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There is nothing one goes to meet with more pleasure than the word.
Rwandan Proverb

GRIDATORIAL

The Month of May is a festive month indeed. The word ‘May’ comes from Maia, the goddess of growth and increase. Virgil tells us that Roman youths used to go into the fields and spend the first day of May dancing and singing in honour of Flora, the goddess of fruits and flowers. The English celebrated May-day with games and sports. In the true spirit of May, we have games for you this month with a topical crossword compiled by *Saphmead*. As the French would say: “Mais oui tempt you?”

We are always delighted to publish puzzles by new compilers. This month, we welcome to the ranks *Camelia* (Claire McClelland). *Camelia* has compiled a cryptic puzzle which should provide you with plenty of challenge. See *Camelia’s* profile on page 4. Members will remember *Sue Donim* (Bruce Austin). It’s been a while since we published one of his excellent contributions but we welcome him back with a cryptic in Slot 3. See *Sue Donim’s* profile on page 5.

It’s also been some time since the Aussie Master Noel Jessop has contributed an AJ. Sincere thanks for compiling this one for us Noel. If you can work out Noel’s cryptic message, tell the Adjudicator. For all those who like to read about movie stars, *Stroz* has devised a puzzle with the names of some of the stars of the silver screen. And to round out a wonderful month of cheerful and festive puzzles, *Cactus* will tease you with another of his brilliant compositions.

Finally, we publish some details about new software products to assist crossworders, compilers and solvers alike. Feel free to follow up these links on the Internet.

We wish you Happy Crozworlding in marvellous May time!
—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Hello from the Golden West. Thank you to those who took the trouble to write and send cards and for kind greetings. Apart from the usual “slips of the pen” and blank squares the following words caused difficulty:

Slot 1: Alternate spellings were accepted for 25ac SOLE/SOLO and 33ac LOONY/LOOPY. 1dn caused the most grief with 6 solvers using COBRA, 3 with CROSS, 3 with CYRUS, 6 with CRABS and one each of CRESS, CAROL, CHRIS. One who had otherwise completed the puzzle just left the unchecked letters blank. 11ac caused quite a few errors when SPRING was used, 4dn brought HILL forth more than once and 12ac was filled in DENY. GIPSY was not accepted as the musical is not spelled that way. One solver put CATS for 29dn which I thought was quite enterprising and in keeping with the theme but unfortunately it mucked up all the solutions which cross checked it.

Slot 2: There were not too many errors here although quite a few misspelled LICENSOR which is the only acceptable spelling which fits the cryptic clue. 21dn caused some, who must have missed the connection with Bradman, to put the answer as BATMAN which hardly fits the clue reference to “a villain”!

Slot 3: The alternate spellings DYKES/DIKES for 13ac were accepted. For 15dn several used DEEP-SEAMEN which seems reasonable, but unfortunately it does not fit the cryptic indications to the clue. This was also the case for 18dn when TURNS OUT was used by some. A few managed to put an A into 22ac MONOCLE.

Slot 4: The R word tripped up 11 solvers when 10 used ROUE (not cooks perhaps) and one had ROUS. One anonymous solver (who only entered this one puzzle) spelled TAIPEI as TAIPAI as did 5 others. SITARISTS was misspelled 3 times.

Slot 5: Solvers loved being reminded of Blake’s wonderful poem. The spelling TYGER tripped up quite a few people which in turn left 9dn incorrect. 1dn also caused problems when SCRABE was used incorrectly by 8 solvers. SHERIA was incorrectly entered 22 times as SHARIA and although this is perfectly correct alternative spelling of the definition it does not fit with the “woman” part of the subsidiary clue. Three solvers put in SHERIF.

Clue of the Month: 8dn in Slot No 2 SPIRITS OF SALTS was voted the most popular clue closely followed by 20dn NOT RIPE in the same puzzle. Congratulations to The Beast. The quirky clue for 29dn in Slot 5 (FOIST) received 5 nominations.
—Doreen Jones

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	95	93	106	103	90	489
Correct entries	49	68	88	76	43	324
Success rate %	51.0	73.1	83.0	73.8	47.8	66.2
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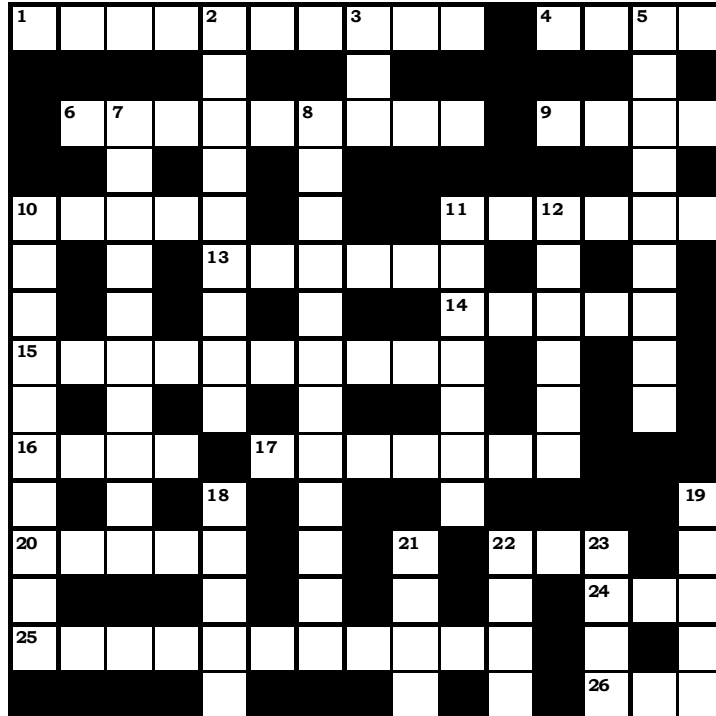
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by Stroz

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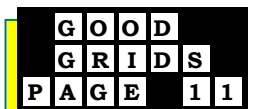
- 1 UK, b. 1958; Immortal Beloved (Beethoven); Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (4, 6)
- 4 UK, (1930-2001); Carry On Nurse/Matron/Teacher/Constable etc. (4)
- 6 US, (1890-1973); King Kong; The Paleface (9)
- 9 US, b. 1968; Six Pack; Into the Sun (4)
- 10 US, (1908-1990); Anatomy of a Murder; Our Miss Brooks (5)
- 11 US, (1906-1964); The Babe Ruth Story; Wake Island (6)
- 13 US, b. 1924; A Streetcar Named Desire; On the Waterfront (6)
- 14 US, b. 1926; The Bellboy; The Disorderly Orderly (5)
- 15 Sweden, (1905-1990); Ninotchka; Mata Hari; Anna Karenina (5, 5)
- 16 UK, b. 1938; On Her Majesty's Secret Service; Witness for the Prosecution (1982) (4)
- 17 US, b. 1961; Lonesome Dove; Eight Men Out (7)
- 20 US, (1933-2002); Living It Up; Marilyn: The Untold Story (5)
- 22 US, (1905-1965); The Wild Party (1929); Dancing Mothers (3)
- 24 UK, b. 1954; Slamdance; World Gone Wild (3)
- 25 Netherlands, b. 1944; Blade Runner; Inside the Third Reich (6, 5)
- 26 US, b. 1924; The Pajama Game; Pillow Talk (3)

Down

- 2 US, b. 1928; Anatomy of a Murder; Being John Malkovich (5, 4)
- 3 Taiwan, b. 1950; Enter the Dragon; Fist of Fury (3)
- 5 US (+Aust); b. 1956; Braveheart; Mad Max (3, 6)
- 7 US, (1925-2002); On the Waterfront; Al Capone (3,7)
- 8 US, (1918-1987); Pal Joey; Separate Tables; Gilda (4, 8)
- 10 US, (1922-1990); On the Beach; Bhowani Junction; The Night of the Iguana (3, 7)
- 11 US, b. 1938; Alligator II; Cops and Robbers; Honor Thy Father (7)
- 12 UK, (1931-1999); Wake Island; Doctor Dolittle; A Girl in Every Port (6)
- 18 US, b. 1940; Apocalypse Now; Badlands (5)
- 19 US, (1907-1998); On Top of Old Smoky; Sioux City Sue (5)
- 21 US, b. 1963; Cocktail; Leaving Las Vegas; Deconstructing Harry (4)
- 22 US, b. 1952; Roseanne (TV); She-Devil (4)
- 23 UK, b. 1957; The Thorn Birds (TV), Against All Odds; The Umbrella Woman (4)

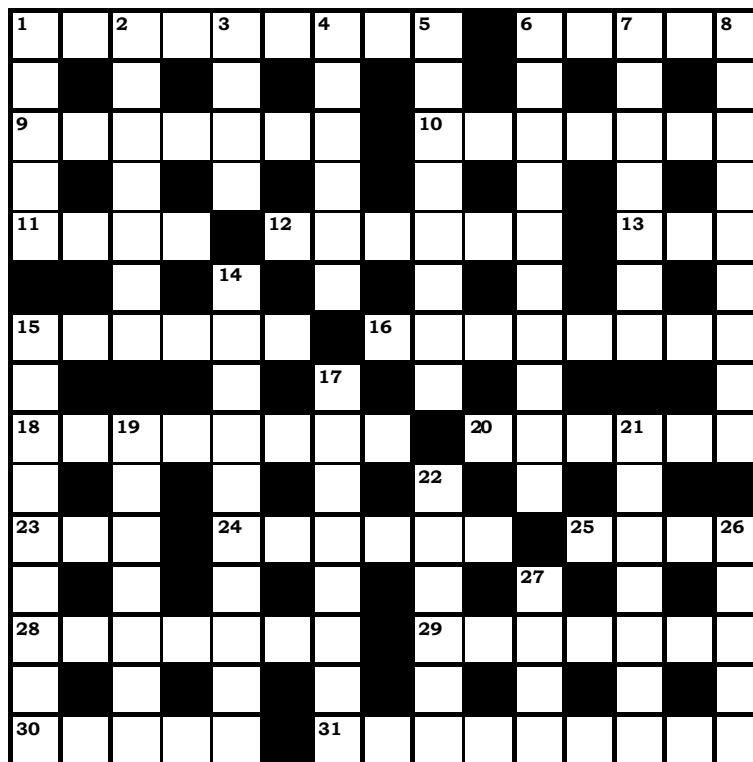
Send Solutions to:

Slots 1-5: Ken Davis, 14 Bingley Cres, Fraser ACT 2615.
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 Closing mail date: Tuesday 27 May 2003.
 Slot 6: Jim Colles, PO Box 600, Rye Vic 3941.
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 Closing mail date: Friday 6 June 2003.



CRYPTIC
by
Camelia

MAY 2 2003



Across

- 1 Baker or one who produces soap? (9)
- 6 Past Sun God at Greek market place (5)
- 9 Question can badly start Edward going awry (7)
- 10 Spot on Kelly turned the nation (7)
- 11 Inform about Party Leader's intent (4)
- 12 Prayer ignited some (6)
- 13 I will shortly be 49, 50 (3)
- 15 Points in turn dwell (6)
- 16 Chief Scientist is able to mix resin without me for inspectors (8)
- 18 Lean on unruly lion for Chinese lantern (8)
- 20 Tampers with disorders (6)
- 23 Could be a puppy, initially, to cry (3)
- 24 Goodbye, I'm rolling up Japanese mat (6)
- 25 Hastened to Hawaii capital to die in agony (4)
- 28 Soldier needs medic and a spike (7)
- 29 Principal support around a rumpus (7)
- 30 Initially some people expect ornate scrolls on their tomb (5)
- 31 Red colouring found in this merry mixture (9)

Down

- 1 Preside at religious instruction, turning up after tea (5)
- 2 New Zealand birds, kiwis initially also known as pets overseas (7)
- 3 List of males and you, we hear (4)
- 4 Scottish hawk that is attached to a twisted vegetable (6)
- 5 Speed around diamond with no modern splendour (8)
- 6 Any nose can upset irritations (10)
- 7 Rat I found running around in one species of large-eared seal (7)
- 8 Mixed soils on cockney's handkerchief causes fusion of bones (9)
- 14 Bad habits total ninety-nine to sin terribly (10)
- 15 Left and right on way to verges (9)
- 17 Off on tangent clutching tall headdress (8)
- 19 Offence causes hesitation by brother for a long time (7)
- 21 Monkey starts swinging after I move its rug inside (7)
- 22 Rank Gibson in arch (6)
- 26 Confiscate chewy, or be mugged around without force (5)
- 27 Said to weigh Dad before Thursday (4)

COMPILER PROFILE: Camelia (Claire McClelland). "I was born in Melbourne and spent my childhood in Newport attending the Newport State School and Williamstown High School. I later worked as a stenographer and secretary until 1967 when I married Ted and moved to Bealiba in country Victoria between Maryborough and St. Arnaud. We have two sons. I am one of a dying breed — a contented housewife and mother. I enjoy gardening and trying new crafts and have always worked in the life of the Church. I am presently involved in running a Children's Club after school on Fridays. I first learnt how to do cryptic crosswords when I was staying with friends in England in 1963. I love the Alphabeticals, theme puzzles and Skeletons. I chose "Camelia" as my compiler's name as my first names are Claire Amelia — and I love flowers."

CRYPTIC
by
Sue Donim

MAY 3 2003



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Across

- 1 Nontitular Asians lose direction, and collapse in these ceremonies (15)
- 9 They look for answers and group (7)
- 10 Study hard to verify (7)
- 11 Hang around – waste toil and hesitate (6)
- 12 Rose torn apart in Italian seaport (8)
- 14 Tenacious, impervious earth in zinc layer (4)
- 15 Heard borough meets on Monday for fish variation (10)
- 19 Unhappy communications found in *Crozworld?* (5, 5)
- 20 Tight fit and study (4)
- 22 Tear form badly to start again (8)
- 25 To receive and affirm (6)
- 28 Accumulated a single religious ritual to publisher (7)
- 29 Annoys animals (7)
- 30 The way it is sung together as one – Mark is a jerk with friend (15)

Down

- 1 Alan’s puzzle gets up your nose (5)
- 2 An operetta to worship? (3, 6)
- 3 Fisherman and dancer (6)
- 4 Lost slut with desire (4)
- 5 A moment with the commanding officer with some dry (5)
- 6 Capricious fits to anger numerous times – run under mummy’s skirt tops (8)
- 7 Reversed double negative split asunder by me provides a tasty bulb (5)
- 8 My sick possum and I crashed philosophical conference (9)
- 13 Top Europeans undermine Rome’s other currency (4)
- 14 Insect goes down on rooster with freshwater fish (9)
- 16 Travel with dire condition (4)
- 17 Courage – container provides neuron (5, 4)
- 18 Coffee – poor professional gets five directions (8)
- 21 Keen to be biting (6)
- 23 Fair gets sinister for intuitive discernment (5)
- 24 Bungled raid right for king (3-2)
- 26 Started to ask staff to yield and make it pleasing to the palate (5)
- 27 Help the sailor down to the movie (4)



COMPILER PROFILE: Sue Donim (Bruce Austin) was born in Newcastle, NSW in 1949. His best subjects at school were Commerce and Mathematics (especially Algebra). He has qualifications in Accounting and Computer Technology and has worked as an IT Manager. A former Mensa member, Bruce first became interested in Crosswords through the involvement of his wife, Audrey (Virgo) with the Mensa Tableaus magazine and the ACC (Crozworld).

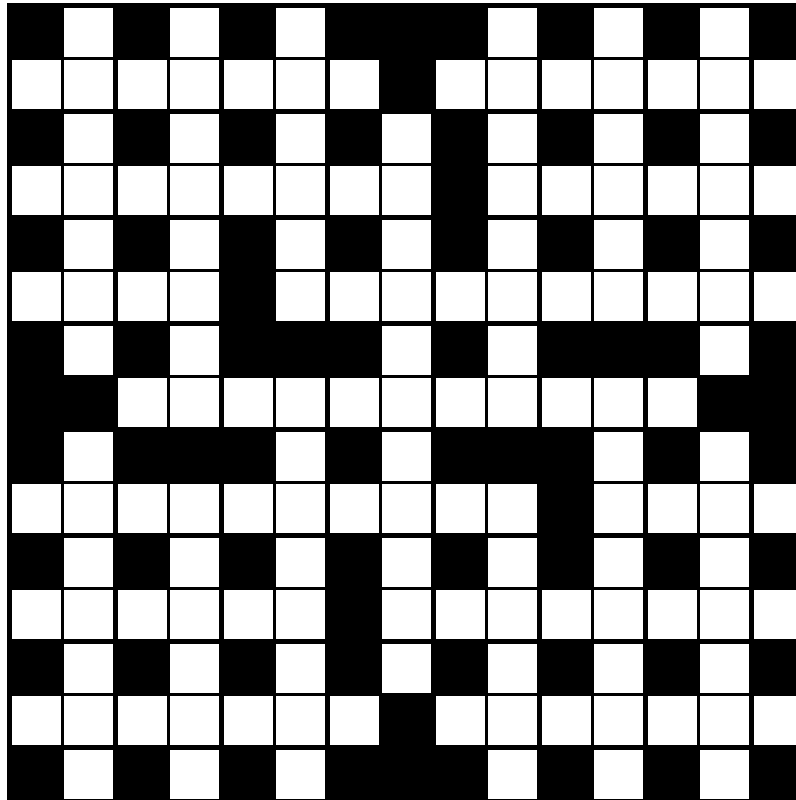
Formerly a prolific writer of magazine articles, Bruce uses his former journalistic pseudonym *Sue Donim*, to title his puzzles. He also enjoys listening to music (all kinds), attending Scottish Country Dancing sessions (with Audrey), loving Elmo (see photo), the occasional game of golf and is a former Australian-ranked tenpin bowler and NSW Schoolboys (Under 16) cricket representative.

AJ
by
Noel
Jessop

MAY 4 2003



[As Far as I could Go]



Solve the clues and fit the answers where you can. All answers begin with the leading letter.

- A** A tree is unpopular, but useful partly (7)
- B** In prison, beat with a stick, sick inside (8)
- C** Novelist, evidently no Liberal! (6)
- D** Car company's level of expertise about English traditional knowledge (8)
- E** Green revolution with your initial power (6)
- F** Mineral found initially by the Spanish yard (7)
- G** Let Gray off, largely (7)
- H** Colour in rotten fellow's plane (7)
- I** With impenetrability in Supreme Court routine skilfully concluded (11)
- J** Sweetheart, with a sort of sense, they are to be kept up with (7)
- K** Garment of one Scotsman in striking success? (6)
- L** Trapping birds without the thing could be restrictive (8)
- M** Cogitate in the Hebrides (4)
- N** Blockhead contriving to twin it somehow (6)
- O** Gross sweetheart dishevelled? Bad-tempered woman (6)
- P** At close range in time and space (5-5)
- Q** Four-line stanza as a series (8)
- R** The remainder live around the second of June (7)
- S** Instrument used by a floor unit doing well in rock (8)
- T** Emperor's clothes turned around bier preparation (8)
- U** He has a living putting union extremes on a record (7)
- V** Disappear without right glaze (7)
- W** A surging mass were off without lieutenant (6)
- X** Crossbeam picture? (1-3)
- Y** Gabbling still about a heartless crook unknown woman backed (7-3)
- Z** In enthusiasm SS North left Suez in ruins (11)

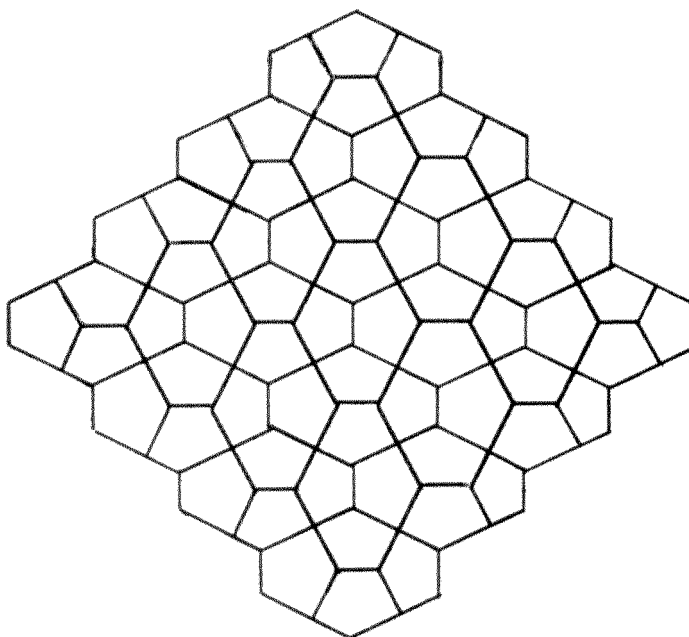
"It's Time"
by
Saphmead

MAY 5 2003

There are 16 horizontal hexagons (across) intersecting with 9 vertical hexagons (down), creating 64 pentagons. The answers to the clues may be written clockwise or anticlockwise in each hexagon. The horizontal hexagons are clued in order starting from the top and proceeding left to right in successive rows. The vertical hexagons are clued in a similar manner proceeding from the top to the bottom. The 28 outer pentagons name an appropriate song and its composer which should be entered in the space below the diagram.



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Song:.....
Composer:.....

Across

- 1 Approach the disorganised male CEO
- 2 Old noble went east compared with ...
- 3 Mountain time is corrupt
- 4 Sounds like I'll belong to Man
- 5 An alternative in a pint of wine
- 6 The robe protects the champion
- 7 So, now, without love, it's cold
- 8 Stagger back and ogle
- 9 I'd lead in vain
- 10 Firebrand lover left a lie
- 11 Award unknown but do as ordered
- 12 Australian men can be average
- 13 I broke key which led to fight
- 14 Storyteller – one whose actions result in hotpants
- 15 Label gins sling
- 16 Nearly all of a broken vacuum flask without her

Down

- 1 Speed of the ship reduced by 1 knot
- 2 Either way he's a male
- 3 Sound ratio before time zone
- 4 Exclusive fish!
- 5 Each in the way of study
- 6 About the foreign dance
- 7 Wooden frame made from a broken English rib
- 8 Flay tailless lizard
- 9 Bomb aims for the crust



Hugh McEntire's book **Names Names Names** is a compilation of over 16,000 proper names arranged in alphabetical order. Its sole purpose is to assist crossword puzzle fans by providing the missing half of a proper name when the clue gives the other half. It also serves as spelling check. Most of these names were taken from actual puzzles worked by the author. **Names Names Names** didn't start out to be a book. The author became interested in crossword puzzles about 15 years ago. He started keeping notes on names that were not familiar to him. As the list grew, he put them into his computer where they could be sorted and edited. The list was intended only for his own use but when friends found out about them, they asked for copies for their use. That was when he decided to make the list available to everyone by publishing. Anyone who has worked a few crossword puzzles is aware of clues requiring a knowledge of proper names. You are sometimes given either the first or the last name and asked to fill in the other. You may recognize the name but not be sure of the spelling but often, you do not know the name at all. That is when the book is a godsend. It is a "must have" to complete those puzzles. For further information and pricing details (US\$10.75) visit: <http://www.trafford.com/4dcgi/dosearch>

MUCH ADO
by
Cactus

MAY 6 2003



Answers to blank clues have nothing in common

A PERSONAL NOTE FROM CACTUS
(Jim Colles):

“Crossword doers ran in my family, and I’ve been trying to do cryptics for the best part of fifty years. A very early memory is spending one wet Sunday from 9.00a.m. to 9.00p.m on the cryptic in the Sydney *Sunday Sun Herald*, and finishing up with three answers. I’ve always been hooked on puzzles and teasers that require some logic, rather than specific knowledge, of which my store is somewhat limited.”

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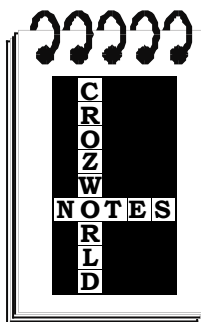
- 1 When houses near seafront sink (5)
- 4 Get funds from extremely rare origins (9)
- 10 Leaving outskirts of Wigan, spot forest (5)
- 13 The junk left inside starts off dump (4)
- 14 High trees make shelter (7)
- 15 Tip going round runs second. Blast! (5)
- 17 A mountain of goods? (4)
- 18 For old region bureau, ringing 151100 (7)
- 19 Love reading funny material (8)
- 20 (6)
- 21 Sons, going away, assume very foreign accent (6)
- 23 Disappeared round drain (4)
- 25 (3,4,3,4)
- 28 One’s bound to hear waves breaking (4)
- 31 Watch chase after dropping back (6)
- 33 Start from behind, I note, in decider? (6)
- 34 Air mum turns blue outside quarters (8)
- 38 Fliers cruise South, around end of year (7)
- 39 Union head backing short day (4)
- 40 Depend on a joint (5)
- 41 (7)
- 42 “Piggy” swallows head of teddy bear (4)
- 43 Acquires talking birds (5)
- 44 (9)
- 45 Get start in a German bank (5)

Down

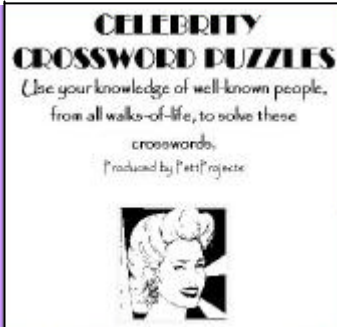
- 1 Beating bad hat with rifle (6)
- 2 Sailors meet in street on hot day? (7)
- 3 Works back to finish new club (5)
- 4 & 26 (5, 6)
- 5 (6)
- 6 (8)
- 7 Caught in a foreign country way off, and exposed (6)
- 8 & 32 (8, 6)
- 9 To be first person in pilot vessel (7)
- 11 Drink, and try to run George over (4)
- 12 Give credit advance after pay lost, alas! (6)
- 13 Sap strength (5)
- 16 Groups find way about outside city (5)
- 21 Enter Irish open. It’s starting Thursday (4, 4)
- 22 Line kerb and jeer (4, 4)
- 24 Police commonly caught for time in nick (5)
- 25 (7)
- 26 See 4dn
- 27 Mindful of sheep sheared before row gets started (7)
- 29 Wave from crest (5)
- 30 Stop Liberal finishing letter to Earl (6)
- 31 Argument about Saints goes well (6)
- 32 See 8dn
- 35 Uses dukes private rooms (5)
- 36 Inside coach move in to the front (5)
- 37 (4)

Post solution to:

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Pett Projects have compiled a "Celebrity"-style crossword book featuring familiar names. Solvers are invited to see if they can spot *their* favorite film star, sports star, author, or anyone else whose name made it into the headlines. Are you good at recalling the past, or who starred in which film, or who wrote what? Can you remember who did what? These 48 crossword puzzles (the non-cryptic variety) should keep you busy for hours, so the compiler says. The book costs US\$8.95 inc postage and handling and if you would like further information, visit the following website: <http://www.geocities.com/pettprojects/> If you would like to try a sample crossword visit: <http://www.geocities.com/pettprojects/sample.html>



MEMBER NEWS

New members: We extend a warm welcome to Denise Davidson from Bateau Bay in NSW and Norman Wilson from Orbost, Vic. Happy Crozworlding, Denise & Norman!

March entries for R Whitehead, R Otrupcek, D Fuller, A Castle, N Jessop, V Reeves and J Kitto arrived too late for adjudication. Sorry, Veniece.

The identity of the anonymous entrant in the March Slot 6 "A Sporting Obsession" was June Parker of Peakhurst, NSW.

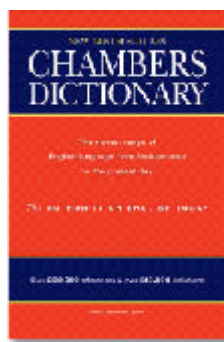
NEW CROSSWORD SOFTWARE

Wordplay Wizard is a clever piece of software from the well-known UK crossworder Ross Beresford. This is a helpful development for compilers and solvers alike. The software suggests ways in which a cryptic clue can be constructed. You simply enter the word that you wish to clue and it gives an extensive list of ways in which it can be clued. It defines the suggestions as Charade, Anagram, Partial Anagram, Substitution, Augmented Anagram, Multiple Anagram, Reversal, Tail Deletion and Head Deletion. It also indicates how many pieces are needed in the subsidiary indication. Using the Evaluation copy (which has about 40,000 words), I entered the word STREET and it gave me 2 full anagrams (setter & tester), 11 containers (tree in ST, RE in stet), 4 partial anagrams, 28 augmented anagrams (eg, letters, streetcar, serviette), 9 multiple anagrams (stet/test re) and 13 charades (S+TR+tee<, T+e'< in ST). The software is available for Evaluation on the web at: <http://www.bryson.ltd.uk/wizbuy.html>.

The full version costs £20 (AU\$51.27 as at 24/4/03) or US\$29 (AU\$47.95 as at 23/4/03).

The full version of **Wordplay Wizard** includes extra tools, indicator lists and word lists:

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- Patrick



THE CHAMBERS DICTIONARY 2003.

A new 9th edition of this famous Dictionary is planned for release in the UK in September 2003.

This edition contains over 10,000 new words and meanings, including nearly 3,000 new main entry words. The publishers state that while the new edition retains the traditional Chambers virtues of being informative, witty and authoritative, the design and

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- New page design distinguishes derived words, compounds and idioms and phrases
- Different parts of speech are indicated by a ♦ symbol.
- Cost will be £30.00. It is 1856pp compared with the present 1984pp. Dimensions: 268 x 178mm.

If you would like to reserve a copy kindly contact Patrick.

THE CROZORLD COMPENDIUM, Vol 3 results

No. 20: Round the World by *Jackdaw*
Prizewinner: Brian Symons

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No. 21: Orthodox by *Stroz*
Prizewinner: Sally Shipway

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No. 22: Cryptic by *Cactus*
Prizewinner: Margaret Davis

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April 1-2003: THEMATIC by Virgo (Audrey Austin)

- This was the toughest pipe-opener for many a moon. Making the down clue connections was tough but I can't come up with a satisfactory answer for 11ac and a few of the others are in the dubious category. *Jim Colles*
- Really, some of Audrey's clues are dodgy to say the least. I agree with David Procter's comment that she should pay more attention to quality – less to quantity. And lightning is 'greased' not 'grease'. *Margaret Davis*
- This gave me the most trouble. 1dn clued 'King', first letter C gave me COBRA, which is listed in Halliwells Film Guide, but would not fit 11ac 'dash', a rather vague clue with various meanings. Not being a film fan, I could not recall CHESS for ages and my Halliwells is out of date, so CHESS wasn't listed (neither was CHICAGO). At one time puzzles of this type which require specialised knowledge or reference books were allocated to Slot 6, but not any more apparently. *Peter Dearie*
- Pretty tricky. But good. *Catherine Foster*
- I found this the hardest and had to guess a lot. What does Chicago have to do with hope? (*It is a TV show*) *Margaret Galbreath*
- An interesting concept though I am not sure if GREASE goes with LIGHTNING. *Catherine Hambling*
- I had to dig deep in the memory bank for some of the musicals. I don't know if STAR is correct. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Clever inclusion of so many musicals. *Shirl O'Brien*
- I knew or found all Audrey's shows except 4dn and that is a guess. *Ted O'Brien*
- I feel that KING (1dn) is a poor clue although a chess piece. BOARD or TOURNAMENT would have made better clues. The theme of musicals ruled out COBRA as being an answer and could only find SPRINT to answer 11ac. *David Procter*
- It wasn't until I started writing in all my down clues that I realised how very clever it is. Brought back lots of happy memories of great shows seen over the years. *Betty Siegman*
- For a change, this was the hardest of all those on offer this month. I was worried about 7dn GREASE as a connection with lightning and similarly with CHESS for king. Greased lightning or chess piece, yes. *Aileen Skillicorn*
- Unusually, this is the toughest this month. *Brian Symons*
- 1dn and 28dn, how did such a grid get accepted? The middle letters or at least one other letter should have been included to minimise the large number of words tested. Eg in 33ac MAD could initially render ANGRY, LIVID, CRAZY, SILLY, INANE, IRATE, GOOFY, LOOPY or LOONY. 27ac CLOWNING ABOUT could give JAPING, JOKING or JOVIAL possibly. Even if you deduced 28dn was G—Y there are many words to match with VIOLIN! A GUTTY violin, a GUTSY violin, a GURDY violin, a GUNDY violin??? etc etc. GYPSY violin seems to fit as in the *Oxford Dictionary of Music* under the entry GYPSY (seven songs) 'The Fiddle' is referred to: ie the GYPSY VIOLIN, but perhaps *Virgo* could have been looking for a place name or a personal name. Grids of this nature allowing so many possibilities should be avoided. Noel Jessop's rule requires at least a half the letters common in each answer word. *Alan Walter*
- Another enjoyable puzzle from *Virgo*. I like thematics and this one had the additional pleasure of bringing back happy memories of many of the lovely old musicals. Thanks Audrey. *Irene Watts*
- The thematic is the best we've had from Audrey for some time. *Roy Wilson*

April 2-2003 – CRYPTIC by The Beast (Kev Layton)

- I spent far too much time trying to finish this one but I do find *The Beast* rather obscure. *Eunice Altman*
- Only *The Beast* would have clues like 15ac and 4dn. Very entertaining stuff, as usual. *Jim Colles*
- I do not think Kev should be allowed to get away with inserting his 'connections'-type clues in an ordinary cryptic. Certainly not without some indication. *Margaret Davis*
- This was pretty **beastly** and had me mystified for a while. The clues, all with the same theme, 1ac, 15ac, 4dn and 13dn were holding me up until 'word association' occurred to me. I don't recall ever seeing this type of clue before. They seem more like riddles than clues. 7dn might cause some comment "Aussie name for a blonde Russian" = SNOWSKI?! *Peter Dearie*
- I really enjoy *The Beast* puzzles – always good for a laugh! *Catherine Foster*
- Some excellent clues here especially 10ac, 8dn and 20dn. *Catherine Hambling*
- 1ac: I tossed up between running, renting and renning. I can make a case for all three, so I've taken pot luck. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Several very amusing clues. Also some which seem to have been smuggled in from a different type of puzzle. *Iain MacDougall*
- *The Beast* makes me laugh! I asterisked 6 favourite clues and eventually chose TWO-BOB LAIR for my clue of the month. However, I cannot accept the clues for RUNNING or GOOD, neither of which has any sort of definition. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Kev. has some very clever clues, especially 14ac (my pick for the month) and 8dn. I can only justify my GOOD for 4dn as in "good morning" and "good grief"! *Ted O'Brien*
- What a Beastly problem – to find the Christmas Horse in the Easter Bunny season! *Max Roddick*
- Great puzzle – especially SNOWSKI and TWO-BOB LAIR. *Brian Symons*
- I understand 1ac & 4dn but thought they were a bit "sus". Is this OK for a cryptic? I am still learning. *Roy Taylor*
- This was a devilishly difficult puzzle by *The Beast* and very satisfying to solve. 20dn (NOT RIPE/NO TRIPE) surely has to be the clue of the month. 21dn (BADMAN) – I would have expected the indicators to be (3, 3) rather than (6). *Alan Walter*
- The No 2s have been more difficult than the No 3s recently. This one was. Some of the clues were very clever and amusing. *Irene Watts*
- However, I did not care for 1ac or 4dn. They would have been better without the 'for example' additions. *Roy Wilson*
- While I picked some of Kev's clues as the 'clue of the month', I found his clues more difficult than his double acrostic. *Roy Wilson*

April 3-2003: CRYPTIC by Southern Cross (Shirl O'Brien)

- Spotless clues, of course, with some twists in the tail such as 13ac and 21dn. A pleasure to do. *Jim Colles*
- Great one as usual by *Southern Cross* – I liked 9ac and 22ac. *Catherine Foster*
- I expect good clues in Shirl's puzzles and 5, 8 and 20dn did not disappoint. *Catherine Hambling*
- No real problems – I like *Southern Cross* puzzles. *Barbara Ibbott*
- I only just now realised that Shirl's 15dn was not DEEP SEAMEN and DEEP SEATED. Whew! *Ted O'Brien*
- JEER and AT EYE LEVEL especially good. *Brian Symons*
- Very much liked *Southern Cross*'s 'Swindler's Lark' in 21dn giving CON JOB. A clever puzzle. Thanks Shirl. *Alan Walter*
- Another good one from Shirl. *Irene Watts*
- As usual, Shirl sets a very high standard. *Roy Wilson*

April 4-2003: AJ by St Jude (Drew Meek)

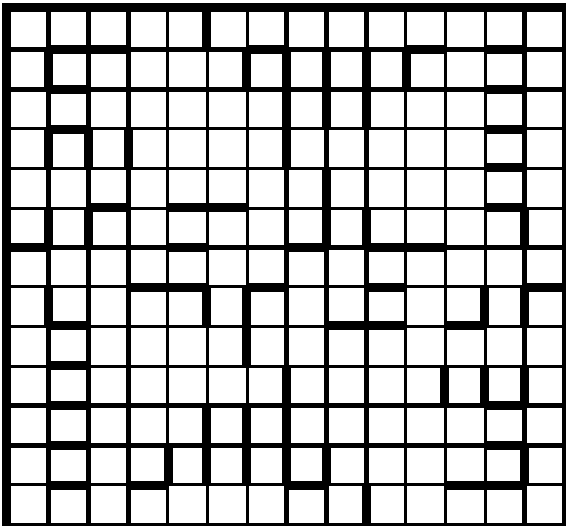
- A puzzle like this lets a bloke in on how little of the language he actually knows. The dictionaries were smoking by the time all the spaces were filled in. *Jim Colles*
- Congratulations on finding HAUYNES and then managing to clue it – that's real dedication! *Margaret Davis*
- I learned another new word this month "quidam" – thanks! I liked the B and K clues. *Catherine Foster*
- I always enjoy the AJ. Not sure about the E word but it is the best I can do. *Catherine Hambling*
- A few tricky words and some which were completely new to me (HAUYNES, QUIDAM, BOBOLINK, CALLIPYGOUS). *Barbara Ibbott*
- HAUYNES! I ask you. The Saint was certainly living up to his name. *Iain MacDougall*
- One of my lecturers, years ago, often began his lectures "quidam mutier, Bertha"... she got into all kinds of mischief! *Ted O'Brien*
- It took quite a while to realise endless length of cloth = EL(L), yeah = AYE and right = R giving E-LAYER. In the F clue the Macquarie only gives FIASCOS as the plural, ie no mention of FIASCOES. *St Jude* your AJ was Another Joyful puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- A nice normal AJ though a few of the words were very unusual and difficult. *Irene Watts*
- The AJ was excellent – should please all who insist their AJ remain 'pure'. *Roy Wilson*
- The Q clue is easily fixed: 'Someone hidden in the liquidambar'. *Noel Jessop*



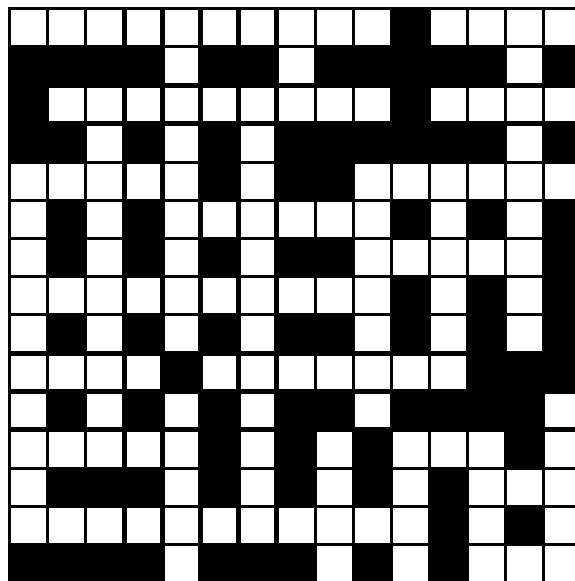
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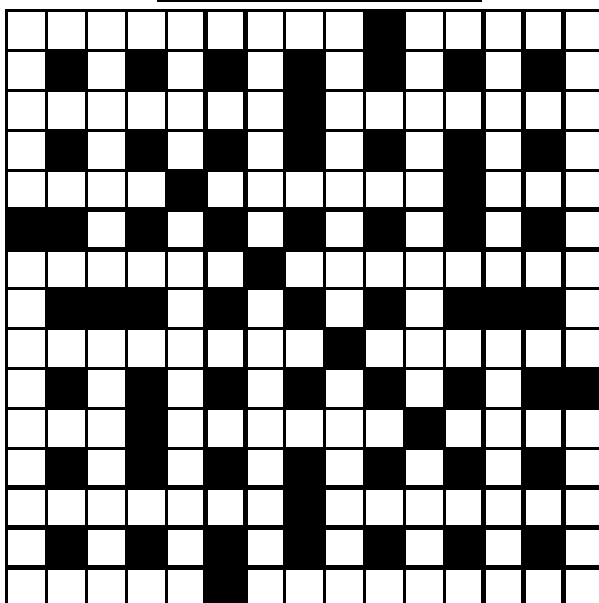
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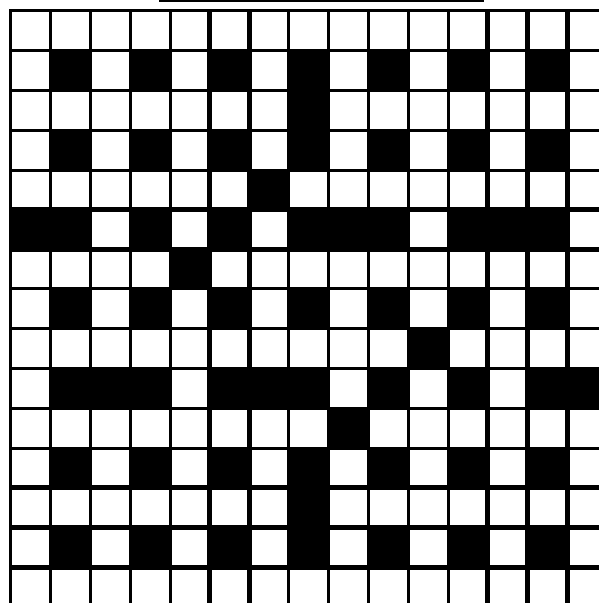
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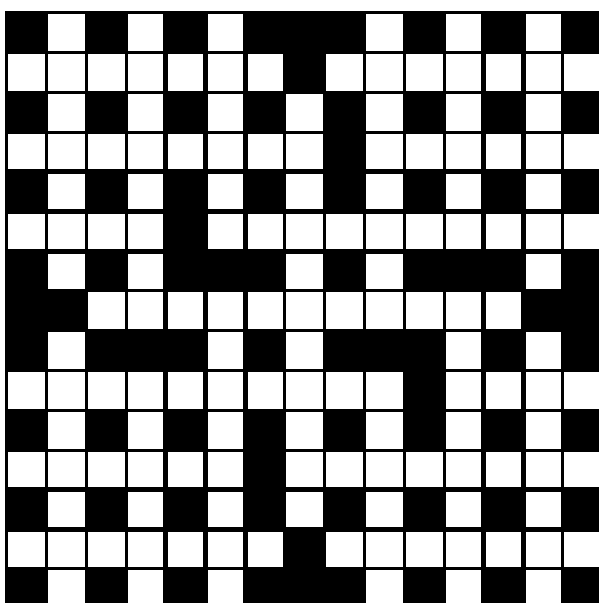
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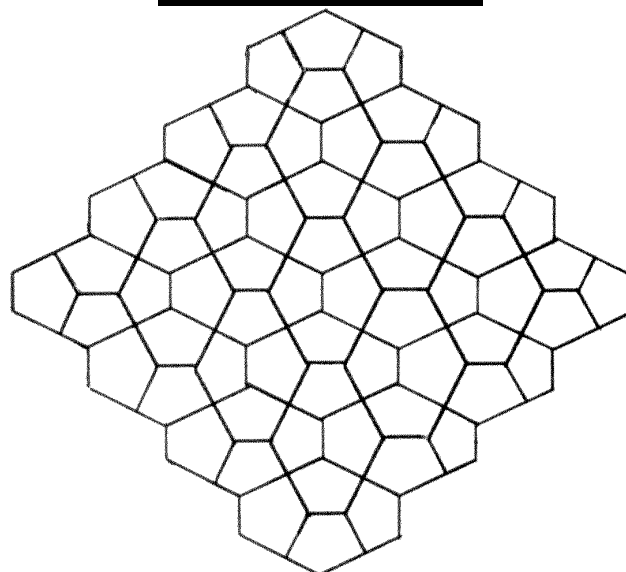
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March 6-2003 - Aussie Places by Griffin (Ann Jermy)

Entries: 78. Correct: 43. Success rate = 55%. **Prizewinner: Tom Phelan. Congratulations!**

Members' comments:

- I enjoyed this puzzle & learned lots of new places. Hope you enjoyed compiling it as much as I did solving. *Margaret Davis*
- The clues were brilliant and the concept was very interesting. I liked 5dn, 1ac & 13ac. When I saw a town I had never heard of, I checked the atlas to find its location. What an education. Thanks. *(You're welcome - AJ) Catherine Foster*
- Boy, what a walkabout you took us on this month! *Ted O'Brien*
- I thoroughly enjoyed your place name puzzle. Your very good clues enabled me to figure out what the place might be and then riffle through the postcodes to find the (often) weird name. My absolute favourite was 1dn. I confidently entered in the grid MOGO. It was only later when I had everything but the top left corner that I thought to look again - I wonder if you did this on purpose? *(Oh no - I'm not that devious. AJ) Catherine Hambling*
- Sometime between the last Oz puzzle & this one I managed to lose my Postcode book, which is most annoying because it means fumbling and squinting through the miniscule print in the local phone book. Despite this colossal drawback I've managed to come up with an answer that satisfies all the requirements of Griffin's entertaining and masterful clues (I hope). I've no hesitation in voting for 14ac as clue of the month. It's a gem. *(Sorry, Jim, the Russians got ya! AJ) Jim Colles*
- Enjoyed the ride around Oz. *Bill Bennett*
- Great to see another of your puzzles and what a joy to solve too. I particularly loved 14ac. *Roy Wilson*
- That was a really enjoyable puzzle. More please soon. *Iain Macdougall*
- This was a marvellous effort. Congratulations!! The clue for Wanneroo I've nominated for clue of the month. *Shirl O'Brien*
- Thank you for a very entertaining and informative puzzle. *David Procter*
- I'm amazed at the new towns which come to our attention for the first time when we do these puzzles. *Aileen Skillicorn*
- Many thanks for your interesting puzzle. Green Island had me bluffed even when I went through the Postcode book & finished with Lisle & Vasse. It's quite a change for me to do No 6 puzzle and thoroughly enjoy it. *Eunice Altman*
- Thanks for the enjoyable puzzle with a reference book lighter to handle than a dictionary! *Max Roddick*
- It seems a long time since we last had a puzzle from you & this one was most welcome. *Daphne Greening*
- I had quite a wrestle with your puzzle but that makes it all the more enjoyable. Some very clever cluing. *Ron O'Rourke*
- This was quite a battle to solve. For 3dn I initially thought "Russian agreement" was YA giving BINYA. On checking, DA is the "Russian Agreement" giving BINDA. Also, for 12ac I initially put MILA as the answer but on rechecking found MILA was a NSW town so as a Victorian location was required I changed eventually to LIMA. Liked your 14ac clue. *Alan Walter*

Adjudicator's comments:

Russian agreement in 3dn proved to be the downfall of many. Read Alan's comments for the explanation. There were also a few MILA for 12ac - too, see Alan's comments. I try not to be too devious and honestly didn't see BINYA coming; if I had I would have avoided it!! There were just a few transcription errors - always check, then check again!! Also, 2 CARLOOS which I cannot find anywhere. I did anticipate this one and put a "sounds like" clue in there (so to speak). I really do enjoy compiling these puzzles but as the last two were put in the Compendium I really didn't think to see one in the magazine again! It seems from all the wonderful correspondence that you really do enjoy them so I might have another go - get to your local Post Office and arm yourselves with the latest Postcode book (Issue No 26 November 2002). You never know when I might strike again!! Thank you again for all your words of encouragement in the letters and cards that I have received. Till next time. *-Griffin (Ann Jermy)*

April 5-2003: CATS! by Praxis (Roy Wilson)

- Fitting an entirely intact couple of lines from this poem into a crossword is another masterly piece of work. No doubt Mr Blake would be pleased to know that his words were being put to good use. *Jim Colles*
- I can only think of BATAM at 32ac but cannot find it in any map. *Margaret Davis*
- A great selection of puzzles with the exception of Slot 5, which has me stuck in the right hand top corner - but I'm still working on it, although I am way out of my depth with Praxis. *Catherine Foster*
- Loved this one - especially 2 and 28dn. How devious to put the old TYGER - I'd never seen it spelt this way, so it caused much grief until I found it on the internet. *Catherine Hambling*
- The alternate spelling of TIGER/TYGER threw me for a while, but a little research solved the mystery. *Barbara Ibbott*
- Why Oh Why are No 5s so hard?!! *Sally Knight*
- I think 9dn should be IDYLL but does it fit with TIGER? *Claire McClelland*
- I was wandering forlorn in T S Eliot wastelands - peculiar - until the glorious truth burst forth. Brilliant to fit in so much quotation and in the right order even. *Iain MacDougall*
- This is particularly tough and I nearly didn't finish. *Leigh Marsland*
- When I saw "Cats" I thought "Old Possums Book of Practical" but, no, it was William Blake's TYGER with a Y! *Ted O'Brien*
- This brought me up to date with all T S Eliot's cat poems, until daylight dawned that I was after a BIG cat. *Betty Siegman*
- Excellent puzzle as usual. *Brian Symons*
- This was excellent. 28dn very elegant. I had trouble with 9dn until I cottoned on to TYGER'S spelling. *Roy Taylor*
- I see your tricky CATS eyes twinkling with the unusual spelling of TYGER TYGER. Hope no one got bitten by this. For 36ac I could only find SHARIA as being Islamic Law. Being away visiting family in WA I had no Chambers to check but assume you wanted SHE+RIA as the answer. 5dn cat (Manx) = CA was a very clever tailless cat! Thanks for a superb puzzle. *Alan Walter*
- I have always loved Blake's poem and the quote enabled me to do Roy's puzzle this time. The different spelling TYGER made some of the solving difficult, but the hunt was enjoyable. *Irene Watts*
- Tyger Tyger etc...like all good crossword grids, endowed with 'fearful symmetry'! *Roy Wilson*

General Comments:

- This Crossword Club is great isn't it? I've been a member for a while but only just started sending my answers in. I've only sent in two months and you've already awarded me a \$75 prize for March #3. That's what I call service! I'm off to England for a holiday next week - at the current exchange rate the cheque will probably buy us a cup of tea and a sticky bun at Heathrow! Seriously, thanks for the prize which is appreciated but more importantly thanks to all the organisers for a well run and enjoyable Crossword Club. May your enthusiasm never wane. *-Merv Collins*
- Thank you for the Macquarie Thesaurus prize which arrived with my March copy of Crozworld. It was such a lovely surprise as I did not think I stood any chance of winning anything & it was also delivered just after my birthday which made a lovely ending to that special week. I have been a Crozworld fan for some years now & I could not possibly do without it. Thank you again for my prize and all the fun & pleasure Crozworld has given me. *-Roma Roberts*
- Thank you for the prize for the Treasure Hunt Trilogy so early in my membership of the ACC. It was a truly wonderful exercise to solve them and so exciting when, after several days of attempting unsuccessfully to solve the final puzzle, the solution started to appear. *-Steve Trollope*