

## CRYPTOGRAMS

## 1. Free legal advice?

EBEAM, Dorchester MA

JFKVDS HCMJGKZXXM PXGQFLDJ NFDKJAX-  
 XMK FGJ TXGJ HKJNHD ZAF CYXTWDJ IVC-  
 YXTWGGJAJCKVLDJ ZGHZAK|\*THGWAS'K DFP.

## 2. The man who knew too much

JO THE LOITERER, New Providence NJ

\*USEMGS. ROAD. RAFHBT KD TU I BT OA CUEUB-  
 OPY. EFBK MOP CFPETS ISFEMTS: "R\*UN.  
 POSSUM. POSSUM. HMUETLTS HOBB IT. HOBB  
 IT."

## 3. Below a knight

ZYZZ, Carrollton GA

XBNVCRPXK. XBNCOPL XBNCD (XBNPHEPHZ)  
 XBNVOYKVX XBNNXKF XBNPL. XBNPGEX XB-  
 NAE XBNPGV: XBNCDM!

## 4. Yin or Yang?

URANUS, Gulf Cove FL

CHEJUDO CUHZNHKP CHIIDZOUHKO; IZQH-  
 IO ISKJHKP IDSOHN: HM LSPHJ'O EX AD  
 LSID AF OQJU. CUX'O LXZESZ SKI CUX'O  
 GDOEND?

## 5. And maple syrup

WINDRIFT, Honolulu HI

KJSUGZ FGCB YVSBF UVMPHJ KGQNB KJ-  
 HGF; XJNWI KGXVB. IVJQ ZNBQ. PVMXGQH  
 WXHBM CGQHBW ZHMPGJONX QNMP.

## 6. Should have paid up

WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL

EKIPL KLYHUN OBMIH VPJBYHC FCYMBJ  
 AGHTBYMI FBLUTMEOP. RMEOUHJYIC (TBYM-  
 ON METHPV) KYMPH. REGULATION.

## 7. Peculiar picnic

NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY

ANTSM AUMNOWIC KMQCA UBOT; BUPSYI KX-  
 UIA. CXUJ OTSAMP FSWBKXT. NTRKX QBOTY.  
 CWBUX ZURK WIOJATRM. WSBQ \*WSOCTKM.

| denotes end of internal sentence.



# THE ENIGMA

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## RING IN THE NEW by Hudu

Arachne and Mercury: Krewe who are frank use  
 Expressions like 'good work's and 'nice job's and 'thank you's  
 All shouted in joyous, cacophonous chorus  
 To sum up our feelings on all you've done for us.  
 Two officers leave, but two more just as swell come.  
 To give all new members a warm, friendly welcome.  
 Let's give a few cheers—oh, a thousand suffices—  
 And muse on their numerous virtues as Vices.  
 The puzzles of Mangie are seasoned with sprinklings  
 Of cheekular tonguings and ocular twinklings  
 While many an innocent base becomes ribald  
 As soon as its verse has been saucily Sibyl-ed.  
 What possible welcome when joining the Krewe o-  
 Verjoys like a letter from one of this duo?  
 And let's not ignore our new sols ed, Philana,  
 Who keeps the completers in utter Nirvana.  
 So out of your chairs, Krewe, all over the nation,  
 And give our new helpers a standing ovation!

## OVERNIGHT COMPETITION AT 1987 CONVENTION

Dada challenged conventiongoers to compose word-palindromes of the form  
 "So patient a doctor, to doctor a patient so" and "Girl, bathing on Bikini.  
 eying boy, finds boy eying bikini on bathing girl". The winning two en-  
 tries, composed by Atlantic and Jo the Loiterer, respectively, were:

My My, Fiddle, and Ajax, with Mop, strip and flash; ergo Ditto, Mangie,  
 and Joker quip. Hot becomes insane; Not Insane! becomes hot; Quip, Joker,  
 and Mangie ditto. Ergo, Flash, and Strip mop with Ajax and fiddle.  
 My, my.

There, many are angels—those not fallen. Be kind; their might, unlimit-  
 ed, is lying open to rebellion. Denying grace and God to return, to  
 chance the consequences, the damned damned the consequences. The chance  
 to return to God and grace, denying rebellion to open lying, is unlimit-  
 ed. Might their kind be fallen? Not those—angels are many there.

The following offerings by Blackstone and Qaqaq were awarded second prize:

Charlottesville salutes puzzlers' meeting in hot weather; Hot, in meeting  
 puzzlers, salutes Charlottesville.

Dictionary and encyclopedia entries include entries "encyclopedia" and  
 "dictionary".

There were many other clever entries—we note, in passing, such gems as

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Pornulus's "Miss May: boobs that appeal, sex projects suit her; removing her suit projects sex appeal that boobs may miss". Wagstaff's "Stout and bitter porter drinks porter, bitter and stout". Ulk's "Junebug—possibly May bride? Being bride may possibly bug June", Windjammer's "Can the in group legitimately group in the can?", and Pap Ndrone's "Object: duck lamé can cover. Can lame duck object?"—but the editorial cockles were warmed by 144's "Hearts winning; card ace plays faro. Result: thousand. Issue challenge? Challenge: issue thousand. Result: Faro plays ace card, winning hearts."

### NEW KREWE

The editors apologize for inadvertently omitting the names of L. A. Kosman and Deborah Roberts, 739 College Avenue, Haverford PA 19041 last November (wedding present from TRAZOM to his father). This month, we welcome Marc N. Capozza, P.O. Box 168, Bristol RI 02809; Doug Neumann, 3236 Bagley Drive, Chamblee GA 30341 (QAQAQ); and we welcome back Willard Espy, 529 West 42nd Street, New York NY 10036. WEDE, author of many books on wordplay, rhetoric, and usage, first joined the NPL in 1973. Robert Pettito (November) was recruited by BOOKWORM. Start with puzzles 18.20.22.23.32.34.42.54.60.69.

### NOMS

Doug Neumann will be known as SWORDSMAN. To understand MAYDAY's nom, examine her initials (she has no middle name).

### ERRATA AND ADDENDA

December: #1—by Grams, Hot. Archne; look for hidden message in the verse; #3—E 9C usage; #6—last couplet, if, not it; #9—enigmatic; #15—reading uses wrong part of speech; #20—actually a second-sound change, acc. to SECOND; #21—last SOL is Sol; #28—omit 9C note; #31—\*7; #42—\*9 enumeration; #46—NUMBER TWO in Gazetteer; #47—8 enumeration; #63—more space above rubric; 3 2 3 \*1-6; #71—omit WE; #74—underline an R; #80—\*3 \*6 2 \*5 2 \*4 \*9; #28—Khomeini; #C-1—word 3 not MW usage; #C-3—reads better if semicolon and second bar are commas; #F-2—second word not in early N12 Gazetteers. In Philana's column, the #66 SAKI refers to #56.

### PUZZLE TALK

#1—after solving, look for additional bits of wordplay in the verse; #18—pronounce /poss-uhl-cue/; #29—

an unusual four-way spoonergram; #32—somewhat adjacent keyword rule waived; #44—Mangie says every word is true about her 14-year-old grandson; #25—with a nod to November #24; #59—with a nod to July #8-9; #67—underlined letters anagram the source; #F-1.2—the first eight-squares in The Enigma since May 1981.

### FANFARONADE

The editors would like to thank all the behind-the-scenes people who make their job less taxing: Senor (checking forms), Alf (checking crypts), Mangie (coordinating the printing and mailing), Hudud and Senor (preparing the address list in camera-ready form)—plus indefatigable error-spotters such as Hapowl, Treesong, and Sibyl.

Thanks also for the many kind words and expressions of sympathy regarding Faro's bereavement. The last three editors have all lost close relatives during their terms of office—Mangie a sister, Nightowl her father.

ONE/DONE is a defective cue-word pair; in the future, use ONE/TWO or BEGUN/DONE instead. The editors will rewrite flats on file.

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Merlin is now conducting a mail auction of dictionaries, word-lists, puzzle periodicals, and other reference books. Send him a stamped self-addressed legal envelope for a copy of the list of lots and bidding rules. Deadline for bids to Merlin is Jan 31, 1988. The auction includes an N12. The Key to Puzzle-dom. Real Puzzles, and other goodies. Most proceeds go to the NPL.

### CROSSWORDS

Wagstaff reports the Long Island Crossword Open was the biggest of the year: over 100 competed.

film; the next four are NPL capitalization indicators; the last three are part of the name) KU-3. sniglets C-1. Smurfs. Gummi Bears. Chipmunks: such Saturday fare unfailingly rouses chuckling children everywhere. C-2. Ingenue, misled by old script in old script, importuned roue. "Pray, do not seduce me, fir, on the fofa." C-3. Bedevilled by benedick's bruxism, bride brewed bittersweet blackberry beverage, best bedtime bonne bouche. C-4. Spent holiday touring United Kingdom (wonderful estival place). Captured heart plans return someday C-5. Scrap crafts embody "waste not" aim, employ old cloth, elastic, plastic, produce super playhouse. C-6. Inept hacker aims spheroid awry, finds heavy rough (furze, gorse, whin), incurs octuple bogey, drops golf cold. C-7. Bregma awhirl, owlsh switchman awoke awestruck, swore (Kwa patois, Twi argot) awhile, next et gweduc, slept.

F-1 by JO E  
THE SRI  
LOITERER BOONS  
DELICTI  
NASICORNS  
DAVIDAROSE  
CARINI PLEXOR  
MOVIES LATHEN  
COSINS MOOLAH  
PORTDE SLITES  
BANTAM DSHARP  
STARCH BSTARS  
ERICAS LEBENS  
SCOTCH ROWANS  
ARREAR FEUARDS  
DENNISJBIRD  
DISPLEASE  
COROLLA  
MAUDE  
PCS  
H

### FORMS

#### F-1. SQUARE

1. Shilling 2. The running of the 100-yard dash in exactly 10 seconds 3. A vintner (Chambers Scots Dict.) 4. To intone (Hughes' Music Lovers Ency.) 5. A cain 6. Allyl-cyanamide 7. Emeralds# 8. Dryness =MERLIN, Bismarck ND

#### F-2. SQUARE

1. Indian astrologer 2. Excesses 3. Cylindrical and tapering 4. Tropical American herbs 5. Lamponner

6. A Circumcellion 7. Revester 8. American frigate in the news (not MW) =ELF, Flemington NJ

#### F-3. RIGHT RHOMBOID

Across: 1. An Adamski 2. Hardwood tree 3. Boatmen 4. Salt of a peracid 5. Sailor's carryalls 6. Foul-smelling compound in perfumes 7. The other Adamski  
Down: 1. Quietly 2. Quiet! 3. Glide, in a way 4. Ring 5. Blessed woman 6. 14 7. Dessert wine 8. Betroth 9. Projectionist's needs 10. Wagon 11. American ship's designation 12. factor 13. Day's end? =JO THE LOITERER, New Providence NJ

#### F-4. DOUBLE DIAMOND

Across: 1. Dead end? 2. paf (card game) 3. Type of quadrilateral\*# 4. Biblical name (p. 2205) 5. Time period dating from around the birth of Christ 6. South African work site, perhaps 7. Tall and thin 8. Some Navy men 9. RBl. ERA, etc. 10. American College of Surgeons 11. Book end?  
Down: End of the world? 2. Having atoms on the same side of a molecule 3. Lathers (up) 4. Partially dries hides 5. Slug order 6. Deadly rattler 7. Small palm leaves 8. Opponents 9. Actresses Gray and Moran (World Almanac) 10. Cornered (abbr.) 11. One of one? =QAQAQ, Atlanta GA

### EXTRAS

X-1. ANAQUOTE 2 \*5 \*5 2 7 3 4  
3 6 2 1 4, 2 5 4 7! \*4

AEN ANN ATI AWH BOO EFO ELE ERC  
HER IFV ING ISW ITE KON MEI RAT  
REV RIT TAK TCO TTE ULD  
=JUNIOR, Mill Valley CA

X-2. ANAQUOTE 7: 1 15 3, 7 5 4 4  
5, 5 5 3 2 4 6, \*7 \*6

ALI BRO CKE DEN HOP IER IGI ING  
LSC MET NTO OIN ORW PUL RES RMO  
RPO SEB SOU TAM TAP TAT TID TIS  
TOF UTH UTT YOU YOU CE  
=VIRGINIA, Bakersfield CA

TWEASER October Kudos (late): 14.  
15, 19, 40, 53, 61, 63, 64, 80.  
F-2.

61-61A. C-5. HART KING--18. 34. 36-37. F-2. HOT--5. 6. 7. 14. 29. 44. 53!. 81. 87. IXAXAR--14!. 30. 31. JALTI--11. 16. 19!. 29. 37. 40. 87. X-1. JO THE LOITERER--Header. 10. 14!. 19. 21. 44. 53. 81. F-1. F-2. JOKER--Header. 3. 14. 36-37!. 44. 45. 53. 62. 70. 74. 75. 76. 97. JOPIQUIEM--18. 36-37. 44. 80. 88. JOT--14!. 19. 36-37. 44. 52. 53. 61-61A. 80. 81. MERCURY--5. 91. 17. 58. 74. 84. MERLIN--14. 18. 19. 44. 53!. 75. 81. 90. MICROPOD--6. 14. 19. 31. 39. 49. 61-61A. 74. X-1!. C-3. NEWROW--19. 29. 53!. 61-61A. 87. 90. F-2. NIGHTOWL--2. 4-5. 9. 12. 19. 25. 41. 46. 47. 64. 81. 94. NOLA--18. 39. 44. 80. X-1! PANACHE--3. 4-5. 72. 97. PAP NDROME--81. 44. 45. 53. 61-61A. 81. X-1. PASSERINA--15. 17. 19. 29. 49. 75. 80. 81! PEKOE/DIAGRAPH--29. 35. 50! PEN GWYN--3. 4-5. 44!. 81. X-1. PHILANA--4-5. 8. 9!. 11. 14. 53. 81. 90. QAQAQ--Header. 3. 15. 19!. 29. 35. 49-50. 81. F-2. SIBYL--4-5. 8. 19. 32. 39. 44. 53. 54A. 58. 61-61A. 64. 75. 80. 81. TRAZOM--7. 14!. 19. 35. 53. 54A. 75. 80. 81. 87. F-2. C-6. TREESONG--Header. 14. 19. 29. 44. 53. 61-61A. 75!. 81. 84. 87. F-2. TWISTO--7. 52. 53!. 80. 81. 87. 97. URANUS--1. 9. 25. 31. 42. 51. 65. 79. 80!. 82. X-1. WAGSTAFF--4. 5. 8. 14. 19. 53. 54A. 75!. 81. 97. WINDJAMMER--4-5. 14. 17. 61-61A. 81!. 83. Header. WOODIE--19. 21. 44. 61-61A. 75. 81.

#### NOVEMBER SOLUTIONS

1. shut up. Pushtu 2. Linear A and Linear B 3. scoreboard. bore scored 4. Falstaff; false. staff 5. Petruchio. eutrophic 6. radiomen. Don Adriano de Armado 7. T. I'm on O. fat hen. S 8. p-a-roxysm 9. third-letter change 10. hermeneutic; heretic. menu 11. b/g/c-arbed 12. sake 13. exce-r-pt; except; expec-c/r-t 14. Walla Walla. Wagga Wagga 15. tur-n-key 16. e/u-mpty 17. the M inside the LAB; D at A 18. Saar chasm. sarcasm 19. curtain pole. antenuptial contract 20. t-okay-s 21. usual. luaus 22. Poi. S on 23. 10820. 1080 24. cross-p/h-atch 25. stra-teg-y 26. Hudu. who do 27. exit. egg's it 28. altruism 29. poly-

ester. proselyte 30. mandible. Dame Nellie Melba 31. w-age e-arners 32. W-infield 33. TOTO as TA 34. T-h-in Man 35. Pa-rintintin 36. stol-id. solid. sold. sod 37. c-ashier 38. P. aR. aqua T 39. wa//laby. lu/cky 40. realign. Ginger Ella 41. skivvies. civvies 42. interrupted SCREW 43. insect 44. rec-i-tal 45. segol; l lies 46. take out food 47. d/f-estation 48. BATHOS. Babel. AU fait. Rhea. Umbra 49. eLL. A. F. "it's" Gerald [Ford] 50. cummer. lever 51. coupon clipper. Cooper clip-on 52. Anita. do not harass Sarah to nod at Ina 53. tur-n-key 54. W at E. ring place 55. extra ordinary letter S 56. sung-l/m-as-ses 57. D on T. stand on C ere M on Y 58. potpourri. popery 59. old master; steamrollered. all roads lead to Rome 60. (Suber) la. tubmen 61. bibelot. be below 62. when you've seen twenty [XX]. store S. under one roof. you've seen AM all 63. p-l-ump 64. umpng. impugn 65. estival; live via satellite 66. u-su/xo-rious 67. c/e-lement 68. lambda mage 69. r-anger 70. three "peas" 71. conversation 72. al-time-ter 73. the tennis pro 74. President Ronald Reagan 75. American Society of Mechanical Engineers 76. angina pectoris 77. the angina pectoris 78. the homophones 79. the overseer 80. an ocelot [cf. LO. ONE CAT Oct 1920; CAT (NO LEO) Apr 1986] 81. interstate highway system 82. a palatschinken 83. the giboia 84. if there were no God. it would be necessary to invent him (Voltaire) 85. Hogarthian 86. Metropolitan Life Insurance Company 87. "the great American smoke-out" X-1. How come nobody has ever thought of freezing holy water into Popesicles? Gary Holloway 2. Which Krewe member goes around another member? (Ariel around Uranus) X-3. Fear always springs from ignorance. Ralph Waldo Emerson X-4. The only good thing about smoking is that it repels gnats and mosquitoes. That proves you don't have to be big to be smart. P. Sweeney KU-1. MT = Morse-tautonymic (in Morse code. the first half is identical to the second half). MP = Morse-palindromic (a palindrome in Morse code). Thus. ARK o-o-o-o- (MT). SUN ooooo-o (neither). WEAN o-o-o-o (both). WEEP o-o-o-o (MP). KU-2. \*\*\*\*M\*A\*S\*H (first four stars are reviewer's evaluation of the

#### PENETRALIA

Labels of permissible sources: 9C (9th Collegiate). N12 (plus Add.). N13 (main text). 12W (12000 Words) (collectively. MW). Words and entry phrases (bracketed) labeled unless they appear in all three (9C, N12, N13). Tags: \* capitalized; + slang, obsolete, regional, foreign, poetic, archaic, etc. When tags differ. 9C tagging is used (or N13 if in N1 only). When word-division differs (entry phrase, hyphenated, solid word), this is indicated. Anagrams: MW phrases bracketed; words only in N12, N13 or both so noted.

Solution lists to Philana by Feb 25

#### F L A T S

1. LETTER BANK  
[7 3]. 12. [\*7 3 \*6]. [13 4 4]!1  
(FIRST = N1. THIRD = N12)

Dear Penpal: My SECOND in writing I hope you'll excuse;  
You see, the whole family's off on a fabulous cruise.  
Where partying's rampant and even (this is on the level!)  
Our reaching the FOURTH an occasion for whoopee and revel.  
The crew and the captain (all distant relations. I guess)  
Presented a program, while wearing their national dress.  
Of opera singing; the lovers in THIRD were the best --  
They "died" quite remarkably: iron and steel in the breast!  
Our kids aren't neglected -- the ship has a miniature zoo  
Called "Bugs under Glass", where the children all gather to view  
The workers, the queens, and the FIRSTs rushing hither and yon.  
Spare moments are few, but I did write a marvelous "con" --  
A long transdeletion, inspired by the super cuisine  
(And generous tip to our waiter -- in dollars, nineteen!)

That's it for this postcard, a bit of a redistillation  
Of how we are spending a month on a lovely vacation.  
=PAP 'N HOWL. Las Vester VY

#### 2. SUBER 10

WS = 

An evergreen  
Can here be seen.  
=DOUBLE-H. East Weymouth MA

#### 3. WORD DELETION [5 4]

A-hunting we will go.  
With well-trained dog in tow.  
Near Ketchikan  
We have a plan  
To OUT a duck or so.  
And slay with gun or bow.

Game's out of season, though.  
Meet warden. Tallyho!  
With quickened IN  
We have to shin  
Up nearby SOL. You know,  
A-hunting we won't go.  
=WINDRO. Chitown IJ

#### 4. CURTAILMENT 6. \*5 (BIG = N1. SMALL not MW)

Senator SMALL set out to see  
If our president he could be.  
Smiled and blandished on TV,  
Ambitious Senator SMALL.  
Plagiarism reared its head;  
Borrowed others' words, they said.  
Small white lies rose from the dead  
To haunt this Senator SMALL.

A two-pronged BIG of ancient date  
Speared both fish and foe in hate.  
His two-pronged tongue, device of fate.

Embarrassed Senator SMALL.  
=CORN COB. Snow Camp NC

#### 5. CHARADE 6 (not N12 usage)

(A New Year's Day lament)  
Twenty nips of SECOND.  
Twenty nips of FIRST:  
You didn't use your KEY last night  
And say it's going to burst!  
=TWEASER. Shelbyville IN

#### 6. ENIGMATIC REBUS [4 5] N1

very good boy

"Very good boy, Obadiah.  
I am no yes purple peacocks."  
Was the REBUS uttered by a  
Patient with dementia praecox.  
=JOKER. Cleveland Heights OH

#### 7. WORD DELETION 8

(\*IN not MW usage. \*OUT not MW)

Re Puccini, said \*IN to Peer:  
"I like one of his operas, dear.  
Take his Tosca and La Bohème:  
I could really care less for them.  
And The Girl of the Golden West  
Puts my tolerance to the test.  
\*OUT Angelica is far ALL  
To the others--the rest just pall."  
=JO THE LOITERER, New Providene NJ

8. PHONETIC REBUS 2 5 4 3  
(THE PHRASE)

2U

9. ENIGMATIC REBUS 10 3  
(SO AND SO)

P

10. REBUS 5 5. \*1\*. [2 4] 9C.NI3  
(THIS AND THAT)

PORVBS

My fellow Krewe. I have THE PHRASE:  
I know but little of the A's.  
A miniseries? That's strike two.  
The greatest lied? I say "Adieu!"

Yes, you could fill a SO AND SO  
With all the things that I don't  
know

Of prime time shows and judgment  
calls

Or what they play in concert halls.

Yet, I too often face a flat  
Each issue which is THIS AND THAT.  
And such. To solve such flats as  
those.

I telephone a friend who knows!  
=HOT. Berkeley CA

11. PALINDROME  
CIE/E-IA LAJOL? SA A RIL\*  
OLD DOLL? KA BALKOL? A EILD  
EAE-IE.

Poor Jimmy B.. he lost his job -  
But that's okay with me.  
He made me want to throw  
(that's "up")  
With every greedy plea.

My father, though, is quite a fan  
And quotes him word for word  
Whenever I bring up the name  
And jeer that dodo bird.  
=MERLIN. Bismarck ND

12. CURTAILMENT 7. 3-3  
(STOUT = NI. THIN = 9C. NI3+)

When you're bird-watching down in  
Australia and see your first  
morepork (or STOUT).  
So you won't make a THIN. check  
your field guide (the right thing  
to do when in doubt).  
=ULK. Enid OK

13. TRANSPOSAL [5 5]. 10  
(ONE = 9C. NI3)

Sunday football--weather's vile;  
Think I'll view TV awhile.  
In the stands, I'd get the flu  
Watching teams make ONE in TWO.  
=BOOKWORM. Richmond Hill NY

14. CHARADE 7 (GUY. DOLL)  
CHARADE 7 (GUY. DAME)  
CHARADE \*4-\*4  
(4-4 NI3. \*4-4 NI2)

Take GUY, a part of a machine.  
And DOLL, a sharpish sound:  
Now join them and you'll find  
yourself

Inside a tent, with forest 'round.

Take GUY again, the selfsame GUY.  
And DAME, a hollow sound:  
Now join them and you'll find  
you're in

Malaysia now, with houses 'round.

To top things off, take DOLL, add  
DAME.

And join them for a sprightly game.  
=BLACKSTONE. Alstead NH

15. LAST-LETTER CHANGE 4  
(both 9C. 12W; PIED = +)

A beauty truth no bard denies:  
You won't get PIED from eating PIES.  
=HAP. Rochester NY

16. FOURTH-LETTER CHANGE 9

The priest was quite hopeful, but  
thought it BEGUN

To broach his expected advance to  
the ONE.

=ALF. Medford MA

17. HETERONYM

3 \*9 8; \*6 \*4 5. \*1 4  
(\*9 not MW; \*6 9C.NI2; \*4 =  
9C.NI2)

Conservatives in Portland claim it's  
summitry they hate--

They say that when he visits us,  
they'll EARLY from their state.

I will drive up there to hear  
the early music every year --

For each LATE on getting tickets  
way ahead, so I can hear.

=NEWROW. Brookline MA

18. REBUS 4 3 5

R

R

Oh, REBUS and through xyloid place  
(Mayhap above streamling as well)  
We go. Horse tired? He tried to race  
Integra (or Ford?) through the dell.

Bring POSSLQ? Gram doesn't care;  
Her bruxism seldom annoys.

But she's a poter; we'll all share  
A Gadarene gulp with the boys.

=MICROPOD. Meredith NH

# OCTOBER SOLVERS

The October Enigma had 100  
flats (including 54A. 60A, and  
61A [see comments below]), 2  
forms, 7 crypts, and 2 extras;  
66 solution lists were received.  
ALICE/ARACHNE/BANTERWEIGHT/BILL-  
IKEN/COFFEE/DAZ/GRAMS/HOT/JOKER/  
SHRDLU. LOLITA. NIGHTOWL/HAP,  
PHILANA/MERCURY. SIBYL. SQUIR-  
REL. TRAZOM. WINDJAMMER/QAQAQ,  
and WINDRIFT all had completes;  
AV/GECKO/PAP NDROME, MERLIN, and  
TREESONG had flat completes.

Accepted: #2--MINUTE (19) for  
SECOND (using "minute" in the  
sense of "trifling"); #17--  
HOGS. GOSH (9); #29--NUMBERS (6)  
for FIGURES; #52--F-O-ULSOME;  
#59--...TO BE EXPOSED/AFFIXED/  
TRAPPED/SPOTTED AT.... ELATED  
TO BE AFFIXED AT.... and SIDE  
for WALL; #86--BARSSES (8).

Not accepted: #13--PUTON (5);  
#69--CASTROITE (11); #70--  
INSATIABLE. BANALITIES (8), and  
STIPULATED. PLATITUDES (2);  
#86--SABERS (8). SABRES; #90--  
THE TIMOUS (5).

As announced in the November  
Enigma, #61 was scored as two  
puzzles, reported here as 61 and  
61A. All favorite votes for  
"61" were converted to kudos for  
"61-61A". (In all such cases,  
both answers were also submitted  
under the single puzzle number.)  
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ABACUS 26-1-0-1; ACORN 54-0-  
4-\*; AJAX 12-0-0-0; AL GEBRA  
95-0-0-0; ANEMONE 97-\*-\*-\*; ANN  
DHOW/MY MY 46-1-5-\*; AV/GECKO/  
PAP NDROME \*-\*-0-\*; AVIDAN 96-  
1-3-\*; BEAGLE 77-\*1-\*; BERYL  
0-0-\*0; BLACKSTONE 95-\*-\*-\*;  
BOOKWORM 42-1-1-\*; CORN COB 46-  
0-0-1; CRATAEGUS 66-0-0-\*; DADA  
34-\*-\*-\*; DEE SWEET 40-0-0-1;  
DKDIK 36-0-0-1; ELGAR 83-1-0-  
\*; EN 68-0-\*-\*; ERGO 50-0-0-1;  
FLASH 19-0-0-0; GADJET 55-\*2-  
\*; GRAYDOL 92-1-3-\*; HART KING  
47-\*2-\*; HONEYDEW 67-\*3-1;  
IFANDOR 31-0-2-1; IXAXAR 1-0-  
0-1; JAELTI 59-1-0-\*; JO THE  
LOITERER 89-\*4-\*; JOPIQUEM 33-  
0-0-1; JOT 95-1-5-\*; KNOTSMITH  
39-0-0-1; LARRY 38-0-0-0; LOULI  
34-0-0-1; MANGIE 90-1-0-\*; MER-  
LIN \*-\*-0-0; MICROPOD 78-1-\*-\*;

NEWROW 82-\*4-\*; NOLA 57-0-0-\*;  
PANACHE 58-0-0-0; PASSERINA 77-  
1-0-\*; PEKOE/DIAGRAPH 86-0-2-\*;  
PEN GWYN 57-0-4-\*; PHILHELLENE  
68-0-1-\*; PHIZZ 52-0-0-0;  
POURIR 1-0-0-1; ROY 23-0-0-\*;  
SLUGGO 75-\*1-\*; TREESONG \*-\*-  
5-\*; TWISTO 86-\*5-\*; TYRO 1-  
\*-\*-; URANUS 37-1-0-\*; VAL-U  
61-0-1-1; VISITOR 98-\*-\*-\*;  
WAGSTAFF 97-\*0-\*; WOODIE 96-\*  
0-1; ZYZZ 7-0-6-0.

SOLVING FREQUENCY/NUMBER OF KU-  
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3-54/5, 4-54/7+1, 5-46/7+3, 6-  
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52/1, 17-42/3, 18-56/4, 19-53/  
18/2, 20-48, 21-21/2, 22-57/1,  
23-48, 24-58, 25-35/3, 26-60,  
27-52, 28-59, 29-39/11/1, 30-  
55/1, 31-53/4, 32-28/5, 33-50/1,  
34-48/1, 35-18/3, 36-44/4+0/1+0,  
37-37/4+1/1+0, 38-39, 39-45/5,  
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0, 61A-33/12+0, 62-39/1, 63-62,  
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82-54/1, 83-49/1, 84-43/2, 85-  
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89-54/1, 90-40/3, 91-57/1, 92-  
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2-31/6, CRYPTS: 1-35, 2-34, 3-  
29/1, 4-27, 5-23/2, 6-17/1, 7-  
18, EXTRAS: 1-46/9/4, 2-54.  
ADDITIONAL KUDOS: Header-\*5.  
[numbers preceding +s are multi-  
part kudos/top kudos.]

OCTOBER FAVORITES (! means top  
favorite): ACORN--X-1! AL GE-  
BRA--4-5, 14, 15, 29, 32, 39,  
47, 53!, 61-61A, 76, AV--53!  
BLACKSTONE--19, 32, 53, 61-61A,  
85, 97, CORN COB--33, 39, 44!,  
60A, 77, 91, 97, DADA--89, 97,  
X-1, C-5, DEE SWEET--3, 29!  
ERGO--1, 19, 31, 44, 97! FLASH--  
1, 22, 43!, 87, GADJET--1, X-1!  
GECKO--2, 19, 29, 32, 44, 53,  
61-61A, 72, GRAYDOL--8, 19, 25,  
53, 60, HAP--2, 6, 9, 29, 32,

56. ENIGMATIC SUBER 11  
ENIGMATIC REBUS 11  
hing for Insight? We have what  
you need:  
I Ching and parrots and auras to  
read.  
Using Your Chakras to Win at the  
Lottery.  
Genuine shards of Atlantian pottery.  
Colls of crystals of various  
sorts  
(Amazing, the things you can  
manage with quartz).  
Wholistic shampoo and transfiguring  
mousse.  
If I Ran the New Age by old Dr.  
Seuss.  
Past-Life Regression to Make Yourself  
Slim.  
And last, for your REBUS, is Out  
on a Limb.  
(The pleasure is raised to a  
loftier plane  
By Mayan translations from Shirley  
MacLaine.)  
=TREESONG. West Chester PA
57. HETERONYM 5 2 5. \*8 4  
(\*8 not MW)  
He reads linguistics, glosses  
tiddleywinks.  
And trades ingenious riddles with  
the Sphinx.  
Takes minutes, tells computers what  
to do.  
A striking multiplicity of TWO.  
One day, a vision of the Far East  
called him  
To try a sacred dunk. The place  
appalled him:  
Unsheltered there, he sweltered in  
the sun.  
And cursed the awful paucity of ONE.  
=SIBYL. North Hollywood CA
58. TRANSDELETION 9  
His crypts are vile, his flats are  
even SEVEN—  
Proof that love and puzzling never  
mix.  
(Why, once I gave that man a shot  
at heaven—  
Now I'd gladly toss him in, deep  
SIX!)
- So, NINE my case: all men are  
creeps and EIGHT  
When Enigmacho is a trait innate.  
=BANTERWEIGHT, Oakland CA  
For sale by editor: NI3. India pa-  
per, cover weak but binding sound.  
\$25 plus mailing costs.

59. BEHEADMENT 6 (LONG = 9C. 12W)  
Teresa Stratas, that outstanding diva,  
Will star tonight as Countess  
Almaviva.  
Her LONG soprano, lyric and  
dramatic,  
Makes fans and critics equally  
ecstatic.  
Ovations fill the opera house in  
plenty  
On nights when she sings  
Astrafiammente.  
As La Fanciulla, on BEHEADED  
mounted.  
The curtain calls can simply not be  
counted.  
Her fame will soon outstrip Dame  
Joan's and Kiri's:  
She'll sing the anthem at the next  
World Series!  
=ARACHNE, Mundelein IL
60. REBUS 3 5  
A  
I'm REBUS by the telephone.  
And feeling very blue.  
Can't you chat with me awhile?  
I'll bet you're REBUS, too.  
=FIDDLE. St. Petersburg FL
- A N A G R A M S
61. I PROCURED, USED MUGGLES  
(MERE JOINT). UGH! USE NOT BHANG!  
3[\*7 \*5]7. \*5 \*7 \*1. \*8  
=NOT INSANE!. Trenton NJ
62. LO, GAB USING DRUGS \*7 \*8
63. HINT: HOME TEAM WIN TOPS  
CARDS (NOW NIL) 3 5 8 \*9 \*5  
=TE-ZIR-MAN, Elmont NY
64. HAS TO NAG RECIPIENT 3 [6 8]
65. O, CREATING PAINS [6 8]  
=AB STRUSE, New York NY
66. NIFTY U.S. SCHOOL OUT NEAR  
FAIR IRVINE [\*10 2 \*8 \*10]  
=WAGSTAFF, Valley Stream NY
67. NUB: "ONE ADAM AIN'T SO HOT;  
I'LL DO SHE." --GOTT  
2 2 3 4 4 3 6 2 5  
=TWEASER, Shelbyville IN
68. A VOWEL, FAN? FOURTH ONE E?  
THEN WIN! \*5 \*5 2 "5 2 \*7"  
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY
69. ACTION IN IT  
=NOHOLDS BARD, Arlington VA
70. VOTED CRANIAL, I  
=RUTHLESS, Palo Alto CA

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Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow: IXAXAR
19. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA 13 NI
- A. Some lasses I have met of late  
Admit I'm lithe—but "hair's too  
straight."
- B. Tedious, I iterate.  
I'm often drunk, without a date.
- C. He's affluent beyond compare  
Who has a wealth of ringlets there.
- D. In general, a hat I wear  
As covering to hide my hair.  
Oh, call me late or call me early;  
Though it's a lie, please call me  
"Curly"!
20. HOMONYM 8. 9  
What's fast BEGINNING is my hair;  
On top, my head is almost bare.  
Unlike a lawn, alas! my friend,  
It cannot profit by an END.
21. CHARADE 8  
When Baby tweaks her Daddy's  
THROUGH.  
His upper lip ONE starts to TWO.
22. CHARADE 6 NI  
"That's dandruff on your LAST,"  
he said,  
"From ALL upon your head."  
She wheeled with murder in her eye;  
The FIRST began to fly.
23. CHARADE 10  
When people say that PRIMAL men  
Have greater FINAL and more flair  
Than those who have a wealth of  
hair,  
"What TOTAL!" I exclaim again.  
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24. REPEATED-LETTER CHANGE \*5  
(FORMER = 9C. NI2)  
We won't be at FORMER  
For the New Year;  
But what's wrong with LATTER's  
Holiday cheer?  
=HAP, Rochester NY
25. ENIGMATIC REBUS 9  
bread  
detergent  
cigarettes  
Hap, leave that pedagogic HAG;  
Her class sounds like an awful drag.  
=WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL
26. REBUS 8 (ONE) (not MW usage)  
(color rubric red-orange)  
O
27. ENIGMATIC REBUS \*9 \*5 (TWO)  
kirk  
O
28. ENIGMATIC REBUS 3 \*10 2 1  
(THREE) (\*10 not MW)  
(reading uses + word and  
NI word)  
\$10 bunting  
As '66 Horse of the Year, he was  
great—  
Left many opponents behind at the  
gate.  
He captured the ONE, though he  
missed out at TWO;  
I seldom THREE race where he  
didn't come through.  
=PASSERINA, Summit NJ
29. SPOONERGRAM  
3 3 4 1 6; 3. 3 \*11 (\*11 = NI2)  
Convent sisters (Maine-iacs) might  
seek a little summer RIGHT  
A visit, view Katahdin's pines, and,  
so she won't forget the site,  
Each LEFT with cones and fragrant  
needles, thus to grace her room  
that night.  
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY
30. REBUS 10 (9C. 12W. findable NI3)  
NO  
A laser pulse?  
It does not last  
More than a WORD  
(That's really fast!).  
=IFANDOR, St. Petersburg FL
31. ENIGMATIC REBUS "4 \*4 \*9"  
Kaiser  
Ludwig  
SOL's Chuck Berry's hit;  
I've heard it many times.  
Most will say that it  
Has more loud sounds than rhymes.  
=PANACHE, Culver City CA
32. WORD DELETION 8  
(\*OUTSIDE not MW)  
In Sonny Bono's memoirs,  
One WHOLE's INSIDE to be  
About the years with OUTSIDE  
And life with Chastity.  
=MAYDAY, Brooklyn NY
- 1988 Convention Berkeley CA Jul 15-17

33. ENIGMATIC REBUS 12 NI  
(reading uses NI3 definition)  
(color large D a shade of blue)



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ome-da-dome-dome.  
Dome-da-dome-dome-dome!  
Domes dip in each direction;  
That's why they're called SELECTION.  
Dome-da-dome-dome.  
Dome-da-dome-dome-dome!  
=QAQQA, Atlanta GA

34. BEHEADMENT 7 (LONG. LESSER)  
TERMINAL DELETION 6. \*4  
(LESSER. LEAST) (LEAST not MW)

By LONG attention to detail.  
Not LESSER spending, grew  
The lessor. LEAST. and tooth and  
nail  
They fought and leased to you.  
They long for first at last, but wail:  
"It Hertz! We're Number Two!"  
=TWEASER. Shelbyville IN

35. RREBUS 11 NI

The ones who blaze a trail are  
pioneers;  
They're on the scene ahead of all  
the rest.  
Such WORD we often thank in later  
years  
If what they did works out, for us,  
the best.  
=ULK. Enid OK

36. TRANSPOSAL [4 6]. 10  
(THESE. THOSE)(THOSE = 9C.12W)

"Don't change the environment."  
locals said. "Please!  
The moccasins, garters, and rattlers  
will freeze.  
And even the small, harmless  
burrowing THESE!"  
The mountaintop's owner, though,  
beat them in court.  
He purchased some THOSE. and  
voila! ski resort!  
=HUDU. New York NY

37. DELETION 6

A hurricane, out of the blue.  
Shook KEYWORD oak and frail  
bamboo.  
The tough old oak? Felled at a  
stroke.  
Light as a cloud, the bamboo bowed.  
The oak is dead, bamboo's alive;  
PART Nature's way if you'd survive.  
=POLLY. Sarasota FL

38. REBUS 9 (BEFORE) (\* in NI3)

FZL

39. SUBER [\*5 \*4] NI3

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IP

An oenophile was Johnny;  
He qualifies no more.  
For what he thought was AFTER  
Was certainly BEFORE.  
=PHIZZ. New City NY

40. EIGHTH-LETTER CHANGE 10  
(SECOND = 9C.12W)

Anita Bryant's singing with the  
Tabernacle Choir.  
She lends the goings-on a SECOND  
air.  
The piece they're singing now is  
FIRST, with everyone in chorus.  
But they'll do some part-songs  
next, so don't despair.  
=TRAZOM. Berkeley CA

41. LETTER BANK 3. [5-5] NI+

The minstrel wanders here and  
SMALL.  
Singing nonsense such as "ALL."  
=ALF. Medford MA

42. DELETION 7

My husband, once part of the  
National Guard.  
Was no eager young LONG — no.  
not he.  
He tackled his chores in the Radio  
Corps  
With an attitude far less than glee.  
"Fix the radios!" shouted the  
sergeant —  
"Yes, sir!" said my spouse and his  
men.  
They would SHORT all the wires  
quite at random.  
And those radios ne'er worked  
again!  
=REYNARD. Glen Rock NJ

43. REBUS \*2 \*5 (not MW)  
(color rubric yellow)

DE

A marvelous start for a morning  
in May:  
Brunching outdoors by the Champs  
Elysees.  
With flaky croissants and cafe  
served au lait.  
While browsing DEUX CINQ for the  
news of the day.  
=MANX. New York NY

44. REPEATED-LETTER DELETION  
3-3, 4 (this form of 3-3 not MW)

Our Charlie cuts holes in his blue  
jeans —  
The more ragged and faded, the  
better.  
He'll even MY ONE a new T-shirt.  
Then make sure it hangs down  
'neath his sweater.  
His hair in front covers his eyelids.  
But in back the skin almost shows  
through.  
Oh, naught's too much trouble for  
Charlie  
If it keeps him from looking MY TWO.  
=MANGIE. Buffalo NY

45. REBUBB [6 4]

Although its voice is very low,  
The ALL can sound fortissimo.  
=MERLIN. Bismarck ND

46. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA 5-5 NI  
(A = NI3)

A. Perca in Eden, where Adam went  
fishing,  
And won't feel a thing.  
B. Make him so happy! Each beast  
on the hoof,  
And each bird on the wing,  
C. Thatch roof affords him a perch  
for a bird,  
And a shade from the sun.  
D. No place can be finer; that's  
plain as can be  
And is he having fun!  
While here in the Outback, it's  
perfectly clear  
That the club which I've joined  
spends all day drinking beer.  
=NEWROW. Brookline MA

47. REBUS 5 NI

NU

MY WORD —  
A bird!  
=FARO. Morristown NJ

48. TRANSPOSAL 8, \*8  
(adjacent-keyword rule waived)

In a village full of Whigs there  
Once resided just one Tory.  
(It was clearly not the smartest  
thing to be.)  
When the scent of hot tar wafted  
On the breeze, this ONE TWO opted  
To depart. He said, "It's Canada  
for me."  
=WINDRIFT. Honolulu HI

49. SPOONERGRAM [4 3]. 4 \*3  
(ONE, TWO) (\*3 = NI2)  
50. REBUS 1 [10 5] NI2 (THE PITCH)  
HO

I had a nightmare late last night  
That gave me quite an awful fright.  
I dreamt I was a pitcher, who  
Is sent to finish, up by two.  
But I allow a run to score!  
Three on, two out. "TWO out!"  
fans roar.  
"The ONE's in motion now, I bet."  
I murmur as I start to sweat.  
I pitch THE PITCH. I watch it veer.  
It doesn't drop...and then I hear  
That vivid sound, a cracking bat.  
Grand slam? Oh, say it isn't that!  
I woke up clutching my poor cat.  
=ELF. Flemington NJ

51. REBUS [6 2 5] 9C, NI3 (ONE)

EARTH

52. ENIGMATIC REBUS 5 3'1 3 5 (TWO)

SW

If one eats too much rich food  
and drinks too much.  
Exercises little, suffers  
stress and such,  
One may come at last to face the  
surgeon's knife.  
Scheduled for a REBUS ONE to save  
one's life.  
REBUS TWO is out. it's much too  
late, you see.  
For a REBUS ONE about the remedy.  
Waking up to find a nurse that's  
REBUS TWO  
Is a patient's dream that well may  
not come true.  
=CRATAEGUS. Parry Sound ONTARIO

53. TRANSPOSAL 7 (TWO = NI+)

The lonely sentry sat,  
His ONE across his knee.  
And gazed beyond the marshes at  
TWO glowing on the sea.  
=VISITOR. Kailua HI

54. PHONETIC REBUS 2 3 4 3

BU

Run along, you're in my way.  
REBUS, beat it, scram, I say.  
=DEE SWEET. Kendall Park NJ

55. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE 7 (ONE =  
NI3+ usage. TWO = 9C+, NI3+)

Apish ONE who chew  
Always should use TWO!  
=AV. Las Vegas NV