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FROM SCRATCH

QUIP reports on the MicroFlorCon: "IXAXAR and his wife Muriel, Elsa Goodrich and her husband Paul, and a few non-members...attended a Florida microcon hosted by Quip and Mrs. Quip. To introduce the 'civilians' to NPL flats, Quip made a collection of 13 puzzles...built on a single answer. The group caught on quickly to the word surgery implied by the flat titles, and even managed to solve an Acrostical Enigma. Ixaxar came armed with a dozen Florida-based flats....The group played WHAT'S IN THE NEWS and STERNLY CONTESTED as at Boulder, and enjoyed lots of animated and amusing conversation."

Quip goes on to say that he invited every Florida Krewe member, how sorry he and Peggy were that so many could not attend because of illness or inability to travel, and that many had sent "very nice notes wishing they could attend."

Here's the easiest of the 13 puzzles:

LAST-LETTER CHANGE (*6)

Driving west from Lake Wales you
Will pass the town of ONE. It's
true.

When you need the Red Cross, you
Appreciate its founder, TWO.

And here are two of the funniest:

METATHESIS (*6, 3 3)

Driving west from Lake Wales you
Will pass the town of ONE.
It's true.

These two lines say nothing new--
Just pad the verse; that's all
they do.

Music's not your forte, my dear;
Your playing's really not
too clear.

Measure number one was drear,
And SWITCH IT simply stunk--
you hear?

SPOONERGRAM (*6; 3, *2)

(*2 not NI, but familiar)
Driving west from Lake Wales you
Will pass the town of FIRST.

It's true.
These two lines say nothing new--
Just pad the verse; that's all
they do.

Oh, Miss Derek, what a sight!
Filming at LaBrea, right?
Oozy SECOND, black as night,
Fully covered: sexy, quite.

In addition to these, there are a Rebus, Interlock, Fourth-Letter Change, Acrostical Enigma (which adds FLORIDA to the base), Terminal Deletion, Word Square, Linkade, Heteronym, Phonetic Charade--all on the one base, and all of Enigma-worthy quality. You perhaps noted a similarity in the opening lines of the puzzles above; these three flats are not alone in that respect.

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NEW OFFICERS: Congratulations to our officers-elect, as follows: President - TWEASER, First Vice President - ALF, Second Vice President - WINDRIFT, Secretary - TREESONG, Treasurer - SENOR, Editor - MANGIE. They will assume, or resume, office on January first.

NEW LOOK: Probably even the least observant among you have noted that page 14 and half of page 4 look different. The change is due to the kindness of our new Solution Editor, who presented the stats thus, with the suggestion that if I wanted, I could just paste them on the page instead of retyping them (twice). I decided to try this new method, but my continuing it is subject to your approval; if you have protests, register them soon; I will interpret silence as assent.

A member who is helpful enough to take on the job of Solution Editor should not be deprived of the pleasure of solving. MANX has suggested (as did HAPOWL when they became Sol Eds) that he and his co-solver send me their sols before opening any of the solution letters from other members. In both cases I thought this unnecessary; but Manx has insisted, and that's what he and HUDU are going to do.

NEW REFERENCE: This month's gift to the editor is 9,000 Words, courtesy of Merriam-Webster Inc. It comprises the Addenda sections of the various editions of NI3, brought more or less up to date. Henceforth you will see, instead of the old tag "(NI3 Add.)"--which means only my NI3 Add., and perhaps not yours--the new one "(9W)", which means 9,000 Words--the same for everyone. If you don't have it, your library doubtless does.

REMINDERS: (1) Solutions now go to MANX. (2) Your only notification of time to renew is on the address sticker on your monthly envelope. Please look at it, and act accordingly.

KREWE KUTS: IFANDOR writes, "I'm getting over some surgery; feel fine but am weak. Am struggling with a homemaker service that is driving me up the wall and inspires me to get strong SOON so I can fire everyone!" Here's hoping that by now everyone has been fired. ***Report comes--not from ACORN--that she recently won the Harper's puzzle contest. Congratulations! ***XMAS TREE, who hasn't sent in one of his completes or almost-completes for some time, explains that he's been hectically busy--working, of all things! He says, "I am still alive and as well as can be expected. I'D RATHER BE PUZZLING!" ***PEN GWYN writes from London, "Here I am sitting beneath a tree in Kensington Gardens, my Enigma in my lap...." She goes on to tell of attending "a 'Games Day' in Pimlico, which unfortunately turned out to be mostly spotty teen-age boys playing & buying all flavours (sic) of Dungeons & Dragons." And, in addition, lots of theater--"My idea of heaven!" ***From WINDRIFT: "We both ((she and VISITOR)) got letters from STITCH...suggesting we all meet in--L.A.? S.F.?--next July and train across the U.S. picking up Krewe along the way. What a grand idea!" Grand enough to make an Easterner want to go to Boston via CA!

EDITOR'S MAILBAG: BRYM writes re HAP's mention of a new edition of Walker's Rhyming Dictionary that it's been out for some time, and is "merely a direct reprint of the old edition with a Supplement stuck in the back." Brym has ascertained that Chambers does not plan to market WORDS and ANAGRAMS overseas, "but if anyone is desperate to get hold of a copy, I'll be pleased to buy one...and send it on (cost by surface mail about £8)." ***Apropos of the high cost of postage, and of playing post-office, SHADOWY RAVEN says, "The first girl I kissed in second grade was a daughter of the vice president of the United States. The other kids made us kiss because her name was Daves and mine was Dawson. Afterwards she cried and went and told the teacher."

ENIGMATTERS: September issue: Many had trouble with #76; I'd have done well to explain it: BANE = BANKER sans K R, it. ***Here are the sols I neglected to give last time: 90. German housewife. 91. The hyracoidean. 92. The piano bench. 93. Beirut International

Airport. 94. Naysayer. 95. A talent scout. 96. Transcendental meditation. 97. The gold digger. 98. The Gilbert and Sullivan operettas. 99. The television programs. 100. Seaworthy.

October: #4--Signature here was a plume. Other pictorial signers: ACORN, RABBIT, SQUIRREL *****#51--NEWROW writes, "Oct. #51 seems to be explained by recent Addenda to NI3, where ANNULUS is given that specific definition (fishy), but not anywhere else." Having read this, I immediately turned to 9W, where the word isn't. But 9C does have the fishy meaning too. ***C-1's source was James J. Kilpatrick, one of the panel consulted for William and Mary Morris's Harper Dictionary of Contemporary Usage.

November: The solution to the puzzle on page 1 is IGPAY ATINLAY; no wonder you didn't get it! ***SIBYL points out that on page 3, IX-AXAR, tracing the uses of "the ways of God to man", got his sources twisted: "John Milton, having died in 1674, was unlikely to have lifted anything from Alexander Pope, who was born in 1688." So vice versa maybe? ***HAP writes: "NIGHTOWL would appreciate your making it clear that the second stanza on page 4 is sheer fiction--she quit the editorship solely because (after the membership had tripled during her tenure) the job had become too much to combine with a full-time job with Kodak...."

So now, this issue: #1-6--The verse should be familiar to any of you with long memories or small children. ***#7--Though ONE is not NI, I did find it in my atlas. ***#32--More convention reminiscing; we'll attribute "old foes" to poetic license. ***I think I might have titled #38 Enigmatic Acrostical Enigma, but it sounds a bit repetitive. ***#47--As far as I can recall, this is a first; it works well, I think. #48--This one requires small children, exclusively. ***#52--The large recumbent figure at the bottom of pp. 8 & 9 is the rubric for this; it should have been upright, but space did not permit. ***Re #56-57 NEWROW writes, "Maybe this is all too easy (?)" ***And re #65 DOUBLE-H writes, "based on fact." ***#66--This name was much in the news a few months ago; you can still find it on the sports page now and then. ***#68 needs one more tag: (reading has, also, a word that is not NI). ***#83 is another from the Westword Ho competition. ***#89--Another misleading attribution; I can't claim any part of the credit. ***F-4--ALF notes, "This one was composed with only two helps from lists." Neat!

MORE WORDS, MORE PUZZLES: Many of our members do not confine their puzzleistic endeavors to NPL. Here are some of their publications, all of which we think you'll enjoy--but only after you've finished your monthly stint with Enigma.

CROSSWORDS -- Expert British puzzles, not easy, edited and published monthly by BRYM. British puzzle news and views, and contests, are included. #9 for overseas to Brian Head, Hilberry Farm, Awbridge Hill, Romsey, Hants, SO5 0HE England.

WORD WAYS -- A quarterly consisting of about two dozen articles per issue, some serious, some not, about words, how they look and what they mean. Many Krewfolk contribute. Editor and publisher is faRO. \$14 to Faith W. Eckler, Spring Valley Road, Morristown, NJ 07960.

CROSSWORDERS OWN NEWSLETTER -- A bimonthly 16-pager, started by FAMULUS, and with an almost completely NPL editorial staff. It has news of tournaments, puzzlers, constructors, and six to eight good crosswords of various types and a fair range of difficulty. \$21 to American Crossword Federation, Box 1764, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156.

GAMES should also be mentioned here, for though it's not a Krewe-person's enterprise, it does provide employment for an ever-increasing number of our people. Despite its name, it devotes much of its space to puzzles of all kinds. Twelve issues for \$15.97 to GAMES, Box 10145, Des Moines, IA 50340.

NEW KREWE: Suzanne S. Doria, 4616 Briar Patch Ct., Fairfax, VA 22032; James S. May, M.D., 5515 Glen Lakes Dr., B-428, Dallas, TX 75231; Mrs. Gerald Mostad, Rural Rte. 4, Minot, ND 58701; Sandra Silbermintz, 1650 Ocean Pkwy., #5F, Brooklyn, NY 11223. Suzanne Doria learned of NPL from NOHOLDS BARD. Welcome, all!

NEW NOMS: Suzanne Doria is RADIO, and Jean L. Tintle is JAELTI.

NOVEMBER ERRATA: MANX's zip code has been changed to 10128. In #6, ACE = NI2+; #13--IT is not an entry; #16--E = *; C-4--first word should be NUCDSI, and in C-6, the fourth word should be hyphenated.

SEPTEMBER FAVORITES (! means top favorite): ACORN--14-15, 16, 55, 56, 86. AJAX--8, 26, 60. AMOR--92! ANN DHOW/MY MY--19, 601, 81, 92. ARACHNE--12, 16, 52, 72, 75, 81, 92! ATLANTIC--25, 52, 92. AVIDAN--5, 12, 14-15, 16, 31, 48, 72, 77, 81, 89, 92!, C-2. BLACKSTONE--14-15, 16, 19, 22, 55, 76, 92, 98. CORN COB--5, 43, 66, 85, 92! DADA--16, 22, 29, 52, 90, 98, 100, F-2. DAHLEZ--92! DEE SWEET--24, 41, 42, 47. EBEAM--1-2, 5, 62, 81, 92!, 99, X-6. EN--16, 22, 24, 25, 31, 48, 67, 72!, 81, 92, 99, F-1. ERGO--22, 51, 52, 55, 81, 100. FARO--14-15!, 22, 25, 31, 52, 59, 74, 94, X-7. FOMALHAUT--16, 22, 51, 52, 55, 92. GADJET--3, 14-15!, 26, 42, 55. GRAYDOL--52, 67, 72, 81, X-7. HAP--14-15, 40, 48, 52!, 77, 82, 89. HART KING--55, 75, 81, 90, 92!, F-2, F-4, C-2. HUNDU--1-2, 5, 22, 25, 40, 52, 53, 54, 55, 62, 92!, F-2. IXAXAR--16, 22, 28, 89!, 98, 99. KELLY--35!, 75, 87, 92. LARRY--5, 26, 47, 81, 98. MANX--16, 22, 25, 40, 52!, 81. MERCURY--6, 19, 22, 29, 55, 77, 81, 92!, F-1, X-1. MERLIN--14-15, 19, 20, 28, 47, 81, 92! MOP--77! MUNRO--3-4, 14-15, 19, 26, 31!, 63, 72, 89, X-6. NEWROW--7-8, 16, 19, 22, 77, 81, 92!, F-1. NIGHTOWL--14-15!, 22, 25, 52, 66, 81, 82, 85. NOHOLDS BARD--6, 26, 43-44!, 60, 85. OAK--29, 52, 60!, 79. PEN GWYN--14-15!, 18, 20, 29, 42, 66, 81, 85, 89. POOKY--92! RUTHLESS--5, 14-15, 22, 48, 67, 89, 92!, F-1, F-2, X-4, X-7. SIBYL--1-2, 5, 7-8, 14-15, 22, 25, 40, 41, 45, 63, 72, 82, 89, 92, C-6. SQUIRREL--1-2, 5, 14-15, 17, 48, 59, 67, 89, 99. STITCH--5, 7-8, 17, 28, 94, 98, F-3. TREESONG--5, 14-15, 16, 20, 26, 28, 47, 72, 92, F-2. TWISTO--9, 14-15!, 16, 22, 47, 51, 59, 67. TYRO--90, 92, 100, F-1, F-3, F-5, C-4!, X-1, X-3, X-4, X-7. WINDJAMMER--12, 14-15!, 20, 49, 72, 81, 92, X-4. WINDRIFT--16, 17, 19, 20, 42, 48, 51, 55!, X-2. WOODIE--5, 14-15, 20, 22, 26, 55, 72, 92, X-7.

TWEASER--5, 14-15!, 20, 31, 45, 66, 81, F-3, X-5.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Exclusive of Convention Receipts)

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X-1. ANAQUOTE (4 *1 4 5 *9 2 4 3
3 4 6 6 3 4 4 3 7. *3 *7)

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GET HEP HRI IKE MAR OUC PAS PEO
PLE QUI RES STH STM THE THT TIL
TWI UTC WHA S
=VIRGINIA, Upland, Cal.

X-2. ANAQUOTE (3 3 4 4 7 5 3 *2 7
3 4 3 3, *1 *1 6 2 6! 3 4 3,
*3 *1 8 27" *4 *1.)

AVI CAN CAT DTH EGE ERI EYA FAI
HEN HOS IMH LDW LYO NAF NDS NGA
NGI NGO NKY OUR RAN RBC RIE SAY
SKW TEL THC THI TTI URF YOU YOU
=JUNIOR, Mill Valley, Cal.

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 should reach MANX by January 25.

1. REBUS (9) C D *Conceived*
2. REBUS (2 7) RY MB
3. REBUS (2 5) UROT
- (entry, + in NI2)
4. REBUS (2 3 5 5) FLHTGT
5. REBUS (4) B/N *born*
6. REBUS (6 8 5 7) LVAY DMIOS SB

"When I was ONE
I had just begun.
When I was TWO
I was nearly new.
When I was THREE
I was hardly me.
When I was FOUR
I was not much more.
When I was FIVE
I was just alive.
But now I am SIX, I'm as
clever as clever.
So I think I'll be SIX now
for ever and ever."
=ATLAILNE, Ridgedon, N. K.

7. REVERSAL (*2 *4; *4, 2.)
(neither is NI)
Dear Mangie:

I write from ONE, Tex., for
this reason: to wish you and
Krewe all the best of the season.
Glad TWO, happy Chanukah, just
as you please. May blessings
abound for you. Love to all,
=TWEASE, Shelbyville, Ind.

8. REPEATED-LETTER DELETION (8, 6)
(both NI3)
Beneath the spreading
LONGER WORD
The village biddy stood.
In colorful Brazilian garb,
Well, even she looked good.
This year she goes to Waikiki;
Beneath the palms she'll laze.
In brightly colored SHORTER WORD
She'll while away her days.
=ANEMONE, Stamford, Conn.

9. ENIGMATIC REBUS (4-4)

B

Go to any airport, boys,
If you want to hear some NOISE.
=WINDRIFT, Chicago, Ill.

10. REVERSED LINKADE (5 5)

(*ONE = NI2; THREE = NI3)
*ONE and Buzz (THREE Edwin)
thought that they were first
to land.
The scientists and TWO alike
knew not what was at hand.
Martians had preceded us; they
thought the Moon was theirs,
And thus they went to war with
us; they caught us unawares.
*ONE and Buzz were treated by
the Martians as UNITES.
Stay tuned for more reports of
interplanetary fights.
=ELF, Flemington, N. J.

11. DELETION (*9, 8) *Heritage*
(LONG = NI2)

"This jeweled Easter egg,"
remarked the Tsar,
"Is part of our long SHORT,
there's no disputin';
I think I'll give it to the
LONG today
Lest it be snatched up by that
rogue Rasputin."
=ACORN, St. Petersburg, Fla.

12. PHONIGMATIC REBUS (*7 *6)
(reading has usage that is NI2+)

IVGN

My business is failing,
The IRS calling.
My broker keeps phoning:
The stock market's falling.
My children are screaming
For fast cars and money.
I've just been named "Papa"
By some Playboy Bunny.
My ex-wife's demanding
My last three years' earnings.
Small wonder the REBUS
Ranks high in my yearnings.
=WREN, Severna Park, Md.

13. SPOONERGRAM (4 5, 9)
An arbitrary THIS WAY on one's
age
Is what we charge on Great Gray
Lines, my lady.
When you declare your son is
only nine,
A THAT WAY lie you're telling,
Mrs. Brady.
=ORACY, Danvers, Mass.

14. REBUS (3 6)(NI3 entry)

As REBUS, Berle on stage was seen
Before he reached the TV screen.
=IXAXAR, Holiday, Fla.

15. HOMOSYNONYM (6, 5)

It may rain deer for quite a while:

A bomb was on the PRIME.

Poor Santa has no FINE, so he'll be down ahead of time.

=MERLIN, Bismarck, N. D.

16. WORD SUBSTITUTION

(10, *5, 2, 7)(BROUGHT = 10)

"Arise! Kill your parents!"

declaimed Malcolm X.

He raised grapes of wrath; thus that ROUGH was a BROUGHT.

These words were not heeded by Oedipus Rex;

To LO so would quickly have made him a BLOT!

=ELRIC, Flemford, Ness.

17. REBUS (14)

MI
MI

Thirty days hath September;
April, too; and December,
When satyrs prance in regalia
Every fourth Saturnalia.

=SIBYL, North Hollywood, Cal.

18. TRINADE (9)(ONE = NI2 usage)

In Asia she'd worked as a ONE
In different homes, she said;
She added then, "I ALL such work--

It's something I still dread!
THREE had such awful hours to keep,

The work was hard to do,
And every little TWO THREE earned

Was spent before THREE knew."
=ULK, Enid, Okla.

19. HOMONYM (*5 6 5, *6 *5)

(DONE = NI2 entry)

'Mongst Indians, a stirring tale is told--

The tribesmen speak of how a single ONE

Small children through a famine, in the cold.

It happened in the place now called the DONE.

=NEWROW, Brookline, Mass.

20. REBUS (*6 *4 *6)

(second *6 = NI3 usage)

m = SER

There was a Runyon story
Of a bookie and his girlie,
Depicted in filmed glory
With a honey, name of Shirley.
=TE-ZIR-MAN, Elmont, N. Y.

21. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (14)

A. Linger, friend; I'll be direct,
Speaking now with great effect--

B. Namely, let me now impart
All the pain that's in my heart.

C. How I wish that sound
-- reflection
Thrust me in the right direction!

D. Step by step, I forged the links--

Liked the flavor of the drinks.

E. Terribly, my sibling railed;
Warned of liquor, yet I failed.

See the tumor on my face?

I'm an alcoholic case!

=IXAXAR, Holiday, Fla.

22. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (6)

Pretty or wealthy--for SECOND I thirst;

But should she be both, let her quickly come FIRST.

=FIDDLE, St. Petersburg, Fla.

23. ENIGMATIC SUBER (5 4, 4 1 4 2)

(5 4 = NI3 entry; reading includes NI3 usage)

Afraid to fly to Mars? You bet!

Affirmative! It's so!

Afflicted with this dread, and yet Afar I had to go.

Affecting nonchalance, my heart Aflutter, I, as I

Affixed my helmet to my PART

A Flameout in the sky.

AFicionados oft propound Affection for such flight;

AFloat in zero-G, I found

A Full-blown manic fright.

=MANX, New York, N. Y.

24. FOURTH-LETTER CHANGE (6)

I asked him when the ship would sail;

He told me wrong, that naughty male.

So I went out to buy a coat;

He'd ONE me, so I TWO the boat.

=POLLY, Sarasota, Fla.

25. TRANSPOSAL (*9, 9)(*9 = NI2)

The English beat the French at FIRST--

The widows wept, the captains cursed.

Much, much later, in Paree,

The English had another spree

As Douglas Love showed he was best,

Far SECOND French and all the rest.

=ALF, Medford, Mass.

26. FIRST-SOUND CHANGE (6, 6, 7)

(PRIMARILY = + usage in NI2)

A doddering old PRIMARILY

(Quite shy and SECONDARILY)

Drank too much gin

And fell right in

The festive TERTIARILY.

=EOS, Davis, Cal.

27. FIFTH-LETTER CHANGE (7)

(*FIRST = NI2)

My course in demographic lit.,

I must admit,

Was merely SECONDS in the map:

It was a snap.

In Petrograd *FIRST fought a duel

(The utter fool).

To show his cuckold shot him dead,

I used a red.

=TWEASER, Shelbyville, Ind.

28. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (14)

(F = NI2+) *paracemigraphy*

A. A phrase restated, nicely turned:

"A penny saved, a penny earned."

B. Custom now demands a sheen--
No room for dust, "New broom sweeps clean!"

C. Certainly you've heard me say,
"When cat's away, the rodents play."

D. Do adjust the ancient rhyme:
"A stitch in time saves eight or nine."

E. "Spare the rod and spoil the brat"--

File that away beneath your hat.

F. Sicker now than yesterday?
"A pome a day keeps doc away!"

When making proverbs, keep on track--

Consult "Poor Richard's Almanac".

=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

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29. WORD DELETION (10)

I saw an ALL that bore the SECOND trace

Of marks that monks (not ONE) had tried t'erase.

=NOHOLDS BARD, Arlington, Va.

30. PHONETIC METATHESIS (7)

"Your answers on the second quiz Are right, but the big problem is

The answers of your neighbor. His Resemble yours. I grieve,"

The B went on, "to have to say That I can't figure out a way

To tell which of you was the A;

An F you'll each receive."

=JERG, Syracuse, N. Y.

31. REBUS (*4 *5)

(trade name, not entry)

R

L

In my REBUS I ride,
Delivering loads
Through the green countryside,
On and off roads.

=PANACHE, Culver City, Cal.

32. LETTER BANK (10, 5 13, 8 5 6,

8 11, 12 14, *9 *13 *7)

(SIX not entry; *9 not NI)

While flying to Denver--the weather was great--

Our captain was saying, "Please fasten your belt...."

When Willz interrupted with, "Gee, I can't wait!"

A ONE which reflected how all of us felt.

The Krewe are a sly bunch: we lead double lives.

From family and friends our obsession's concealed;

But, freed from our lovers and husbands and wives,

The brainier sides of our TWO are revealed.

At last we were landing! Then on to the road!

The taste of the airline food still on our tongues,

We felt full of life as the mountain air flowed

In nostrils, past THREE, and then down to our lungs.

We met at the Hilton, that king of hotels;

And as we matched quips with old friends and old foes,

Fresh oxygen passed from our blood to our cells

(A process called FOUR, as each med student knows).

The lovely hotel rooms! The fine table d'hote!

The puzzles and games, pitting mind against mind!

Our annual meeting! (One member, one vote:

As perfect a sample of FIVE as you'll find.)

Too soon we must enter the drab world again!

Too brief is the time from "hello" to "goodbye"!

Too quickly we rode back to Denver, and then

Flew home out of SIX with a satisfied sigh.

=HUDU, Forest Hills, N. Y.

out-acing / out-acted / out-acting
out-acted / out-acting / out-acting
out-acting / out-acted / out-acting

33. ENIGMA (enumeration withheld)

The GIs saw a Christmas show
Presented by the USO,
And all went well until the
final tune

(The one 'bout "chestnuts
roasting"). When
One phrase was sung, one of
the men

Began to shoot his rifle.

What a loon!

=DOUBLE-H, E. Weymouth, Mass.

34. ENIGMATIC REBUS (9) *any bones*

Get back to work,
YOU STUPID JERK.

=SPHINX, Fairfield, Conn.

35. PHONETIC CHARADES (8)

(A, B; A = NI3)(C, D; D = hyph.)

"B B," said the witch, lying
drunk in a ditch,

"Did you hear about yesterday's
lark?"

I had too much C, and I fell
in the D

The ingless had dug round her
park.

So, needing some practice, I
blighted her cactus,

And gave her a bad case of gout.

A typical day for a Mexican A,

So what's all the TOTAL about?"

=TREESONG, Aliquippa, Pa.

36. LETTER BANK (5,6,7,8,9,*10)

(*10 = NI2 usage)

Society of *TEN

Consists of haughty men

Of SEVEN intellect,

Well worthy of respect.

Integrity SIX? Sure!

No EIGHT or tawdry lure

Could tempt such NINEs to act

Like traitors or, in fact,

Like clowns with FIVE delight.

Too bad they're so uptight!

=HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

37. HOMONYM (13, 6 7)

The foreman said, "The ONE,

Magnesium iron silicate,

A quarter of a ton,

Is TWO, because the shipment's
late."

=IXAXAR, Holiday, Fla.

38. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (7)

A. Bonbons pleasure Mrs. Creepers.

B. Smt has pleased Billie
Peepers.

C. Oneiromancer Mr. Neems

Explains the rifle in my dreams.

=XEIPON, Randolph AFB, Tex.

39. REBUS (5) *Okapi*

I'm ivory, cream, and aubergine
And chestnut (reddish-brown).
The forests of Zaire are home,
Where pygmies track me down.
=WINDRIPT, Honolulu, Hawaii

40. CHARADE (5 2 4)(NI3 entry)

You say I'm absent-minded?

You say I'm getting more so?

I've lost my box of Kleenex

And cannot find it. TORSOI--

It's in the HEAD (smart TOENAIL!)

So your remark was shoddy--

Oh, dear, I've lost my car keys!

Your words were also BODY.

=WINDJAMMER, Chicago, Ill.

41. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (10)

(C = NI3)

A. Merwomen fat, mermen too lean

Should both, for health, be

more serene.

B. The sometime thing of limber

grace

Can topple from its rightful

place.

H.C. To pent alone Hera to evade,

Her altered state no drug

can aid;

D. Ire vents itself and doesn't

judge

Where right and wrong, refuse
to budge.

Beware those who parade their

voes,

Regardless if to friends or foes.

=VISITOR, Kailua, Hawaii

42. CHARADE (10)

Sometimes it is pleasant to try
a new ONE;

But if, as can happen, it's not
a success--

The praise from your THREE best
friends seems not sincere;

Indeed, your TWO tells you it's
quite a bit less--

Don't let the experience defeat
you,

Or even just slightly COMPLETE
you.

=IFANDOR, St. Petersburg, Fla.

43. CHARADE (9)

(*START = NI2 usage)

How do you END the climate at
Tucson or at *START?

Not as ENTIRE as Flagstaff's is.
Stitch teaches there--

he's smart.

=BLACKSTONE, Alstead, N. H.

44. LETTER BANK

(8, 13, *5 *5*1 *3)(THREE = NI2)

While TWO some old-time

legends, I

Had read of THREE one day,

When suddenly I realized

That here might be a way

Of learning whether lovely Jane

Might marry me, so hey!

Come January twentieth

I wined and dined her; then

When we had drunk some ONE, I

asked

If she would tell me when

The thought of any special friend

Might come to mind again.

But, just my luck, my ploy

did not

Turn out the way I'd planned;

The one she thought of--drat!--

was Fred,

My rival for her hand!

=ULK, Enid, Okla.

45. ENIGMATIC REBUS (*7)

(not NI usage)

Lynx

Jaguar

Cougar

Mustang

Colt

The cats I breed

Are pedigreed.

My horse? In front

On every hunt.

I drive a Lincoln,

Live in mink, 'n'

Wear a ring

From EVERYTHING.

=CALICOH, Ann Arbor, Mich.

46. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (10)

He lived in the city surrounded

by plastic,

By concrete and asphalt and steel.

Too much that was ONE WAY. He

wanted a drastic

Reversal--get back to what's

real!

However, his dream proved to be

OTHER WAY.

He got a promotion, decided

to stay.

=RUTHLESS, Palo Alto, Cal.

47. PHONETIC REVERSAL (5, 6)

He's bright, he's FRONT, he's

kind and wise,

And wow! she loves his big

brown eyes!

For kissing girls he's got a

knack.

Her mama thinks he's not good BACK.

=WINDJAMMER, Chicago, Ill.

48. PADLOCK (*4 *4, 6, 6)

(*4 *4 = trade name, not NI)

"There," she said and stepped
back from the easel.

"A woodland scene and every owl
and weasel,

Every rabbit, cub, and fawn

Realistically drawn--

I'm sure this is the apex

of my LOCK!

Now, this should show that
critic (sexist fellow!)

A mother's brains don't have to
turn to Jell-O!

Hours of kid stuff on TV

Haven't left a mark on me;

Though it's true my favorite

phrase is 'What's up, Doc?'"

I gulped and gathered all the
nerve I had,

Said, "I hate to be the RIGHT

of news that's bad;

But isn't that a LEFT one sees

Peeking out between the trees?"

She looked, and fainted dead

away from shock!

=STITCH, Flagstaff, Ariz.

49. TRANSPOSAL (6)

Sir Galahad's TWO (name of Scot)

Resided in fair Camelot.

He spied a young lass

And (this part we pass).

I'm getting too ONE? No, I'm not!

=SPHINX, Fairfield, Conn.

50. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (8)

(ONE = NI2+; TWO = +)

What's in yer sandwich, you

mis'erable TWO?

Sure 'n' it's ONE--but it's too

good for you!

=HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

51. TRANSPOSAL (9)

(*ONE not NI, but famous)

A star of *ONE's accomplishments

is wont to rant and rave.

We call such actions

"temperament"; I readily

forgave

Her wasting that expensive voice

on scream and screech and

groan.

But her TWO each morning on the

set I never could condone.

=MANGIE, Buffalo, N. Y.

52. REBUS (3 7)

SOL Red Sox games in '85:

A lot of runners score,

And many, sadly, left on base.

The losses: three or more.

=NEWROW, Brookline, Mass.

53. LETTER BANK (*8, 5 7 8)
(SCORE = 9W)
The guests were quite mixed:
there were FEW,
Caucasians, some Martians, and
Sioux.
The salad was mixed just as much,
With olives, tomatoes, and such,
Some onions, and who knows what
more;
And topping it all was some SCORE.
=ALF, Medford, Mass.

54. PHONETIC REBUS (8) *contribute*

C
T

"What was that I heard you say?
Apologize, please, right away!"
"Well, I feel ALL for what I said;
Forget it--let's be friends
instead."
=FIDDLE, St. Petersburg, Fla.

55. PARTIAL REVERSAL (4-7, 5-6)
(both NI2)
Since carnivores are SECOND
beasts,
When nearby, keep your cool.
Reverse the first four letters,
though,
And now you're done, you fool!

It's hard to keep your cool if you
Are FIRST, I would assume.
The steam that's coming out your
ears
Attracts the beasts that loom.
=MERLIN, Bismarck, N. D.

56. REBUS (7)(GREAT)
57. ENIGMATIC REBUS (5 2 3)(ALL)

FGH

He wants to go GREAT;
She wants to play ball.
I won't arbitrate--
I'll just let them ALL.
=NEWROW, Brookline, Mass.

58. WORD SUBSTITUTION
(8, 4, 3, 7)(3 = NI3 usage)
In days of old, or so we're told,
When necromancers practiced FOUR,
Your blood would freeze if you
faced THREES,
Trolls, goblins, or a manticores.
Against such banes you'd take
great pains
To TRO strong herbs from lonely
spots
And brew a charm to ward off harm.
The ONE maids had to scrub the
pots.
=ARACHNE, Mundelein, Ill.

59. REVERSAL (6)(ONE, TWO)
60. LAST-LETTER CHANGE (6)
Some thieves broke in while
I was out;
They ransacked ONES and prowled
about.
I called the THREE and then
Allstate
(Sure hope my FOUR is up to date).
"My jewels are gone, you see,"
I sob;
"They really did a thorough job.
I want them back; what can I do?
I guess, perhaps, just post a
TWO."
=EBEAM, Dorchester, Mass.

61. TRANSPOSAL (6)(TWO = + in NI2)
I wonder if astronauts off in
their ONE
Wish they were safe in a TWO
having fun.
=POLLY, Sarasota, Fla.

62. ENIGMATIC SUBER (*4)
(NI2 usage)
While SUBER is not the Grand
Canyon in se,
For towering cliffs it can take
the grand pre.
=FARO, Morristown, N. J.

63. FOURTH-SOUND CHANGE (7, 9)
(ONE, TWO; TWO = NI3 pronun.)

64. SPOONERGRAM (6 5, 6-5)
The feast: burritos, ONE, meat
soup with sorrel,
Maine lobsters (whole, with
claws and TWO and coral).
Near-comatose he grew from
frequent forays
Upon the SECOND eel and shrimp
and more!
And she became a FIRST.
Dyspeptic quarrel
That nuptial night.
O tempura, o morays.
=SIBYL, North Hollywood, Cal.

65. TRANSPOSAL (7) *ending, ignored*
My landlord has few faults, but
one of them's procrastination.
Whenever there's a storm, my
bedroom suffers saturation.
"My roof is ONE, and you have
TWO it," I explained to him.
"If this continues, sir, I'm
gonna have to learn to swim!"
=DOUBLE-H, E. Weymouth, Mass.

66. MUTATION (*7 *5)(not NI)
Did New York really WIN GREAT
PICK?
They did, so HE is now a Knick.
=ATLANTIC, Ridgewood, N. J.

67. HETERONYM (*5, *14)
(*5 = PLAIN)
At eight feet, six inches,
Abdul Ben-K'B'Ibl
Left Nation of PLAIN for big
NBA bucks.
"They won't let me pass and
they won't let me dribble,"
Abdul admits frankly, "but,
boy, can DELUXE!"
=TWEASER, Shelbyville, Ind.

68. BIGRAM REBADE (8, 8, 8)
(reading has word that is + in
NI3, and one that is not NI usage)

T
AI NX SS

My woesome A are keeping me in
bed. (Ah, me!)
I lie here reading Edmund
Spenser's *Faerie Queen*.
There's Gloriana and Belpheobe
(she's a C).
The B's iambic, and you'll hear
just what I mean:
"Fierce wars and faithful loves
shall moralize my song."
What poetry! (Though I admit
the 6 books are quite long.)
=ELF, Flemington, N. J.

69. DELETION (10, 9)(LESS = NI3)
Dear Mark Twain, as I look
At our present-day mess,
How I wish, from your MORE
You could send us a LESS.
=WINDRIPT, Honolulu, Hawaii

70. TRANSPOGRAM (*7, 1 6)
(*7 = NI2)
There's a city in Egypt; its
name is THE ONE,
And from Cairo it's north by
northeast.
You can drive there, but it is
THE TWO type of road--
It'll take you an hour, at the
least.
=ULK, Enid, Okla.

71. LETTER BANK (7, *12)
(*12 = NI2)
You may know MOST as "the
Preacher";
Yea, a LEAST mind is his feature.
=LARRY, Mason, Mich.

72. REBUS (5 3)

P
R

When I felt REBUS, I was sad.
When I shot REBUS, I was glad!
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

73. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (6-4)
(6 4, Add. in NI2; B = NI3+
phrase; C = NI2 phrase; D = NI3+)
A. Ugh, terrible! He'll roll
with helpless mirth,
And slay the girl-child.
What is his life worth?
B. Is unthought crime as heinous
as with plan?
(So transitory is man's brief
life-span.)
C. Half actor, half comedian,
he'll laugh.
He's marked for early death:
saw him in half!
D. I estimate he'll rot away in
jail

With rapists, thieves, and
drunkards (mostly male).

That which you thought I meant
is not, perhaps,
What you inferred (no
obfuscation, chaps).
=WINDJAMMER, Chicago, Ill.

74. REBUS (*1 5; 9 *1 2)
(symbol = NI2)

K :.

"SOLUTION," said Descartes
(Rene).
Those famous words still live
today.
=ANEMONE, Stamford, Conn.

75. HOMONYM (*6, 5)(*6 = NI2
usage; 5 has NI3 pronunciation)
TWO is a wheat--the finest
indeed.
ONE--N.C. city, built by
"the weed".
=CORN COB, Raleigh, N. C.

76. REVERSAL (5) *cares*
Geologist? A scientist
Who AFT about how geysers spout,
Or glaciers gore to make a FORE.
=IXAXAR, Holiday, Fla.

77. LETTER BANK (3 5, 8 8)
In Arctic seas the planes depart
From SIXTEEN on their mission;
But weather forces some to land
On EIGHT, a cold position.
=MERLIN, Bismarck, N. D.

78. TRANSPOSAL (13)(DONE = NI2)
(see July #8)
Greensickness is also called
ONE;
And screeking's misblowing the
DONE.
=ALF, Medford, Mass.

79. WORD DELETION (10)

Spring's arrival's ALL for me--
My family likes to camp.
The stove will smoke, I sprain
my knee,
And our ONE is TWO and damp.
=IFANDOR, St. Petersburg, Fla.

80. PHONETIC REBUS (9)

YT

Said Humble Howard, "It's absurd
To call me REBUS. Have you heard
About my book? In it you'll see
The true magnificence of me.
I'm not conceited, just aware
Of my own grandeur, sans
compare."

=WINDRIFT, Honolulu, Hawaii

81. HETERONYM (3 1 5, 9)

I asked our friendly vet
To give our ONE because
It lies there as if TWO,
Its head upon its paws.
=JERG, Syracuse, N. Y.

82. LETTER BANK (*11, 3 4 3 3 5)
(*11 = NI2)

I traveled to Sweden to visit
my kin;
They're WORD, one and all--not
a group so far-flung.
I had a real problem, though--
we could not "chin";
For PHRASE of it is--I do not
speak their tongue.
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

83. FIFTH-LETTER CHANGE (*6 1, 7)
(*6 not NI)

I think it's time we got a bit,
um, Bolder.
Let's all go farther west for
next convention!
Hawaii! Meeting there is my
intention!
I see the future in the travel
folder:
Our En's sunbathing on those
silver beaches,
Windjammer's yacht is stuck out
on some coral,
Senor's so good at hula it's
immoral,
And now A learned to like B
more than peaches!
=STITCH, Flagstaff, Ariz.

84. ENIGMA (*6 5) *French toast*

Pierre, at breakfast, brings
the dish:
"A votre sante!" is his wish.
=IXAXAR, Holiday, Fla.

85. REVERSAL (4)

Flying scavenger, the ONE
Steals the eggs of hapless DONE.
=NEWROW, Brookline, Mass.

86. LETTER BANK (6, 9)

NI2, NI3, and 9C
Most wholeheartedly seem to agree
That the common word "SMALL"
Has a couple of TALL.
And if they all agree, shouldn't
we?
=WINDJAMMER, Chicago, Ill.

87. SUBER (7) (+ in NI2, NI3 sp.)

O^SM

Italian treat,
With layers neat
(But has no meat).
=ULK, Enid, Okla.

88. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (7)

When Jack and Jill fell down
that hill,
Scars loomed in their ONE all
too plain;
But where blood flowed the
doctor sewed;
And TWO made them both whole
again.
=POLLY, Sarasota, Fla.

89. PADLOCK (4-5, *4 *5, 4)

(LEFT = 9 in NI2; RIGHT = NI2)
Chadwick's Omnibus Guide to Our
National Parks

Is a guaranteed LEFT when you
plan a vacation.
I consult it myself, and I give
it high marks--
There is no quicker source of
so much information.

For Acadia visitors planning
to sail,

It has LOCK tables giving best
times for embarking.

Under RIGHT, you'll find maps of
each cliff house and trail,
In addition to info on lodging
and parking.

=MANG, New Yoppa, Na.

90. ENIGMATIC SUBER (*1 *7) (NI2)

noel

As operatic buffs will know,
Zanoni wrote NOEL.

(I wonder if the title could
This Christmas use foretell?)
=MERLIN, Bismarck, N. D.

Please do not publicize the NPL
without consulting the editor.

A N A G R A M S

91. WHAT'S MO? SEE 'T (**4-2*5)

=DE DATA: ITS NOM (*7 *5)
=TE-ZIR-MAN, Elmont, N. Y.

93. LO, RICH METAL (NI2 foreign)

=TRAVV, Vancouver, Wash.

94. ROUGH AIR CLEARIN' (9 *6)

=WINDJAMMER, Chicago, Ill.

95. O, N.P.L. ADMIRE!

=AB STRUSE, New York, N. Y.

96. KID'LL EAT: MM! (6 4)

=HUDU, Forest Hills, N. Y.

97. ART SCENE ASHINE (3 *11)

=CORN COB, Raleigh, N. C.

98. NOT ONE WEE NIP, N' SIR;

MA'S T' A CHURCH MEETIN'

(3 *5 1 *9 *10 *5)

=TWEASER, Shelbyville, Ind.

99. I'M NO ARGUS

=Q. GAW, Cincinnati, Ohio

100. O, BE LADRONISM (foreign)

=ELF, Flemington, N. J.

101. HAS TO PILFER (1 10)

=LIVEDEVIL, December 1935 Enigma

102. AS NATURE, CALLED DIFFICULT
LEARNING (12 3 8 8)103. PEN TRIANGLE (MY ROOT)
(5 12)(entry)104. MY RULE: GET CONE IDEA
(*9 8)(entry)

A N T I G R A M S

105. HAH! ARITHMETIC GEMS

(6 11)(entry) *higher mathematics*
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester, N. Y.

106. A XMAS TREE

=ALF, Medford, Mass.

F O R M S

1. DIAMOND

1. Susan Anthony's middle ini-
tial. 2. Owned. 3. Ice cold. 4.
Land measure. 5. Port city. 6.
Carbonaceous material. 7. Drudge,
hum. 8. Earth (Ger.). 9. Nautical
rating.

=CORN COB, Raleigh, N. C.

2. RECTANGLE

ACROSS: 1. & 2. Mexican clover root.

DOWN: 1. It comes between fa and
sol. 2. Newswire abbr. 3. Regarding.
4. Of or pertaining to
(suff.). 5. No*. 6. ___/DC. 7.
Copper. 8. Babylonian god. 9. A-
top. 10. Grunt (not NI). 11. Save#.
=ELF, Flemington, N. J.

3. SQUARE

1. In the same place (Lat.). 2.
A fish of the genus Sarda. 3.
Those which are void. 4. Beaner-
ies. 5. Without beginning or end
(archaic). 6. Bryophytic plants of
the class Musci.
=SHADOWY RAVEN, Tampa, Fla.

4. PYRAMID

ACROSS: 1. Former NPL member. 2.
Jazz instrument. 3. Fettered. 4.
A tropical disease. 5. Compound
containing a thionyl group doubly
united with carbon. 6. A crystal-
line compound obtained from Chi-
nese pepper seeds.
DOWN: 1. Obliterate. 2. So*. 3.
Man (dial.). 4. A gelded male hog.
5. An air elemental. 6. A color,
reddish red-yellow in hue, of
very high saturation and medium
brilliance. 7. Trademark, used
for photocopier. 8. A 12-gallon
kettle. 9. Be distressed. 10.
Bobization syllable. 11. And.
=ALF, Medford, Mass.

5. PROGRESSIVE WORD SQUARE

1. South American bird of the
crane family. 2. Urchin. 3. Am-
monia compound. 4. Australian
honey eater. 5. Sluggish.
=ULK, Enid, Okla.

6. KREWELAND UNUSUAL

INVERTED TRUNCATED PYRAMID

ACROSS: 1. Nom. 2. Nom. 3. Nom.
4. Nom. 5. Nom.

DOWN: 1. P. 2. In equal degree.
3. Obs. form of "roll" (OED). 4.
Biblical name (p. 110). 5. Vari-
ety of Indian tin (Foster's Med.
Dict.). 6. Dative form of Eriu,
Old Irish word for Erin (NI2 ety-
mology). 7. Small vessel for wat-
er. 8. Modern name of the Eyp-
tian city Sai-res (Cooper's Ar-
chaic Dict.). 9. Eric's puzzle
publication (see #32 in July 1985
Enigma). 10. S.

=MERLIN, Bismarck, N. D.

SAMPLE PROBLEM
LAST AIRMAIL VOID

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HAD

SEPTEMBER SOLVERS

The September Enigma had 100 flats, 5 forms, 7 crypts, and 7 extras; 63 solutions lists were received. NIGHTOWL/HAP and MERCURY had completes. ANEMONE and MERLIN had flat completes, and SIBYL fell just one flat short of a complete.

Accepted: #4--SLOW; #13--COPPY for KOPJE (5); #20--WORDSPITE and PORTSIDE for 9 and 8 (despite NI2 status and NI2 usage respectively); #46--G/T-RAIN (3); #55--LAY for PUT; #63--HAVE for MAKE; #64--GA-U-MING (3); #65--HO-R/U-SES (9); #71--B/P-UTTOCK; #73--various gratable ingredients for CHEESE (4).

Note: What follow are the most commonly given unacceptable answers only; any answer that doesn't match the intended answer and isn't explicitly listed as acceptable above has been counted unacceptable. Not accepted: #3--UP (8) or ON for IN (don't fit rubric); #33--BRINGS (2), ISSUES (3), STANDS, STARTS(2), and SWITCH (2) FORTH (don't fit verse); #46--F/R-ES-CUE (6) (wrong enumeration); #47--various wrong middle initials: A (8), B, I, O, S; #59--FOX for COX (6); #84--BLESSING/GLIBNESS (4) (GLIBNESS weak in context).

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X-3. PIECEMEAL CIRCLE (8-letter wds; one = +; two = NI3) one to only
AM CH DY EA ET HI IA IL IM IN MN
NE NT OC OD PE PL ST ST TH TO
=RUTHLESS, Palo Alto, Cal.

A quiz from NOHOLDS BARD. He calls it CANNY LASSES.

1. Open a can and take her from a northerner.
2. Open a can and take her from a castle warden.
3. Open a can and take her from a boat.

ABACUS 24-0-0-4; ACORN 61-4-1-*; AJAX 62-0-0-0; AJDE 4-0-0-4; AMOR 9-0-0-0; ANEMONE *-6-*; ANN DHOW/MY MY 54-*3-4; ARACHNE 91-4-*-*; ATLANTIC 60-*0-*; AVIDAN 92-4-4-6; BAMBAM 18-1-1-5; BERYL 0-0-*0; BLACKSTONE 93-*-*-*; CORN COB 46-0-1-4; DADA 55-*-*-*; DAHLEZ 30-0-0-0; DEE SWEET 35-0-1-5; DIK-DIK 22-0-0-0; EBEAM 48-1-0-6; ELGAR 82-*1-6; ELSPEETH 65-0-0-5; EN 84-4-*-*; ERGO 36-0-0-5; FARO 90-0-0-*; FIDDLE 5-0-1-0; FOMALHAUT 58-*3-*; GADJET 67-*0-5; GECKO 78-3-0-5; GNOME/GRINCH 93-*6-*; GRAYDOL 64-*3-*; HART KING 62-4-3-*; HONEYDEW 59-3-1-6; HUDU/MANX 97-*-*-*; ISHMAEL 27-0-0-0; IX-AXAR 59-1-2-3; KELLY 33-0-0-0; LARRY 28-1-1-2; LIBRA 34-1-1-6; LOLITA 97-*-*5; MERLIN *-*-0-0; MOP 88-4-0-*; MUNRO 94-3-2-*; NEWROW 82-*3-*; NOHOLDS BARD 42-*0-5; OAK 40-1-1-6; PEN GWYN 64-0-2-*; PHILHELLENE 58-0-2-5; POOKY 34-0-0-0; ROY 20-0-0-5; RUTHLESS 86-*6-*; SIBYL 99-*-*-*; SQUIRREL 92-0-5-0; STITCH 64-4-1-5; TREESONG 97-*6-6; TWISTO 91-*0-*; TYRO 3-*-*-*; VAL-U 37-0-0-4; VIRGINIA 16-0-0-4; WINDJAMMER 89-1-6-*; WINDRIPT 99-4-6-6; WOODIE 96-4-0-*.

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OCTOBER SOLUTIONS

1. Great minds, Sana and I are getting married. 2. NI. 3. Enterprize. 4. Nom de plume (since "panache" is a feather). 5. Periodontal lesions. 6. MEmo, SAnE, VErify, DEcamp. 7. Eye rhymes. 8. His panic. 9. Self-worth. 10. Bottomry. 11. Put-schism. 12. Go pack, gopak. 13. Notwithstanding. 14. Par-t/g-yline. 15. Caveat. 16. Thunderstricken. 17. Mid-rash. 18. Myriad. 19. Micro/tome, epi/graph. 20. Anyone equal to them to see to supper (an E (one) equal to the M, to C, two's supper). 21. N/e-ighty-n/e-ight. 22. D-is-owning. 23. Blin-d/k-ers. 24. Low-brow. 25. Un-pin-ion. 26. Recurred, deuce. 27. Aspiring, a spy ring. 28. Sixern, s-i/e-xer. 29. Orchestrate, Sacher torte. 30. Near Stapleton. 31. Earl in Minot to command (E a R L in MIN Otto, comma, ND). 32. Two men. 33. Pack a wallop, whack a polyp. 34. Paint remover. 35. Air mail, male heir. 36. Mar-a-thon. 37. Be arable. 38. Est arsetiam maledicendi (E; star set; I am male; D; I see end, I). 39. Bored, bred, bed. 40. Free thought, three fought. 41. Wok cooking. 42. Sense, as nas. 43. Com/fort y/e. 44. Kud-z-u. 45. A gem in usage (age minus age). 46. Precautions, transportation insurance. 47. Angst. 48. Ch/eers, b/ar. 49. Emerita, meatier. 50. Orff and Arne, off and on. 51. Annulus. 52. Burg, grugru grub. 53. No, No, Nannette, no-no nonet. 54. Luger. 55. Latin, Italy. 56. Precise, pierces. 57. Manioc. 58. Driving range, rain. 59. Ho-thou-se. 60. Cl-i/o-che. 61. Pa-nick-y. 62. Divin-e/g/ 63. Iconoclastic. 64. Pasteurize, past your eyes. 65. F/t-ee-f/t-o-f/t-um. 66. Berrugate. 67. Bred, whine. 68. Re-pulse-d. 69. Withering. 70. Gallo's/gallows humor. 71. M-o/u-on. 72. Drop one. 73. Eager. 74. Acronym-c/m. 75. Bounce. 76. Foreign exchange. 77. H-an-uman. 78. Plots often sag. 79. Fortune cookie charades. 80. Disease. 81. And God said, Let there be light, and there was light. 82. The Master Crossword Puzzle Dictionary by Herbert M. Baus. 83. Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. 84. Draghound. 85. The speed limit sign. 86. James Stewart in Harvey. 87. Eleanor of Aquitaine.

88. The Tower of Babel. 89. The question marks. 90. The Yankee's pinstripes. 91. Margaret Thatcher. 92. The Indian reservation. 93. Never say die. 94. David Letterman. 95. The ignoramus. X-1. Bank note, banshee. X-2. Foregone, lamb. X-3. Wyoming, ron. X-4. Baldness may indicate masculinity, but it diminishes one's ability to find out. Cedric Hardwicke X-5. Fibrillate, fingertips, tenderloin, psilocybin. X-6. One way to stop a runaway horse is to bet on him. Anonymous.

CRYPTS

1. "'Parameter' and 'interface'
2. Tyrolean happily encourages c
3. Blues (Boardwalk, Park Place
4. Fluffy feline craved nepeta,
5. Gninraw! Lla sdrow evah neeb
6. Eight-oared crew must also ha
7. Blond showgirl chose bluepoint

FORMS

	2.	3.
1.CC	GROUSE	PSIS
BOOLE	RUNNEL	OHIO
COMMAND	ONFALL	IOWA
COMPUTER	UNABLE	STIR
LAUGHTER	SELLER	4.
ENTHRONE	ELLERYQUEEN	TEAPOT
DETONATE	QUINTA	ENDURE
RENAMING	UINTAH	ADULTS
RETINAE	ENTOMA	PULLET
ENACT	ETAMIN	ORTEGA
GET	NAHANE	TESTAE

X-4. ANAQUOTE (7 2 1 3 1 4 2 3*1 4 6. 6 2 1 3 2*1 3 4 2 4. *7)

ADG ADO ADO ANS BES CHO DIN EOF

EOF GAB GIT IEN ISM ODA OOK ORE

OUT RKT ROU SID SID STO TFR

=PEN GWYN, New York, N. Y.

KREWELAND UNUSUAL #2

TRANSDELETION (*9, *8, *7)

(*9 = NI2, but not under *9; *7 = 9C; *8 not NI)(4-keyword minimum waived)

Both are noted for compelling Work Odiling and Giselling. SEVEN was born and bred a Brit (Her name's a nom--she altered it);

EIGHT's name is real, although today

Her barre is in the USA.

As "Anastasia", EIGHT's like wine,

"Karenina" would suit her fine, But never, no never, any NINE. =SIBYL, North Hollywood, Cal.

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Bethesda-based.

EYETRIX, Mill Valley, Cal.

RISING FROM BED IN THE MORNING
 NWLWVR PNSX FMK WV JTM XSNVWVR
 ISN'T MY SUP OF TEA BUT IT SURE
 WLV'J XB HGO SP JMC, FGJ WJ LGNM
 BEATS CARRYING THE THING AROUND
 FMCJL HCNNBWVR JTM JTWVR CNSGVK
 WITH ME ALL DAY
 DWJT XM CZZ KCB.

2. Have I seen you...
(first word not NI)

PEN GWYN, New York, N. Y.

VUJA DE THE HAUNTING SUSPICION TH
 NOTE=SP: UFP FEOKUGKD XOXMGBGK UF-
 AT SOMETHING THAT IS HAPPENING NOW
 EU XILPUFGKD UFEU GX FEMMPKGKD KIZ
 HAS NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE
 FEX KPNPW FEMMPKPS APCIWP.

3. Distraction.

VISITOR, Kailua, Hawaii

CHURLDJ, RFGDJ UNGHUB==XGDMBKULPVG D
 OBVKJ OCVFUP RKHDBP OLCVDB UHDRLP-
 CBU RBFGO, OVDJRFGOD CLVK OLQPU...

4. Bug off.

GRINCH, San Diego, Cal.

(8th and last words not NI usage)

PICA YUNE FACT FOR THIS MONTH FEW
 RFKPWHOU IPKQ IVX QLED NVOQL: IUA
 KNOW GRINCH AUTHOR ACQUIRED EARLY
 SOVA *JXFOKL PHQLVX PKBHFXUE UPXZW
 FAME AS FATHER OF QUICK HENRY
 IPNU PD IPQLUX VI "BHFKS, *LUOXW,
 THE FLIT
 QLU *IZFQI"

5. East is east.

COUNT, Walden, N. Y.

ZVSGCM AXSVR GMBDXMS FXSVUOMW XVT-
 MGO. OVXSLMES, OVBTDXM GMOV RCDUZVX.
 NMXB GMES QMDGVR GCFZDU USZCOBMXVG.

6. Booty retrieved.

HAP, Rochester, N. Y.

LUCID GNOME HAMON TFBRD IDEFV. FZN-
 UT MBENU GCUNR UCGON, HSOCA IPZJD
 UMLPN, HFKNR HIFUA FKCFE ZOMBE.

7. I'll try.

ACORN, St. Petersburg, Fla.

KYZBL OJWB KEUPB, ARBT PYZIEV JZOV.
 USWZF PXJUK. IYZFX FWDH YWHI PYWTX.
 JXPV, VEXH LJXUC ZHVW ZKM KZVUFXY.