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As sheer casual reading-matter, I still find the English dictionary the most interesting book in the language.  
Albert Jay Nock, 1943, *Memoirs of a Superfluous Man.*

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We are always deeply appreciative of the sterling work carried out by the Adjudicators. In fact we would be lost without them. Every month they carefully and cheerfully sift through hundreds of grids checking them and accurately recording the results. We say a special thank you to Jim Colles, Col Archibald, Veniece Lobsey, Doreen Jones, Ken Davis and Doug Butler. Also, the Slot 6 adjudicators Roy Wilson, Stef Savannah, Doreen Jones, Jim Colles, Steve Workman, Bev Cockburn and Ian Brown. And the quizmasters Audrey Austin, Ted O'Brien (best of good health again, Ted) and Brian Symons. Thank you.

The Executive Committee has made some changes to the Prize Schedule for the period July-December 2004. Details can be found on page 9. We always appreciate constructive feedback. If you would like to make any comments kindly contact our Secretary Bev Cockburn.

My sincere apologies for the mistake in last month's Slot 4 AJ. It's mystifying how this glitch occurred but every effort will be made in the future to ensure that errors like this are not made. Sorry!

Calling all Victorian Crossworders! We would love to see you at the *Crossmas Cruciverbal* to be held on July 25. It's an early Christmas celebration! See details on page 9.

We present another excellent range of puzzles for you this month starting with a Thematic by the ever-popular *Virgo*, cryptics by 'Mr Crossword' Noel Jessop and *The Beast*, an orthodox AJ by *Southern Cross* and a warm welcome back to *Praxis* who has given us *Just a Thought*. Doug 'Mr AxWord' Butler completes the round with an Elementary Cryptogram. Many thanks to the compilers for their valued contributions. Happy Crozworlding!  
—Patrick

**Slot 1:** ESKAR and ESKER equally acceptable but couldn't find NEGOS as alternative to NEGUS (though Oxford records NEGOOS and NEGUZ). Other problems were LE PAZ, GRAZED, BUY IN, KEY ON, GOBBING, DECALS, RABBETS.

**Slot 2:** Loved TABLE OF JOTTINGS but alas no dot. EERIE a weird alternative to EYRIE. EYING was off and OBETOA, OCEANA, OLEDEA, OMENTA and the many OBEHCA's not accepted for OBELIA.

**Slot 3:** TENDERISER, TENDERIZER both accepted but TANGERINES not. VANILLEINE, VANILLA (or VANILLE) ICE no substitute for CAPILLAIRE. RHODONITE, ILLITE are minerals but don't fit their clues. DIOS, DUOS, LOESSAL fail also. SPHERE, FORMICATE, FORMICINE, FORMICING were close guesses that a quick check in Chambers would have put right.

**Slot 4:** Because the wrong grid was published, those 3 who had every other slot correct and left this one blank were given a free dot so their cumulatives would not be affected (but not candidates for the month's prize draw). COBLENZ is OK synonym for KOBLENZ but KO'd by the clue. Other errors were HALIDON, MALIDOM, HASAPAM, MACADAM, CARIBOU, PLUSHEST, RETROVERSED, BLUETIT, TIMARAU.

**Slot 5:** KLANG didn't ring a bell, ERNE is no goose, COMMORANT is a word but isn't a bird, CONEY, BONER, TINEA off the theme. MERL, MESH, LENS didn't fit the clue, KOOL was a brand of cigarette not an indifferent company and couldn't pay DIME. And those with FIBRE had, alas, lost the thread.

In the above I've omitted a number of transcription errors that probably would have been avoided by following the excellent precept of filling in the DOWN answers first. And it's good policy to write your name on the back of the envelope as insurance against not having labelled your entry or (as happened this month) the sheet falling out of the envelope somewhere in the labyrinths of Australia Post.

Anyone who's undertaken what Patrick calls 'this pleasant job' knows the extensive thoughtful notes provided by Alan Walter. His indefatigable support for the highest standards of the Club are particularly appreciated by this adjudicator.

Accidents like the Slot 4 grid this month and previous errors of numbering etc, while rare, are a blemish on the magazine and largely preventable. Why shouldn't puzzle setters be given their own creations to proofread as a matter of course? This would put the onus on the person with the greatest incentive for accuracy.

**COTM:** Despite universal approval for TT's Ximenes, the star clues were all in Slots 1-4. Noel's TABBY CAT and BOA were popular, *Makeanote's* VIOLA, *Aeolian's* IOLITE and *Virgo's* COGNAC all scored well, but her POTHOOK was a clear winner. Of the 20 clues nominated for COTM, not one of them was missed by anyone. There's a moral there were I clever enough to see it!  
—Doug Butler

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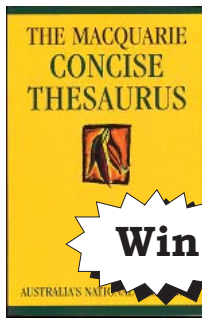
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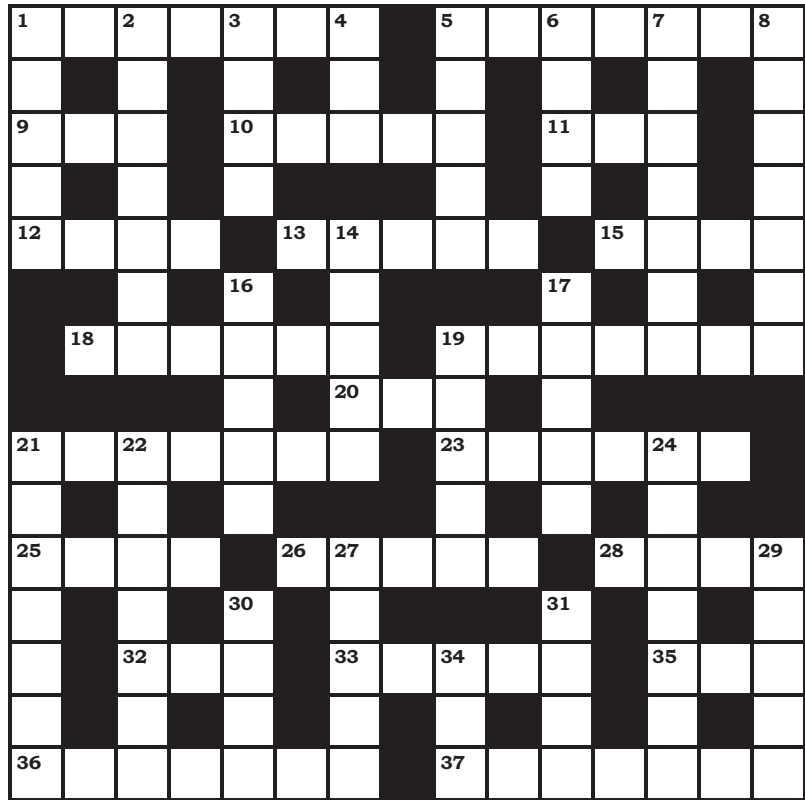
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**Thematic**  
**by**  
**Virgo**



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Down words are clued differently. All have something in common.

**Across**

- 1 Pliable; yielding (7)
- 5 Withdraw a competitor from a race (7)
- 9 Transparent resin (3)
- 10 Touch gently; elbow (5)
- 11 At a distance (3)
- 12 Norse God of Thunder (4)
- 13 First name of terrorist Bin Laden (5)
- 15 First name of actress Moore, star of *G.I. Jane* (4)
- 18 Near-sightedness (6)
- 19 201 metres or one-eighth of a mile (7)
- 20 Sesame (3)
- 21 One snatched and held in captivity (7)
- 23 Seizes position of another (6)
- 25 A strong cart for transporting heavy goods (4)
- 26 Carousal (5)
- 28 A defect (4)
- 32 In favour of (3)
- 33 Divine messenger (5)
- 35 Tea (3)
- 36 Type of photography that shows the subject's aura on the negative (7)
- 37 Love affair (7)

**Down**

- 1 Sky (5)
- 2 Paste (7)
- 3 Flaked (4)
- 4 Cape (3)
- 5 Count (5)
- 6 Neck (4)
- 7 Boat (7)
- 8 Albert (7)
- 14 Board (5)
- 16 Jack (5)
- 17 Quintet (5)
- 19 Lucky (5)
- 21 Finnan (7)
- 22 Finger (7)
- 24 Brief (7)
- 27 Raw (5)
- 29 Blue (5)
- 30 New Zealand (4)
- 31 Bake (4)
- 34 Pike (3)

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Closing mail date: Friday 6 August 2004.

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**Cryptic**  
**by**  
**Noel Jessop**



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**Across**

- 1 Fellow quiet about oil preparation for the ballet (7)
- 5 Fill out hair's security device (7)
- 9 Surprised expression about weekend cringe (5)
- 10 Exuberant English animal that's not disheartened? (9)
- 11 The sailor to stop account after clean representation? (8, 4)
- 14 Animals chewed oranges (7)
- 15 Doctor sells skating manoeuvres (7)
- 16 Thea sinensis in late April (3)
- 17 Custodians in castle by royal square (7)
- 19 Company to direct return about it's old assemblies (7)
- 21 Animals bolt, except unknown followers (7, 5)
- 25 Knock around with right independent roguish old man (9)
- 26 English lies written about a woman (5)
- 27 Woman taking time with returned senior sufferers (7)
- 28 Fire up anew, concerning moderate (7)

**Down**

- 1 Distant sections support black hair (4-6)
- 2 Wave following established usage of criminal (10)
- 3 A fellow, mature, gets right of pasture (7)
- 4 Trade is in its impractical folk (9)
- 5 Sound fruit bought first (5)
- 6 A woman held Ali casually (7)
- 7 Do as told and exist in ordinary surroundings (4)
- 8 Famous shrew's fashioned teak (4)
- 12 Giggling about women's nervous flutter (10)
- 13 Ten men scrape off a steep slope (10)
- 15 Massachusetts vehicle hurt poor early settler (9)
- 18 Eastern law officer leads the metropolis in gluttony (7)
- 20 Married ladies upset by wrong distribution (7)
- 22 Barbara takes in right to make cutting remarks (5)
- 23 Faces rise of luncheon meat (4)
- 24 Top player helps to make most artistic (4)

**Provisional Cumulative Prizewinners Slots 1-5 Jan-Jun 2004 (subject to confirmation):**


**Perfect score:** Col Archibald, Ann Jermy, Carole Noble, Ron O'Rourke, Joan Smith, Brian Symons and Roy Wilson.

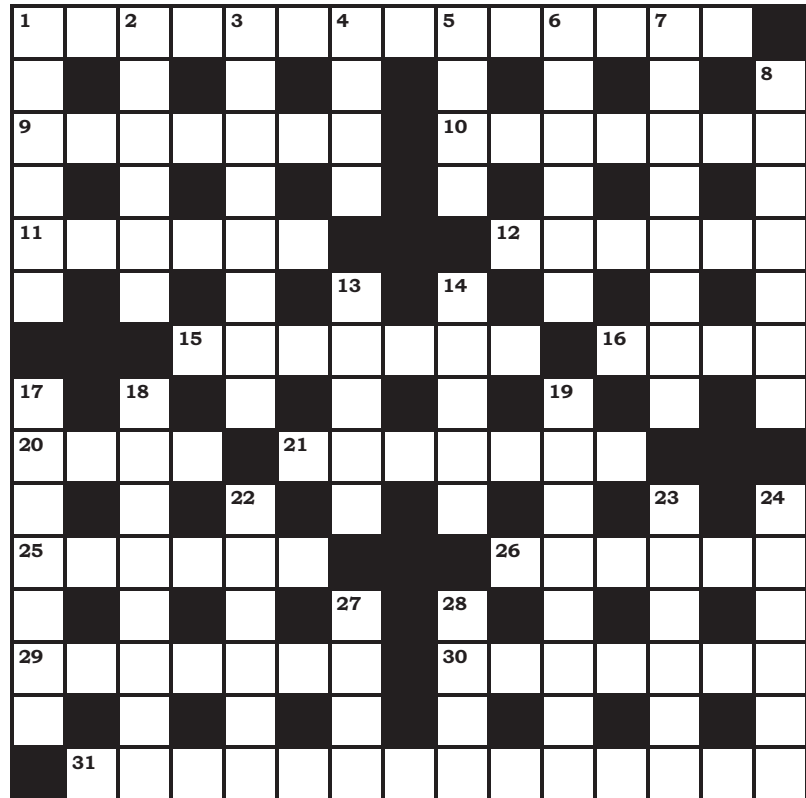
**One less than perfect:** Bill Bennett, Bev Cockburn, Mal Cockburn, Doreen Jones, Shirl O'Brien, David Procter, Audrey Ryan, Bev Solomon and Alan Walter.

Congratulations to these champion solvers.

**GET WELL SOON!**

Ted O'Brien is about to undergo a double bypass in Sydney's Prince of Wales Hospital. Best wishes for a speedy recovery Ted.

J U L Y   2 0 0 4   S L O T   3
<b>Cryptic</b> by <b>The Beast</b>




Across clues have no definition. All these answers have a common theme.

**Across**

- 1 Dog trainer? (9, 5)
- 9 Two openers level out (7)
- 10 Great kerfuffle after tea (7)
- 11 Left with gold (6)
- 12 In gaol to correct our errant ways (6)
- 15 & 16 Rope rings for stay-sails found in the ship with twenty-five quid (7, 4)
- 16 See 15
- 20 Soft butter (4)
- 21 Race back after her, say (4, 3)
- 25 & 26 Type of blind fish (6, 6)
- 26 See 25
- 29 Cocaine runner? (4-3)
- 30 Follow our leading lady (7)
- 31 Girl with very little money (5, 9)

**Down**

- 1 Waffle on indistinctly about shot in the wind (6)
- 2 Past partner has first pregnancy and will get bigger (6)
- 3 To lead a revolutionary is a real problem (8)
- 4 Gardener's beautiful exhibit included furze and gorse (4)
- 5 Bob may be a whistler! (4)
- 6 Pastor at ordination embraces speaker (6)
- 7 Pinch some space and you may eat there! (4, 4)
- 8 Levels aggregate in enclosures (7)
- 13 Cruise around the north. But it's slow going (5)
- 14 Grey black ex tennis pro has new start (5)
- 17 Keep down a sort of rum crowd (7)
- 18 Music maker found in central Qld – PC 4680 (8)
- 19 A convict may have got one for a hostile reaction (8)
- 22 Bible reading while wearing fewer clothes perhaps (6)
- 23 Plant's rooting stem was knocked off, I'm told (6)
- 24 Fixes three as experts will do (6)
- 27 Headless corpse causes a fight (4)
- 28 Be featured, but sometimes seen to fail (4)

**NICELY PUT ...**

• Many thanks for the *Chambers Encyclopedia* prize I received for *Virgo's Pop Groove* puzzle. The book is very nice though I have only just been able to retrieve it from my husband! I like the set up of the book as it is so easy to find the subject you are looking for.

*Joan Smith*

• I am absolutely delighted with the *Oxford Crossword Dictionary* and have already found it helpful for this month's puzzles. I think we are going to have to build an extra room if I go on acquiring reference books — this house is too small! When I received the cheque for April's Slot 6 – all my Christmases have come at once! Perhaps I ought to rush out and buy a lottery ticket. Thank you very much indeed.

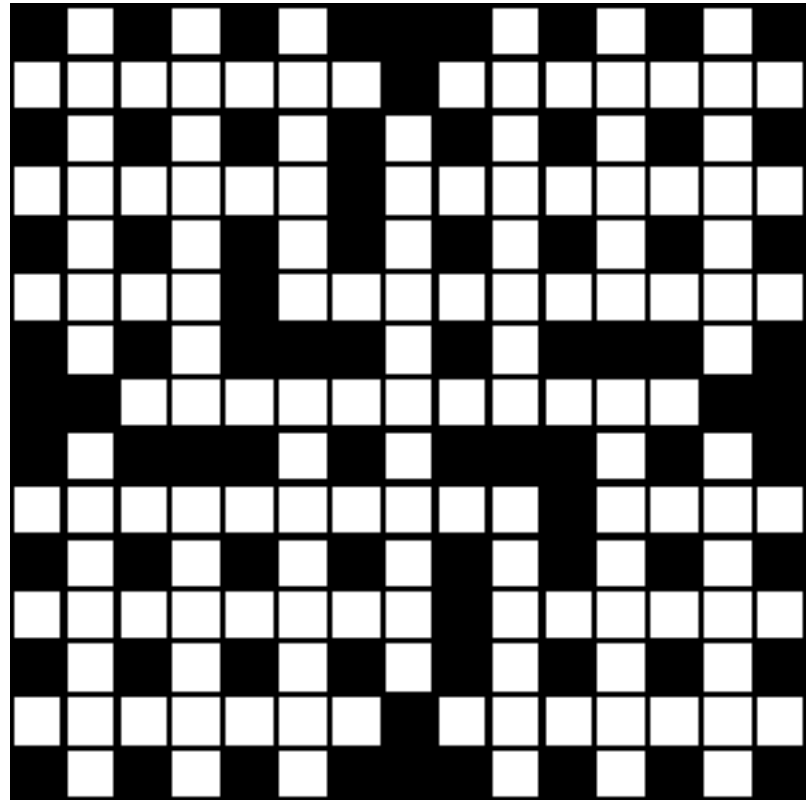
*Margaret Davis*

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**AJ**  
by  
**Southern**  
**Cross**



Fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter.



- A** A certain kind of humour? The ayes, as they say, have it (7)
- B** Band includes another by holding united charity sale (5-3-3)
- C** Crafty amateur gap-finder? (10)
- D** One disdaining to disperse as ordered (8)
- E** West comes back about times for test (4)
- F** Wild about journalist being concerned with central government (7)
- G** Lasting three minutes in the boxing ring by circulating? (5, 6)
- H** Upraises (Hills possibly) (6)
- I** Demand tavern toss one roughly inside (6, 2)
- J** What we all want with Scotch on the rocks (7)
- K** Thumps Church of Scotland founder, so to speak (6)
- L** Look at animal Edward found (7)
- M** Inquiring after leader of mutineers in hiding (7)
- N** Poles holding on – second has a special type of coating (3-5)
- O** Veteran possibly attached to Albert? (3-5)
- P** Forcefully excluding back-up, part of leg having painful swelling (7, 3)
- Q** Particular amount making London fashion designer hesitate (7)
- R** Heading out of scrub, Richard’s unharmed (6)
- S** Escort isn’t finished with paper twists (7)
- T** Provide shelter for fool (4, 2)
- U** Pressurise American army to capture enemy’s leader (3, 5)
- V** He could be in after 5 collecting a little money (7)
- W** Section of orchestra would sound warning (8)
- X** Uncle from US returns to The Cross for a short holiday period (4)
- Y** Why, say, a group of fliers is deviating from a direct course (6)
- Z** Agent returning with US postal code’s opening and closing device (6)

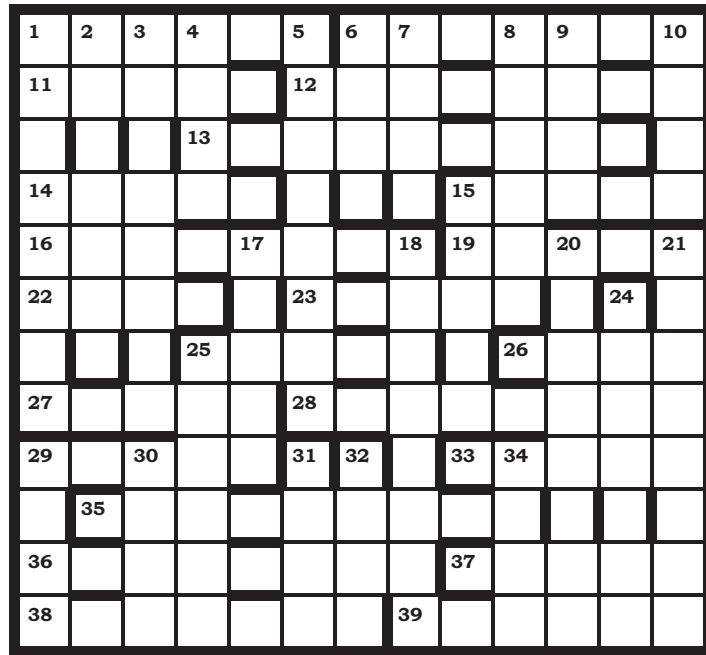


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**Just a Thought  
by  
Praxis**



[2001 ed  
rrp \$69.95]




Unclued lights set out one of life's little truisms.  
Recommend Chambers and Macquarie Dictionaries.

**Across**

- 1 Plants, from a hill in island's interior (6)
- 6 (7, two words)
- 11 Adjust aged spines (5)
- 12 The sense to keep diamonds shows he's married (8)
- 13 (9, two words)
- 14 This year engineers start to make a sacred place (5)
- 15 Ken denied Northern girl the large tub (5)
- 16 Pigeons flew, keeping direction for followers (8)
- 19 Fantastic figure! French left distraught (5)
- 22 Joe's starting with a small measure; one glass? (4)
- 23 (5)
- 25 (5)
- 26 Cycle part of the patrol leisurely (4)
- 27 They agree with you once oriental's on board (5)
- 28 Re transport; it's commonsense to grab the first (8)
- 29 Old treat; from a past age, it's said (5)
- 33 A habit over time's discarded in believer (5)
- 35 (9)
- 36 They'll fence bombed sites after marine's final exercises (8)
- 37 Magician (not popular) gets direction for her (5)
- 38 Islands are in turmoil, surrounded by enemies (7)
- 39 Contracted partners prepared to drive around (6)

**Down**

- 1 (8, three words)
- 2 Decorate cloth – take off runs (7)
- 3 (8, two words)
- 4 Sam's first to get time! Bias perhaps? (4)
- 5 A fastener – helix's cut by hoe (4-4)
- 6 Louts! They're hard up – without a penny (4)
- 7 Spite hard and mischievous goddess (4)
- 8 Pearl requires books contain nothing French (6)
- 9 Soviet leader left out reversal in iron (4)
- 10 Spenser's past, the old try to enter (4)
- 15 NZ forest/tucker surrounds the old place (5)
- 17 Old order gutted sole – large (5)
- 18 GI's set, go fix the most waterlogged (8)
- 20 (8, two words)
- 21 Clean CID roasted? (8)
- 24 Plastic lip's broken on can (7)
- 25 It receives a signal for Horatio? (6)
- 29 Object! Busline's first with the raised fare (4)
- 30 Local duck species: sight about a thousand (4)
- 31 Most of the poem's in this language (4)
- 32 Amphibians lift the metal way up (4)
- 34 Deity scored perfectly? (4)

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<b>An Elementary Cryptogram</b> by <i>dB</i>


### On Cryptograms

I don't think the ACC has published a cryptogram before and no doubt the one I have compiled for this month's Slot 6 will find both detractors and enthusiasts. If you've never tried before, keep an open mind and give it a go.

If you do cryptograms (as I did back in the Ferret days of *Nation Review*) it's a doddle, far easier than the usual Slot 6.

The essential for solving cryptograms is knowledge that most common letters in English writing are ETAIONSH though not necessarily in that order. The fun is in determining their order in a particular sentence, using lots of little deductions like the unlikelihood of encountering AA II HH, the unlikelihood of HT compared with TH etc. Like crosswords, it's a battle of wits but always solvable by the determined.

If you'd like to find out more on code-making and breaking, I can thoroughly recommend *The Codebreakers* by David Kahn (Weidenfeld and Nicholson 1973).

—Doug Butler

The following sentence has been encoded by a simple substitution cipher, each letter always and uniquely replaced by the same single letter. Text reads left to right full row, top to bottom. The black squares have no significance apart from breaking up the text into manageable units. Punctuation (including spaces) has been omitted. An equivalent chart is included for the convenience of solvers, with unused equivalents already inserted. Solvers should use their knowledge of English to find the original text, which will constitute the solution, not the grids or chart. Solvers may gain some satisfaction from identifying the source, but no extra marks. *dB*

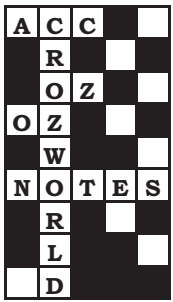
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**CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2004**

The Annual Victorian Get-together this year will be "Xmas in July" to be held at noon on Sunday 25th July at the Heritage Room, Bruce County Motel, 445 Blackburn Road, Mt. Waverley, which is conveniently situated adjacent to the South Eastern Freeway. Cost for the three-course lunch is \$33. Bookings and enquiries to Valerie Howard, 2/22 Gloucester Street, Mt. Waverley. Telephone (03) 9808 4392 by 16th July please. Cheques payable to ACC.

**DIARY DATE:** The ACC's Annual Get-Together will be held at Rydges Hotel, North Sydney on Sunday 21 November 2004. Make a note in your diary to join us on this Special Occasion.

**Prize Schedule from July - December 2004:**

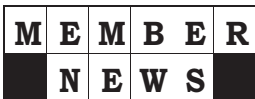
Because the same very clever members of our club continue to share the cumulative prizes while so many others miss out each month, we have decided, for the next half of the year anyway, to have two prizes of \$50 each month for slots 2, 3 and 4 and dispense with the cumulative prizes. This way more members can receive prizes. Those with perfect or near perfect scores will still be published and acknowledged. At the end of the year we will review the results and any feedback we get as to whether we will continue this arrangement or reinstate the cumulative prizes. Slot 6 will remain with a \$100 prize and the book prizes will be continued.

**Best Wishes to Carole and Len Noble:** Len has had 2 moderate heart attacks recently and has been admitted to the Royal North Shore Hospital. Although Len is connected up to several fluid intakes & a heart monitoring device he is in remarkably good spirits. His doctor said that he will determine when to schedule an operation for a multiple bypass operation when it is deemed appropriate. We all send Len & Carole our best wishes for Len's speedy and successful recovery.



**NEW WORD GAME:** *Weave Words* is designed to be relaxing yet mentally stimulating and challenges the player to uncover a series of hidden well-known phrases and sayings. By using the available tiles on the board, the player must create words of three or more letters in length. When a word is made, letters from the word can be used to try to uncover parts of the hidden phrase. Once a phrase is discovered,

the player can attempt to solve the puzzle. If the answer is correct, the phrase is revealed and the player can move on to the next challenge. A total of 2250 popular phrases are included covering over a dozen diverse and interesting subjects such as Memorable quotes, Famous authors and Food and drink. As an added bonus, *Weave Words* also includes a tool to allow interested players to create and share their own phrases, based on whatever subjects they desire. Built with the principle of "Simple concept, engaging gameplay", *Weave Words* is designed to offer a fun and rewarding experience for both word game enthusiasts and gaming novices alike. Interested players can visit the official *Weave Words* website at [www.weavewords.com](http://www.weavewords.com) where they can download a free game demo, or buy the full game for \$19.95(US).



**Diamond Jubilee!** Our sincere congratulations to **Lorna** and **Don Waites** who celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 8 June.

We extend our sincere sympathy to

**Betty Siegman** whose husband passed away recently and to **Roy Wilson** whose mother died recently.

**Puzzle Adjustments:** Bev Solomon lost a dot for April 6-2004.

**Acknowledgement:** Many thanks to *The Courier-Mail* for kind permission to publish AJ by *Southern Cross* (July4/2004).

**From Derek Harrison (UK Crossword centre):**

"Last summer saw the publication of the 2003 *Chambers Dictionary* and at the Edinburgh launch Managing director, Maurice Shepherd promised a CD-ROM version in 2004. My contact at Chambers assures me that the CD is still expected for this autumn. When I spoke to Siri Hansen, Data Manager she said that the CD-ROM version of the dictionary would have search functions for words with question marks representing unknown letters."

**CEO - Chief Empty Officer (from Mike Potts)**

A young executive was leaving the office of a major corporation late one evening when he found the CEO himself standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand. Eager to make a good impression, the young exec introduced himself and asked if he could be of any help. "Why yes," said the CEO, holding up the piece of paper. "This is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary has gone for the night. Can you make this thing work?" "Certainly," said the young executive, happy for a chance to help the boss. The young man turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button. "Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine. "I'll need two copies."

**MENDING CHAIRS**

When you're flicking between channels at 2am (as one does when waiting for the tennis/golf/Grand Prix to commence) you will occasionally land on an 'infomercial'. Don't worry, this is inevitable! I was alerted to this universal truth by David Stickley in a recent *Stickler*. His 1dn clue (13 letters) anagrammed SEARCHING MIND with MERCHANDISING! *Steve Workman*

**Results of 14th Anniversary Quiz**

**Winner:** Valerie Howard. Congratulations!

**Scores: 14:** B Bennett, B Cockburn, V Dinham, P Garner, D Greening, C Hambling, Y Haselden, V Howard, A Jermy, J King, C Noble, R O'Rourke, D Procter, B Siegman, J Smith, J Stocks, B Symons, S Trollope and J Wenham. **13:** Y Ainsworth, J Barbour, C Foster, C McClelland, P Mercer, M Procter, B Solomon, N Storey, C Wilcox and Anon (Scullin ACT). **12:** A Walter. **11:** P Dearie, B Ibbott and I Watts.

**Answers:** 1 President Woodrow Wilson 2 The Stations of the Cross 3 King Louis XIV of France 4 Dame Enid Lyons 5 The Storming of the Bastille, Paris 6 Psalm 53 7 1853-57 8 Leonardo Da Vinci; Michelangelo; Raphael 9 Georges Clemenceau 10 Abraham - David 11 Chad 12 Herbert Asquith 13 Indiana 14 The Sinking of *Titanic*.

**Quizmaster's Comments:** Because of my indisposition I have omitted most of the comments which were mainly positive.

No. 4: Dame Zara Holt married Jeff Bate (no 's'). This question caused most comment. 25 persons have held the position of Prime Minister in Australia but there have been 30 Prime Ministerships. Alfred Deakin was 2nd (1903-04) and 5th (1905-08) and 7th (1909-10); Andrew Fisher was 6th (1905-09) 8th (1910-13) and 10th (1914-15) and Robert Menzies 16th (1939-41) and 21st (1949-1966), Thus Joseph Lyons was 14th Prime Minister. Ref: *The Prime Ministers of Australia*, Michael Page, Robertsbridge Pty Ltd, 1988.

No 5: I thought PARIS was a reasonable inclusion here, particularly these days when young people's knowledge of history is pretty limited.

No 7: The answer required was the years of the 14th presidency not the President's life span.

No 12: Harold Wilson was Prime Minister of Britain 1964-70 and 1974-76.

If Anon of Scullin ACT lets me know who he is, the score will be attributed. May I suggest that if you have personalised mail stickers you put one of them on your answer sheet. Some remarked how hard the Quiz was. I can assure you that it is not half as hard as finding questions to fit the Anniversary No and still give a reasonable chance of completion and be challenging and entertaining. Wait till you get No 17! Thank you all for participating and especially Barbara Ibbott for a most beautiful Tasmanian scenic card.

—Ted O'Brien aka *Neir B'Odet*

## June 1-2004: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- A nice relaxing lead in, to the mind bogglingers that follow!
- A nice starter from Noel. I have awarded him my vote for COTM with TABBYCAT.
- A good opener to the month's work.
- A nice warmup from Noel. Nothing too difficult there.
- A difficult No1 puzzle. It required a good deal of general knowledge. I was almost brought undone by 46ac.
- Noel is the only one I know who does things by halves and succeeds!
- Liked 38dn – Necktie may constrict a little (3) = BOA. Clever and humorous clue.
- Slot 1 takes first place for ingenious clueing – particularly NEOPHYTE.
- Noel as always is a pleasure to solve.
- Dare we accuse NJ of an indirect anagram? Never! Only a miserable nitpicker would suggest that 27dn was such.

Col Archibald  
Audrey Austin  
Catherine Hambling  
Margaret Davis  
Irene Watts  
Ted O'Brien  
Alan Walter  
Max Roddick  
Bob Hagan  
Jim Colles

## June 2-2004: Cryptic by Makeanote (Ian Brown)

• Too many 'reflex' answers here, couldn't see any cryptic connections in 1ac, 1dn, 28ac, OBELIA I could only find in COED and Webster's and is an animal not a plant! FRANCA I found in Britannica Atlas but not our regular references. A study of Afrit's injunction is recommended!!

- Unsure of FLAVIA, OBELIA – needed another intersecting letter – see Jessop's Injunction.
- Some very good clues but OBELIA are not plants but animals and is ATCHOO a word?
- OBELIA was an unfair word to use, not being in any of our 3 club reference dictionaries. Furthermore, they are not plants but a marine colony belonging to the class of Hydrozoa.
- I've put in OBEHCA, hoping it exists in some reference book I haven't got (wish it were so - dB).
- (similar comments from Ken Davis, Doreen Jones, Aileen Skillicorn)
- I'm not really keen on 1dn if I'm right. Eventually I found OBELIA in a rather battered Encyclopaedia of Marine Life in our local library. Not in any dictionary to which I had access.
- I liked this puzzle and the grid with its 15-letter answers and no words less than 5 letters in length. A very enjoyable exercise all round.
- Quite enjoyable. Solving the 15-letter words was helpful to the rest. Some rather remote words, e.g. OBELIA, FRANCA. Irene Watts
- This puzzle had some good clues but was spoilt by having a word in the clue also appearing in the solution (1dn) and having a 15 letter solution with only 5 checked characters.
- Can't we ban grids which have a 15-letter word with 10 letters unchecked?
- Although 24ac was my COTM, there are a number of other clues which I find less than satisfactory. Was it Ximenes who said that when you see the answer you should be able to see why it is correct? 1dn and 17ac are the two principal offenders. Margaret Davis
- Once on the track, I enjoyed this puzzle although the clues were a bit vague. I could not read the cryptic message at all in 17ac, and 21dn (ATCHOO) was a funny way to spell it.

Col Archibald  
Audrey Austin  
Brian Symons  
Alan Walter  
Max Roddick

Ted O'Brien

Jim Colles

Irene Watts  
Catherine Hambling

Audrey Ryan

Margaret Davis

Catherine (Kate) Foster

## June 3-2004: Rocks to Riches by Aeolian (Max Roddick)

- Good thematic, hard to compile at the best of times, had no problems with this one.
- I enjoyed finding all the precious gems.
- Some great words, especially amongst the conventional clues.
- A GEM puzzle! 14dn had me puzzled till I found that papain is an enzyme from papaw used as a TENDERISER.
- Seems like another half and half puzzle. I dips me lid to anyone who comes up with a theme crossword as good as this one. Tricky until the theme dawns, with very neat clues.
- Amazing to get all those rocks into one puzzle. I enjoyed this one although I'm not a fan of conventional clues. Catherine Hambling
- An interesting theme puzzle. CINNAMON STONE was a new one to me.
- Being in Broken Hill, I went around to the Geology and Mineral Museum which assisted greatly with Aeolian's Rocks to Riches. TENDERISER had me for a day or two.
- With the theme discovered from AGATE and OLIVINE, and with a list of minerals available, I proceeded well. However, 7dn had me reeling (Scottish of course) ... until I remembered DOOK, from 'put up your dukes'. Hope I'm right.
- I liked 6ac and 12ac but I'm not sure about 7dn (DOOK).

Col Archibald  
Audrey Austin  
Brian Symons

Alan Walter

Jim Colles

Catherine Hambling

Margaret Davis

Bill Bennett

Irene Watts

Catherine (Kate) Foster

## June 4-2004: AJ by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Once I figured that the grid was wrong but the solution grid was correct earplugs were recommended within earshot! Col Archibald
- An interesting ploy used this month in an effort to make the ZJ a little more difficult, but I eventually cracked it. Roy Wilson
- The clues were excellent and I had 24 answers with nowhere to go when by chance I stumbled on the correct grid. John Standard
- An excellent AJ made almost impossible by the foul-up with the incorrect grid being published. I was almost beside myself when I stumbled across the solution to the problem. Catherine Hambling
- Once I realised there was a grid error life became easier. Trust Audrey to turn an 'emergence' into an 'emergency'. Margaret Davis
- The error here emphasises the need for a vigilant Editorial Committee to vet every puzzle before use in Crozworld. Ted O'Brien
- I nominate Slot 4 as STDM (Spot the Deliberate Mistake). Yvonne Ainsworth
- My Virgo Voodoo Doll is really coping it this week! I know it must be me but ... William Ryan
- (David Grainger, Gwenda Prewett, Valerie Howard and Margaret Galbreath had similar sentiments)
- A tough AJ. I cannot understand the R clue. (nor me - dB) Brian Symons
- I presume the '19th lookalike' in K refers to the letter 'S'. Alan Walter
- I thought POTHOOK was particularly subtle. Bill Bennett
- Loved COGNAC; my choice for COTM. Max Roddick
- Thanks to Virgo, who always gives fair clues. Audrey Ryan
- I liked the K and H clues. Catherine (Kate) Foster
- An AJ can be difficult to solve when you assume that the designated letter is the first letter of the answer and not the last. It becomes more doable, but no much, when the instruction is read properly. Very enjoyable. Should be more of this type. Jim Colles
- Alphabetical by Virgo. 'Good' I thought, only to be put off by seeing the last not the first, were arranged alphabetically. Grr!! How I hate them! Eventually I solved most of them but found they wouldn't fit the grid. At last I phoned friend Joan Smith. She said she had found the 'good grid' would take the words. O dear! How annoying! How frustrating! Irene Watts

## June 5-2004: Nature Study by Timid Terrier (Joan Smith)

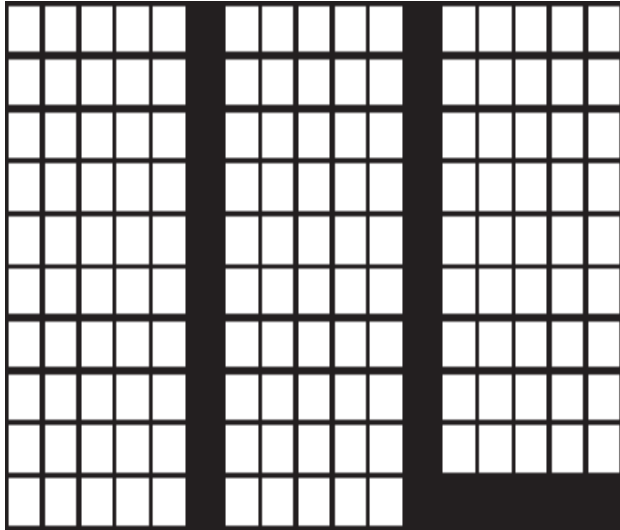
- The 'bloody great roddy' must be in her dotage; this was by far the easiest puzzle I have seen set by her! As a treat I'm sending her some jellied bones – much easier to chew with no teeth! Col Archibald
- Perfect! Isn't Timid Terrier a good cluer! Audrey Austin
- Our Timid Terrier is turning into a positive pussy cat! Nice one Joan. Margaret Davis
- 24dn could have been theme (a). Brian Symons
- A very enjoyable puzzle about the Birds and Bees. 28ac needs an indicator for the US spelling for FIBRE. Alan Walter
- When the birds and the bees get together something interesting is bound to pop up. In this case it's a very entertaining crossword, with TT being more than usually benevolent with her clues. Jim Colles
- Another good puzzle made unnecessarily difficult by the omission of any explanation regarding the themes. It must be hard for new solvers who are unfamiliar with the format. Catherine Hambling
- Well named and well executed B & B. Ted O'Brien
- One short word made me think hard – and so did all the others! Thanks Joan, for the brain exercise! Max Roddick

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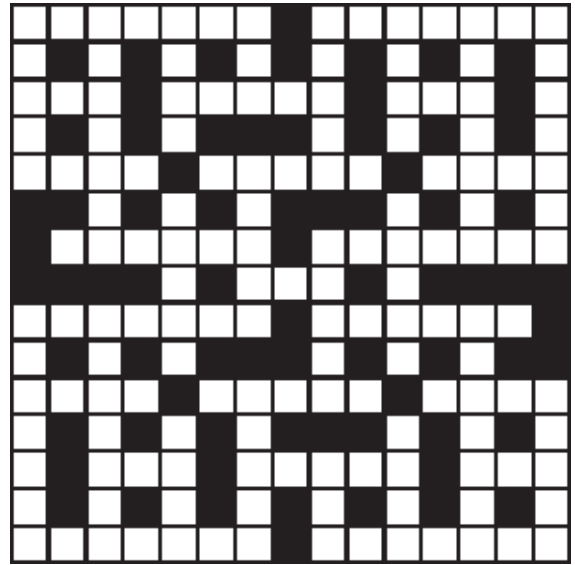


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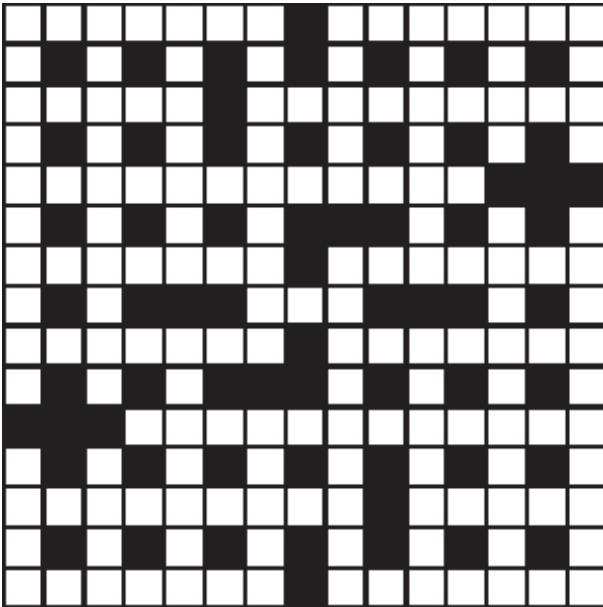


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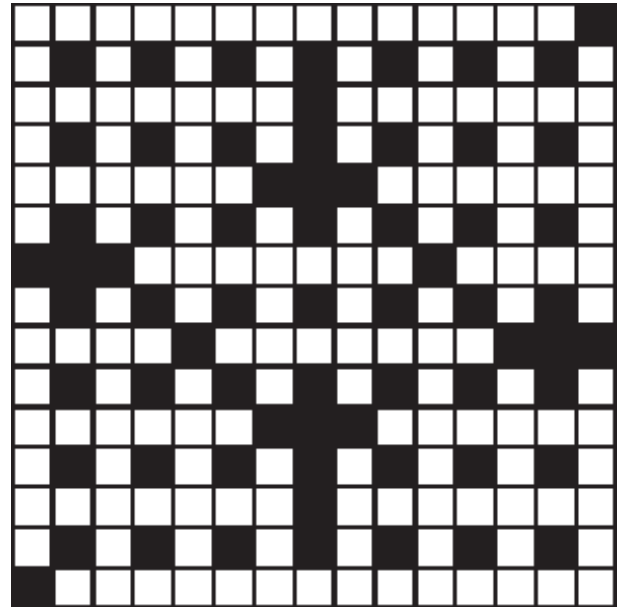


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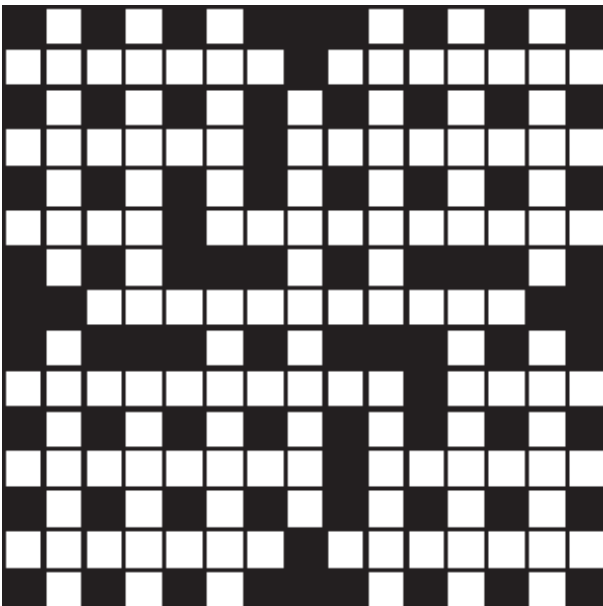
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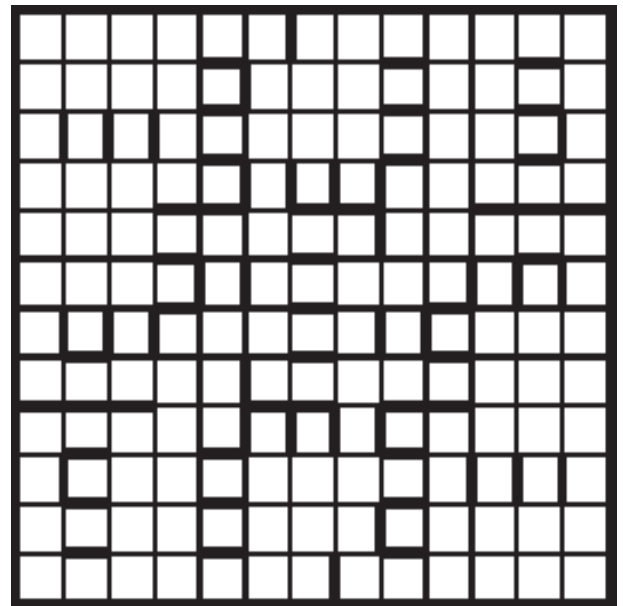
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**May 6-2004 - Puzzle With Additives by Makeanote (Ian Brown). Winner: Bob Hagan (Well done!)**

**Entries received: 21. Correct: 18.**

**Adjudicator's Comments:**

In commenting on the responses and efforts of members towards this puzzle, I firstly wish to empathise with those who found this 'considerably challenging'. It surprised me a little to receive some rather vehement feedback on the useless and senseless difficulty the puzzle entailed, and this less than one week after *Crozworld* had arrived to these people. Still, it is important to strive to compile puzzles that cater for the good of the many, as well as maintaining the integrity of puzzledom.

The word 'EQUA' which some people found difficult to locate [EQUA is the latin word for 'mare'] was questioned as EVUA, but according to the clues given (again a pain to some), V was not a permitted letter.

So now down to business and an explanation of the clues. The grid was symmetrical, with black grid points and letters encrypted with numbers. All the letters but two were used.

1. Five won't make an appearance, or a thousand. Obviously, that means 7 is unseen 3 & 5 times. The letter V doesn't appear, nor does K. These letters were represented by the numbers 21 (7 x 3) and 35 (7 x 5).
  2. Searching for natives? Look for examples of excellence. They also appear to equal 129...all five down. Looking for the blacks? Examples of excellence are prime examples. The word PRIME is also used, the 5 letters (all five) adding up to 129 ([P]33+[R]32+[I]18+[M]34+[E]12) in a descending (down) direction (from top row 4 across)
  3. The Maori's play football with twelve on their side! The All Blacks use 12 of the numbers.
  4. Five sounds right from six...now that's table talk. Five sounds are the vowels. They commence at 6, and move through the six times tables. Hence A (6), E (12), I (18), O (24) and U (30).
  5. One solution will frequently sound a little painful. Eleven appears also, but differently. One of the answers is Hz, being an abbreviation of the term, Hertz, a term used for frequency. Eleven (XI) also appears, but differently (in Roman Numerals). I gave these as they were the two shortest words. The code used was consistent and orderly. The numbers used in the code ranged from 2 to 39. After the vowels were placed, the remaining letters were placed in order, moving inward from the extremities (hence B = 4, c = 39, d = 6, f = 38, etc.)
- To choose the winner, I wrote a brief computer program that assigned each successful entry with a random number between 1 and 1,000,000. On execution, the program looped a procedure that chose randomly from this range, removing each name as its number was picked, leaving the remaining name as the winner. In essence, you were all 1 in a million!
- Thank you to those who gave significant (and helpful) feedback, the book [Thanks Audrey!], the cards and a reason to go out to the mailbox! All the very best to you all!  
 —Makeanote (Ian Brown)  
 "A great puzzle that has left my mind number!"  
 Bill Bennett

**Members Comments (continued from page 10)**

- This delightful thematic gave me quite a buzz, especially after struggling with the horrors of Puzzle 4. Irene Watts
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| An Obs and a Spens and a Scot<br>Whether I liked it or not<br>I haven't succeeded<br>My plea's gone unheeded<br>June Five had the whole bloody lot | I can't really whinge it is true<br>June Five would have been in the queue<br>Queue: how would Spens write it?<br>Or the Obs people cite it<br>Or the Scots who can't even spell 'two'. <i>Maurice Cowan</i> |
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**General Comments**

- In May, Sonia Atkinson invited comments to the proposition that our puzzles should place less emphasis on research. I agree with what Jonathan said (that's Jonathan Crowther, AZED) Who wants to look/At book after book/He's hit the nail right on the head. There was no debate. This pithy response from Maurice Cowan said it all. Not one single nay-sayer spoke up. So let's stick to a 'contest of minds' (a pitting of wits) instead of a research marathon (a porridge of knowledge). There is a place for quizzes and they are popular too, but not when they are disguised as crosswords. Sonia Atkinson
  - The 'book reference' given on p4 last month should correctly be *Eats, Shoots & Leaves*. A comma appears, but the panda is pictured with a brush, ready to paint out this solecism! Alan Walter
  - Great to have Brian Symons' Quiz no 3 in June set at a reasonable level for all to attempt. Alan Walter
  - It was a lovely surprise to see my name amongst the winners. The Macquarie Concise Thesaurus will be very handy. Thank you! Congratulations to the calligrapher – the certificate is most impressive. Gwenda Prewett
  - Does anyone else out there become infuriated with the way *Chambers* sends you off to look up another spelling or another word somewhere else? It drives me potty. Jim Colles
  - Once again enjoyed all the puzzles, some more than others – now we have to wait another couple of weeks. My children say I'm worse than a 'druggie' with my 'crozzies'. Could be worse addictions though, couldn't there? Del Kennedy
  - I'm in hospital at present (probably as a result of the struggle with a back-to-front and inside-out AJ!! I must admit to a lack of enthusiasm for this month's puzzles, maybe due to struggling with ill-health 3 weeks and hospital is not my idea of a holiday (Get well soon - dB). Barb Ibbott
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| • Some recent slots 4, alphabetical<br>Have been a tad too hypothetical<br>With cluing and grids quite fanatical<br>Making solving them too problematical | The normal sort give so much pleasure<br>I can't understand this new measure<br>Such confusing and difficult tricks<br>Are surely more suited to 6. <i>Irene Watts</i> |
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