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Without knowing the force of words, it is impossible to know men.
Confucius (c. 550-c. 478 BC)

GRIDATORIAL

The New York Times

Our sincere congratulations to **David Stickley** whose Special Cryptic crossword was published in the *New York Times* on 27 May 2001. This is a wonderful achievement not only for David but also for Australian crosswording in general. A note attached to the crossword read:

"The author creates the cryptic crossword for *The Daily Telegraph* in Sydney, Australia, and maintains the Website for the Australian Crossword Club (www.ar.com.au/~stickley/acc.html). This is his first puzzle in an American publication."

And the comments on the *New York Times* website have been very favourable indeed:

- I've seen Mr Stickley's puzzles before — they are surprisingly solvable for North American audiences. This one had some fun twists, and it was harder than I would have expected.
- I especially liked many of the surface readings in this puzzle.
- All the clues are so sensibly written that I have faith that the Aha moment will come.
- The second Sunday puzzle was so consistently elegant. I'll definitely have to look at this guy's Web site.
- What I really like about it is that he seems to take care with the design of the grid as well as of the clues.

Well done! David. See page 9 for further details about this cruciverbal Oz star.

Congratulations to the winners of our Cumulative Puzzles Prize Jan - Jun 2001. The following members with a perfect score of 30 crosswords share equally the prize of **\$1400**: Jim Colles, Peter Dearie, Catherine Hambling, Doreen Jones, David Procter, Joyce Sheahan, Joan Smith, Alan Walter and Roy Wilson. **Runners-up**: JB Anderson, Bev Cockburn, Mal Cockburn, Margaret Galbreath, Ann Jermy and Carole Noble.

Adjudicators: Our sincere thanks for the sterling job done by the adjudicators for the last six months: Jim Colles, Col Archibald, Veniece Lobsey, Rob Watson, Ken Davis, Margaret Davis, Ted O'Brien, Bob Hagan, Audrey & Bruce Austin, Bev Cockburn and Steve Workman.

Happy Crozworlding!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Margaret Davis

Slot 1: 5dn AMEN, AMON and AMUN were all accepted. Disallowed at 8ac was DOBERMANN. Whilst this is an accepted alternative spelling of the breed, the clue specifically called for "dogs" in the plural. I also disallowed at 15dn ZOMBY. I can only find ZOMBI and ZOMBIE in my dictionaries.

Slot 2: 25ac: TANYA and TANJA do not satisfy the clue. GODET is incorrect as was an E-D. **Slot 3:** STONY RIVER was a bit of a surprise but, sadly, was not allowed.

Slot 4: This caused more problems than usual which I think is shown in the results. Disallowed was ZEBRULA, an alternative spelling but not satisfying the rubber tree — ule — in the clue.

Slot 5: This was well done except for some transcription errors, of which there were relatively few overall.

Many thanks for all your kind notes and good wishes. I have enjoyed adjudicating again, and with Patrick's help have unravelled a few more of the mysteries of my computer!

—M.

NEW ADJUDICATOR: We extend a warm welcome and our thanks to **Brian Symons** of Grays Point, NSW who has taken on the pleasant task of adjudicating. Brian has been a member of the ACC for many years and has been particularly successful in solving any type of puzzle — difficult or otherwise. We hope you enjoy your stint adjudicating this month's puzzles, Brian.

Thinking of buying an electronic dictionary or thesaurus? If so, check out David Stickley's Home page at: <http://www.ar.com.au/~stickley/refs.html> David has reviewed some of the major reference books for the cruciverbalist. Here is one about the The Chambers Dictionary:

The Chambers Dictionary on CD-ROM, 1994

"Oh, the power of the PC! Anyone who sets crosswords seriously must have at least one electronic dictionary at their fingertips. *The Chambers Dictionary* on CD-ROM was my first and I've been waiting (so far without luck) for other Chambers' books to add into the generic interface called Lexicon. Thankfully the software has an option to load the entire dictionary onto the hard drive which frees up the CD-ROM drive for playing Tommy Emmanuel and makes accessing the dictionary very quick. There are all the usual features available including Definition Search, access via different indexes (like Headword, Idiom) and scrolling entry by entry. The interface itself is neat, but takes some getting used to. One big plus is that *Crossword Compiler* by Antony Lewis can access this dictionary directly, making setting crosswords much easier."

—David Stickley

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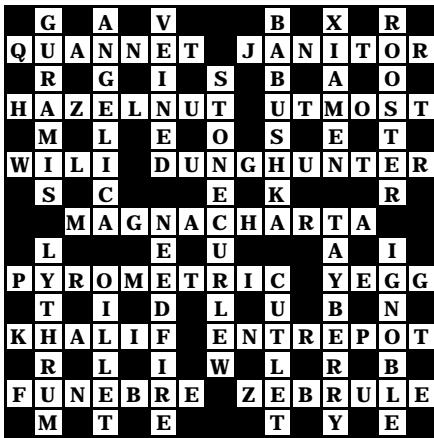
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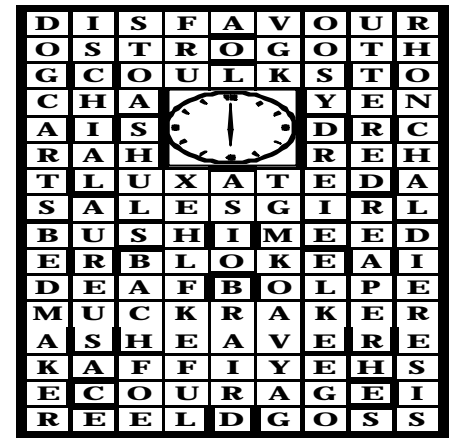
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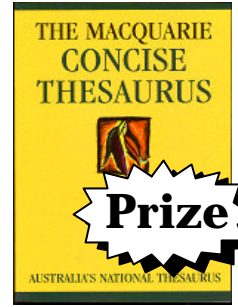
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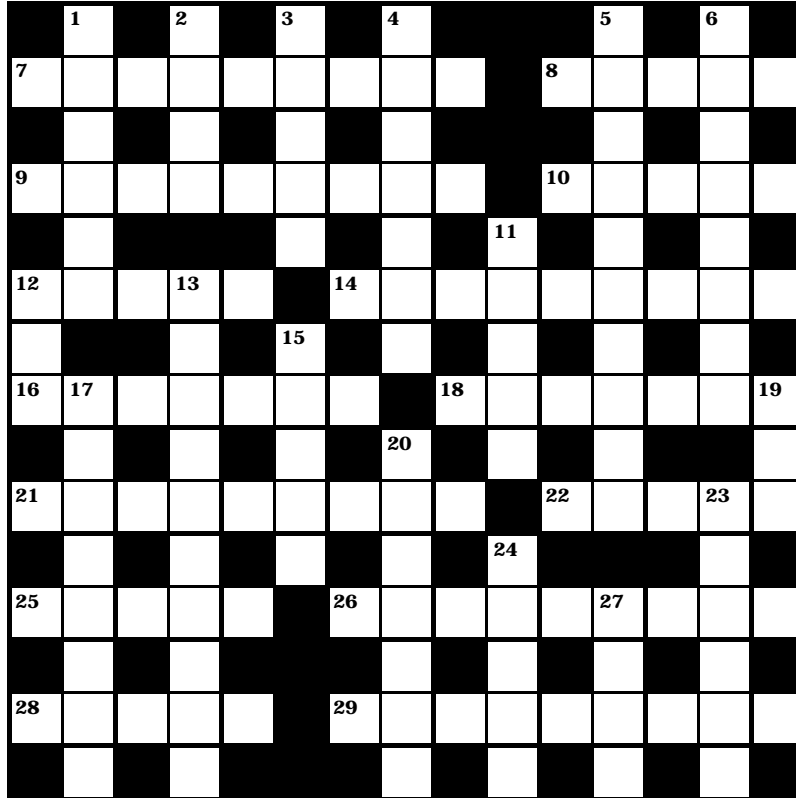
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CROSSQUIZ
by
Virgo

JULY 1 2001



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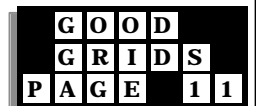
- 7** A river that flows through Turkey and Syria before joining the Tigris (9)
- 8** A warm hooded waterproof jacket (5)
- 9** Ship's lookout (5, 4)
- 10** A long narrow indentation of the seacoast (Scot.) (5)
- 12** Basil's wife in 'Fawlty Towers' (5)
- 14** Prolific author, once married to Patricia Neal, wrote 'James and the Giant peach' (5, 4)
- 16** A colourless pungent suffocating gas (7)
- 18** North American Indian baby or young child (7)
- 21** Odious or offensive (9)
- 22** The Roman Goddess of Agriculture (5)
- 25** Highly skilled (5)
- 26** An Israeli town near the southern extremity of Biblical Palestine (9)
- 28** Sharp to the smell or biting to the taste (5)
- 29** A soft feather quilt (9)

Down

- 1** An excavation pit (6)
- 2** An Arab coasting vessel (4)
- 3** Notice of intended marriage (5)
- 4** An European hotel, boarding house or school (7)
- 5** A word spelt the same when reversed (10)
- 6** Rough drawings (8)
- 11** Composer of the 'Pomp and Circumstance' marches (5)
- 12** A mineral spring or its locality (3)
- 13** Being of like form but of different ancestry (10)
- 15** One half of a semibreve (5)
- 17** A Gregory Peck movie (1956) based on a tale by Herman Melville (4, 4)
- 19** Noises denoting doubt or hesitation (3)
- 20** A town in the south-east of South Island New Zealand (7)
- 23** The joints of the arms; sharp turns in a river (6)
- 24** The first sign of the Zodiac (5)
- 27** Bricklayers tools (4)

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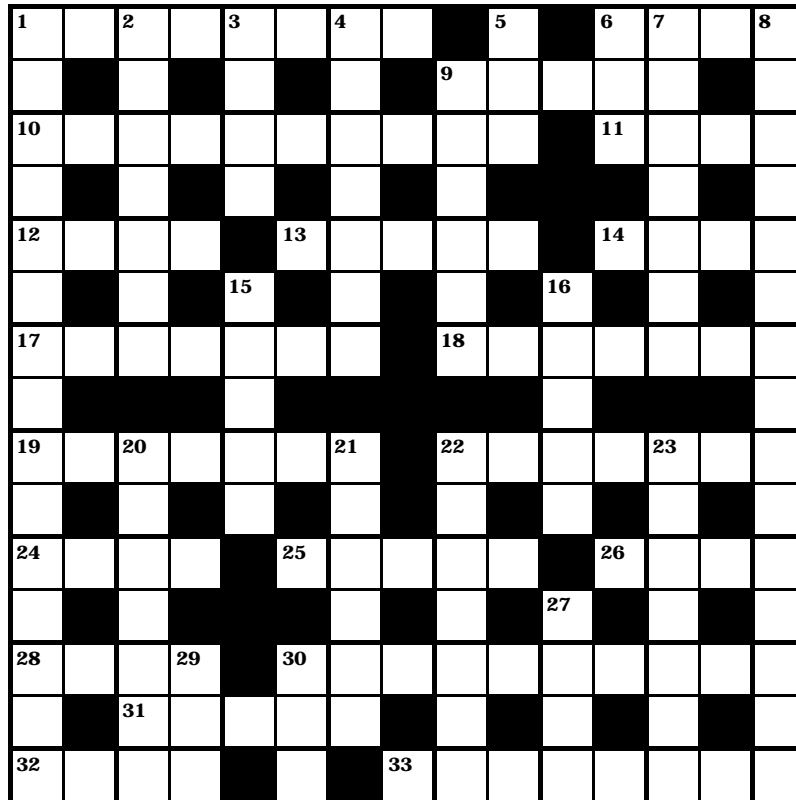
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CRYPTIC
by
Kev Layton

JULY 2 2001

Prize
\$50



Across

- 1 One hundred wallaby's teeth! (8)
- 6 Every nurseryman would have one on hand (4)
- 9 Fish's lip, say (5)
- 10 Gathering places for drunken apes found in a playground (6, 4)
- 11 Spiritless sort of drawing room! (4)
- 12 Unlawfully take an instrument back (4)
- 13 Drive around an Olympic competitor (5)
- 14 One is good, two a surprise (4)
- 17 Land cultivators found on boats (7)
- 18 French city moved, and is now found in Italy (7)
- 19 Eat a bird! (7)
- 22 Hold nothing in battered tin can (7)
- 24 Open party thrown by world body (4)
- 25 German city and the reason it would be good in Scotland (5)
- 26 Only half a pickle, but it's something to eat (4)
- 28 Admirer good for one type of tooth (4)
- 30 Hybrid eagles seen living in Africa (10)
- 31 Prince Philip's bunches of fives (5)
- 32 Tape worm fuel (4)
- 33 Made pets wild enough to rush off (8)

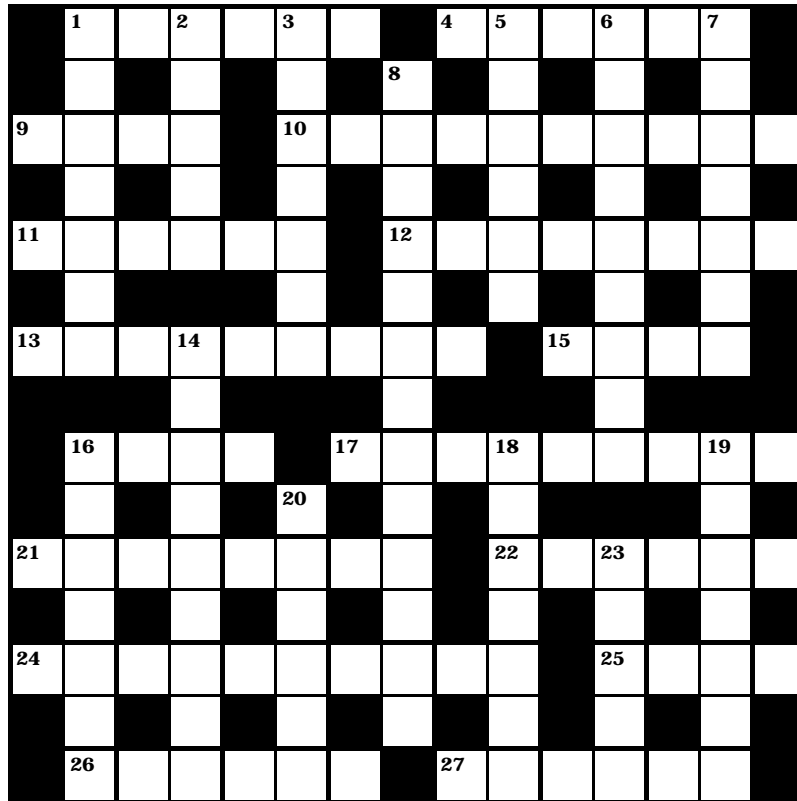
Down

- 1 Finish matter when out of bed. It's a shambles (8,5,2)
- 2 Have ambition, but in the FA Cup it's one for the opposition (3, 4)
- 3 Anyway, it's a sort of show (4)
- 4 As batters they can't add much but are naturally good multipliers (7)
- 5 Sounds like some young sheilas but is actually the wife (3)
- 6 Barefoot and penurious, I hear (3)
- 7 Unpaid in team at Eurasian games (7)
- 8 The position of "H" when way beyond the black stump (6,2,7)
- 9 Fills in his underdaks (6)
- 15 I hear you may ring this beautiful woman (5)
- 16 Sort of date you might have with Freddie for example (5)
- 20 Total limit with a bit more added (7)
- 21 Well known Doctor reserved for immoral women (6)
- 22 Perfect harmony in musical performance (7)
- 23 The late, weird member of the Games team (7)
- 27 Funny hobby, for example! (4)
- 29 Pull up your stomach! (3)
- 30 Measures funny money (3)

CRYPTIC
by
Southern Cross

JULY 3 2001

Prize
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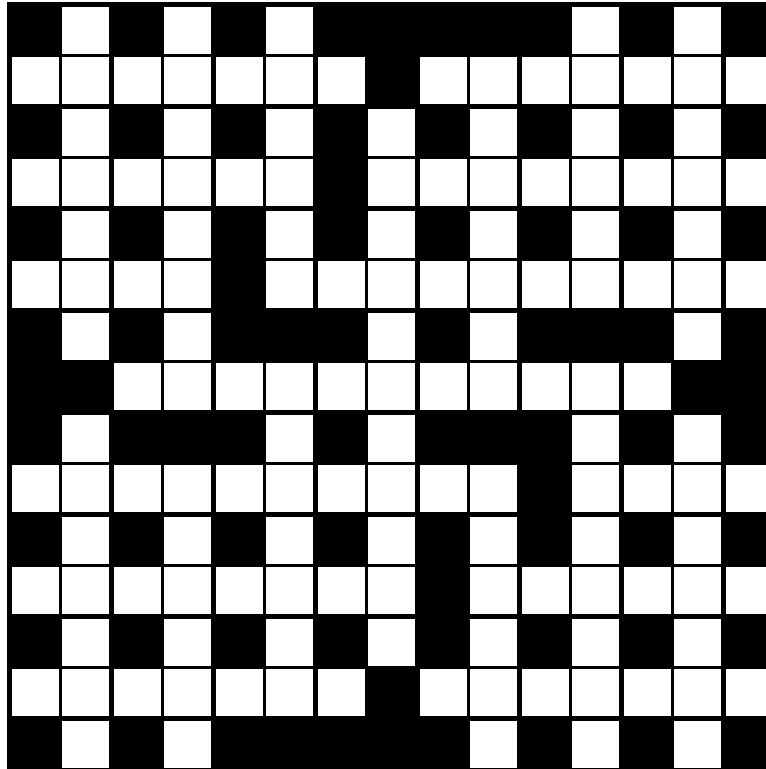
Down

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| <p>1 Laws change within a year continually (6)</p> <p>4 Precious note from the past (6)</p> <p>9 Something that opens after 4 in San Francisco (4)</p> <p>10 Middleman gets entire Laser production (10)</p> <p>11 He looks for water on right side of road — could be worse! (6)</p> <p>12 Davis Cup coach (not second grade) right to expose the late arrival? (8)</p> <p>13 Rescuer delivering a dog after 4 (9)</p> <p>15 Measure taken by 4 in Coolgardie (4)</p> <p>16 Impotent for part of the month, say (4)</p> <p>17 Indication of agreement, after 4 giving return for long service (9)</p> <p>21 Officer and social worker on a commercial project (8)</p> <p>22 Box with 4 getting a chance to make a fortune (6)</p> <p>24 Change of title included by Italian poet — one who toys with the subject (10)</p> <p>25 Maxim after 4 — “Do unto others ...” (4)</p> <p>26 22 changes note to get a water-tight joint (6)</p> <p>27 Where we find what old flames leave behind (3-3)</p> | <p>1 A seaman only has shellfish (7)</p> <p>2 Bemoans little parking being available on Sunday (5)</p> <p>3 We try out both sides of edible green plant (3, 4)</p> <p>5 Two punches in quick succession leading to the count ... (3-3)</p> <p>6 ... or dashing out, fierce and fiery (9)</p> <p>7 None around half-eleven for this girl! (7)</p> <p>8 Invalidating a token performance ... (13)</p> <p>14 ... bellows about wrongly sued drivers (4, 5)</p> <p>16 Partnership with 4 celebrated after half a century (7)</p> <p>18 Orders to change one note in graduations (7)</p> <p>19 Klim and Ern wander around in the Russian palace (7)</p> <p>20 Bloomer made after 4 revealing a national emblem (6)</p> <p>23 Water saturated with sugar and spread on 4 (5)</p> |
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**ALPHABETICAL
JIGSAW**
by *Colinebrii*

JULY 4 2001

**Prize
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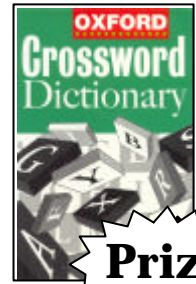


The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer

- A** Every-one takes the ring road to get to the healer (8)
- B** Exist to celebrate and praise (6)
- C** Keep rough dialect (7)
- D** Instruct Fleet Street re. machine (5-5)
- E** Stimulant to arouse worker say? (8)
- F** Lift adjusted to measure percolation (10)
- G** Chat to model about salt tax (7)
- H** Shock method for type of fracture (8)
- I** Creatures manufactured by Chevrolet? (7)
- J** Affirmative, the German in one way is a religious adherent (7)
- K** Kara hangs around the Northern Territory for a Turkish weight (6)
- L** Spoiled Irene, off course sadly, but still discovers Amazonian mudfish (11)
- M** Hypothetical unit of living matter? Rodents tip everyone back! (7)
- N** Australian Congress? In a corner that is! (6)
- O** The Spanish shout after Rio changes a flyer! (6)
- P** History play about nature worship (11)
- Q** Stir cooler porridge! (4)
- R** Reward about to stop a half century (8)
- S** Featuring Jacques Tati. Central in "Sea Lavender" (7)
- T** Bullfighter on foot charged onto the right ring! (6)
- U** Bone starting under left nipple area (4)
- V** Bounder took the leap before he left here! (7)
- W** Will 000 combination produce ovine lubricant? (4, 3)
- X** Kiss sweetheart at Queensland town with a dry eye (6)
- Y** Longed for a period in the back study (7)
- Z** Azzan II grows wild rice (7)

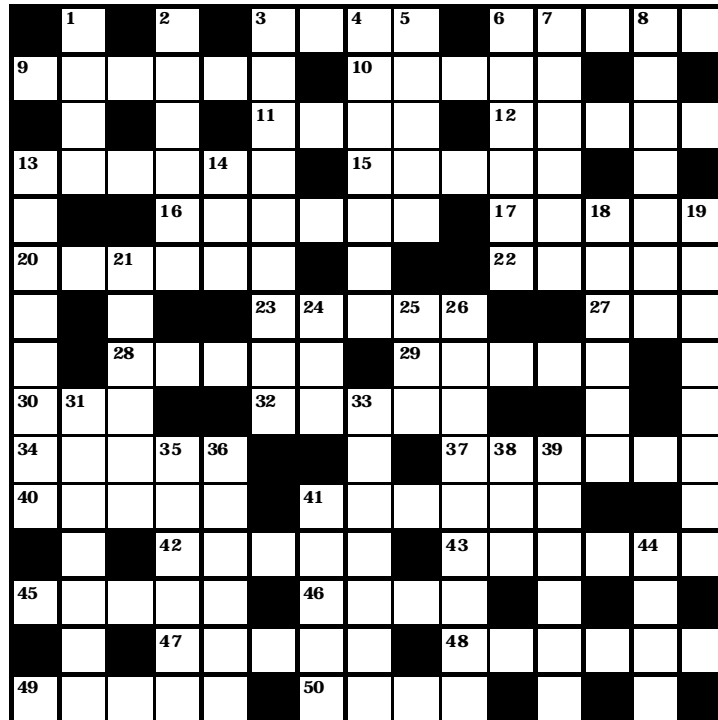
**EAT FOR GOOD
HEALTH DAILY**
by
Red One

JULY 5 2001



[rrp: \$60]

Unclued lights have something in common. Every across clue has a superfluous word (never less than 4 letters), the initial letters of which spell out a quotation (in *ODQ*) and the author.



Quotation **Author**

Across

- 3 & 11ac** (4, 4)
- 6** Hoarded holy books upset godly (5)
- 9** Turned up cut fruit, orange, grapefruit (6)
- 10** Pain in the optic nerve starts late regarding the beech family (5)
- 11** see 3ac
- 12** Delegated authority due in prize ring (5)
- 13** Jack to enfold old enamorado — hardly (6)
- 15** Spike and I return, natives of Troy (5)
- 16** Musically a third accompanist directed daughters out and about (6)
- 17** Gradual abatement of disease in elderly sister's prognosis (5)
- 20** Sounds parliamentary session turns heartless (6)
- 22** see 36dn
- 23** Bound to secrecy about detail without a leakage (5)
- 27** Drink out — open country essential (3)
- 28** Scores of women Kelly had (5)
- 29** Outside steward carried inside three vermouths (5)
- 30** Chance found Maori settlement regressing (3)
- 32 & 44dn** (5, 4)
- 34** Terbium amid Japanese crest in silver (5)
- 37** To stick hard in the present state (6)
- 40** Broken drain — lowest point enveloped (5)
- 41** Coined money pieces — about sixpence (6)
- 42** Seducers against a politician inside union (5)
- 43** Oppose headless Nazi jumping around (6)
- 45** Animal in Nairobi's only wasteland (5)
- 46** Yellow rose oil to anoint first also last characters (4)

- 47** Everyone learns (except the student) about temptation (5)
- 48** Anglers, not skilful, found in tuna blenny area (6)
- 49** Fifty one yards of ornamental textile fabric (5)
- 50** Every second terrorist is inaccurate sometimes (4)

Down

- 1** (4)
- 2** Lures part-timers around bar (6)
- 3** Inside Interpol, yesterday's compound, dress material perhaps (9)
- 4** Of the nodes astronomically a codlin flies around (7)
- 5** Leaky wayward ninepin (5)
- 6** Flower parts leap about inside screw steamer (6)
- 7** Old woman with easy morals without a pseudonym (6)
- 8** Early English send in a hermit (7)
- 13** (8)
- 14** To be still central to beliefs (3)
- 18** Plant secrecy caught out (6)
- 19** Has transferred new leather (8)
- 21** Fishlice is initially on a school of seals (6)
- 24** Wedding pledge language (3)
- 25** River runs in an important date (3)
- 26** (9)
- 31** Travelling Tasmania (but not south) to find fungus (7)
- 33** English pastry excited a dog (7)
- 35** A month overseas involved vision. I am out in the east (6)
- 36 & 22ac** (6, 5)
- 38** Game will-o'-the-wisp half turned (3)
- 39** Book division not right about one with knowledge of jazz (6)
- 41** Reproductive body hurting about the onset of pox (5)
- 44** see 32ac

EIGHTSOME REELS
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Numbered squares are surrounded by eight blank squares. All clues are for eight-letter words to be entered around the appropriate number, clockwise or anticlockwise, beginning anywhere. Solvers must therefore determine where each word begins and the direction in which it is to go. The 12 unchecked letters at the corners of the diagram could form REDID TICKETS. All answers, including geographical references are in *Chambers* or *Macquarie* dictionaries.

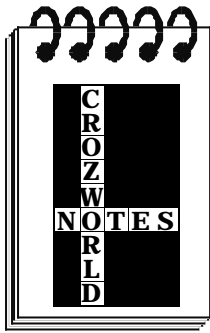
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Clues

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Piece (Italian) — you are hearing the score 2 Stage's opening, begin rhythmic dialogue (2 wds) 3 Ned grabbed a d-deserter and reported 4 Wife for a fellow national 5 Row about old grave made more irritable 6 Left in order to rest, indeed! 7 Ms Scales denied a love for dried fruit 8 Staff's holding the whip — stinkers 9 Perceptive business accountant halved rate 10 Ah! The bird's due to fly to freedom 11 Uranus' son consumed acidic salt 12 Party's restricted by doctrine that's rough around the edges 13 Pass member directions to faculties 14 Col's crook, cut up about tapeworm 15 Copper (50) is trapping police dept. bloodsuckers 16 Spot a raincoat that's acceptable and modern 17 A month treating tinea — that's steep 18 Diggers captured Arab sailors 19 England looks over international refugees | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20 Unruly ado chips bone 21 Introverted in school, I rejected Australian personality 22 Graduate (Chinese) detailed fashions 23 Opossums detract from old Jewish leader 24 Monkey hurt some foolish model 25 Extreme measures — it becomes more difficult 26 Sculptured figure ordered from car-phone 27 They squeal about Australian crooks? 28 Retie net differently for apples 29 A month to settle back without Latin groups 30 Chief of staff recalled top N.T. function 31 They provide slips catches — and giggles 32 Sirius is about to affect Lucina 33 Roy's lace's tailored for Orthodox monks 34 Finances cover steep reversal in Californian town 35 Figure the Maori craft turned to go north 36 Radical student left territory with plant rooting from the stem |
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◆ DAVID STICKLEY ◆



David Stickley, the former 'gridman' of the ACC, considers himself very lucky. After spending 12 years as a computer specialist in Sydney, he now works from home generating 13 crosswords a week for various newspapers and magazines. His wife, Linda, has recently left work to help him run the business which is growing steadily. David enjoys taking an active role in the raising of his children and, until recently, did most of the cooking and housework. As mentioned in the Gridatorial, David recently became the first Australian to have a cryptic crossword published in the New York Times. Looking ahead, David hopes that crosswords remain popular, especially among the younger generations who have many other things to distract them. To this end, he is developing an evening college course to teach people how to attempt cryptic crosswords. David hasn't contributed to Crozworld for a while due to his heavy workload, but hopes to submit an alphanumeric jigsaw for consideration very soon.

PROFILE

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2001. All ACC members are invited to keep Sunday, December 9 free for our annual lunch, Melbourne style. This year it will be held at Clancy's Restaurant, Bruce County Motel, which is conveniently situated adjacent to Monash Freeway in Mount Waverley. Cost for the 3 course lunch is \$33.00. Phone (03) 9808 4392 for details.

CROSSWORDERS LUNCHEON. Seven South Australian members & their partners met at the Ottomans Restaurant in Rundle Street, Adelaide last Saturday. We enjoyed a very pleasant lunch, exchange of ideas and mystery books. Our convener, Doug Butler, passed round a message of good wishes from Patrick. We find we are now called Crossworders!
—Margaret Galbreath

RESULTS of Quiz No 3 - A to Z of FOOD by Double Crossers (Bev Cockburn and Steve Workman)

A great response to this quiz; perhaps we touched a nerve common to our membership. No more so than Irene Watts, who supplied her entry on a hand-illustrated menu. Most points were lost due to spelling errors, although we were very liberal in spelling (e.g. humus). In some cases, correct spelling was necessary. "Dolmades" comes from the Greek word "dolma" meaning vine leaf, so any other spelling was unacceptable. "Weiner" rather than "Wiener" for the Schnitzel was a common mistake, as was "Laska" for "Laksa", and "ossa" or "bucho" in "osso bucco". All we can say is "Look it up!" before you enter it. (We must eat these words after offering IND as Indonesia when in fact it was IDN). Both 'double-crossers' were stunned to learn how many alternative answers existed. Imagine our surprise when the first "Creme Caramel" came in place of Crepe Suzette. (We know which we'd rather have...) We also learned something; (ta Paula), look up "halal" in Chambers. In the answers below, the intentioned answer is given first, followed by all accepted (and no less meritorious) answers. We are particularly chuffed with the correct responses to the "U" clue (being hardest to clue). Of the more amusing entries, someone managed to squeeze "Uncle Toby Oats" into the grid... Alas, though a wonderful answer, not enough letters. For V, "vin du pays" was offered by more than one entry, but as this is a wine rather than a 'dish', and we consider the correct answer obvious enough — no points. For the X clue XXXX Draught was offered but declined. The JP clue was solved as both "SUSHIMI" and "SASHUMI" (obviously a mix of sushi and sashimi) and a very lazy "SEAFOOD" by another. (Don't worry, only the double-crossers know who you are and we're not telling...) And though most had Jambalaya, Jellybean also had to be accepted (thx Iain & Mary), being the favourite snack of a former US president. All in all the great sentiment of the respondents was best summed up by Val Howard "Thanks for a bit of light relief". We hope to relieve you lightly again soon. (P.S. Bev Solomon's comment "Get Stuffed" has been taken literally. Thanks Bev.) XX

APPLE PIE, BOUILLABAISSE, CREPE SUZETTE/CREME CARAMEL/CREME FRAICHE, DOLMADES, ENCHILADA/EMPANADAS, FELAFEL/FALAFEL, GUMBO/GRITS, HOMUS/H*M*S/(substitute any vowel),/HALVA/HELVA/HALAL, IRISH STEW, JAMBALAYA/JELLYBEAN, KEBAB/K*B*B, LAKSA, MOUSSAKA, NASI GORENG, OSSO BUCCO, PAELLA, QUICHE, RATATOUILLE (yes, he put basil in it), SASHIMI, TORTILLA, UPSIDE DOWN CAKE, VOL AU VENT, WIENER SCHNITZEL, XMAS PUDDING, YORKSHIRE PUDDING, ZABAGLIONE

PRIZEWINNER: Brian Symons. Congratulations!

26 POINTS: Catherine Hambling, Brian Symons, Joan Smith, Bill Bennett, Doreen Jones, Daphne Titus-Rees, Claire Dove, Iain MacDougall, Lorna Waites, Alison McKerral, Jim Colles, John Dawson, Eva Seale, Pat Arno, Mal Cockburn, Corryn Anderson and Michael Veress. 25 POINTS: Shirl O'Brien, Alan Walter, Mary Moore, Judy Randall, Ann Jermy, Margaret Cudmore, Patricia McDermott, Daphne Greening, Peter Dearie and Marian Procter. 24 POINTS: Verna Dinham, Gillian Terrey, Paula Mercer, Lesly Howard, Joan McGrath, Jenny Wenham, Bev Solomon, Irene Watts, Barbara Ibbott and Carole Noble. 23 POINTS: Del Kennedy. 22 POINTS: Valerie Howard, Audrey Austin, Hilary Murray-White, Tom Phelan and Audrey Ryan. 21 POINTS: Chris Stocks. 0 POINTS: Everyone else.

QUIZ 4



THE GOOD BOOK OF WORDS by Stroz

All answers except one are the names of persons in the Bible. The first letter of each answer when taken in clue order spells out a certain sentiment.

Entries to Patrick Street, 395 Canning St, North Carlton Vic 3054 or by e-mail: pstreet@bigpond.net.au Closing mail: Friday 27 July 2001. Reference: The Eerdmans Bible Dictionary, 1987ed.



by Stroz

Name:

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| 1 Son-in-law of Annas (8) ----- | 13 Son of Simon of Cyrene (5) ----- |
| 2 Handmaid of Sarai (5) ----- | 14 Runaway slave, converted by Paul (8) ----- |
| 3 The angel of the bottomless pit (7) ----- | 15 A daughter of Zerubbabel (9) ----- |
| 4 Esther's cousin (8) ----- | 16 A secretary of Josiah (7) ----- |
| 5 Sons of thunder (9) ----- | 17 Where Jesus met the woman of Samaria (4) ----- |
| 6 Timothy's mother (6) ----- | 18 The sixth son of Jesse (4) ----- |
| 7 King who succeeded Solomon (8) ----- | 19 Saul's concubine (6) ----- |
| 8 Mother of King Joash's assassin (8) ----- | 20 Daughter of Herod Agrippa I (8) ----- |
| 9 Christian woman raised from the dead by Peter (7) ----- | 21 King of Babylonia (10) ----- |
| 10 A descendant of Ham through Cush (7) ----- | 22 A sentry at the Benjamin Gate (6) ----- |
| 11 She replaced the wife of Xerxes (6) ----- | 23 The daughter of Pharaoh and wife of Mered (7) ----- |
| 12 Queen of Ethiopia (7) ----- | 24 Brother of Mary and Martha (7) ----- |
| | 25 Caleb's concubine (5) ----- |

JUNE 1-2001 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- At 5dn the answer could be AMEN or AMON according to the *Macquarie Dictionary*.
- Nothing too controversial here — a nice starter.
- Nowhere could I find what role Victor Mature played in *The Robe* so I've settled for an early Christian martyr that fits — DEMETRIUS. (Good decision, Ted. **M.**)
- Tear up this grid, Audrey! Of the 28 answers, 23 had no checked first letter and 18 of those had more unchecked than checked letters.

David Procter
Catherine Hambling
Ted O'Brien
Shirl O'Brien
Audrey Ryan
Bev Solomon
Ken Davis
Jim Colles
Col Archibald
Irene Watts

- It was lucky that *Seven Years in Tibet* was on TV last weekend.
- Beware Noel's anger — 23 unchecked initials. And Tom's ratios.
- If 26ac is ALGAE I think it poorly clued as algae are seaweeds in general not a specific one.
- Another learning experience. A few more of these and I'll be ready for The Weakest Link.
- Looks like Audrey's got Slot 1 tied up! Keep 'em coming.
- I had to research a couple of show-biz clues as that is not my scene, but otherwise this was a straightforward puzzle.

JUNE 2-2001 - CRYPTIC by Noel Jessop

- 17dn: Noel is obviously making a reference to the play *Waiting for Godot*.
- Good to have a fairly straightforward puzzle from Noel.
- A classic cryptic — most enjoyable.
- I enjoyed Noel's cluing — I'm glad I don't have to say 1ac out loud!
- Unsure about GODOT. (Spot on, Tom. **M.**)
- I loved Noel's cryptic — so clean and fair although I often balk at his 14-letter answers.
- Quite tough for a Slot 2, but with immaculate clues. Couldn't find "gater" in the book of words but it has to be, I think.
- A good cryptic. I usually have difficulty with Noel's puzzles but found the going easier and more enjoyable this time.

Alan Walter
Eunice Altman
Catherine Hambling
Ted O'Brien
Tom Phelan
Robina Otrupcek
Jim Colles
Irene Watts

JUNE 3-2001 - CRYPTIC by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- A wonderfully nostalgic Aussie puzzle. Thanks again to Shirl.
- An interesting puzzle — liked the "Banjo" references. 9ac is an excellent clue.
- Isn't Shirl wonderful? Really off-putting with the arrival of the train.
- I thoroughly enjoyed Shirl's *Man From Snowy River* — she does delightful puzzles.
- As long as I can remember, I've had a mental image of a railway station upon hearing the 1st line of *The Man From Snowy River*. At last I've found a use for it!
- Enjoyed this cleverly clued theme.
- How very unfair to cross reference 11ac with 19dn & vice versa. On a brighter note, I loved 9ac.
- I loved the man from Snowy River — very cleverly done. Thank you, Southern Cross.
- How thick can a bloke get? There's a bookie called Colin Tidy, so I put "tidy bags" for 8dn, and then spent a couple of days in a coma. Old Regret sums it all up.
- Another good "Aussie" theme, Shirl; and I know how difficult they are to compile. Loved it!
- The poetry clues were helpful and cleverly woven into Shirl's puzzle. It was quite a masterpiece.

Alan Walter
Catherine Hambling
Ted O'Brien
Roy Wilson
Mal Cockburn
Tom Phelan
Jenny Wenham
Robina Otrupcek
Jim Colles
Col Archibald
Irene Watts

JUNE 4-2001 - ALPHABETICAL JIGSAW by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

- I found this to be the most difficult to solve this month.
- With answers like QUANNET, WILL, DUNG-HUNTER, ENTREPOT, FUNEBRE, ZEBRULE, LYTHRUM, OILLET, NEEDFIRE, XIAMEN and TAYBERRY this AJ was certainly no push-over. Thanks, Joan.
- I thought the AJ the most difficult for many months.
- I found this one the most difficult to complete probably because of the large number of unfamiliar words. I especially liked clues for C and H.
- Boy! did Joan test the local library's resources with this one!! Xiamen sounds more exotic than Amoy, doesn't it?
- Some tricky words here, Joan.
- What a difficult one, Joan! Made more so when the long words could have gone in either way. I don't like this grid for AJs. For JANITOR is ANI a bird? (Yes, see *Chambers*. **M.**)
- This was one of the most difficult and best AJs I have seen. Outstanding.
- I've given up. *Timid Terrier* should be re-named "PIT BULL".
- No sign of timidity here! I found it a tough AJ.
- DIRTY ROTTEN ILLIWHACKER. S-such fun. How many other solvers had the two 11-letter words in each other's places.
- The AJ was 'best in its class'.
- Without a doubt the hardest AJ I have done in a long time. I almost gave up. STONE CURLEW took me forever and I have guessed ZEBRULE for the Z clue. I almost put ZEBRULA because the clue says "not a rubber tree" (ULE) but at the last minute decided that "not a" referred to the animal hence ZEBR + ULE. Hope I have it right.
- I took fright at this one at first but surprised myself by finishing it eventually with a little help from the family.
- This was a beaut. Great clues when you finally got to the bottom of them. The answers for X & W weren't to be found in any references I've got other than good old AxWord. A very satisfying puzzle to do.
- The "Bloody Great Rottie" is at it again. Who needs "Old Timer's Disease" when you can tie your brain in knots doing these! Col Archibald
- AJs are usually my top favourite but Timid Terrier had me growling in anguish. I am not convinced that "dung-hunter" and "stone curlew" are actually birds so I am probably wrong. (Not at all; you get full marks this month. **M.**)

David Procter
Alan Walter
Eunice Altman
Catherine Hambling
Ted O'Brien
Shirl O'Brien
Audrey Ryan
Iain MacDougall
June Parker
Tom Phelan
Bev Solomon
Doug Butler
Jenny Wenham
Irene Watts
Jim Colles
Col Archibald
Robina Otrupcek

JUNE 5-2001 - DOUBLE ACROSTIC by Doreen Witt

- I thought Doreen made a very good Double Acrostic puzzle.
- Doreen, I DOFF my hat to you for your first published DOUBLE-ACROSTIC. I perform this loudly (DOFF) with applause.
- Double acrostics are always fun to do — this one was no exception.
- What sort of books does Doreen read, for heaven's sake?! Your clues helped me recycle this one, Doreen. Thanks!
- Congratulations, Doreen, on your first puzzle, a beauty with lots of good clues. I look forward to many more.
- Congrats, Doreen, on your first acrostic. They are difficult but great fun to compose.
- Good to see Doreen try her hand at setting.
- I'm not a great fan of Double Acrostics but enjoyed this one because of the quality of the clues.
- Thanks for your time, Doreen, spent in setting a double acrostic for us.
- Yet another book I have never heard of, but terrifically fair clues makes solving these possible. I particularly liked the D & V clues. Well done, Doreen. Another please.
- It sounds ILLEGAL to put a sick bird in an AWKWARD.
- Good to see Doreen joining the party with such an entertaining acrostic. Its always interesting to unravel these clues and weave them together. Better still when you agree with it.
- Congratulations to Doreen for giving us a good double acrostic. They must be a devil to compose and not too easy to solve. Irene Watts
- Only one complaint: the "E" clue seems to be using part of the anagram as an anagind, i.e. "used" possibly should have been "used twice". Otherwise a good puzzle.

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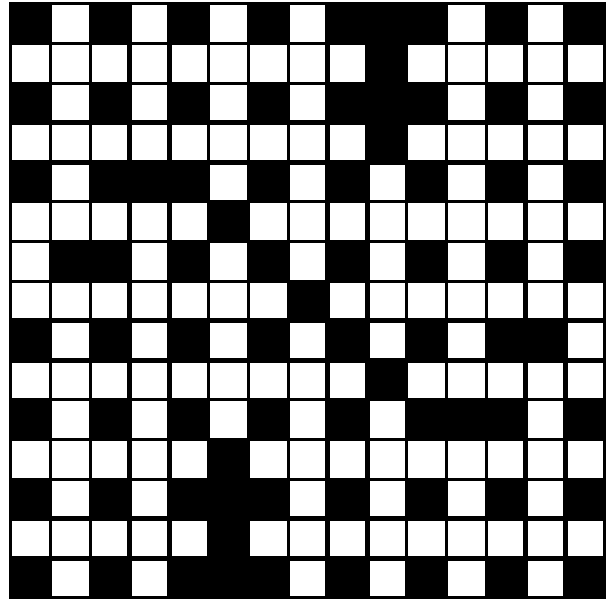
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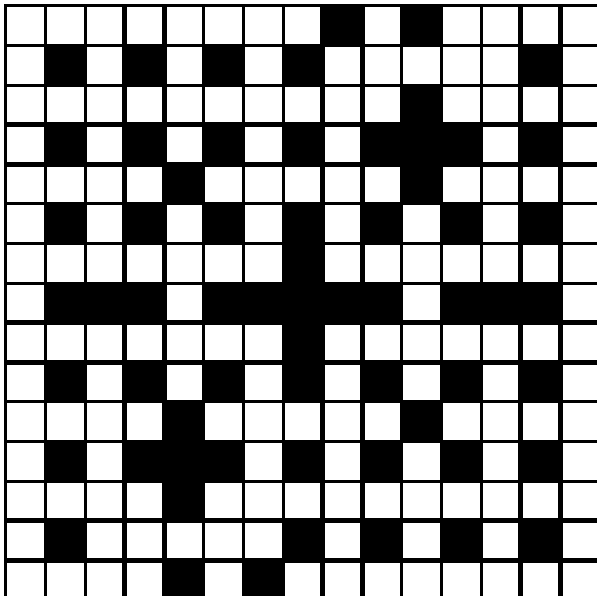
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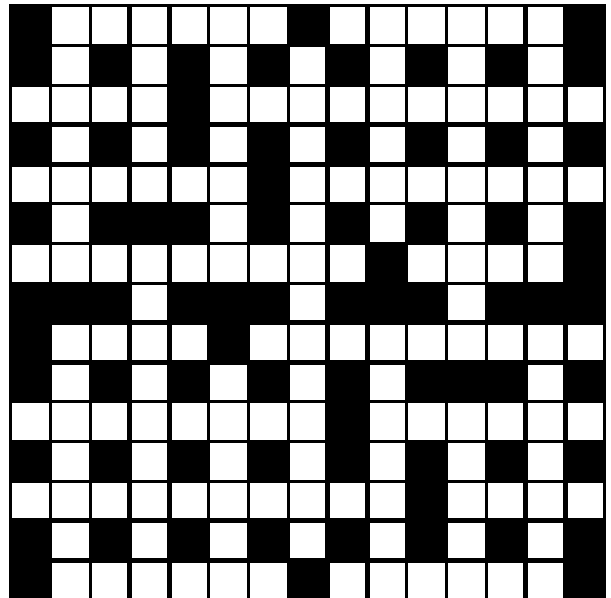
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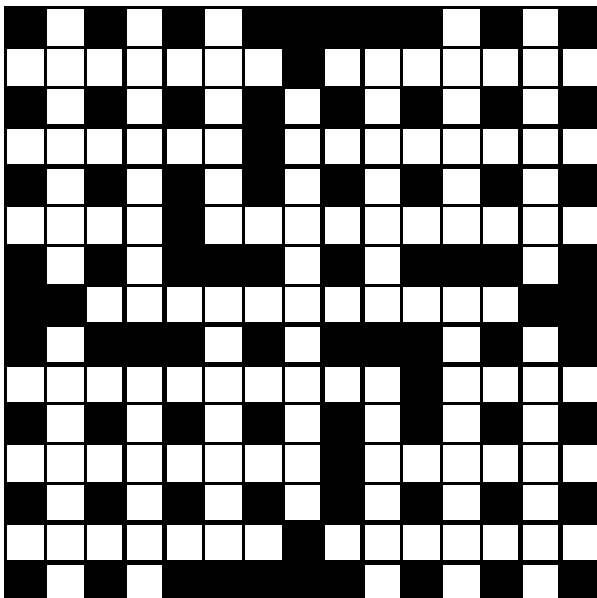
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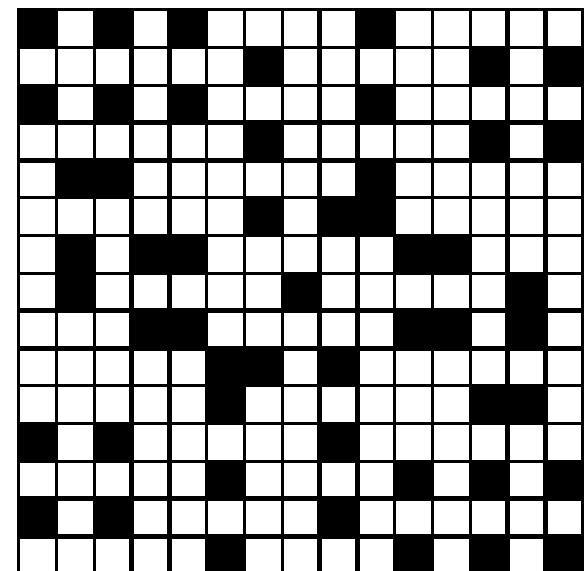
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Author

GENERAL COMMENTS:

A NOTE TO ALL ACROSTIC SETTERS FROM AUDREY RYAN: In fairness to the solver, it is one of the rules that each word in the quotation should have only one letter from any one word in the clue answers. In a difficult acrostic this can be vital.

From Catherine Hambling: Regarding my clue for BOTTOMLESS PIT (May 2 - 2001) I apologise for omitting to look this up in the dictionary. My mother always told me her purse was not a bottomless pit when I requested something that did not fit the family budget! I believe "bottomless cup" is a recent variation of this meaning introduced by the coffee shops. In any case I think I like my mother's interpretation better. Perhaps the dictionaries didn't consult the right people!

CROZWORD COMPENDIUM : We have a few spare copies of the Crozworld Compendium at the remarkably low price of \$3 inc postage. It makes a marvellous gift for anyone interested in crosswords and quizzes. Contact Bev Cockburn for further details.

May 6-2001 — SHOW OF HANDS by Stroz (Patrick Street)

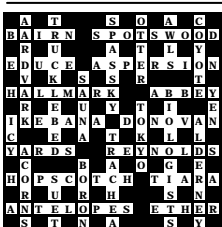
Entries: 49. Correct: 38. Success rate: 77.5%. Prize winner: Bob Hagan. Congratulations!

- This wasn't easy due to the number of unusual words. It wasn't until I had solved the quotation that I got OULKS. Audrey Austin
- How you created this little beauty is beyond my ken! At least the code was easy to decipher. Peter Dearie
- Your teaser is now completed. I hope it is in time to avoid the six o'clock rush. It presented quite a challenge and soaked up a few hours of endeavour (none of them begrudged). Tom Phelan
- Enjoyably difficult as usual. I think you have surpassed your previous offerings with a triple whammy — cryptics, code solving and poetry research. It is always a rewarding puzzle to complete. Bob Hagan
- Thank you for a different and most enjoyable puzzle. Daphne Greening
- Stroz was certainly in fine form with 'Show of Hands'. Thoroughly enjoyed puzzling through this one, Patrick, as is always the case with your original compositions. Jim Colles
- At first I didn't think I had a hope of attempting this puzzle. But slowly some light dawned. I played around with the coding but it turned out to be reasonably simple and very effective. Betty Siegman
- Alleluia! As soon as I got to "The burnt-out ..." I was fine! My dad used to herald many an evening meal with "The winter evening settles down, with smells of steaks in passageways." Del Kennedy
- A very tricky puzzle indeed. Loved EMBARKED turned into BEDMAKER as "plotter". It was a challenge to undo but I loved every minute of the solving. Carole Noble
- Well, what an interesting exercise this was. I thought I'd never finish it but I made quite a bit of progress once I had a few shaded squares filled and played with the code. Jenny Wenham
- Congratulations on a great piece of compilation. How lucky for me that I remember the quote of Eliot's from my ill-spent youth. Not that that really helped — you certainly made us work for every last letter! Betty Cumming
- Thank you for sending me back to TS Eliot and his marvellously evocative words. I enjoyed finding the time even more than I did working out the clues. Margaret Galbreath
- Well, I have completed your puzzle!!! There were times when I thought that I wouldn't. I have spent hours at the local library researching answers and I have used so many resources. Now I'm hoping that I have them all correct. Veniece Lobsey
- Your puzzle really stretched me out, but gradually I filled in the grid and got the message. What beautiful descriptive poetry. I felt a bit burnt out myself by the time I finished it but it was a great feeling to finally crack it. Ron O'Rourke
- Thank you for a most ingenious and challenging puzzle. Catherine Hambling
- I felt extremely smug when I finished your puzzle. When I had a few words from the decoded sentence I finally found the quotation when I looked up 'days'. Eureka! Joan Smith
- Thanks very much for this puzzle, which I greatly enjoyed — particularly when the code fell into place and real English words leapt off the page! This is one of the few Slot 6 puzzles I've managed to finish. At least all the squares are filled in. Denis Coates
- Quite a puzzle! I especially like the twist of having a coded section to refer to a quote which contains the time. Each phase had its own challenges with no shortcuts. Even when I had the answers to the clues, it took me quite some time to work them out. Thank goodness for the Internet which allowed a quick confirmation of the quote and Lawson's poem. Mal Cockburn
- .yldnik uoy knahT Bev Solomon
- Right from the start TS Eliot was in my mind as I struggled with your timepiece — and when I reversed the letters Y-A and saw 'The bu... ' appear I was congratulating myself. I just went ahead and filled in the rest of the quotation (which is one of my favourites for mood setting) humming "Memories" as I did so. What a wonderful puzzle! Ted O'Brien
- What a brilliant concept Show of Hands is! Loved every minute of it! Took me back to the 'mouse ran up the clock', the first one of yours I was able to solve and just as that left me on a 'high', so too did this one. It was a delight. It was also a very cunning alphabetic substitution. My usual approach is to take an oft used letter and regard it as an 'e', the most used letter, if that doesn't work I try the 't'. When neither of those worked I had to do it the hard way. Roy Wilson
- Couldn't figure out who the devil was 'Ida M Tarbell' till I checked the Cambridge Biographical Dictionary and found that she was a muckraking American journalist. Took me at least an 'oulk' to finish this! Col Archibald
- When I had most of the puzzle completed I couldn't work out the code but then 'The burnt out ends of smoky days' wafted up. Many thanks for a great puzzle. The ACC must be the best club in the whole country! Life without it would lose its savor. Shirl O'Brien
- Your Show of Hands was a real stunner! It took me way past six o'clock to completely solve. My dial was deeply furrowed until I finally placed the hands on the face of your grandfather clock. Many thanx for this superb time-bender! Alan Walter

Prelude

The winter evening settles down
 With smells of steaks in passageways.
 Six o'clock.
 The burnt-out ends of smoky days.
 And now a gusty shower wraps
 The grimy scraps
 Of withered leaves about your feet
 And newspapers from vacant lots;
 The showers beat
 On broken blinds and chimney-pots,
 And at the corner of the street
 A lonely cab-horse steams and stamps.
 And then the lighting of the lamps.

TS Eliot



Sincere apologies for publishing the wrong solution for May 1-2001 in the last copy of Crozworld. The error was made by a computer operator whose continued employment is under review. Here is the correct solution.

MEMBER NEWS

We extend a very warm welcome to our newest member: Norma Williamson from Cheltenham, Victoria. Happy Crozworlding, Norma.

Adjudication Adjustments:

Lesly Howard gained ticks for May 1, 3, 4, 5-2001. Marge Pope gained a tick for May 4-2001 but lost a tick for May 3-2001.

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