by the clue. The only Bogey I can think of is Humphrey. 5dn: TWO-SEATER is all I can come up with: this clue defeated me. Daisy who? (anagram 'sweet or at' = TWO SEATER = 'Daisy Daisy give me your answer do' in the words of the old song and they eloped on a TWO-SEATER or a tandem bicycle. C) *Barbara Morris*



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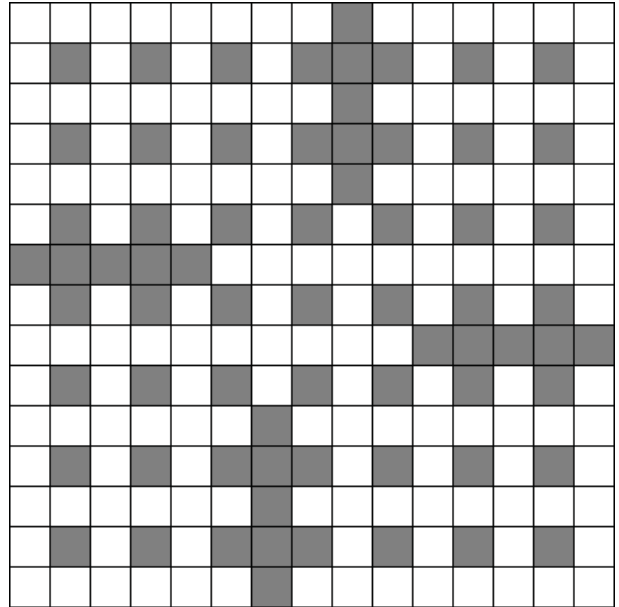
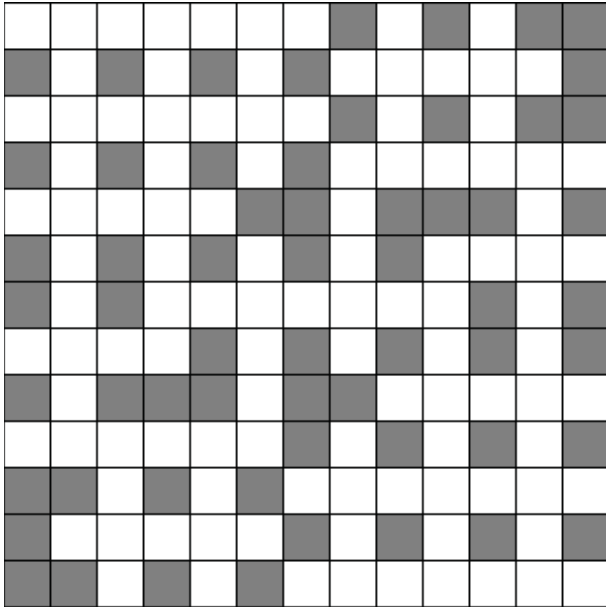
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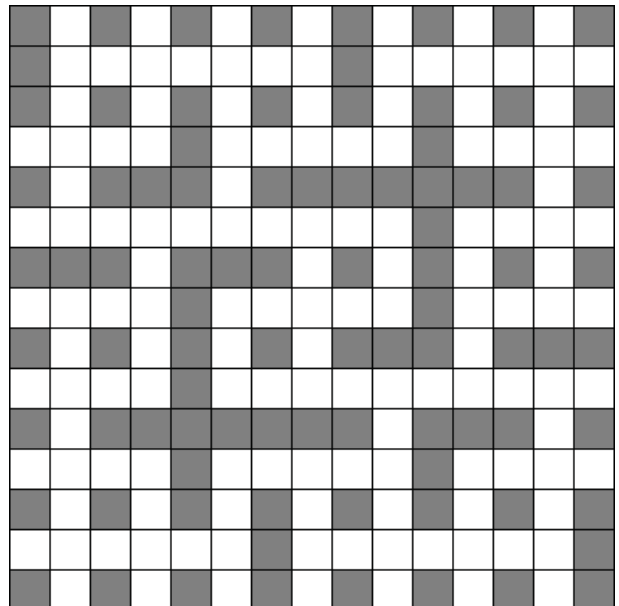
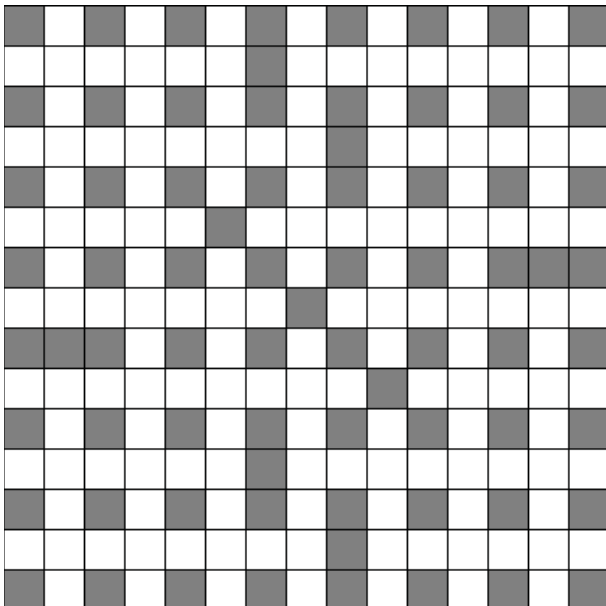
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Clue of the Month

December 6-2008: Altogether Now! by midships (Ian Williams).

Entries: 47. Correct 41. Success Rate: 87%. Winners: Bill Alston and Gillian Champion. Congratulations!

Solvers' comments:

• I was well and truly discombobulated for a while. Took some time to get a tribe of Amerinds. Never heard of Armco [*It stops us driving over the edge and is in my SOED, Roy - m*]. Thanks for the puzzlement. *Roy Taylor*

• You may be about to break Catherine's Adjudicator's World Record for the most errors in a single entry! I have question marks beside 14 clues and I couldn't solve your clues for four of my across guesses. [*Pretty good guessing, Jan - m*] My favourite was your clue for TIGER. *Jan Wood*

• I liked the idea of the related clues and final answers – quite novel – and a nautical word LEECHROPE! *Graeme Cole*

• This was extremely difficult – as I guess is appropriate for the last crossword of the year, and the one on which the trophy depends. *Brian Symons*

• 16ac: The word "freedom" in Latin is *libertus* or *libertinus*. *Liber* means "free". In 21dn, Burnham (Beeches) is a stretch of woodland in Buckinghamshire and was difficult to answer for those not aware of the English countryside. *Alan Walter*

• This was incredibly hard. It helped to have the book *An exaltation of larks* but some internet use was required. I pity anyone without either. I've certainly added to my knowledge of collective nouns. *Carole Noble*

• I was very disappointed that I was unable to complete your slot 6 ... [and] was very frustrated by the omission of the indicator for 14ac. I waited for the January issue, hoping that a correction would appear ... I feel that the decision not to publish a correction in those circumstances needs some discussion amongst members. There would have been an opportunity for those who had already submitted to re-submit, if the correction altered their answers. Additionally, in the final adjudication, a decision could have been made to disregard the two answers in question, if it had been felt that some submitters had been disadvantaged. Without such a correction I am sure that a number of people would, like myself, have decided just not to submit any response at all. *Susan Howells* [*this comment has been edited for reasons of availability of space - m*]

• 14ac had me buffaloes. How about a flummox of cruciverbalists? *Maurice Cowan*

[*Space does not allow the reproduction of a number of comments relating to alternative solutions to 14ac and 3 and 8dn. I hope that the following answers those comments and questions - m*]

Compiler's comments:

Thank you all for your general and/or Christmas and/or New Year good wishes. If wishes were horses I'd be able to enter the Melbourne Cup in 2009! Thank you also for your forbearance and the consequent lack of (nevertheless deserved) criticism – members of our club are such pleasant people that they assume that their inability to solve a clue is due to their shortcomings. Far from it in this case! Hot on the heels of my easy (or so-intended) November Slot 1 Saints puzzle came this disaster. If I hadn't already been perching on a pole wearing my hair shirt for November's effort I should have been banished to a suitable cave for this one. Nevertheless, the exercise can be useful as a fairly comprehensive catalogue for budding setters on how **not** to do it.

The initial problem appeared to be simply the omission of the indicator for the clued word which was a phonetic (indicator "declared") clue for "caught", yielding "heard" hence the homonym the collective "herd". However, this problem was compounded by setting two relatively unusual intersecting words from the SOED. LEECHROPE in itself was reasonably clued, if difficult. But why I crossed it with HIROLA (Hunter's hartebeest) I can't now imagine – why not something gettable like a bed, bunch or spray of MIMOSA? Anyway, the simple answer was to not assess those two clues, rather than give the indicator in the January *CrOZworld*, in an attempt to be fair to a number of members who had already submitted a solution notwithstanding the omission. An astonishing variety of possible answers was submitted and deemed correct. So far so good, but then I noticed that a number of ATTITUDEs were appearing as the solution to 8dn. It was intended to clue "viewpoint" as ATTITUDE and then include P (first person) and neglect T (last...what? last

last? ...last neglect?) to yield the defined APTITUDE. But without a severe case of the perfidious "double duty" for "neglect" the T would have to be included yielding APTITUDE! Then I read *Chambers* carefully and decided that without a lot of effort "tendency" could be read as meaning ATTITUDE rather than the intended definition of "aptitude", making a bit of a nonsense of the intended substitution. Another clue bit the dust and either APTITUDE and ATTITUDE was assessed as correct! But there's more! The intended Macbeth reference to Birnam Wood was not checked against my *Bumper Boys' Book of Shakespeare* and I thus confused it with BURNHAM, the name of which I knew as the Buckinghamshire woodland noted by Alan. I even confounded the issue by putting "Woods" in the clue – not Shakespearian at all and the rationale for another unassessed clue! Whoops! Lastly, as pointed out by Alan, the sloppy use of a Latin word in 16dn resulted in an inaccurate construction but happily all but one solved it correctly.

The lessons? 1. Do try to use "ordinary" words, even in a complex thematic puzzle, and when an unusual word is absolutely essential to the construction don't have it intersecting another unusual word. **2.** Read definitions and subsidiary constructions carefully to ensure the intended result. In a charade or substitution write out the full versions and the derivations of the components and verify the construction to yourself. **3.** Check references in literature or other languages against the original (or at least a reliable internet equivalent) and not against one's perhaps inaccurate recollection or partial reading of a dictionary definition. **4.** After a decent interval following the setting, solve the puzzle from scratch as though it was another's and for each clue write out or specifically check the syntax of the construction. **5.** Proofread the final version for publication carefully. Reference to these hints (if you're not already a paragon of virtue) may save you from a similar debacle.

Summing up: With its manifold faults I'm glad that a number of solvers said that they had enjoyed the challenge – rather more of a challenge than I had intended, for which I hope that you'll accept my apology. Due in part to the omission of all faultily-clued words from the assessment this slot 6 has scored a reasonably high percentage correct. The greatest problem arose in relation to the "tribe" of Amerinds (in *Chambers*). This month's prizewinners were the only solvers who steered their way through all the various traps and pitfalls and presented the intended solution. Congratulations again, Gillian and Bill!

Explanations for January grids (where provided by the compilers) (Thank you Joan, Carole and Jenny) and December Slot 6.

Slot 4: AJ (Difficult Women) Across: Q Double meaning, **S** Sage + tea, **M** Mag + net, **O** Anagram, **I** I + lea, **D** DE + fam + (n)ation, **L** lengthen + ers, **P** Precious + l(ad)y, **Z** Zo + NE, **E** Hidden, **N** Norm + al, **K** Knave + ry, **B** B(emus)ed. **Down: A** A + u + rally, **F** Front + ag + e, **V** Vent + ed, **T** Ta (li) sman, **J** Je(a)n +net, **H** Hidden, **W** Wolf + whistle, **G** Ge (omet) rry - R, **R** Razor + cut, **X** X + rating, **U** UN + tamed, **C** Hidden, **Y** Yon + der.

Slot 5 Ann Ass Across: 1 ref President Bush, **6** (champ)AGNES, **9** homophone, **10** O+VA(ca)ATION, **11** S-W-OON-ED, **12** anag OUR MEAN, **13** ref Hyacinth Bucket's candlelight suppers; CAN+D+L+ELIT(e), **15** C+LIMB, **16** hidden word: assassiN IN Japan; **19** CARD + IN+D+EX, **22** VI(r)TUAL + C replacing R, **23** charade, **25** anag GREAT AT, **26** machine-gUNNER VETERAN, **27** (r)OYAL+ L replacing R, **28** anag IS MALE AND. **Down: 1** SU-GO-B reversed, **2** homophone of 'surge on', **4** A+WARD, **5** anag: SWEET OR AT, **6** ARAMA-I-C, **7** N-AIR-OB+I, **8** SENT + RY + BOX, **13** anag NAVALRACE, **14** charade, **17** guy from Nice, **18** LAT+TUBA reversed, **20** I+MP+IN+GE, **21** D-ECO-RUM, **23** initials, **24** charade.

Slot 6 December (midships) also see setter's comments **Across: 1** anag MURMURATION - (Ch "doubtful term"), **5** BUNCH = BUN + CH, **10** SKEIN SK (E) IN (Ch), **11** B A (Z + AA) R, **12** ST + RING, **13** HOVER HO (-O) VER, **14** HERD - hirola a small African antelope SOED, **15** SORD heads, **19** LITTER anag, **21** TROOP - HW backwards, **23** AMBUSH [I am Bush] - I - pun, **26** COVEY COVE + Y, **27** CHARM CHA + RM, **28** FLEET DD, **29** D + ROVE, **30** T (R) IBET - T. **Down: 1** anag GAYS + RU, **2** anag, **3** SOED "that part of the bolt rope that borders the leech" LEECH + ROPE, **4** NIGER + I + A, **6** HW, **7** ARM + CO, **8** ATTITUDE + P - T, **9** anag, **16** LIBER + A TOR, **20** SUP + IN + E, **22** GE + anag sock, **24** Roman physician GAL(lon) + EN.