

## CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Who is teaching?

COLMAR, Westcliffe, Colo.

GVPBRSHET HNRQ RFC KNOBBTF IVOLLTE.  
ETT XHK UOCE JHDSRNT. IVOPHBOJ GHU-  
TE WH ZNRATQM OY HNRQ; DOWXBM ATNZ-  
RQ OY STFFTC.

2. Guideposts.

ACORN, New York, N. Y.

MX NYCOKFDYWSP HPB WK UBWPK BMDLK-  
BBX UBKKBY P, XF SFYB KLWX PMI HXAB-  
CBE, PBRBXKC = TMRB KF MXBKC WUKFDB-  
KLB Y.

3. Flowery?

ANN DHOW, Hawthorne, N. J.

JWLW WHSZ HPCNDNOXTW XG NPL SNPGC-  
LB MXGV, CZXR SNPTK CZWG OW VGNJG  
HR CZW MXGV SHLGHCXNG.

4. Redundant staff.

BAIRN, Scarsdale, N. Y.

ABCDEF GH AMOEFKI Q CEF EWPIKPEBFW  
GRGIPGH DQ FMCGBMW KEHGW LIGXMGF-  
POQ YMWP WGING PB IMEF IGWMOPEFJ  
DIGS.

5. Is that a fact?

HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

AZBYCXD WBZEB VFAUBGTZHC SZIBG UB  
FBR AFBYIFYC: "XFUVVIFWFI VVUFX"  
(\*SUBBUXJ SZT XZ FVHZBYCT).

6. Party crashers?

MERLIN, Bismarck, N. D.

OHKL V WHCQ KLVXQC QHUMX GQLCHZU  
OQKZV GJKA VLHXQ. ZQWJEF ULWJC CLK  
VOHQ C IKQGLN NKWGQJV RWLVHZU ZKHVQ.

7. Perils of excess.

RHO, New York, N. Y.

ESBLJ = KSXLQB NGKMWL YZGXC FSDRM.  
NJXPA RKJD, GXOJKQB, FMDQZ JBKQ, YP-  
QZ HQSX. XQZY YZQHF LWXCBSN.



# THE ENIGMA

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## TWO HOOTS

**ELECTION RESULTS:** The NPL officers for the coming year are HAP (President), KAMEL (First Vice-President), ANN DHOW (Second Vice-President), TREESONG (Secretary), BLACKSTONE (Treasurer), and MAN- sweep except for one write-in vote each for Donald Duck, Goofy, and 4 votes against, and 2 abstentions; amendment #1 had 87 votes in favor, 5 votes against, and 1 abstention.

**NEW KREWE:** Eleven new members this month--Ernest Black, 1265 Reservoir Rd., Saugerties, NY 12477; Peggy Brinkman, 466 W. Ferry St., Kirkwood, MO 63122; Mrs. Faith V. Dixon, 553 Central Pl., 14150; Bill Harrison, Box 4284, San Rafael, CA 94903; Tonawanda, NY Hulburd, Conwyn Arms, 830 Montgomery Ave., Bryn Mawr, PA 19010; Jesse W. Johnston, 2214 Ashgrove Dr., Arlington, TX 76011; Edwina Kroll, 108 Goffle Hill Rd., Hawthorne, NJ 07506; Oscar Maurer, 2904 Clearview Dr., Austin, TX 78703; Helen Photos, 1188 Pleasant Ridge Dr., Buffalo, NY 14216. WITCHWORD introduced Mrs. Hulburd to the NPL, and ANN DHOW gave Miss Kroll (EDDIE at the convention) a two-year membership.

**KREWE NEWS:** AMOR sent a gift to help defray the cost of the new Guide. \*\*\*\* GINGER ELLA and WILLZ recently visited PIFF; they spent an afternoon going over a scrapbook of crossword puzzle material. \* Summer travelers: BLACKSTONE sent a card from their trip to Nova Scotia; DENDAI DIX wrote about their trip to the Greek islands and a reunion visit to a cryptanalytic school in Virginia; LARRY told about their 10-day trip to Elsalh, Ill., where, among other activities, he took a course in "Acting For Fun". \*\*\*\*\* A. CHEM wrote that she, now past 80, has belonged to the NPL since she was 30; she notes that being an active member is a habit hard to break!

**PUZZLE BITS:** LARRY wrote that Atlantic Magazine in September began a new feature on British-type crosswords, with three pages of instructions; might be useful to our members who haven't quite caught the knack of our Cryptic Crosswords. \*\*\*\*\* VOLAR's favorites for June: 1, 6, 14, 17, 42, 66, 77, 78, 80, X-4. These were added to the bottom of his July sols list and, but for HAP's sharp eye, would have been counted as July favorites. Please, Krewe, don't do things like this! It only causes confusion. List your favorites on the

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sols list for the same month and send any additions to the list within five days after you receive the issue of Enigma containing those solutions. From now on, additions to favorites lists should go to MANGIE, to meet the issue deadline. \*\*\*\*\* TREESONG noted that Word Interlocks are old stuff, having been introduced by ARCHIMEDES in June 1945. \*\*\*\*\* WILLZ has extra copies of the puzzles and program from the recent convention; he will send a set of these to anyone who sends him \$1 (for the NPL treasury); write him at his new address: Will Shortz, 36 Belltown Rd., Stamford, CT 06905.

**EDITORIAL SHIFT:** From now on, please send solutions to NIGHTOWL, and all other contributions directly to MANGIE. A few reminders: put your name on each sheet of everything you send; it's easy for the first page to get filed, leaving the rest of the contributions anonymous; MANGIE will have enough to do without having to decode type styles and handwriting (as I've had to do much too often). And type styles and handwriting on your sols lists; there are always two months of put the month on your sols lists; there are always two months of sols going (often three, when the early birds' and procrastinators' lists overlap!). Sols received after the 25th will be reported in the following issue; please try to send them on time.

**THANKS** to Elmer Lohmaier and the others at Adcraft Printers for six years of faithfully producing Enigma; they helped make it possible for the issues to be mailed on time every month.

**FAVORITE PUZZLES FOR JULY:** ACORN--2, 53, X-1, X-9. AJAX--11, 24, 27. AMOR--1, 14, 25, 30, 36, 61, 77. ANN DHOW & MY MY--17, 19, 28, 62, 70, 74, 77, 79, X-2. BARN--X-4. BLACKSTONE--10, 14, 20, 28, 41, 52, 54, 75, 78. BRUTUS--3, 5, 19, 20, 31, 46, 60, 65. BRYN--19, 59. CALCULUS--38, 77. CLAM BARD--77, X-2, X-4. DADA--14, 15, 22, 56, 70, 75, 77, X-5, X-9, C-7. FARO--3, 14, 20, 25, 28, 33, 53, 56, 63, 70. GANDALF--11, 20, 39, 53, 55, 61, X-4, X-9. GRAYDOL--11, 47, 60, 62, 66. HAP--5, 14, 27, 43, 55, 62, 64, 78, X-1, X-9. HARDIC--4, 19, 70, 75. HART KING--4, 5, 28, 65, X-1, X-5, X-9. IFANDOR--11. IRISH--20. KAMEL--20, 30, 38, 47, 53, 54, 77, 79, X-1, X-8. LARRY--5, 30, 31, 77. NEOPHYTE--5, 14, 63, 77, X-1, X-5, X-9. RABBIT--10, 17, 26, 28, 49, 70, 74, X-1, X-5. SQUIRREL--9, 45, 77, X-1, X-2. TREESONG--31, 56, 79, F-3. WITCHWORD--14, 30, 47, 53, 61, 63, 75, X-9.

#### MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING -- 138th NPL CONVENTION

The business meeting of the 138th convention of the NPL was called to order by President WILLZ at 10 AM on Saturday, August 13, 1977, at the Holiday Inn in Buffalo, N. Y. Twenty-two members attended. The minutes of the last convention were summarized.

The Treasurer reported a balance of about \$700, somewhat depleted by publication of the Guide and by expenses of the editorial change-over, including an electric typewriter for MANGIE's use while editor.

BLACKSTONE also read the names of members who had died since the previous convention: WANDA BEE (sister-in-law of WICK), MRS. EV (widow of EVERGREEN), MISSILE C (daughter of X. CANUCK), and ARBEE (brother of COLMAR). A moment of silence was observed in their memory.

KAMEL's report on NPL jewelry was read. Such jewelry would require a special die (\$80-\$200) and an order of 200 or more to start, so the report was tabled indefinitely, with thanks to KAMEL for her efforts.

A rise in dues to \$6 a year (\$7 for the first year of new subscribers), effective January 1, 1978, was moved and passed unanimously.

The nature of the office of Historian was discussed. It was voted that MERLIN serves as Historian at the pleasure of the Board for as long as he is willing.

The two 1977 amendments to the NPL Constitution were discussed and unanimously approved by those present.

Two new references--geographical and biographical--were proposed

as supplements to the present NI2 and NI3, for all purposes or possibly for forms only. It was decided that the present system is adequate.

MERLIN proposed publication of an annotated puzzle bibliography and a list of references used as "tags" in forms. It was decided that he and WILLZ should continue their work on these.

A committee was chosen to prepare a revised Mini-Sample for distribution when the present stock runs out. Members are TREESONG (Chairman), MERLIN, NIGHTOWL, and DADA.

MERLIN asked to go on record as stating that the latest Guide is the best of the four or five produced in the NPL's history.

It was voted unanimously that membership cards be abolished forthwith, and that all noms (except for memorial gifts and legacies) be dropped from the Treasurer's reports.

There was a vote of thanks to WILLZ and MANGIE for their work on the convention.

(The meeting was recessed at 11:30 AM and reconvened on Sunday at 10 AM.)

A vote of thanks and a standing ovation were given to NIGHTOWL for six years of outstanding work as Editor.

MERLIN emphasized the importance of members' stating the desired disposition of puzzle material in their wills.

In was voted that new officers should in the future assume office at the annual NPL convention, or September 1 if there is no convention. Nominations and mailing of ballots will be timed accordingly.

This proposal will be presented to the membership next year as an amendment to the constitution.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM on Sunday.

TREESONG, Secretary

#### BOOK REVIEW

by HAP

"If You're So Smart" by Pasqual J. Battaglia is distributed by Maralee Enterprises, 740 Van Bunselaer Ave., Niagara Falls, NY 14305 for \$5.95 postpaid, with a 10-day money-back guarantee. It is a paperback collection of 54 excellent puzzles, mostly logical but varying widely in type and in difficulty; none is tricky or unfair. Answers are given, concealed in an ingenious binding which has obviously contributed to the cost (and thickness). Although the puzzles are not original (nor claimed to be, though their composers are not credited), they are well chosen and clearly presented, with several typos but only a few noticeable errors, one of which is corrected on an erratum slip. Word puzzles are rare, and math puzzles elementary; for those who like logic puzzles this is a reasonable buy, and would make a good gift. Try this sample: Name ten parts of the human body that are 3-letter words (no -- aas, gut, lap, lid, or tit aren't among them!).

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

(Does not include convention receipts or expenses.) Receipts in May, June, & July: \$33.17--Bank interest. \$27--Back issues. \$210--Renewals (1 three-year, 3 two-year, 33 one-year). \$111.50--New subscriptions (2 two-year; 17 one-year, including 1 at overseas air-mail rate and 1 at old rate of \$4; 1 half-year). \$37.31--Gifts.

Balance May 1, 1977	\$ 1074.33
Receipts as above	418.98
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1493.31</b>

<b>Expenses:</b>	
Editor's expenses	\$45.00
May Enigma	82.23
Addr. May	9.07
June Enigma	82.22
Guide books (400)	190.47
Addr. June	7.50
July Enigma	82.23
Addr. July & Aug.	18.40
Typewriter	275.53

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>792.65</b>
Balance Aug. 1, 1977	\$ 700.66

#### X-1. PIECEMEAL SQUARE

AM AN CE CR GR IB IO MO NY PH TA  
TO TO US US YP  
=RABBIT, Accra, Ghana

## CONVENTION IMPRESSIONS

by AJAX

There's something in the atmosphere when people who share an interest in words and puzzles get together. Age differences vanish. Old-timers and newcomers mix on equal terms. Spouses and friends of puzzlers start to get real enjoyment out of puzzleistic activities.

The cream in the coffee, so to speak, at the Buffalo convention was the times between the fixed events -- the late evenings, the informal kaleidoscopic interrelating of person to person. Early arrivals -- MERLIN, DADA and his wife UBIQ, TREESONG, WILLZ, and AJAX -- were treated to a gourmet dinner at the home of MANGIE and her husband Milton Friedman (dubbed SCRATCH by TREESONG). Time was spent on WILLZ's transposal (Aug. #1) with neither progress nor any faintest hint from WILLZ.

Friday afternoon saw a steady stream of arrivals. Those at their first convention were PHILANA -- she of the mystery nom -- and her husband, who became ANAPHIL; BRUTUS, whose husband first chose PORHUS, then switched to PORSCHE; WITCHWORD, whose winning of a contest TIA, then switched to NFL membership, and her husband, naturally called in Harper's led to a New Yorker by way of Australia and Canada, who took the nom MONA LISA; SMITH, TIM S., a dairy farmer as keen on palindromes as his nom implies; SENOR, a Buffalo math teacher who heard about the convention via prior newspaper publicity; and LI'L GAMIN, who came in from Rochester for the Saturday afternoon contest.

The entire group numbered 34: 23 members plus 4 friends and 7 "spice" (plural of spouse). The Stones, who came with GRAYDOL, became ROSETTA and BLARNEY. Charming Mrs. BLACKSTONE retained the nom CARLIE. HART KING's better half was soon HART BURN. Palm for catchiest nom went to GINGER ELLA's husband, who was inspired to select MOZZARELLA. ANN DHOW's friend picked HALENKA; HALENKA's daughter, a Seton Hall sophomore, EDDIE.

After some fine Holiday Inn chicken, BRUTUS began the Friday evening session with the "Chain Game". Each participant had to find, and form a chain with, the two persons whose cards had the consorts of the names on his own card, such as Frankie to Johnnie, King Arthur to Guinevere. Then came MERLIN's brainchild "Homonymbles". Example: what two-word phrase meaning a religious song sung early in the day sounds like what a woman should be doing after her husband dies? (Morning hymn--mourning him) Three puzzlers demonstrated their considerable acting prowess in the next activity, "Adverbs". Each was given one adverb and had to portray designated actions in such a way that the audience would guess that adverb. GINGER ELLA did her part "ecstatically"; HAP performed "haphazardly" and HART KING "differently", the latter winning audience approval as top thespian. Word Badminton led by PHILANA pitted the men against the women. Each team challenged the other to change one letter of a word to make, within ten seconds, another word. "Man-let" produced "menage"; "gaffer" led to "zaffer"; "backward" stumped the team that tackled it. The men eked out a narrow victory.

After lunch Saturday, the group worked on contest puzzles chosen and written up by WILLZ and MERLIN. These featured squares, various word puzzles, and a selection of 12 beautifully written flats from old issues of The Ardmore Puzzler. Prizes -- books of puzzleistic interest -- went to several individuals, including three newcomers: PHILANA, MONA LISA, and SENOR. HAP and BLACKSTONE won two prizes each; DADA and TREESONG one apiece. Consensus: a superb selection of exciting, challenging, interesting puzzles -- not too hard and not too easy.

Roast beef at the banquet Saturday evening put us all in trim for the concluding round of activities. PHILANA led off with a loves/hates game. Given that Abby loves coffee and hates tea, loves Mis-

souri but hates Kansas, one had to determine what it was about coffee and Missouri that made them preferred over tea and Kansas and TREESONG, hates AJAX -- the first word having a double letter, the second not.) (Abby loves

MERLIN read aloud a number of new and witty "acronyms": here's a specimen: Magnanimously Assuages Nightowl's Grief, Inherits Editorship. A gem from MONA LISA responded to an earlier acronomic sally from MERLIN: Makes Enigmatic References Labeling Innocent Newcomers.

WILLZ provided an intriguing competition, "Alphablanks". Letters were divided into "tall" (bdfhkl), "small" (aceimnorsuvwxz), and "dangling" (gjpy), to be replaced by tall, small, or dangling recanting a category and three examples, all encoded. Cards concitement ran high, with several split-second wins, and many groans the two recent conventions.

The final event was a parlor charade, "The Hunt", written 100 years ago, acted by Ross and Faith of FARO, WILLZ, GRAYDOL, and AJAX, with introduction by HART KING. A young man who is terrified of horses brags one evening about his riding ability, in order to impress a maiden. He is importuned to ride a certain violent mare. That night he dreams the worst -- the mare is killed and the girl nance and had no trouble finding the answer, "night-mare".

A potpourri of vignettes: DADA explaining the workings of NYPHO's so-called "Robot" system to all interested in cryptography ... Nostalgic dipping into the bound volumes of Enigma, 1932 on, brought to Buffalo thoughtfully by TREESONG ... NIGHTOWL modestly accepting the plaudits of the assemblage for her six years of scintillating editorship ... The issue at the convention ... Beautiful sketches of a goodly number of puzzlers made by CARLIE ... Signing programs for the absent TUT and FREDDIE, and a souvenir one for NIGHTOWL ... The guess-my-word game between MONA LISA and SMITH, TIM S. (his word "crwth"; hers "queue") ... HART KING's and HART BURN's quick trip to Ontario for birding ... MANGIE, gracious, efficient, everywhere, the perfect hostess ... WILLZ, the organizer par excellence (how many hours of sleep did you get, Will?) ... NIGHTOWL and HAP's brief visit with SHEBA ... RHO and AJAX making plans for a hoped-for get-together of metropolitan New York puzzlers in Scarsdale ... GINGER ELLA and MOZZARELLA's expressed willingness to replay the Princeton 1976 convention in 1978, promptly accepted by all.

You'll miss a lot if you're not there for the next puzzlers' gathering.

## I-2. PIECEMEAL SQUARE

=RASPBERRY, Thunder Bay, Ont.

AC AL AR EO GE GY HA LI NA ND OP PH RO US YN YT

I-3. ANAQUOTE (2 3 7 3 4, 1 6 10 14 4 2 3 3 4 5 1 4. \*1. \*6)

ALP ANA ARE ASF BEE EEL ERS ERV

EQU HAS HEW HIS ING ION MAN MEE

NEW NGI NOT OAT SAS SOR THA TIT

TEN YET

\*AP, Rochester, N. Y.

X-4. ANAQUOTE (4 2 4 2 5, 3 5 2 4 7; 3 4 2 1 4 3 6 4 4 3 4.)

AST ATE EAN EIS EIT EYO EYO GON

HDE HEN HTA ITS LIG LIK LOV MAD

NDE NDW ONI ONY OUT RWH UBI UWU

VER WIT TE

=MEO, Kewanee, Ill.



## P E N E T R A L I A

Solution words appear in Webster's New International, 2nd & 3rd Editions (NI2 & NI3). Words appearing in only one edition are noted. Solution lists must reach NIGHTOWL by November 25.

## 1. WORD DELETION (10)

Quite the PRIMAL for a fine romance,  
The ALL, denuded, told its happy tale;  
A FINAL hesitant to take a chance,  
His girl gave in. A daisy cannot fail!  
=TUT, Palo Alto, Cal.

## 2. DELETION (7, 6)

He shook his fist, shouted a SECOND, he cursed;  
His foeman retreated, quite terrified FIRST.  
=MANGIE, Buffalo, N. Y.

## 3. REBUS (4 1 5 5)

B O = Y B

Little Boy Blue, stop blowing that horn.  
(To make matters worse, you just stepped on my corn.)  
Whenever you REBUS, ten inches I leap.  
Please look for a haystack and go back to sleep!  
=BRUTUS, Jamesville, N. Y.

## 4. HOMONYM (10, 5 3)

The catcher TWO the runner,  
As he did ONE the game.  
He really was some gunner --  
All fans will say the same.  
=HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

## 5. TRANSPOSAL (5)

Some LAST today keep home life FIRST  
For moms and dads who fear the worst.  
=HARDIC, Milwaukee, Wis.

## 6. REBUSES (ALL = \*6 \*5, phone-tic, not NI; TOTAL = 6)

When ALL, M. D. went off the air a couple years ago,  
The fans of small-town doctors mourned a TOTAL TV show.  
=TREESONG, Aliquippa, Pa.

## 7. CHARADE (9)

What are you doing there, my ONE,  
Attired in only your white ALL?  
And is that nervous TWO you shun  
Result of wild THREE sown last fall?  
=BODOLPH, Los Angeles, Cal.

## 8. BEHEADMENT (8, 7)

What shall I be?  
Astronomy  
Has fascinating angles --  
I'd study stars  
Or ONES 'twixt Mars  
And Jupiter (in tangles).  
Or I may find  
I'll set my mind  
On biochemists' tussles  
With hormones, TWOS,  
And other clues  
To glands and brain and muscles.  
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

## 9. ANAGRAM

In Web. II's definition, we  
Can SEE A "TO RUT" phrase. Agree?  
=LARRY, Mason, Mich.

## 10. WORD DELETION (7)

When Paddy's elbow bent there  
(The ALL, to ONE precise),  
Life gained, from time thus spent there,  
A rosy TWO, quite nice.  
=NEOPHYTE, Roswell, N. M.

## 11. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (9)

A. One good way to make amends:  
Send some roses to your friends.

B. Don't start jogging off too fast;

Hamstring pulled may be your last.

C. The widow pledged, as her fair part,  
One-half buck for churchly art.

D. Set up guards and call for aid!  
This could be a vice squad raid.

Arms are down and toes are spread,  
Stand up tall, look straight ahead.  
=OAK, Fairfax, Va.

## 12. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (7)

The bugs all ONE when I'm in view;  
They don't wish me to THREE my TWO.  
=SENOR, Buffalo, N. Y.

## 13. LINKADE (11)

When prankish tar she called her ONE  
Made TWO, his THREE was ready.  
They FOUR. She, ALL, used other wiles  
To keep him as her steady.  
=WITCHWORD, Hilltown, Pa.

## 14. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (5)

As he died from the thrust of a TWO  
Caesar said to friend Brutus  
"And you?"  
But his blood left a red ONE, I FOUR,  
When the TWO THREEed the toga he wore.  
=BAIRN, Scarsdale, N. Y.

## 15. BIGRAM REBUS QUINTADE

(4, 4, 4, 4, 4)

STP

That tennis pro's retired now,  
But as a ONE he takes a bow;  
His eldest son, himself no dub,  
May win the title at the club.

The son had THREE the first two rounds

But plays today on hallowed grounds:

The FOUR where daddy won a cup  
And gobbled his opponents up.

TWO even is the match so far,  
But now just watch our hero star.  
He hits a lob too FIVE to get,  
Then holds his serve to win the set.

=MERLIN, Bismarck, N. D.

## 16. BEHEADMENT (5, 4)

When I FIVE my office door,  
Businesswise I start to FOUR.  
=BODOLPH, Los Angeles, Cal.

## 17. HETERONYM (7, 3 4)

Sayonara! Don't despair  
Of my return to you.  
I shall not ONE you since I care  
So much for you and TWO.  
=MANGIE, Buffalo, N. Y.

## 18. BEHEADMENT (6, 5)

Dear Abby, Please help us improve;  
My bride (perhaps LONG?) does not move;  
She lies in bed SHORT  
Which spoils our rapport;  
How can I get into the groove?  
=BAP, Rochester, N. Y.

## 19. WORD DELETION (10)

(PRIMAL not NI)  
In dogdom's Hall of Fame  
Sweet \*PRIMAL is a name  
Beloved as that of wee Greyfriars Bobby;  
When Slavs her death recall,  
Hear those FINAL-studded ALL  
Soft strummed by calloused hands,  
toilworn and knobby.  
=KAMEL, St. Petersburg, Fla.

## 20. WORD INTERLOCK (8)

Succumbing to a TOTAL urge  
To see what lay afar,  
The TWO sprawled ONE upon the road,  
Demolished by a car.  
=FARO, Morristown, N. J.

## 21. WORD DELETION (6)

In dying tones she harshly ALL  
"Tell Antony from me,  
His Serpent of the Nile shall never  
Live to bend her knee."

Then fell the hand which  
clutched the TWO,  
A small ONE mark was seen.  
She would not live a slave to Rome  
But died as Egypt's queen.  
=BRUTUS, Jamesville, N. Y.

## 22. CHARADE (9)

"A mistrial!" cried the judge,  
enraged,  
His reasoning ONE, his temper short:  
The TOTAL and his lawyer'd staged  
A TWO that truly shook the court.  
=NEOPHYTE, Roswell, N. M.

## 23. TRANSPOSAL (6)

As I was out walking the old  
"Streets of \*PRIMAL"  
I met a cowboy with story so strange;  
Said he, "Let me tell you of my  
trying MIDDLE --  
It happened as I was out riding  
the range."

"I rode down the line and I saw  
this big rustler  
Changing our brand from a P to  
a B,  
I missed with six shots, and  
before I could FINAL  
That varmint had emptied his gun  
into me!"  
=MEO, Kewanee, Ill.



24. FOURTH-LETTER CHANGE (7)  
I've never seen a PURPLE in a  
COW;  
Nor have I any urge to see one  
now.  
His jetés are rather natty,  
But he's always very catty,  
And he never leaves the veldt to  
take a bow.  
=PROBLEM CHILD, Chicago, Ill.

25. BEHEADMENTS (6, 5, 4, 3)  
To SIX a sleek FIVE I went down  
to the sea.  
My SIX was so poor that I just  
exclaimed "THREE!"  
And then to my studio I went  
from the shore,  
Used the bad SIX as a model to  
FOUR.  
=COLMAR, Westcliffe, Colo.

26. TERMINAL DELETION (5, 3)  
Women can get very OUTSIDE,  
Keeping their INSIDE concealed,  
Something always on the doubt  
side,  
E'en at death oft unrevealed.  
=BODOLPH, Los Angeles, Cal.

27. SPOONERGRAM (3 3 6; 5 3 4)  
Over the fence in the Monday sun  
My neighbor and I  
Love to chat. We're there to ONE  
As they hang to dry.  
And when she makes stew, her  
special dish,  
She just makes double;  
I do the same with my fried  
fish --  
It's no more trouble.  
So thus we TWO--divide our food--  
And halve our labor.  
The saying's true: my fence is  
good,  
And so's my neighbor.  
=DADGIE, Buster, N. Y.

28. HETERONYM (11, 3 3 3 2)  
"How much do you charge for  
those rodents?" I asked.  
"My fee's fifty dollars TWO  
forty for each  
Of those yet untamed and not  
taught to do tricks."  
"You ONE of inflation! That's  
out of my reach!"  
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

29. DELETION (12, 11)  
The prisoner had a ONE of doom  
Ere TWO was brought from jury room.  
=NEOPHYTE, Roswell, N. M.

30. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (11)  
A. Tedious oral probing finally  
shows  
How much a so-called expert  
really knows.

B. Tormented students striving  
hard to pass  
Must listen to instruction  
out of class.

C. Spell out in careful talks  
just what is meant  
And dissipate all doubt as to  
intent.

D. Tale-tellers find a bit of  
scandal worth  
Discussion of its history  
from birth.

E. A man should talk together  
with his wife --  
For after all, their contract  
is for life.

Trouble finding what to say?  
Oh well,  
Say nothing and retreat into  
your shell.  
=TUT, Palo Alto, Cal.

31. TRANSPOSAL (9)  
An ardent young FORMER from  
Dover  
Did research on present and past.  
While comparing them over and  
over,  
He finally got hung up on LAST.  
=VOLAR, Los Angeles, Cal.

32. REBUS (6)  
:Y

Pesky ants, part of a WHOLE --  
Although we spray, they take  
their toll.  
=RABBIT, Accra, Ghana

33. BEHEADMENT (\*6, 5) (\*6 = NI2)  
In the dark reaches  
Of SIX are no peaches  
For him whose darned FIVE  
Is too tough, though I strive.  
=IRISH, Metairie, La.

34. CHARADE (7)  
My wife is ONE of sweets and  
such --  
Suggestions that she halve  
consumption  
Have never really TWO to much:  
(She WHOLE me, sapping do-good  
gumption.)  
=HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

35. PALINDROME  
This levy is a mallet;  
-E- A -A--, "-E-A-!"  
A -A- A-E--- A -A--E-  
Each vanquished strumpet packs.  
=TUT, Palo Alto, Cal.

36. CHARADE (8)  
He swallowed the last FIRST of  
beer,  
Then SECOND his knife -- just in  
case;  
But no need, he was thankful --  
He ALL the whole tankful  
And in jigtime was out of the  
place.  
=MANGIE, Buffalo, N. Y.

37. TRANSDLETION (8) (Two steps  
are deletions)  
(To FARO in re April 10 & 39)  
O THREE on thee, word FIVE!  
I never should have claimed  
Thee for a SIX (real live).  
Thy flats, so FOUR, are aimed  
At mental torture SEVEN.  
RIGHT of just fate for thee  
Can't cite a spot (not heaven)  
Sans NI's two and three.  
=WITCHWORD, Hilltown, Pa.

38. REVERSAL (5)  
When toothpaste made its FIRST,  
The toothbrush was immersed,  
But then the paste was LAST --  
The rest is history past!  
=GOOGOL, Arroyo Grande, Cal.

39. PROGRESSIVE WORD DELETION  
(11; 3, 2, 6)  
The candidate THREE and ONE into  
his foe  
Who seemed to TWO totally ALL by  
the show!  
=TUT, Palo Alto, Cal.

40. HOMONYM (2 3, 3 3)  
(LATE = NI3 Addenda)  
Guzzling at a formal bash  
Did me intoxicate.  
Trink in hand, I veered through  
mob,  
Dunked EARLY in my LATE!  
=VOLAR, Los Angeles, Cal.

41. SPOONERGRAM (8, 5 3)  
Madge, staunch FORMER of her kin,  
Dyed her tresses -- what a sin!  
Though LATTER streak or rot each  
root,  
For saucy Madge cares not a hoot!  
=SAMUEL, St. Petersburg, Fla.

42. BEHEADMENT (3, 2)  
FINE! I'm here to show this flat  
About a fish, about a bird:  
PRIME. Maori term, 'tis that;  
A palindrome, and what a word.  
=DADA, Rochester, N. Y.

43. REBUS (4 6 \*1 7)  
Y!  
L TD  
The cake was a disaster.  
I checked the recipe;  
No, I'd omitted nothing, had  
mixed it carefully.  
I did the whole thing over --  
in apprehensive state;  
The REBUS was the baking time ...  
and this one turned out great!  
=MERGIE, Bismalo, D. Y.

44. TRANSPOSAL (13)  
She ONE my shirts (translucent  
goo  
Prevents their looking limp and  
TWO).  
=HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

45. CURTAILMENT (6, 5)  
He stands beneath a tree (some  
nut);  
His muscles meet the test.  
I know he has a FIVE there  
I seem to SIX the rest.  
=MANGIE, Buffalo, N. Y.

46. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (4)  
A ONE may be merely a TWO of a  
thing,  
But his displeasure will carry  
a sting!  
=VAL, Grand Forks, N. D.

47. CHARADE (9)  
Jim's a center, Jack's a guard;  
For the Celtics they work hard.  
Jim and Jack are two TWO pals --  
Share their meals and share  
their gals.  
Girls who tried that team to ONE  
Found it just could not be done.  
This morning over well-cooked ALL,  
They plan a TWO ONE they will  
call:  
Oh yes, tonight they'll steal  
the ball.  
=RABBIT, Accra, Ghana

48. BEHEADMENT (5, \*4)  
"ONE!" said I. "You mean that  
you  
Have never read a work by TWO?"  
=SENOR, Buffalo, N. Y.

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49. TRANSPOSAL (7)  
I get out my field glasses,  
I sight 'cross the ONE;  
A TWO I see hovering -- hawk-  
watching's fun!  
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

50. REBUS TRINADE (3, 3, 3)  
W

The bos'n has gotten a shiny  
THREE fiddle;  
He sits on the foredeck to  
scrape it:  
As dos, res, and ONE from it  
torture the breezes,  
I have to go TWO to escape it.  
=TREESONG, Aliquippa, Pa.

51. PHONETIC REBUS (6)  
KIX

If you are an animal lover,  
A REBUS you'll like from the  
start.  
You might call him Rover or Fido;  
This pet soon will capture  
your heart.  
=PETE TROLEUM, Brooklyn, N. Y.

52. HETERONYM (6, 3 \*3)  
King Henry in his flaming youth  
Was easily led astray, forsooth.  
The Prince caroused with  
Falstaff, who  
Consumed untold amounts of brew  
In quantities which would prove  
ONE  
To you or me or anyone.  
And with each tankard he'd  
refill,  
Falstaff cried, "TWO pay the  
bill!"  
=BRUTUS, Jamesville, N. Y.

53. WORD DELETION (8)  
His face is flushed, his  
language crude  
(In fact, the air is blue);  
A sober ALL would soon conclude  
He cannot ONE his TWO.  
=FARO, Morristown, N. J.

54. TRANSPOSAL (8) (\*TWO = NI2)  
The ONE of avuncular orders by  
\*TWO  
Was meat for old Sophocles'  
grinder, eh, Krewe?  
=TUT, Palo Alto, Cal.

55. DELETION (3, 2)  
3: A Philippine vine, no less.  
2: A hawk, Hawaiian, I guess.  
=DADA, Rochester, N. Y.

56. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (6;  
ONE, TWO)  
THIRD-LETTER CHANGE (6; ONE,  
THREE, FOUR)  
METATHESIS (6; THREE, FIVE)  
If the cross on your shield has  
small bumps shaped like keys,  
It is said to be ONE (or ONEe,  
if you please).

While there are those who call a  
day nursery TWO,  
That term's other use is  
familiar to you.

And the less common meaning of  
THREE, I can state,  
Is a single electrotpe, part of  
a plate.

Meanwhile, FOUR is a glass to  
keep dust or air out  
(Or else it's a hat that's  
close-fitting, no doubt).

Lastly, FIVE is a gum (sapodilla)  
you chew;  
Now I'll bet none of these will  
elude many Krewe.  
=HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

57. DELETION (7, 6)  
A student works hard in a  
chemistry class --  
He learns of the mole and the  
import of mass,  
He studies the structure of  
atoms and TWOs,  
He ponders electrons, and who's  
losing whose.  
Though classwork goes quickly,  
the labwork goes slow,  
For ONE in the labroom's the  
rule, you should know.  
=GOOGOL, Arroyo Grande, Cal.

58. REVERSAL (8)  
For fear your seams be gravely  
PRIME,  
Eschew all FINE (most all the  
time).  
=PAUL & VIRGINIA, Houston, Tex.

59. REBUS TRINADE (5, 4, 4)  
AT  
I

Spaceships in ONE may no longer  
delight us;  
Astronauts man them with THREE.  
Though for some years they have  
TWO to excite us,  
Now all we feel is ennui.  
=NEOPHYTE, Roswell, N. M.

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60. METATHESIS (4-7, 11)  
(4-7 = NI2)  
When WISHFUL landlords set the  
pace,  
And harried tenants lose the  
race,  
Then legislatures take a stand,  
And law extends a HELPPUL hand.  
=MEPHISTO, Silver Spring, Md.

61. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (8)  
The workers called a FORMER;  
The bosses locked them out;  
Both said "Let's have a LATTER  
And see who's got more clout."  
=HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

62. PHONETIC REBUS (7 3 4)  
TTHOHO

Now please suppose  
This puzzle shows  
What gallants wore  
In days of yore.  
=BRYM, Romsey, England

63. CHARADE (8)  
\*ONE and \*FOUR got in the TWO,  
Drove THREE to see old Tony;  
He served us wine with much ado,  
Then TOTAL and spumoni.  
=DADGIE, Buster, N. Y.

64. ENIGMATIC REBUS (8 10)  
lusion

It's simply an ALL that the  
Krewe will admire this flat.  
I don't have to argue, examine,  
or document that.  
=TREESONG, Aliquippa, Pa.

65. HOMONYMS (6, 4, 7)  
TRANSPOSAL (6; FIRST, FINAL)  
Christmas last year was a happy  
vacation.  
Dicle McAdam, a FINAL old  
fellow,  
FIRST on his glass for another  
libation,  
Followed by servings of  
cranberry Jello.  
SECOND attention we gave to the  
presents;  
Gaily THIRD gifts for the  
children to open,  
Covered with colorful pictures  
of pheasants.  
In them were toys for which all  
had been hopin'.  
=JSPAN, Rochester, N. Y.

66. REBUS (4 4)  
SSSSS P

When all your best logic and  
arguments fail,  
A tittle of REBUS will sometimes  
prevail.  
=MANGIE, Buffalo, N. Y.

67. SIXTH-LETTER CHANGE (7)  
"Caveat emptor" no longer applies  
To hapless consumers; they now  
utilize  
Monthly reports that alertly  
review  
Shoddy slick products which don't  
ONE for TWO.  
=NEOPHYTE, Roswell, N. M.

68. CHARADE (8)  
My TOTAL will hand me a line;  
She knows she's a (sigh) FINE of  
mine.  
She may PRIME me the tune of a  
song --  
You might say she just strings  
me along!  
=VAL, Grand Forks, N. D.

69. WORD INTERLOCK (8)  
I doubt that LAST was ever  
served  
By famous ALL of ancient Greece;  
One still FIRST tales, so long  
preserved,  
Of Lais, Phryne, and Thais.  
=KAMEL, St. Petersburg, Fla.

70. REBUS BINADE (5, 5)  
O T L

A FIRST, I fear, the cocktail  
waitress said,  
"Go get a SECOND room and warm  
the bed."  
=TUT, Palo Alto, Cal.

71. REBUS (\*5)  
5TO

"Holy of life and free from sin,  
You need no poisoned arrows to  
win."  
Thus said a poet of long ago,  
Writing in REBUS, as you well  
know.  
=FIDDLE, St. Petersburg, Fla.

72. BEHEADMENTS (7, 6, 5, 4)  
7: Impending birth.  
6: Gradual rise.  
5: Redolent prize.  
4: Minimum worth.  
=FANACRO, St. Louis, Mo.

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73. WORD DELETION (8)  
She says that I said something,  
ONE so the story goes;  
The TOTAL of my sayings  
She widely does disclose.  
Where once was bosom palship  
There now is only TWO.  
And if she chokes on gossip,  
Perhaps it is her due!  
=IFANDOR, So. Pasadena, Fla.

74. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (10)  
A. Ta DUM ta DEE. Oh, snakes  
alive!  
Beats bug me four days out of  
five.  
B. Relief from weight of mental  
jig  
Lies in the 'crostical enig.  
C. A not-so-glorious Milton needs  
Some reason for his rhyming  
screeds.

D. Selected sols delimit themes,  
And clue words circumscribe  
extremes.

The lines, not measured by the  
yard,  
Best not exceed old Avon's bard.  
=WITCHWORD, Hilltown, Pa.

75. HOMONYM (6; 3, 3)  
A TOTAL, young man, is a mollusk  
That has a bivalve feature,  
Not harmful at all nor a 3, 3 --  
But a rather boring creature.  
=BLACKSTONE, Alstead, N. H.

76. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (8)  
He is religiously studying ONE;  
Calvin and Luther he reads by  
the hour.  
She studies TWO -- how material  
will flow  
When it's deformed by mechanical  
power.  
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

77. FIFTH-LETTER CHANGE (6)  
I took up T M in Bologna  
And soon was completely immersed;  
I mused in Verona,  
Perused in Ancona,  
And practiced my SECOND in \*FIRST.  
=MANGIE, Buffalo, N. Y.

78. THIRD-LETTER CHANGE (5)  
I walked into the agency  
And read a sign that kayoed me:  
"Couples only!" (So ONE stated)  
"Do not TWO unless you're mated."  
=KAMEL, St. Petersburg, Fla.

79. SUBER BINADE (9, 9)

TDNAR

An article of faith with me:  
The suber FINAL's quite a flat.  
(A lucid, trim one here you see.)  
You'll never hear me PRIMAL that.  
=TRESONG, Aliquippa, Pa.

80. BEHEADMENT (7, 6)  
In multiple choice TWO may well  
ring a bell  
When both of the options serve  
equally well,  
And when there is doubt there is  
nought to be done  
But frankly admit that your  
choice must be ONE.  
=BAIRN, Scarsdale, N. Y.

81. PHONETIC SUBER (6 11)

ETBE

I stand at the edge of the  
canyon and call,  
And hear the COMPLETE from the  
opposite wall.  
My words bounce right back --  
I must watch what I shout,  
Or I'll be insulting myself,  
I've no doubt.  
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

82. WORD INTERLOCK (7)

The ONE for teacher every day  
Did not her grim opinion sway:  
His attitude toward WHOLE she  
taught  
Deserved old-fashioned TWO she  
thought,  
And so his marks were even worse!  
Than his remarkably free verse!  
=WITCHWORD, Hilltown, Pa.

A N A G R A M S

83. FIGHT TERMS -- HATE. HE WON  
(\*3 \*6 2 3 \*5)  
=BRUTUS, Jamesville, N. Y.

84. CONCURS IF MEN MEET (6 10)  
=COLMAR, Westcliffe, Colo.

85. MORE METRICS!  
=GOOGOL, Arroyo Grande, Cal.

86. I PEER: CAREER IN RADIUM  
(\*6 3 \*5 \*5)  
=HART KING, Rumson, N. J.

87. I AM NOT WANTED (7 5)  
=IRISH, Metairie, La.

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88. DUCAT EXAMINATION (2 6 3 5)  
=MERPHISTO, Silver Spring, Md.

89. A GARNET  
=MERLIN, Bismarck, N. D.  
(This remarkable anagram is the  
exact and complete NI2 definition  
of the base!)

90. TERM "AND" SHAPE (3 9)  
=NEOPHYTE, Roswell, N. M.

91. ME? PINK RECIPE -- ARCTIC  
TEMPS! (10 5 3 5)  
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

92. A MR. R. LIVED ON (\*3 \*3 \*5)  
=RANDOM WALK, Hempstead, N. Y.

93. RAPES TED  
=SENIOR, Buffalo, N. Y.

94. CRATED IN CARE  
=TRAVV, Vancouver, Wash.

95. THIS ON SALADS, DINERS? DUNG!  
(8 6 8) (To many, an antigram!)  
=TUT, Palo Alto, Cal.

96. UP, NON-TOIL MEN. PAYMENTS  
COME! (12 12)  
=VOLAR, Los Angeles, Cal.

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97. HASN'T HIT ICE TIP (3 4 \*7)  
=SENIOR, Buffalo, N. Y.

F O R M S

1. SQUARE  
1. Massalia. 2. Appearing\*. 3.  
Spadron. 4. Town, West Prussia;  
4 SW Marienwerder. 5. Nullest\*.  
6. Lyonesse. 7. Inwardnesses.  
8. A woman agent.  
=SAR-EL-BAHR, Milford, Ind.

1. CONNECTED SQUARES

ONE: 1. Fungus gnat. 2. Moderate  
brown. 3. Tropical lizard. 4. Con-  
sort of Anu. 5. Cyst under the  
tongue. 6. Theta Eridani.  
TWO: 1. Theta Eridani. 2. Cour-  
age (Mid. Eng.). 3. Erasing com-  
pound. 4. A chatterer. 5. (Obs.)  
to wrong. 6. Biblical town.  
=AP, Rochester, N. Y.

1. LEFT WINDMILL

1. Repaired. 2. Woman's name. 3.  
Mediterranean 3-masted ship. 4.  
Erigation of the colon. 5. Olym-  
pic event. 6. Domicile. 7. Midday  
meal. 8. Man's name. 9. Style of  
jacket popular in the 60's.  
=CLAM BARD, Billings, Mont.

4. SQUARE

1. TORABOO (Lipp.). 2. OBERINN  
(Stiel.). 3. Reopening. 4. German  
organ builder, 1654. 5. BIRAJEE  
(Ind. Geog.). 6, 7. Singleness.  
=SHERLOCK HOLMES, Lennox, S. D.

J U L Y S O L V E R S

The July Enigma had 83 flats,  
49 forms, 7 crypts, and 10 extras;  
49 solution lists were received.  
DADA and MERLIN had completes.  
ACORN 58-2-2\*; AJAX \*-\*-3;  
AJDE 17-1-0-6; AMOR 28-0-0-1; ANN  
DHOW & MY MY 70-\*6-\*; BAPUL 55-  
\*-5-3; BAIRN 19-0-0-9; BLACKSTONE  
77-\*-\*-. B. NATURAL 24-0-\*2;  
BRUTUS 57-0-0-7; BRYM 43-0-1-5;  
CAL CULUS 53-2-4-9; CLAM BARD 31-  
1-0-8; COLEUS 62-0-0-0; COLMAR  
35-0-0-1; PANACRO 34-2-3-\*; FARO  
77-0-0-7; FIDDLE 32-0-2-1; GAN-  
HARDIC 65-1-\*-\*; HART KING 59-  
1-2-\*; IFANDOR 60-0-0-5; IRISH  
55-0-4-6; ISFAN 49-1-1-7; JOHNNIE  
& PENNY 37-2-3-7; KAMEL 57-0-0-9;  
LARRY 35-2-0-3; LIBRA 29-1-0-5;  
MANGIE & TREESONG 77-\*0-\*; MEO  
57-\*4-6; NEOPHYTE 50-0-0-7; NUT-  
MEG 58-0-4-7; OSAPLE 24-0-0-0;  
PATCH 59-1-0-6; PAUL & VIRGINIA  
48-0-0-5; PETE TROLEUM 16-0-0-0;  
PHILANA 73-3-3-9; RABBIT 38-0-0-  
4; RASPBERRY 72-\*4-\*; RHO 79-\*  
\*9; SHERLOCK HOLMES 8-3-0-0;  
SQUIRREL 48-0-0-6; THE GINK 44-  
1-2-0; TRAVV 9-\*-\*0; VOLAR 55-  
1-0-4; WITCHWORD 46-1-1-3.

Solving Frequency List

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## CRYPTOGRAMS

BODOLPH, Los Angeles, Cal.

1. Ringing in the ears?

\*HJL'Y BYL JC EXL QJGU "EWPEWPPRNB-  
KREWJP" WP XWY "NLKKY" WY R ILGM  
EWEWKKREWPT J PJZREJHJLEWS ILGNRK  
EWENWE.

2. A kudos!

AJAX, Scarsdale, N.Y.

\*WQE'K \*SXBNTGWKLRGTB IDRPCT LTX-  
PQL CI BEYIBN ZEW JEW BRVXEW ==  
KXUIWDTGXBXC. CN WIKUEDKI RK: LWRDV.

ACORN, New York, N.Y.

3. Hot stuff.

"MEAAESI CROILERS EA NTTY MTL OPT  
ODEHNA. THI EA UTESEHN FROIL. ODI  
TODIL EA CRPEHN UTCUA." \*O. \*W. \*AWDI-  
SSEHN.

HAP, Rochester, N.Y.

4. Unusual, but not ugly.

UTAH URSAWNY UNMSAIR UHHAMS UMWNA-  
XYH UNSPYRSAM UNSIMPSPRING UXULY-  
GWNY UFYSPEGS URBOYS.

MEO, Kewanee, Ill.

5. A single mind.

STRONG SLPTVKOD DGTSPOV CAB DLESKN  
MTOS ATHB, THSLOKAB TFLOHN TAKTS  
KSOW, TSLENOVC TDSOPLVB TPLVC KLJV  
MLARN.

HARDRIC, Milwaukee, Wis.

6. Wasted energy.

YWNHPXD GWFY NWPX UFWJSY NSYT GWN-  
XP FHYNTS ZUTS GJMNSI. MFQY GWNJK.  
MTZW QFYJW UWFSPX GJLNS FSJB.

RHO, New York, N.Y.

7. A spirited effort.

VBZWG LWFK JMWW JBXSG, R DYCKP XWYV-  
C RMKXT. GCBFL WGBZD VWDNR VKDG JB-  
FRC WVZKXN, KFZWHC KXP DN.

\*Krewe: please note that KUDOS is the singular of KUDOS (NI2 & NI3)!

## AUGUST SOLUTIONS

\*1. Enthusiast, unhastiest. \*2. Frequent (freak, went). 3. S-imply. 4. Emcees. 5. Sac-w-ris. \*6. S-a/t-rong. 7. Photomural; Tom, hour, pal. 8. Yahoo, hey you. 9. Moment. \*10. Musophagine, amphibious. 11. G-reengage. 12. Surprising; sin, prig, surly. 13. Past, sue. 14. Sidekick. 15. A hole in one. 16. Aura, Today, MOve, Bide, LEan. 17. S/M-inister. 18. Compl-exit-y. 19. Useless. 20. Seven at night: I woo with gin, tan Eves. 21. Avarice, cavare. 22. Musca-t. 23. Watchdog, dogwatch. 24. Leashless, sea-shells. 25. Mean, best, only, seas. 26. The Montessori method. 27. PERson, Siren, FLAgrant, GE-isha. 28. Point Counterpoint. 29. aphrodisiacs (Afro, dizzy, ax). 30. For-tuna-te. 31. S-h-ofar. 32. Visage. 33. Shortage, stor-age, groats, roast, oats, sot, so. 34. Carpe, caper; diem, dime. 35. B/F-razil. 36. Countesses. 37. Safaris. 38. Chaperon. 39. Positive thinking. 40. Condone. 41. The letters of transit. 42. pouse. 43. Palom-b-ino. 44. So go let art surfeit a Satie, frus-trate logos. \*45. Prettiness, per-sistent. 46. Lewd crime, crude lime, clued rhyme, rude climb. 47. Sioux, sue. 48. Impavid. 49. Cribbed. 50. Square-shooter. 51. Asperities, patisserie. 52. Sma-ragrite; rag, mad, site. 53. F-ever-ish. 54. Dep-o/a-rtment. 55. lambus. 56. H/M/F/T/R-umble. 57. Ptah, ache, race, Eros. 58. Knees turn inward. 59. Bogeyman, money-bag. 60. Mer, ill, sly, sea, Pat. 61. Monitor; it, no, or, my. \*62. Previous, pervious. 63. B-r/l-andishing. \*64. Ty-r/p-os. 65. R/D-ecently. 66. Stereo. 67. Site, Alate, Agile, OGLE, ICing. 68. Important. \*69. Average. 70. Hob-bledohoy. 71. Alimentation. 72. Uncertainty. 73. Chandeliers or chandeliers. \*74. Black-crowned night heron. 75. Reno slot mach-ines. 76. Strangulate. 77. Basset bound. 78. An electric typewriter. 79. Postman. 80. Transmogrified. 81. Speak, outer, tarmacadam, utter, tryst; scout, eater, Ko-sa, count, daddy, merit. X-2. Ben the cat's away the mice will play. X-3. Smorgasbord, dread-

naught, troposphere, eucharistic, chanticleer, roguishness. X-4. The louder he talked of his hon-or, the faster we counted our spoons. Ralph Waldo Emerson. X-5. Good nature is often a mere mat-ter of health. H. W. Beecher. X-6. Talismanic, tenderloin, ericophyte, tenderloin, indistinct, Ctenizidae, aeolodicon, oncocha-eta. X-7. Every time the train of history goes around a corner, the thinkers fall off. Karl Marx.

## CRYPTS:

1. Our Sphinx should turn away u
2. Stereo radio plays sonatas lo
3. Politicians using legitimate
4. Boat struck sharp object lyn
5. Women violators purloin humble
6. Hockey goalie deftly blocked
7. Girl guide outing munched oys

## FORMS:

1. DUB
2. HATHOR WIDER
3. TA TULT
4. ELBOW WICKET
5. MADAMADAM ARENA I
6. TULLE WICKED
7. ALONE WICKED
8. NEWEL WICKET
9. WICKED ANITA I
10. WICKED MALAYALAM
11. WICKED ALIBI
12. WICKED D LMAN
13. WICKET ABACI
14. MINIMINIM

X-5. PIECEMEAL CIRCLE (8-letter words; one word is NI3)

AC AD AL AM CI DG EH ES HA HE HE  
KA KI LI MA MI NA NE NT OC OG OS

PE PO SH ST TI TO TO

=KAMEL, St. Petersburg, Fla.

X-6. ANAQUOTE (3 4 4 4, 3 2 3 4  
2 5, 4 2 6. \*4 \*5)

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=ACORN, New York, N.Y.

Standing: MONA LISA, NOZZARELLA\*, ANN DHOW, HALENKA\*, WILTZ, BLACKSTONE, FARO, ANNPHIL\*, SENOR\*,  
MANGIE, AJAX, TREESONG, MERLIN, NIGHTOWL, FARO, HAP, RHO, WITCHORD, UBIO, WARLOCK,  
Kneeling: EDDIE\*, CARLIE\*, PHILANA, GINGER ELVA, GRAYDOL, SMITH TIM S., BRUTUS, PORSCHIE\*,  
DADA  
HART BURN, HART KING

\*Identification of these noms is given in AJAX's article, pages 4-5.



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WHO TOOTS?

All right, everybody, let's dry our tears and try to think positively. NIGHTOWL hasn't left us; she's just changed position. And there are at least a couple of silver linings: first, she should have so much free time now that she'll be able to prepare packs of her provocative puzzles for our pleasure; and second, we'll have a new and excellent solver. All you completers, look to your laurels!

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One of our members, some time back, spoke of my becoming the "leader" of the Krewe. Well, that's not what I feel like at all -- more like the necessary intermediate step between YOUR creative struggles and the publication of YOUR magazine. In other words, I shall welcome your comments and criticisms--even adverse ones, provided they're couched in friendly and encouraging terms. I want you to continue to like The Enigma.

**EDITORIAL THANKS:** To NIGHTOWL for all kinds of help, tips, shortcuts, materials, that will lighten the load. To NIGHTOWL and HAP for keeping over the job of sending out dues notices, another nasty chore. (How NIGHTOWL did these two things plus what I'm doing plus a full-time job is something I'd rather not think about.) To all the kind members who sent good wishes and expressions of confidence that Enigma will continue to appear every month. To the entire NPL for my lovely new electric Smith-Corona; I plan to coddle it, so as to pass it on to my successor in mint condition.

**BIG NPL CONTEST!** The heading above (Please note that it's a transpositional as well as a spoonerism) is only a makeshift, and there is need for a new one to replace the Owlsh TWO HOOTS. Everyone please send suggestions for something appropriate and telling. The prize will be the opportunity for the winner to see his invention at the top of this page month after month.

**PUZZLE INNOVATION:** This month, and hereafter if you like the idea, one puzzle will be published anonymously (without the author's permission) in order that you may have the fun of figuring out the puzzle in due course print the results, as well as the identity of the composer. This anonymous entry will be called the WHODUNIT puzzle.

**NEW REKREWETS:** A hearty welcome to: David Robb, Ste. Adele Nord, Quebec, JORILLO; Richard Ryszykow, 2125 Union Rd., West Seneca, NY 14224; Dr. Gerald R. Rising, 295 Robinhill Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221. (The Three R's are back in style.) Dr. Rising was enrolled by SENOR, one of our newer and more enthusiastic members.

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