

Crowzworld

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Words are silver, the response is gold.
Proverbial (Swahili)

GRIDATORIAL



After the pleasure and pain of a year's solid solving, it's time to party! There are Grid-Togethers coming up in NSW, Victoria and South Australia – so why not join in the fun and share the delights on offer? On page 9 we have details about the festivities in NSW and Victoria and page 5 for the SA CrowzWorld fest. We look forward to renewing acquaintances.

New members will be specially welcome.

And speaking of renewing, subs for the 2003 year are due and payable by 1 December. We have been able to avoid increasing the cost and can offer a year's challenging solving for just \$45. It's great value for any cruciverbalist. Why not order extra copies of the puzzle-filled Compendium? The Crozworld Compendium makes a great gift for Christmas or Birthdays or just anytime. It's a handy little book to savour the year through. And we are planning to increase the level of prizes in 2003 so it promises to be a Year to Remember! Simply fill in the renewal form enclosed (or on p13 of e-Crozworld) and send off your cheque to the Treasurer. Join us for pure pleasure and puzzlement in 2003.

We have another set of outstanding puzzles for you this month with a special one by Red One – "On the Road Home". This fascinating puzzle will bring a lot of enjoyment to all Aussie solvers. Welcome back to Bill Bennett who has devised an ingenious Quiz and generously donated one of the prizes. Many thanks, Bill for your continuing support of the Club. Also, our sincere congratulations to the winners of the puzzles and also the popular quiz on Collective Nouns conducted by David Procter. We now have a sizable list of Collective Nouns on the Club's website. Simply click on "Wordlists" and then on 'Collective Nouns'. Any additions to these word lists are always welcome. Have you visited our website lately? There are puzzles of all sorts compiled by the cluey members of our great Club!

Happy solving!

—Patrick

FROM THE ADJUDICATOR

Now that all entries are in, they've all been checked, errors noted and ticks applied. I have the sad task of listing the mistakes. I'd like to thank all those who sent messages of encouragement and the hope that there are no real problems with their entries or my adjudicating. Well, the following will let you know!

Slot 1: Very few errors with KOI x 3 (KAI), TACIT x 3 (HABIT) an EPIGENE and LULL x 2 (LOLL).

Slot 2: This was fairly error-free except for DOWNTIME. There were 3 x DOWNLINE and 4 x DOWNSIZE. There were also 6 x DEFEAT and 1 x DESIST for HEWITT; also a RIEVE.

Slot 3: This puzzle caused much angst for many solvers. More than 20 who entered the other puzzles did not submit an entry for this Slot. There were many comments about the difficulty of the puzzle and the questioning of its position. Many said it should have been a Slot 5 or 6. However, from those who did enter, there were very few errors – 2 x SHATTERING (CHATTERING), an INTO (INTI) and a DETECT (DETENT).

Slot 4: The main problem with this puzzle was QUAVER – ten people put QUIVER – but if you read the clue again you will see it must be QUAVER. Other errors included one each of DENNIER, UNCLUED, NEAPES and two ABSALAM's for ABRAHAM. After much racking of brains and detailed researching, it was decided to count as correct for the N clue NONE, NINE and NAND. All answers had merit.

Slot 5: This was another puzzle with relatively few entries and it was full of traps for young players. The main problem was CARRELL. The clue didn't say if the answer was singular or plural and many people (13) put CARELS which is a correct word but that made 13dn MARS instead of MARL (meaning 'ground'). The next trap was BESOT; BESET x 9 did not answer the clue (finest = best, detailed = BES + books = Old Testament (OT) = BESOT. STEER (5) instead of SHEER, and EMPTIER (2) instead of EMITTER.

There were more transcription errors and missing letters this month than at any other time when I have been adjudicating. For those who missed ticks for this reason, try to be more careful in future. (Doesn't that sound like a school teacher?!) Several members sent messages of condolence to Patrick and his family and 'get well' wishes to John Kennedy.

Thank you.

—Bev Cockburn

LEADING FIGURES

Puzzle No.	1	2	3	4	5	Total
Entries received	107	107	83	106	83	486
Correct entries	88	88	68	86	52	382
Success rate %	82.2	82.2	81.9	81.1	62.2	78.6
Prizewinners	P Derrington	M Davis	Ted O'Brien	C Stocks	G Prewett	From 116 members

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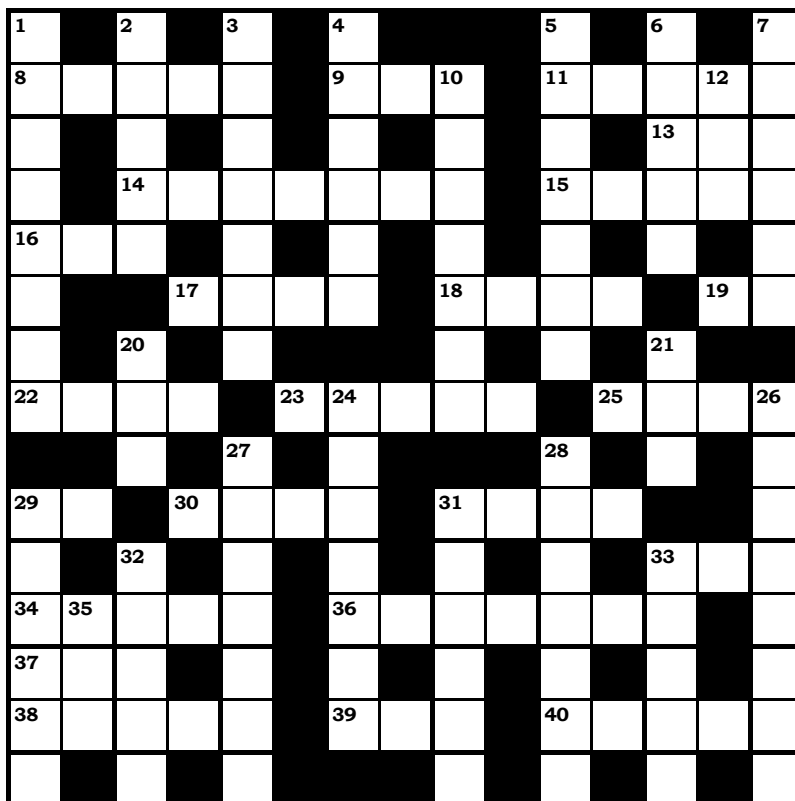
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**Thematic
by
Virgo**

OCTOBER 1 2002



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Down answers are clued differently. They all have something in common.

Across

- 8 Small seed (5)
- 9 Machine wheel, roller or shaft (3)
- 11 Common land (5)
- 13 Radio navigation system (3)
- 14 Bunch (7)
- 15 Piercing weapon (5)
- 16 Expression of annoyance (3)
- 17 Worthless chatter (4)
- 18 Object (4)
- 19 Alongside (2)
- 22 Fleur-de-lis (4)
- 23 Compass (5)
- 25 Crossbar (4)
- 29 Copper (*abbrev*) (2)

- 30 Assistant (4)
- 31 Match (4)
- 33 Female swan (3)
- 34 Farewell (5)
- 36 Mosque officer's territory (7)
- 37 Sceptre (3)
- 38 Afghan prince (5)
- 39 Tot (3)
- 40 Haloes (3)

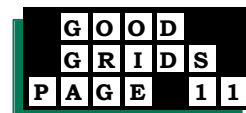
Down

- 1 Prawn (8)
- 2 Knockout (5)
- 3 Sunrise (7)
- 4 Eggs (6)
- 5 Malt (7)

- 6 Lout (5)
- 7 Cobbler (6)
- 10 Dry (7)
- 12 Green (3)
- 20 Ginger (3)
- 21 Ball (3)
- 24 Cake (7)
- 26 Alec (8)
- 27 Duck (7)
- 28 Sunset (7)
- 29 Cup (6)
- 31 Snap (6)
- 32 House (5)
- 33 Mason (5)
- 35 DeLuise (3)

**Send
Solutions
to:**

- Slots 1-5: David Procter, 104 Esdale St, Nunawading Vic 3131.
e-mail: daviproct@hotmail.com
Closing mail: Tuesday 29 October 2002.
- Slot 6: Doreen Jones, 89 Second Ave, Rossmoyne WA 6148.
e-mail: dorjones@iinet.net.au
Closing mail date: Friday 8 November 2002.



CRYPTIC
by
Daintree Lady

OCTOBER 2 2002



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Across

- 1 Suitable subject for Charlie and I to take out (9)
- 6 "Hands ready for combat", agrees squadron-leader inside (5)
- 9 Notice German agreement reported in the country (5)
- 10 Hound Alan and admit break-down (9)
- 11 Considered where to find water with a good reputation (4-7-2)
- 14 The French have commonplace disease (7)
- 16 Blow up queen by school storerooms! (7)
- 17 Stop them, bar going inside (7)
- 19 Brad (CEO) ordered lines to be scanned (7)
- 21 Susanne built a contraption but it's not capable of staying up (13)
- 24 Deb has few (too smashed!) and duck's feet (3-6)
- 26 Spot tenor — he could sing it in church (5)
- 27 Goodness! Sink back after end of term (5)
- 28 Points of view on vessels not appreciated by passengers? (9)

Down

- 1 American dancer takes vehicle round English garden with exotic lake (10)
- 2 No directions on edge — designed to prevent skating (7)
- 3 Popular little unit but quite unsuitable ... (5)
- 4 ... and we French follow kinky orgy — both male and female! (11)
- 5 Vessel lop-sided in length (3)
- 6 Rattler chewed most of eft — it's a crawler (9)
- 7 Scattered fifes round London borders make a cold sound (7)
- 8 Without a hint to the audience (4)
- 12 George plays ball on steps to part of organ (4, 7)
- 13 You and I at this point finally get set up by girl guides (10)
- 15 Iris or I tumbled into spinning rotors (5-4)
- 18 Cry out for fat (7)
- 20 Forming a circle round it in the middle of Bali (7)
- 22 Almost any speed for a maid (5)
- 23 Crawled, perhaps, to insert bearing in missile (4)
- 25 Ram in to get uplift (3)

Cryptic
by
Noel Jessop

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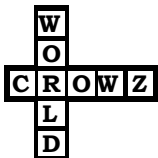
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Across

- 1 Faint-hearted fellow thereupon lifted some food (7, 4)
- 7 One in North Dakota nest (3)
- 9 Ancient deity ambling off with Heather to get a little cutie (3-4)
- 10 French novelist accepting the Italian quill (7)
- 11 King assists in swoops by police (5)
- 12 Pressing together, returned spies get treaty at ten before noon (9)
- 13 Opera singer is to come down about article on libretto's beginning (4, 5)
- 16 Dance left in a vessel (5)
- 18 Fool about near chasm (5)
- 19 Stroke left host devastated (5, 4)
- 21 Call silver-worker a brawler (9)
- 23 Cissy can change in New York (5)
- 25 Staff follows all directions for one in the media (7)
- 26 Make out radical appeal for mercy (7)
- 27 Put down a song (3)
- 28 Thrilling rendition of Neil sonatas (11)

Down

- 1 Brace wrong pole (5)
- 2 Island magicians, never illusory (9)
- 3 Steak cooked for poet (5)
- 4 Seizing a hilltop singer (7)
- 5 The head's back to seize, say, one place following interjection (7)
- 6 Hide Channel Islands horse-doctor's carnivore (4-5)
- 7 North American starts to operate in a river (5)
- 8 Clean woman's home at iron court (9)
- 13 Sailor to serve in a lake without rays (9)
- 14 Tree a girl goes without on Gran Canaria (3, 6)
- 15 Laugh at police accident (3)
- 17 Knight leaves Rhine long in turmoil (9)
- 19 Silence coming round northern river (7)
- 20 A first-class talk revised for Syrian city (7)
- 22 Crudely raised conflict by lady without notice (5)
- 23 Turned in doctor half in the clouds (5)
- 24 Warble trillingly in Arroyo del Sur (5)



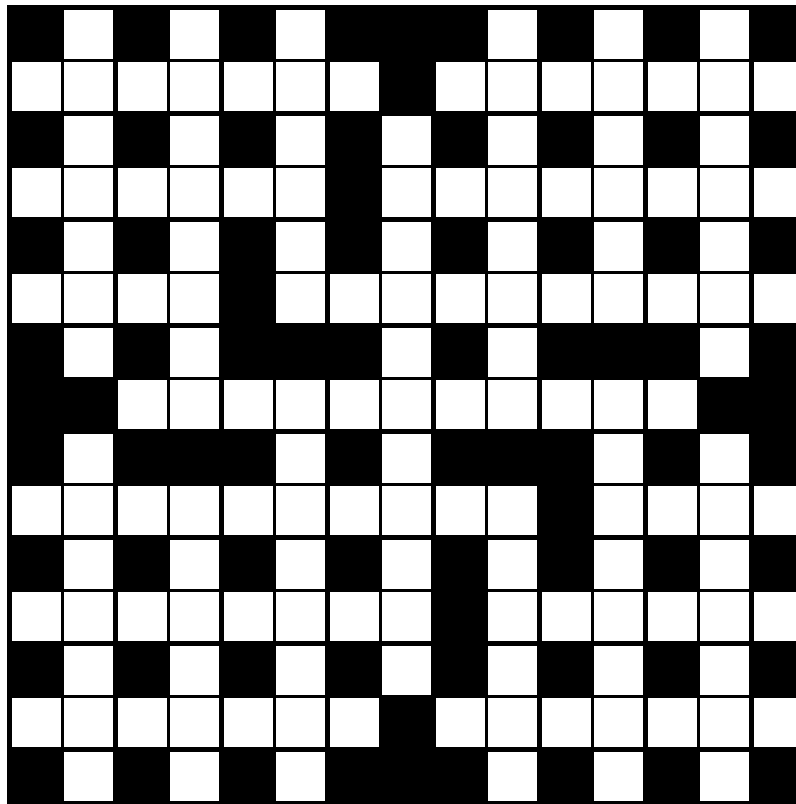
CrowzWorld get-together

A murder of Crows will lunch together at Fleet Street restaurant Hindmarsh Square, Adelaide on Saturday October 12 from 12 noon. Décor appropriate to word-lovers, with historic presses and printing artefacts, and their croissants and coffee aren't half bad either. All members and friends are cordially invited; bring an interesting (but not too valuable) book in plain brown wrapper for our traditional bran-bag dip.

—Doug Butler

AJ
by
Southern
Cross

OCTOBER 4 2002



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

- A** Tree-lined approach to a meeting place (6)
- B** Deep rumblings occasioned by types of jokes told? (5, 6)
- C** Courses modified for a very rich man (7)
- D** Female setter, starting to demur, created an obstruction (6)
- E** Mate hasn't finished raising snare (6)
- F** For points thus used in court evidence (8)
- G** Ugly turnout passes alcohol mixes (7)
- H** Girl to head for a Christmas treat (8)
- I** Stroke made with pen said to slope (7)
- J** Plain girl on lake becomes a literary heroine (4, 4)
- K** A capital K a mad nut produces (8)
- L** Irish province Piggott takes in (8)
- M** After nearly a month blood-suckers get bad blood (6)
- N** Not associated politically, having negative landing arrangement around the East (3-7)
- O** Lays down roads indifferently (7)
- P** Feminine force in mother possibly, securing a place to live (6, 4)
- Q** Opener said to be in dock (4)
- R** Weird bouncers seen at Christmas parties (8)
- S** Locks up in a short while, not quite sure (7)
- T** It takes equal parts to make this alcoholic drink (7)
- U** Like brunettes? That's discriminatory! (6)
- V** The Queen follows, even changing a thin coat (7)
- W** Charmed owner gets muddle-headed holding love-heart (3, 4)
- X** Specialised medical practices unknown in acrylics development (1-3, 7)
- Y** Gaping Y-front needs something providing cover (7)
- Z** Aussie returns to the French author (4)

**Acrostic
by
The Beast**

OCTOBER 5 2002



[rrp: \$75]

Solve the clues, insert the answers in the grid and then transfer the answers to the numbered grid below. The first letter of each answer spells out the name of a poem. The bottom line of the grid will reveal the author's name.

- 1 Mysterious role my foot! It's nonsense (10)
- 2 Two of these particular puppies make it confidential (4, 4)
- 3 Knock back, remove restriction, but still chuck out (5)
- 4 Notice gadget boiling? (8)
- 5 Steer clear of a space (5)
- 6 Drove around the town (5)
- 7 Serendipitous pickpocket often seen at the fair (5, 3)
- 8 Sailor exploited and cursed (6)
- 9 We had this bizarre hope for extinction (5, 4)
- 10 A gnu, ant, or hybrid creature (9)
- 11 Are Mrs Tunny and Mrs Whiting, for example, coarse women? (9)
- 12 Ant bums chopped up for anteaters (7)
- 13 Began the meeting with a song (6)
- 14 Pine craft connection (6)
- 15 Singers old notes, I hear (6)
- 16 Miss Farrow's in Great Britain to obtain some craft (5)
- 17 Tea for two? No, let's dance (3, 3)
- 18 Indians soak a Yak skin to make floaters (6)
- 19 Inspire German people left out in Europe's extremes (5)
- 20 Apple nosed for example (6)

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On the Road Home

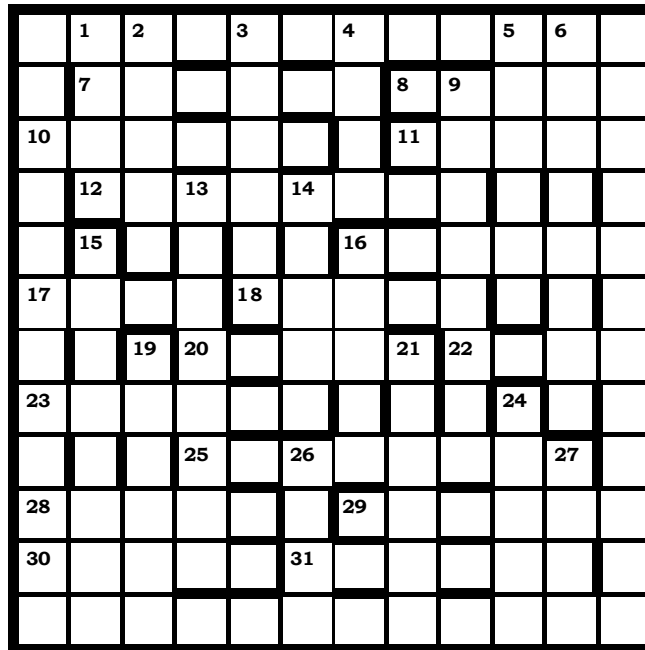


by
Red One

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The first lines of a song run around the perimeter clockwise beginning at the top left-hand corner. All answers are in Chambers Dictionary 1998 except a place name which is connected to the song: five miles north from this place is a monument featured in another song. Hidden in the completed crossword are two words (6, 3) from the second song which should be identified (highlighted or circled or criss-crossed).



Across

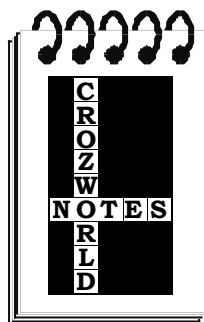
- 7 Expressed strong feeling about book edition (6)
- 8 In revolt, submit to fiddle movement (2-3)
- 10 Deformed Mac, he's backward and should be cut in two (6)
- 11 Large plant in New Zealand involved UK air (5)
- 12 To indicate funny Gertie's run (8)
- 16 Reseda replanted, torn off and leaving jagged edges (6)
- 17 Attached in a bridge partnership, we are reversing (4)
- 18 Wonders of the world perhaps found in these venues (5)
- 20 Bright star half seen in female first appearance in society (5)
- 22 Turns one out to catch ten animals (4)
- 23 French rank half seas over total possessions (6)
- 25 Scottish man found in Glasgow initially, a right gooseberry (8)
- 28 Main religion in Ohio - Anglo-Norman? (5)
- 29 Held by the deranged climber genus (6)
- 30 Nicoise salad without final directions to old Greek division (5)
- 31 Exaggerate od (6)

Down

- 1 Attend to hotel plough (4)

- 2 A tourist in Cornwall misplaced mementos after son disappeared (5)
- 3 The science of morals, the science short and recast (6)
- 4 Staid, headless, running around the pit passage (4)
- 5 A sweetbread divided stop exploding condition (6)
- 6 In a difficult situation — hard growth on toe before date! (8)
- 9 A pain or a crazy mental disorder (8)
- 13 Two weapons before fish for NSW location (8)
- 14 Short Gaelic man in the south-east produces Irish weapon (5)
- 15 Cop rises when roused by stone fruit cordials (8)
- 16 Smooths eighteen first to last (5)
- 19 A leading thespian, a girl, a goddess (6)
- 21 Of (specified) appearance — look into tropical tree (6)
- 24 Universal colour of plant rust (5)
- 26 Old money — we Scots hold British pound (5)
- 27 Crone starts to remove old threads (4)

Post solution to: Doreen Jones,
89 Second Avenue, Rossmoyne WA 6148.
Closing mail date: Friday 8 November 2002.

**ACC ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER 2002.**

Our **Get Together 2002** will be held at Rydges (Sydney) 54 McLaren St, North Sydney on Sunday 3 November 2002. Cost is \$38ph and time of arrival is 11:30am. It promises to be the 'social event' of the cruciverbal year! Please join us for a great day out with some of the nation's 'heroes' of the crossword grid. Lucky door prizes and a Book Auction will be some of the highlights. To secure a 'seat' at this momentous event, kindly send your cheque for \$38 per head to: Alan Walter, 7 Allunga Close, Mona Vale NSW 2103.

CROSSMAS CRUCIVERBAL 2002. The annual Christmas lunch will be held at the Heritage Room, Bruce County Motel, 445 Blackburn Road, Mt Waverley (Vic) which is conveniently situated adjacent to the South Eastern freeway. Cost for the 3-course lunch is \$33.00. Bookings and enquiries to Valerie Howard, 2/22 Gloucester St, Mt Waverley 3149, ph (03) 9808 4392. Cheques payable to the ACC by November 15th please. A special welcome to the many new members of the Club.

MEMBER NEWS

New Members: We extend a warm welcome to new members Leigh Marsland from Lockleys in South Australia, Marjorie Poulston from Point Lonsdale in Victoria and Carolyn McCusker from South Perth, Western Australia. Happy Crozworlding!

Puzzle Adjustments: Delete the ticks given to Rosemary Wenham last month. Barbara Ibbott received ticks for August Slots 1, 2, 4 & 5; Bobby Roberts Slot 3.

News from the UK: Our new member from the UK, Poppy Collyer, has written a glowing report about our Club on the busy UK website: www.dooyoo.co.uk Poppy mentions that since joining the Club she has discovered a lot about "wildlife, places, plants and general vocabulary." She said that the Crozworld puzzles "range from tough to mind-blasting, and I have not yet completed all six. But that's what I wanted. The magazine is very friendly, with comments from members, news about crosswording and related items. You soon get the feeling that you know the people in a sense." You can read Poppy's most welcome opinion in full at: http://www.dooyoo.co.uk/games/toys/quizzes_crosswords_and_puzzles/_review/392371/

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION:

Despite the increased costs associated with the printing and distribution of *Crozworld*, the Executive Committee has been able to avoid any increase in the Annual subscription. Accordingly,

the Annual Subscription will be \$50 for a whole year or \$4.20 per month pro rata. The New Year promises to be very puzzling with lots of prizes to be won. Why not join us for perplexity & puzzlement on a grand scale in 2003?

RENEW!

'EARLYBIRD' RENEWALS: If payment is made on or by 1 December 2002, the renewal subscription is only \$45. After that date the cost for a whole year is \$50. Kindly send your 'earlybird' cheque/money order for \$45 to the Treasurer, Alan Walter, 7 Allunga Close, Mona Vale NSW 2103. See flyer enclosed.

COMPENDIUM: *The Crozworld Compendium Vol 3* is expected to be published by the ACC in December 2002. The cost, due to increased charges, is now \$6; however, this is still exceptional value. The *Compendium* will feature previously unpublished puzzles compiled by members of the ACC. There will also be prizes to be won. In addition, the solutions to all of the puzzles published in volume 2 of the *Compendium* and the names of the prizewinners will be included. If you would like to receive a copy of this exciting publication please add \$6 to your renewal subscription. See flyer enclosed.

DONATIONS TO ACC: In 2002, we were thrilled to receive so many generous donations by members to the ACC Prize Fund. As a result, many members won handsome prizes in 2002. If members are once again able to make donations to the Club, it will enable us to give the greatest return to the membership. Many thanks for your kindness.

E-CROZWORD: In 2002, *Crozworld* has been sent to a significant percentage of members electronically. One of the real benefits of this method of distribution is that *Crozworld* can be received a very short time after the closing date for entries. Another is that the electronic version can be printed out either in black and white or glorious colour! Finally, there are savings to be made to the Club in reducing the amount of printing and postage costs. Upon renewal for 2003, we are offering members a choice as to how they wish to receive *Crozworld*. That is, the fast, electronic version or the printed mailed version. If you would like to opt for the electronic version, simply tick the box on the Subscription Renewal form enclosed.

Results of Quiz No. 5

Take up the Collection by David Procter

Entries: 37. **Prizewinner:** Jacqui King. Congratulations.

Scores: 24: B Bennett, B Cockburn, M Cockburn, V Dinham, D Greening, D Kennedy, J King, C Noble, R O'Rourke, T Phelan, M Procter, J Smith, A Walter and S Workman. 23: A Austin, P Dearie, M Dennis, A Jermy, B Ibbott, P Mercer, S O'Brien, B Symons and I Watts. 22: C Anderson, G Cole, M Cudmore, C Hambling, V Howard and V Lobsey. 21: J Freeland, P Garner, B Hagan, B Solomon and N Storey. 20: C McClelland. 19: D Meek. 15: B Cumming.

Answers: OBSTINACY of Buffalo, KINDLE of Kittens, MUTE of Hares, ARMY of Caterpillars, UNKINDNESS of Ravens, ZEAL of Zebras, QUIVER of Cobras, CETE of Badgers, BASK of Crocodiles, VOLARY/VOLERY of Birds in an aviary, TROOP of Kangaroos, EXALTATION of Larks, YOKE of Oxen, DOUT/DOWT of Wild Cats, PACE/PASS of Asses, FLUTHER of Jellyfish, HOVER of Trout, WATCH of Nightingales, RAFTER/RAFFLE of Turkeys, GAGGLE of Geese, LEAP/LEEP/LEPE of Leopards, NIDE/NEST of Pheasants, SKULK of Foxes. SINGULAR is the Collective Noun for Boars (the only answer accepted in keeping with the theme of the quiz).

Comments: I was pleasantly surprised at the high level of entries for this quiz. Unfortunately most Collective Nouns are archaic or obsolete deriving from terms of Venery from centuries past. Consequently our main reference dictionaries do not make mention of most of these terms. However to help setters of quizzes and for trivia nights there are a lot of good reference books to help find these terms. The best of these are Bartlett's, Rogets Thesaurus, The Oxford Crossword Dictionary (a terrific prize for solving Slot 5), Readers Digest Reverse Dictionary, Bloomsbury Thesaurus, Chambers Thesaurus, plus other crossword dictionaries and companions. Alan Walter alerted me to a humorous publication 'An Exaltation of Larks' by James Lipton. 3 entries gave FLUTTER for Jellyfish but I have not been able to confirm it so pending verification it has been disallowed. I allowed EXULTATION for Larks purely on the basis that 3 or 4 web sites give it but my opinion is that it is a corruption of EXALTATION and has been erroneously copied. Alternative answers other than in the list above have been allowed where members have been unable to complete the quiz but have obeyed the stipulated conditions. I did find an "I" word of 14 letters for Gnus but as it was only on the Internet I felt it disadvantaged members who do not use computers. Thank you for all the letters expressing enjoyment in solving the quiz.

—David Procter
Note: for further Comments, both from members and the Quizmaster, visit our website and click on NEWS.

MEMBERS COMMENTS

SEPTEMBER 1-2002 – Half & Half by Noel Jessop

- Specially liked 28dn. A good specimen over near the empty computer unit: MEG+A+BY+TE. *Alan Walter*
- Really enjoyed this puzzle. Noel's Half and Half puzzles seem like the ideal compromise to start off. *Eunice Altman*
- I do enjoy Noel's 'arf and 'arf!
- Harder than the usual Slot 1 puzzles. *Ted O'Brien*
Catherine Foster

SEPTEMBER 2-2002 – Cryptic by Southern Cross

- It certainly is abnormal for CATATONIC to mean excitable. *Mal Cockburn*
- Especially liked this one with its tennis theme. 27ac had me battling for a long time; the anagrams starting with vowels usually do. *Bill Bennett*
- The Southern Crossword with its 'gem' tennis clues was a real hit! Keep on serving these up Shirl! *Alan Walter*
- Message to Shirl: John Newcombe was never the Davis Cup coach. It was Tony Roche. *Joan Smith*
- I was a bit bothered by the definition for 21ac. It has to be CATATONIC but that doesn't mean 'abnormally excitable', just the opposite. *Margaret Galbreath*
- A real hoot, very witty, great clues, especially 21ac CATATONIC. *Eunice Altman*
- 3dn STUTTERER is typical of Shirl's honest clues. *Ted O'Brien*
- Southern Cross always tickles my punny bone. *Doug Butler*
- I don't understand the clues for PAT RAFTER ('patter' around RAF. -B) or STEWING CHOPS ('Cheops minus 'e' [dir (direction)] + 'stewing' = fretting. -B). *Daphne Titus-Rees*
- Shirl's clues always have me grinning. STEWING CHOPS did it this time and also CATATONIC – although it takes some mental gymnastics to equate it with "abnormally excitable". *Max Roddick*
- Terrific clue work! I particularly liked clue 1ac DAVIS CUP but could not reconcile my answer to 13ac PAT RAFTER. I'm missing the point somehow! (see above. -B) *Catherine Foster*

SEPTEMBER 3-2002 – Taking up a Collection by Colinebrii

- Thanks for your challenging puzzle containing all those hidden collective nouns. I think this is the first time we have seen a Ximenean grid puzzle in Slot 3. Hope that an 'UNKINDNESS' doesn't refer to a group of Crossword Compilers. *Alan Walter*
- Particularly liked PEATMOSS and SEA AIR. Very clever puns. *Audrey Austin*
- I found Slot 3 the hardest ever until I caught on to the collective noun theme. The bale of turtles took a while and 10dn had me worried until I found 'DLVY' in *Chambers*. *Roy Taylor*
- Surely this puzzle is in the wrong slot? Maybe 6? I spent more time on this puzzle than the other 4 combined. 22dn If 'erer' represents queen', should not the apostrophe be omitted... queens? (I agree. -B) *Rosemary Wenham*
- 7dn meant nothing to me after a lot of thought and research so I took a punt on INTI as at least it appeared in the clue. *Bob Hagan*
- Col's Miscellany of Collections! I thought a bale was something wool was pressed in. Now I find it represents not 1, but 2 collections – of dice and of turtles! *Ted O'Brien*
- Thanks for running Col's puzzle straight after Quiz No 5 – it should help all the members who attempted to solve the quiz. Col could have omitted a clue for TRIP as it is also a collective noun (for hares). Thanks, Col. *David Procter*
- An outstanding puzzle. Good clues, weird vocab, abstruse theme – it would have been a great Slot 5/Slot 6 puzzle?! More please. *Iain MacDougall*
- Could not complete but I enjoyed the challenge till time ran out. I loved 28dn RAZOO, 14ac PEAT MOSS and 26ac DETENT. *Catherine Foster*

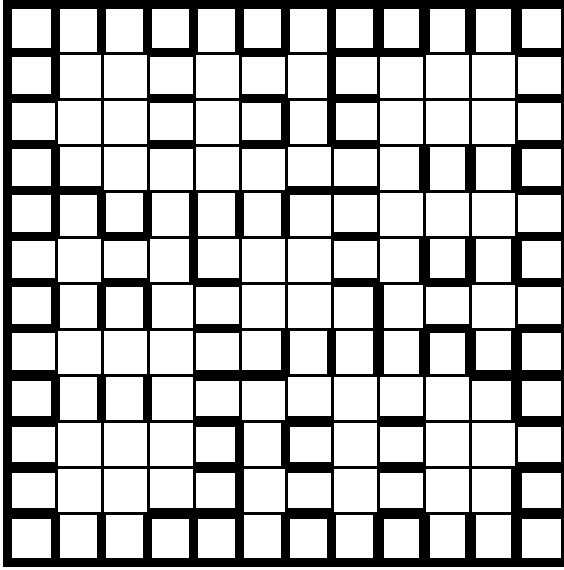
SEPTEMBER 4-2002 – AJ by Virgo

- Thanks Audrey for an enjoyable AJ with all answers being recognisable words. *Alan Walter*
- Last clue I filled in was N. NONE, NINE and NAND all seemed to fit in an unsatisfactory, convoluted way. I settled for NONE. (Good choice. - B) *Brian Symons*
- Tricky as usual. The Z clue was a gem. *Eunice Altman*
- Could you explain KILPATRICK for K? Is it cryptic? (No. -B) *Rosemary Wenham*
- Clues like N annoy me – NONE or NINE! (You're not alone, Ted. -B) *Ted O'Brien*
- 'KILPATRICK's' meaning has me foxed. (see above. -B) Also ZOOM. Surely 'moo' is not a cow, only the sound of one and where is the definition for 'zoom'? *Daphne Titus-Rees*
- Had to do a lot of delving before I hit BEDROCK! *Max Roddick*
- I was annoyed when I finally worked out CREOSOL and discovered that the answer was neither a plural nor an antiseptic! More accuracy is required in cluing. Finally, though I personally like anagrams, eleven out of twenty-six seems too much of a good thing! *Peter Dearie*
- A top AJ with 'B' clue BEDROCK, a favourite. *Catherine Foster*

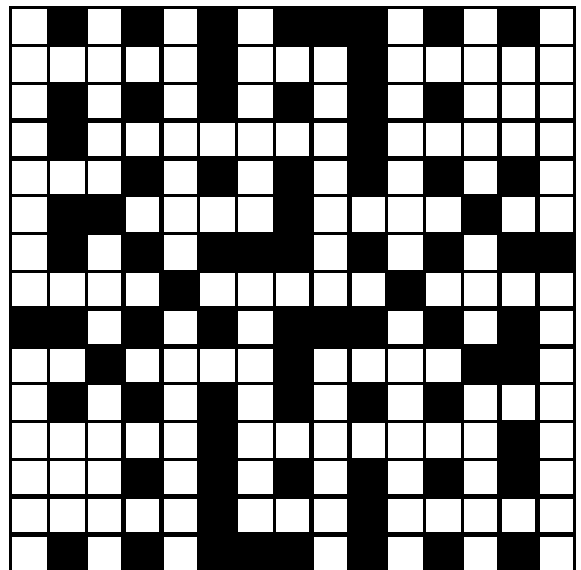
SEPTEMBER 5-2002 – Accentuate the Positive by Praxis

- An EXPLICIT, CLEAR-CUT, USEFUL, DECISIVE, REAL puzzle Roy. Thanks. Thoroughly entertaining and a standard to be aimed for! *Alan Walter*
- We can depend on Roy to be definite and direct! *Ted O'Brien*
- So many clues I didn't understand – if I get a tick it's a triumph of dumb luck. *Doug Butler*
- This one was a beauty – a real brain teaser. *Catherine Foster*

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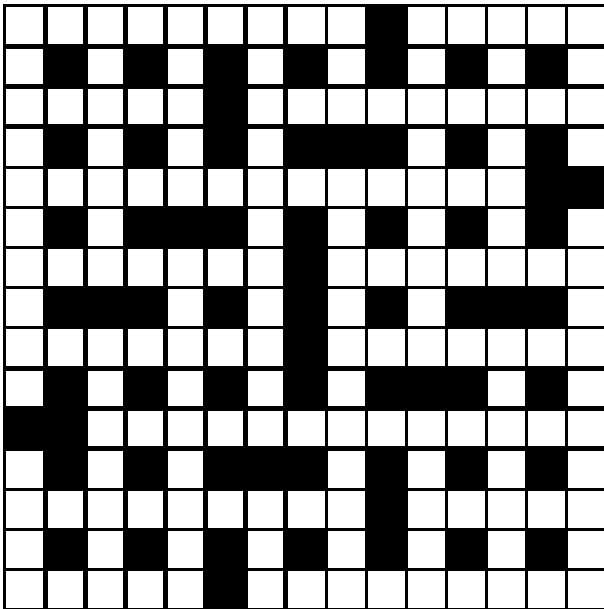


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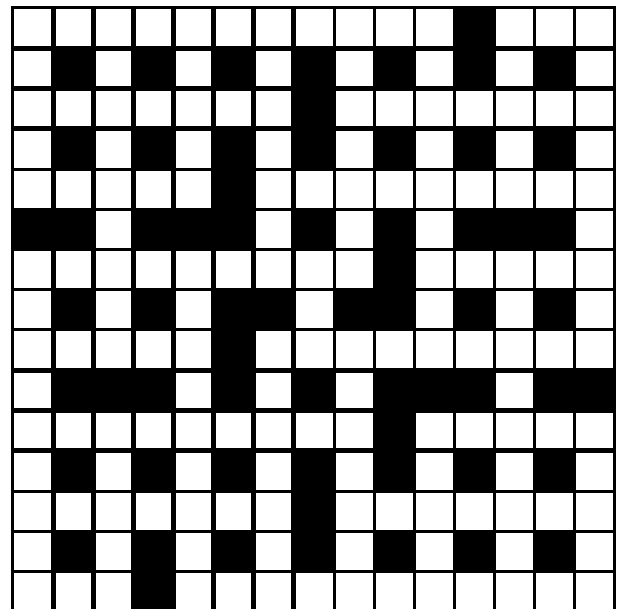


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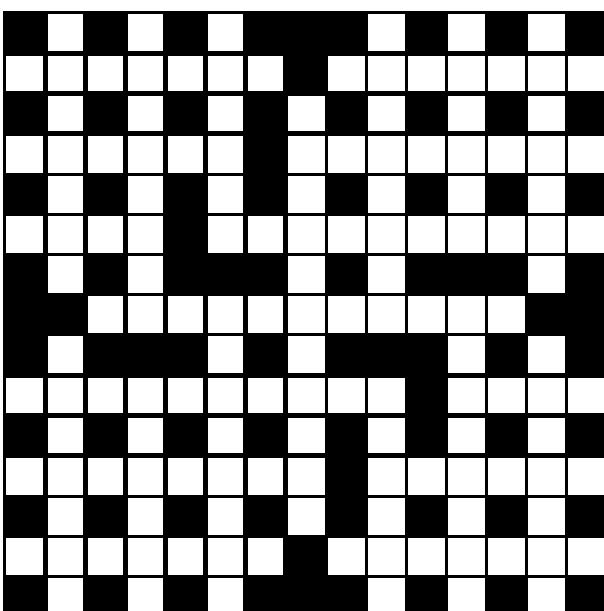
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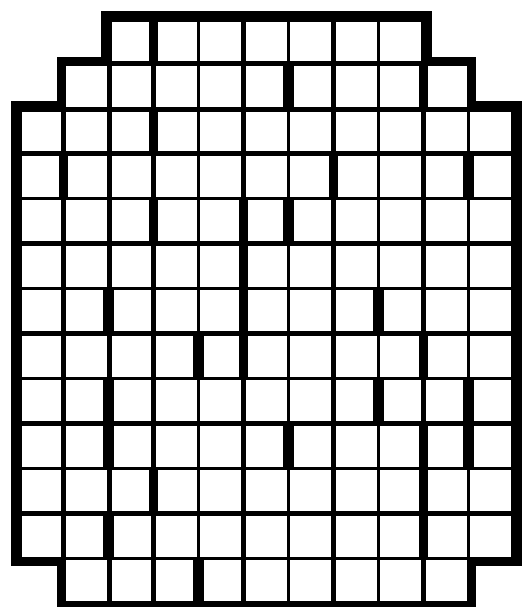
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August 6-2002 - You'll Always Find Me ... at Parties by Double Crossers (Bev Cockburn and Steve Workman)

Entries: 89. Correct: 79. Success rate: 88.8%. Prize winner: Noel Jessop. Congratulations!

Members Comments:

- I couldn't remember what the missing part of the title was at first and assumed that the theme consisted of items found at parties – fine for CORKSCREW and ICE BOX but somewhat bemusing when TEA-TOWEL and TAPS turned up. *Peter Dearie*
- A puzzle requiring much counting of clues. My limited domestic knowledge was really stretched. *Catherine Hambling*
- So clever to incorporate so many items from the kitchen. Hope you'll be 'doing' every room in the house. *Audrey Austin*
- The absence of primary indicators from many of the clues added to the intrigue, and your secondaries were all superbly contrived. For me, though, 4dn (KETTLE) was inspired and made a great pleasure of the whole puzzle. *Jim Colles*
- Thanks for the puzzle. I thought 'Plugger's team-mates' was beautiful and not much of a party without it. *Ron O'Rourke*
- Very enjoyable working on these witty clues – I liked the concept of the 18 clues with no primary indicator. 17dn (PERISARC) was a new word for me. *Catherine Foster*
- I'm sure my next party should be a 'wow' with all your good ideas to help me. What a great fun puzzle. *Betty Cumming*
- A really enjoyable puzzle! Not too hard, but not easy to get into. Loved 4dn (KETTLE). *Roy Taylor*
- I loved your puzzle. The clues are very clever. It sounds like an old Australian party with all the women in the kitchen and the men around the bar. Still the kitchen is where the best gossip occurs. *Audrey Ryan*
- Really outstanding cluing, particularly in the clues without definitions. But why at Parties? (See below) *Iain MacDougall*
- The obvious comment is that *Double Crossers* even included the kitchen sink. As most of the puzzles I have devised are based on words, phrases, people relating to one topic, I really enjoyed 'hunt the utensil!' *Ted O'Brien*
- Thanks for a great puzzle which brought back some happy memories of parties past. Though it's been many years since I went to one with linoleum! *Betty Siegman*
- Thanks for the most enjoyable puzzle – put some fun back into solving puzzles. *Pat Garner*
- It was good fun and not too hard which was a relief as my brain was still numb from August Slot 4. *Margaret Davis*
- I quite enjoyed this – it was something a little bit different. *Carole Noble*
- I can't resist the chance to make a "groan joke": all those kitchen things! Is a bigot some new kind of spigot? *Max Roddick*
- First time I got a Slot 6! *Nea Storey*
- With 18 clues out of 34 having no primary indicator one wonders whether a cryptic crossword containing no primary indicators can be solved. You certainly gave us quite a challenge. Particularly liked '100 grams', 'Plugger's team-mates' and 'the sound of NZ cows'. Many thanks for the party entertainment. *Alan Walter*
- I will forgive that ugly word 'tiresomer' because of the delightful FREEZER and KETTLE. PS Your last puzzle was 'difficulter' than this one – ho! ho! *Daphne Greening*
- Thanks for the puzzle – it's great to have so much variety in the club. *Shirl O'Brien*
- When I was a boy, my mother used to give me the rounds of the kitchen, wielding a wooden spoon. Thanks for making me feel young again. *Geoff Campbell*
- Congratulations on another fine effort from the *Double Crossers*. I can assure you it was a fun puzzle – the sound of NZ cows – loved it! *Roy Wilson*
- Enjoyed the theme. Indeed I found it quite appetising. You fed me a "dummy" with 31ac. I was persistent in trying to include Tony Lockett or swans in the answer but screwed up. *Tom Phelan*
- A clever theme puzzle, well clued and not requiring "research". *Bill Bennett*
- Thanks for the lovely puzzle – enjoyed many of the clues especially for the appliances: in particular FREEZER, SINK, CORKSCREW and KETTLE. However – (a) I can only find 'gas cooker' as 2 words (see correction in the September *Crozworld*.) and (b) only 17 clues have no primary indicator as 18ac is fine as it is. *Brian Symons*

Adjudicators Comments:

The puzzle title was based on a Jona Lewie song from 1980 called "You'll always find me IN THE KITCHEN at parties." A few clever solvers picked this up but most got the message anyway. Apologies to the purists who complained about TIRESOMER. Our explanation is that it was the only word that, irritating as it was, fitted the across clues and was a perfect anagram of TIMORESE. Sorry! It did appear in Axword if nowhere else and anyway, no one got it wrong! The most common error was TEABOXES for TEATOWELS. We could not find this word in any of the standard references. Other errors included a TENDS, TENTS, ORATOR, BETTOR/BREADBOXES, GRACE/EONS and SNEEZER, (bless you!) plus two blanks. Thank you for all your messages of encouragement and favourable comments (and the others!)

—The Double Crossers (Bev Cockburn and Steve Workman)



Quiz No. 6

BIG BEN STRIKES by Humpty Dumpty

"My dear Watson," said Holmes, "we have been asked to assist with national security. I have asked Scotland Yard to provide a police bodyguard for each of the perceived victims. Here is a list of them. Can you complete the list? Victims fall into four distinct groups but all have one thing in common. The trusty P.C.'s are the key to our problem. Elementary really!" He made off up Baker Street in his post chaise. Send your entries on this or a separate sheet to: Bill Bennett, 60 Kinka Road, Seal Rocks NSW 2423 or by e-mail to: janbee@turboweb.net.au Closing mail date: Friday 8 November 2002. Prizes: 1. \$60. 2. Noel Jessop's "A Ton of Cryptics".

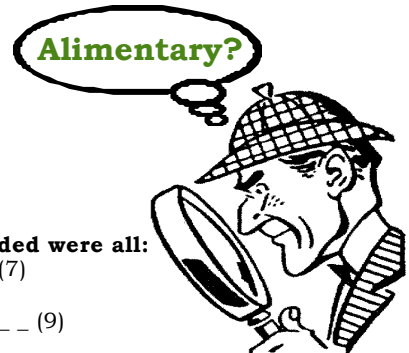
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- Group #1** ----- (5)
- P.C. 3000 _____
 - P.C. 5560 _____
 - P.C. 7264 _____
 - P.C. 0830 _____
 - P.C. 2430 _____
 - P.C. 5485 _____
 - P.C. 7270 _____
- Group #2** ----- (5)
- P.C. 2460 _____
 - P.C. 3305 _____
 - P.C. 2300 _____

- Group #3** ----- (10)
- P.C. 5108 _____
 - P.C. 6168 _____

- Group #4** ----- (7)
- P.C. 2795 _____
 - P.C. 6107 _____
 - P.C. 4305 _____
 - P.C. 6398 _____
 - P.C. 2551 _____

- Those guarded were all:**
- (7)
 - (5)
 - (9)



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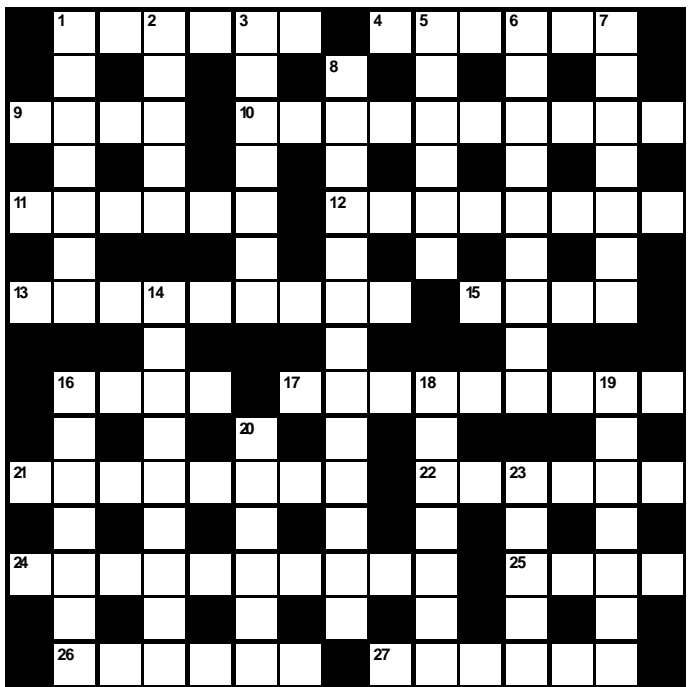
Ten answers have something in common.

Across

- 1 Federal MP in a former capital with a royal personage (6)
- 4 Almost suspend inhibition (4-2)
- 9 Give me an expression of sudden pain – a sort of feline cry (4)
- 10 “Right between the eyes” said crazy showman – of Maeve Binchy possibly (5, 5)
- 11 Magistrate has moved one outside (1’5)
- 12 An unfortunate slip to be redressed in the theatre (8)
- 13 A neat twist in edible bulb provided for a party (3, 6)
- 15 No having it both ways this time! (4)
- 16 Silent motor’s starting a practical vehicle (4)
- 17 Foundation Chairperson rings around Department, getting enough to change (1’8)
- 21 SA Governor speaking out about US cash (8)
- 22 A front reformed a short distance away (3, 3)
- 24 Bouquets? Returning, Tara is suspicious (6,1,3)
- 25 Pushing back church seat, terrorist leader sobbed (4)
- 26 Denials made about the girl having snacks (6)
- 27 Pat or Mick – odds-on possibly! (6)

Down

- 1 Footballer takes sugar producers on (7)
- 2 Melbourne Cup winner raised in NSW town (5)
- 3 Renowned medical specialist put mine in (7)
- 5 Circus family remains, with a lot to be carried (6)
- 6 Tennis player’s pass organised long ago (9)



- 7 Lawyer sees one, in person (7)
- 8 Remote area the man with the donkey wants to vacate (7, 6)
- 14 Brief-cases for small fruit? (9)
- 16 Actor with the letters to prove it? (7)
- 18 How daring trapeze artist might perform to a musical composition (7)
- 19 Inventor – one from France redesigning piano (7)
- 20 Crinkled fabric slips around base of lounge (6)
- 23 A model substitute for New Zealanders’ top Bathurst Islanders? (5)

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