CRYPTOGRAMS

1. Blind faith

APEX DX, Brossard QUEBEC

"PHQ ZLOOLQJOB EHOLHYH ZKDW WKHB ZL-VK." VR VSRNH *MXOLXV *FDHVDU... ZKR, DVBRX PDB NQRZ, HQFLSKHUHG OLNH WKLV.

2. Hic no jacket BLACKSTONE, Alstead NH
*GHUUMPLY'M CHUFSWUNGSPL GPRTHF *GOTS

*GHUUMPLY'M CHUFSWUNGSPL GPRTHF *GOTS HUMGTAHTLGM SM LPG JUNTAMU GOUB HU-ZASHU BPA GP RUTH PLU.

3. Aerobic exercise?

JOPIQUIEM, Chevy Chase MD

4. On purpose

PAP NDROME, Las Vegas NV

S T Y O P E N=C R A T E D Q C R G R I G Y F Q U I U H
S T Y *N Y G Q S Y P P R I Y R I P Y A Q U I, B W F S Q Z R S-

YG HUP QSC PWLLYP=BUISRQIQIA SRXPUUS.

5. Youthquake?

ZYZZ, Carrollton GA

BOWSPRYT BRJE=ORAECO TIOYAE XI OXAD,
IXHCK XI YG XM BWI AXIU BRYOGICZ.

MCZI DWK IOXG IR BWI BWOF.

6. Fancy service

WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL

*PTEHA WCMY PRYB TLC CHEW; NOT ZMA-LL ITEM TRN, ZPHAN NPLWCM OLBQ: YPLT-IQM, IQHPLTN, YTD BMHN VTP ICTOA HIN.

7. Taking the Fifth

HOT, Berkeley CA

HJLX LX RY DGULYRGM *YCVLXJ XYHYK,
TZH R KGHRLY VHHG DO HJ RVAJRTH JRX
TY DBLHHU PGM HLB LH RAARGX.

First word in Crypt 2 is not MW, but familiar.



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Morristown, New Jersey

No. 1017

On leaving the editorship of The Enigma, Faro would jointly like to say a sincere thank you to those members of the Krewe who have loyally toiled behind the scenes: to Alf for crypt-checking, Senor for form-checking, and Treesong for cryptic crossword-checking. Philana's monthly statistics and Tweaser's annual statistics are more visible to the reader, but no less appreciated; they have lifted a significant burden from the heavily-laden editorial shoulders. And one should not overlook the many eagle-eyed error-spotters, the most diligent being Nightowl/Hap and Treesong. Thanks also to Mangie and Copy Cat for smoothing the production process, another potential editorial headache.

Most importantly, we say thank you to the many Krewe who have supported our endeavors. We have been too busy to acknowledge every letter of approbation, but each one has meant a great deal to us as we tried to put out each month a magazine that would enlighten, inform and amuse the Krewe. We have tried, as best we could, to be fair, impartial, and honest in our dealings with all members; we regret any perceived deviation from that policy. To Sibyl, we offer our best wishes and our hope that she can satisfy what is probably the brightest, the cleverest, and the most opinionated bunch of people in the country.

The recent election—the first in NPL history in which two candidates strove for the editorship—was unusually intense, even bitter at times. Now that it is past, let's unite behind Sibyl, giving her the support that you have given us. The League has survived many vicissitudes during the past century; in Tweaser's words, it needs to be "tenderly preserved and shepherded for the generations to follow." To this we can only say Amen!

NEW KREWE

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NOMS

Travis Ashley will be known as TRASH (an acrostic), and Liz Potter as TAPPY (a tap-dancer).

ERRATA AND ADDENDA

November: #2—lay (line 5); #13—comma after second 5, and quotes around enumeration; #14—wiser,is, and,wander; #21—Ledge,; #28—SEC-OND is NI2+ usage; #32—violates Guide rule; #36—TWO = NI2; blight?) #39—PHONTICI; #45—LESS = NI3+ usage; #51—misspellings of Anne, narc irrelevant; #54—PG-13 is Pen

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Gwyn, Jo the Loiterer; #56--opera;, Hindoue?":: #57--drop tag; #58-line 3 originally "Just please me with a rumba"; #65--8, 7; #71-second and capitalized; #76--"TWO"; #84--3 [*4 *3 2 *6]; #C-6--DCNV.

SIBYL NEW EDITOR

In the election for 1989 officers, Sibyl edged Nightowl, 97-79 with two abstentions; all other officers were elected unopposed (Hudu President, Joker First VP, Hot Second VP, Treesong Secretary, Senor Treasurer). 9C was accepted as co-authority with NI by a vote of 145-24 with 9 abstentions.

PUZZLE TALK

#1--various correlates of 6-5 in N12; #12--inspired by Sep #57; #19--the authors suggest confirming the answer in N13--the entry there's fun; #23--one of the puzzle clues is not verifiable in MW; #27--refers to Oct #78, and is singable to the "Song of the Salvation Army"

minus the chorus; #28--PRIMAL has an unusual logological property; #29--breaking a glass with one's foot is a Jewish wedding custom; #33--the second O depicts a perfectly circular object; #47--Sakr-el-Bahr once suggested these keywords to Larry; #54--not factually correct; #76--TWO phrase in N12 only. Be warned that a number of flats and anagrams in this issue have Christmas themes.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Treesong announces that he will provide copies of the full set of convention games for \$5 apiece.

KREWENEWS

Dee Sweet supplied Dada's request for Rubik's Revenge (Oct Enigma), and in turn asks if anyone in the Krewe can supply the game Orion, published by Parker Brothers in 1971 (she has the rule book, but requires the board and the game equipment).

As you can see from Senor's report, we underestimated the costs for the Berkeley convention. True, the difference between what you paid and what it cost us is only \$10. But multiplied by the 60 or so members who attended, it's a significant loss to our treasury.

The convention organizers and I deeply apologize for this expensive miscalculation. If you came to Berkeley and enjoyed the convention, as I did, please consider sending an extra gift of \$10 to the NPL this holiday season.

Even if you didn't make it to Berkeley, I hope you'll find room for the NPL on your gift list. Your yearly dues don't even cover the cost of producing and mailing the Enigma, but we've kept dues low so that everyone can afford to play along. Donations make up the difference and your gift, however small, will help us keep our treasury healthy and our dues as low as possible.

One more thing: if your name, address, and (optionally) your phone number are not correct in the current directory, please let me know soon, so that I can correct them in next year's.

Best wishes for the New Year!
--HUDU (NPL President)

1988 CONVENTION BALANCE SHEET

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Income (after refunds) 14,480.83

EXPENDITURES

Berkeley Marriott	14,463.73	
Convention photo	541.45	
Convention host	44.61	
Program chairman	97.53	
Total	15	147.32

Balance Oct 1 1988 (666.49)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Jun 30 19	88	8924.95				
RECEIPTS						
Renewals	523.67					
New subs	149.00					
Gifts	92.00					
Interest	119.35					
Guide	1.00					
Auction	40.00					
Total		925.02				
EXPENDITURES						
Centennial book	13.29					
July Enigma	163.39					
Envelopes	273.80					
Mailing	20.00					
Aug Enigma	155.99					
Sep Enigma	201.79					
Total		828.26				
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Six entries in this cryptic need to be altered before being put into the grid; they are marked by asterisks. 29 and 33 Down are not MW.

ACROSS *1. Mistresses 10. Siamese capital located in that town 12. Tavern in western Winnipeg 13. Auden voiced retaining stanza of ballade 15. German, inspired with reverence, gaped 16. Cutting reply from drunken rotter 17. Indian wrestling, too 18. Return lutelike instrument to twosome 19. Beats a bit of egg into deli staples 20. Rub the wrong way by party's end, and then have done with 21. Backward glance takes in king's patches 22. Larry's first two went to university in Pacific island group *24. Melos! One mixes Greek drinks 28. Lincoln in a beard 30. Movie rating given to "Blue Chalcedony" 32. Arm of unfilled epergne 33. "10 a.m.," reflected the painter 34. Shoe tops of pigskin and cordovan 35. Pat, but not quite pat 37. E.g., Assam silkworm advisor 38. Nixes deleting "Saints Take In Alien" 39. New! A Dior transistor 40. Like any wingless parrot 41. Varmint reacts oddly *42. In re solver's cryptic Cissus trifoliates (47)

DOWN 1. I. a lead Shakespearean villain 2. Report about unsatisfactory artwork 3. Even Stephen and you show a method of patterning textiles (3-3) 4. Upper-class nude orgy is exceeding propriety *5. And French bakery worker gets up to read aloud 6. Shot insect on a whim 7. Huntsman tests snaring kitties 8. Nothing in art tops a body part 9. Models it in Sunday school *11. With a pair of stag gangs, Ted packs return "Thwack!" with left. Ouch! *14. Liv picked up beer for the townsman 20. Derek gets a long fluffy scarf 23. Treat evergreens by the sound 25. Rashly, I nod at the act of giving 26. Cretan spills delicious drink 27. Weekly cure includes physical therapy 29. Sibyl's valise landing on Schulman 30. Comic and noncomic performer crack up Rosie 31. Hindu servants formed a sestet's core 33. Griffin appears in Summer video 36. Twice, poet Eliot hisses for 10 THE LOITERER, New Providence NI

X-3. ANAQUOTE 4'1 7: 3 3 3 10 3 7 2 8 2 3 6 2 3 8 9 2 3 5? *4. ART ATH BET CAN COM DAN EDM ERO TRY ESM ESM EST FTH GRA HEE HEW

POO PWH RRI TER THE UGH YDA YST ON =VIRGINIA, Upland CA

HOW IDS INT LIF NDK NIN OMA ORL

X-4. ANAQUOTE 8 5 4 4 3 5 4 3 2 3 4 2 3 3 4. *5 *4

ALL ART ASG ASH BUT EEN ENN GRE
HTO IGH ITH NCE OGD ONE ONF ONG
OOL PRO RIG SSM THA VEB
=ACORN, St. Petersburg FL

X-5. ANAQUOTE 8 7 7 2 5 4; 7 7 8 2 8. *9

EAR GIS ILO ITH LAB LEA NGW NIN
ONF ORL OST OUT PER RNI THO THO
THO TIS TWI UCI UGH UGH USC UTL US
=BOOKWORM, Richmond Hill NY

AND ANT ASL ATW AVE CAN CLO EAR
EHE ELI EMO EON FUS GET GHT GIO
HER HER ICE IGO NOU NTH NTI OFI
PLA SHA STO STO TAK TAR THE THE
THW TIR TOF TRI UDS WIN W
=MAB, Many Farms AZ

X-7. ANAQUOTE *6 *14 2 2 6 4 *7 *4 2 2 4 8. *6 *5

ACT ARN AUL EGG ERI GMI ING IST LEV LTO NBE NDB OLD OPO RLE SCH STO TIN TRA URR WAR WHA YMO ZEN =TE-ZIR-MAN, Elmont NY

K R E W E L A N D U N U S U A L KU. CRYPTIC ENIGMA

Vanderbilt 2-5287
Will get you this saint if he's not working Heaven.
By the way, you must start with a

726
(His lay international mobile prefix).
SOL's busy this month, but speaking for him'r

Wally Firlit and Benjamin Zimmer. =DIRTY JACK, Palm Beach Gardens FL

and despised old man" X-1. Some of the most beautiful passages in the apostolic writings are quotations from pagan authors. - Henry T. POLARISTIC Buckle X-2. Quayle's got the looks to get a woman pregnant and the politics to keep her that way. S. High X-3. What is virtue but the trade unionism of the married? George Bernard Shaw X-4. So I chided Chi- C O N S T A N T A N na's child, "I Ching's chief schisms chilly." Chic, rich Indic Hindu chid me. Chin up! X-5. Our cat is really intelligent. She eats cheese and then breathes down mice-holes with baited breath. Anon. X-6. As age forty arrived I became more aware of my own mortality--I now eat my dessert first. G. Baum X-7. My little jokes don't hurt nobody. But when Congress makes a joke, it's the law! Will Rogers X-8. piecrust, picogram, ambusher, sturdier C-1. Vulpine tuchun directs transpacific shipment. Balance of trade benefits Szechuan warlord. C-2. Flier flies frightful freight from France; forgets parachute, fears death. Fancy such jumpy shenanigans! C-3. Eight wand-slim, catlike nymphs ingest much warm kirsch with cold borsch, crawl about drunk C-4. Ursine ukase: fling matchbooks if you must; insure, however, their vacuity; sulfur might combust. C-5. Veldtsman sought goldfinch birth-place downstream, yardstick measuring wingspread lengthways. C-6. Starved ganefs jayhawk zwinger, unearth findal, twig uwarowite val- X-2. CRYPTIC CROSSWORD ue, pawn, obtain zweiback. Twag! C-7. Mantzu gulp Szechuan pakchoi, bite Hyakume tempura (eight hyakume), play pachinko, using itzebu. Ching-tu enow!

DSCOTTMARLEY OI COLORADOAN HUDU NERONIAN PUTOIS NAGAED RAMLINES HUDU TELEOSTEAN MERLIN EA DSCOTTMARLEY

WINDOAO MERLIN REAUMUR JO t LOITERER BRITAIN QAQAMMER DERIVES HUGUENOT TALENTS MESSAGES CEREALS RESPELLS DASBOOT RETREATS SEESTOIT DNIESTER LOITERER EARSHELL

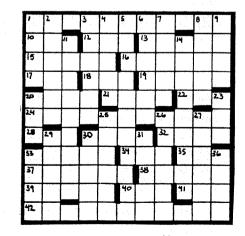
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EXTRAS

X-1. KNIGHT'S-TOUR CRYPT 3 8 2 *9 3 4 4 6 5 5 3 1 5 3. *9 2 3 7 6! *3 *5 (Merry 'Crypt'mas)

> N A I C SAMHSI W . Y I H TATC HRDEYFSO OIAYNE O ENAOTM MHFRNSMEGO SOAAHNOR LOVEBNOB LNRVESIBROS! IIAOENNANO SE FΕ

=TE-ZIR-MAN. Elmont NY



PENETRALIA

Labels of permissible sources: 9C (9th Collegiate), NI2 (plus Add.), NI3 (main text), 12W (12000 Words) (collectively, MW). Words and entry phrases (bracketed) not labeled if they appear in 9C; if not in 9C but in NI3 (or 12W), labeled NI3 (or 12W); if only in NI2, labeled NI2. Tags: * capitalized; + slang, obsolete, regional, foreign, poetic, archaic, rare, etc.

Solution lists to Philana by Jan 25

FLATS

1. TRANSPOSAL [3 8]. 6-5 (STARTER, ENDER) (6-5 not MW)

Don't hook up a STARTER--I'm telling you true The ENDER is Sibyl. Now leading the Krewe. =XEIPON, Colorado Springs CO

2. REPEATED-TRIGRAM DELETION [6 4].*4 (BIG = 12W: SMALL = N12+)

"I want a BIG for Hanukkah!" said Gaddiel to *SMALL. "The answer's no, my little one," came floating down the hall. "If you would like some excitement, go out and chase some lions. I won't have any child of mine transporting silly ions. Besides--" and now the kid was pouting, very close to tears. "They will not be invented for a couple thousand years!" =WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL

3. TRANSPOSAL 6 (Dover Beach, Christmas 1917)

At Yuletide now, the THREE Is on the Christmas tree. The house is ONE: we FIVE. Yet hear no thing alive. Outside, along the shore, The sea invades the FOUR. Oh, let us TWO all men To strive for peace again! =IXAXAR, Holiday FL

4. REBUS 5 NI3 DIR

The natives all shouted out, "Look!" But Pierre Sonnerat, he mistook Their cries for a name So the creature became A "REBUS" (at least in his book). =ALF, Medford MA

- 5. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA [5 2 6] (A.C = NI2, D = NI3, F = NI2+
- A. Emergency measures are needed. I fear--I get the idea that danger is
- *B. I reckon I'd better hide under the sheet--A horrible giant seeks children
- *C. Men richer than Papa let bodyguards keep An eye out at night (thus a king gets his sleep).
- D. Do watch for the goblins that come in the night--They jump and say "Boo!" and then dance with delight;
- E. Then I can but tremble, all weak in the knees, Not daring to breathe (and afraid that I'll sneeze!).
- F. I only feel worse (oh, my poor aching head!) When Mama insists I have nothing to dread;
- If you are convinced you're a bogeyman's mark, It's only good sense to beware of the dark! =NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY
- 6. LETTER BANK 6: 7. 8. 9

The village tailor's choosy About the work he'll do: A take-in artist only. Some clients he'll eschew. Their EIGHT pinch cause they're SEVEN? He lets them out posthaste. The snooty verbal cutie puns "I've got no cloth to waist." The villagers grow grumpy; They're calling for his BASE. It's going to his head, they say, And also to his face. His stuck-up ways just gripe them; He feels he's oh, so fine. He turns down work with nose turned up; It's permanently NINE. =PANACHE, Culver City CA

7. REBUS *6 4 (*6 = NI3) 'NY

My New York friend is quite a flake, A SIX-FOUR PHRASE, make no mistake. =WAGSTAFF, Valley Stream NY

8. REBUS 8

NG/Y

I can't decide which tie to wear. I've made sixteen revisions. I don't know why I'm so intense About such WORD decisions.

=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

9. TRANSPOSAL 8

You cannot deny that my master is fright'ning:
I'm PRIME this Bordeaux before giving him some.
If he says it's tasty and I think it's garbage,
I'll praise it: the servant who FINE him is dumb.
=FRAKER. Toronto Heights OO

10. LETTER BANK 4; 4 5
(SMALL, BIG) (not MW phrase)
11. INTERLOCK 11
(ONE, TWO, WHOLE)

l never thought I'd see the day A BIG TWO I would be, But all the neighbors threatened that They'd call the SMALL on me. At least my schipperke is WHOLE, So when all's said and done, I can't complain, but if he slips, I'll send him back to *ONE! =WINKER, Chicago Heights IO

12. LETTER BANK 4; 3-1-3 (TWO = NI3)

Even when we first passed TWO While dancing a quadrille, I sensed that we were meant to be; I felt a magic thrill!

And when I saw her face, I asked To take her for a treat. We sipped the same ONE through two straws.

She'd swept me off my feet!
=MANGER, Buffalo Heights NO

13. REBUS 10 NI3+ (related word in 9C)

۵.

"Hey, Sharkey," I said, "can you give me a fin,
And ten more later on when we meet?"
"No, Frankie, I've said--no more REBUS, I'm through;
I got busted, I'm off of the street."
=ULKER, Enid Heights OO

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year!

14. TRANSPOSAL 9 (both NI3)

I spent a day with a Gallic miss.
I saw her rock collection.
"What kind of mineral is this?"
I asked, and then inspection
Revealed 'twas hard and crystalline,
Not rare--WORD ONE. Much later
We played piquet. She tried to win,
But my good luck was greater,
Because I drew WORD TWO galore
(And, just above, you'll find one
more).
=BLACKSTONE, Alstead NH

15. HOMONYM 6. 6

The sexton's helper was quite THERE, Amenable to learn, and grave. He cleaned and pressed the HERE with care, And swept the chancel and the nave. =1XAXAR, Holiday FL

16. CURTAILMENT 8

Gilbert the filbert (the colonel of nuts)
Once led a LONG that never had fought.
His MID? Spit and polish, but not blood and guts—
The daily SHORT pleasant, but discipline naught.
=POLLY, Sarasota FL

17. HOMONYM 8, 7

In days of old The Yanks were bold And won their PRIME most every year. They walked so tall

They walked so tall
They had to fall
The day of reckoning was near.

Then George came on DiMag was gone The Yankees never were the same.

The pride was gone
The team played on
But hardly ever won a game.

In days of old The Yanks were bold Their arrogance, no doubt, a sin.

Their FINE today
The price they pay
Their destiny, no more to win.
=PHIZZ, Mahwah NJ

18. THIRD-LETTER CHANGE 7

The angry knight in PRIMAL (high) Was locked in FINAL, there to sigh! =MICROPOD, Meredith NH

50. 78. X-2. EVITA--7-8!. 17. 22. 29. 46. 48. 53. 54. 59. 68, 70, 87, 94. GADJET--1, 29, 31, 46, 98, X-1! GECKO--4, 7, 8, 26, 29, 531, 82. HAP--4, 78, 93, 99. HART KING--1, 14, 15, 22, 31. 40. 71. F-2. X-1. X-2. IXAXAR--32!. 34, 59. 61. JO THE LOI-TERER--10, 59, 70, 82, 98, F-1. F-3, X-1. JOKER--1, 29, 46, 53, 54, 56, 59!, 82, F-1. JOPIQUIEM --87, X-1. JOT--7-8, 37, 44, 70, 83. 98. X-2. KREMLIN--9, 38, 59, 87. X-1! KUMOUAT--4, 84, 96!. 97. MERCURY--1, 12!, 22, 27, 72. MICROPOD--4, 29, F-1, F-4, X-2!, C-3. MINIMUS--4, 12, 26, 32, 46, 48, 53, 59, 94, 98, F-3, X-2. NEWROW--9, 53!, 54, 94, 95, 98, F-1. F-4. NIGHTOWL--16, 29, 45. 48, 53, 57, 59, 61, 70, 82, 93, X-1. NOLA--1. 22. 87. PANACHE--46. 69. 98. PASSERINA--29. 36. 461. 87. F-4. X-1. PEKOE/ DIAGRAPH--22. 29. 46. 53!. 87. X-2. PEN GWYN--9, 21, 31, 82!, 87. 93. PHILANA--7-8. 19. 29. 32, 36, 46, 531, 59, 66, 82, 87, X-1. QAQAQ--7-8, 10, 82, 84, 94. F-2!. Conventional Viewpoints. QUIP/POI/MUNRO--7-8, 38, 48. X-1! SIBYL--7-8, 13, 19, 28, 33, 35, 40, 41-42, 47, 53, 54, 65. 66. 82. 86. 87!. 98. X-1. TRAZOM--22, 35, 48, 53, 66, 82, 87. X-1. X-2. TREESONG--9, 19. 24, 31, 32, 351, 46, 53, 65, 94, X-2. TWISTO--14, 25, 27, 40, 59, 68. WAGSTAFF--7-8, 45, 47, 56. 59, 78, 82, 87, X-1. WINDJAMMER --7-8, 22, 46, 531, 67, X-1. WOODIE--4. 14. 84. 87, X-1. XMAS TREE--22. 29, 37, 46, 53!, 82, 91. F-4.

OCTOBER SOLUTIONS

1. an-tipsy-cho-tics 2. redo; odder, eroded, ordered, dodderer 3.ivresse, revises 4. attache, panic, attic, panache 5. turnabout 15; F,air,Play 6. tit for tat 7. REVISED version 8. D-e-ep River 9. NIche, MIasma, ETYmon 10. prose; cut E 11. durace-ll 12. surface 13. beware, wee bear 14. Naples, sleep apnea 15. canoeman [name on a C] 16. S, wee T, N low 17. precis 18. M in eS, T; R on E 19. o-pacified 20. cigarets, agrestic 21. incense 22. a B,L ended perfect 0 23. ash-tray 24. Benday [bend a Y] 25.

sh-udder 26. proofreader, lock. Prufrock, lieder 27. h/l-amster 28. ho, U here 29. bel-a-ted 30. I'm P; R is one D 31. Es top page 32. wrinkle, rink, heed, wheedle 33. to-ma-to 34. gar-ban-zo 35. petcock 36. bur ma-rig-old 37. jeroboam; jerboa, om 38. h/l-amster 39. postcenal; spectacle stones 40. on the tip of M.Y: T on G: U.E 41. Su-Danes-e 42. angst, gnats 43. no see U.M.S 44. Hot; P late 45. mattress, smart set 46, back Harry. hackberry 47. Voltaire, Il Trovatore 48. p-i-leated 49. costumer 50. in DU, S try 51. discon S, O late 52. met had one 53. sawbuck, bucksaw 54. w/c-reaked 55. teiids, tidies 56. I dropped in on H,E,R 57. void of course 58. Nancy, 9C 59. enamour, rue anemone 60. so/h-uffle 61. a slut nixes sex in Tulsa 62. a pair of virginals 63. tr-aged-y 64. star table: Achernar; R at or 65. first B as E, second B as E, third B as E, short S top 66. danger signal, landing gear's 67. walt-zed 68. sepia, Pippa Passes 69. o-r/k-ra 70. the dual and triple eN; ten Tes 71. summarize, summerize 72. alnager, teeter, alter, teenager 73. port E, rho use 74. no March [one of R months] 75. teasing, teething 76. the rebus has KS 77. pair-bond, bear pond 78. blacknose [black NOs] 79. neonate [eta, no eN] 80. the part Y; S.R.E united 81. subsid-i-es 82. test ban, best tan 83. s-muggles 84. the Republican National Convention in New Orleans 85. Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory [cf. the MMPI: UNIVERSITY MENTAL TEST: OPINION-HIT A NORMAL PSY-CHE Sep 1983] 86. rest in peace 87. Ralph Waldo Emerson 88. The "Yellow Submarine" Beatles' pedestrian [cf. NEEDS A TRIP Sep 1980, I'D STEP NEAR Nov 1967, DARE STEP IN Mar 1936, STEP IN DEAR Jul 1936] 90, the memorial gardens 91. a near miss 92. business before pleasure [cf. LABOR ERE I SEE BESS, SUP, FUN Dec 1934] 93. "When shall we three meet again.. "94. the hearing aid [cf. a hearing aid I HEARD AGAIN Aug 1964, Dec 1950] 95. the world's oldest profession 96. The Last Temptation of Christ 97. Tucker: The Man and His Dream 98. Hot Money by Dick Francis 99-100. hesitation 101. Cortina 102. "A poor, infirm, weak,

SEPTEMBER SOLVERS

The September Enigma had 99 flats, 5 forms, 7 crypts, and 4 extras: 63 solution lists were received. JOKER/MANGIE, NIGHT-OWL/HAP, PHILANA/MERCURY, SIBYL/ TREESONG. TRAZOM and WINDJAMMER/ QAQAQ had completes: EVITA and WAGSTAFF had flat completes.

Flat #16 was withdrawn at the request of its composer. The ingenious #58 was reassigned to KU status because its rubric treatment is not covered in the present guidelines.

Accepted: #1--LET US (2) and MAY WE (6) for LET ME: #66--SOULFRE for FUROLES (1): LOATHES (9); #92--INSISTER (11); #93--SCRIBENDI CACOETHES (5) [an NI2 entry]; F-5--AHMEDI for AHMADI (8).

Not Accepted: #18--DUNGBIRD #46--SOFT for HARD (3) [quartz is rated a 7 on the 1-10 Mohs' hardness scale]; #57--TART, RAT-A-TAT (15) [TART, with its repeated letter, cannot be the baseword for a letter bankl: #66--FOREMEN. FORMENE (2) [this is a letter shift]: #67--CREATES (4) [phonetic reading?]. -- PHILANA, Solution Editor, Judy

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ABACUS 43-1-0-0; ACORN 53-2-4-3: AJAX 23-0-0-0: AL GEBRA 84-0-0-0; ANN DHOW 35-4-4-3; AVIDAN 96-*-*-3; BAMBAM 28-0-1-0; BAN-TERWEIGHT 28-0-1-2; BEAGLE (L) 64-4-1-*: BERYL 0-0-*-0; BLACK-STONE 94-*-6-3; CORN COB 45-3-3-2: CRATAEGUS 65-1-0-*; DADA 47-*-*-*: DEE SWEET 48-0-1-2: DIKDIK 18-0-0-0; DIRTY JACK 11-0-0-0; EBEAM 60-2-0-2; ELGAR 82-*-0-*: EN 66-4-*-3: ERGO 73-2-1-*; EVITA *-0-0-0; GADJET 67-3-2-3; GECKO 85-2-0-3; HART KING 59-4-3-*: HONEYDEW 78-*-1-*: IXAXAR 21-0-1-1: JAELTI 44-2-1-2; JERG 74-0-0-0; JO THE LOITERER 75-*-1-*: JOPIQUIEM 56-2-1-3: JOT 90-*-*-*: KELLY 31-0-0-0: KREMLIN 84-*-1-*: KUMOUAT 8-0-0-1; LARRY 35-0-1-2; LOLITA 90-*-*-*: LOOPHOLE (L) 45-0-2-3; MAB 32-0-0-0: MICROPOD 66-4-6-3: MINIMUS 92-*-2-*; NEWROW 74-*-2-*: NOLA 59-0-0-0: PANACHE 61-0-1-0: PASSERINA 59-4-0-3: PEKOE/ DIAGRAPH 89-4-4-*: PEN GWYN 571-4-3: PHILHELLENE 63-0-1-2: PHIZZ (L) 31-0-3-0: OUTP/POT/ MUNRO 97-*-1-*: ROY 14-0-0-1: SOUIRREL 90-0-*-3: TWISTO 69-*-0-*: VIRGINIA 18-0-0-2: WAGSTAFF *-*-0-*: WOODIE 92-4-0-*: XMAS TREE 90-*-*-3.

SOLVING FREQUENCY/NUMBER OF KU-DOS/TOP KUDOS: 1-37/7/1, 2-41, 3-37. 4-22/7. 5-51/1. 6-22. 7-20/9+2/1+0, 8-21/9+2/1+0, 9-47/5, 10-42/4, 11-54, 12-14/2/1, 13-44/1. 14-48/3. 15-55/2. 16-*/1, 17-39/1, 18-38, 19-33/5. 20-32/1, 21-53/1, 22-52/11, 23-32, 24-29/1, 25-56/1, 26-24/2, 27-48/3, 28-48/2, 29-38/12, 30-56, 31-50/5, 32-49/6/1, 33-31/2, 34-60/1, 35-33/3/1, 36-52/6, 37-51/3, 38-46/4, 39-35, 40-53/3, 41-31/1+0, 42-41/1+1, 43-55, 44-19/1. 45-23/2, 46-34/17/1. 47-20/3, 48-18/6, 49-52, 50-37/1, 51-50, 52-44, 53-23/15/6, 54-34/5, 55-46, 56-20/2, 57-18/1, 59-30/10/1, 60-55/1, 61-37/2, 62-24, 63-24/1, 64-52, 65-56/2, 66-10/3, 67-28/2, 68-40/3, 69-45/1. 70-44/6, 71-53/2, 72-59/1, 73-33, 74-11, 75-54, 76-49, 77-53, 78-42/6/1, 79-48/1, 80-47, 81-46/1, 82-26/11/1, 83-36/1, 84-16/4, 85-49/2, 86-51/1, 87-33/17/1, 88-51, 89-45/1, 90-55, 91-44/1, 92-57, 93-19/4, 94-41/6, 95-35/1, 96-49/2/1, 97-59/1. 98-36/7. 99-57/1. 100-51, 101-42. FORMS: 1-26/4, 2-36/2/ 3-30/2, 4-32/4, CRYPTS: 1-42, 2-24, 3-25/2, 4-16, 5-20, 6-17/2, 7-14/1/1. EXTRAS: 1-43/18/5, 2-29/8/1, 3-45. 4-40. ADDITIONAL KUDOS: Conventional Viewpoints-*/1. [numbers preceding +s are multipart kudos/top kudosl [* = no frequency tabulated]

SEPTEMBER FAVORITES (! means top favorite): ACORN--46, 60, 85. 93, X-1. AJAX--84, 87. AL GEBRA--1!. 10. 15. 20. 22. 38. 68. 70. 78. ANN DHOW--22. 70. AVIDAN--4, 7-8, 19, 46, 53, 54, 67, 81, 87, C-6. BANTERWEIGHT--32, 47, 78, 85, X-1! BERYL--C-7! BLACKSTONE--7, 8, 31, 37, 42, 53, 79, 87, CORN COB--9, 32, 36, 38, 46, 78!, X-1. DADA--5, 19, 22, 29, 36, 71, 96, C-3, C-6. DEE SWEET--10, 27, 29, 36, 46, 87, 89, X-1! EBEAM--28, 33, 46, 48. 63. 87. 94. ERGO--1. 36. 46.

19. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA [9 4] NI3 (A, B = N13; D = two words. found under second; E = NI2+)

1988

- A. Diners eat green-colored lettuce; the hue Is mermaid, or celadon...spray green, sav vou?
- B. One of the ketones, with violet smell--Or is that imperial? Plum? Who's to tell?
- C. I'd select fuchsia to darn my torn socks; Won't slip up and use purple orchid or phlox.
- D. Artists, to some degree, mix up their tints: They're stirring their serpentines in with their mints.
- E. Notice my tie; would you say that it's puce? Or average garnet? Or wine? What's the use?

Stronger than alesan, French beige, blush, cork; Darker than alesan, blush, Lighter than French beige--for cork, slightly so,

And cork's not as red.

Redder than alesan (though just a tad). Ditto for French beige, you see. Blush is just somewhat less vellow. it's true--

"Light brown," the def said? =JAQ THE QATERER, New Planta NA

20. REBUS 4-6-4-3 (Reading uses NI3 word)

FL WL

I do attract the REBUS type, It seems I have the knack. His hearty greeting oft includes A pounding on my back. =MERLIN, Bismarck ND

21. LINKADE 10

My niece, a little ONE, ENTIRE Until we grant her heart's desire--To sing what she considers "jive" (This child is just four months past five!). My Sis and I, while sipping TWO, Wonder what we ought to do. We sing to her some simple THREE.

She bawls. Her Ma and I agree, No matter what we do or say. Our sprite must always have her way. Please send your telephone numbers =IFANDOR, St. Petersburg FL

22. ENIGMATIC REBUS 3 5-2 4 DIKDIK

Say, Dikdik, did you ever read The "Katzenjammer" comic page? Each week, it had some prankish deed

That threw the Captain in a rage. But Mama, she would alway nix Attempts to give her brats the blame.

Though Hans and Fritz had pulled those tricks,

Were those bad boys just ANSWER NAME

Whose minds had not got values straight?

(Or could it be, some later date. They'd both be locked up by the state?) =ULK, Enid OK

23. REPEATED-TRIGRAM DELETION 9. *3 (BIG, SMALL)

24. REBUS 9 NI3 (SUBJECT) REBUS 9 NI3 (TOPIC)

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I imported to Israel whisk ferns that grow in heat tropic. But at the SMALL Airport, they balked.

"Those BIGs are infected with plant rust called SUBJECT or TOPIC." So out of SMALL Airport I stalked. =NEWROW, Brookline MA

25. DOUBLE-CROSS *8, 4, 6, *6 (ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR) (TWO = NI3)

Travel is broadening (waistline and hips!):

In London I doted on whitefish and chips.

Then off to Norway--each tasty ONE

I sampled (again, I just reveled in fish!).

Next trip--to Africa, land of fierce TWO:

I ate spicy food till I almost turned blue!

Then in the South of the old U.S.A., Some garlicky THREE was the catch of the day.

Finally, Boston -- I love those baked beans

And steaming FOUR pudding (I'm splitting my jeans!). =NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY

to Hudu for the 1989 Directory!

26. DELETION 8 (DONKEY = NI3)

"Officer, you must believe us: A UFO, a sort of wee bus, But much longer--a cigar shape--And an alien--like a marsh ape--Were in our backyard!"

(It is midnight, and this crackpot Thinks he's hit some cosmic jackpot..) "He is wrong, that was no monkey! And its ship was rather DONKEY Back in our backyard."

(That's his wife. It's getting hokey. If there's one thing that I DO-KEY It's witnesses that are not straight.) "You've been drinking, it is late. What you'll see, when you're more stable,

Is a mower and a table
 There in your backyard."
=HOT, Berkeley CA

27. PHONETIC REBUS 8 NI3

NO NO

Dear Joker, I'm stuck on your 78; I don't know what's wrong with your pitiful date. Is she victim of some sort of blithering fright, Or a sad little fruit with a withering blight? Nosologic (noes, o, lo! Gee, I see)? Not nice. Or nonoscine (no no seen)? No soap and no dice. There's a synapse unsnapped in my shriveling brain And a string of completes going right down the drain. Serendipity! Searching, I've found me a find. A word that's a NO NO: I'll keep it in mind. No, no--I'll forget it--my mind's a disgrace; I'd best write a NO NO in some safer place. Well, here's a file folder with bases galore. It's just bulging with NO NOs.

28. DELETION 8 (PRIMAL hyphenated)

Here's one NO NO more.

=SIBYL, North Hollywood CA

I couldn't solve the cryptogram.
I called my good friend Joe;
He is the finest cipherer of anyone
I know.
He PRIMAL me a lot of hints, but
none of them would work.
Turned out that he had FINAL methe good-for-nothing jerk.
=MANGIE, Buffalo NY

29. HOMONYM 7, 9

Jonah brought his heel down hard Upon the glass. (It shattered Into smithereens, of course, Since glass is ONE.) What mattered Most was that it now was time To celebrate. (So noisy Was the TWO that it was heard As far away as Boise!) =DAZ, Berkeley CA

30. SUBER 4--1 3 3! 1 *5 (reading uses non-MW meaning of a word)

They blamed me for changing their luck.

It wasn't my fault we got stuck
In shallower waters than mapped.

It wasn't my fault we got zapped
By tempests as soon as we sailed.

It wasn't my fault: hell, I bailed
As much, if not more, than the rest
When we sprang that leak. They
detest
Ill omens they said and the next

Ill omens, they said, and the next Occurrence was surely a TEXT, They called me, so now I'm on land, While they're out there, seining as planned.

planned. = O THE LOITERER, New Providence N !

31. CHARADE 7 NI3 (SHORT, LONG)

In Llareggub, on Christmas morn, The cock has crowed, in mood forlorn.

The singers SHORT their voices, strong;
Attention from the town, they LONG.
This TOTAL is the ancient way
They usher in the Christmas day.

32. TRANSPOSAL 7 (FIRST = NI2+)

= IXAXAR, Holiday FL

He adored her—her smile,
the FIRST in her cheek.
Her perfume, her glance, her
soft touch left him weak.
They must marry, he willed.
(How quickly he'd act!)
She assented, they
kissed, at once SECOND their pact.
=CORN COB, Snow Camp NC

33. REBUS 10

MOO

Hey diddle diddle,
The cat and the fiddle,
The cow jumped over the moon.
Without any air
(There's no SOL up there)
She died, so let's finish this tune.
=EBEAM, Dorchester MA

82. VERSION THREE, I
3 [2-8] NI2
=KREMLIN, North Massapequa NY

83. DEFINE AND MESH ROOT, CAR.
ROW, AIRS, ETC.
*3 *8 *9 *10
=SATELLITE. Pinehurst NC

- 84. OR, I CHARTED NOTES
- 85. O. CAN GET US MIRED!
- 86. HM...STABLE FOR THEE 4 2 *9 = AB STRUSE, New York NY
- 87. NEEDS LAD, GIRL, HORSE, REINS.
 YO! *5 *8'1 "*6 *4"
 =DIRTY JACK, Palm Beach Gardens FL
- 88. TASKED: NATIONAL PROGRESS
 8 3 11 (current, not MW)
 =TWEASER, Shelbyville IN
- 89. A STRIVER, I (NI3 meaning) =DAZ, Berkeley CA
- 90. RIATA? LA! 1 6
- 91. AH, I'M SO ANCIENT *8 5

ANTIGRAMS

92. OR, I'M SOFT, SI? =ULK, Enid OK

- 93. REAL FUN, CHARM [7 5] N12
- 94. MALE COP NOW, I
- 95. O, CANNOT SAVE IT, SIR 1 15 =NOHOLDS BARD, Arlington VA

FORMS

F-1. SQUARE

1. A genus of Asiatic woody vines
2. Undergoing calcination 3. TLEECHANG (Singapore Tel. Dir.) 4.
One who glides on ice skates 5.
An ore of nickel (OED) 6. Things
that are inhaled 7. Extending
through a wall 8. The rubber tube
inside a pneumatic tire 9. Made
an attack
=AJAX, Goldens Bridge NY

F-2. DIAGAMORPH (3,3,6,4,4,8,5,5,5,10,6,6,6,6,12,7,7,7,7,7) (LEFT WINDMILL CASCADE)

1. Moray 2. Time 3. Small pet canine 4. Founder of Carthage 5. Heritable land among early Scandinavians 6. Niblick, e.g. 7. Barton, Red Cross founder 8. That part of a garment which is turned

back 9. Containing urea 10. The science of the motion of projectiles 11. Looked for 12. Nat can slave insurrectionist 13. Overlook 14. Sweetheart 15. Homeless transients (Web. New World Dict.) 16. Flowers 17. De Los Colombian river (TIG) 18. A dihyrdazone having the two hydrazone groups attached to two adjacent carbon atoms 19. Rosin spirit 20. Venetian coin of base metal 21. Members of an early Jewish cenobite order MERLIN, Bismarck ND

F-3. HALFSQUARE

1. Adje's surname 2. Nails used in finishing work 3. Conditions of sluggards 4. Commercial hundredweight# 5. More ridiculous 6. Raring to go 7. Wire#* 8. Irwin Stein 9. OK grades 10. Capital of Zaire? =QAQAQ, Atlanta GA

F-4. ENNEAGON

1. Whole step above G 2. Dialect of Akan 3. Men's names (not MW) 4. Adje's surname 5. Condition of speaking words so badly as to seem to have one's own language 6. Act of aiding oneself without dependence on others 7.Girl surfers (12W) 8. River in Ireland (Rand McNally New Intl. Atlas) 9. Chile (Ital., NI2) 10. Defeats in a stunning, decisive way (12W) = 10 THE LOITERER, New Providence N

F-5. INVERTED PYRAMID

ACROSS 1. Arachne and Nafstem's pride and joy (Sep Enigma, p. 3) 2. Meat dish 3. Floors 4. Vulgar contraction 5. Horse 6. Symbol for inductance DOWN 1. Phosphorus 2. While 3. Periods of prosperity 4. Strip of wood 5. Creaking sound 6. Housetop sight 7. Attract 8. Nerve network #* 9. International Bible Students: abbr 10. Plural suffix 11. 50 = JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

F-6. PENTAGON

1. in point (2 wds., not MW)
2. Make of Chevrolet (not MW) 3.
The United States 4. Moslems hostile to Crusaders 5. Smaug 6. Living in the open sea 7. Feminine nickname 8. Algonquian Indian 9. Inspirational beginning?

=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

70. HETERONYM 5 5, *10

The hunters were in hot pursuit Of animals quite rare. On orders from the London Zoo, They caught a handsome pair.

The beasts, who weighed two thousand pounds. Were whisked away by air. Confined in PHRASE that stifled

And gave them quite a scare.

The London press was all agog; They named the female Claire, Then held a contest for the male. To choose his name with care.

A doctor picked the winning name Of SINGLE WORD -- so there! The toothy mates can now be seen Afloat within their lair. =O. GAW. Cincinnati OH

71. REBADE 6, 6, 5, 5

PACEL S

The Pacers' center once was hot. At six feet one, a THIRD he's not, But always LASTed up and on his toes.

No more; though still he isn't reckoned

Among the featherbedding SECOND, The damage from his recent habit shows:

He's not performing up to snuff. I think the reason's clear enough-That isn't FIRST he's putting up his nose.

=TREESONG, West Chester PA

72. HETERONYM *5 4 7 4. 4. 6 4: 5'1 5 2 2 7 2 4 6

Our leading newsmen gather to discuss a monster tale: Godzilla! It is in New ONE supplied by dear old Yale.

They've been accused of gross ill-will directed toward the creature ---

They TWO to do it harm, but much prefer to do a feature. =NEWROW, Brookline MA

73. ENIGMA

Buttocks, toilet, jail -- oh, gee! You'll find together, in 9C, These awful terms defining me. Three letters long am I - that's all: Do they just do that 'cause I'm small? =ULK, Enid OK

74. REBUS [7 8] NI3

TD CHR

A weed, I can't be faddish; My cousin is a radish. I'm also a Eurasian. For me you've no occasion. =MICROPOD, Meredith NH

75. TRANSPOSAL 7

In FIRST of white the muezzin must nimself array Before he climbs the SECOND five times every day. =MANGIE. Buffalo NY

76. TRANSPOSAL 3 4, [3 4], 7

ONE decorations on the Christmas tree.

We use a lot of little TWOs, which we Have painted, some in silver, some

They come from local THREEs and aren't sold. =IXAXAR, Holiday FL

ANAGRAMS

77. GRAND TIME: YE VOTE BUSH, EH? *7. *8 6

78. NO GRUDGE...HE IS BEST REP. *9 *6 *4

79. COME! "BON" PASTRIES! [*6 5 4] NI3 =TE-ZIR-MAN, Elmont NY

80. ANAGRAM "*9 *8"

THE OLDER SONG I NAME: Glenn Miller gave it fame. =LARRY, Mason MI

81. HE'S A TOP CRITTER 3 11 =PANACHE, Culver City CA

Shrdlu sent in the following anagrams from Spy Magazine, relating to personalities familiar in the New York City area:

TAWANA BRAWLEY We war at Albany

MIKHAIL GORBACHEV Ho! Ha! Glib maverick Ha! Big evil charm, OK?

LEONA M. HELMSLEY Lame money shell

LEONA HELMSLEY My lease on Hell 34. CHARADE 10 (PRIMAL, MEDIAL, FINAL; ALL) HETERONYM 10 (ALL, ALL TOLD)

She came to the detective teary-eved. "That PRIMAL man, an ALL TOLD actor, wooed Me fervently. He swore I'd be his bride. And he my FINAL. Now it seems the shrewd Deceiver never loved me, not a bit.

He wouldn't even ALL our marriage! Brash Seducer that he was, he's up and split. Taking a huge MEDIAL of cash!"

=TRAZOM, Berkeley CA 35. SEVENTH-LETTER CHANGE 8

(TWO = NI3+)

The ladies of the club Just garden (never grub), Attend uplifting ONE. Deplore all bawdy fun. Give alms with chilly hands (No TWO; aloof each stands). Bad cess to all of these Self-righteous pharisees. =HAP, Rochester NY

36. REBUS 12 5

ABCFGHDIIKLMNOPORSTUVWXYZ

I beg your pardon, sir, but I Believe you wish a fight. Your comments have been bellicose And full of vicious spite.

The TOTAL of your last remark, Belligerent, I'd say, Has angered me beyond control; Come on and make my day! =MERLIN, Bismarck ND

37. REBUS 8

A. Treesong hates three-part AEs. This is not such; therefore Tree's

Signal Brighton

- B. Bewildered, phones co-solver Sibyl Who says that the Chicago Trib'll
- E. Reveal the answer. Sorry, team; Your hope is just a wishful dream.

Pick up your REBUS phone, please do: 871-6562. =WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL

38. TRANSPOSAL 9

He can't write EPICS, movies, plays--He's tried to, once or twice. He can't write odes--just Hallmark verse. The word for him is "SPICE". =WAGSTAFF, Valley Stream NY

39. REBUS [4 3 5 4 3 5] NI2

Not Insanel Ebeam

Enjoy a rebus as I do? Like rubrics having noms of Krewe? Then here, you see, we get to KEY; This flat should please both you and me. =ULK, Enid OK

40. SECOND-SOUND CHANGE 8. *8 (ONE = NI3)

Stop chasing me! Please go away! I know it's me vou want! You follow me most every day--Why is it me you haunt? Because of you, I'm on the run-Why do you do this? Why? (Sure, you might claim that you're just ONE, But you're the freaks, not !!) You're making my life hell! I'll go And hide out in the TWO! In France, the mountains there might stow Me out of reach of you! =QAQAQ, Atlanta GA

41. SPOONERGRAM 3 *9 5: 4 *7 4 (*7 = non-MW usage)

Too many TWO (his favorite brew) In Memphis, Knoxville, Dickson--Now in the clink, with time to think, He hears, "You've had your kicks, 'n' You'll find of ONE, this one's least fun--

Our lawmen aren't dumb hicks, son!" =NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY

42. LAST-LETTER CHANGE *6, *6 (neither MW, but familiar)

Are network executives missing a winner? In their quest for high ratings, they ought to consider Geraldo ONE, an intrepid reporter, Along with Joan TWO (she's such a great kidder). =PAP NDROME, Las Vegas NV

43. TRANSPOSAL 9

Lord, save me from ONE with my leep! The TWO submit bills far too steep! =MAB, Many Farms AZ

44. REBUS [7 7 3 5] (THAT) 45. REBUS 3 [6 4] (THIS) (ING rubric belongs to THAT)

I never was much good at THAT, ING

But you must be to solve this flat. In business you should never miss At keeping both your eyes on THIS.

1988

=AL GEBRA, Pinehurst NC.

46. TRANSPOSAL 7 (LIME = N13+, MILE = N13)

Soup's on! Bring your bowls; We've got plenty to please, Such as MILE made with bacon And cabbage and cheese.

Dig in! Salad's next, With fresh herbs, such as LIME (That's a hairy blue-flavored One), basil, and thyme. =JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

47. FOURTH-LETTER CHANGE 7. *3 *4 (FINE not MW, but familiar)

A Tiger, a Lion, a Piston, a FINE May be found in the burg called Detroit.

Yes, all may be classed as sports heroes of mine.

And, as athletes, each one is adroit. (Say, did you ever feel there's been many a time When a number of puzzles of mine

needed PRIME?) =SAKRY, Milson II

48. REVERSAL 4

The FORWARD sat upon the throne Inside the palace of Malay. A servant came to make it known A visitor was on her way.

In came a harlot from Iran (She was, in fact, the FORWARD's son

Who dressed up as a courtesan To trick his father, just for fun).

"O, Prince," said s/he, "this gift please take." The FORWARD did, but feared the

worst. He screamed (it was a rubber snake) And ran out, leaving door REVERSED. =FRAZ, Toronto ONTARIO

49. CHARADE 8

Let us recall the scenes now ONE: The hedgerows green and flowering, The unpolluted air, the gentle sun. The countryside in early Spring--A TOTAL paradise that is no more, Within the home, the warmth of kin, The friendly knocking at the door, The sound of harp or violin Or else piano played, with songs to sing, The lovely meal that Ma would cook, The after-dinner gathering,

The TWO recital from the book.

=IXAXAR, Holiday FL

50. PHONETIC REBUS [6 5] 12W-

SHOA E

I'm really so tired of sauce bearnaise And couscous prepared by a man in a fez: Just stir me some garlic with spices and soy For far Eastern REBUS on rice. then enjoy! =MICROPOD, Meredith NH

51. CHARADE 10 NI2 (LAST = inferred form of NI3 meaning)

Will Mister Bush FIRST Mike this fall. Or will Dukakis win? It's all Uncertain who is FIRST for us. It LASTs my brain, this fine Though choose I must in several days, I WHOLE the fence; I lean both =BESANTIUS, Omaha NE

52. SPOONERGRAM 5 4: 4 -- 3'1

My aunt can't play in ONE and will transpose all hymns in E or A, But no one dares to TWO the only organist they've got to play. =ULK. Enid OK

53. REBUS *9 NI3 (reading uses NI3 word)

A helpful tome is NI3--Check it out, and you will see That with this sol it's time for tea In Princeton, Hackensack, Fort Lee.

If all you have is NI2. Little help is there for you; The sol is there, but vaguer clue: U.S. shrub will have to do. =NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY

54. METATHESIS 4

In Washington, our Congress waits To see what Ron will do: Will Reagan ONE to pass the bill Or exercise his TWO? =MAYDAY, Brooklyn NY

55. CHARADE 7

"Though ONE I'm TWO, I used to dwell in Limbo--really ALL," Said Abraham on high--or is my doctrine off the wall?--"A harrowing, hard rescue from a most annoying fall." =SIBYL, North Hollywood CA

56. REBUS [12-5]

Remember youthful days in school When ALL of varied shade Was pinned up all around the room With drawings you had made? =MERLIN, Bismarck ND

57. WORD DELETION 6

"You ALL me with your thrilling get-togethers When ours are just so-so. What do you do?" At this approach, the hostess preened her feathers, "I make my list, then ONE, dear girls, more TWO!" =TUT (1923-1980)

58. CHARADE *9 (THIRD = NI3; ALL not MW, but current)

Towels marked SECOND and FIRST are displayed There in the--THIRD--salle de bain of the Dodger star's house, Whence the assumption might rightly be made That ALL's got a girlfriend or possibly even a spouse. =MANGIE, Buffalo NY

59. REBUS 5-6

Oh. Dapper Dan has twenty brands of STUFF. This means his hapless wife has not enough Free space to store her makeup and shampoo. I think they ought to get a larger loo. =WINDIAMMER, Chicago IL

60. LETTER BANK 6: [4 2 4], 11

The plums were delicious; against your known wishes I ate them (yum, yum), FOUR TWO FOUR every SIX. They tasted like heaven. I'm wholly ELEVEN. Regret what I've done? Uh-uh, no way, nope, nix. =PANACHE. Culver City CA

61. REBUS 6 2 6 DF*R

When you boil lobsters. "CLUE" Is quite likely to be true. =NEWROW, Brookline MA

62. REVERSAL 5

The barefoot boy with cheek of tan Wears hat of ONE with ragged brim; He knows spunk-water will remove All TWO and other growths from him. =POLLY_ Sarasota FL

63. LETTER BANK 2 3, 12 (ONE not MW, but common phrase)

"Renounce your hedonism!" they implored, but it was ONE. I've pledged my life to food, to TWO, to drinking, and to fun. =TRAZOM, Berkeley CA

64. BEHEADMENT 6

The contrast 'tween the TINY cave And that ENORMOUS beach Had blinded him. A sudden wave Swept him beyond our reach. The poor doomed nature-lover gave A quite horrendous screech! =HAP. Rochester NY

65. PHONETIC REBUS 7

I know there are times when a gardener needs This toxic COMPLETE for the treatment of seeds. =IXAXAR, Holiday FL

66. TRANSPOSAL 7

Some folks shop with PRIME; I think that rather strange-Taking hours to cut, For just a FINE of change. =CORN COB. Snow Camp NC

67. REBUS 8 (rubric in a primary color)

I'm TOTAL with affection. I'm pampered and adored. She tries to heed my every need. So why am I so bored? =PHIZZ, Mahwah NJ

68. REBUS *4 *4 *5

SRY

Romeo and Juliet Updated on a Gotham set. =JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

69. TRANSPOSAL 8 (or 9+)

Why am I SECOND of that lass? Her cheerful FIRST and touch of class. =ALF, Medford MA