



# THE ENIGMA

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## WORDS OF ONE SIBYL

We lost a little in the Flood of '96 and the preceding ice storms—pipes; washing machine; cartons of books, supplies, and personal irreplaceables from the flooded basement. I say a little, because many others lost their homes, businesses, pets—and some lost their lives.

We gained a little—new pipes, new used washer, brand new expensive submersible sump pump, new keyhole saw to cut through the sheetrock wall to the broken pipes. (Luckily, since Portland plumbers were backed up, so to speak, for weeks, Smaug had just learned to put PVC pipe together from designing and building a stand for the Portland Jugglers' banner—6' high by 18' wide. I don't know when he learned to saw through walls.) Smaug also gained a tetanus booster after baling and cleaning the basement.

What we lost the most of was time. Thus, this issue's late arrival. Thank you for your patience; and thanks as well to the many members who wrote or called with concerns and good wishes.

## SOS FROM XEMU AND RALF

Please send Xemu hard crypts—real soon. Please send me Ralfs, if you have them. (By the way, I don't know where the cutesy-poo term 'Ralfie' comes from, but can you help make it go away? Thanks.)

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## CHANGES, CHANGES

Caspian: "Kegler and I are something of a team, and our nom for that purpose will be CASPER. I spent a delightful couple of hours recently at the home of Panache and Manache, in the company of Elfman, Bluff, and Kegler, where we were introduced to several puzzle types, including a new one developed by Bluff. We thank our hosts for their hospitality."

Bruce Goldman, 500 Governor's Drive #29, Winthrop MA 02152.

QED: 303/543-7131. "I'd like to recommend a mailing list for cruciverbalists: CRUCIVERB-L@internet.idrc.ca. Details at Kevin's Crossword Site, which you can find via my home page: <http://www.colorado.edu/~tuller/Home.html>. The site also has an archive of past messages and puzzles that have been posted to the list (one is by Frank Longo, a regular contributor who has had puzzles in GAMES, NYT, etc.; and one by me, which I just posted)."

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#### AFTERNOTES

#### DECEMBER

2 (ANOMALOUS YEGG)—The first "Grinch" in the rubric is "a nom" (Krewman George Liddell). The second "Grinch" stole Christmas: "a lousy egg." (Usage 3 of "egg" in 10C, noun, is PERSON, SORT.) 30 (FORFICULATE)—Kea: "Apparently, parrot-owners used to split their tongues to facilitate their speech, but post-1800 references deprecate the practice. It seems the old parrot-owners (and their pets) spoke with forked tongues. Oh, the obligatory acrostic is designed not to help much. :-)"

#### JANUARY

31—Crax: "Given our common interest in theater, I was hoping Cache's verse would [involve actors—"gypsies"], but, as he pointed out, that would entail a non-MW (but RH) usage." 46 (DIGITAL ICEMAN [Dig italic E, man!])—Xemu: "A little beat Skeltonic verse."

87 (DEUTERONS, RUN TO SEED; 10C under "seed")—Beacon: "I see 'second' as a pretty strong hint for 'deuterons.' How many prefixes can you think of that work not just for 'two' but for 'second'?"

#### MUCH MORE THAN CORRIGENDA

Send all parts of any flat with PHONETIC in the title. Send rebus sols, not rubric readings. Send cryptic crossword sols, not cryptic readings. So Philana reminds, if you want credit for your sols. If not, never mind.

8—This being phonetic, I think the parts might be enumerated: \*9; FIRST = 3, SECOND = 7. 9—Very (two-level) enigmatic element in the rubric. Not especially hard to solve, though. Kea: "In the note for Feb 11, 100 Down confesses to not knowing how to spell 'uey,' and you confess to not knowing the word. Well, guess which dictionary it's in? Chambers says: uey (Australian colloquial; usually figurative) noun a U-turn, as in do a uey. It's also used in New Zealand, by the way." 12—De-indent the final couplet; add apostrophe to "New Year's Day." 16—No dash in line 6 after SOL. 33—Rubric involves non-MW material. Many would prefer and some insist on "whom," not "who," in line 4. 35—Quotation mark in final line, before "wish." 45—Penultimate line: "world," not "word." 46—The author says he "sent an erroneous byline; it should be ONE HUN. I'd hope anyone who got close to the answer wouldn't be distracted by that, but for people

F-4.

NPL S N T N S S  
(unpleasantness)  
S S R B NPL  
(Assurbanipal)  
N NPL S (nonplus)  
T (Ty)  
(Nepal)  
(Sousa)  
(unison)  
(terneplate)  
(Anubis)  
(sinople)  
(Asia)

F-5.

R  
LEA  
SEALS  
SHAMPOO  
SHIPSHAPE  
LEAPT APPLE  
REAMS BOLAS  
ALPHA POSIT  
SOAPBOXES  
OPPOSES  
ELLIS  
EAT  
S

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like me who flounder around in the dark a lot, it may be necessary to mention." Okay. I meant to rewrite: "The captives who live in the bowels of the castle have fear that their fate will be worst. . ."

49-Phonetics off by the usual single phoneme. 57-A nonexistent flat type. It would be a repeated-trigram deletion, except that in RTDs, the trigram is not part of the sol, and in this case the repeated word, EAT, is. Xemu mentioned a "Repeated-Word Deletion" in Underground Enigma, with sol S(he)at(he). This one is like that one. 62-63-The language is Indo-Iranian, says Treesong, not Indic. 65-Move the last S in the rubric farther to the right. 66-After the final comma, 3 \*9'1 \*5. 67-"\*3." isn't quite right. X-5-Clue 10 answer is two words.

F-1-Shrdlu/Xemu. "The idea to do these letterless forms is Shrdlu's; the forms and clues are mine." For credit, send all the words, not just the letterless parts. X3 (from Treesong; I can't verify, but use if it helps)-"8 is wrong (misunderstood word); try 'No pill chilled'. I would also drop 'Family in' from 4 (I'm not certain here) and tag 7 as partly non-MW."

### MARCH PUZZLES

Just three forms and an extra (plus the spiffy-spify-cryptic): no room for more. But I'll bet you have a February bunch left to play with! It's time to submit more anaquotes, preferably humorous (and certainly not ancient or sexist-what's with all the women drivers and desperate, unmarried daughters lately?) An occasional piecemeal. And so on.

1-4-7 isn't 10C, though a related form is. 2, 18-Ai/Mangie. 3-Welcome, Endgame. 6-Treesong: "Safire's 'On Language' in the 11 Feb NYT Magazine has a couple of paragraphs about words for snow in English and Inuit, and Pullum's book in particular. [A good time for] Ucaoiimhu's [#6-which Treesong read in draft]. Not to mention the arrival of the new nom KINNIK." 7-Maelstrom/Panache. 8-QED/Ucaoiimhu. QED: "The cueword for [ALL] is ZOINKS CAKES (TM). This flat may seem Icelandic but . . . check out the label on a package of Twinkies and you'll see [that it isn't]." 10-QED/Lunch Boy. 17-Ostrich/Trash, sometimes Trash/Ostrich. 26-Further data findable in NI2. 27-Snowwhite/Reds. 31-Test-solvers agree this is commonly available-part of the culture. 34-The non-MW part is in Bartlett's, Treesong says. 35-\*5 is 10C without caps. 36-Xemu/Meki. 39-Some enumeration withheld, just cuz. Be sure, as with all phonetic flats, to send all parts. All.

44-48 Wabbit/100 Down. 47-Wabbit included this note from 100 Down: "The Lock and Drop might have been meant [when Wabbit sent him the base] as a padlock only. I figured (at the time) that they'd all be obvious. But I can't find this in the guide. LEFT and RIGHT overlap [as in a padlock], and when the overlap is removed, the remaining letters spell a word (OUT). But [as in a dropout], the removed center section (IN) is a word."

50-Alice/Joker. 54-Maelstrom/QED. KU-1-Easier than many a regular flat, if you recognize it. If not, less easy. 63-Xemu/Ucaoiimhu. 66-Plaid/Aesop. 67-Xemu/100 Down. 69-Maelstrom/QED, who writes: "Admittedly, no rhyme; but then the original doesn't really rhyme either." 72-Dart with a speech problem; 75-Dart with a third identity: "Gridby is my pseudonym at mathNEWS, which has a regular Profquote column, and a cryptic-and-conventional crossword combo by me. Fraz held this post some ten years before me. Websurfers who want to see how bad I am at it can access <http://undergrad.math.uwaterloo.ca/~m> at hnews and look for the Gridword." 85-Not literary (is it?); maybe "lit." means "literal"?

### FEBRUARY HINTS AND RANDOM GUESSES AT WHAT MIGHT BE EASY IN MARCH

These may be more accessible than others: 4, 14, 15, 28, 37, 41, 42, 49, 50, 53, 58, 59, 60, KU-1 for many.  
 8-Verify the phonetics in 10C. F-1-Does the title help? F-7-Notice there are no non-MW parts, so that QED sol you're trying isn't it. Treesong writes that this was his last sol, and "some tagging might help: 4 is NI2, 5 is NI3." X4-Treesong: "Got an erratum for this, but no, there's an all-10C solution."  
 50, 53, 58, 59, 60, KU-1 for many.

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

"... hidden things or secrets."

Solution words and phrases not in 10C (10th Collegiate) are labeled for the most recent Merriam-Webster dictionary in which they appear: NI3, NI2 Addenda, or NI2. Non-MW words are noted. Tags: + means foreign, slang, dial., obs., arch., and so on; \* 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 May 1 (E-mail 2 days earlier).

## 1. HETERONYM

(4-7 2 \*6, 2 \*3 2 7 3 2)  
(\*3 = not MW, see note)

As I walk down the streets of  
Laredo,  
I spy a great puzzler (and lover,  
they say).  
I ask him, "What's up, you old alpha  
Romeo?"

We stroll as he warbles this  
cow/play-boy lay:

"Been smooching the ladies of  
Alamagordo,  
Been FIRST PHRASE and Clovis real  
passionately.  
Those Santa Fe cuties have reached  
an accord—Oh!  
The Krewe Casanova they favor is  
me."

THE NEXT PHRASE and down the streets  
of Laredo,  
Crowing romantic success with such  
flair,  
This maker of flats that turn hearts  
into Play-Doh  
Gives hope to us guys who are losing  
their hair.  
=CACHE, New York NY

## 2. ENIGMATIC REBUS [6 13] (NI3)

BLUE

You're blue because C-6 won't yield?  
You find the going rough?  
The OSS has SOLs to solve; now,  
there is something tough.  
=AIIIE, Charalo VY

## 3. FALSE PLURAL (3, 5)

It's twelve o'clock; the day is  
done.  
So SOME the lights; it's time for  
ONE.  
=ENDGAME, New York NY

## 4. ENIGMATIC REBUS (8 4)

Some say that saber's the best kind  
of fencing,  
Others would argue that foil is  
king.  
I'd like to REBUS as best of them  
all (though  
For keeping the neighbors out,  
picket's the thing).



=STELLA, Culver City CA

5. PHONIGMATIC REBUS  
(5 2 \*3 \*4 2 \*6)

sparest

Vaslav Nijinsky  
Told Igor Stravinsky:  
"Love your Petrushka—  
I prefer that BABUSHKA!"  
=XEMU, Bridgewater NJ

## 6. TRANSPOSALS (7)

Please remove your ONEs, and listen,  
folks:  
As Geoffrey Pullum tells us in The  
Great  
Eskimo Vocabulary Hoax,  
The Eskimos do not have forty-eight  
Words for snow; in fact, they have  
quite few.  
(English, for example, does much  
better; a  
Glance at your 10C or NI2  
Yields "snow," "slush," "blizzard,"  
"powder," "TWO," etc.)

But still the myth is spread by  
folks who seem  
Determined to annoy; these THREEs  
continue it  
Remorselessly, displaying not a  
gleam  
Of what we might call "Ayenbite of  
Inuit."  
=UCAOIMHU, Chicago IL

7. CONSONANTCY (8, 4-3-3)  
(SECOND = not MW)

That Ross Perot got one thing right:  
After NAFTA, jobs took flight  
To our friendly southern neighbor  
Whose factories use cheap FIRST  
labor.  
Our unemployed in panic all  
Wish for a SECOND they could call  
To summon succor, or police,  
So that the sucking sound might  
cease.  
=STROMACHE, Milver City OA

## 8. WORD DELETION (5 4) (NI3)

Read a pack of Twinkies (R)  
 Just to learn what goes in thar,  
 And you'll find, amongst the sugar  
 and enriched  
 GOLDEN SPONGECAKE flour, a FILLING  
 That the vegans find quite chilling:  
 They use beef fat for the "cream"—  
 unless they've switched.  
 (First, of course, they change the  
 color;  
 Natural tallow's rather duller.)  
 They should use this fact in  
 adverts—can't you see 'em?  
 Like the pork folks once sold pork:  
 Show folks eating, with a fork,  
 Healthful "Twinkies (R)—the other  
 ZOINKS CAKES (TM)."  
 =QEIMHU, Boldly Go CL

## 9. CURTAILMENT (6)

(with a bow to Oct 62)

On the plain, Tex was taught how to  
 make  
 A new drink while he rode with a  
 RAKE.  
 It was milk, so he liked it.  
 He now spiced and spiked it.  
 His RAKEES went best with a steak.  
 =DART, Waterloo ON

## 10. FALSE PLURAL (8, 3 6)

(ONE AND A HALF = 8)

How could you do this injustice to  
 me?  
 I'd tear off your head if you didn't  
 have three!  
 You rat! No, wait, I mean, "You  
 giraffe!"  
 (Excuse me. I THREE when I'm ONE AND  
 A HALF.)  
 =CUE BOY, Bork CY

## 11. TWO-WORD DELETION (11)

(TWO = NI3)

Let's toast our fete with amber-  
 colored TOTAL  
 And fill our ONES, then warble  
 THREES of love . . .  
 Oh no! Let's run! Here comes a honey  
 buzzard  
 (TWO) heading for that wasp's nest  
 up above!  
 =WABBIT, Montreal PQ

## 12. SPOONERGRAM (10, 6 4)

(NORM = 10)

Don't fill your charger's NORM with  
 lead—  
 You'll find too late that it in  
 'STEAD!  
 =GAB-F, Bassano AB

13. PHONETIC DELETION (\*1.\*1.\*8)  
(not MW) (YES = \*1\*1\*1 = not MW)

YES, the rock band, did all right  
 With "I'm Alive" and "Hold On  
 Tight."

Then they made a move quite dotty:  
 They restaffed with literati!  
 Gore Vidal did vocal tracks,  
 AT Oliver Sacks played sax.  
 YEATS on keyboards—what a shock!  
 (Ragtime was his strength, not  
 rock.)

Sales, of course, went down the  
 hole.

No one liked their rock and droll.  
 =MR. TEX, Los Angeles CA

## 14. REVERSAL (8, \*8)

(\*SLIP UP = coinage)

The publisher addressed his staff:  
 "Ted Geisel's books make kiddies  
 laugh!

Each time we print his tomes once  
 more,

The profits from our PUPILS soar.  
 But can we boost our profits higher?  
 I have a plan to fan the fire:  
 We'll give them more! More fun! More  
 features!

We'll add some wacky brand-new  
 creatures!

More Cats in Hats! More Sams-I-Am!  
 More rainbow-colored eggs and ham!  
 More Nerds and Nerkles on the scene!  
 We'll have the Grinch snitch  
 Halloween!

If tots go ape for one fish,  
 two fish,  
 We'll give 'em ten—no, twenty—new  
 fish!

There's lots of ways that we can  
 whip up

To make our books for children  
 SLIP UP!"

=CRAX, Mountain View CA

## 15. HOMONYM (9, 2 8)

In Camelot, there was a squire;  
 To win his spurs, he would aspire.  
 But because he was BEGUN  
 He would not ever DONE—  
 Could not achieve his great desire.  
 =IXAXAR, Jamesville NY

## 16. METATHESIS (7)

That brainy nerd is sitting at  
 The desk beside me. Given that  
 My eyes are quite as sharp as hawks'  
 are

And the ONE's observing walks are  
 Quite infrequent, I may get  
 A TWO score on this damned quiz yet!  
 =100 DOWN, Larchmont NY

17. ENIGMATIC REBUS ([5 1 4] 5)  
(reading has 10C-findable material  
and + usage; rubric has non-MW usage)

Read Primary Colors, by author

Anonymous;

"Stanton" and Clinton are almost  
homonymous.

Whole lampooning mocks each  
other member

Of Clinton's campaign team from  
March to December.

The publishing house for this new  
SALT much paperwork

Keeping A.'s secret, and that made  
the caper work.

Time's online interview gives some  
detail,

But it's clear A.'s identity  
isn't for

And though some accuse A. of a  
gimmick, no-name art,

The book's making more than a  
white at K-Mart.

It's true, his/her tome's growing  
rapidly global

On at your friendly nearby  
Barnes & Noble.

=DUMBO, A., W. Nowhere MA

18. LETTER BANK (9'1, 10 8)

My father was no businessman, but  
prudent, wise, precise.

And so my LITTLE largely just his  
notebooks of advice:

Let conscience guide you as to what  
you shouldn't do or should.

Old verities aren't always bad,  
what's new not always good.

Be modest, undebased by what you  
read and what you see;

Confine your loving to the BIG;  
'twas good enough for me.

=AIIIE, Charalo VY

19. ENIGMATIC REBUS [6 6] (findable  
non-MW rubric element)

GG8228900

Wanna spar?

Wear WORDS, by Gar.

=PANACHE, Culver City CA

20. FALSE FEMININE (3, \*4)  
(\*4 not MW)

The hermit must eat on his  
mountainous crag.

His lunches are culled from the  
plants in the gorge.

For dinner he cooks up a bear or a  
stag.

At sunrise he dreams of GEORGETTE  
on the GEORGE.

=FULDU, Claremont CA

21. HOMONYM (9, \*5 \*6) (GNUS = 11;  
\*5 = 10C-findable)

George Burns

Lives and learns,

While I take notes

For anaquotes.

Goldie Hawn,

When "Laugh-In"'s on,

Makes super clues,

Like, "If a Cross humanitarian

married a mega-rich tycoon,

would she be NEWS?"

(Edmund Bentley,

Incidentally,

In flats would use,

Like me, some GNUS!)

=GAB-F, Bassano AB

22. LETTER BANK (5, \*2 \*5 2 2 \*4)  
(GROS = +, not MW)

GROS by Cocteau is so

Phantasmagorically

Eerie and beautiful—

Film at its best.

You prefer Disney's? A

Candlestick can-canning

With the PETIT and chairs?

Please, be my guest.

=CACHE, New York NY

23. SECOND-TO-FOURTH CHANGEOVER (8)

I hadn't practiced for a month—my  
tuba lesson was a flop.

Whenever I would blow a note, the  
air somehow just ONE on through.

My prof turned red, and then dark  
red, and then he really blew his  
top.

His words I'll not repeat (too  
vile!), but this he meant: "You'd  
better TWO!"

=ULK, Grand Chain IL

24. TRANSPOSAL (5)

In India he was a ONE.

(He was among the betters.)

In Africa they called him "TWO."

(New place, but no new letters!)

=EARL E. BYRD, Holmdel NJ

25. LETTER SHIFT (6)

A reformer drew up a detailed A

For plaguing the Boss by night and  
day.

But some Bs soon managed to

intercede,

And wouldn't allow him to harass

Tweed.

=TRAZOM, San Francisco CA

## 26. REBUS [\*5 \*5 \*5]

GRETA

When mead was made, when crowd was crude,  
 When feast was faced, when sign was seen,  
 When drool was droll, when loud was lewd,  
 The time—the team—was pre-FIFTEEN.  
 =QAAQ, Atlanta GA

## 27. LETTER BANK (10, 14)

Your karma may determine when from  
 this our world you pass,  
 And whether you return a beast, a  
 man, or gentle lass.  
 The transmigration of your soul, or  
 LONG, as it is known—  
 Your spirit's never really yours;  
 it's only out on loan.  
 Then it may fly away somewhere,  
 somehow to be reborn,  
 And leave all else behind to rest,  
 enjoy a summer morn.  
 With flowers blooming in damp earth,  
 green grass, plants that are  
 SHORT.  
 What better final resting place? A  
 Palm Springs golf resort.  
 =SNORED, Chute Hill ON

## 28. DELETION (5) (BEGUN = NI3)

He wasn't drunk—he was allergic  
 To the fruit of the BEGUN.  
 He shivered, tried to stand, but  
 reeled  
 And fell. Folks found him in a DONE.  
 =WABBIT, Montreal PQ

29. TRANSDELETION GROUP (2, 3, 8)  
(TWO = NI3, group not MW)

Kryptonite Schmyptonite  
 Little Clark Kent left his  
 Planet; the wearer of  
 "TWO" he'd soon be.  
 Lands in Kauai, so his  
 New-found EIGHT parents could  
 Greet him. (No wonder he's  
 Wearing a THREE!)  
 =MAELSTROM, Milwaukie OR

## 30. LETTER BANK (\*8, 13)

It's PROSILY, not Constantinople.  
 Just as Edirne was Adrianople,  
 If it ain't there, it's called  
 ISOPROPYL  
 (If it's very slight,  
 If it's out of sight).  
 As Togliatti was once called  
 Stavropol,  
 The name is now PROSILY.  
 =XEIPON, Colorado Springs CO

31. CURTAILMENT (\*3 \*5, 7)  
(THREE FIVE = not MW; SEVEN = NI2)

If  
 The brother of Biff  
 Decided the life of a salesman stunk  
 And became an Eastern Orthodox monk,  
 Then right now THREE FIVE might be  
 money-free, and he could at least  
 pretend at ease  
 While robed in SEVEN (a.k.a.  
 ependytes).  
 =BEACON, Kansas City MO

## 32. ENIGMATIC REBUS [4 5]

The USA, it struck the CLUE  
 In seventeen hundred ninety-two.  
 The CLUE is pretty small, and so  
 The US was a bully? No.  
 =N, Grand Chain IL

## 33. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (7)

We're renovating both up- and down-  
 stairs.  
 Indeed, as part of our plans  
 We'll PRIMAL the kitchen with table  
 and chairs  
 And FINAL the pots and pans.  
 =IXAXAR, Jamesville NY

34. LETTER BANK (8, 4 3 5 4)  
(REFRAIN = not MW)

You're sick and lying in a BED,  
 Your body's racked with pain.  
 You've booked a week in Waikiki—  
 There's been six days of rain.  
 Your blind date has the manners  
 And the breath of a Great Dane.  
 Minutes into Bio-Dome,  
 You know the film's inane.  
 Just keep saying to yourself,  
 "A COMFORTING-REFRAIN."  
 =MR. TEX, Los Angeles CA

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## 35. REBUS (\*5 6) (\*5 = not MW)

My dog seemed depressed, so we went  
 to the vet,  
 And after the X-rays, the vet said,  
 "Don't fret.  
 He swallowed a rock; I'll remove it.  
 With this in  
 His stomach, no wonder he's gloomy.  
 But listen,  
 Afterwards, he'll seem confused when  
 he sees you  
 (He'll still be affected by my  
 anesthesia)."  
 Now everything's better: my dog's  
 not depressed,  
 And I think that I like IT—he  
 barks so much less.  
 =LUNCH BOY, New York NY

36. HETERONYM ([8 4] 4, 3-7 \*4. 6;  
5-2 5 2: "8 6! \*8)

At Pakistani weddings,  
Where speaking is my hobby,  
The crowd size helps determine  
My language and my style.  
When seats are free, my sermon  
Is specialized Punjabi;  
But, when it's EARLY lunches  
Beat sit-downs by a mile.

At times I deal with hecklers:  
One husband's understudy  
Claimed "art brut" was invented  
In his hometown near Lahore.  
Absurd! It was a bluff that  
I called the LATE developed  
It in Paris—you're demented—  
And affected, what is more!"  
=XEKI, Bridgeto NX

37. FALSE PLURAL (5, \*4) (\*4 =  
AMAZONIA = not MW)

Sweeping all across the nation  
On the steed of syndication  
Comes the conqu'ring Warrior  
Princess, AMAZONIA.  
Once a Herculean villainess,  
She developed quite a willin'ness  
To be noble (like ALAS)—and left  
Herc's show. (Nyaah!)

When her sword she sets to heaving  
Both her cleavage and her cleaving  
Make for very heavy breathing (like  
ALAS).

It's a wee bit Ancient Greekish,  
And it's rather tongue-in-cheekish  
—Like ALAS, this program really  
is a gas.

=UCAOIMHU, Chicago IL

38. SPOONERGRAM ([4 4], 4 4)

Snickery-bickery Jacques;  
Chirac turned back the clock,  
And thumbed his nose  
At A-bomb foes  
In every foreign bloc:

"Of WILLIAM do not preach!  
Son gout to all and each.

The rays give those  
Who shed their clothes  
The SPOONER On The Beach."  
=AESOP, Arlington MA

39. PHONETIC WORD-DELETION (9)  
(OUTSIDE = common NPL phrase)

Here's the scoop on "UNIFIED":  
INSIDE is defined OUTSIDE  
As "force in an extreme degree"  
Or "magnitude of quantity  
Per unit," and, at last, should say,  
"Saturation" (def. 4a).  
=BEACON, Kansas City MO

40. ENIGMATIC SUBER (\*5 3-3)  
(\*5 = not MW usage)

Y

Our own Ms. Ripstein, brainy scamp,  
Was at a match in college when  
They named her cruciverbal champ.

She chewed her pen. Her brow was  
damp.

She eyed the Brown and Harvard men,  
Our own Ms. Ripstein, brainy scamp.

For days she'd burned the midnight  
lamp.

Last year she'd won. She hoped,  
again,

They'd name her cruciverbal champ.

Who fought the pangs of writer's  
cramp

And mopped her brow, and chewed her  
pen?

Our own Ms. Ripstein, brainy scamp!

Six letters: "Artist \_\_\_\_\_ Duchamp"?  
Just one more clue to solve, and  
then

They'd name her cruciverbal champ.

Her Yalie friends did whoop and  
stamp

Their feet: "Hip hip hooray for En!"  
(Our own Ms. Ripstein, brainy scamp)

They named HER cruciverbal champ!

=XEMU, Bridgewater NJ

41. REBUS (10) (not MW)

hint

D

Brevity is the soul of wit.  
This is IT.

(Well, just a bit.)

=BTNIRN, Chicago IL

42. PHONETIC REBUS (11)

envy ⇨ VIII

Green with envy are his eyes.

They VERB and sparkle at the prize.

=POLLY, Sarasota FL

43. RIDDLE

One is a crab with a bull for his  
lair.

Ninety-seven, an owl, resides in a  
bear.

Quite vague they may sound when both  
are together,

But neither is seen in inclement  
weather.

They and their relatives form a neat  
group

But others might call it a messier  
troop.

=PUGSLEY, Chelmsford MA



44. TRANSDLETION (11) (ELEVEN through FIVE) (TEN = NI2)  
 45. DOUBLE-CROSS (4, 4-2, 4, 6) (A, B, C, D)  
 46. PHONETIC FALSE COMPARATIVE (5, 7) (LESS, MORE SO)  
 47. LOCK AND DROP (6, 6, \*3, 6) (LEFT, RIGHT, IN, OUT) (IN = not MW usage)  
 48. PROGRESSIVE DELETION (7) (FIRST, MIDDLE, LAST)

Steve Spielberg, says rumor, has  
 SEVEN Ed Pegg  
 To serve as advisor on TEN  
 For a film that he's making (to star  
 Mr. Cruise  
 With the A of a LESS, do y' ken?).  
 An ELEVEN it won't be--no facts to  
 confuse--  
 No, the EIGHTs won't commend it for  
 school;  
 But instead it's a D, an  
 outdoors-bedroom farce.  
 Now our XEIPON is nobody's fool:  
 He's asked for an OUT sent by  
 certified mail  
 With a guaranteed cut of the take.

Now I'll grant you a C--if you'd  
 like to be told,  
 Here's the plot of the film that  
 they'll make:  
 Tom will wear a FIRST RIGHT (made of  
 sueded cowhide)  
 And be led by a filly who's sly.  
 Boy, the way that she twitches her  
 withers at Tom!  
 That will be quite a B for this guy!  
 He'll be worked to a MIDDLE with  
 hormones as she  
 Takes a FIVE to her goal that will  
 SIX  
 Far around each contrivance his  
 friends can devise  
 To release him from all of her  
 tricks.

Then, much LAST--and believe me, the  
 laughs will be there,  
 Though this precis's cliffhangerish  
 stuff--  
 There are killer guffaws, served in  
 real LEFT amounts.  
 Then IN Holbrook arrives in a puff  
 Of white smoke. He plays Zeus, in a  
 NINE made of gold  
 'Neath a jacket of silvery blue,  
 And he rescues our hero. There's  
 quite a bit more,  
 And I'd happily tell it to you,  
 But I grow (sadly) MORE SO the  
 longer I talk;  
 So the rest you must see for  
 yourself.

Well, I hope that the wooing of  
 XEIPON works out,  
 And an Oscar may sit on his shelf!  
 =WATERSHIP DOWN, Montmont PY

#### 49. REBUS (9)

Ay

"How did you do," I asked, "on your  
 Exam on The Inferno?"  
 "AY!" he exclaimed. "I flunked for  
 sure.

No way I passed, no sir, no.

I've reached the depths with this  
 damned text;

I say to hell with Dante.  
 But Wuthering Heights we study next;  
 I'll rise again with Brontë!"  
 =ENDGAME, New York NY

#### 50. WORD DELETION (\*9)

An INNER to Michigan went,  
 From far-off Nepal, and this gent  
 Formed a Buddhist jug band,  
 And he's now in demand,  
 As the best OUTER player in KENT!  
 =ALIKER, La Heights CH

#### 51. LETTER BANK (3-2, 8) (TEETOTALER = 3-2)

"I know, if I try, that I'll squeeze  
 him to death!"  
 Thought the tropical reptile  
 regarding the rhino.  
 "So what if he's bigger around than  
 my length?"  
 That's nice to see--a TEETOTALER  
 WINO.  
 =LUNCH BOY, New York NY

#### 52. HETERONYM (6) (ONE = non-MW form)

Thou ONE thy blade, truly.  
 Thou keepst it sharp, TWOLY.  
 =BTNIRN, Chicago IL

#### 53. FALSE COMPARATIVE (4, 6)

I sit and SINKER by the SINK.  
 The water seems to help me think.  
 =EARL E. BYRD, Holmdel NJ

#### 54. REVERSED FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (5)

When a physicist tries to make  
 BLAZES from scratch,  
 He doesn't buy cabbage but starts  
 with a MATCH.  
 =MAELED, Milder OO

## 55. REBUS (\*4 7 [3 2] 3'1 6 2)

MEAMEWME BME  
T

Very late one December in front of a store  
In a small town in Iowa (right in the core),  
Tom and Mary cross paths in a light, freezing rain.  
They converse for a minute and (what else!) complain  
'Bout the weather that's cold and oppressive and drear,  
As it so often is at this time of the year.  
"It's depressing," says Mary, "and I have no reason  
To stop short of saying I hate this whole season."  
"Don't you agree, Tom?", she inquires at the end,  
Thus inviting a ready assent from her friend.  
But poor Tom, whose opinions are often less bold,  
Says, "THE PUZZLE SOLUTION, it's just that they're cold."  
Well, now, this is a perfect example, I'd say,  
Of the human, and oftentimes comical way  
That we blurt out an answer that's nearly inane  
When we hurry to speak without using our brain.  
=EARL E. BYRD, Holmdel NJ

## 56. REBUS (6)

E

It's only this, as you'll agree:  
Compounded of just H and C.  
=IXAXAR, Jamesville NY

57. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (8) (NI2)  
(sequel to Jan 79)

A. Tickled by the taste, I asked about the shepherd's pie.  
"The other other white meat," was her curious reply.

B. Ticking off your hostess is accounted very rude;  
All you heard were things like "Mmm!" as I attacked the food.

C. Replete at last, too full for one more spiral of fusilli,  
I must have looked a bit unwell;  
Uncanny told me, "Really,

You needn't worry, XEIPON, about eating my creation.  
It's healthy, hearty, robust food; besides, you're no relation."  
=TREESONG, West Chester PA

## 58. BEHEADMENT (7)

Oh, the painter who ONED my new house  
Turned out to be rather a souse;  
And when the guy TWOed,  
He got rather rude,  
So I roasted that old spackled grouse!  
=GAB-F, Bassano AB

## 59. REBUS (6) (reading has + word)

## 60. REBUS (8) (reading has + word)

BLZ

When the sun SIX, still he came;  
He trudged through every EIGHT;  
And even when he shot his boss,  
My postman wasn't late.  
=MR. TEX, Los Angeles CA

## 61. PHONETIC FALSE SEX CHANGE (8, 8)

"José, what's the reason you're GAL while out there in the GUY?"  
"The reason? Caramba! I've got no estoque, that's why!"  
=ULK, Grand Chain IL

## 62. REBUS (\*9'1 1 4)

T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T  
T

Head east from Dudley until you reach water,  
And there you'll see ships, because THAT'S WHAT YOU OUGHTER.  
=CRAX, Mountain View CA

KU-1. LETTER BANK (9, "8'1 \*6")  
(OVERDEVELOPED = not MW)  
(To the tune of OVERDEVELOPED:)

The average SMERSH-loving female  
Despite all her legal sense,  
Shows an erotic tendency  
To bond with Bond:

She'll professionally move her fingers

When the phoneside wait's intense  
So she won't have to think if she's been conned.

In other woids, just from waiting  
for James to invoice you to the prom,

An agent can DEVELOPED a bomb.  
You can absently spray, say, a Russian AK or a noice Galil;  
You can woik out a scrawl for a guy or a doll with your coding skill;  
You can even undo an explosive or two with no conscious will— An agent can DEVELOPED a bomb.  
=BEACON, Kansas City MO

## 63. PHONETIC WORD-DELETION

(3 4 2, 4, \*5)

(\*5 = ZUNI = 10C-findable)

We are dainty little fairies,  
 Tripping hither, tripping thither  
 (Like the wand'ring planetaries  
 That had ZUNI in a dither).

Don't assume just 'cause we're  
 teeny,

Though, we won't strike back when  
 goaded;

We have black belts in ZUCCHINI,  
 And our KEYS are fully loaded!

=XEIMHU, Bricago IL

## 64. ENIGMATIC REBUS (3 4 2 3 8)

Szechwan

007, in China, is wanting to get  
 Past COMPLETE and inside (to an  
 innermost room).

Will his strategy work as he hopes?

I presume

He'll succeed. (Do you figure he'll  
 work up a sweat?)

=ULK, Grand Chain IL

## 65. CONSONANTICY (7, 6, 5, 3-5, 6, 5)

(FOUR = NI2)

My ONE child, while TWO

A bowl of THREE stew,

Just burned his FOUR FIVE.

(A SIX too much chive.)

=TEKI, Austin TX

## 66. HOMONYM (5, 6) (TON = 5 = NI2)

I went the other day into a Chinese  
 market-fair

And vowed I'd eat the largest fruit  
 that they were selling there.

But woe is me! for I must eat a  
 giant mutant cuke

Whose awful briny odor is enough to  
 make me puke.

It weighs a TON, and so do I (though  
 not for long, I fear!).

I'm really in an awful TUN (no pun  
 intended here).

=PLOP, Oaklington CA

## 67. CONSONANTICY (5, 4, \*4, \*5)

(FOUR = part of 10C phrase)

Ah, ONE! Those college students zip  
 From slope to slope—wherever's

hip

To ski. TWO ski Uinta's peaks

In sunny THREE, then spend some  
 weeks

In mountains near where FOUR's great  
 lake

Lies 'cross the CA-NV break.

=MARK DOWN, Bridgmont JY

## 68. CHARADE (2-2)

"ONE" in the sol,

"ONE" in the verse.

That's a CHARADE.

TWO? Maybe worse.

=PUGSLEY, Chelmsford MA

## 69. BIGRAM CURTAILMENT (8)

Old McDonald had a farm,

E-I-E-I-O,

And on that farm he had some MOOSE,

E-I-E-I-O.

With a stampede here

And a stampede there,

Here a hood, there a stem,

Everywhere there's MOO goo.

Old McDonald had some MOOSE.

E-I-E-I-O.

=MAELED, Milder OO

## 70. TRANSPOSAL (11)

My friend Rod, a RODNEY who lives in  
 L.A.

Is a fun guy to visit, but watch  
 what you say.

For example, we went to a bar and I  
 ordered

A Coors Silver Bullet; he fell down  
 and snorted

In terror, "You wouldn't!" but then  
 the light dawned.

He's still a good tour guide,  
 though. I'm very fond

Of seeing spots hit by the quake, so  
 we'd wander

Until he'd say, "Here—that's the  
 place, and it's YONDER."

=LUNCH BOY, New York NY

## 71. WORD DELETION (8)

(IN = NI3+ usage)

Little Bo Peep has lost her sheep

And is rushing around to find them—

Ewes and rams and INs and lambs

With OUTs roaming round behind them.

They'll never be found just by  
 rushing around;

Use brains and TOTAL and plan:

Remember thaat sheep follow grass  
 that is deep,

And have since time began.

=POLLY, Sarasota FL

## 72. LETTER BANK (6, 5 5)

(6 = SINGLE = NI3)

Every time I eat too fast, my  
 dentist gives me trouble,

'Cause every time I SINGLE then  
 (hic!) ouk comes a GUBBLE.

(If I yooze anozher molar

I'll have sheero when I'm ol'er.)

=GARK, Wakeryoo ON

## 73. REBUS (7 \*1\*1)

Aa

I have a certain tendency  
To talk about how THIS can be.  
With traffic, earthquakes, gangs and  
smog,  
It has its downs, undoubtedly.

But now I'm trapped in Minnesota,  
Stranded by sufficient snow to  
Wholly hide my rental car,  
And "THIS" is where I'd like to go  
to.

=RASTELLI, Culver City CA

## 74. E IGM TIC UBE (2 4 \*1. \*8)

(\*8 = not MW)

The Shadow

Brought to justice every evil-hearted  
no-goodnik from Maine to Colorado.  
But at his day job, he was very  
remiss;

His bosses lamented, "Oh, why did  
SOLVE THIS?"

=XEMU, Bridgewater NJ

## 75. METATHESIS (6)

Has your lecturer ever been caught  
in a goof?

Has he said something stupid while  
writing a proof?

In Math 138 we heard this text  
emerge

From Prof Best: that his series does  
not not converge.

Then, to cover "It's like 'Yes, we  
have no bananas,'"

Which journalist moles quickly  
placed in our anas.

Submit your odd quotes into  
mathNEWS's box

And be sure to include both the  
CORKS and the ROCKS.

=GRIDBY, Waterloo ON

A N A G R A M S

76. AX DARN NONENTITIES; QUOTE US,  
PARTNER! (7 3 4 3 6 8) (+)

=AI, Charlottesville VA

## 77. MR. NICE CHAP (GRIN) [\*6 \*8]

## 78. RE: ALL OUR YEGGS [6' 7]

## 79. THE AIR FROZEN, EH? (4 \*10)

=ULK, Grand Chain IL

80. RANTER: "IT'S MALE  
EUROPEAN WRITERS!"

(1 \*7 10 10)

=CACHE, New York NY

81. ASININE, "ACTED" MOVIES  
FROM US, EH?

("7'1 \*8 \*4 \*6")

=WABBIT, Montreal PQ

## 82. ARRANGER TURNS DROLL H.S. MUSIC

PROF. HISSY DAD

(\*2. \*7'1 \*4, 8 \*7 \*8)

A N T I G R A M S

## 83. SANE GUESS: NO OIL

=MAELSTROM, Milwaukee OR

## 84. THREE, SEVEN GET IN (3 4 8)

=AI, Charlottesville VA

A M B I G R A M S

## 85. LIT. PANEL; MC (UGH) 'ROUGH'

("3 \*2\*8 \*5")

=WABBIT, Montreal PQ

## 86. GRINCH TWIN, E.G. (\*4 \*8)

## 87. PITEOUS TART (1 10)

=NON SEQUITUR, Norwalk CT

## F O R M S

## F-1. INVERTED HALFSQUARE

1. General suitability
2. Experience something
3. Chemical compound with three  
double bonds
4. Objects of interest
5. Browns
6. Stringed instrument
7. Doctor of Engineering
8. Exponent

=MAYA, Beaufort NC

## F-2. SQUARE

1. Mid-March victim
2. Wear away
3. Wears away
4. Dominatrix, perhaps
5. Half of a hymn
6. Ceased

=TYGER, Hoboken NJ

## F-3. VWLLSS SQR

1. Gestalt, for one
2. About collective behavior
3. Islamic offices abolished in  
1924
4. Arrogant mood (2 words)
5. Orinoco dweller (2 words)
6. Ecstatic, unintelligible speech

=AI, Charlottesville VA

## E X T R A S

## X-1. ANAQUIP VARIATION

(5 3 5 5 2 4 8: 5 3 3 5 3 3 3'1.)

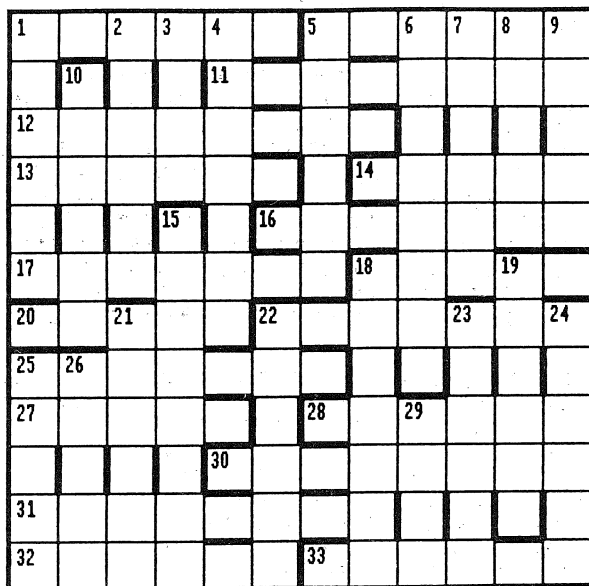
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T O N O S N O N C T W E T H A A H U C N D

=DART, Waterloo ON

## X-2. CRYPTIC CROSSWORD: Single-Minded

-by ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

Sibyl tels me I can't spel very wel. It sems that every time I should be writing a word with double leters I use a single leter, whether it be in the diagram or clues. So every word in the completed diagram should, I am told, really have at least one leter doubled. Two clue answers are NI3, two are NI2 (of which one is NI3-findable), and one is not MW. Thre clue answers are capitalized. Hapy solving!



## Across:

- 1 They critique *Cats*, perhaps
- 5 Lost one chant at end of mas
- 11 Part of spech in care of reporter
- 12 Left dog guarding one uncommon place for plants
- 13 Aleivated a terrible delay
- 14 Energy provided by the Spanish tower builder
- 16 Partialy revealed a lie on backward glance
- 17 Team befs about low energy
- 18 Rifle shot for one you know
- 20 First person pleads for points to debate
- 22 Pro bater with American League takes strike out pitch
- 25 Col flor covering scent
- 27 Ratling noise feature of bones
- 28 Northeast of stret singer
- 30 Reconstruct one Sega without normal figures
- 31 Fols intended dropping author's tax
- 32 Lie low at first after times changed
- 33 Hounds hunt, finally entering more than one home?

## Down:

- 1 Real Santa distributed canes
- 2 Edges of the grove in stret
- 3 Swift work is excelent show
- 4 Scarcity of roms - initially live with Eliot
- 5 Deserts, geting black eyes
- 6 Start of scheme to entrap former president very slow
- 7 Facile breaking up some frozen water
- 8 Required study to be reviewed by editor
- 9 For al to se, upset scren
- 10 Soccer player on target with second shots
- 15 With record rain and snow, rest giving up a housing permit
- 18 Fat Rita's scrambled eg dish
- 19 Coming close to losing new jewelry
- 21 Unproductive union with tennis player
- 22 Material in narrow track dividing flor
- 23 Beauty wins old time card game in Canes
- 24 Deposits earth during erosions
- 25 Cut back a mile from Indian district
- 26 Most of continent is backing saint's town
- 29 Cal "Turn" from below arches

## DECEMBER SOLVERS

The December ENIGMA had 81 flats, 4 forms, 7 crypts, and 5 extras; 58 solution lists, representing 73 solvers, were received. AI/GEORGE GROTH, Al DeSuda, CRAX/XEMU, DART/TRASH, JOKER/QED, MUNRO, PEBBLES, PHILANA/MERCURY, QAQAQ, R/EDS/WABBIT, TEKI/MEKI, and TRAZOM had completes; ARBUTUS, CACHE, ELGAR, and LUNCH BOY/GAB-F had flat completes. Welcome to new solver Al DeSuda.

Not accepted: #48-ANSERINE/ANSWER IN (4).

-PHILANA, Solution Editor

ABACUS 64\*-6-4; AJDE 22-0-1-2; AL GEBRA 66-0-0-0; ANN DHOW 7-0-1-1; ARBUTUS \*-2-0-\*; ASKEW 53-0-2-1; AVIDAN 79-0-4-4; BACTAM 47-2-4-\*; BAMBAM 33-2-3-3; BEACON/HOT/MELIFER 70-0-0-4; BEAGLE 66\*-5-3; BERYL 0-0\*-0-0; BOOKSIE 48-0-0-0; BUTTORKUP 52-0-0-0; CACHE \*-\*-5-\*; CHARTS 80-2-3-\*; DADA 32\*-\*\*-\*; DEE SWEET 24-0-1-2; EARL E. BYRD 59-0-0-0; ELGAR \*-\*-0-\*; ENDGAME 73-1-1-2; ERGO 47-1-4-2; FULDU 58-1-5-3; HART KING 42\*-2-2; HONEYDEW 65-3-6-\*; IXAXAR 4-0-1-0; JUNCTION 49-3-5-\*; KEA 69-2-\*-\*; LIBRA 55\*-4-4; LUNCH BOY/GAB-F \*-2-6-\*; LYRIC 49-0-2-\*; MAELSTROM 74-3-5-\*; MANGIE 71-0-6-4; MOMUS/PANTHER 72-0-6-\*; NEWROW 69-3-4-2; NOLA 44-0-0-2; PANACHE 58-0-1-1; PUGSLEY 43-0-0-3; QUIP/POI 65-1-4-3; SQUIRREL 67-0-5-2; TERRAPIN 30-0-3-2; TREESONG 77\*-\*\*-\*; TYGER/100 DOWN 73\*-4-\*; UBIQ 7-0\*-0-0; WITZ/ANDREAS 80\*-6-\*; WOODYE/KAPRY KORN 71-1\*-3.

SOLVING FREQUENCY/NUMBER OF KUDOS/TOP KUDOS: 1-44/10/1, 2-22/12, 3-38/21/6, 4-43/15/1, 5-50, 6-44/3, 7-46/7/1, 8-32/12/1, 9-52, 10-54, 11-38/6, 12-27/10, 13-40, 14-46/12, 15-49/8/1, 16-28/17/1, 17-29, 18-53/5, 19-53, 20-51/12, 21-45/1, 22-41/1, 23-33/3, 24-45/3, 25-46/3, 26-48/12/1, 27-45/23/4, 28-52/1, 29-53/7, 30-27/1, 31-50/1, 32-34/6/1, 33-51/14/2, 34-35/5, 35-47/6, 36-51/1, 37-23/3, 38-51, 39-49/2, 40-37/1, 41-45/11/1, 42-45/5, 43-43/5, 44-49/8/1, 45-43/1, 46-43/24/6, 47-33, 48-44, 49-25/3, 50-45/5, 51-32/3, 52-54/5/1, 53-47/1, 54-43/4, 55-28/3/1, 56-55, 57-34/1, 58-48, 59-54/1, 60-49/9, 61-50/9, 62-29/2, 63-42/1, 64-52/3, 65-43/5, 66-45/1, 67-54/1, 68-55/2, 69-43/21/5, 70-32/9, 71-21/9, 72-54/4, 73-56, 74-44/3, 75-41, 76-36/4, 77-50/4, 78-44/1, 79-56, 80-56, 81-46. FORMS: 1-37/7, 2-23, 3-26, 4-31/3. CRYPTS: 1-49/6, 2-43/1, 3-39/5, 4-36, 5-31/1, 6-25, 7-18/2/1. EXTRAS: 1-30/20/4, 2-48, 3-50, 4-33/4, 5-38/1.

DECEMBER FAVORITES (! means top favorite): ABACUS-3, 14, 16, 27!, 41, 46, 50, 60, 64. AL GEBRA-15, 27, 33, 35, 50, 65, 69!, 70. ARBUTUS-2, 6, 8, 18, 20, 27, 33, 34, 46, 61, 62, 69, 70, 71, X-1, X-4. ASKEW-41, 44!, 46, C-1. AVIDAN-3, 4!, 8, 27, 46, 50, 69. BAMBAM-15!, 27, 61, 69. BOOKSIE-3!, 4, 41, 44. CACHE-1, 2, 3!, 8, 20, 27, 44, 46, 60, 71, X-1. CHARTS-3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 20, 28, 32, 34, 39, 44, 46, 57, 69, 70, 71, 77, X-1!, X-4. CRAX-1, 3, 12, 14, 16, 23-24, 26, 27, 29, 44, 46!, 54, 61, 65, 71, X-1. DADA-14, 20, 52, 61, 64, X-1, C-1. DART-2, 3, 14, 21, 52!, 60, 67, X-1. DEE SWEET-27!, 42, C-1. EARL E. BYRD-1, 3, 14, 27!, 46, 54, 59, 60, 69, 70, 71, 72, 77. ENDGAME-16!, 33, 43, 46, 51. ERGO-26, 27, 41!, 42, 65, 69. GAB-F-11, 2, 3, 4, 8, 14, 23-24, 30, 36, 46, 60, 62, 63, 69, 78, C-3. HART KING-15, 20, 26, 27, 45, 53, 68. HOT-7, 8, 15, 26, 27, 29, 35, 69!, X-1. IXAXAR-3! JUNCTION-12, 69, F-1, X-1! KAPRY KORN-4, 7!, 16, 34, 46, 70, 77, F-1, C-5. LUNCH BOY-2, 4, 12, 14, 18, 20, 26, 27, 29, 33, 40, 46!, 60, 69, 74, 76. LYRIC-3, 14, 23, 24, 27, 33, 42, 46!, X-1, C-2. MAELSTROM-3!, 4, 11, 12, 14, 16, 41, 43, 44, 46, 52, 55, 70, X-1, C-3. MEKI-3, 12, 16, 18, 20, 32, 37, 41, 46, 69, C-7! MELIFER-1, 3, 4, 27, 33, 35, 46, 52, 69. MERCURY-6, 7, 33!, 42, 49, 65, F-4, C-1. MOMUS-4, 16, 25, 32, 41, 54, 69!, X-1. MUNRO-3, 8, 16, 37, 71, X-1!, X-4. NEWROW-1, 16, 26!, 27, 44, 69, F-4. NOLA-20, 25, 31, 32!, 33, 42, 61, 66. 100 DOWN-3, 27, 33!, 41, 44, 52, 61, 65, F-1, X-1, C-3. PANACHE-4, 6, 7, 15, 26, 34, 35, 43, 60, 74, 77. PANTHER-1, 2, 3, 11, 29, 41, 68, 69!, C-3, X-1. PEBBLES-7, 16, 46, 69, X-1! PHILANA-2, 4, 8, 12, 14, 16, 27, 33, 46!, 49, 69, X-1, C-1. QAQAQ-2, 20, 29, 46!, 55, 72. QUIP/POI-3!, 16, 41, 70. R/EDS-2, 8!, 12, 16, 18, 25, 26, 69, X-1, C-3. TRAZOM-1, 8, 11, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 26, 29, 33, 41, 46, 60, 69!, 70, 76, X-1, F-1. TREESONG-1, 3, 4, 12, 20, 26, 27, 29, 33, 46, 60, 71, 72, 74, 76, F-1, X-1. TYGER-2, 4, 11, 14, 20, 27, 46, 55!, 61, F-4. WABBIT-2, 4, 8, 11, 15, 16, 22, 26, 27!, 32, 33, 49, 50, 51, 69, 72. WITZ-8, 12, 15, 16, 27, 34, 35, 37, 43, 46!, 61, 70, 71, F-1, X-4, C-1. WOODYE-3, 7, 15, 32, 39, 46, 51, 64. XEMU-1, 2, 3!, 4, 16, 26, 27, 33, 35, 43, 50, 54, 61, 71, 76, F-1, C-7, X-1, X-5. Not tabulated: BANTERWEIGHT-1, 3, 16, 18, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 52, 54!, 56, 59, 67, 69, 74, F-2, X-1.

## JANUARY SOLUTIONS

1. Poinsett, point set 2. handful Tim ate, lye 3. CHRIstopher, ONce, OGle, RAMify 4. high priest; Reiss, hyped 5. mailbox 6. of Corsican etiquette's cool [of course a Connecticut school] 7. defunct, fecund, dunce, nude 8. as-trophy-sics 9. wolf ram 10. Ghirlandajo, girl and I owe 11. Peter Yarrow, prayer tower 12. prosecute 13. insulator, "Soul Train" 14. Barbie and Ken 15. Babylon 5 16. green around the gills, Thousand Island dressing 17. put about 18. con-cat-En-ate 19. pliable 20. cereal box [serial Bachs] 21. spiral, sarsaparilla 22. Swarthmore, earthworms 23. Cain a monomaniac 24. nonage-n-arian 25. echoic 26. a cant dog a 27. seniorita; assertion, trianose, Nestorian, aniseroot, serration, seriation, stationer, aerations 28. poli-t/c-e 29. stalking-horse 30. Stuttgart, sugar 31. gypsies revere 32. east, Xemu; Texas, tease, teams, saute 33. mishmash 34. blanches, cable access channel 35. protein, pointer 36. pointer, interpret, pretty, typist, pistol, pool 37. Gomer, Roger Moore 38. interposal, personalities, ils ne passeront pas 39. Sun Devils 40. taking 41. fortnight I war 42. clothes, disclose 43. Mino(tau)r 44. Emily Dickinson 45. cantle, mantel 46. digital *Iceman* 47. action, catatonic 48. spouse, spice 49. PRince, ONan, ENdow, ESSay, pross 50. overage 51. threnodical, Richard the Lionhearted 52. boldens, Blondel de Nesle 53. cutie tee off 54. inn, pain, Samaritan [Nina, Pinta, Santa Maria] 55. baloney, Anne Boleyn 56. love-lies-bleeding 57. scarf 58. night apes, agentship, ships that pass in the night 59. pedantries, pedestrian 60. station-a/e-ry 61. aleyards, yard sale 62. spice, epics 63. spar, Sparta 64. Oscar Wilde, scrawled 65. absolute; abut, sole 66. squirrel, scurrie 67. co(s)metic 68. mistletoe quality 69. o/s-olong 70. b/n-odice 71. raunchiest, Christian churches 72. honor roll, on a roll 73. no-brainer 74. hamster, haters, stare, sate 75. setback, basket case 76. Ten-zin Gy-at-so 77. wanders, answer 78. on "Deep Space Nine," plus one 79. misanthrope, one man's meat is another man's poison 80. binger jeer, ginger beer 81. Cameron, camera 82. car(touch)e 83. broken arrow 84. sodas I spilled 85. moviedom 86. traduces, tear ducts, data structure, star-studded cast 87. deuterons, run to seed 88. do the math 89. ch(l)orine 90. Bosnia and Herzegovina 91. the humans 92. the ignoramus 93. *Goldeneye*, starring Pierce Brosnan 94. "Politically Incorrect," with Bill Maher 95. Election Day, 'ninety-five 96. attorney 97. Pete Wilson 1. Pix of actor Brynner and boxes of laundry detergent fill windows of local shoe shop. Signs celebrate Yul Tide. C-2. Experts in aerodynamics, hydraulics, pyrotechnics, and geology will find . . . they are never out of their element. C-3. Song in pic about poor cad adopting Akali stable dog begins: "The heel's sorry life with his hound, a mews Sikh . . ." C-4. Craving partial refund, skinflint critic gives Brecht-Weill magnum opus lousy review: "Not worth twopence." C-5. Frumps court sniffy menfolk, drown chintz outfits with cheap scent - beaux' noses know no rosy trousseaus. C-6. Downcast pangs lay behind outwardly upbeat obsequy: cliquy crowd wept whilst girl sang quiet chirpy eulogy. C-7. Chow mein chef used tofu (soya bean curd). Paid just four jiao. Chop suey cost many yuan. (Ciao, main chef!) X-1. Bruce Wayne's daughter's turning thirteen. Quick, Robin - to the bat mitzvah! X-2. TARPAN (tar + pan), AROUSE (oar + sue), ROZZER (rotter), PUZZLE, ASELLI (allies), NEREID (diner) X-3. Diagram entries given in brackets. ACROSS: de(vi)ls (R), mur + mur (R), man(ate)e [emanate], "seen" [esne], charisma\* [archaism], sta(g + i + e)r [triages], elop + e (R), he's + SE, "pried" [primed], lets in\*, R + efer\*, [reefer], easily\*, a + tone [oaten], circle\* [Circe], tim + bres (R), d(a + lli (R))ance [alliance], PLO + d, c(at)c + hall [catcall], St(even)s [sevens], Is + oldez [soiled] DOWN: dearth\* + s [deaths], rime (2) [emir], varnishes\* [vanishes], in case\* [Incas], "lager" [laager], user\* [usher], sa(l)tier\* [realist], unse(n)t\* [unspent], reed (R - does = deer) + y [remedy], tr + emblept [treble], xmi(stra)l (R) [mistrial], liberal\* [Braille], decid (R) + e [decide], erotica\* [Eroica], parse + c [recaps], co(me)t [come to], unso(l)d\*, ear + n [learn], abaci (R,H), "belle" [elle]. X-4. ACROSS: pa's + ties, "cocoa", ner (R) + dier\*, purer (R,H), a + base, pas(tor (R))s, pot + ash, satyrs\*, recites\*, a(ire)d, lil + a + c, deletes\*, y(o)yos, sadists\* DOWN: panda (H), s(arc)astic)ally, "iciness", se(rap (R))e, capes (2), carbohydrates\*, armrests, par(s)ley, ava + iled (R), asides\*, "tacks", doses\*.

F-1.

C  
ERA  
BLURT  
ELECTRA  
CRUCIFORM  
ARTFILM  
TROLL  
ARM  
M

F-2.

SAMBHAR  
ACERATE  
MEXICAN  
BRICKLE  
HACKSAW  
ATALAYA  
RENEWAL

F-3.

ARTERY  
REUNES  
TURTLE  
ENTAIL  
RELIEF  
YSELF

F-6.

R  
HEW  
DEMOS  
ROMULUS  
SATISFIED

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## CRYPTOGRAMS

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C-1. A royal pain in the castle.

CORN COB, Bowling Green VA

VEEM. \*DILLY \*LUTHOFLSK. BKL NIBS ALLU  
 SKOS BKL KOB BIAALMLC NEML SKOY KLM  
 BKOML EA FOC KLTM CORB.

C-2. Still going strong.

R/EDS, Vankleek Hill ON

\*CARTOON \*LAD, WHITEJOY ATPR LRWHN  
 RNZAP FHTG GOHNL ZHEM, ETPATIOI  
 ZNRHYEHLPATU LADPOOT=ZAP=CON=LOERTY ATXR.

C-3. A turn for the worse?

GAB-F, Bassano AB

IRNJPAZ CFOKWJN = HNO FIERO KNYR  
 UNEXOWLPZH HJNSK NCPRO WOUNE MONEY  
 LOST DPFHX KNOXRP HONDA.

C-4. Hunter green.

CACHE, New York NY

YACKUP \*RIFLE \*MAN \*LMHAZL RVZME  
 ZKUOIGNHD LZVFB AURVGS EKUO. EHZLTAG  
 THZL EIG; \*PFIUOHRIG'L OIU PFHRIGL.

C-5. Home improvement.

FRAZ, Toronto ON

MOVE YVCT TVNQ KXHN RNJD KMTN JKCL  
 YCPJ. QXPN LJXB DNRK QXKS BMJV FCTY.  
 PCGE VJBE ZNLK LCYS PVJK, JGNB YHMO FNDZ.

C-6. Fast food.

WABBIT, Montreal PQ

VERB INVKTUW IVKTE RUMP, ALI TYRONE  
 OLG VR VGVQL GUV, SNL, CTVGLSUO WZ DVO SE  
 ROLVZ ITVGU SZGKVRO PVIVA. KNYU? VIVA!

C-7. Blue mountains.

(YQLTH not exactly MW usage)

MEKI, Hutto TX

GLBSO \*YQLTH AYHOU DTBOZ LPRUD JURK,  
 OGVYAZ IBUC LKYRD GLZDA SBWOG, ELJHY  
 GACXN, ELBI=UBHO ZAUXN.