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For words finely used are in truth the very light of thought.
Longinus, 1st century BC.

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The Club's website continues to provide plenty of interest and diversion for the members of the ACC. Not only are there scores of crosswords available for download but also you can access the past *Crozworlds* since September 2001. Since June 2005, the website has had more than 1.42 million hits. The daily average number of hits for February 2006 is 5325. The ACC Forum called DEEF has been very successful with 89 registered users. If you have not yet registered, why not do it today? It's simple and you will derive a lot of enjoyment reading some of the in-depth comments about the cruciverbal art. Perhaps you might like to make a few comments too? It's your Forum. Join in the fun!

With this edition we welcome a well-known and popular member who has tried her hand at compiling in her own right. Jenny Wenham from Comet in outback Queensland is featured this month with a puzzle she has titled *Something Fishy*. It's sure to appeal to many solvers. It's the Slot 7 puzzle. And you can read Jenny's interesting profile and view her fetching picture on p9. And if you want to know anything more about Comet, see p12!

We have another bumper issue for you this month. All of your favourite compilers are there including *Virgo*, *Southern Cross*, *Manveru*, *Sue Donim* and the master Ximenean *Praxis*. Our Slot 6 compiler *Red One* has devised another brilliant puzzle for you — this will guarantee universal appeal. Our regular Quizmaster Brian Symons will test you with your knowledge of the Hollywood Oscars, see how your clue went in the Clue Writing Competition (p16) and there is an interesting article by Ian Williams titled *Crosswords on the Internet* plus another two chess problems for those who like to get 'onboard'. Happy Crozworlding!
—Patrick

Many thanks to all who sent best wishes, and bribes (non returnable!). A good turnout this month, considering that it's a short one. As usual the dreaded blank square reared its ugly head in a number of entries: I can't stress the importance of double checking, even triple checking your entries. Having said that, it's on with the slaughter!

Slot 1: Not too many mistakes here. 'Isotome' (Isotope) 'Notet' (Nonet). A few 'Jer (e.a) boams (Jeroboams) and a Berber who decided to become a Burber! 'UPTO' was not allowed. 'Found in the middle' = U + 'not out' anagram of 'not' add them together to get UNTO = def. 'As far as' other errors they included 'Iona' (Iowa) 'Suddy' (Sudsy) and 'Topie' (Topee).

Slot 2: This puzzle was the cause of much angst and gnashing of teeth from more than a few members, though with surprisingly few mistakes made. Mainly the comments were directed at the looseness of the clues and lack of adherence to 'Afrit's injunction'. Recommended books are Noel Jessop's *Crosswords Without Tears* and Don Manley's *Chambers Crossword Manual*. I have arranged suitable accommodation for *Agnacenus* in the yurt next door to me in Outer Mongolia!!

Slot 3: This puzzle was well received by members, the main mistake being with 'Anina' and 'Alida' (Anita). There was a good number of entries with a creditable success rate.

Slot 4: The main culprit here was 'Quadratrixes' with all sorts of wonderful words as the answer. 'Quad = four, rodents = rats about = re, nine = ix — so, Quad-rats run around 'rix'. (Well I can understand it!!)

Slot 5: Not quite the success rate that may have been desired by Audrey. The main cause of dotlessness was TRUSTS (Trusty). Although it can be ascertained from the secondary indicator that 'corroded' could be taken as meaning 'rusts', it is a wrong solution, as 'rusts' would be 'corrodes'. Also, it doesn't fit the definition properly whereas 'rusty' does. "FIRM" = 'Trusty' whereas 'Trusts' would more properly be taken as meaning 'To have belief and confidence in'.

COTM: Slot 3, 1dn by a large majority. Congratulations to *zinzan* (Andrew Patterson)! I hope that I have eased the nagging doubts in your minds somewhat!!
—Col. Archibald (*colinebrii*)

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Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	105	90	102	98	87	482
Correct entries	88	83	90	87	58	406
Success rate (%)	83.8	92.2	88.2	88.7	66.6	82.3
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MEMBERS RESULTS FOR JAN 6 & 7 & FEB 2006 Slots 1-5

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ARCHIBALD C	HAZELL N	PROCTER M
AUDRINS K	HEAGNEY R	PYC M
AUSTIN A	HEMSLEY D	RAW M
BARBOUR J	HOCKING A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	REEVES V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BARNES J	HOWARD L	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RENDELL A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BENNETT B	HOWARD V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RODDICK M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
BUTLER D	HOWELLS S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RYAN A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CAMPBELL G	IKIN D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	RYAN W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COATES D	JERMY A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SEALE E	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COCKBURN B	JESSOP N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SIEGMAN B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLE G	JONES D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SKILLICORN A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLES J	KENNEDY D	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SMITH J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COLLINS M	KENNEDY M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SOLOMON B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COPLAND F	KNIGHT S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	STANDARD J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
COWAN M	KNIGHT V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	STOREY N	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
CROMER H	LEE K	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	SYMONS B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIDSON D	LEEDS G	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	TAYLOR R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS K	LOBSEY V	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	TAYLOR S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DAVIS M	McCLELLAND C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	TICKLE B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DEARIE P	MacDOUGALL I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	TOFONI B	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DENNIS M	McGRATH J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	TROLLOPE S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DINHAM V	McKENZIE I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	VERESS M	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DODD M	McKINDLAY Y	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	VILLIERS W	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
DUCKER R	McPHERSON T	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WAITES L	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EDWARD J	MAY S	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WALTER A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
EISENTRAGER D	MEEK A	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WATSON R	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FOSTER C	MERCER P	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WATTS I	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
FULLER D	MITCHELL J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	WENHAM J	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
GALBREATH M	NOBLE C	WHITEHEAD R
GARNER P	O'BRIEN E	WILCOX C
GILLIS J	O'BRIEN S	WILLIAMS I&K
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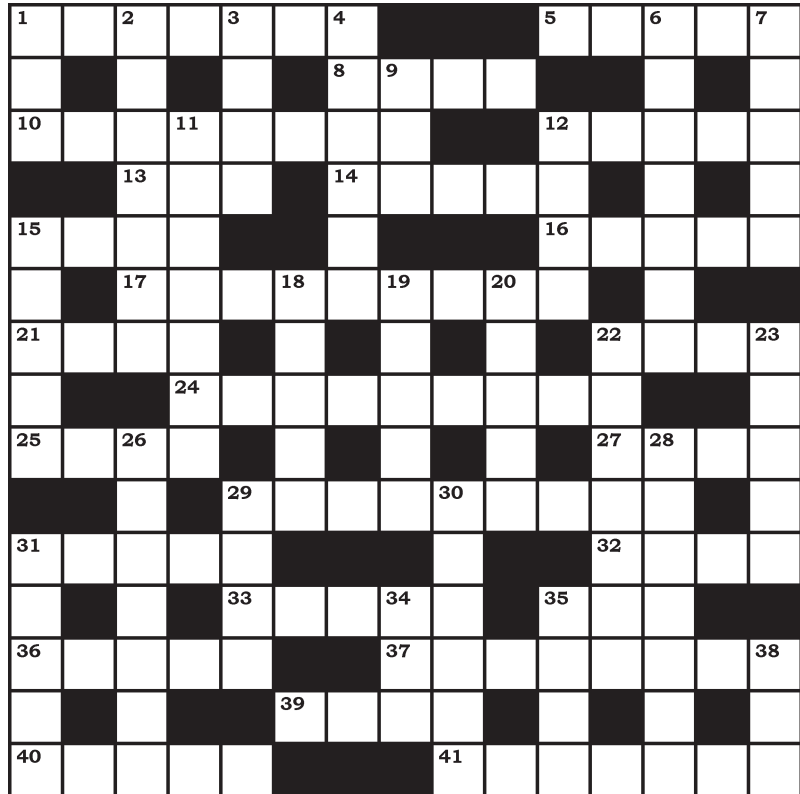
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**Thematic
by
Virgo**



[rrp: \$49.95]

Win!



Across

- 1 Polly (7)
- 5 Francis (5)
- 8 Brown (4)
- 10 Pork (8)
- 12 Apple (5)
- 13 Health (3)
- 14 McIntosh (5)
- 15 Petits (4)
- 16 Bank (5)
- 17 Western (9)
- 21 Liver (4)
- 22 Anne (4)
- 24 Soldier (9)
- 25 Sea (4)
- 27 Strait (4)
- 29 Tips (9)
- 31 Roll (5)
- 32 Water (4)
- 33 Jelly (5)
- 35 Brown (3)
- 36 Poker (5)
- 37 Horse (8)
- 39 Soft (4)
- 40 Baby (5)
- 41 Sauce (7)

Down

- 1 In the past (3)
- 2 One who studies animals (7)
- 3 Water trench (4)
- 4 Scabbard (6)
- 6 Arcangelo __ Italian composer (7)
- 7 Requires (5)
- 9 Snake (3)
- 11 Doubtful (7)
- 12 Fairy (4)
- 15 Wind instruments (5)
- 18 Hoodlums (5)
- 19 Viral disease (5)
- 20 Ornamental headdress (5)
- 22 Reconstructed (7)
- 23 Relieves (5)
- 26 Dawdling (7)
- 28 Scales (7)
- 29 Welladay! (4)
- 30 Bishop's surplice (6)
- 31 Reverses (5)
- 34 Imperial Chemical Industries (abbr.) (3)
- 35 A cry (1,3)
- 38 Also (3)

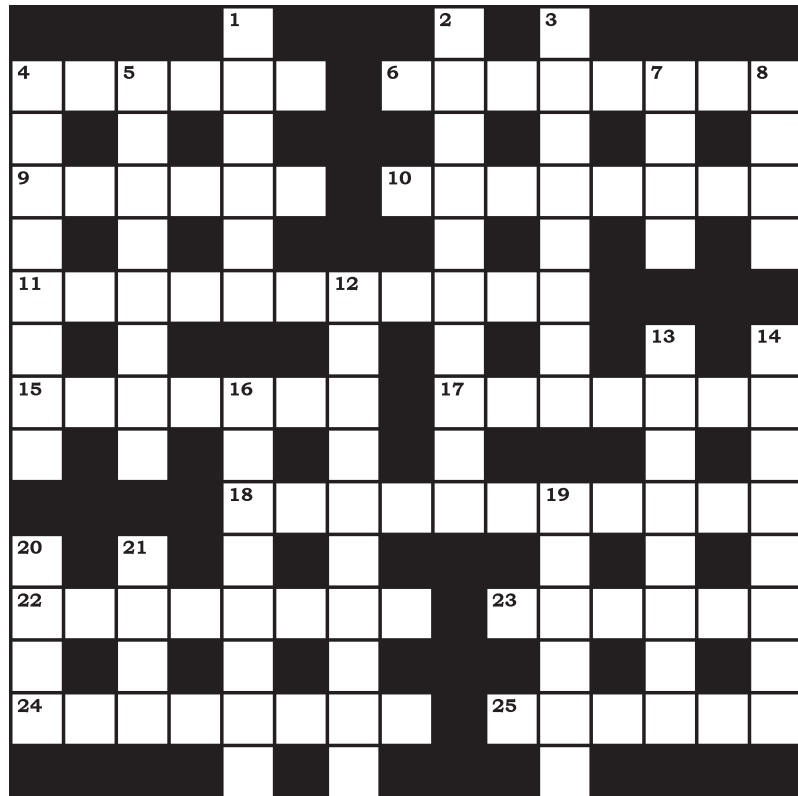
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Closing mail date: Friday 7 April 2006.

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Cryptic by Southern Cross



Across

- 4 Irishman having a sex-change? There's gossip for you! (6)
- 6 Commercial vehicle has controls at the front (5,3)
- 9 With money owing I'd not be careless, discarding nothing (2,4)
- 10 When aboard, bird reportedly tidies up (8)
- 11 Garbo's gallery? (5,6)
- 15 See liar arranging to convert goods into cash (7)
- 17 A little time put into controlling nits, lice, and the like (7)
- 18 Ref roped in unexpectedly to take one in and dance (5,2,4)
- 22 Partner has lira to be exchanged for cloth (8)
- 23 Anyhow, miss including the commercial – it's very cruel! (6)
- 24 The reply is only slightly different, and could be wool or wood (5-3)
- 25 Shy son produces arm supports (6)


Down

- 1 Ancient city – almost the ultimate (6)
- 2 Means of transferring documents – note times this setter includes a feature (3,7)
- 3 Black bans ultimately placed on old king's corporate aircraft (4,4)
- 4 One with occasional Bass accompaniment (8)
- 5 Rose cared about fine timber (3,5)
- 7 Ever change wheel? (4)
- 8 Boy goes up to get hot snack food (4)
- 12 In the musical "Nellie" surely (10)
- 13 Virulent creature to sign on finally (8)
- 14 These wreak terrible havoc and stun upset friends elsewhere (8)
- 16 I'm having wine the journalist brought in from overseas (8)
- 19 Does this sound like a rugby player? Positively! (6)
- 20 The old general's not finished with dirty stories (4)
- 21 Cate Blanchett possibly upholding rubbish (4)

Clue Writing Competition No 2/2006: Write a clue for the word TOMORROW (8). Note: only one clue per person. Send your clue and explanation to the adjudicator Steve Trollope, 28 Pannosa Ct, Capalaba Qld 4157 or by email to: steve.jt@bigpond.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 7 April 2006. Book prize.

GENERAL COMMENTS (cont'd):

- I have just received my prize for Slot 4!! Thank you to whoever drew my name out of the hat. It was a lovely surprise, especially as it was the only dot I got last month. Many thanks to the ACC. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Many thanks to the club for my \$50 prize for December slot 6. Obviously the lengthy trawling through past newsletters on the website paid off! *Kath Harper*
- Thank you for my latest colourful card for my chess prize. *Bev Solomon*

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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Cryptic</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">by</p> <h2 style="margin: 0;">Manveru</h2>


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Across

- 1 See 18ac (7)
- 5 A hay stack set carelessly produces bone disease (7)
- 9 Oddly, egnog generates self-confidence (3)
- 10 A lover upset about length – it’s universal (7)
- 11 Wild goat’s horn trimmed following identification (7)
- 12 Tree chopping takes on nest avoidance (3)
- 13 Poem discovered in repository (4)
- 14 Secure deal to recover goods by force (6)
- 15 Charity fundraiser combines cakes with beer (6,4)
- 18 & 1ac Should be charged with damage of rental property perhaps? (4, 7)
- 21 Diamonds paid for, we are told (4)
- 22 Praise lady’s maid almost trapped in mist with Queen (3,1,6)
- 24 Bowled by spinner, Gooch, for the most part, expressed delight (6)
- 25 Steal spruce (4)
- 26 Argon distilled from the bottom of flask leaves moisture (3)
- 28 Undertaking to get, with difficulty, around Missouri (7)
- 29 Alas! Go back after lost pup somewhere in Sweden (7)
- 30 Intimate chaplain adapted without restraint? (3)
- 31 Dog’s wound containing dead tissue treated with Iodine (7)
- 32 Men bewildered in mysterious country (7)

Down

- 1 Business manual found in the Bible? (4, 2, 3)
- 2 Limp following bone twist (5)
- 3 Girl hugs arranged date with much delight (8)
- 4 Howl an expression of anguish as English destroy body of water (6,3)
- 5 Prom dance! (4)
- 6 An opera for mechanics? (6)
- 7 In charge, comrade goes after wild cheetahs but doesn’t chase fairly (9)
- 8 Tree with carbon deficiency causes fungal disease in saplings? (5)
- 16 Famous traveller’s brandy eggs captivated Poland (5,4)
- 17 Compost – a foul meld! (4,5)
- 19 Cast wager on blast from the past (9)
- 20 Pheasant head caught in trap and clipped (8)
- 23 Grilling for information by telling stories on the quiet? (6)
- 24 Opens intermission with the European head of State (5)
- 26 Play out of form Bradman without any boundaries! (5)
- 27 Cap off steak-pie but doesn’t satisfy? (4)

GENERAL COMMENTS:

• For those who don’t know what on-line dictionary to use, if you put “Define: word” in Google’s search pane it will come up with a number of definitions. Another nice feature is that you can type in something like “2 litres in imperial gallons” and it will come up with 0.439938315. It will also calculate, using the normal +-* / functions, and tell you that “sqrt 9” = 3!
Ian Williams

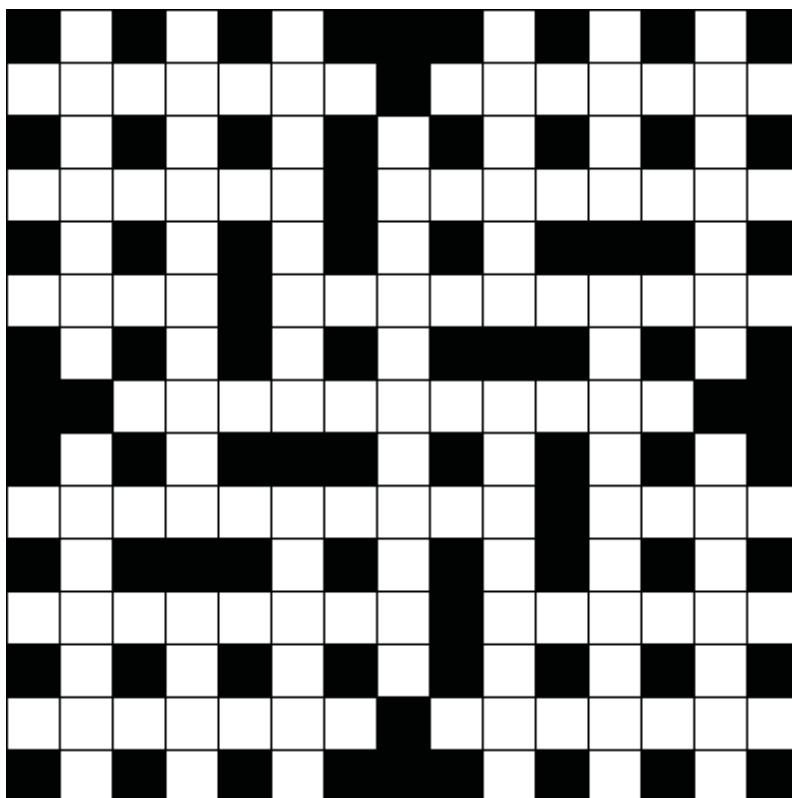
• **Pocket Crossword Dictionaries: (Handy in size for travelling)**

Collins 6cm: Bradfords Crossword Dictionary RRP \$12.95; Hamlyns pocket crossword dictionary RRP \$8.95.
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Alan Walter

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AJ
by
Sue Donim

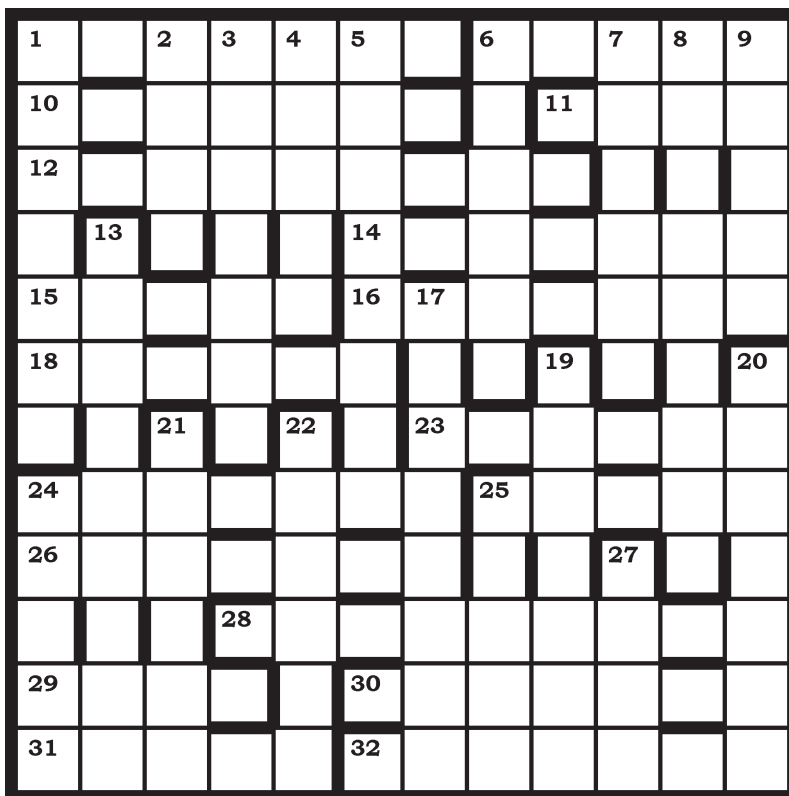
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Answers start with the given letter. Fit the answers where you can.

- A** Poor weather rods suggest she reversed her literary opinions (3,3,5)
- B** Operating system life stories (4)
- C** Vegetable found in boxcar rotting (6)
- D** Car made the laird and me feel better (7)
- E** Finish off without loud explosions for the inner cell-layers of gastrulas (10)
- F** Fabric loving invertebrate and standard bearing snake (4-4)
- G** Group leader's own Scottish increase (4)
- H** Foggiest? Check out hat size (7)
- I** Intermediaries sweeten bin out for breaks (2-8)
- J** Cat like automobiles (7)
- K** Make Len practise to be a barge worker (7)
- L** Inclination provided by the bad lane and the better gin (7)
- M** Many Australian orders instigate similar manifestations initially in Chinese doctrine (6)
- N** Snogging in the centre? What a fool! (3-3)
- O** Leaderless dog refers to Gestapo and Eastern standard for female monsters (8)
- P** Ship rigged without publisher – that is so moralistic! (8)
- Q** In composition, fifth meets crash test for musical groups (10)
- R** Lack of judgement in authorisation provided by flexible branding (6,5)
- S** A lack of power in John's car cellular phone (6)
- T** That is (abbrev.) net terms collated for tension measuring device (10)
- U** Elevating the eighteenth, I vocalise about violent revolt (8)
- V** Five leads mixed clan surrounded by nothing is the centre of an eruption (7)
- W** Theatregoers location attracted to direction terminus (4,3)
- X** Season shortened by the twenty-fourth (4)
- Y** The key to the university (4)
- Z** Arabis and the last construct fortified stockades (7)

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Cryptic by Praxis




Across

- 1 Miller's charge increased culture tenfold initially (7)
- 6 She'll create anger between partners (5)
- 10 Water lay about tanks (7)
- 11 Over a month; zero money (4)
- 12 Striking girl, smart, takes university course (9)
- 14 Picture shows pit around ancient city (7)
- 15 A French female returned on train (5)
- 16 City later changed side (7)
- 18 Try new rivets (6)
- 23 Tense, rude polities have snout in this (6)
- 24 Animal's after grass; a source of potash (7)
- 25 One commutes to wharf across lake (5)
- 26 Rough caves contain note on Scriptures (7)
- 28 Snowballs seen in chicken coop? (9)
- 29 She's back from tram ride (4)
- 30 Pension's been adjusted to suit (7)
- 31 Impress Terence (5)
- 32 Dealers return craft, the German stokes (7)

Down

- 1 Mother raised head in rage (7)
- 2 Green light; quiet! (4)
- 3 Farewell Eric heading off; dealing with old people (7)
- 4 It's said you correct this abdominal segment (5)
- 5 Locks: OK in arenas (8)
- 6 Crew detailed backstreet slums (6)
- 7 Soak vase in retort (6)
- 8 Disaffected journalist penned novel (9)
- 9 Coward circled verse in book (5)
- 13 Home on time, chap's about to turn in (9)
- 17 One p-plan; turn on aggressor (8)
- 19 Sang notes upsetting Ed's foal (7)
- 20 Ruth's prepared Eliot's jams (7)
- 21 Garland's arrest takes up the morning (6)
- 22 Once bent over, serpent constricted as well (6)
- 24 King subdued a knight's uprising (5)
- 25 Dad sent up worker's rice (5)
- 27 The French kept providing spirit (4)

Results of Quiz No 1/2006: Silence is Golden by Brian Symons.

Prize winner: Joan Smith. Congratulations!

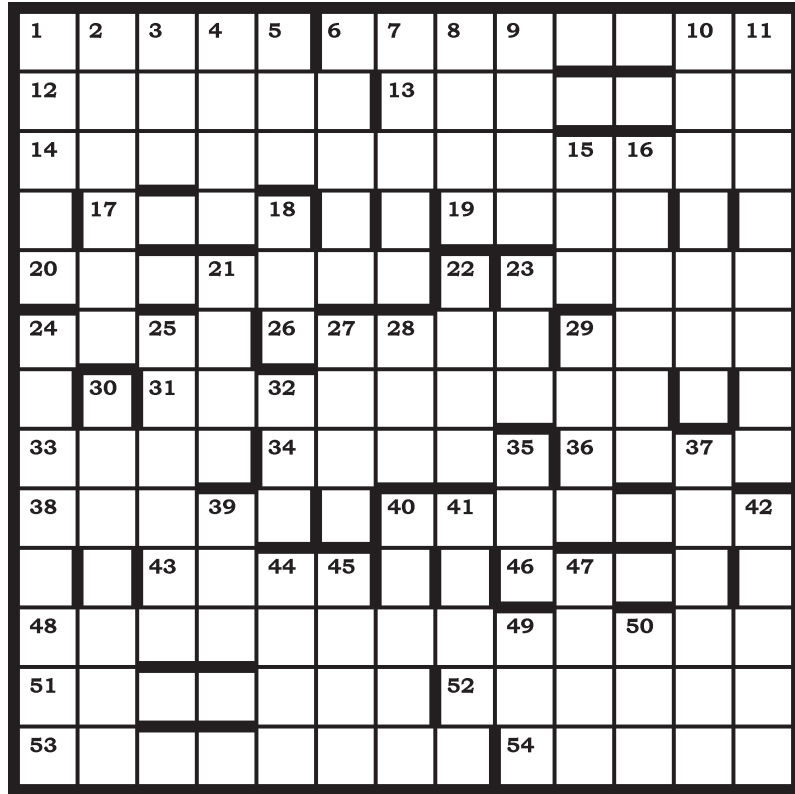
20: C Anderson, G Leeds, A Walter, T O'Brien, J McGrath, J Smith, V Dinham, C Noble, S Howells, L Harrigan, C Foster, D Procter and W Ryan. **19.5:** A Jermy, A Austin, B Cockburn and D Greening. **19:** M Kennedy, K Audrins, J Stocks and P Garner. **18.5:** M Procter, B Siegman, N Wilson, A Meek and B Glissan. **18:** I Watts.

Answers: Gnocchi, apropos, wrist or elbow, oesophagus, stay, mnemonic, einsteinium, catarrh, aplomb, sangfroid, iure, czarism (tsarism if T not used elsewhere), psalmodist, aisle, djibbah, choux, knobkerrie, rapport, queue, solemn.

Comments: Many thanks for all the nice thoughts and cards. This quiz was solvable by logical perusal of *Chambers* guided by the strange rules of English spelling. Apart from the frequent half marks lost for misspellings and mistranscriptions only two gave real trouble — iure and djibbah (djellaba fits but has too many letters). Chiasma was an interesting but not good enough suggestion for connection.

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Me First
by
Red One



An individual and two connected lights are not clued and have to be deduced (all letters are cross-checked). Some of the answers are wild-life well known to the central character – clues to these have a definition only which may be colloquial. All answers can be found in *Chambers* and *Macquarie* with the exception of two proper names.

Across

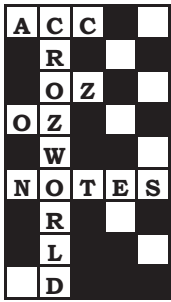
- 1 Assent to a Spenserian favour (5)
- 6 Local female exploit in charge of milk (8)
- 12 Play back nickelodeon and improvise musically casually (6)
- 13 Gentleman (only child and conscientious objector) blows in from the desert (7)
- 14 (8,5)
- 17 Monarch leaves sixteen perhaps without feeling (4)
- 19 Sounds as though I move along to a Sydney suburb (4)
- 20 Etonian hacked outgrowth (7)
- 23 The gum tree will bear it (5)
- 24 State should leave starchy food (4)
- 26 Contemptible person (5)
- 29 Entrust old Gareth inwardly (4)
- 31 (9)
- 33 Like fuel I'll shortly be in duck yard (4)
- 34 Soles get dirty in loamy deposit (5)
- 36 Old expression of surprise in looking at blood soaked insides (4)
- 38 Paper and start of essay for Spenser's field of study (5)
- 40 Boer War identity is a destroyer (7)
- 43 Henry also known as Maori war dance (4)
- 46 Local small and sweet in lost weekend (4)
- 48 (7-6)
- 51 A fraud, Edward is disgraced (7)
- 52 Sit back around the church taxes (6)
- 53 Ascends up mountain first fawn-skins worn by Bacchus and his adherents (8)
- 54 Look after around the hospital – an occasional piece of work (5)

Down

- 1 An elk ran around the joint (5)
- 2 Piano (6)
- 3 Stick the centre of Australia with nothing doing at first (3)
- 4 Whirling characters made food with red outer skin (4)
- 5 Lie about the priest (3)
- 6 Gordon perhaps (5)
- 7 Pale faced as a faint-hearted person follows (5)
- 8 Endless grey deceiver (4)
- 9 Body of men find Mary quite contrary (4)
- 10 Frozen hangers turn circles but I replace radius (7)
- 11 Lookout (8)
- 15 A party with trouble (3)
- 16 Agreed about having tackle (6)
- 18 To command one on board (3)
- 21 Slang road to Bali's first top yard (4)
- 22 Aussie cackle berries for example, guineas (4)
- 23 Japanese fish swims back – OK by me (3)
- 24 Fighting fellow seconds cruciverbalist (8)
- 25 Fools (6)
- 27 Split hair on element widely used (4)
- 28 Near old top neighbourhood in England (3)
- 29 Wild ox, an old advance (4)
- 30 Italian native is seen about the east (7)
- 32 O! The French exclamation of encouragement (3)
- 35 Siesta oddly put (3)
- 37 Searcher looking for Durham perhaps (6)
- 39 Missile returns to farm in France (3)
- 40 Intertwine not new borne idle at regular intervals (5)
- 41 Russell's half cut over the initial plant diseases (5)
- 42 Cobras seen inside a cat-like carnivore (5)
- 44 Japanese divine being, I make a comeback out east (4)
- 45 Sage changing with the times (4)
- 47 Among humour has happy beginning (4)
- 49 Involuntary habitual response I see, after tea I hear (3)
- 50 China not in drink (3)

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COMPILER PROFILE: Ann Ass (Jenny Wenham)

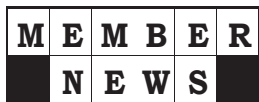
Ann Ass, aka Jenny Wenham, derives her *nom de guerre* from her middle name, Ann, and the fact that a Jenny is a female donkey — hence the Ass. "Ann Crab" just didn't have the same ring to it. Those who frequent the club's forum would also know her as Mrs Goanna. She's been a member of ACC since the early '90s when Audrey Austin lured her in. She had a couple of attempts at setting puzzles many years ago, with very mixed results. The discovery of "surface" has hopefully made a positive impact on her cluing since then. Jenny has published grids in collaboration with Ian Williams as *Hot and Cold*. This is her first solo effort at a bona fide crossword. She is hoping to publish more – either thematic or standard – in the future.



SLOT 1 BOOK PRIZES FOR 2006: Macquarie Library have kindly donated 12 copies of the *Macquarie Concise Dictionary*, revised 3rd edition published 2004 (hardback). This Dictionary features 48,000 headwords, 119,000 definitions, over 5000 encyclopedic entries on people and places of Australian and international significance and new words of contemporary English, in particular those relating to technology. The inclusion of a *WordGenius* CD-ROM further enhances the dictionary's accessibility, enabling rapid searches from the web, email or PC. This valuable prize will be treasured by those lucky solvers who win it. Good Luck!

NEW CROSSWORDS by former ACC 'gridman' David Stickley is a collection of many different types of crosswords, 60 in all, including quick, not-so-quick, clueless, cryptic and novelty. Many of the non-cryptic crosswords have themes or "gimmicks" to add that little bit extra. All crossword solvers will find something they can do, and those looking to learn the art of cryptic solving should check out an informative guide on the make-up of cryptic clues included in the book. An ideal gift for someone looking to expand their crossword horizon. More info can be found at: <http://members.optusnet.com.au/~crosswords/DSNew1.html> Copies can be purchased directly from David for \$14 (incl postage), or from most bookstores for \$14.95. Send a cheque to David Stickley, 9 Boree Pl, Westleigh, 2120. He'll happily sign the book(s) upon request. Email: puzzlers@optusnet.com.au

FEBRUARY SLOTS 1-5 Winner: Del Kennedy. Congratulations!



New Members: A warm welcome to **Beverley Redwin** from Hunters Hill, NSW (a membership gift from Andrew Patterson) and **Margaret Banks** from Port Fairy, Vic (a membership gift from Kath

Harper). Renewal of subs: Stephen Clarke, David Bennett and Dr Bob Crossman. Many thanks to Stephen Clarke for his generous donation to the ACC Prize Fund 2006.

Vale Joe Anderson: We were saddened to hear that one of our new members, **Joe Anderson** from Daylesford, Vic passed away recently after a short illness. We had pleasant contact with Joe some years ago in relation to the successful *Words in Winter Festival* held in Daylesford. Joe organised a crossword competition and approached the ACC for puzzles to test the competitors. *Stroz* compiled an orthodox and *Cactus* a cryptic and these were very well received. Joe also conducted a course for crossword enthusiasts as part of the U3A. He was a cheerful and charming person who will be sadly missed. We send our sincere condolences to his wife Marie, his son Stuart and Robyn.

Puzzle Adjustments: Karl Audrins gained a dot for Dec 6/2005. The answers in Dec 6/2005 for 5dn, 31dn and 32dn are: NEWNES, EARTU and URENT.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? by Doug Butler

What's the most Australian name parents can give their sons? Is it Bruce? Is it Barry? Matthew, Mark, Luke or John? Of course many Currency Lads get saddled with these monikers, but relative to the rest of the world it's **Shane**. From Bourne to Warne there's a dozen famous Ozzie Shanes but can you name one Pom, Yank or Kiwi with that name? For the record, here's my little list:

- Shane Bourne (actor/comedian)
- Shane Briant (actor)
- Shane Douglas (author)
- Shane Dye (jockey)
- Shane Gould (OK, a girl, but a great swimmer)
- Shane Howard (pop singer)
- Shane Kelly (cyclist)
- Shane Maloney (crime writer)
- Shane O'Mara (pop guitar)
- Shane Porteous (actor)
- Shane Powell (surfer)
- Shane Stone (politician)
- Shane Warne (spinner)
- Shane Watson (cricketer)
- Shane Withington (actor)
- Shane Woewodin (Rules footballer)

[Send your inspirations to Doug at: Doug.Butler@finders.edu.au]

[Does Hall of Shane count? Ed.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary

WORD OF THE MONTH

anserine *adj.* **1** of or like a goose. **2** silly. [ORIGIN: Latin *anserinus*, from *anser* 'goose'.]

The Australian Oxford Dictionary, Second Edition, 2004 Edited by Dr Bruce Moore. \$99.95 ISBN 0195517962

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President Patrick and Secretary Bev "soaking up the atmosphere" at William Ryan's Cauliflower Hotel, Sydney, November 2005.

February 1-2006: Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- Two halves have made a wholly good Slot 1 puzzle. Thanks Noel.
- Noel impeccable as always. Several neat clues.
- Another puzzle from Noel that gives the solver every chance.
- Always enjoy Noel's contributions but am not sure of 9ac. Is a 'beaked galley' a drake? (Yes, Cath, it's a Viking ship of war with a ramming spike on the bow 'beak' (obs) Donald Duck correctly is a drake **C**.)
- Noel's puzzles are always fair and solvable with just the right amount of frustration. I liked 40ac.
- I thought cryptic clues were supposed to be harder than straight ones, but some of Noel's Half & Half's seem to work the other way. Always a good start, anyway.
- As on many other occasions, the half and half was suitable for this slot. I noticed that there seems to be a recurring theme of travel, foreign places in the puzzles, Noel went to Skye, (Over the sea to Skye) Eddystone (lighthouse) and IOWA, before returning to Australia at Dubbo.

Alan Walter
Margaret Davis
Ted O'Brien

Catherine Hambling
Jenny Wenham

Jim Colles

Irene Watts

February 2-2006: Cryptic by Agnacenus (Mike Pogson)

- 1ac: 'Pointless mix-up' tends to suggest deleting both E and N whereas you intend only N to be deleted. Suggest putting 'A pointless mix-up'. 5ac: BA is a 'qualification' loosely referred to here as qualified! 9ac: Without mercy = RUTHLESS to obtain RUTHLESSLY need to add 'in the manner of"! 10ac: Is an unfair clue giving 16 letters in 'Wed with no clothes', from which to select 14, means two letters have to be deleted. For every 14 letters selected there are thousands of millions combinations, so by adding 2 extra undetermined letters makes the wordplay 'INDECENT"! 15ac: 'BOWER' meaning 'one who plays an instrument with a bow' is a far-fetched definition of a BASSIST. Surely an exclamation is needed! 18ac: 'ONE' is too vague for a definition & is unsatisfactory. 23ac: DIS+GU+S+TFUL Describing the singular letter S as 'curves' is stretching this round the bend! 24ac: "court in part" Knowing which letters to extract from 'court' seems a little too vague ('court out of bed' i.e. subtracting the 'cot' would be definitive) 25ac: CLOSE+TED: How does TED = late turnover, perhaps? Please explain. 1dn. JERICHO is a place where a battle once took place. Both *Chambers* & *Macquarie* do not indicate this means 'Go to battle' or 'Get lost! This appears to be an incorrect clue? 2dn: 'Uses old material' does not properly equate to 'RETROFITS'. Suggest replacing 'Uses' with 'Updates, or modifies'. 3dn: 'Most advanced' does not properly equate to 'oldest' which requires 'most advanced in years'. 4dn: 'Jailbird of note' should be 'Jailbird has note"! 7dn: Lovely clue for OVERDUE. Overall trying to solve the looseness in the clues made it an unpleasing puzzle.
- If 'FLANNEL' is correct at 13ac isn't there an indirect anagram in there? (There is Margaret! **C**.)
- I'd not connected websites with bulletin boards, but they do connect don't they?
- Some great clues but a few I've guessed. 22ac: UTE is not a VAN. 25ac: 'Late turnover' doesn't equal ET or TE. *Catherine Hambling*
- A lot of these I just don't understand - not helped by several naughty indirect anagrams. In 21ac the dodgy length indicator threw me for a while. Pleasant enough and doable nonetheless (Unlike slot 5)
- Some excellent clues (baboon, East-ender) but a few unconventional ones. In FLA(NNE)L, FLAL is an indirect anagram of stumble, and there's no anagram indicator, AROUND can't do 2 jobs.
- Slot 2 certainly played by the rules. Rafferty's!!
- A good challenge with some clever clues. I particularly liked 18ac & 12dn.
- A lot of originality in the clues, and very entertaining to solve. Though I can't get to the bottom of 4dn.
- A difficult and time consuming puzzle with rather vague clues. I almost gave up, but used guesswork and hoped for the best. The compiler went 'off to Jericho' then later to Senegal. He seemed to be in a 'stew' about some 'overdue' (rent?) but was saved by some 'net profit'.
- Please, please explain ABSCOND and CLOSETED. (Jailbird = CON note = D 6 pack = ABS (slang for the muscles of the abdomen) escape = ABS + CON + D; Closeted: Shut + ted = Close + ted = turnover (as in to ted hay). **C**.)

Alan Walter
Margaret Davis
Ted O'Brien

Catherine Hambling
Rob Watson

Shirl O'Brien
Karl Audrins

Jenny Wenham
Jim Colles

Irene Watts
Brian Symons

February 3-2006: Cryptic by zinzan (Andrew Patterson)

- 14ac: Amen = 6 characters before the Feds = 6 letters alphabetically prior to G-MEN = A-MEN. 15ac: STY = use stopped by seconds ie take the second letter of use, stopped & by. 19ac: B+LOO+D+ED, where plot = BED, JOHN = LOO & Donne's first letter + D. A challenging puzzle with some tricky clues. Thanks *zinzan*.
- This was a super puzzle. I don't usually comment much, but felt this worthy of a star. Only 2 little quibbles; 1dn: Such a weak pun, it was hardly cryptic at all and 30ac should have read 'Father is across and about' as this was an across clue. Nonetheless, good work by one of our newer compilers.
- Number of good clues. I finally selected 12ac as COTM but it could have been one of several others.
- Some really interesting clues here - 19 & 30ac for starters.
- So many clever clues! 11, 13, 20ac, 1, 9, 24 and 26dn were all up to COTM standard but my vote went to 19dn.
- Enjoyed this one but would like an explanation of 'John Donne's' first letter 19ac.
- Many wonderful clues here. My vote for COTM goes to 18dn. But 26ac is cute too.
- An enjoyable puzzle. I liked 26dn.
- A most enjoyable puzzle, with very well conceived clues. Among many, I particularly liked 31ac and 19dn.
- The traveller here took trips to Nepal, Arizona, an Arab Emirate and had strange items in his baggage including bra-strap, a comb and a bread-knife. (He wouldn't be allowed to have that on the plane.) 19dn very difficult. I chose Blooded as the answer. *Irene Watts*
- An excellent cryptic with great clueing.

Audrey Austin
Margaret Davis
Ted O'Brien

Brian Tickle
Catherine Hambling

Rob Watson
Jenny Wenham

Jim Colles
Irene Watts

Brian Symons

February 4-2006: AJ by InGrid (Jean Barbour)

- I liked the clue for P+ALAN+QU+IN. 'Y' clue should start 'Worry about a ...' The 'a' was missing. An enjoyable puzzle.
- 'Q' clue doesn't seem quite correct. (Quad = four + rodents = rats 'running around' about = re, nine = ix. **C**) 'Y' should it not be "A strong scented plant"? (to complete the anagram) 'Z' is the IVR for Zambia not Zaire.
- Like that word VAWARD. Now how can I use it?
- What a language English is offering such words as Palanquin, Jessamine, Orlop and Hirage to the setter.
- I liked the grid and the clues.
- Mostly excellent but could not understand 'P' clue. Is 'Shepard' a spelling error? (No. Alan Shepard was the first US astronaut in space. Ed.) Also in the Y clue if 'Yarrow' is correct where does the 'A' come from (It's missing from the clue. **C**)
- A pleasure right through and an interesting grid. The Y clue is missing an 'A' but no doubt I'll find it soon.
- Unusually for an AJ it took me a while to get going. Thank goodness for the clues! ZANDER was a new word for me. *Jenny Wenham*
- This *InGrid* grid variation added another degree of difficulty to the puzzle, but it also made for a most interesting AJ, which gave much satisfaction to solve.
- Suede is excellent and gets my COTM.
- Another trip to Nepal - what a coincidence! The 'Dwarfs' in No 3 also appeared as 'Dwarfishness' in No 4. A good AJ. *Irene Watts*

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Jim Colles
Brian Symons

Irene Watts

February 5-2006: T-Squares by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- Liked 'Secures square numbers' = TETHERS. Thanks for your tricky total of testing T-Squares. Long time since we had one of these. Was it you who used to do these puzzles in alliteration? (Yes Margaret I did every letter of the alphabet in alliteration) *Margaret Davis*
- What a gridful of tease!
- Audrey has excelled this time. I can only explain her blackfish clue this way: *Oxford* points to that dictionary as TAUTAG is not in *Collins*, *Chambers* or *Macquarie*. The time of the lion? maybe 'The Lion in Winter'? August is a winter month or time. *Ted O'Brien*
- This was brilliant, Audrey. My favourites were the clues for 'tether' and 'tenfold'.
- Amazing to have all those T words but how does 'Petroleum' relate to 'Tiptoe'. (The word TIPTOE can be seen in every other letter i.e. 'hopping into' THIS PETROLEUM. **C**)
- This puzzle's author said in the comments on page 10 "I gave up on this one - too many flagrant breaches of the rules of crossword compiling". My sentiments exactly, here. [It would be more helpful if you gave specific examples. Ed.]
- A marathon effort to find all the T words. (Ahhhhh, 'tis a good month to be adjudicating, Shirl! **C**.)
- Very clever. I was a bit confused by the grid not being symmetrical, but seem to have worked it out in the end. Only clue I can't quite work out is the "blackfish" one.
- Tough puzzle with a couple of words not to be found anywhere, viz - tautaug, tetratt? A few other T words that spring to mind after tackling T-squares are torture, temper, tantrums, thunder etc. Nevertheless, very gratifying to get it filled in finally. *Jim Colles*
- Another of *Virgo's* brilliant innovative puzzles. This one suited to a T. *Irene Watts*
- Ta for thirty truly testing teasers. *Yvonne Ainsworth*

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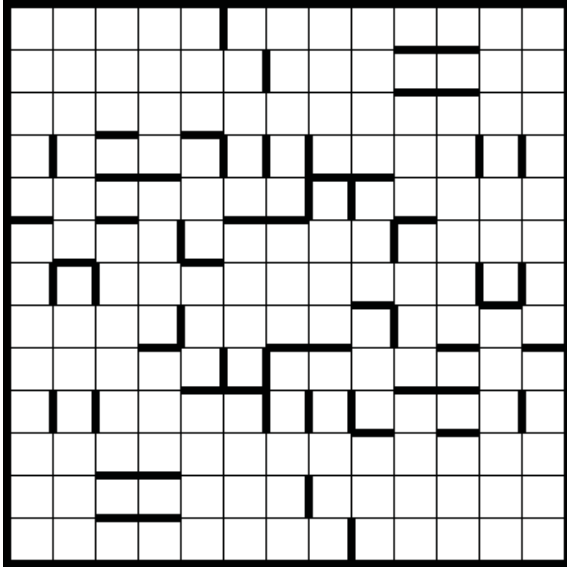
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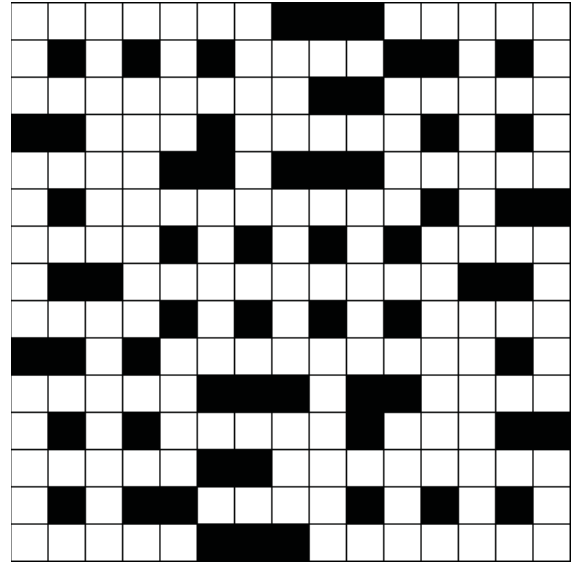
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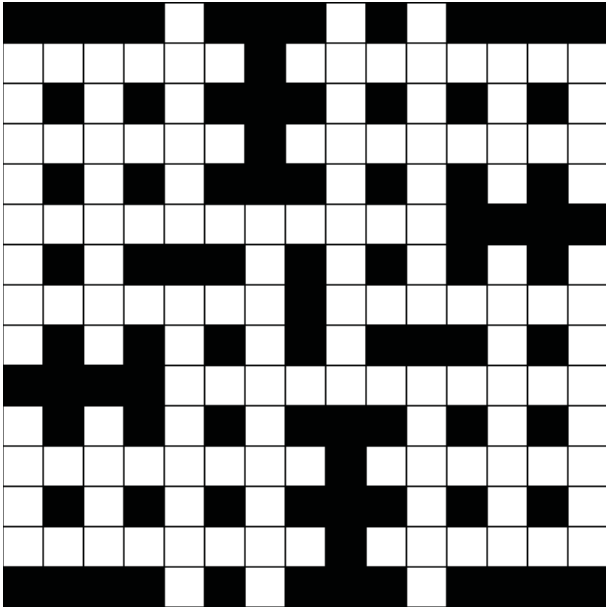
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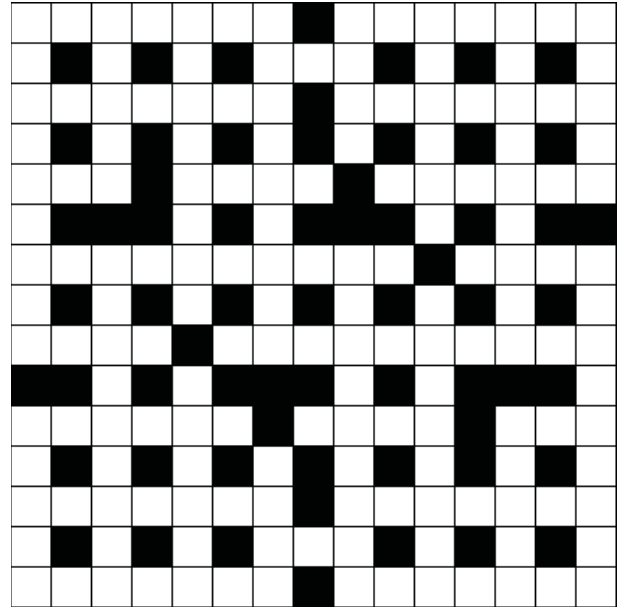
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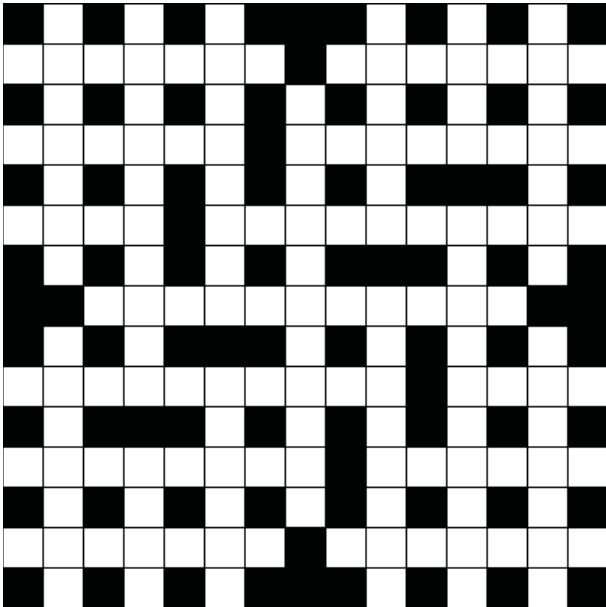
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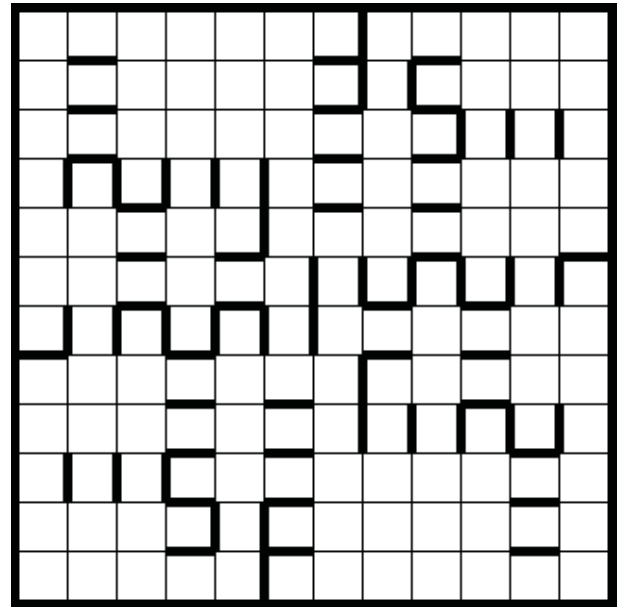
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Clue of the Month

January 6 – 2006: Attraction of Opposites by Hot and Cold (Jenny Wenham and Ian Williams)

Entries: 55. Correct: 30. Success Rate 54.5%. Prizewinners: David Parsons & Ted O'Brien. Congratulations!

Explanatory notes:

5dn was probably the biggest problem in this puzzle, mainly because of our imprecise definition, for which we tender our sincere apologies. The intended answer was SNOW ("to bury, block, shut in or overwhelm, with or as if with snow"). SNOW is also slang for cocaine, morphine or heroin. Given this rather misleading clue, we have decided to declare 5dn void: any answer that fits the rest of the grid has been accepted. To add to our woes in this corner, 9ac may also have misled (see Alan Walter's comments below) and so we have accepted COMPULSORY and COMPULSIVE in place of the intended COMPULSION. Quite a few solvers should now be breathing a collective sigh of relief. The missed dots have mainly resulted from apparent transcription errors and 29dn. Several solvers had ELIRO for this one. Movado Eliro is, apparently, a maker of watches. While this may mean being good with springs, it doesn't meet the definition. ERILO, on the other hand, is the Slavic god of Spring (also of fertility, sexuality, love, youth, strength, fury, and males, which we may gloss over here). Thanks for the many good wishes and comments on our latest offering. Comet is living up to the Hot part of our name, though Canberra has been doing its best to get us to change to "Hot & Hot". Once again, we've enjoyed setting the puzzle and receiving your responses. Stay tuned for more! For those who asked, Comet has about 80 permanent/semi-permanent residents in town, plus up to another 80 in the mine camp at the back of town. Not quite a thriving metropolis yet, but it's getting there.

Solvers Comments:

- Loved your puzzle even though it was a tricky one. Top left hand corner caused a few problems which I eventually sorted out (I hope)! [hopes fulfilled! H&C] *Audrey Austin*
- Thanks for your crossword; very clever and very fair. It took a while for the penny to drop for 'incut', but it became my COTM. I think I got the rest with a combination of deduction, intuition and guesswork. Keep 'em coming! *Merv Collins*
- In 5dn your adjective 'spontaneous' has to equate to the adjective "free-will" which here cannot be taken as a noun. Hence 'free-will' (antonym of this adjective) = COMPULSORY (adjective) and cannot equate to COMPULSION (noun). 'Block' means to screen or SORT (reference *Chambers Thesaurus*) slang 'number' = (a) SORT. So 'Block slang number' = SORT. Your pen name is very appropriate for this enjoyable & testing puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- I thoroughly enjoyed your puzzle. Very clever theme and enjoyable clues. Look forward to more and all the best for the 'Compiler of 2005', you'd definitely have to be considered. *Roy Wilson*
- Great puzzle!! Merry Christmas, Happy Cruciverbalising (sic) in 06. *William Ryan*
- Congratulations on a good puzzle and a good concept – hope we see many more from you. I have not been able to work out 18ac but I'm sure the answer is correct. [Sure is Doreen. H&C] *Doreen Jones*
- Just another way to change our thinking. You setters seem to have no end to your imaginations. [Woof!] *Aileen Skillicorn*
- Very interesting & tricky. 29dn – God of watch springs? [Sorry Roy, I don't think we can count ELIRO as a god. H&C] *Roy Taylor*
- A really tough and enjoyable puzzle. Took me ages to get SNOW as 9ac could have been compulsory or compulsive. Uncertain about PIOTED. I think it means mixed – the opposite of divided. [Sorry Brian. PIOTED means 'pied' which is mixed colours, but not the opposite of 'divided'. H&C] *Brian Symons*
- An interesting challenge, but 5dn is a mystery. And ERILO led me a merry chase – we don't see too many Slavic gods. *Rob Watson*
- Thanks for a great puzzle, so very different. I am not happy with 5 dn. *Valerie Howard*
- I enjoyed your puzzle. I couldn't get my head around 5dn. Settled on SNOW – some block reference and number as a drug. STOP was tempting. 29 dn I assume is an anagram of LOIRE – however couldn't find him anywhere. Guess ERILO. [2 correct assumptions, Bob, but sadly one transcription error. H&C] *Bob Hagan*
- Not easy! But very good – fingers crossed. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Many thanks for the puzzle. All the best for 2006. *Joan Smith*
- Great challenge. Thanks. *Jean Barbour*
- I thought your 28dn was brilliant. *Joan McGrath*
- This was a really challenging quiz even after realising that opposites had to be entered in the grid. Thanks you for the challenge. *Ted O'Brien*
- Thanks for an enjoyable puzzle. I liked 9ac & 21ac. *Daphne Greening*
- For the first time I have not been able to find a satisfactory answer to a cryptic clue in *Crozworld*. With 5dn I was tossing up between SLOT & SPOT. Both can refer to a timeslot or block in a schedule. SPOT can be a slang adjective describing a number eg a ten spot in cards or money but it isn't a slang word for the number. Alternatively S could be an abbreviation for Slang and POT could be a drug used to numb and LOT could be a quantity or large number. [see adjudicators' comments H&C] *David Procter*
- The idea behind the across clues was brilliant, and I thoroughly enjoyed solving "Attraction of Opposites". Most appropriate to your compiler pseudonym. Hope to see lots more from H&C. *Jim Colles*
- On the whole I enjoyed the challenge of working out the opposites – some were reasonably easy and others gave me a lot of trouble (I think 25ac was the last one I solved.) *Peter Dearie*

GENERAL COMMENTS:

- I wanted to thank the club for my prize for last month's slot 1. Because I haven't been sending puzzles in regularly I felt that I didn't really deserve it. However, it's spurred me on to work harder. Thanks must also go to Patrick for the care he took in making sure that it duly arrived. *Judy Mitchell*
- Thanks for my prize in last month's issue of *Crozworld*. It's a lovely excuse to spend. I think I've accounted for it several times already!! *Catherine Hambling*
- I noticed that only 27 members sent in the name of their favourite compiler for 2005. Both of my daughters (Barb Ibbott and Hilary Cromer) and also myself were among the missing voters. The solving period in January is particularly busy with after Christmas/New Year commitments, special happenings and short holidays for some. Hilary and I missed the note about it at the top of a very full information page, Barb had extra commitments because of the birth of her second grandchild. All three of us would have voted for **Audrey Austin** as our favourite. She provided us with more puzzles than anyone else last year, and such an amazing selection, thematics, AJ's, cryptics, quizzes, a double acrostic, general knowledge etc. Her puzzles are enjoyable, lively, interesting, and different. Need plenty of thought, but are do-able. This in no way denigrates the high standard of the expert winners of the poll, who delight us so regularly with their expertise, but in my book, Audrey is 'top of the pops'. Barb and Hilary agree with me. Bravo Audrey, we love you! *Irene Watts*

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**Something
Fishy
by Ann Ass**



Highlighted clues marked with an * have no definition. All have something in common.

Note: Allow at least 3 days prior to the closing date to ensure posted solutions arrive in time.

Across

- *1 Grandma Waterhouse (8)
- *5 Vassal monitors retainer (6)
- 9 Film noir treat (5,3)
- 10 Wattle moisture dogs drink this way (6)
- 12 Decorates Benz so Mal can be transported (9)
- 13 Float away in the sky (5)
- *14 Do a line (4)
- *16 Indian grave (3,4)
- 19 Bearing one item of news? (7)
- 21 Dragon Hunter's back pack? (4)
- *24 Snake turned right into one (5)
- *25 Ban artist, copper and lawyer (9)
- 27 Manuzio's type of Italy (6)
- 28 Company takes a publicity shot in Spanish castle (8)
- 29 Spur Mr James in central organ (6)
- *30 What a bird should do before landing soundly (3,5)

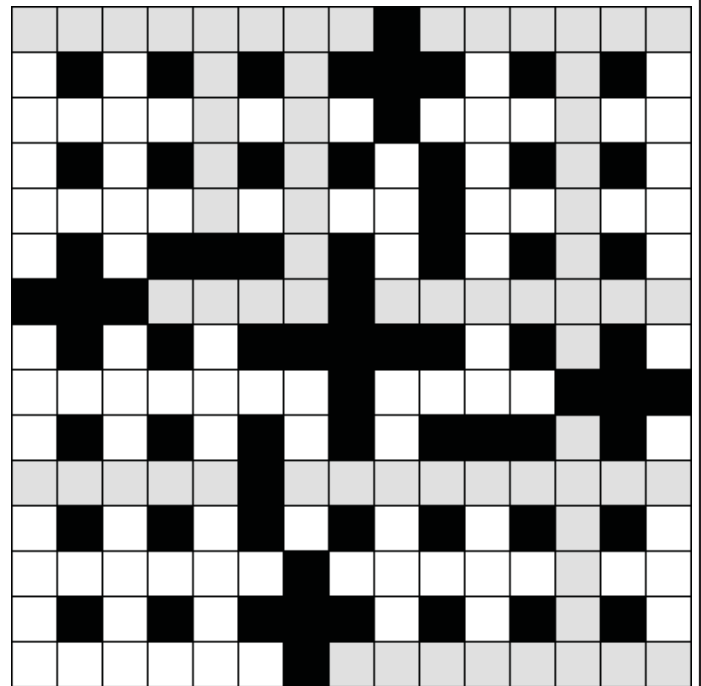
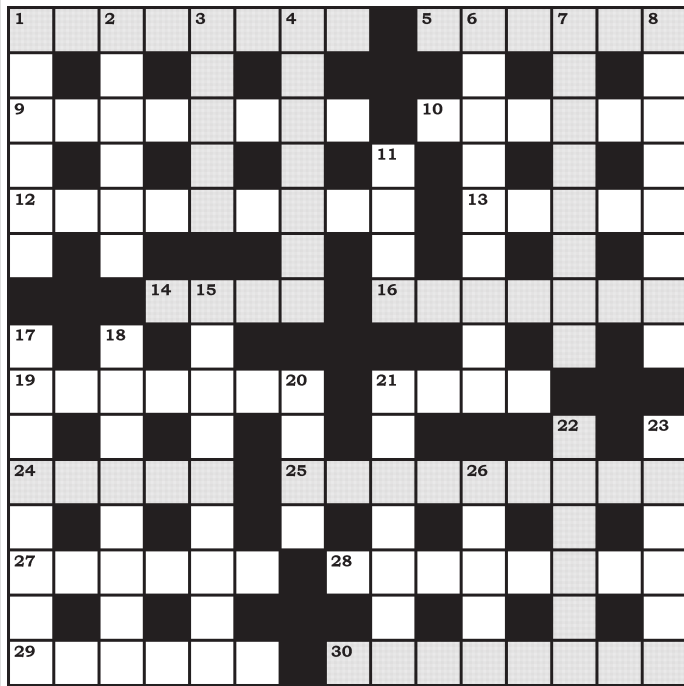
Down

- 1 Seized hilltop plot (6)
- 2 Longing to hold supporter up close (6)
- *3 Work (5)
- *4 West Indian pear (7)
- 6 Headland for the princess (9)
- *7 Marijuana? No way! (8)
- 8 Relative influence of Frenchman born with crock belief (8)
- 11 Leader cast out rats (4)
- 15 No cricket team at one with Bradman's surroundings would be rusting (9)
- 17 Any game of pitch-and-toss for diminutive chickens (8)
- 18 Old port left aboard? Right! Scatter! (8)
- *20 Proceed past (4)
- 21 Droop in the centre of the small arrangement (7)
- *22 Drag queen (6)
- 23 Gee! A gangster in the boot! (6)
- 26 This Commonwealth agency's leaders misbehave (3,2)

**Post solution to: Jenny Wenham, PO Comet, Qld 4702.
email: jawenham@ozconnect.com.au Closing mail date: 7 April 2006.**

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Quiz No 3/2006



by Brian Symons

THE OSCARS

Send your answers on this or a separate sheet to: Brian Symons, 1 Kookaburra Place, Grays Point NSW 2232, or by email to: brian_symons@bigpond.com.au
Closing mail date: 7 April 2006.
Prize: \$50.

- 1 Which film won the most academy awards — 8 in fact — without winning best picture?
- 2 Which film won the best picture award without winning any other category?
- 3 Which actress has been nominated most times for an acting award?
- 4 How many times did Alfred Hitchcock win best director?
- 5 As *Time Goes By* is associated with which best picture?
- 6 How many best picture winners contain a colour in their title?
- 7 Who is the only actor to win best supporting actor in consecutive years?
- 8 *Titanic* equalled the record number of Oscar nominations. Which film shares this record?
- 9 Which best picture gave Qantas a plug?
- 10 Which film was the second to win in all 5 major categories (best film, best director, best actor, best actress and best screenplay)?
- 11 Which best picture contains the line "They call me Mister Tibbs"?
- 12 Which best film was the number one viewing recommendation of Pope John Paul II?
- 13 Which actress won an acting award for playing a man?
- 14 Who won the best actor award posthumously?
- 15 What best picture's plot is a guy's analysis of his breakup with his ex-girlfriend?
- 16 Who received the Academy's first Honorary Award?
- 17 Which actor has received the most acting award nominations?
- 18 Which subsequent winner of a best actor award made his auspicious debut in *To Kill a Mockingbird*?
- 19 Who was the first actress to win best actress on her genuine film debut?
- 20 When Noel Coward saw *Lawrence of Arabia* he commented: "If Peter O'Toole was any prettier they'd have to rename the film" ---What?

Crosswords on the Internet by Ian Williams

The Internet: essential resource or last resort of the cruciverbal cheat? It all depends on your viewpoint and you have to make up your own mind. Being a technophile, it'll become pretty obvious where I stand. In this article I'll only deal with Internet references relevant to cryptic crosswords and their solution. If the American variety is your bag you could start at <http://puzzles.about.com/library/features/blxwd.htm>. Our Club has moved very firmly into the Internet era. We have a website (<http://www.crosswordclub.org>) and CrOZworld can be e-mailed to you direct, saving the postie work, saving paper and the environment and giving you the advantage of receiving it seconds after its publication. The website is well worth a visit, not least of all because it hosts the lively discussion forum DEEF (feedback!). DEEF attracts not only our own bright sparks but, from time to time, crossworders surfers from the other side of the world. Content ranges from deep and meaningful discussion of Ximenean principles, through solutions to recent crosswords (ACC (but not before the closing date) and newspapers) to the downright trivial, but is usually amusing and informative. The website holds an archive of past issues dating from September 2001, ready for downloading, so you can throw out all of those dusty paper copies that you keep "just in case" (I know I do)! The site also gives you the opportunity to download a free copy of Doug Butler's AxWord, which will enable you to open the blank grids for Slots 1 to 5 that are circulated each month. It also lets you complete the crosswords, **proof-read the solutions** and e-mail the results. There are a number of other sites hosting discussion forums on crossword solving. A local one can be found at the Cracker classifieds site <http://cracker.com.au/threads.aspx?categoryid=11300>. Many of the former Cracker habitués can now be found on DEEF. Another Australian site <http://www.blackstump.com.au/crossword.htm> provides links to over 40 Australian and international crossword sites of various types (free and subscription) and more than a dozen sources of Sudoku puzzles. My favourite forum (next to ours) is the UK Crossword Centre (registration is free) <http://games.groups.yahoo.com/group/crosswordcentre/>, hosted by Yahoo and boasting over 800 members internationally. Crossword news is provided by Derek Harrison and there is a monthly clueing competition voted on by members. Very sobering to enter! The monthly prize crossword is usually quite cerebral. The Crossword Centre forum is quite lively, as is the one operated by Google at <http://groups.google.com/group/rec.puzzles.crosswords?lnk=li>. Peter Biddlecombe (a former winner of the Times Crossword Championship) is a frequent correspondent to both and, amongst other things, provides a commentary on the latest (as it is published in the UK) Times cryptic on his website at <http://biddlecombe.demon.co.uk/puzzles.html>. A useful feature of his site is *Yet Another Guide to Cryptic Crosswords* – this includes an introduction (with glossary), a list of clue types, some solving tips, thoughts about bad cryptic puzzles, lists of paper and web-based puzzle resources, and some help on British cryptic puzzles for foreigners. Sign up for a gmail account, subscribe to the Google

group, follow the instructions to connect the two and watch your inbox fill with crossword-related correspondence. There aren't enough hours in the day to read it all – and eat and sleep and do the other boring things we do! Members hold differing views on the value of aids like anagram solvers and electronic dictionaries, either in the form of applications loaded onto the computer or on the Internet. Personally, once I have identified the anagram indicator and the requisite number of letters, the solution is a matter of rote. I therefore appreciate AxWord, which for AUD50 provides probably one of the larger lexicons of words up to 15 letters in length. I was persuaded by advertising to buy a British "equivalent" for about GBP20 and it's not a patch on Doug's program. AxWord is also good at finding words having missing letters and has 15 other search functions. I use it to check e-logged submissions each month. I'm also addicted to electronic dictionaries. My first dictionary was bought in 1996 for about GBP45 and served me pretty well for about 9 years, although migrating the application from Windows 3.1 through 95, 98, Millennium and then to XP required considerable work and welcome assistance from *The Stickler* when none was forthcoming from the vendors. A bit like them selling a conventional dictionary with ink that disappears after a few years! I now have the latest *Chambers Dictionary* and *Thesaurus* and the *Shorter OED* as well. I bought the *Macquarie* some years ago, but not only did it need the CD to be running to access it, but it hi-jacked my fonts and the browser. No response from *Macquarie* when I offered them my views on what they needed to do to make the application work appropriately. Useless! When I enquired about upgrading this totally unsuitable application to the latest version the response was along the lines of "Hard cheese – you'll have to buy the new one!" I'll stick with my Budget paperback edition of the steam version for Australian words, thank you! I have to say, though, that their hardback *Thesaurus* is one of the best in the business for layout and content. Strange contrast. Then there are the online dictionaries. There are so many available that I now use as a first resort, when *Chambers* and the *SOED* fail, the OneLook® Dictionary <http://www.onelook.com/>. The site tells us that it accesses 7,608,756 words in 1001 dictionaries. Are there that many words? Then there are the sites containing specialist sources including encyclopaedias, quotations, foreign languages (useful when DEEF is conducted in Latin or when our cryptics are clued in, say, French), atlases, literature, the Bible, music etc., etc.. I have 10 directories under the "Reference" heading of my Mozilla Firefox browser containing an average of 8 current and relevant sites. I also use Google to put less structured questions to the Internet. Fair enough to have access to this amount of information when solving crosswords, as it helps to put you on the same "knowledge plane" as the compiler. However, a major question is how much of it to use when writing clues or composing a quiz in order to achieve equity between the information-enabled members and those who don't even possess a computer. I know that I wouldn't have been able to complete more than a small fraction of some recent CrOZworld quizzes without the Internet. [To be continued]

Slot 7 - Jan 2006: Capital Capers by Drover's Dog (John Gillis) Entries: 60. Correct: 38. Success rate: (63.3%).

Prizewinner: Ian & Kay Williams. Congratulations!

Adjudicator's Comments: It was great to receive all the cards, notes etc wishing me a Happy New Year as well as the kind words of encouragement. I have accepted either LINEN or LENIN for 2dn as the wording of the clue really doesn't indicate what was the definition and what was the second. Probably better worded as "Vladimir Ulyanov changed into his underclothing". I have also accepted both DINAR and DENAR for 16ac as *Chambers* (my reference for the standard currency units) gives DENAR as the usual spelling for Macedonia's currency under the listing DINAR (there was NO WAY I was going to attempt clueing Bosnia-Herzegovina; Kazakhstan was enough!!!). I did have to use an alternative spelling, LEW in 29ac but again it is in *Chambers*. Speaking of which, a few members said they found RELIE (27dn) (anagram of EARLIER without RA, the regressive god) under RELIDE in *Chambers*; in my 9th edition, it has its own entry in which 'relide' is mentioned. Most errors seemed to be spelling, OTGOPOL, OOGOPOL, OLGOPAL for OLGOPOL (anagram of 'lop logo' and in *Macquarie Atlas* as well as the internet); ROYAL for RIYAL; RENMIMBI for RENMINBI; POUUD for POUND; NOUSENA, NAUMENA for NOUMENA; COPULAR, CUPOLAR for CUPULAR (UP inside CU (copper) + LA (the in French) + R (king)). Other problems were 19ac WON (Sound move = homophone of career for KOREA) and 19dn WAD (I taken from WADI).

Solvers' Comments:

- Many thanks for a CAPITAL puzzle; your CAPERS caused plenty of brain-strain! 2dn: answer could be LINEN or LENIN as 'changed' could apply to Ulyanov OR to his underclothing. (Refer to my comments: both accepted, DD). *Alan Walter*
- The only one I don't understand is 19ac. I could only think that 'sound' meant homophone, of 'move' as 'career', roughly giving me 'Korea'. Anyways, enjoyable and educational. *Andrew Patterson*
- Very clever idea & lots of fun & some great clues. *Brian Symons*
- How clever to get all the across ones in – shame about DOLLAR, it nearly fitted in at 14ac. 16ac could be DINAR or DENAR but I have settled for the latter. 7dn OSLO ROYAL is a bit sus but all is forgiven because of the bottom line RIYAL, RIEL, REAL. *Doreen Jones*
- Thanks for this ingenious crossword – only doable after the penny (or pound) had dropped. Bartholomew's *Mini World Factfile* was a great help. OLGOPOL is not in the index of the *Times Atlas*. Found it on the Internet. *Roy Taylor*
- What a devious fellow you are! I'm sure I'm not the only one who thought the "across" answers were going to be the capital cities of the countries. My "mini" *Times Atlas* gave the currency of Kazakhstan as TANGA which didn't fit in with METIER. I finally finished & hope I've got it all correct. (Yes dot has been awarded, DD) I really enjoyed your puzzle & hope you will give us some more. *Margaret Davis*
- Another crossword with a difference – first having to solve the clue & find the country & then the currency. 6ac Rolling Stone had me for a while as I was sure that it had something to do with Mick Jagger or Keith Richards! Keep up the good work. *Marian Procter*
- This was really difficult. It took most of my first week of holidays & I gave up a couple of times. Thanks & cheers. *Jean Barbour*
- Loved your clues, especially 9dn, 19dn, 22dn. Great theme and X-word 10/10 CAPITAL! *Betty Siegman*
- A very interesting theme, made more challenging by some alternative spellings and (gasp!) some indirect anagrams. Bravo! *Rob Watson*
- Research needed to find the currencies and I am not sure of the Ukraine town – not in any of my atlases. Thanks for the challenge. *Bob Hagan*
- Enjoyed your cunning Capital Capers. It was very educational. Your 14ac was an excellent clue in particular, but all your clues made proper sense. Look forward to your next one. *Michael Kennedy*
- Thank you for your interesting crossword: hope I've figured it out correctly! (Yep, DD) *Ann Jermy*
- Dear Mr Dog, great puzzle mate! Took a while to get anything but a couple of downs. Penny(!) eventually dropped on the across connection, but still took several, (say, 4 in total over 10-12 nights in front of the box) hours to get it out – if it's out that is! Thanks for a great adventure and work-out! *Raoul*
- Re 2dn: The clue is ambiguous and either LENIN or LINEN fit as the answer. It could read either as: (i) Vladimir Ulyanov (definition) changed his underclothing (second) = LENIN or (ii) Vladimir Ulyanov changed (second) his underclothing (definition) = LINEN. *Andrew Meek*
- I enjoyed this puzzle but didn't realise that there were so many different currencies in the world. Thank goodness for "Google", although it gave Bulgaria's money unit as LEV. I suppose it's all in the translation. *Yvonne McKindlay*
- Very enjoyable puzzle. Title was sufficiently oblique to start us thinking along other lines – what a wonderful language for the cryptician!! Thank you John for the challenge – looking forward to more. *Roy Wilson*
- This must have been a tricky compiling task! (an understatement, Denis. DD) *Denis Coates*
- Whew! You make it tough! Thanks for the brain exercise though, I enjoyed it once I got the drift. *Catherine Foster*
- Thank you for providing another challenging puzzle for the ACC. I did find it very tough & of course involved some research to find the

currency of the countries. If you could write a clue for KAZAKHSTAN (even without a definition part) I believe you could write a clue for ANY word!! I enjoy theme puzzles and to have a secondary theme was a real bonus. Well done – more please!! Too many good clues to mention here but particularly liked 25ac, 29ac, 33ac & 20dn. Re 19dn: WAD – meaning sandwich? I'm not sure why? (One of the meanings listed in *Chambers*. DD)

Graeme Cole
• Thanks for your entertaining puzzle – I enjoyed the 'extra dimension', which demanded a bit of lateral thinking. In the end I think 27dn probably got me. I can't confirm my answer anywhere though my letters are right if I read the clue correctly: 'earlier' without Ra, the regressive god, left me with e, l, i, e, r. R, L + E were already in place so I've guessed the other two! Funny, too, how 'burr' turned up in two puzzles – yours and slot 3, 19ac with completely different clues – ah, the beauty of the crossword!
Merv Collins

• Without a copy of Bradford's *Crosswords Lists* I would have had no hope whatsoever with this. Once I realised that coins were involved, e.g. kroon + dinar I was able to verify my guesses by referring to Bradford. It took me quite a while before I found RELIE (27dn) in *Chambers* under RELIDE. Thanks for a real challenge.
Ted O'Brien

• I enjoyed solving your puzzle but had a bit of trouble with 27dn as I didn't look under entries for RELIDE for some time. *David Procter*
• What an intriguing puzzle! As I read the clue for 2dn I think that it could go either way. Hope I picked the right one. *Valerie Howard*

• Thank you – I have never learnt so many new words from a single puzzle. My only complaint is that you didn't manage to include my two favourite currencies: the ngwee and the dong. *Iain MacDougall*

• Congratulations! A terrific puzzle in all regards. RENMINBI took a bit of finding. The bottom line across is also very clever. *Don Hemsley*
• *The Chambers Dictionary* [2003] gives RENMINBI. It says "renmin" means the people and "bi" means money.
Bev Solomon

• I was lucky to have a recent gazetteer of nations which listed their currencies, which was a great help (though not admittedly with RENMINBI!). Devising this crossword must have been quite a challenge, as was solving it. An ingenious crossword. *Peter Dearie*

• Thanks for a most enjoyable puzzle which I found difficult enough to be interesting without being frustrating. I think that your 25ac is a delightful spoonerism – one of the best that I've seen. I also like 26 and 22dn. I could not make up my mind re 2dn. After trying it with a hyphen before 'changed' and then, instead, one after 'changed' I still couldn't decide so I ended up drawing one out of a hat, so to speak. Looking forward to another puzzle by you soon. PS: I wonder if anyone put DINAR for 16ac without checking it.
Daphne Greening

• I really enjoyed this puzzle – the concept of a puzzle within a puzzle was most enjoyable. Thanks again – I look forward to further offerings from you. *Pat Garner*

• Challenging puzzle. Had a guess with one clue. *Barbara Glissan*
• This was very hard. I'm not confident, but enjoyed the challenge.

Jan Wood
• A capital concept! Right on the money! And "Riyally, rielly, really" clever to get the final three across lights together in the same row. The Bulgarian LEW had me stuck for a long time, but I've finally found a reference to it.
Steve Trollope

• Had a lot of angst trying to find a way to fit capital cities into the grid before the penny dropped. Then had more fun hunting around for the currency. Astonishing what some people like to call their cash. E.g. COLON. Thanks for a most entertaining puzzle. Hope to see more from *Drover's Dog*.
Jim Colles

• Enjoyed the puzzle. Good one!
Karl Audrins
• Thanks for an interesting puzzle! I'm not sure of 27dn. *Mary Dodd*
• This certainly took some research! Thank goodness for the Internet! I was amazed to find that the Chinese currency was called the Renminbi and a lot of them seemed such an unlikely collection of letters that I could hardly believe them. For a while I was trying to give 'cowrie' as the answer to 14ac. A pity. I should have liked that. I could not verify the answer to 27dn.
Margaret Galbreath

**Solution to Jan 2006 Slot 7
Capital Capers by Drover's Dog**

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Results of the Clue Writing Competition: January 2006 Submissions. Write a clue for CHORAL (6).

Adjudicated by Steve Trollope

Dictionary definitions of CHORAL, *adj* for or relating to a choir (*Chambers*), *noun* (more commonly CHORALE) Harmonised melody (*Chambers*), Hymn tune (*Chambers*), Part of RC service sung by the choir (*Chambers*), Choir (*Macquarie*).

Only 9 clues were submitted this month. The selection of the winner however was still extremely difficult because there were two very similar clues submitted, which were competing for the prize.

The winner is **Orchestral composition with no intermission is sung by a choir?** by Michael Kennedy which meets the main principles. It has an interesting indication of ORCHESTRAL minus REST (intermission) with composition doing the job of the anagram indicator. Overall I liked the use of the musical theme throughout the clue. The second clue was **Restless orchestral arrangement for musical** again using the musical theme – the two clues were amazingly similar, but I had to pick a winner and I selected the winner because I felt it made slightly better sense and it was a complete sentence rather than a phrase.

All the submissions meet the basic requirement of “Fairplay” as intended by Ximenes and his followers and maintained the high standard set in recent months. I have listed below the guidelines which I use to determine which are the best clues and which clue is the winner. These guidelines are in priority order, so, for example, a witty clue will not be eligible if it does not meet at least points 1 and 2.

1. Clue complies with Ximenean principles – see December 2004 issue of *Crozworld*
2. Clue makes sense as a sentence – a good clue should "tell a story"
3. Clue misleads the solver, but still meets 1 and 2, "You need not mean what you say, but you must say what you mean"
4. Clue is witty; 5. Clue is short

I have written each clue to identify the **definition (in bold)** and the *indication (in italics)*, and then underneath I have made some comments.

Children robed for singing *in peach or almond pink*

Choral is an included word in the indication. The definition is stretched somewhat to bring in the concept of children’s coloured robes.

First class! Top hole! uttered the singers

C + H + ORAL leads to a good clue, but a dangerous concept. From my singing experience, whenever the singers think that they have done well, the Musical Director is not at all happy!

Listen to the reef **singing**

Sounds like coral leads to CHORAL. A very good concise clue and a contender for the prize.

Orchestral composition with no intermission is **sung by a choir?**

Take ORCHESTRAL minus intermission (REST) to leave OCHRAL and compose (anagram) the result into CHORAL. An excellent clue maintaining a musical concept throughout.

Second chorus in carol adapted to **hymn tune**

H + CAROL adapted (anagram) into CHORAL, again maintaining a musical concept.

Sung by a choir *in French or Albanian*

Choral is an included word in the indication. Another very good clue.

Restless orchestral arrangement for **musical**

Very similar to the clue three above, with REST removed from ORCHESTRAL to leave an anagram of CHORAL. Again it has a musical theme throughout and is an excellent clue.

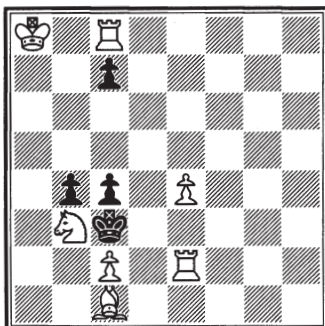
Coach drops top centre, takes on both sides and arranges **musical**

COACH – C + R + L gives COAHL. I feel that clues such as this are somewhat contrived and immediately indicate a charade type clue (ie made up of the parts of the answer). One of these in a crossword to deal with a difficult entry is acceptable, but I think that compilers should try to avoid them if possible.

Teach orally, including a part for the whole reformed church choir

Again, choral is an included word in the indication. Is “reformed church” included in the definition in line with the definition which I have listed above, ie “Part of RC service sung by the choir”. I have taken RC to mean Roman Catholic as given in *Chambers* list of abbreviations, whereas the reformed church is the Protestant church. “A party for the whole choir” would have been acceptable, but adding more detail to the definition must make it clearer and more precise, not vaguer.

No. 3



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**Chess Game Problems
Nos 3 and 4/2006**

White to play and mate in three moves. Name White's first move in each problem.

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No. 4

