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SLOUCHING TOWARD CALIFORNIA

by Twisto

I had been thinking of Puzzledom's westward tilt for some time when, fortuitously, Uncanny blew in from Montana last December to show off her baby to her eastern kinfolk. The locals naturally gathered to see what an Iowa-born puzzler might have to offer, New Yorkers being a somewhat provincial lot with a pervasive but not malicious xenophobia. The answer? Plenty.

With both the editor and the president of the League ensconced beyond the Rockies—looking westward, of course—and with a multitude of solvers and constructors now encroaching on what was an Eastern monopoly for most of this century, there were reasons beyond paranoia for the record turnout at Uncanny's New York debut.

From the beginning of the twentieth century, when the Eastern Puzzlers' League changed its name to the National Puzzlers' League, to 1985, only twice was a convention held west of Cincinnati. The first breach came in 1941, the year that also gave us Pearl Harbor, when St. Louis played host to sixty-six conventioners. The second came seventeen years later, when Pasadena, California, for reasons not important here, played host. What is important, alas, is that only eleven puzzlers attended the 1958 meet, which marked the end of an era. The Pasadena Eleven, not to be confused with their neighbors, the Hollywood Ten, nor with the Rose Bowl teams that also met there, were all from California. And they were greeted, ironically, by Second Vice President Pacifico, who, as the only attending officer, assumed the chair. All other officers were easterners, and failed to attend.

Following the Pasadena fiasco—although actually some twenty percent of California's membership attended—New York was chosen for the 1959 convention. But in July of that year a mail survey showed that only one member was planning to attend, and the convention was cancelled. So no judgment regarding far-western inaccessibility would be fair.

Not until eighteen years later was another convention held, when Willz and Helene (nee Ginger Ella), organized the Princeton convention of 1976, ushering in the League's so-called modern era. Princeton ushered in, as well, a national expansion, a westward drift that one begrudging easterner dubbed the Californication of Puzzledom.

For shame!

My recent visit to California, feasting with the likes of Sibyl and Smaug and Hot and Trazom, followed by Uncanny's visit to New York, convinces me that there has been no depletion of western gold. Montana-based and only thirty-two, Uncanny is auric all the way. Participating joyfully in the puzzling at Val-U's house, she captivated us with her loveliness as well as her wit and acuity. Even the resident whiz kids failed to outperform her. An English teacher at Montana's College of Mineral Science and Technology, she has given ENIGMA some of the best written and cleverest of recent flats. And delightfully spicy. How many more such talents are there beyond the Appalachians? How do we reach them? There is no gathering storm here, but a gathering harvest. Let's get reaping.

William Butler Yeats fancied a beast half lion and half man, slouching ominously toward Bethlehem, forewarning a chaotic second coming. Poetic nonsense, Butler. That was the sphinx, half lion and half woman (get that gender right), our benign lady of Puzzledom, slouching toward California and bringing not chaos but another birth of good puzzling. There will be crowded conventions yet at golden spots like La Jolla and the islands in Puget Sound, and, pray tell, among the redwoods in Big Sur. So be it.

Some day, even, a latter-day Trazom will greet us with a less than innocent smile, welcome us again to the western shores, and express a firm resolve that perhaps every fourth convention might be held in the East.

NO, REALLY, WE'VE MOVED (See April, Page 4)

Hello from P.O. Box 82289, Portland OR 97282; thank you for your letters and good wishes. We're slowly recovering and minimally reorganized. This issue has to have been the most difficult one yet to produce; I hope it doesn't show too much. Mail is slow here—some letters have taken two weeks to arrive. So watch out.

CONVENTION SITES—NEW PROCEDURE

The Board has adopted this resolution by a 6-1 vote:

The Board of Trustees has the authority to review proposed sites for the annual convention, in order to promote the fairest possible distribution of conventions across the country. Bids to host the convention must be submitted to the Board at least 30 days before the business meeting: a vote at the business meeting will choose among approved bids.

THIS TIME, NEXT TIME

Twisto's article arrived before the Board vote; a ground swell of one? Tweaser should have the annual stats and Willz the convention highlights in June. The con reservations/payments are due by May 31. Fraz will include all necessary information in his confirming letter. Smaug and I appreciate your expressions of hope that we'll meet at the con; however, we can't get there from here. Next year, for sure.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Caroline Andrews, 111 Raglan Avenue #202, Toronto ON M6C 2K9
 Sylvia Devlin, 302 Walden Road, Sharpley, Wilmington DE 19803, has a gift sub from Renee Rosenberg, a friend of Pen Gwyn's.
 DOC J: Joan C. Young, 721 Lori Drive, Apt. 114, Palm Springs FL 33461, joined at the Stamford crossword tournament in March, where she placed second in the C division (see below).
 Elinor C. Glass, 3409 Peachwood Road, Knoxville TN 37921-1428
 Tom Jobe, 2304 Bittle Avenue, Maryville TN 37804, was a member about ten years ago.
 Kathy Kluger, 34 Ruby Street, Elmont NY 11003, has a gift sub from Wabbit.
 L.C. Mendoza, 1316 Lookout Street, Trail BC V1R 3P5, joined after getting a mini from Mangie.
 SHRINKO: Shari Gladstone, 68 Landview Drive, Dix Hills NY 11746

NOMS, NEWS

Eric Singel (Mar 91) is RICK. Mark Oerter (not Oerder) is ILLUMINATOR: "I decided it was providence when I opened the January issue and saw references to the Oak Ridge Boys and the Gershwins on page 4." He's a freelance lighting designer "(sporadic, meager income)", also a stage technician at an Atlantic City casino. "The day I got your magazine we opened a four-day run of The Oak Ridge Boys, after which we returned to our regular show, Gershwin's My One and Only . . . In light (I can never decide whether or not to apologize for puns) of my vocation, I have chosen the nom Illuminator [and hope it applies] to puzzles as well as stages." Uranus is now TAURUS: "Since I'm pretty fed up with people asking if my nom is accented on the penult or antepenult [it's oo-rah-NOCE, he notes], I've decided to abandon it. [Taurus] is only the Latin form of my original nom [An Tarbh] and doubtless it will be regularly mispronounced to sound like the topological doughnut, but there is no embarrassment in that!"

Senor received these notes with renewals. Ariel: "Thanks to Sibyl and you and all the Krewe who bring new challenges and enjoyment to me every

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month." Thank you; good to know. Penny: "The ENIGMA's been in my family's home since before 1905. My father, El Don, was a subscriber before he met my mother, later La Donna. A lotta years!"

Winners (as always, mostly Krewe) of the Stamford crossword puzzle tournament—or Spring NPL convention, as Treesong calls it: over forty Krewe there: A Division: 1. Coach, 2. George Henschel (formerly Publius), and 3. Sanit. B Division (entrants not in the top ten percent for the last three years): 1. Jo the Loiterer, 2. C'atty. C Division (not in the top forty percent in the last three years): 1. Liz Izenour, 2. Doc J. Good show!

Pebbles: "After 32 years of living in the US as resident aliens, my husband and I became citizens. We can't say it feels much different, although this might annoy some of our Canadian friends and relations (US ones too, maybe). Now we can do all those fun things like jury duty."

Dweeb telephoned to thank us all for ENIGMA's help in recent times. She is recuperating from a massive auto accident, "right side still encased in metal." And she's found our puzzles and (especially) Krewe news comforting and diverting. "Like family." Recover well, please!

Besantius: "I was called to active duty on February 7, and am currently working at Offutt AFB. Back in Omaha again! I should be released from active duty by mid-May. [Also,] a Yes vote on easy flats with no enumeration. Let's put some challenge in them!"

Ixaxar: "Since both the dragon and the oracle will hit the Oregon Trail with their treasure and their scrying means, this person deems it wise to hold off with his plethora of contributions . . . Among the casualties of this flux are the ten envelopes that I had already prepared with stamps and addresses for mailing to you. This has inspired a bit of verse (you'll recognize the parallel) titled 'The Folly of Being Efficient' [See below.] However, I could not resist sending you two flats that have current import [May 33 and 57. Note that 33 is a single palindromic word.] All this typing with the index finger of my left hand. My right fist still cannot be closed, although improving with therapy . . ." Get better, Ix.

Merlin and Delores, his wife, head for Boston at the end of tax season (he's a CPA); she's running in the Boston Marathon Patriots Day, April 15. They'll visit Merlin's solving partners, Eric and Junebug, whose baby, born March 23, is nommed Gus. (Hebrew name, Yitzhak [Isaac]; last name, Black; no first name yet. Middle name, Merlin.) Mazel tov, everybody!

MARCH FORMS

1.	2.	3.	4.			5.		
RANCH	JOEBIRD	B	AMASS	S	E	R	I	FORM
AMORE	ORDERER	AEH	MIMIC	E	G	E	D	E
NOVEL	EDOMITE	AMPOT	AMINO	R	E	FORM	E	R
CREAM	BEMUSES	STERRED	SINEW	I	D	E	A	L
HELMS	IRISINS	SPERONARA	SCOWL	FORM	E	R	L	Y
	RETENUE	GARRISONIAN						
	DRESSER	DESIGNERGENES						
		DEMIGODDESSHIP						

THE FOLLY OF BEING EFFICIENT by IXAXAR

One that is ever kind said yesterday:
"Your well-arranged designs now go astray,
And many changes in them now arise;
Time can but make it easier to be wise,
Though now it seems impossible, and so
All that you need's revision."

Mind cries, "No,
I have not a crumb of comfort, not a grain.
Time can but make a change, a change again.
O mind! O mind! Were you omniscient,
You'd know the folly of being efficient."



6.

WULLAWINS
ENEAGERS
DISMARK
ONSALE
VIERS
ETES
RIS
TA
AHT
ALEE
FREM
TERMIN
FINEAXE
DEMENSES
DAGESTANS

AFTERNOTES

Jan 66 (NOMENCLATURE) and Mar 2 (COGNOMEN)—There are no men among the rubrics' noms. March page 10 (form sols): Jan F-1 is a rhomboid (you knew that!); adjust the lines accordingly, please. Mar F-5—Newrow: 'To paraphrase Thurber, we have Danish reference books like some people have cats. I send you p. 526 of the Dansk Konversations Leksikon, which trumpets Hans Egede (and his son, Next Entry Egede) as a 'no. priest . . . af da. slaegt [family], where 'no.' is Norwegian and 'da.' is Danish. So . . . everybody's a little right—besides, in 1686 in Scandinavia, it was very dark and hard to tell."

APRIL CORRIGENDA AND ADDENDA

R-20—by Magnei. Page 5, that's Beacon, formerly Deacon, doing stand-up. Page 6: Nonmention of other faiths (it was Ramadan, for heaven's sake!) was unintended. 20—FOUR is +. 26—Consonantcy: two or more words or phrases, all entries, with the same consonants in the same order, and any number of vowels (TYPE, UTOPIA). 48—No matter what you've heard, the tag is correct: just one abbr. 57—If the NI3 def bothers you, call this NI2 usage; it's Chambers' only usage. Wabbit mentions that one commonly hears "a French mother yelling to her kid, 'Mets ton FIRST, Jean!'" 66—I'm told MM wasn't to be found there—nearby, though. 69—All IN letters are capped. 75—Part B has an abbr. C-7—GHXMCV to GHMVCV. Feb KU sols: 1) thick-souped, Oedipus the Duck; and 2) the acrostical enigma.

MAY NOTES

Thanks to Philana, as always, for test-solving; and once again to Trazom, for last-minute checking and proofing.

Probably easier than most: 3, 6, 9, 13, 15, 16, 19, 30, 32, 34, 38, 39, 44, 46, 47, 48, 53, 57, 65, 66, 71. You'll find more.

4—Trazom: "My Nov 18 met with some mild and not entirely unjustified criticism in GotS, which I have taken as an excuse for this not entirely sincere recantation." 9, 40, 49—Ulk/Joker. 14—Send in the 6 even if you don't have the 4. 20-21—Welcome to Sand Dollar; more to come. 23—Doc is not serious. 29—Trash: "With a one-gun salute to March 63." "Loew's" is pronounced LOW-ees in the east. 42—A prescient Noah, to have used this term. 45—Mr. Tex: "No hope, not a glimmer—this flat can't be grimmer." 53—Wabbit: "'Poutine' (poo-TIN—or if you really want to be slangy, poo-TSIN and leave your tongue stuck between your teeth as you finish saying it) is a French-Canadian concoction of greasy French fries and bits of yellow cheese swimming in brown gravy. Obviously an acquired taste."

55—Enigmatic? Sort of. 58—To be enumerated next month. 60-61—Sibyl/Tweaser. What a lot of puns on my little bases! I changed a word and expect to find it was another pun. 62—Wabbit/Mangie. Nice rubric initials. 68—Qaqaq: "You gotta admit, trying these rhymes takes guts. (Or gall.) As to the rubric: the example is not MW, though the idea is." 73—Amazing, no? Talon points out that while each line uses all the letters, it's the total of the lines—the whole story—that's apposite. His notes will be printed with the sol. [*7 *6] is 9C; [*4 2 3 *8] is NI2. 75—Quoted, says Harvey, "as this has to have been a saying before it became known in other media forms." (Can be italicized, all words capped.) C-7—Keep 12W handy. F-1, F-2—The first rectangles in a great many years; Qaqaq was inspired while consulting Real Puzzles for his Guide article. X-2—Fraz/Wabbit.

..... We're nearly out of crypts (send to Alf) and forms (to Senor, who also gets renewals). Treesong gets cryptic crosswords; I get all other puzzles, also SASES for mini-samples (free) and back-issue requests (\$1.00 each).

APRIL HINTS

22—Involves an appellation. 75—Line 2 has a clue and not a typo. There are straight and punning clues to *10, 93, 91, 90, 85, 96, 94, 91, 93, 94, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

P E N E T R A L I A

"... hidden things or secrets."
Solution words and phrases not in 9C (9th Collegiate) are labeled for the most recent Merriam-Webster dictionary in which they appear: 12W (collected NI3 Addenda), NI3, NI2 Add., or NI2. Non-MW words are noted. Tags: + means slang, foreign, obs., arch., dial., etc. * means capitalized. MW phrases may be [bracketed] in anagrams and flat types where non-MW phrases are allowed.

Send solution lists to PHILANA, Judy Adamski, 2507 Almar, Jenison MI 49428. They must be received by June 25.

1. PALINDROME (22nd word is NI3)

-O- *-*-A, -O --A-E -A--E-- I-
A-A-E-IA, -A-E, -A- -O--E-, I-E-,
A- -E-A-O-. A-E--, A -E-I-E- -O-
-A-E -A-, AI-E- A -A-I--E-,
-A-E- A--O- A- --O-.

A mistress and a Mrs., miffed at
much miseducation,
Once invited in a master to rank
teachers at their school.
At a potluck, this preceptor
publicized his presentation
And provoked perfervid protest; one
proud pundit lost his cool.
Incoherently, in idiom, that
ridiculed instructor
(Once a docent, now indecent) in
delirium cried, "Ass!"
Then the knave picked up an
eggfruit and with expert skill he
chucked her
Toward the keen collegiate critic.
That poor pedant showed no class.
=TALON, Iowa City IA

2. LETTER BANK (6, *2'1-2'1-2-3)

While visiting Heilungkiang
I stopped a while in VAST,
And signed up for a walking tour
Of part of China's past.

I spent three months in China, and
My feet and legs are SMALL
Than they have ever been before—
We walked the whole damn Wall.
=MERLIN, Bismarck ND

3. WORD DELETION (12)

(NI2 confirms *OUT)

See the image of Apollo on an ad for
drugs that treat
Both heart disease and ALL—these
days we have a goodly choice—
With IN of useful medicines such
illness to defeat,
And the face of *OUT encourages the
patient to rejoice.
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

4. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (11) (NI2+)

A. Erroneously, I supposed (ah, woe
is me!)

In theory, only one or two could
fail to be

B. Ticked by a Beatles flat—a
harmless lark!

Alas, it left too many solvers in
the dark.

C. Roused from my complacent stupor,
I've begun

To work on puzzles crystal clear
to all, bar none.

I fear John, Paul, and George were
not sufficient clueing,
And Ringo was the capper in my
flat's undoing.

=TRAZOM, San Francisco CA

5. PHONETIC CHARADE (3-11)

('Not an entry phrase, but very
familiar.")

In terms familiar to the layman,
THREE of the ONES knew peril.
This was because of nasty Haman,
But *TWO had him o'er a barrel.
They hanged him high while crowds
were clapping,
And for his final dinner,
He'd asked for TOTAL dishes,
snapping,
"I'm trying to get thinner!"
=WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL

6. DELETIONS (6)

Old Bridget, with a FIRST and
peaceful mien,
In SECOND shawl and slippers, is
serene.
With due attention THIRD the kettle,
she
Will FOURTH about the kitchen,
making tea.
=IXAXAR, Holiday FL

7. PHONETIC DOUBLE-CROSS

(*8 *10, 5, 8 6, 8) (ONE=not MW;
THREE=NI2, 9C-findable under 8)

Though ONE may have trophies of
THREE and of gold
For Route 66, In the Heat of the
Night,
And other such writings, they all
leave me cold
Except Shaft in Africa. That's a
delight!
Like the scene where a FOUR drinks
up all of Shaft's booze
And charges him, drunk, and he has
to take flight,
And he falls in a streamlet all
wriggling with TWOS.
Or something like that. Well, the
concept is right.
=TREESONG, West Chester PA

8. LETTER BANK (9; 12, 2 10, 6 7, 7 7, 9 7, 7 11)

(THIRD=9C under 10; FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH = NI3)

That New Age phenomenon that's called past-life regression
Has shown me eighteen different lives, from emperor to Hessian.
The SEVENTH that I sense are dim and vague; they come unbeckoned,
And then dissolve like views that come from slides inside a SECOND.

Let's see now. I've been Albert, FOURTH as husband to Victoria;
I've been a FIRST for Scotland Yard (I hope this doesn't bore ya).

A corporal, I worked in SIXTH assembling new recruits;
A FIFTH, I made three-color copies one of my pursuits.

But, THIRD, I'd say that of my eighteen lives, this one's the greatest.
That's just me, though; my other selves might say it's just the latest.
=QAQAQ, Astoria NY

9. TRANSPOSAL (6)

People in high social ONE
Will dine at very fancy places,
But unpretentious folk prefer
In smaller TWOs to show their faces.
=ULKER, Enid Heights OH

10. REVERSAL (3 3, 6) (ONE=NI3)

If ever you visit the back of
McDonald's,
You'll find someone washing his
tools in a ONE.
NI seems to think it's for
laundry—those writers
Must live out on TWO, way too close
to the sun.
=OSTRICH, Lookout Mountain GA

11. CHARADE (6) (TWO=comb. form)

2X is ONE and 3X is TWO.
"They should make 5X," glibly say
you.
That's true, but now
Please show me how
2X and 3X make ALL, a brown hue.
=BLACKSTONE, Alstead NH

12. TRANSPOSAL (7)

"My son," she bragged, "is in ONE
trade, with imports from Peru."
(They busted him last week for
smuggling TWO in his canoe.)
=MR. TEX, Los Angeles CA

13. LETTER SHIFT (6)

When *ONE was just a little TWO,
In Illiers he lived and played.
Then, as these times began to fade,
He went in search of temps perdu.
=BELLES LETTRES, Clinton CT

14. REBUS (4 6) (reading has a
+ and a non-MW usage)

X'D

"These rumors that ducks are my
life,"
Cries editor Sib, "are a SOL!
Except on a plate, with a sauce
Bigarade,
I really don't like them at all."
=PEBBLES, Princeton NJ

15. HETERONYM (7)

("some afterthoughts on Feb 6 & 9")
The TYPE ONE of my messages
Is built around one theme:
To be TYPE TWO, just wear a smile
And life will be a dream.
=PHIZZ, Mahwah NJ

16. REBUS (3 2 2 3 5 4 2 3)

(ref. Feb 6 & 9, Apr 13 & 16)

GET

Q3B

SOLUTION, my friend,
Let that be your way.
Crack open your eyelids
And snarl at the day.
=BEACON, Tucson AZ

17. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (7)

A. Ultrasimple flats and forms are
what this person serves.
It's safe to bet that Wabbit
never throws you any curves.

B. Ask anyone from Nome to Rome
about me. They'll reveal
I am no harmful influence: I'm
open, honest, real.

C. No tedious or tagged thing, this
puzzle's easy fun.
It's plain that my material is
never meant to stun.

This acrostical enigma is a trifle,
Krewe. Why, it'll
Take but one minute of your time—
and effort? Just a little.
=WABBIT, Montreal PQ

18. ENIGMATIC REBUS (*8)

He traveled.
SHE raveled.
=UNCANNY, Butte MT

19. BEHEADMENTS (6)

I'll be in ONE when my TWO
comes home.
When his hitch is THREE, then
no more he'll roam.
=ADOBE, Corrales NM

20. REBUS (9)

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25. REBUS (8 6 2 5)

THOU THOU . . .

Didst speak of a SOL—we were glad.
We did not know
Till lately, though,
That meant the night sky of Baghdad.
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

26. DELETION (6)

As he's climbing the curtain,
My cat makes a tear.
He says, "Damn! Still, she can't
raise a fuss
If I'm BIG, and make certain
She won't see it there . . .
Hey, I'll just SMALL the evidence,
thus!"
=UNCANNY, Butte MT

27. LETTER BANK (7, 11)

(SHORT=inferred form; LONG=NI2)
The sea was churning, frothing
SHORT;
Our ship was listing, far from port.
But I'd a marvel, weirdly strong,
Purchased from a mystic LONG.
I tried it and it stopped the
thunder.
Will he sell me one more wonder?
=ALF, Medford MA

28. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (7)

A. Niminy-Piminy,
Norma Jean/Marilyn,
B. Getting the fame urge and
Starving for fun,
C. Itched for a change, so she
(Characteristically)
Showed her bare body in
Playboy, ish l.
=BEACON, Tucson AZ

29. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (6) (+)

A. Les Girls on a bill with The
Doberman Gang?
Or Monsieur Verdoux in a pair
with White Fang?
B. Retrospectives should honor one
star like Astaire.
(You don't want to feature hound
dogs with French fare.)
Show Three Little Words after Easter
Parade
Or Top Hat with Carefree at Loew's
Arcade.
=TRASH, Essex Junction VT

30. LETTER BANK (6, *5 4)

I'm known to be a SMALL. It's true,
I do complain a lot.
If I'm served BIG, I ask, "No red?"
Cold soup: I ask, "No hot?"
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

21. ENIGMATIC REBUS (4 1 4)

KKKQQL

I don't know how they did it, kid,
But we've been duped once more.
Tonight, I'll REBUS ONE a plan
To even up the score.

Come on! REBUS TWO!
We've still lots to do!
Set up the card table
And mark the deck, too.

Last week's poker game was bogus
But I'm not one to grieve.
We'll win back all that money now
With help from up my sleeve!
=SAND DOLLAR, Tybee Island GA

22. DOUBLE-CROSS (11, 4, 7, 8)

"Well, make yourselves ONE,"
croaked the scheming old crone.
"I'll brew some THREE tea and I'll
butter a scone;
It won't take a sec—see my new
'lectric kettle?"
She ogled her TWO—skinny Hansel
and Gretel—
And cackled, "Sweet morsels today
I'll be shovin'
Right into this kid-size new
microwave oven
Built into my kitchen (it isn't a
FOUR)."
But Hansel got wary and edged to
the door—
"Come, Gretel, you know you're
allergic to THREE,
And likewise, no ass-ear and
crumpets for me!"
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY

23. THIRD-LETTER CHANGE (7) (B=NI3)

My poor white dog is curled and
wrinkled.
No wonder I'm a tad upset.
I took him quickly to the vet.
"Your *A is B," the doc said;
crinkled
His face into a smile. "No doubt
He'll make you super sauerkraut."
=WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL

24. PHONETIC BEHEADMENT (9, 1)
(BONSAI pronunciation is +)

A barber from La Jolla
Maliciously SEQUOIA
My 9C till its pages were all
gone. (Sigh.)
In tears, I couldn't rescue
X, w, j, s, q,
Or any other letter save poor
BONSAI.
=TALON, Iowa City IA

31. ENIGMATIC SUBADE (4, 4, 4, 4, 4) ("with a nod to myself")

fool cap

The FOUR is controlled by yours truly,
But the soldiers are FIVE, made for kids.

The creative part—guessed yet?—is duly

Presented to those who make bids.

But the TWO I've collected says

clearly

I'm a THREE, a ONE fool, quite a stupe.

If I don't change my line, I'll pay dearly;

Maybe I'll sell Marines. There's a group . . .

=QAAQ, Astoria NY

32. HETERONYM (10, 4 6)

Let's toast the tiny chromosome
That gives our TWO WORDS its first home.

It shapes each new ONE WORD, and then

The process replicates again.

=PANACHE, Culver City CA

33. PALINDROME (*) (not MW)

A well-known columnist is William Safire.

To paraphrase his funny brief satire:

The Bush advisors had included Nunn;
Of PALINDROME, had there been less

than one,

Then Desert Storm might never have begun.

=IXAXAR, Holiday FL

34. HETERONYM (*1*1'1, 3)

Ever since Joe ONE on TV, he's been acting very TWO.

Dully staring at the wall is all he seems to do.

=OSTRICH, Lookout Mountain GA

35. INTERLOCK (11)

From English soil the criminals were TOTAL,

To settle in the land of roos and galahs,

Of echidnas trailing scent of formic THREE,

And also of the wombats and koalas,
Dasyure, moving quickly at a good TWO.

The dingo left its ONE in search of plunder.

Now that's the end of wombats and goannas

And of this easy puzzle re down under.

=MICROPOD, Meredith NH

36. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (2 6)

A. "Nice going, girl. Two hundred bucks

For one silk shirt? Well, how deluxe.

B. Take it back. You've got your share

Of chic, expensive clothes to wear.

C. Enough and more! Don't dress for trends

And try to lord it over friends."

My dear Imelda, look who's talking!
Were your boots made just for walking?

=BRILLIG, Chicago IL

37. HETERONYM (5 7, *3 *9)

Some movie fans like watching Shane,
Or TWO (which starred the late John Wayne).

My heroes wield the bow, though, not the gun.

I cheer the feats of Errol Flynn

And all of Robin's Merry Men,

So you can keep your cowboys; I'll take ONE.

=SANIT, Chevy Chase MD

38. SPOONERGRAM (7, 2 4)

At Dusty's Café you may eat if you dare.

(I wouldn't, because of the sandwiches there.)

The coffee's so muddy there should be a warning.

(They'll say it's because "it was just ground this morning.")

The grits are an item I'm careful to shun.

(To "Hominy, sir?" I say "Not even one.")

For X I'd be leery of taking "Mud Pie."

(It sounds like the leading ingredient Y.)

=ATLANTIC, Portland OR

39. HOMONYM (12, 3'1 6 2) (BLUE=12)

Our skipper's turning BLUE;

It's because he knows he BLEW—

It's the seventh time he's tried,

And we're still drifting with the tide.

=ARBUTUS, Guilford CT

40. TRANSPOSAL (8, 5 3)

Her wild, unruly actions, truly ONE,
Made people think she was a kook

at best,

But she's been TWO by journalists of late,

And tells her story when she's thus addressed.

=ULKER, Enid Heights OH

41. PHONETIC CHARADE (9)

Hello there, hello? Mary Lou, is that you?
 Just wait till you hear—it's no SECOND; it's true!
 A burglar was in here while I was away.
 A very strange burglar, I really must say:
 He left my gold ring, the TV, VCR, My stereo, tapes, and my Gibson guitar,
 And all that he took was the stuff in the fridge—
 The cream cheese and FIRST for my Saturday bridge.
 Not much of a deal, but it seems like a warning:
 I'm calling a TOTAL first thing in the morning.
 =MANGIE, Buffalo NY

42. LETTER BANK (8, *14)

When the beasts had finished SMALL, poor Noah gave a groan:
 "This LARGE job's just too huge for one old man to do alone."
 =PEBBLES, Princeton NJ

43. DOUBLE-CROSS (*7, 7, 6, 8)
(TWO=NI2+)

In the dayroom, THREE Miss Rose Primly plays at origami:
 Horses, goldfish, lions, crows—
 As taught her years ago, by Mommy.
 Suddenly, we hear a yell.
 One wrong TWO (how could she miss it?)
 Leaves her with a beast that's—well—
 Anatomically explicit.
 Her equanimity is shot;
 She downs some ONE and takes to bed.
 (Now, I ask you: is this not The daftest FOUR you've ever read?)
 =TRAZOM, San Francisco CA

44. DELETION (6, *5)

These Amerinds live way up North where it's cold.
 They live by their hunches, or so I've been told.
 A TA on ONE what will befall him that day.
 (The women have more power yet, so they say.)
 =JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

45. LAST-LETTER CHANGE (6)

I saw it on TV tonight—
 A grainy tape in black and white:
 The man was black. The boys in blue Clubbed and beat him black and blue.
 Was this an act of wayward SIX
 Or standard operating TRICKS?
 =MR. TEX, Los Angeles CA

46. REBUS (3 6 2 3 3-3)

EYEDER

I reached LAX in the morning at five
 To meet with George Lucas till night.
 Came back to New York once again in wee hours
 And had a most terrible flight.
 We took off in fog, almost hit a balloon.
 On landing, one engine caught fire.
 Inspired by this journey, I promised myself
 I'd send George a script called ENTIRE.
 =AL GEBRA, Pinehurst NC

47. BEHEADMENT (6)

The lawyer said, "We shall explore, To aid our client, each BEFORE
 That leads to his acquittal.
 A change of AFTER is his need,
 For which the argument we'll plead
 Is ready for submittal."
 =IXAXAR, Holiday FL

48. FIFTH-SOUND CHANGE (8, 8)

(DONE=not MW)
 A proverb with pith or a silly BEGUN—
 Send it to Sibyl, in threes, as a DONE.
 =OSTRICH, Lookout Mountain GA

49. REBUMY (3 3'1 5)

At Neiman Marcus you can pay Two hundred for a tie.
 To get more THIS, K Mart's the place
 To shop (someday I'll try).
 =ULKER, Enid Heights OH

50. PHONIGMATIC REBUS (3 *6 3 13)



Of the wealthy Saxon's slaves,
 Two the Gallic trader craves
 (Maid and groom). At groaning board
 He makes an offer to their lord,
 Who, seeking export-volume lift,
 Replies "No way—they're yours. A gift."
 The visitor persists;
 "REBUS," the host insists.
 =BLAMMESK, Easton PA

51. PHONIGMATIC REBUS (*9)

(rubric has non-MW material)

Cruise B

Let's cruise on down the ALL to view
 Some Alabama flowers, Krewe.
 =MERLIN, Bismarck ND

52. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (12) (NI2+)
(A=NI12; B and C = NI2 phrases;
D=NI12)

A. Aspen's great for folks who ski.
(Not for those who bowl, like me.)

*B. Colorado's new boutique,
"Cat and Cherub," closed last week.

C. Land, cool water, open sky—
Show your love for it. Won't I?

*D. Go and breathe sweet mountain air.
Shakespeare's villain won't lurk there.

Really, Krewe, this flat's not tough,
But it's pretty awful stuff.
=WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL

53. TWO-WORD DELETION (*9)
(reply to Pebbles, Dec 57)

I kept TWO it—I never rested:
THREE I'd done what you'd suggested
When you claimed Mulroney'd read
My flats, then called you up and said,
"Wabbit's work's not bad, you know,
But I wish she'd mention snow,
Beavers, Mounties, hockey pucks,
Molson's beer, poutine, Canucks
And maple trees . . . and ONE her,
please,
To name Canadian towns—like these:
Montreal and Banff and FILLED."
Well, now I have! Is Brian thrilled?
=WABBIT, Montreal PQ

54. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (9)

A. Don Eduardo was a roué—
Senoritas ran and hid,
To him they said, "Vamos.
Phooey."
Approve him not they did.

*B. Dormice today are seldom seen.
They're, like, a Dark Age mammal.
King Henry VIII, on village green,
Wrote poetry in Tamil.

C. "Stick it!" and "Yo" one often hears;
They're really uncouth phrases.
To California resins: cheers
From all us East Coast Hayeses.

D. An antidote for feeling blue?
Well, I have just the thing:
A week in Cancun, I and you,
Would sure restore your zing.

Not right per Guide?
Well, sure it is.
There are no rules
In puzzle biz.
=CORN COB, Snow Camp NC

55. REBADE (3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3)



Diana doffed her crown and said,
"Dear Charles, let's eat outside."
They packed the coleslaw, deviled
SIX, and apple FIVE, then tried
To leave the palace unobserved and
picnic on the ONE,
Though in this TWO of royal prying,
it's tough to have some fun.
Soon, THREE with mikes and THREE with
film crews mobbed the royal pair.
(I'd like to FOUR that I just heard
this—no, I wasn't there.)
=QAAQ, Astoria NY

56. PHONETIC WORD DELETION (6 4)
(begins an NI3 phrase)

I was set with my clubs for a round
in the sun
After filing a ONE off of one.
I was stuck in West Irian, nothing
to do,
So I'd laid out a golf course on
*TWO.

"Now, caddie, my ALL is enough off
this tee
To ensure that I'll make a par
three.
Be sure not to give me a three for
my drive,
Or I'll hit it too far and make
five."
=MERLIN, Bismarck ND

57. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (8)

A. Males may discover soon enough
The "weaker sex" is often tough.

B. I skirt the issue if I claim
The shortest dress involves no
shame.

C. Let not one macho do her wrong—
His moral fiber must be strong!
"Give equal rights!" some men
imply—
They'd send this person off to war.
=IXAXAR, Holiday FL

58. REBUS (or SUBER) (NI3)



When there's a roofing job somewhere
about,
I use my THIS THING HERE to help me
out.
=BEACON, Tucson AZ

59. REPEATED-BIGRAM DELETION (4-5)
The car trip was short and not fun:
We jump-started, sputtered, TWO ONE.
=DUMBO, A., W. Nowhere PA

60. LETTER BANK (7, 11) (VASTER=NI3)
 61. TRANSPOSAL (6) (FAUX, REAL)
 (FAUX=not MW: inflected 9C word)

A WEE, I manipulate stock, moving faster

Than half-fast competitors. Goal: getting VASTER

Supplies of the green stuff young females all covet.

Am I on the make? No. But FAUX aren't above it.

More moody than horny, they've REAL, sad expressions

For want, so to speak, of the pause that re-freshens.

Yet VASTER they stay; that's no bull . . . um, reword it

"No bovine scatology." There, now you've heard it.

=SIBSER, Portville ON

62. REBUS [6-4]

DDE

Ike, our soldier president, a clever man was he.

He had the wisdom to dislike his very own VP.

So he and Mamie, I imagine, found it pretty sticky

When, for the public's sake, they had to SOL with Pat and Tricky.

=WABBIE, Montalo PY

63. REBUS (3 2 5)

OF = S?

You're welcome to join us—
 Can't promise a feast.

We'll fry a few burgers

And open a BEAST.

=UNCANNY, Butte MT

64. HOMONYM (*7, 5)

He paints the scene in LITTLE, brown,

And rust—those earthy shades

Depict a quiet little town

Out west as daylight fades

And shadow fingers settle down

On BIGGER peaks and glades.

=NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY

65. REPEATED-BIGRAM DELETION (8)

Marineland! I go there to see
 Those As—to watch how they all B
 In the water—a big thrill for me!
 =ULK, Enid OK

66. DELETION (6)

She wanted an EXTENDED sweater
 (Furry), looked in a SMALLER's stall.

Could not find the style she wanted.

"Oh well," she said, "Off to the mall."

=PHIZZ, Mahwah NJ

67. BROOKLINE LETTER-CHANGES (4)

Armani's bought a hockey team.

He has ideas galore.

Dark red is "in" this year, and so

The uniforms are FOUR.

The fans will TWO the rink to see
 The helmets—plumed. With ONE,

The refs won't mind the orange lines;

They're really much more fun.

That organ music has to go!

THREE rock will take its place.

We're sure the players will adore

The square designer BASE.

=PEBBLES, Princeton NJ

68. ENIGMATIC REBUS (7 4 *7)

25. K-K2? P-Q6ch!

26. K-K1 PxPch

B L 27. K-B1 KxP

28. Resigns

Maurice-Gustave is both witty and suave, and in war is as deft as a surgeon.

In both the World Wars he had both of his oars in the water, this talented "Fr. gen."

But the thing he loves most is to stroll down the coast; yes, the ocean is truly his cup o' tea.

All HERE GOES THE SOL—they just hold him in thrall—and they keep him from getting too uppity.

=QAAQ, Astoria NY

69. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (5)

I do not have a big yard (place to plant things in the FALL),

But I prefer my WALL by far to having none at all.

=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

70. REBUS (9)

When loader Sen Smith ta^ses a bite, It's quite an unspea^sable sight.

Says his co-wor^ser, "nives"

And the li^se give Sen hives.

But he handles the REBUS all right."

=BEACON, Tucson AZ

71. FOURTH-LETTER CHANGE (6)

Dad's a SOT,

Loves to drink,

Never talks,

Can NOT think.

=MR. TEX, Los Angeles CA

72. PHONE IC REBUS (11)

ER

Ursula Undress has no shame.

Well-endowed, Ms. U. became

An ER! For folks she doffs her boa,

Gloves and hose and, oh, "much moa"!

=WABBI, Mon real PQ

A N A G R A M S

73. POLYANAGRAM (*7 *6'1 *3 *4 2 3 *8)
(see notes)

Here's aging libretto (fun grand-hewn, rich):
Wretch (fire-thug) nabs Rheingold in anger,
Forging new things under earth, Alberich
Wrought here ein Band. Filching stranger,
In re-burgling, changed: Herr Wotan's thief.
Farther in greed, hunching giant slew bro.
Sieglinde, brer 'n' Nothung hatch war, grief:
Hunding beat fighter. Wench—er, girl—ran so
Bore free Hun. Gaining raw strength, child
(‘N’ fetchin’ warbler) hit huge dragon/singer.
Facing wrath, hero's greeting Brunnhilde.
Watch Siegfried (born hunt'r), Hagen linger,
Wrangle, bringing death. Then chorus, fire,
God's twilight burn near; fan cheer nigher.
=TALON, Iowa City IA

74. WAR CHAMP ('N GNARLER?) ZONKS
FOE (*7 *6 *11)
=NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY

75. WHY STREWN MAILS GO AT NIT'S
PACE ('3 7 6 5 5')
=HARVEY, Palm Beach Gardens FL

76. SLIER FIRE

77. MANIC RED (NI3)
=OSTRICH, Lookout Mountain GA

78. A TITLE: OFFERIN' HELP; NO HARM
CAME TO PETS, ET AL.
(*6 3 3 *7 *9 2 *7)
=TE-ZIR-MAN, Elmont NY

79. A DATE: MANY ADEPT WIN OSCARS
THERE. (3 *7 *6 12)

80. Bianagram: ('4 2 4: 2 3 5!')
'EXTRA MONEY? NAW! DIP LESS!'
(WENT 'N' AXED A SLY PROMISE)
=WABBIT, Montreal PQ

81. ALIENS FROM _____? (4 2 *4)

82. RENT WHOSE? (3 6)
=ATLANTIC, Portland OR

83. A FUN MALE NERD, 'E (*6 *1. *6)
=RUTHLESS, Palo Alto CA

84. HI, GOT SPASM HERE! (3 11)
=AB STRUSE, New York NY

A N T I G R A M S

85. IS DIRECT, NO?
=PANACHE, Culver City CA

86. OH, I FIND OUT MARE'S TOOTH
LENGTH, OK?
(‘3’1 4 1 4 5 2 2 5’)
=C'ATTY, Scottsdale AZ

87. AYE! GOT MIND (2 2 6)
=JUNIOR, Mill Valley CA

A M B I G R A M

88. ART: IOWANS (GOOD,
CHARMING, ETC.)
([*5 *4']1 *8 *6)
=TRAZOM, San Francisco CA

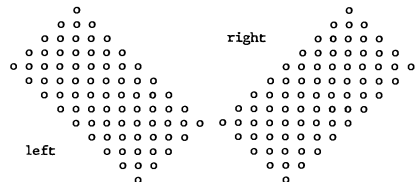
FORMS

F-1. LEFT RECTANGLE

1. One of Senor's initials
 2. Legal point
 3. Hiding place
 4. Betraying one's associates
 5. Quadrilateral
 6. Covering the roof
 7. Anglicizes
 8. Sparkled
 9. Received as a legacy #
 10. Of the sexual organs
 11. Relating to bristles
 12. Operator upon a function of three variables
 13. One of Senor's initials
- =QAAQ, Astoria NY

F-2. RIGHT RECTANGLE

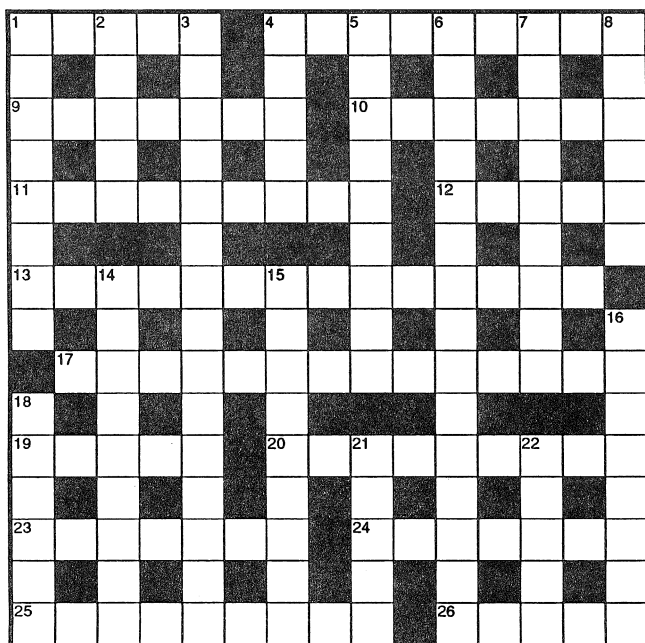
1. One of Merlin's initials
 2. Statesman Hammarskjold
 3. Pour beer *
 4. Slip again
 5. Certain parallelogram
 6. Sang a second time
 7. Befell
 8. Surpassed greatly
 9. Debates
 10. Flashed
 11. Moved little by little
 12. Old times, in old times
 13. One of Micropod's initials
- =QAAQ, Astoria NY



E X T R A S

- X-1. ANAQUOTE (2 4 2 9 2 11. 4 5 3
2 4 8 2 3 5 2 3 5 2 4. *5)
ADE AGI AKE BEM CAN CAR EBL EID EXP
HMY ICH IOT ISI ISN ISV ITT IVE LIC
MYW NAT ONA ORK ORT OTH OTW RIM RYO
THA TWH
=BEACON, Tucson AZ

X-2. CRYPTIC CROSSWORD by FRABBIT, Toreal OQ
(Answers: one is NI3, one not MW. Six cryptic parts are not MW.)



ACROSS

- 1 Fear depression? I do
- 4 Superior series about island newt
- 9 Ring college with suggestion, perhaps, about degree block
- 10 Jackson at a show featuring musical compositions
- 11 Frank, a friend of Barbie, caught
- 12 Block article by 6:50
- 13 Mason keeps painting mountains before fruit
- 17 In addition, nimble players score
- 19 His job is to seat American woman
- 20 Herb more secure taking course
- 23 Indian woman, one following Franklin
- 24 Gentleman rejected Preminger dish
- 25 Statuettes inlaid with "D & D" welcome eastern worshippers
- 26 Cuts wings from a parrot?

DOWN

- 1 Politician's publicity chances stolen, taken by spoilsports [2 words]
- 2 Corner husband in French resort
- 3 Defensive way a very quiet bug sits under shelf
- 4 Stop payment
- 5 Raisins in cereal boxes phony
- 6 Give money to a mindreader's believers
- 7 Worker comes upon iodine bottle having little resistance against germs
- 8 Food company to settle
- 14 Made uneven layer in cosmetic derivative
- 15 Rush back bearing relatives' leather garments
- 16 Greeks created club to patrol violent demonstrations
- 18 Stir the center, pal
- 21 Manages exhibits at hearing
- 22 Cafe employee drops one drink

FEBRUARY SOLVERS

The February ENIGMA had 96 flats, 6 forms, 7 crypts, and 4 extras; 62 solution lists were received. JOKER/MANGIE, NIGHTOWL, PHILANA/MERCURY, TRAZOM, TREESONG, and WINDJAMMER/QAQAQ had completes; ELGAR, GECKO, MANX/PEN GWYN/JO THE LOITERER, MERLIN/ERIC/JUNEBUG, MUNRO/SAL, OSTRICH/BEACON, PEBBLES, and TRASH had flat completes. Welcome to new solver RICK.

Accepted: 6-SET OFF or SET OUT for GET OFF (9); 9-BEGIN for START; 65-THIS SOLVER for SOME PEOPLE; 76-KNICKS, GIANTS for GIANTS, KNICKS (4); C-5-ADMEN for AXMEN (3); F-5-ESSEDE for ESSEDA (2). Not accepted: 1-MIAOWED for MIAOUED (4); 30-JASMINE for JONQUIL (2); 84-SADDAM HUSSEIN (5); 94-MAFIOSI for MAFIOSO (3).

-PHILANA, Solution Editor

ABACUS 56-4-0-2; ADOBE 36-0-4-2; AJDE 15-0-0-2; AL GEBRA 87-0-0-0; ARBUTUS 85-*0-*; AREPO/SAPHIR 72-5-*-*; ATLANTIC 74-*0-*; AVIDAN 91-5-6-3; BEAGLE 73-0-0-0; BELLES LETTRES 73-*2-*; BLACKSTONE 92-5-2-2; BRILLIG 53-3-4-2; C'ATTY 87-5-2-*; CERES 78-*0-*; CHARTS 39-4-2-*; CORN COB 43-4-2-2; DADA 22-*-*; DANDYS 54-0-0-*; DEE SWEET 27-2-3; DIKDIK 14-0-0-0; ELGAR *-4-*; ERGO 35-1-3-2; GECKO *-0-*; HART KING 63-*4-3; HONEYDEW 72-5-5-2; IXAXAR 8-1-0-0; JAEITI/CORK 66-*4-*; JERG 63-0-0-0; JOPIQUIEM 30-2-3-1; JOT 94-*-*; JUNCTION 41-4-3-*; LARRY 17-0-0-0; LOLITA 90-5-*-*; MANX/PEN GWYN/JO THE LOITERER *-3-*; MEHITABEL 35-4-4-3; MERLIN/ERIC/JUNEBUG *-0-0-0; MICROPOD 36-*-*; MUNRO/SAL *-3-*; NEWROW 60-*2-*; NOHOLDS BARD 25-0-1-2; NOLA 46-4-0-2; OSTRICH/BEACON *-6-*; PANACHE 49-2-2-0; PEBBLES *-6-*; PEKOE 77-3-2-1; PHILHELLENE/SAND DOLLAR 70-*4-*; RICK 44-3-4-1; RUTHLESS 73-*4-*; SQUIRREL 94-0-*0; STAX 20-0-0-1; TALON 87-5-*-*; TRASH *-0-0-0; TWISTO 0-*0-0; UNCANNY 68-0-0-0; WABBIT 69-3-4-*; WOODIE/KAPRY KORN 95-*-*.*

SOLVING FREQUENCY/NUMBER OF KUDOS/TOP KUDOS: 1-42/4, 2-43/1, 3-36/7, 4-50/5, 5-34/1, 6-41/1, 7-52/15/2, 8-38/5, 9-41, 10-35/5, 11-44/3, 12-35/2, 13-33, 14-54, 15-28/4, 16-47/2, 17-53/1, 18-58, 19-43/2, 20-39, 21-50, 22-37/1, 23-56, 24-52/18/1, 25-26/6, 26-56/2, 27-57/16/2, 28-20/12/4, 29-51, 30-47/4, 31-36/1, 32-23, 33-51/8, 34-48/4, 35-32/3, 36-50, 37-27/8, 38-43, 39-32/3, 40-59/21/1, 41-50/1, 42-33, 43-19/3/1, 44-55, 45-42/2/1, 46-22/1, 47-25/2, 48-33/1, 49-42/4, 50-48/2, 51-43/1, 52-36/1+0, 53-48/1+0, 54-28, 55-22, 56-44/4, 57-50/2, 58-58/2+0, 59-52/2+0, 60-52, 61-47/7, 62-34/2, 63-25/3/1, 64-53/1, 65-29/6, 66-51, 67-24, 68-58/4, 69-34/1, 70-57, 71-32, 72-38/4, 73-43/2, 74-58, 75-27, 76-41/9, 77-46, 78-42/2/1, 79-42/4, 80-39/1/1, 81-28/6/2, 82-59, 83-52, 84-42/5, 85-43, 86-48, 87-43, 88-51, 89-43, 90-58/1, 91-43/2, 92-28/13, 93-43, 94-54/1, 95-49/2, 96-37/2. FORMS: 1-42/1, 2-48/1, 3-30/11, 4-41/1, 5-31/4, 6-43/2. CRYPTS: 1-43, 2-42, 3-33, 4-28/1, 5-18/2, 6-15, 7-16/2. EXTRAS: 1-50, 2-46/2, 3-33/6, 4-35/18/9. ADDITIONAL KUDOS: Hoozoo-*2, KU-1-*3. [* = not tabulated. Numbers preceding +s are multi-part kudos/top kudos.]

FEBRUARY FAVORITES (! means top favorite): AL GEBRA-4, 7, 8, 12, 24, 40, 56, 76, 91. ATLANTIC-7, 8, 33, 40, 76, 90, F-3. AVIDAN-7!, 15, 25, 37, 62, 76, 84, 92, X-4. BEACON-4, 25, 28!, 30, 61, 90, X-3. BELLES LETTRES-3, 19, 27!, 49, 61, 73, 79. BLACKSTONE-3, 7, 8, 24, 25, 28, 35, 37, 61, 90, 96. BRILLIG-24, 27, 28, 45!, 92. C'ATTY-7, 10, 15, 25, 27, 40, 48, 56, 61, 79, 90, X-4! CORN COB-3, 7, 11, 24, 26, 34, 49, 68, 78!, F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4. DADA-1, 24, 27, 40, 68, F-6, X-4. DANDYS-7, 24, 79, X-2, X-3, X-4! DEE SWEET-40, X-4! GECKO-15, 25, 30, 72, 84. HART KING-7, 16, 24, 27, 33, 34, 51, 58-59, 90. IXAXAR-1, 80! JAEITI/CORK-8, 24, 27, 39, 40, 52-53, 76, X-3, X-4! JO THE LOITERER-16, 65, F-5, X-4! JOKER-7, 11, 28, 43, 63!, 84, C-7, KU-1. JOPIQUIEM-24, 27, 40. JOT-24, 33, 35, 92, F-3, X-4! KAPRY KORN-27, 37, 63, 76, 92. MERCURY-1, 7!, 22, 27, 50, 58-59, 90, F-3. MERLIN-7, 24, 27, 28, 33, 40, 49, 61, 65, 76, 81, 92. MICROPOD-2, 24, 27, 40, 78, F-3, F-5, C-5, X-4! NEWROW-24, 40!, 84, F-3, F-5, X-4. NIGHTOWL-3, 37, 46, 72, X-4. NOHOLDS BARD-33, 40. NOLA-11, 24, 27, 40, 50. OSTRICH-3, 19, 34, 47, 49, 57, 65, 81!, 90, 92, 94, F-3. PANACHE-5, 10, 17, 40, 95. PEBBLES-10, 15, 27, 28!, 33. PHILANA-3, 7, 24, 28, 37, 40, 61, 90, 92. QAQAQ-10, 27, 28, 33, 40, 41, 65, 68, 92, F-3, X-4! RUTHLESS-4, 6, 34, F-3, F-6, X-3, X-4! SAPHIR-8, 10, 24, 30, 40, 45, 56, 57, 62, 69, 81!, 92, C-4, C-7, X-4, KU-1. TALON-Hoozoo, 47, 81,

84, 91, F-5, C-5. TRASH-28!, 37, 81. TRAZOM-7, 28, 39, 40, 43!, 79, 90, 92, X-3, X-4. TREESONG-Hoozoo, 27, 28, 39, 43, 56, 61, 65, 72, 76, 81, 92, 95, X-2, X-3, X-4. TWISTO-1, 4, 24!, 26, 30, 31, 35, 40, 68, F-3. UNCANNY-7, 24, 25, 27!, 40, 64, 72, 76, X-4. WABBIT-7, 33, 40, X-4. WINDJAMMER-3, 4, 12, 28!, 37, 73, 90, 92, F-3, KU-1. WOODIE-37, 40, 63, 65, 76, 92, 96.

MARCH SOLUTIONS

1. dwelt, Tweedledee 2. cognomen 3. noetic, notice 4. l-e/o-ver 5. wear, raft, into, then 6. ablution, tintinnabulation 7. marshes 8. girl Fridays 9. luaus, usual 10. two to the fifth 11. s-l/h-eeppwalk 12. gr-e/a-mmy 13. Game, Stew, ROast, NOstrum, MEad 14. meat loaf, oatmeal, tamale, metal, malt 15. w(ann)abe 16. down the hatch 17. hardware 18. TRain [El], VELar 19. emote, kid-put 20.. curtailed 21. e/c-arphones 22. FULgent, LOfathe, FITting 23. grav(ity) 24. _coz, one, lid; colonized 25. proofread; free, prude 26. Notre Dame 27. Llew 28. foo-t/1 29. I owe a capital ["Iowa capitol"] 30. i/a-sthm-i/a 31. assign ensign design 32. preaddressing, garden spiders 33. Newspeak 34. pic(cat)a 35. chichi 36. c-a/u-rtilage 37. Primo, OBliquity, EMit, ATone, ICon 38. Suriname [see "Tyr" in 9C Geog.] 39. at-heist 40. source, Saurauiceae 41. scampi 42. w/b-iped 43. tight-lipped, light tipped 44. wurst meet, worst meat 45. putt the ball to the cup; but the call to the pup 46. safelights, flashiest, halvesies, selfish 47. s-h/m-all 48. Patarine, panta rei 49. racket, racetracker 50. APish, PLEthora, POise, LIme, SHave 51. Sibyl, I never set it; let 52. idolatress 53. backblocks, black box 54. palomino, palimony 55. kud-u/o-s 56. wan(n)abe 57. eighty-eight, eighty-night 58. assault with a deadly weapon 59. ellipse 60. snow leopard, wood planers 61. telary, realty 62. uncanny 63. DUNE, ENDEAR 64. cornfield, Federico Fellini 65. trous-de-loup; toodle-oo 66. w(anc)h(anc)y 67. ramp 68. penologist 69. cast-iron andirons 70. dis-mays/mantle 71. anoa, miff, ends, ages 72. Francois, sangfroid 73. redealing, Geraldine 74. ho(meow)ner 75. trainee; tray, knee 76. missing the point 77. take time out 78. postmortem 79. "war is hell"; whore is well 80. admirable; admiral, be 81. pa(in)(full)y 82. carnivorous, coronavirus 83. doer, dour 84. grocer, record 85. par-al-gal 86. eat your heart out 87. road crew, Rod Carew 88. an Oedipus complex 89. "They also serve who only stand and wait" 90. Michelangelo Buonarroti's Creation of Adam 91. Nosferatu 92. Operation Desert Storm 93. wishy-washy 94. the gambler 95. the New York Giants 96. Operation Desert Storm 97. "Help! I've fallen and I can't get up!" 98. tummyache 99. the Patriot missiles 100. Marie Osmond 101. Butler's Lives of the Saints 102. the tropics 103. a second opinion 104. female impersonator C-1. How many cops does it take to change a bulb? Four: one to screw it in and three to protect bystanders. C-2. Mother Teresa, Sibyl form charitable group together, establishing first nun-prophet organization. C-3. Although the trough beneath the bough had been bought to ease the drought, it was tough when we found it empty. C-4. Watch Jacques, French playboy, wield squash racquet. Then wife nears. Now watch Jacques lacquer porch chairs. C-5. Jostled? Avoid bumpy subway jolt, scary crowd crush, elbowing mob; kibosh auto thruway jam. Work odd shift. C-6. Kabeljauw (cabeliau), Salem (witch country) menu favorite, includes mashed codfish, salt. Yuck! C-7. Hysterical bluejay tirade wreaths smug malkin amid fruit patch, rapt gaze upon hopeful, hungry thief. X-1. A palindrome is not a friend at the airport, any more than a syndrome is a bagnio for aviators. X-2. Few things are more satisfying than seeing your children have teenagers of their own. Doug Larson X-3. People will generally accept facts as truths only if the facts agree with what they already believe. Andy Rooney X-4. l(one)r, abstemious*, s(U)ave, tomfooler*-y, "steel," ethane (H), neat (R), T-high, estimate (H), ~~s~~naked, calli(o)pe*, eidol*-on, "shone," opened*, flu-tt-er, flat-footed (2), immanent (H), non-agon, need-le, ev(ad)e, g-ouger*, a(gi)le, Nahum*, shush (H), w(all)ets (R), ammoM (R), kilter (2), "eighty" [A.D.] Coming, far! End here. Us then. Finn, again! Take. Bussofftlee, mememormee! Till thousandsthee. Lps. The keys to. Given! A way a lone a last a loved a long the [Blank squares in the grid make a question mark.]

CRYPTOGRAMS

1. In a lighter vein. (first word not MW) WABBIT, Montreal PQ

*A W E S O M E J E T T O B B N R Y A K N K P Y P N T I U K E M
F O T K M E T K *K O Y T A E G : P U T I P G T U S U E R J E R K -
Y A E D M N N A S N O R K.

2. Extra forms of life. OSTRICH, Lookout Mountain GA

B N C O R F T L K Y J J K U N O N F A C T U A L L Y J I E M T U -
D J G J I F E T N S I T , E R B R U S R U P E N A L N U M L E -
T T O R U S R U W F G O A L !

3. Classic "Huh?" (tenth word not MW—OED Suppl.) BEACON, Tucson AZ

A B C R S T A B R J I B C K D C A T L A L S Z S T A A B C I T H -
B A , K T Q C R X K O B C I S L B T Q , K T F H K X J F Y S P X J A
B T D . = R K X D *G S D C L *G X E O C ' L *J I E L L C L

4. Well? (* words not MW or MW usage) WINDJAMMER, Chicago IL

E X O D U S I N T O P L A I N T E X T , R B C J B U S R T B X Y ,
D J H F B D P T L O Z B Q Y L N Z X , J U Q H B Z V U X : *T L S
*V T J Z Z J N U Q Y L Z V S J N .

5. Looking before leaping. WINDRIFT, Bellevue WA

Z F L A C K U V M H Q F K B J C V M H B K D F K I P G V M Y R J -
K W Z = B F H K W F D V B T A V W J B A Z U K W F L T X L I V W J ,
X G C P Q X W G P K A J X = Q V F L C .

6. Friendly chat. (7th word not MW, reasonable) MICROPOD, Meredith NH

*L Y P N Z E C T , H O R N S B L E W K L W I S Y , A S N K Q F S =
I Y L C S Q L E W R B O E C Q I O L F . Y S B F Q N : N Y L E D F R Q
K S B N R L Q P Z E U L K .

7. Nanny goat? NIGHTOWL, Rochester NY

B P Z B W Y W X B S J B W Q G J K L S G V M W O W J N J B -
N M W , B P F V G P R S X O Q W N M , J W R N P R , V G O H B Y
B K S Z F W B V E N . B H W J J P S Z W I S P K , F B Y Q .
E G A M !