

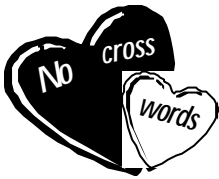
# CroZworld

"The World of Crosswords in Australia"

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"When you have eliminated the impossible, whatever remains, however improbable, must be the truth." — Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, *The Sign of Four* [1890], ch. 6.

## GRIDATORIAL



**St. Valentine** was a priest of Rome who was imprisoned for succouring persecuted Christians. Although he is supposed to have restored the sight of the gaoler's daughter, he was clubbed to death c. 270. His day is 14

February. Nowadays, the date is marked by the sending of cards which mainly feature a different card suit — hearts (not clubs).

To mark this date, *Daintree Lady* has compiled something special (March 2-2001) for crossword lovers. It features a heart-shaped grid! We hope you will be transfixed by the charm of the clues.

For this was on Saint Valentine's Day,  
When ev'ry fowl cometh to choose her make.  
**Chaucer**, *Assembly of Fowls* (310)

We have another selection of varied and testing puzzles for you this month. We welcome back Audrey Ryan with her popular *Double Acrostic* puzzle which will keep you enjoyably entertained.

And Brother Naga returns gracefully with *Poetry in Motion* which should delight all lovers of the English poet John Keats. Like all of Brother Naga's compositions 'A thing of beauty is a joy for ever'.

Quiz No 2 features Virgo with her *Homophonic Namesakes II* which should provide plenty of challenges for the Quiz lovers.

Happy Crozworlding!

Patrick



## FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Firstly, my apologies to those who took the time to send comments which were received after 8/2/01. I simply ran out of space as only one page of members' comments is now catered for in place of the two pages in days of yore!

This month's collection of puzzles were subject to varying reactions from members ranging from "You need to be Einstein on roller blades to solve this" for slot 1 (with a lot of members whom did not even send it in) to "I can't do these whirligigs" for slot 5 (also with a fair number of abstentions!). With an alarming number of blank grids being submitted for both puzzles.

**Slot 1:** Surprisingly, not too many blunders despite the degree of difficulty. YUD and YID were disallowed for 14dn, YUD is the fifteenth **letter of the Yiddish alphabet**, **YD is to be found in** *Illins* 3<sup>rd</sup>ed. 1991. There were a couple of Proditores in place of Traditores, and a few misspellings of Abilene. CECA also caused some mayhem, with the favourite answer being SESA.

**Slot 2:** Praised by many for a fresh approach to cryptic puzzles. 'Dubai' claimed the most victims. 'Whistled' was not allowed, but very few other mistakes.

**Slot 3:** 'Difficult Women' proved to be just that; aside from the fact that there were a number of blank grids submitted, there were few mistakes, with 'Dae-nettle' and 'Screed' being the biggest stumbling blocks. There's also a few male members mumbling about burning their jockstraps!

**Slot 4:** Everybody's favourite, receiving the highest number of entries overall, but also quite a number of errors, in particular, various spellings of 'NAGANO' were thrust under this wily old adjudicator's nose, but I wasn't to be fooled! 'GODTHAAB' also laid some upon the sacrificial altar.

**Slot 5:** Some members were complaining of going around in ever decreasing circles until they disappeared somewhere. But spare a thought for this (by now) half-blind adjudicator! As in slot 1, there were very few mistakes made — just a plethora of blank grids submitted, which is disappointing, considering the time and expertise it takes to compile this particular type of puzzle.

To sum up: quite a slump in the number of puzzles submitted compared with other months. I hope that the 'resident soothsayer' from last month is correct in his predictions, or is this the "recession we had to have"?

Thank you one and all for your good wishes and encouragement, and no, I have no wish for a guided tour of Chernobyl!

—Col Archibald

## LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	68	93	85	95	75	416
Correct entries	52	76	73	78	63	342
Success rate %	76.5	81.7	85.9	82.1	84.0	82.2
Prize winners	H O'Hara	J Colles	E Altman	C Gleeson	D Jones	from 98 members

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## February 1-2001

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## February 2-2001

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## February 4-2001

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## February 5-2001

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| A | Arachnoid  | N | Nought    |
| B | Beholds    | O | Omniana   |
| C | Computers  | P | Poisonous |
| D | Digital    | Q | Quantum   |
| E | Egg-laying | R | Redback   |
| F | Finland    | S | Scorpion  |
| G | Garden     | T | Tarantula |
| H | Huntsman   | U | Universal |
| I | Interface  | V | Violin    |
| J | Jacobi     | W | Website   |
| K | Keypad     | X | Xiphosura |
| L | Lengths    | Y | Yachts    |
| M | Muffet     | Z | Zebras    |

## January 6-2001

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## MEMBERS' RESULTS FOR FEBRUARY 2001

MEMBER	1	2	3	4	5	6
ALTMAN E		✓	✓			
ANDERSON C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
ANDERSON J B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ARCHIBALD C	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ARNO P	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
ATKINSON S		✓	✓	✓	✓	
AUSTIN A		✓	✓	✓		
BENNETT B		✓	✓	✓	✓	
BOUVIER S	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
BRYANT R		✓		✓		
BUTLER D	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
CAMPBELL G B	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
CLAYTON M		✓		✓		
COATES D		✓	✓	✓	✓	
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CUDMORE M		✓				
CUMMING B			✓	✓	✓	
DAVIS K		✓	✓	✓	✓	
DEARIE P	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DENNIS M			✓	✓	✓	✓
DERRINGTON P						✓
DINHAM V F	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
EISENTRAGER D		✓		✓	✓	
FOSTER C		✓		✓	✓	✓
FULLER D		✓	✓	✓	✓	
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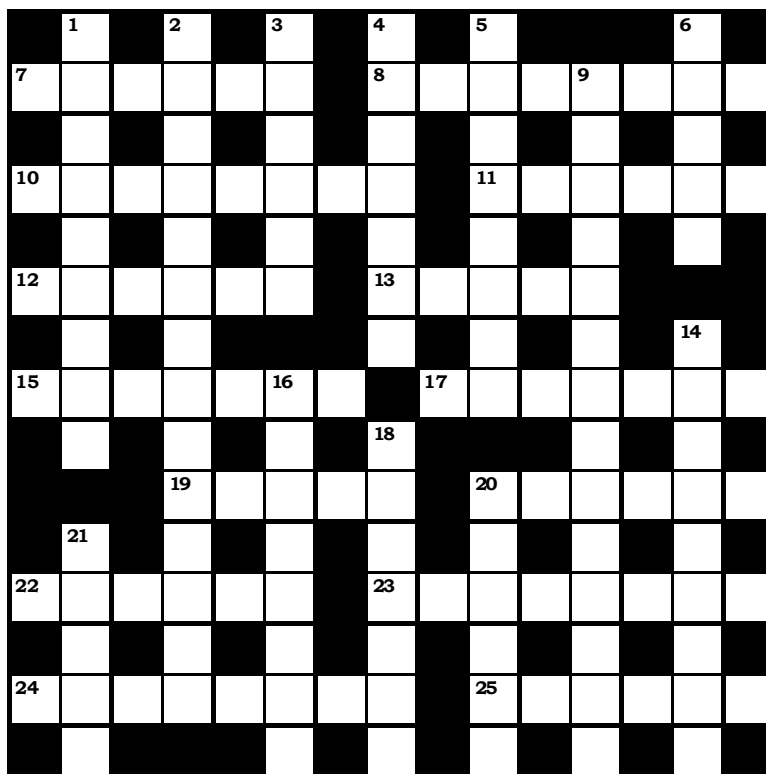
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**GENERAL  
KNOWLEDGE**  
*by  
Virgo*

MARCH 1 2001

**Book  
Prize**



**Across**

- 7 Cartoon character who loves his spinach (6)
- 8 South Australian city (8)
- 10 Having obsessional thoughts that dominate the personality (8)
- 11 Resident student doctor (6)
- 12 Optimistic; cheerful (6)
- 13 Formerly Ayers Rock (5)
- 15 S American domesticated camel-like ruminants (7)
- 17 2dn was formerly a member of this pop group (7)
- 19 Hen perch (5)
- 20 River that flows through Budapest (6)
- 22 Distilled spirit made from grain (6)
- 23 Make less important; disparage (8)
- 24 Joan — , star of 'Cry Havoc' (8)
- 25 Join the armed forces (6)

**Down**

- 1 Another name for the tomato (4-5)
- 2 English singer & guitarist, one of the 'Traveling Wilburys' (6, 8)
- 3 A group of seven musicians (6)
- 4 The God of wine (7)
- 5 Professional care or treatment of the foot (8)
- 6 To make more attractive by embellishing (5)
- 9 Former Australian boxing administrator (6, 8)
- 14 One who grows and/or supplies garden remedies for healing purposes (9)
- 16 Altar attendants (8)
- 18 Short, prickly hair growth (7)
- 20 Keir — , US actor, starred in '2001: A Space Odyssey' (6)
- 21 'The Big — , 1983 movie starring Glenn Close & William Hurt (5)

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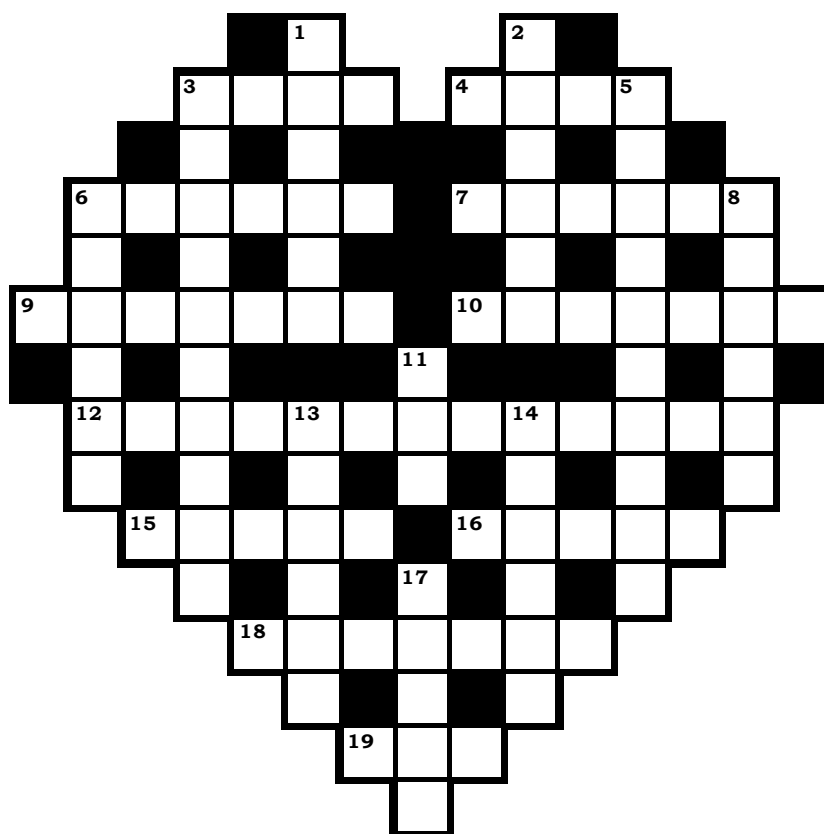
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GOOD  
GRIDS  
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VALENTINE'S DAY  
by  
Daintree Lady

MARCH 2 2001

Prize  
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### Across

- 3 Wit may be greeting one (4)
- 4 Maybe miss set up by lecturer (4)
- 6 Collected expressed number, we hear (6)
- 7 Bolted damaged ridgepole, knocked off half girder (6)
- 9 Hook up with secure union (7)
- 10 Bowing to fuss over knot (7)
- 12 Collected wild daisies with Pat and son (13)
- 15 Blow kiss (5)
- 16 Love food! Chop up capsicum, but leave out half packet (5)
- 18 Charms everyone, sure crazy (7)
- 19 Disfigure heart of fruit (3)

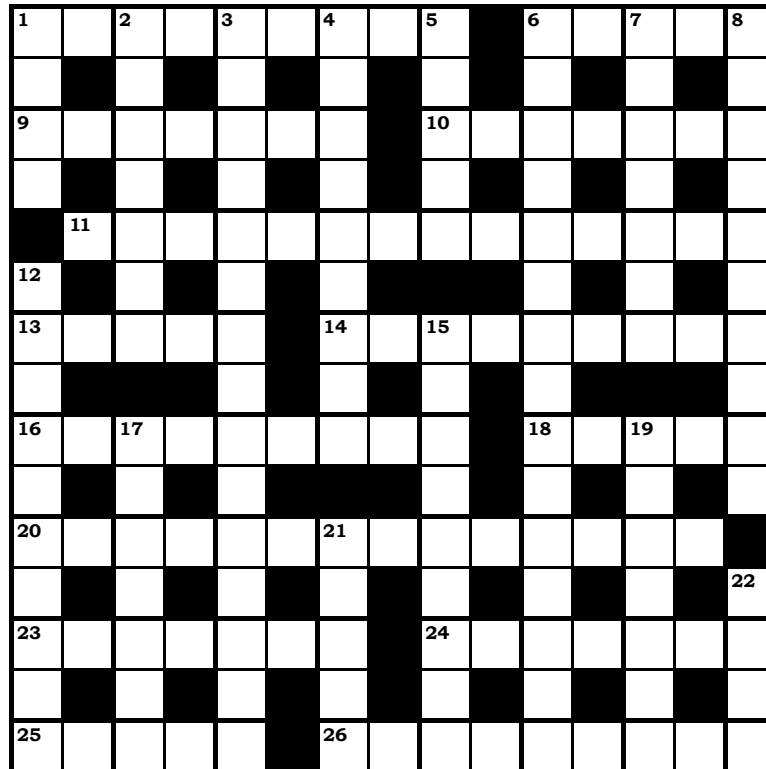
### Down

- 1 Hot hero tickled middle! (6)
- 2 American called up help for the French on first date (6)
- 3 Loveable English copper jumps out of puddle and comes around (10)
- 5 Ali comes in to clear up mess after ancient Roman feast (10)
- 6 Faithful girlfriend (or boyfriend) (6)
- 8 One of these dates may leave you feeling satisfied (6)
- 11 Reptile caught in Diana's place (3)
- 13 "Bend over!" headmaster begins at Larry's extremities playfully (6)
- 14 Solve second question about rudimentary seeds (6)
- 17 Detectives round up love god (5)

**CRYPTIC**  
by  
*Praxis*

MARCH 3 2001

**Prize**  
**\$50**



**Across**

- 1 Sadly, Nick Coe's course shows overconfidence (9)
- 6 Variety of angelfish? (5)
- 9 Casual fellow is invited (7)
- 10 Agent left manufacturing group to return the model (7)
- 11 Unauthorised vehicles running contraband? (7, 7)
- 13 Up to that time the UN fired back (5)
- 14 Enid is excited after award for church observance (9)
- 16 Hid port for the journalist (9)
- 18 Sudden wind occurs in August - September (5)
- 20 Like the bird, insects make a beeline (2,3,4,5)
- 23 Instructor provides a meal for the entertainer (7)
- 24 Raise the measure — splendid (7)
- 25 It turns in either direction (5)
- 26 They mark the post without hesitation (9)

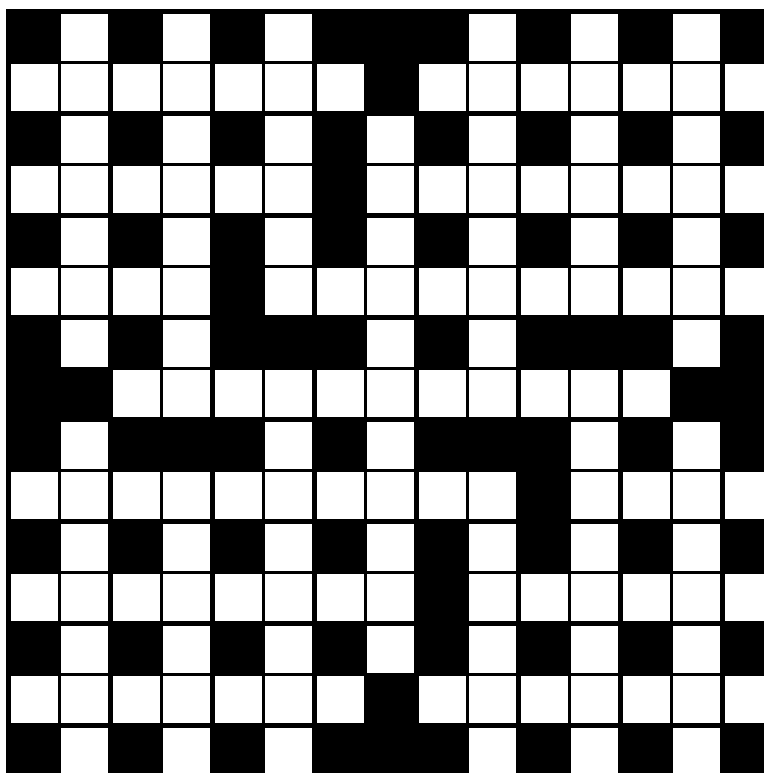
**Down**

- 1 Musical animals? (4)
- 2 Musical animal to return (7)
- 3 Being naked got ten healthier somehow (2,3,10)
- 4 A ship for Inspector Morse? (9)
- 5 Guy to swagger (5)
- 6 A favourable look toward the umpire (9, 6)
- 7 A spirit possessed African capital's designer (7)
- 8 Dairy product is made up with processed curds (4, 6)
- 12 Serpent — the lord of its domain? (10)
- 15 It's granted changes tend to grip women differently (9)
- 17 With regard to the leaflet — recant! (7)
- 19 Watch expert is open (7)
- 21 Country includes river and mountains (5)
- 22 Cages birds (4)

**ALPHABETICAL  
JIGSAW**  
*by Southern Cross*

MARCH 4 2001

**Prize  
\$50**



The letter before each clue is the initial of the answer.

- A** Articles written about "Frenchman's Curse" (8)
- B** They grow like mad (7)
- C** Songs for Romanian kings (6)
- D** North-eastern dictator could be muck-raking (10)
- E** Threaten to put a stop to outrage (8)
- F** Cut out "flop-eared" and make "dreaded" (6)
- G** Bird in question began netball training (6)
- H** Opening in ship takes footballers' cars (10)
- I** One with sinus trouble takes note on emerging (7)
- J** Mandibular jack — a tool used by a former president (7)
- K** Dicky did without the king, playing the joker (7)
- L** To acquire European currency one needs this kind of decision (8)
- M** Fortune made by ship's officer and foreign sailor (7)
- N** Ben rises to ask artist about state of the union (8)
- O** Point of view sentry, swapping sections (7)
- P** Uncles seeing PS. "War broken out?" (11)
- Q** Musical group's not heartless — still getting around (7)
- R** Starving artist to have half, using commonsense (8)
- S** Having to live lower down than Head of State is discriminatory, in a way (6)
- T** More than just game, chirpy little chap is on trial (4, 7)
- U** Dubious result in Northern Ireland (6)
- V** To have one in front is useless (4)
- W** The cost of employing one's peers, so to speak (8)
- X** Put a cross on an ad — Utopia's first pleasure-domed paradise (6)
- Y** Concealing the woman's face, it makes Ma shaky (7)
- Z** The last one in the area (4)

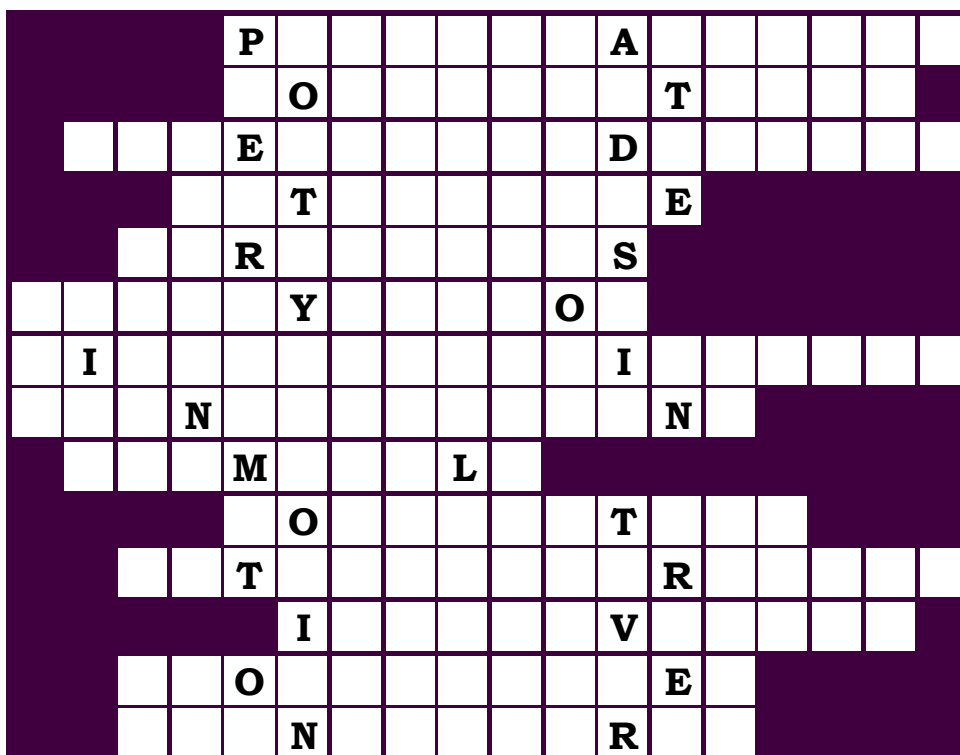


**POETRY IN MOTION**  
by  
*Brother Naga*

MARCH 6 2001

**Prize**  
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Two words have been chosen from each line of John Keats' sonnet *On First Looking into Chapman's Homer*. Synonyms for each word were selected and a cryptic-like clue given to describe them in the order that they appear. For example, if FIRST and HOMER from the title were the chosen words and LEADING and POET were the synonyms to be found, a clue could be: Go first (Lead) in opening game but oddly protest (7, 4). Clues are presented in the same order as the lines. Solve the clues to find the synonyms and fit the words into the grid.



**Clues**

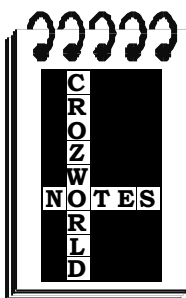
- 1 Even half spilled, not my pale sort of French wine (6, 8)
- 2 Separate nearly all coins I'd not exchanged (7, 10)
- 3 A general handout that sounds almost unintentional! (8, 10)
- 4 Edgar and Eliot together at last are in trouble (5, 6)
- 5 The second way is somehow connected to another (5, 7)
- 6 Put off and dug up iron e.g. (10, 6)
- 7 At home, healthy and almost makin' it, we hear! (6, 6)
- 8 Few without terror were seen after the second storm (5, 5)
- 9 A cry of pain Ted had inside, after arrest was made (7, 6)
- 10 Spoils of last war! (4, 6)
- 11 See right inside study of a strange parrot (6, 6)
- 12 Clam up about opening on whale's head (4, 5)
- 13 Force of gravity opened flare out (7, 5)
- 14 Healthy without experimenting in pot (9, 5)

**JOHN KEATS (1795-1821)**

*On First Looking into Chapman's Homer*

- 1 MUCH have I travell'd in the realms of gold,
- 2 And many goodly states and kingdoms seen;
- 3 Round many western islands have I been
- 4 Which bards in fealty to Apollo hold.
- 5 Oft of one wide expanse had I been told
- 6 That deep-brow'd Homer rul'd as his demesne;
- 7 Yet did I never breathe its pure serene
- 8 Till I heard Chapman speak out loud and bold:
- 9 Then felt I like some watcher of the skies
- 10 When a new planet swims into his ken;
- 11 Or like stout Cortez, when with eagle eyes
- 12 He star'd at the Pacific—and all his men
- 13 Look'd at each other with a wild surmise—
- 14 Silent, upon a peak in Darien.





**PERILS OF A DAILY COMPILER ...**

Some recent letters to *The Age*:

• A friend and I enjoy the great challenge afforded by the authors whose initials appear beneath *The Age* cryptic crosswords from Saturday to Thursday. However, 'DA' who appears on Friday displays such perverse logic that we have dubbed him "Don't Attempt". *Peter Hey*

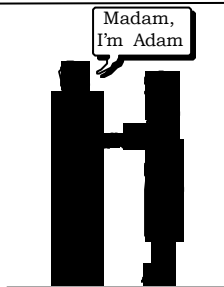
• I am an aged woman, 80 years no less. All my life I have had much pleasure in daily cryptic crossword puzzles. Last Friday's crossword was a monstrosity beyond endurance; an exercise in how not to compile cryptics — a compiler to avoid in the future. *Betty Stewart*

• Bravo! Betty Stewart. Please marshal some troops against the Friday *Age* cryptic crossword. A drover's dog would make a better setter than 'DA'. Good cryptics are a delight, and never predictable, but they speak in a subtle code that has evolved over decades — something which, on the evidence, 'DA' knows nothing about. *Jerry Callow*

• Anyone seeking predictability in a cryptic crossword might be best advised of Peter Hey's interpretations of 'DA' "don't attempt". But if you prefer your clues original, witty and ultimately more rewarding, you will agree that the Friday setter is better dubbed "delightfully addictive". *F and I Scott*

• I agree totally with F and I Scott. A few years ago I decided life was too short to bother with your other cryptic setters: Ritual Mechanic, Drab Hack, Earnest Pedestrian, Dull Synthesist, Dreary Punster, No Surprises, Loquacious Bore. Without my Delightfully Australian, Diabolical Acrostician (the Deadly Assassin) I would be entirely reliant on *The Times* crossword for mental stimulation. *Graham Harrison*

• Thank heaven for 'DA', who sets cryptic crosswords that cannot always be completed in under 10 minutes flat. I find his weekly challenges a delight, and suggest those who defend his removal should, confused, feel a git (3,1,4). *Kaye Whitrod*



**S e m o r d n i l a p s**

Saturday 10 February 2001 when expressed numerically (10-02-2001) was one of those rare dates which was similar to 'Mr Facing-both-ways' in John **Bunyan's** *Pilgrim's Progress*. For those with a good memory, the last time it happened was 29 November 1192. For those living in the next century, there will be 28 such 'palindates' to enjoy. Here's a couple more semordnilaps, one by Alastair Reid: *T. Eliot, top bard, notes putrid tang emanating, is sad. I'd assign it a name: gnat dirt upset on drab pot-toilet.* And another: *Are we not drawn onward, we few, drawn onward to new era?*



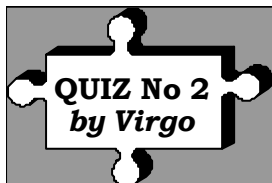
**AUSSIE GOLD answers:** 1. Freeman; 2. Klim; 3. Cook; 4. Pottharst; 5. Hoy; 6. Fairweather; 7. O'Neill; 8. Diamond; 9. Hackett; 10. Stowell; 11. Armstrong; 12. Thorpe; 13. Burns.



**Anthemathical Adjustments:** 4th line:

(1) Said father on daughter's return: "Our Gert is home, I see."

(2) On postcard photograph: "Our Roma's skirt, by gee!"



**Homophonic Namesakes Quiz II by Virgo**

Post entries to Audrey Austin, 24 Hempstalk Cres, Kariong NSW 2250. Closing mail date: 30 March 2001.



**NAME** .....  
What name is almost held in common by the following?:

- 1 US actress/Aussie journalist: C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ (7,5)/C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ J \_ \_ \_ \_ (8,5)
- 2 British Group Captain/UK guitarist: P \_ \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,8)/P \_ \_ \_ \_ T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,9)
- 3 US actor/Welsh buccaneer: H \_ \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,6)/H \_ \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,6)
- 4 Federal MP/US actor comedian: S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (7,6)/S \_ \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,6)
- 5 US actor/Norwegian playwright: H \_ \_ \_ \_ G \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,6)/H \_ \_ \_ \_ I \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,5)
- 6 UK actor/UK comedian TV host: J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,5)/J \_ \_ \_ \_ C \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,5)
- 7 US baseballer/Cartoon character: Y \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,5)/Y \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ (4,4)
- 8 Aussie comedian/Aussie Test cricketer: S \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,6)/S \_ \_ \_ W \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,5)
- 9 Canadian actor/ Aussie TV personality: D \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,10)/D \_ \_ \_ \_ S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,10)
- 10 US actor comedian/UK actor (*The Bill*): B \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,6)/B \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,6)
- 11 US jazz singer/Australian movie title: B \_ \_ \_ \_ H \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,7)/B \_ \_ \_ ' H \_ \_ \_ \_ (5'1,7)
- 12 UK actress/Aussie TV presenter: F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ K \_ \_ \_ \_ (8,6)/F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ K \_ \_ \_ \_ (8,7)
- 13 US actor/US bandleader: J \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,5)/J \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,5)
- 14 Sydney city mall/Australian singer: M \_ \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,5)/M \_ \_ \_ \_ P \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,5)
- 15 Australian TV interviewer/UK crooner: M \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,5)/M \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,5)
- 16 US actor/US actor (his son): A \_ \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,5)/A \_ \_ \_ A \_ \_ \_ \_ (4,5)
- 17 US singer/UK singer: G \_ \_ \_ \_ K \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,6)/G \_ \_ \_ K \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,6)
- 18 US actor/US singer: J \_ \_ \_ K \_ \_ \_ (4,4)/J \_ \_ \_ K \_ \_ \_ (3,4)
- 19 UK actor/Irish actor: K \_ \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (7,4)/K \_ \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ (6,5)
- 20 US actress/US actress: K \_ \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,5)/K \_ \_ \_ \_ B \_ \_ \_ \_ (5,5)

MEMBERS COMMENTS

**FEBRUARY 1-2001 - GENERAL KNOWLEDGE by Daintree Lady (Daphne Titus-Rees)**

- This puzzle had some rather remote clues. *Chambers* doesn't list the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and OBLATE seems the only answer at 32ac., though I'm not sure the clue and the dictionary definition match. *Irene Watts*
- Some of these cannot be classed as "General knowledge". We're not all related to Einstein. Can't find 1dn & 2dn with clues like these. *Margaret Dennis*
- I've spent several hours on the first, but find that research exercises of this degree of difficulty are not my 'cuppa'. I finished with 9 I was sure of and a few doubtfuls, so I gave the 'Daintree Lady' best. (You're not the only one, Bob! C.) *Bob Hagan*
- Daphne's No 1 puzzle was a little humdinger, a very knowledgeable general, indeed! I'll never forget the 'Traditores!' *Roy Wilson*
- I always thought my general knowledge was not good, now I'm sure of it! I found this far from easy. *Betty Cumming*
- Surely "General Knowledge" is a misnomer! (That seems to be the consensus among quite a few members, Shirl. C.) *Shirl O'Brien*
- Not sure I'm all that keen on these. I can appreciate the hard work and expertise required to compile this puzzle, but I find there is too much tedious research for me. *Catherine Hambling*
- Quite a challenging puzzle due to the grid with many unchecked first letters. One has to have exceptional general knowledge to know that "Christians who betrayed their fellows at the time of the Roman persecutions" were "TRADITORES". *Alan Walter*
- The reference books were smoking while this was in progress. Most of the clues could be questions for a 'Mastermind' final, and the completed grid reads like an unknown language. Dunno 'ow I done it! *Jim Colles*
- I have a feeling that this puzzle will not be well received by some members, justifiably so in my opinion. I can't find anything in the dictionary which exactly matches the clue to 2dn, so I'm hoping 'ceca' is correct. *Peter Dearie*
- "I'll do the cooking! I'll pay the rent! Bill Bennett won't you please come home?" General knowledge equates to the likes of the meaning of VUGS, CECA, ANKH? Escadrille? Is it a small squadron of ships or a squadron of small ships? Just a thought. *Tom Phelan*
- I wish we had opted for another cryptic puzzle when we voted to ditch the orthodox puzzles from slot 1. I much prefer the challenge and entertainment of grappling with a tricky clue to the seemingly endless research this type of puzzle requires. (That, in a nutshell, echoes the thoughts of many members, Brian C.) *Brian Tickle*
- No 1 General Knowledge nearly gave private O'Brien his Waterloo. I really thought this was rough for a slot 1. *Ted O'Brien*

**FEBRUARY 2-2001 - CONNECTIONS FOR EXAMPLE by Kev Layton**

- It is always difficult to come to terms with a new compiler, and a new type of puzzle into the bargain. 5dn is amusing and clever 'DUBAI', it needed a family conference to solve it. *Irene Watts*
- Thoroughly enjoyed Kev Layton's No 2 puzzle. Quite a novel approach with the 'for example/connection' clues — look forward to more of your work, Kev. *Roy Wilson*
- Good to see a new name among the setters. Liked the "Connections" theme. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Great to have a new contributor, and I enjoyed this one a lot despite the odd indirect anagram. *Catherine Hambling*
- A refreshing new type of puzzle. I don't think *Optus* or *Telstra* would have found these connections easy to establish! *Alan Walter*
- A testing puzzle for this slot with an interesting new idea for clueing, but a few more of the title type clues wouldn't have gone astray. Keep up the good work, Kev. *Jim Colles*
- A good initial puzzle from Kev but unable to find WOMANSHY as an eight letter word in a dictionary. Should it be hyphenated or two words? *David Procter*
- Nice one, Kev. I enjoyed your offerings in Brian Gibson's *Cryptic Forum*. My favourite clues were 18ac, 26ac and 8dn. *Brian Tickle*

**FEBRUARY 3-2001 - CRYPTIC by Difficult Women (Carole Noble and Joan Smith)**

- Those 'Difficult Women' certainly lived up to their name, especially in the bottom left hand corner of the puzzle. 19dn and 22ac were AWFUL. I tried BENGALI without success, then found BALU by accident rather than design. *Irene Watts*
- 'Difficult Women' had some difficult clues! Interesting words & challenging clues all add to the enjoyment of their puzzles. *Roy Wilson*
- Why did I find everything so difficult this month? Do tell me it's not just me!! Or perhaps these 'Difficult Women' really are difficult! *Betty Cumming*
- "Difficult" is right! *Shirl O'Brien*
- This puzzle was really difficult and I was delighted to have a letter in every square. I am not confident of all my answers. Could you explain 14ac and 8dn please. (For 8dn, please refer to Alan's comments. C.) *Catherine Hambling*
- So much for 7dn ENC+L+AVE where "To hide Will" is ENCAVE — a Shakespearean term, and 8dn DAE-NETTLE, where DAY = 'ground surface over a mine' & sounds like DAE. Yes, please consult *Chambers* under DAY for this definition. *Alan Walter*
- What sort of mind is it that includes (8dn) 'ground surface over a mine say' as indicator for 'day' = 'dae'? Never would have thought of it in a month of sun-dae. Am also at a loss to explain the relevance of 'a female person' and the answer to 19dn. Some women just get more difficult by the day. (19dn: def. = 'Native', 'Balu' = Indian bear and 'chi' is the feminine form of fellow/person! C.) *Jim Colles*
- Pretty hard going — I still haven't worked out the clue to 5ac. 19dn is an unsatisfactory clue — two obscure words: 'Balu' and 'chi' combining to form an answer, which does not even fit the clue! A Baluchi is not an Indian native — not since 1947 anyway. *Peter Dearie*
- Another good puzzle but am still mystified with the clue for 8dn if DAE-NETTLE is the answer. *David Procter*
- Methinks the two difficult women were almost too difficult women for me. *Brian Tickle*

**FEBRUARY 4-2001 - INTERNATIONAL ZYXOTOTIC by Virgo (Audrey Austin)**

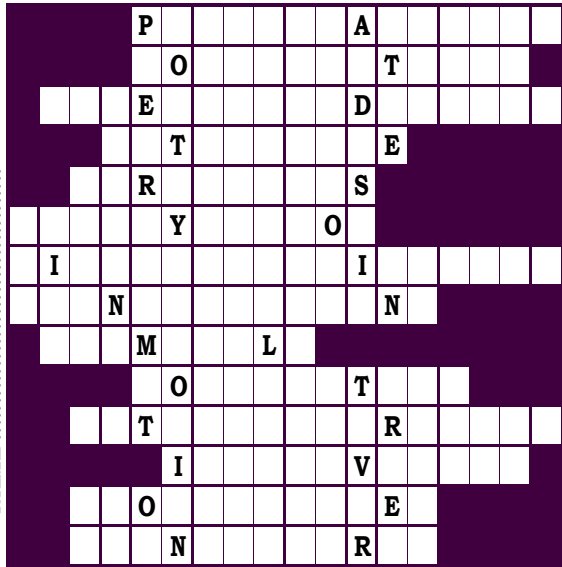
- I enjoy Audrey's puzzles but dislike back to front clues for AJs — quite spoils my favourite. Please don't do it to us anymore, Audrey. *Irene Watts*
- A good old 'Zyxototic'! Not the easiest of puzzles to put together. Thanks for all the time you devote to us. *Roy Wilson*
- The combination of a zyxototic and a difficult grid make for a specially interesting AJ. Thanks Virgo. *Betty Cumming*
- Another tough puzzle — it's amazing how much harder it is to work out backwards! *Catherine Hambling*
- Love the subtle way SUTLEJ was hidden in reverse order in the clue. This one over DEYOJed me. The "N" clue was quite clever combining DEMI (Moore) with (St) JOHN. What a bottler! *Alan Walter*
- One of the most enjoyable jigsaws I can remember, even if having the indicator letter last is no help at all. Among many the 'N' clue was a masterpiece and 'A choice word' as indicator for 'or' in the 'L' clue was very original and typically Virgo. Great stuff! *Jim Colles*
- Generally enjoyable — but I don't think Lulu would appreciate being called an English songstress — Och aye! *Peter Dearie*
- Enjoyed Virgo's puzzle but cannot equate EW with a flutter in the W clue (In betting parlance EW is an each way bet. C.) *David Procter*

**FEBRUARY 5-2001 - BITE and SITE by Coming and Going (Betty Cumming)**

- Betty is brilliant at the whirly-gig puzzles — must be some connection with her mathematical mind. It is difficult fitting in the writing into the little shapes on the solution page. (You oughta try checking them, Irene C.) *Irene Watts*
- Your theme puzzles are always very clever, Betty, and these two themes tied together well. I was surprised with some of the spiders you came up with. *Roy Wilson*
- What a brilliant idea! And brilliantly executed. *Iain MacDougall*
- As Susie O'Neill's mother said in that ad. "How does she do it?" (Does it sitting on a roundabout, Shirl! C.) *Shirl O'Brien*
- To fit all the letters of the alphabet as well as 2 related themes into those polygons is remarkable. Congrats, Betty. *Catherine Hambling*
- The spiders literally jumped off the Web-site, especially the massive ZEBRA spiders and the playful Violins. The SCORPION clue was certainly BARBED. Do hope nobody came to a horrible end solving this delightful puzzle. *Alan Walter*

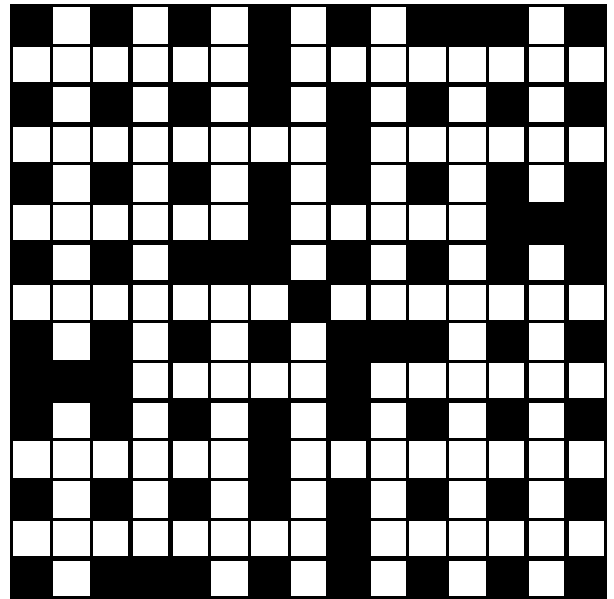
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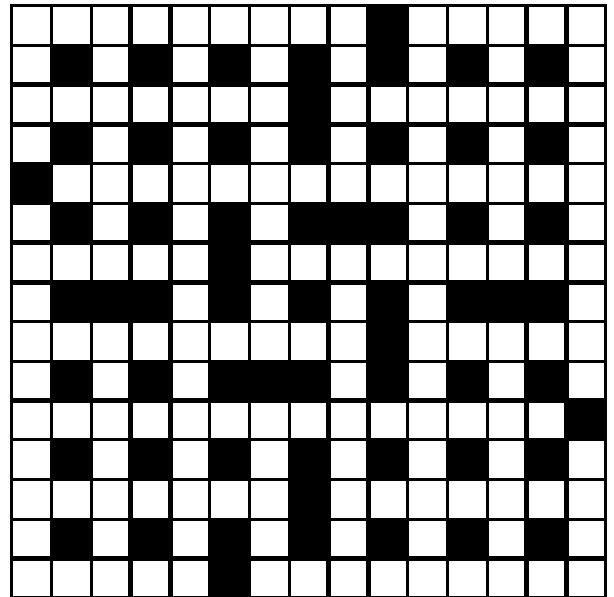


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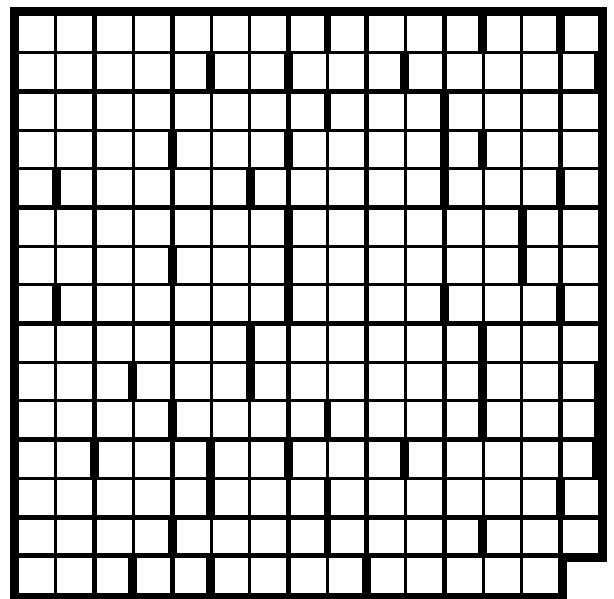
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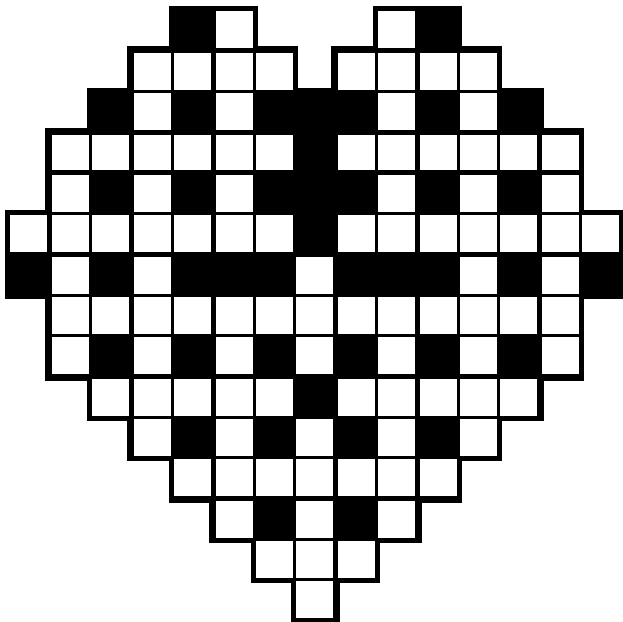
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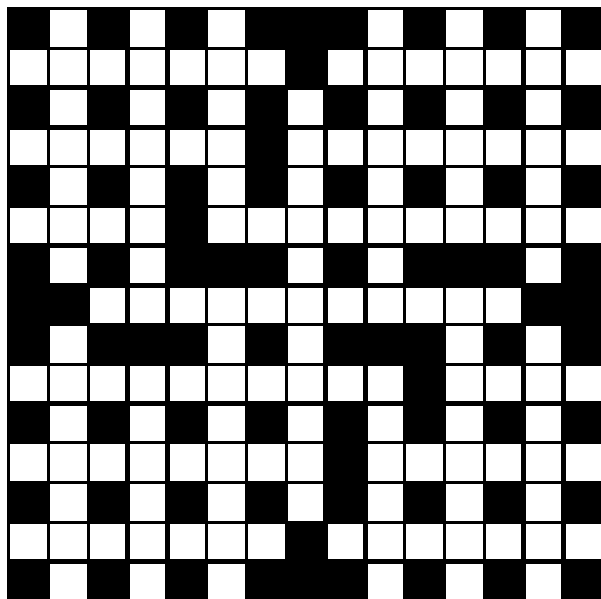
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**MEMBERS' COMMENTS (cont'd from page 10) FEBRUARY 5-2001 — BITE & SITE by Coming and Going**

- **Doing one of these** *Coming and Going* wheels is like going for a ride on a funfair whirligig. The head spins for hours afterwards. Riddled with very tricky but fair clues, the most difficult of which, for me, were O and M. Somehow managed to tuffet out before calling for the smelling salts. *Jim Colles*
- A few flies caught in this web of words I should think. Trying to work out theme one took me a while, especially as the first three clues I solved were scorpion, garden and egg-laying. Omniana was the last answer worked out. *Peter Dearie*
- I would have thought this style of puzzle was difficult enough to compose without making it a thematic as well. Extraordinary. *Iain MacDougall*
- Thought that this was delightful. Was in all sorts of bother with OMNIANA. L, P and V were clues of top drawer quality. Thanks, Betty. *Tom Phelan*
- Great stuff, Betty I really enjoyed your two themes and the 'web' that linked them. *Brian Tickle*

**JANUARY 6-2001: SINCE 1901 by Neir B'Odet (Ted O'Brien)**

**Entries: 75. Correct: 49. Success rate: 65.3%. Prize winner: Ann Jermy — Congratulations!**

**Adjudicator's Comments:** I was surprised that less than half the respondents made comment on the 'D' in 'Cocky' Calwell's name. I apologise and offer the feeble excuse that if you look at my *Nom de Quiz* you will see that I am a very backward person! Of those who did comment Daphne Greening summed it up best: "I disliked Arthur Calwell so I'll forgive you for putting a 'D' in his name". I'm glad that Jim Colles didn't mention the 'D'. Most errors — 20/25 — were with poor old "Black Jack" McEwen. (Ref. *Prime Ministers of Australia*, Michael Page, 1988, p96.) The answer 'McEwen' was derived from: Scottish = Mc; sheep = ewe; heading north = n. Other errors were Bradford, Bridgman, Burdekin, Wardly (Tuckey) and Riddel (Killen). *Who's Who of Australia* lists Michael Hodgman of Tasmania. There was no specific order for 'Fadden' and 'Fraser'. Overall I got the impression that members didn't realise that politics can be fun, and that quite a few were too young to remember such wonderful efforts as Gough Whitlam's reference to Billy McMahon as 'Tiberius on Capri' on the telephone. (Not the exact quote but you get the idea.) Tom Phelan asked: "What next? Used car salesmen perhaps?" I'm working on it, Tom. Many thanks for the complimentary comments and to those who sent best wishes and cards. The winner was decided by my brother-in-law who played ERNIE in choosing a number (counting from the bottom of the membership) from the list of correct entries. *—Neir B'Odet*

**QUIZ No. 1 - 2001: NICKNAMES II by Sue Donym(Bruce Austin). Prizewinner: Sally Bouvier — Congratulations!**

**Solutions:** 1. Muhammad (or Mohammad) Ali. 2. Louis Armstrong. 3. Clara Bow. 4. Bill Clinton. 5. Jimmy Durante. 6. Joel Garner. 7. Paul Gascoigne. 8. Betty Grable. 9. Michael Holding. 10. Mick Jagger. 11. Elton John. 12. Joe Louis. 13. Vera Lynn. 14. Jack Nicklaus. 15. Roy Orbison. 16. Craig Parry. 17. Edith Piaf. 18. Sam Snead. 19. Bruce Springsteen. 20. Margaret Thatcher.

**Scores: 20:** Bill Bennett, Bev Cockburn, Sally Bouvier, Verna Dinham, Jill Freeland, Daphne Greening, Valerie Howard, Doreen Jones, Pat McDermott, Carole Noble, David Procter, Betty Siegman, Joan Smith, Bev Solomon, Brian Symons and Steve Workman. **19:** Audrey Austin, Mal Cockburn, Jim Colles, Peter Dearie, Del Kennedy, Joan McGrath, Paula Mercer, Shirl O'Brien, Ron O'Rourke, Tom Phelan, Marian Procter, Aileen Skillicorn, Alan Walter and Jenny Wenham. **18:** Margaret Dennis. **17:** Pat Garner and Mary Moore. **15:** Irene Watts. **13:** Barbara Ibbott.

**Members' Comments:**

- Great puzzle, Bruce — had to do quite a bit of research. *Bev Cockburn*
- Really enjoyed this one. *Bill Bennett*
- Thank you for a challenging Quiz. I have got all the answers except for No. 4 and I think Bill Clinton seems the most obvious choice for that nickname. (Well done, David, BA) *David Procter*
- I have forgiven you and Audrey for not supporting me as a smoker at the *Get-Together* — whether I'll forgive you for 'An Appetite on Legs' is another matter! *Daphne Greening*
- Okay — No. 4 is a topical guess — but it fits in the space and he kinda fits the description too! *Sally Bouvier*

**Adjudicator's Comments:** Thanks to all those who pointed out that 'The Louisville Lip' was Muhammad Ali's nickname when he was known under the original baptismal name of Cassius Clay (no-one got this wrong). Well, it appears that 'Backwoods Bill' not only managed to fool the American public for eight years, he stuck it into the ACC as well! Some interesting and ingenious answers were given for No. 4 including Joan Collins, John Belushi, Dom DeLuise and Cory Everson??? Most other errors involved the spelling of Nicklaus, Gascoigne, Snead and Springsteen — even the leader of the opposition got it wrong! *— Sue Donym*

**NEW MEMBERS:** A warm welcome to Chris Stocks of Holland Park, Qld, Sally Knight of Coonabarabran and Lesly Howard, Nimbin, NSW, Max Clayton from Nightcliff, NT and Glenys (Glen) Donaldson from Seaford, Vic. Happy *Crozworlding!*

**CUMULATIVE SLOT 6 WINNERS JULY-DEC 2000:** Congratulations! JB Anderson, Sally Bouvier, Bev Cockburn, Maurice Cowan, Verna Dinham, Catherine Hambling, Doreen Jones, Joan McGrath, Shirl O'Brien, David Procter, Marian Procter, Cynthia Reardon, Joyce Sheahan, Aileen Skillicorn, Joan Smith, Bev Solomon, Alan Walter and Roy Wilson.

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**E-ADJUDICATION: From Doug Butler:** So many members have e-mail access that electronic submissions of solutions looks like a good idea. Not to replace the way we all do it now but as an alternative. To ease the adjudicators load, and as a special service for members who are overseas, or have trouble getting to the post box or making the deadline. No permanent commitment and no extra charge. Our President, Patrick Street, will be Grand E-valuator, but contact Doug Butler ([Doug.Butler@flinders.edu.au](mailto:Doug.Butler@flinders.edu.au)) for the specifics.