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EDITOR GOING AROUND RED LION AS SEATTLE'S CENTER BECOMES CROSSROADS

You can tell a couple of things from the masthead above. One is that we have a lot of material in this issue about the recent NPL convention in Seattle, which was a resounding success and a treat for all who participated. Congratulations and kudos to the ConPac organizing team, headed by Aardvark, for a job well done! Congratulations, too, to the program directors, Willz and Fraz, and the game designers and presenters, who gave us so much enjoyment! It all seemed to come off without a hitch.

In this issue we have a report from rätsel, a first-time Con-goer (and Con organizer!); a wrap-up of the competition results by Willz; and the minutes of the 2010 NPL business meeting recorded by Spelvin, the NPL secretary. Next issue, we'll have more Con material, including flats from this year's Shakespeare-themed flat-solving competition compiled by Saxifrage, and the Con photo.

You're probably wondering when that next issue will appear, given that this one is three weeks late. Though I didn't want to do it, I've decided to make this a combined August/September issue; hence the next one will appear at the beginning of October. This will give me an opportunity to get back on a reasonable schedule. Thank you for your patience and continued support. Please keep those puzzles coming.

As Spelvin notes in the business meeting minutes, the annual NPL Board of Trustees election is approaching. I am nominating Teki to take my place as editor, and the other officers are all running for their current positions (Xemu, president; G Natural and QED, vice presidents; Spelvin, secretary; Mercury, treasurer; and Willz, historian). If you wish to nominate yourself or another member (with their permission) for any position, notify Spelvin or me by September 1.

The November *Enigma* is traditionally our special theme issue, and this year, the theme will be fairy tales and folklore. So dust off those old storybooks and fill your imagination with fairies and ogres, princesses and sorcerers. Let's see what beguiling riddles our crafty clan can conjure up.

I need more material for the planned tribute to Merlin, which will probably be in October. Please share your remembrances of him.


As always, I'm grateful to the Krewe who make *The Enigma* possible; they've been astoundingly patient with me for the past few months. Special thanks to rätsel, Willz, and Spelvin for their ConPac reports, and to Ucaoiimhu, one last time, for messing with my headline.

MAKING CONTACT AT CONPAC — by rätsel

When you think about it, giving away a few hundred dollars and 30 hours of sleep to do what you do every day sounds nothing short of a Con. For all the puzzles one solves here, the hardest would be why anyone (actually anyhundred) not held at gunpoint would do something as insane. Ironically, paying a few hundred dollars to find out why seemed more than worth it to a first-time Con goer.


It's no surprise that my very first Con as a newbie participant — and at the same time an organizer — was marked by handing a check to the vibrant Amanda O'Connor [aka Aardvark]. The thought of sharing the same breathing space, let alone puzzle sheets, with some of the country's sharpest minds was of course intimidating. But then there probably wouldn't be another opportunity to team up, construct, solve puzzles, and get acquainted with some awe-inspiring folks in the puzzling community.

For me, one of the biggest highs of ConPac has been co-constructing the Walkaround Photo/Cryptic Puzzle with Qoz. Qoz's comfortable, humorous manner made the "Masterminds-are-people-too!" idea more plausible.

The picnic was a great time to warm up to the Krewe. Hot and Crax were the first people I met outside the organizing team — which for reasons as silly as memorabilia makes them sort of special. From there on it was easy. It was only a matter of talking to normal people, sharing puzzling interests, teaming up, and solving — starting with a Scrabble ice-breaker by  [Vroo], followed by a couple of Ucaomhus, the Ucaomhunes of which would be impossible to overcome without the patience and approachability of Eddy.

Wednesday night was easy-paced. The highlight, other than solving cryptics with Hot, Eddy, Jxn, Dragonfly and Atlantic, was Maso's Jeopardy! A fun, innovative round. And I hold it against Cazique and Saxifrage for making me use non-words like pwned — but that's exactly what they did to the game! The bright side is that when I picked my awestruck jaw up again, it got to eat candy that Jill had correctly picked. (One of the rounds involved one partner picking candy as an answer, and the other identifying it by taste, blindfolded.)


It was the next evening that the Con officially kicked off, with Willz coordinating. That was the other high of ConPac; seeing Willz, Qaqaq, and other faces from *Wordplay* — the same number of feet away from me as my television

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from my couch. No wonder they didn't look any different. The introductions took place with the Krewe's name, place, first convention, and favorite author. This is when the most beautiful thing about NPL jumped out — how people with the most disparate tastes in books (and perhaps disparate worldviews) are bound by this one passion: doing puzzles.

The unofficial late night games were a fun pictorial game by Dart, and Catchphras [sic] with a bunch of fun, crazy people. If Catchphrase is too easy, we could always make it a notch harder by completely eliminating the letter E from clues. (That was an instance of  Speak.)

If there was one thing I was looking forward to during the Con, it was the Friday afternoon cryptic competition by Hot and Trazom. There's hardly anything more pleasurable than solving a set of well-constructed cryptic clues. The evening was followed by a super dinner and a new round of very interesting official and unofficial games, where I got to know the lovely Dragonfly, Libra and Brillig.

Saturday afternoon, a good lunch in the charming company of Clarsach, Rubrick, Jill, Btnirn, and co. was followed by my archnemesis — the flat-solving competition. I had decided there'd be a day in 2042 that I'd overcome flats. And overcome them I did, much earlier, thanks to Xemu, Teki and Btnirn's generous offer to tutor a bunch of us Flatly challenged folks. And as they guided us through them, it was clear how delightful a form of puzzle I had been missing out on all this while. Saxifrage scored yet again with her flawless compilation of Shakespeare-themed Flats. Thanks for taking the time, folks! Really.

This is one thing I'd like to emphasize to anyone else who finds flats daunting — if we were to form a club, I'd be President. (Yep, I'm the president of the Cliché Club as well). I have always avoided flats because they made zero sense to me, wasted my time, and looking them up was always so overwhelming. But if you have any flat experts living in your area, please do get together with them and have them walk you through it — they aren't so bad (and the flats are fairly manageable too :-|).

Saturday evening dinner was followed by a talk by Ken Jennings, the trillion-time *Jeopardy!* champion. He is just like Willz, in the sense that he looks exactly like he did on screen. Why can't my kid learn from these two? He invariably looks like Einstein in his videos. Always sticking his tongue out. But I digress.

Finally, it was the event everyone was saving their wakefulness for — The Extravaganza. This one was quite the demarcation of my humble brain from others' nimble ones. As always, the camaraderie, team spirit and some specific puzzles made it fun. But I did realize I had a long way to go before I could sign up as a Runner for this. Thank God for another round of Catchphrase with Pixie, Hooligan and everyone else.

That was that. Four days of action-packed but mostly stroll-paced puzzling. Most importantly, my question about why anyone would pay to lose out on sleep was answered. To my horror, I see myself doing exactly that in the coming years. My \$275 got me four days of exhilarating puzzle solving with some of the most wonderful, like-minded, crazy people, who made sure the first-timers never felt like a misfit.

For the record, I'm not as intimidated anymore. Still very much in awe, yes. But that I will always be.

2010 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES — by Spelvin

President Xemu called the 171st meeting of the National Puzzlers' League to order at 11:03 a.m. on Saturday, July 3, 2010, in the Emerald Room at the Red Lion Fifth Avenue Hotel in Seattle WA; about 83 members attended.

Reports

Secretary Spelvin summarized the minutes of the previous meeting, saving time by frequently using the phrase "discussion ensued." The minutes were unanimously accepted by the membership.

Historian Willz noted that Polly and Squirrel, the League's oldest members, both passed away in the last year. All present members observed a moment of silence in their memory.

Secretary Spelvin read the treasurer's report in Mercury's absence. The report was brief, and is included below in its entirety:

The NPL finances and membership have remained steady over the past year. A full quarterly treasurer's report will appear in the August issue. Of special note, an increasing number of members have opted out of receiving mailed, printed issues, with the number now at 76 out of 697 members, or 11 percent of the membership. [Here ends Mercury's report.]

For the n th year in a row (where n is large), the President thanked Mercury for his contributions throughout the year, and the present members responded with enthusiastic applause.

Co-webmaster Qoz (accompanied by co-webmaster In sin t) said that most members have probably signed on to the initial version of the new site (noting that more people upgraded their accounts in the first week of availability than were active on the old site), although in reference to importing content from the old site, he pointed out that "everything takes longer than expected."

He explained that the new site will be a federation of small sites optimized for particular functions, and that the project will require volunteers over the next few months for various importing tasks. Some of these tasks are just manual moving of content that have automated tools but could use "an actual smart person." Volunteers with Web skills (Python, Java, PHP, or any other language) would be especially helpful; interested parties should contact the webmaster. He re-announced a hackathon scheduled to take place in Seattle on July 5.

Qoz helpfully (and presumably with tongue in cheek) suggested to members with complaints about the new site: "Too bad." In sin t noted that he would be more willing to take such feedback. Qoz also expressed enthusiasm that the *Enigma* digitalization project was going well and sent kudos to those involved.

Editor Crax reminded us that last year he was looking for a flats editor and thanked Teki for volunteering. He noted that he couldn't do his job without an array of people, including Jo the Loiterer (forms editor), Mosaye (crypts editor), $\sqrt{2}$ (extras editor), Hot and Trazom (cryptic editors), Endgame (solutions editor), the testsolving crew headed by Philana (who also prepares solutions), Mercury (membership reports), and Wrybosh (production editor).

Crax acknowledged the lateness of the June and July issues and said he had been suffering from burnout. He announced he would be completing his term at the end of the year, nominating Teki as his successor. Crax said that he enjoyed his editorship and the opportunity to serve the League, that members should

continue to submit flats and all other puzzles, and that “it has been an honor to serve you all.” The present members responded with a thunderous standing ovation.

Xemu thanked Crax for his work, and Teki for the fit of temporary insanity in which he agreed to take on the job. He announced that all current officers are running for their current positions next year, but emphasized that anyone who wants to nominate himself or any other member (with their permission) should feel free to do so. Xemu said that non-editor nominations should be sent to Crax, and he didn’t say where to send editor nominations because that would be crazy. [Officially, you can send them to the Secretary, who acknowledges that it would be crazy.]

Old business

Xemu, also on behalf of Loquacious and salex, reported on the *Enigma* digitalization project. The project has made significant progress in the last year, thanks in part to the extra *Enigmas* donated by Willz at the Baltimore convention. There have been obstacles to work out in scanning and reformatting, but the process is going more smoothly now. An incomplete range of issues from #823 (1972) to #1029 (1989) have all gone through an initial “rough” scan, and all issues from 1990 to 1999 have already been posted to the website in both a single-page format and printer’s format (the format in which physical *Enigmas* are currently printed).

Xemu noted that the next steps are to format the scanned issues and to scan more issues. The scanning process requires *Enigmas*. Eventually a list of needed *Enigmas* will be posted on the website, but for now members should contact salex to find out what’s missing. Volunteers should be aware that the issues need to be put through a document feeder, and while there has only been one misfeed in the process so far, it cannot be guaranteed that donated issues will not be harmed. In the future, some more fragile issues will need to be scanned via flatbed scanner or perhaps using other methods. League members with expertise with document archiving are invited to provide guidance.

Aardvark (with cute baby!) reported on the Seattle convention in progress. She announced that the current attendance figure (not including walk-ins or late registrants) was 172. She also announced that a breakdown of the Con fee would be submitted for the next treasurer’s report, so that members can see where their money is going. (She noted that for much of the money, the answer is food, as catering accounted for \$212 of this year’s \$275 fee.) She also said she would be collaborating with Qoz on a more permanent way to organize and pass on information for future Con hosts.

Geneal and Junebug gave a multimedia presentation about the 2011 convention in Providence. Dates for Convidence were announced as July 7-10, with the traditional pre-Con party on July 6. The convention room rate will be guaranteed for July 1-13, so members are encouraged to come early and stay late.

Providence can be reached via Amtrak’s Northeast Corridor, I-95, the commuter rail from Boston, or TF Green, Rhode Island’s state airport in Warwick. I-95 runs right by the hotel, while the Amtrak/commuter rail station is a 5-10 minute walk away. Once the commuter rail is extended, trains are expected to run from TF Green to Providence several times a day. [In addition, inexpensiveRIPTA buses run between the airport and Kennedy Plaza, within walking distance of the hotel. —Spelvin.]

The hosts initially planned to use the Biltmore hotel, but they “fell in love with” the nearby Marriott instead. The new hotel has nicer facilities, lower cost, and better meeting areas. The staff seemed to “get who we were” and were enthusiastic about hosting; the hotel is relatively small, so we will likely account for one-third of their guests for the weekend. All meeting rooms will be on the first floor, and the hospitality suite will be a cut off portion of the grand ballroom. The restaurant is very good (boding well for catering), there is an indoor and outdoor pool, and there is an outdoor meeting facility called Aqua which will be used for the Wednesday party. The only disadvantage over the Biltmore is a bit more distance to downtown, but the hotel operates a free shuttle to nearby areas.

Geneal described Providence as an old city full of history, and noted the presence of Brown, RISD, Johnson & Wales, and lots of good restaurants. Waterfire, a festival in which cast iron braziers on the Providence River are set on fire, will certainly be held on the weekend of the 4th and may be held on the Con weekend (the schedule is not set yet). Geneal promoted beautiful gardens, cemeteries, historical houses, and a scenic bike path for which three bike rental facilities are within shuttle distance of the hotel. Further afield, RIPTA buses run to Newport and other RI locations for only \$1.75 each way, and the commuter rail will take you to Boston for only \$7.75.

Hotel rooms are standard, with sixty percent of the rooms having two beds. The hotel has five suites, and many of the regular rooms have connecting doors, so connecting rooms could be requested. The room rate will be \$117 per night for any occupancy, and the con fee will likely be between \$225 and \$250.

☞ asked if other rooms on the floor plan were available for after-hours activities; Junebug said probably not, but that we would have a lot of room to spread out. Kray asked if the hotel is on a bus route, and Geneal said it is, but it would be much easier to take the hotel’s shuttle to Kennedy Plaza. When asked about the weather, the hosts said it was warmer than Seattle, and that any outdoor events could be moved inside as necessary.

New business

Xemu asked if there were any proposals for 2012 convention sites. A baby squealed, but this was determined not to be a proposal.

Maso proposed a convention in Portland, Oregon. He said that since last year, he had spoken to five hotels, including the Red Lion, who offered the same room rate as this year’s convention. All hotels seemed enthusiastic to host. He also said that Powell’s Books would be willing to host an event. Maso said he believed that the success of the current convention proved members were willing to come to the west coast, and that a Pacific Northwest Con works. He proposed convention names such as the OreCon Trail and ApocalyptiCon 2012, and noted that the past four conventions had been four of the best weekends of his life, and that he wanted to repay this joy by offering his services as a host.

Fraz asked what weekend Maso had in mind, and Maso said it would be the weekend after the Fourth of July. Charts moved to accept Portland as the 2012 Con location. The motion was seconded by many people and passed unanimously.

Xemu asked if anyone had non-binding proposals for conventions after 2012. Tyger and Noam came up to discuss Philadelphia. Tyger said she would be

doing most of the talking, but that Noam had been doing most of the work. Via the Chamber of Commerce, they had identified seven hotels, with room rates ranging from \$130 to \$200; they pointed out that the hotels with cheap rooms tended to have a very expensive ballroom which would lead to a higher Con fee. If anyone wants to propose an alternate location, they will “fight to the worst of their abilities.”

Arcs stated he would be moving soon, and that if his life achieved some stability, he would likely be proposing a convention in Houston for 2013 or 2014. He said he had really enjoyed hosting in Baltimore, and that he thought he could do it better this time. He assured the membership that all hotels in the area have air conditioning, and noted that the convention should be easier to put together financially than Baltimore was.

Xemu asked Artistry to speak about mini-con plans for Las Vegas; Artistry’s presentation was very brief and short on content, because he was not in attendance. In his absence, Xemu announced that Artistry would not be pushing for a formal event in 2010, but that he wanted to keep the idea on the table, possibly for 2011.

Atlantic asked if a board meeting occurred, and whether anything important happened. Xemu said that a board meeting was held, and that there was nothing that needed to be brought to the general meeting, although anything that needed to be communicated to the membership would be when necessary.

Xemu suggested that we thank the hosts of the Seattle convention, and a well-deserved standing ovation ensued. ⚡ antclimactically noted the prize table was looking sparse and encouraged people to add to it. Codex requested that if anyone found a camera, they should hand it to Codex. Noam handed a camera to Codex. Spelvin mentally requested that if anyone found a million dollars . . . Anyway, it didn’t work.

Xemu announced that no business remained, so a bunch of people moved to adjourn the meeting at 11 p.m., and another bunch of people seconded, with no objections.

KREWE NEWS

Loquacious wishes to embarrass her daughter by announcing that mum and Steve Loewinsohn were married on July 10 at the Berkeley Rose Garden in a ceremony that contained no puzzles other than the mystery of marriage.

Congratulations to the newlyweds! And congratulations, too, to Rebel and her husband Walter, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on July 2.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 25 — Los Angeles area puzzle party, chez Kegler in Hacienda Heights. For info call Bluff, (805) 499-1880.

Oct. 1 — Westchester Crossword Puzzle Tournament, Pleasantville NY, directed by Willz. NPL members are invited to a party at Willz’s house after the contest. For more information, call the Village Bookstore, (914) 769-8322.

Oct. 2 — 51st Semi-Annual Equinox Word Games Party, Berkeley CA. For info, contact Hot or visit www.equinoxparty.org.

AUGUST CRYPTIC CLUING CONTEST

Mr E, the judge of the next contest, says: For this contest, write normal cryptic clues for the words HOUND and INSTRUMENTAL. Include a brief explanation and your full nom. Limit one clue per word per member. Send your clues by Sept. 14 to Dandr (dandr@puzzlers.org), who will send them to me without noms.

I will consider 11C to be the dictionary of reference; and (unlike the judges of the most recent contest) will not mark down, e.g., use of unfamiliar abbreviations if found in 11C.

Some things I might like are: playing with different meanings of words, a good surface reading, and a lack of immediate obviousness in how the clue works (i.e., something that might temporarily fool the solver).

OUR BRILLIANT PUZZLERS — by Willz

Here are the winners of this year's convention competitions.

Words, Words, Words (organized by Saxifrage)

Individuals: 1. Trazom (35-1/4 of 39) 2. Qaqaq (34-2/3) 3. Tahnan (34-1/6)
4. Kray (34-1/12) 5. Treesong (33-5/12) 6. Spelvin (32-5/6) 7. Anomaly (32-1/6)
8. s (32) 9. Sanit (31-53/84) 10. QED (31-7/12) 11. Dart (31)
12. Pebbles (30-11/12) 13. Kermits (30-1/4) 14. /dev/joe (26-13/28)
15. Wombat (26-5/12)

Pairs: 1. Marcus Asparagus/Tablesaw (37-5/12) 2. Lunch Boy/Ucaiomhu (37-1/6)
3. Cazique/Zebraboy (35-1/12) 4. Sidhe/Sprout (33-5/12)
5. Badir/Shrdlu (31-1/5) 6. Jigsaw/Maso (31-1/12) 7. Crax/Panther (30-1/4)
8. Jeffurly/Toonhead! (30-1/6) 9. [tie:] Codex/Hooligan, Mosayc/Rock* (28-3/4)
11. [tie:] Capital R/Om Nom, Hemlock/Wampahoofoos (27-1/4)

Kudos: 1. Ucaiomhu (24 kudos, including 4 bangs) 2. G Natural (21/1)
3. Vebrile (17/2) 4. T McAy (15/1) 5. Qaqaq (13/2) 6. Slik (11/3)
7. Rubrick (11/2) 8. Lunch Boy (11/1) 9. Btnirn (10/2)
10. [tie:] Atlantic, Tortoise (9)

Lots of Luck (by Ucaiomhu, T McAy, Spelvin, and Slik)

Pop Culture: 1. Anomaly/Dag/Eddy/Fraz/Hathor (75 points)
2. Btnirn/Jangler/Reign/Tablesaw/Trick (73)

Historic: 1. Bonus/Jabberwock/Story/Teki/Wombat (63)
2. Marc Sweetgall/My Friend Jill/Neuromancer/Qaqaq/Sprout (51)

Weird: 1. /dev/joe/Maso/Noam/Sanit/Veep (72)
2. Beyond/Famulus/Navin Johnson/Rubrick/Tyrtle (69)

Artistic: 1. s/Fuldu/Hyperion/Lunch Boy/Titan (67)
2. Artistry/Cazique/Expelliarmus/Southwest/Verve (50)

Scientific: 1. Capital R/D Ness/George Groth/Spiel/Tinhorn (71)
2. [tie:] Dart/Donimo/Fujord/Kray/Toonhead!,
Ian/Panther/Qoz/Tahnan/Wrybosh (70)

American Cryptic Crossword Tournament (organized by Hot, co-edited with Trazom)

Individuals [all perfect solvers, times rounded to the nearest minute:]

1. Jangler (29:00) 2. Mosayc (35:00) 3. Tahnan (40:00) 4. QED (41:00)
5. Kermits (61:00) 6. Tablesaw (62:00) 7. Dart (67:00)

Pairs: 1. Capital R/Codex (54:00)

New England: 1. Tahnan 2. Saxifrage (94, 33:00) 3. Southwest (94, 64:00)

New York: 1. Famulus (89) 2. Cazique (84) 3. Lyric (79)

New Jersey: 1. Jangler 2. QED 3. Badir (68:00)

Mid-Atlantic/South: 1. Trick (99) 2. Anomaly (97) 3. Spelvin (94)

Midwest/Southwest: 1. Teki (94) 2. T McAy (86) 3. Bonus (79)

California: 1. Mosayc 2. Tablesaw 3. Ian (99)

Northwest: 1. Kermits 2. Slik (94) 3. Maso (88)

Canada: 1. Dart 2. Witz (65) 3. Eddy (36)

25 and Under: 1. Jangler 2. Mosayc

Fifties: 1. Kermits 2. D. Ness (94) 3. Famulus

Sixties: 1. Teki 2. Geneal (84) 3. Sanit (83)

70 and Over: 1. Ai (76) 2. Pen Gwyn (69) 3. Pebbles (65)

First-Timers: 1. Kermits 2. Ian 3. Taz (71)

Vowelled Sets (by Bluff)

1. Jangler (perfect in 5 minutes) 2. Kray (5:50) 3. Qaqaq (6:20) 4. Mosayc (6:30)
5. Manx (6:40) 6. Anomaly (7:20) 7. Noam (7:30) 8. Taz (8:00) 9. Ian (8:10)
10. Capital R (9:40) 11. Teki (9:50) 12. Spelvin 13. Sanit 14. QED 15. Famulus
16. Uncanny 17. Ai 18. Trazom

Three on a Match (by Noam)

- Individuals*: 1. Jangler (perfect in 9 minutes 42 seconds) 2. Slik (12:30)
3. Manx (16:25) 4. Anomaly (16:45) 5. Qaqaq (17:30) 6. Sanit (19:25)
 7. Treesong (20:00) 8. QED (20:50) 9. Dart (23:00) 10. Wheels (24:00)
 11. Wampahoofus (24:10) 12. Kray (25:05) 13. Maso (25:15)
 14. Jeffurry (25:30) 15. Kermits (29:40) 16. Lunch Boy (8:20 with 1 error)
 17. Ai (20:40 with 1 error) 18. Teki (21:15 with 1 error)
- Pairs*: 1. Btnirn/D. Ness (22:45) 2. Spelvin/Striker (29:05)
3. IRBS/Jo the Loiterer (30:00) 4. Trick/Uncanny (13:50 with 1 error)

Lexagon (by Dart)

Blue Tiles: 1. Jigsaw (73 phrases) 2. Darth (61) 3. ♯² (55)

Other Tiles: 1. Saxifrage (79) 2. /dev/joe (73) 3. Zebraboy (71)

Whirled Cup (by Qoz)

1. Ian/"John"/Reign/Steven/Zair

Opposites Attract (by Uncanny)

1. Navin Johnson (503 points) 2. Badir (496) 3. [tie:] Dart, Slik, rätsel (461)

Team Hangman (by Willz)

Puzzle Solvers: x, Pen Gwyn, Qaqaq, Spelvin, Witz

Hidden Contest (by Slik)

1. Qoz/Tahnan

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Asta: Stephan Mueller, 10822 166th Place NE, Redmond WA 98052, joined after attending the convention.

Dag: Mark Engelberg, 10721 45th Ave SE, Everett WA 98208, joined after attending the convention.

Edrick: Eric Bennett, 10650 NE 9th Pl Unit 821, Bellevue WA 98004, joined after attending the convention.

John: John O'Connor, 523 Guilford Ave, Chambersburg PA 17201, joined after attending the convention and is Aardvark's father.

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JULY ERRATUM

X-6 — The clue labeled 10 Down should be 12 Down.

JUNE AFTERNOTES

1, 14, 21, etc. — Each flat by Lirath in June conceals the name of a Muse. For instance, Terpsichore can be found in the ends of the first two lines of June 63. These Easter eggs are just for fun, of course, and are not required for solving.

37 — This flat has The Error That Cannot Be Named: “ten” in line 6.

F-3 — LeXman says: Mason Timothy Kolker, born May 12, 19”, 7 lbs 5 oz. Mason is our first child, and as of this writing has yet to take any interest in puzzling whatsoever. [Congratulations! —Ed.]



AUGUST PUZZLES

2, 38 — Vraal/Gabby.

10 — Tyger/Lirath. In a palindrome deletion, a sequence of three or more letters that make a palindrome (though not necessarily a word) is deleted from inside a word, leaving another word. The shorter word is not enumerated.

16 — In a pasteover, a letter moves from its original position in a word and takes the place of another letter; the letter that has been “pasted over” is deleted. Example: Ian Fleming, inflaming.

23, 37 — Ulk/Earl E. Byrd.

27, 45 — Qaqaq doesn’t write U’s after Q’s; a Qaqaquesqe letter change on *pick* for a word clued ‘rapid’ would make *qick* (which would be enumerated 4 but treated for tagging purposes as *quick*). 27 — Veep/Vraal.

36 — This was a topical flat when Joker submitted it last December.

41 — Free Toaster/Vraal.

F-2 to F-7 — Jabberwock’s Double Squares use the NPL as a source tag.

F-8 — In an “Eight Queens Square,” blanks represent eight chess queens such that no queen is in a position to capture any of the others; it is up to you to determine where on the 8x8 grid those blanks are. Note that some lines contain two separate words, while others contain just one.

C-2 — *HAWNAN = not MW.

C-3 — *FIOCB, *UFWWOWX, *KWSMDB = not MW; *PINN = not MW usage.

X-3 — Welcome, new composer Harry Cover!

JULY HINTS AND AUGUST EASY LIST

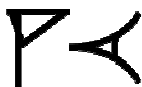
4 — They select only futilands (a kind of sardine) and discard the rest.
 16 — Both are obscure words of English or British dialect.
 20 — It seemed like the pain would never stop.
 23 — American history.
 Easy list: 3, 4, 7, 18, 21, 22, 24, 29, 31, 40, 41.

PENETRALIA

Solution words and phrases not found in 11C (11th Collegiate) are labeled for the most recent Merriam-Webster dictionary in which they appear: 10C, NI3, NI2 Addenda, or NI2, or, failing that, RH2 or 12W. Non-MW words are noted. “+” signifies foreign, slang, dialect, obsolete, archaic, and the like. Capitalized words get a “*”. Words that are capitalized (as in names, titles) but normally uncapitalized with the same usage get a “^”. Enumeration for MW phrases is [bracketed] in anagrams and flat types where non-MW phrases are allowed, to wit: spoonergrams, mutations, palindromes, rebuses, heteronyms and homonyms, variations on these types, and flats labeled “freewheeling.”

Send your solution lists after October 1 to ENDGAME, Joel Hess, c/o Irvington Village #507, 420 NE Mason St., Portland OR 97211-3486 (endgame@puzzlers.org). All lists must be received by 11:59 p.m. PDT on October 31.

1. ENIGMATIC REBUS (*1 5 4 *1)



“The accounts of old Sumer show one
as upright,
And ten pointing westward; each place
That they moved further west, though,
increased all their might
By a factor of threescore — the base . . .”
Said yours truly; my patients, though,
started to shout
About how bad their gyms were. Well,
cripes,
How can anyone hear my cool lessons
about
Old Iraq while the people COUNT
gripes?
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

2. LETTER BANK (5-6, 13 4) (SEA-POW'RING = NI2, NI3-findable)

Some viewers and readers like captain
and crew
Of a SEA-POW'RING, nautical kind.
And some prefer those which —
there's more than a few —
Ride the ENGINES ARE GOING
WARP NINE.

Yes, I fell for the pleasures spacefarers
afford,
Choosing Starfleet o'er Hornblower's
navy.
(Though neither will e'er leave a man
over-bored,
The alien babes are just gravy.)
=VRAABBY, Millpeg NB

3. FALSE ADJECTIVE (6, 10)

Attractive chaps could have their way
With Millicent most any day.
But au contraire for PRINCELY guys
Who weren't so easy on the eyes.
She'd holler, “PRINCE me,” should
one try
To clamp a paw upon her thigh,
And then, without a tick's delay,
She'd shove the hapless gent away.
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

4. PHONETIC DELETION (9, 7)

My life here in Frisco is nothing but
great.
The music reviews in the ^LONG are
first-rate.
My only complaint's Transamerica's
place.
The building's too square. What it
needs is a base
That is more like a circle, to make the
thing SHORT.
I really could go for a sight of that
sорт.
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

5. LETTER BANK (4 7; 3 5, 5 5, 3 3 5)
(OAR = inferable, 4 = +; ROAR =
not MW)

“Oh, would that thou OAR still,” I cry,
“For now that I have uttered ‘ROAR’
(Which signifieth ‘halt’ and ‘hie’
Plus all the numbers less than four)
And turned around, to yet draw nigh
As thou now dost will hurt thee sore;
Thou must go back again — and I
Shall serve as ‘it’ a few rounds more.”
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

6. CHARADE (8)

Muhammad Ali was the greatest
boxer of his age;
He’d rope-a-dope, then flick a jab; a
pundit and a sage.
He hasn’t thrown a ONE in TWOs; his
fighting days are done.
He’s earned the rest, the quiet times,
relaxing in the sun.
Perhaps he’s gone off fishing with our
friend Sylvanus Now.
They’re filling ALLs with cod and such
and pack ‘em stern to bow.
=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

7. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (*6)

A. Mocked by th’usurper of my
father’s bed,
B. Half-mad, I slew; now, poisoned,
I fall dead.
=⌘, Cambridge MA

8. ENIGMATIC REBUS (10)

C

I fear that I shall never see
Such aid as Wabbit giveth me.
She did this base suggest by hap,
And thus this flat is truly CRAP.
= *Wyybosh*, Montville NJ

9. TRANSPOSAL (5)

The surfers in South Cali look
Like aliens to me
Or like some strange exotic race:
APE skin and hair of PEA.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

10. PALINDROME DELETION
(4 3, 1.1.) (YIPPIES = NI3,
YES = abbr.)

The Ramapo Mountains in northern
NJ
Have marvelous paths you can travel
today.
The Cannonball Trail’s the most
famous of these.
Here Washington blazed the first
route through the trees,
In secret to store those round weapons
of George’s,
YES, orbs made from YIPPIES in
neighborhood forges.
=TYGRATH, Hobaser NM

11. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (5)

My lawyer is shrewd,
But his partner is ONE,
His celeb prosecutions
Ingenuously won.
His TWO dumb demeanor —
Ordinary and plain —
Belled the ingenuisness
Inside his brain!
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

12. METATHESIS (7) (FIRSTLY =
NI3+, ENSUE = NI2+)

If an Aussie FIRSTLYs you,
A bloody nose you’ll gain.
Don’t worry, it will soon ENSUE;
You’ll be as right as rain.
=ABACUS, Mississauga ON

13. LETTER BANK (8, *9 4)
(TIIIIIIIPSYYYYY = not MW;
can be sung)

Wake up in the morning feeling like
Will Shortz

(Good morning, Liane)

Grab my paddle, I'm on my way to
play some indoor sports

(Let's go)

Before I leave, what I see is a smile on
my face

'Cause I'm a TIPSY of my future
where I'm taking first place.

I'm talking underspin on our balls, balls,
Ripping up all the halls, halls,
Umps giving us our calls, calls.
Drop-shotting, moving up in our
brackets,
Holding on to our rackets
Using the American
TIIIIIIIPSYYYYY.

Begin, give it spin
All the matches we will win.
Today, I'm-a play
Like I'm China's Miss Liu Wei.
Ping-Pong, I belong,
You can't tell me it's wrong, no.
Oh oh wah oh!
Oh oh wah oh!
=TABLESAW, Hollywood CA

14. TRANSPOSAL (11'1, 4-8)
(DOCKER = 11'1 = inferable;
ROCKED = NI2)

One squad of rock trolls in their base
All made of (Mohs 6) orthoclase
Went out to fight the foe, without
Awaiting orders. Their redoubt
Housed, too, a diamond squad, less
bold,
Who didn't go till they were told.
(The adamantite squad was shocked
About the DOCKER choice to
ROCKED.)
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

15. FALSE ITERATION (5, 7)

You say that these soybeans are good
for me,
But ONEs TWO me; can't tolerate them.
Don't put them in a soup to fool me.
Now an apple, that's a gem!
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

16. PASTEOVER (9)

Bubble, bubble, toil and trouble,
News is good, positions double.
News is bad, and markets stumble.
Everybody's fortunes tumble.
Ups and downs come faster, faster.
Seconds can produce disaster.
Comfort with one's CUSH position
Can't be but a TUSCH condition.
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

17. OVERLOADED FIRST-SOUND
CHANGE (9, 10) (10 = NI3)

Vichyssoise fills me with
Obsessive hunger, where
I just can't stop, and I
Eat till I shoot.

Puking's not pleasant; with
Gills colored greenily
I should go find a less
LEAKY pursuit.
=VRAAL, Milford NJ

18. WORD SUBSTITUTION (*8, 5, 2, 5)

My dad defines "holier-than-thou."
In fact, he's C the D right now
Instructing some poor help-line guy
C how to speak to folks, and why,
When all their PC problems B.
But none is less polite than he!
To call him an A would not be a
distortion:
A hypocrite biblical in his proportion!
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

19. LETTER BANK (*9, *7 7)

(CHIC = NI2)

CONSONANTCY (*5 *5, 7, 4, 3 4)

Near Lipari, on CHI, was a crinoid I'd
buy

(I had just won a CHIC in Liguria;
barter

Would not be required), but the *lire* I
wired

To the A fell well short; they B C Ds
for not a

Whit less than *tre mila* per arm.

(That's, I feel, a

High "typical" price for echinodermata.)

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

20. ENIGMATIC SUBER (*4 *7)

(not MW)

A note to those who hold our stock:

We know you've had a recent shock.

What *can* we say? We're sorry for

The cap that failed, the junk galore

We dumped, oh, and that muddy mess

We said would "kill" it. I confess

We couldn't count or estimate,

We couldn't get our figures straight

(What's fifty K off, between friends?).

Well, now our goal's to make amends

And see this issue soon resolved.

Oh, by the way, I'm not involved,

So pardon, for I must be off

To watch my boat race (oh, don't scoff,

I'll stay fresh in the public eye).

Yours quite sincerely, Mr.

=VRAAL, Milford NJ



21. WELDED BIGRAM

METATHESIS (4 8)

About soccer, Americans simply don't
care,

And in Europe, you cannot FOUR
EIGHT over there.

=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

22. LAST-LETTER CHANGE (5)

Les Stroud is sharp and tough and spry.
(Much cooler than that Bear Grylls guy!)

He has no crew. He has no tents.

The king of all environments:

The jungle genius, desert don,

Mountain master, BONY BONN.

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

23. BIPHONEME BEHEADMENT

(8, 8)

Entitlements and taxes rise?

It's doubtful that would cause surprise.

But shutting down our spending spree?

Now that would be a novelty!

Obama's demonstrated ONE.

He's made it clear what he wants done.

The cost has been a wider TWO

Amongst the nation's voters, who,

Despite their fondness for a fight,

Should pray Obama gets it right.

=ULLY BYRD, Grand Chicken IC

24. THIRD-SOUND CHANGE (*7, 8, 7)

A weary ONE man lived in London town

With his TWO kids and his wife.

He had to scold those awful imps,

For their spoiled conduct was rife.

They acted like wild animals:

They led a rough, THREE life.

=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

25. FREEWHEELING PHONETIC

FALSE FASHIONER (3, *4 4)

Oh, someday there will be a CLAY

Devoted to the POTTER.

You'll see a heifer and a bull,

And owls (for his daughter).

The swan will swim, the gadfly sting,

To give the guests a shiver,

But watch out when the eagle comes,

Or you might lose your liver!

=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

26. INTERLOCK (*8)

I have a friend who claims that his
first life was in the ALL.
Since then he's come to Earth; he
watched the Roman Empire fall.
If I'm in doubt, his ONE is strong that
Brutus was his friend.
Together on the TWO of March they
planned for Caesar's end.
When added all together then his lives
have sure been full.
Believe it or do not, but this is not a
lot of bull.
=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

27. OVERLOADED QAQAQESQE
SEVENTH-LETTER CHANGE
(6 4, 6 4) (one answer is NI3-
findable; the other is not MW)

They may not be mentioned in a
current article;
Bottoms are more of the thing, but I say
That models like Crawford and the
standard particle
Just are not finished without a
TOUPEE.
=VEAL, Milliveal NA

28. SONS (5) (DENTS, TENDS)
LETTER BANK (7, 10, 2 3 4 4)
(SONS = 10 = not MW usage,
SOON = 2 3 4 4 = findable; can
be sung)

I hate memes.
As pests, these fads DENTS
spammish ads, meseems.
A questionnaire spreads everywhere
(its mode of spread is TENDS). Soon,
You get this mostly pointless post from
all your Facebook friends SOON,
And even those inclined towards NOS
would pray to God it ends soon.
I. Hate. Memes.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

29. FOURTH-LETTER CHANGE
(4 2, 6) (SCREAM = 4 2 = NI3)

The rules at the amusement park
Require us to SCREAM on rides,
And so my youngest son and I
Both shared a STREAM with
porcelain sides.
=ENDGAME, Portland OR

30. REBUS (3-4 6) (3-4 = not MW
usage)

I'm at O'Hare,
Because my E
Is not yet where
I want to be.
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

31. FREEWHEELING LETTER
BANK (6, 7, *1 6, 4-6 4) (clued in
order)

As a pitcher whose arm
Is not very strong,
Yours truly's a MASTER
(My starts last so long).
My foes can't SEEM SMART
Just how TEAR A SEAM
To keep my control
The entire STAR TEAM.
So tell those who puzzle
Over such stamina,
My arm is equipped with
A rubber lamina.
=WHEELS, Georgetown ON

32. PHONETIC LINKADE (7; 3, *4)

I am a young Syrian BEAU
Who played cards with a girl with a
HOE.
I cheated the strummer,
Which for her was a bummer:
I HOBO her out of her dough.
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

33. OVERLOADED FOURTH-SOUND CHANGE (7, *7) (*7 = not MW)

What I love about West Virginia:
The governor's CARDINALITY.
If you're ever in Charleston, stop by
For some Southern hospitality.
=TAHNAN, Arlington MA

34. PHONETIC WORD DELETION (5 5, 3, *4) (can be sung)

You're the fifth!
(Not the ACHE or second.)
You're the fifth,
As these things are reckoned.
You're FUR's Vega (citing the list of
brightest stars).
You're Mittal's net worth,
You're planet Earth,
You're Honda cars.
You're Brazil (just in terms of acres),
You're (of Gilbert's most oft-seen
FAKERS)
Iolanthe, maybe. I'm scum, but baby,
if th-
Rough some mishap I'm the bottom,
you're the fifth!
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

35. REVERSED REPEATED- LETTER CHANGE (7)

What should you do if you make,
When solving this flat, a mistake?
That's why you ought to BEGUN.
Go sharpen your pencils with DONE.
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

36. FIFTH-LETTER CHANGE (*6, 6) (CRASHER = *6 = not MW)

The CRASHERs did more than just
come sans invite;
They ate all the cheese and the COLD
CUTS in sight.
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

37. LETTER BANK (5, 6 4)

At first it's quite a tiresome task:
As streams of hopefuls take the stage,
The judges must attempt to mask
Their boredom as they gamely gauge
Which flash some signs of future DIVE,
And which (the larger group by far)
Have little chance to just survive
The night, and even less to star.
But once the long DIVIDE is done,
Competitors are but a few.
The judges now can have some fun.
Anticipation starts to brew.
It's then that brilliance might emerge;
The lesser talents have been downed.
Competitors are on the verge,
And soon an "Idol" will be crowned.
=ULLY BYRD, Grand Chicken IC

38. OVERLOADED LETTER BANK (9, 4 2 10) (9 = NI3; 4 2 10 = not MW)

There was an old woman who lived in
her home
With Dinah and Oliver, Stu, Ellie,
Noam,
David and Meg, Orville, Regan and
Esther
Freddie, Lee, Anna, and Tom and
Sylvester.
She lived in her house that was
cobbled together
With what I'd consider a fine
SUEDED LEATHER.
=VRAABBY, Millpeg NB

39. LETTER BANK (6, 9)

When Paddington Bear finds himself
with a rash,
He grabs some CYRILLIC from inside
his cache
And makes it a poultice — it works
straight away,
And soon he is freed from his LYRIC
dismay!
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

KU-1. ENIGMATIC REBUS (3 3 4, 7.
1 3 ^4) (rubric and reading have
non-MW material; can be sung)

high-class Japanity

If you want to expand your ken:
We're thin plates that have been
japanned.

If in turn we enclose stuff, then
(Just like Conan) that stuff's been
canned.

Dug out of the earth, we're stannous;
Refined using *mens* and *manus*,
We're shiny till they japan us — oh!

But don't think that the Oscar you
Might get's covered with us; you see,
When they plate them they don't
ENSUE

With the Wind prize'd have flustered
Leigh,

For instance. They found gold cuter
(For all that the core was pewter),
And thought it would better suit her
— oh!

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

40. ENIGMATIC RE US [3 5]
(NI3 usage)

Of all of the scandals now rocking D.C.,
This one surely cannot be true:
It's being THE ANSWER that Hillary C.
Is trysting with Bart Simpson! Whew!
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

41. OVERLOADED FREEWHEELING
BEHEADMENT (4 2 2, 7)

Oh dear, my deer turned out bizarre!
I wanted well but got tartare.
I'm not too great when in the kitchen;
Next time I'll have to check my
SWITCHIN'.
=FREE VRAALY, Abilford TJ

42. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (7, *7)
(BEAR = *7 = not MW usage)

Oily Tony wandered here and there,
And that is why they call him
GRIZZLY BEAR!
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

43. LETTER BANK (5, *3 *5)
(HALF = *3 *5 = NI3)

Evgeny's horse is Russian calf.
That means he FOURTH it? Nyet.
He has a cow (it's also HALF)
Whose dairy he can get.
=TAHNAN, Arlington MA

44. LETTER BANK (6, *4 *6)
(TIM GUNN = not MW)

I like "Project Runway"
But there's no disputing
It's dull when the panel
Discusses their scores.

If I see TIM GUNN weigh
The facts, I'll stop MUTING,
And I'll change the channel
On ol' Michael Kors.
=VEBRILE, Palo Alto CA

45. REVERSED QAQAQESQE ORDER
TAKEOUT (3 3) (ENOUGH, ONE)

ENOUGH: How many
Haiku flats did Qaqaq send
To Crax this year? ONE.
=VRAAL, Milford NJ

46. MYNORETEH (2 *7, 6 3)
(*7 = not MW; clued in order)

When he was sick, Mom gave him cherry
Flavored Advil — 'twas so much fun!
Then she switched it BOYSENBERRY.
This CHANGE was not a happy one.
=EASY N, Exton PA

47. LETTER BANK (10, 6-7, [^]7 3 [^]3 [^]4)
 (RECANTS = NI2, 11C-inferable;
 CENT RANTS = inferable;
 ART'S STANCE = not MW)

In ART'S STANCE, Cary Grant's
 Cool Manhattan-ish glance
 Doesn't win a RECANTS,
 But a girl he'd romance
 From the Long one's expanse.
 She's a neighbor, by chance,
 Of his wine-spiking aunts —
 Theirs is made from CENT RANTS
 (Purple) berries from plants,
 Not dried grapes, in ART'S STANCE.
 =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

ANAGRAMS

48. GAL? AY! GAD! ([^]4 *4)
 49. LO, HEROES PLANNING
 EACH BASKET SLAM
 (3 *1*1*1 8 [*3 *7] *6)
 =769, Margate FL

50. A, B, ..., H, ..., P, ET AL.
 =VEEP, Sunnyvale CA

51. TETRANAGRAM (3 [^]5 [^]3 9)
 SPAIN, ROMP. . . CHEW DUTCH . . .
 LO!
 SPAIN, CROP 'EM (DUTCH) . . .
 HOWL!
 REC.: SPAIN, WHOMP DUTCH . . .
 LO!
 DROP CLEW: SPAIN, MUCH HOT!
 =769, Margate FL

WORLD CUPAGRAMS

52. SEEN BALL GO IN, AND (ERGO)
 REGRET (*71 6 *6 *5)
 =769, Margate FL
 53. BLEAK FOUL ACRIMONY (3 *5 *9)
 =SPELVIN, Greensboro NC

FORMS

F-1. RECTANGLE

Across:

- 1 Crossing them might make it a Federal case
- 2 It might be secco or accompagnato
- 3 "Whose woods these are I think I know," for one
- 4 Tax

Down:

- 1 Mlle., to Miró
 - 2 Mounds
 - 3 John's follower
 - 4 Jade
 - 5 They are halfway between E's and I's
 - 6 Thrashes
 - 7 Also
 - 8 It's long around Xmas
 - 9 Square
 - 10 Harmonize
- =X, Cambridge MA

F-2. DOUBLE SQUARE (see note)

Across:

- 1 Sandy?
- 2 Detest
- 3 Get on base more, perhaps
- 4 Navigation instrument aboard a tall ship
- 5 Animal sheaths
- 6 Announcer at a joust

Down:

- 1 Act of flowering (at least until 1862, which is the latest date the OED has for this word)
 - 2 Interjection acknowledging the appropriateness of an argument
 - 3 Converse idly
 - 4 Where Penelope wove by day and unraveled by night
 - 5 Having to do with the nose
 - 6 Earned
- =JABBERWOCK, Los Gatos CA

F-3. DOUBLE SQUARE

Across:

- 1 NPL member
- 2 Square stone pillars topped by busts or heads, usually of a particular god
- 3 Murder, as Montresor did
- 4 Pestors
- 5 Like the hand on dealer's left, usually
- 6 Periods of stability

Down:

- 1 Eggshell, old lace, and ivory, for example
- 2 Liquify once more
- 3 Fleet of battleships
- 4 Entertains
- 5 Composer whom Henry Miller referred to as "the stratospheric Colossus of Sound"
- 6 Refuses to continue (said of Scottish horses)

=JABBERWOCK, Los Gatos CA

F-4. DOUBLE SQUARE

Across:

- 1 NPL member
- 2 Charms used by some blacks in the British West Indies
- 3 15-year-old's heart's desire, maybe
- 4 United States Navy Commodore who led the blockade at Tripoli in 1803
- 5 Like a gin and tonic with an extra twist?
- 6 Homework for English majors

Down:

- 1 Children's game from the 1980s (Brands & Their Cos.)
- 2 Candytuft genus
- 3 Excommunications (as done by the Jews)
- 4 Northern Rhodesia today
- 5 A short time in Scotland
- 6 Michaelmas daisies and sea starworts

=JABBERWOCK, Los Gatos CA

F-5. DOUBLE SQUARE

Across:

- 1 Trip?
- 2 Ellore today
- 3 Commemorative slab
- 4 City about 375 kilometers east of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- 5 Capital of Belarus

Down:

- 1 Island in the Strait of Hormuz
- 2 Mountains separating Mongolia from China
- 3 Primitive grain mill
- 4 Kingdom of Burgundy, today
- 5 Three of this for Muster Mark!

=JABBERWOCK, Los Gatos CA

F-6. DOUBLE SQUARE

Across:

- 1 Nutter?
- 2 Yo-Yo need
- 3 Leave out a vowel
- 4 Romance
- 5 Gradually disintegrated (like bacteria)

Down:

- 1 Lymphocyte with antigen-binding antibody molecules on the surface
- 2 Pass the baton
- 3 Clues that end with a bang
- 4 "School Days," "Tutti Frutti," or "Don't Be Cruel"
- 5 Exceedingly

=JABBERWOCK, Los Gatos CA

F-7. DOUBLE SQUARE

Across:

- 1 NPL member
- 2 Mainlander, perhaps
- 3 Need to do a duty
- 4 Bias
- 5 Roman bronze coins

Down:

- 1 Nelson Mandela, for example
 - 2 Jolly boats
 - 3 Larval crabs
 - 4 Actin filaments junction marker
 - 5 Scottish gates
- =JABBERWOCK, Los Gatos CA

F-8. EIGHT QUEENS SQUARE (see note)

To complete the grid, four chess pieces (using chess notation) will be placed in four blanks; you must determine the locations based on four grid entries. If the king is the only white piece on the board, is he in check?

Across:

- 1 Actor David Alan ____ (IMDB);
Semi communicator
- 2 Jackson's *Captain* ____ (IMDB);
Prime Minister of India in the
1970s
- 3 Hannibal Lecter: "A census taker
once tried ____ me..." (IMDB);
Truman's middle name
- 4 Bad grade; Source of authority,
figuratively
- 5 Foot; Hawaiian thrush
- 6 Snaky
- 7 Snug
- 8 Tin mogul Chung Keng ____
(Wikipedia); Internet access means

Down:

- 1 Outfits; Biblical Second Source
 - 2 Friend of Pooh (MW Encyc of Lit);
Indigenous Japanese people
 - 3 Word that is always capitalized;
Lambeth local
 - 4 Garden; Purpose
 - 5 Take two?
 - 6 Some inputs
 - 7 Element 20; Vapors
 - 8 Former capital of Ciskei enclave in
South Africa; Two outs
- =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

EXTRAS

X-1. KNIGHT'S-TOUR CRYPT
(7 3 4 8 3 6 2 3 4 5 7. *2 *10)

O T
E C W
N D H R T
R I E T E R
S U R C T S I A
O A O F T H S U
P U N N L J D S
Y H D E E T I A
O W S R H L
R F S A I
H E C
R L

=769, Margate FL

X-2. ANAQUOTE (2 2 3 6 4 2 5, 3 3 3
2 5, 2 3 2 3 8 2 3. *8 *1. *6)

AIM ALL ATT BUT DEC EAR END ETA
GAT HIN HIN HOW IFW INK KAP KIN
KWE LAN MOR NOT OTH OTT TOT TWH
UGH UPN

=GENEAL, Providence RI

X-3. ANAQUOTE (6 2 6 3 4 3 4. 8 2 3
4 5. *5 *5)

AME AMY AMY AVI BIG HES IFE ISH
IST LDE MAN NEW NGO NGO NOG RWI
SCA THI TOO YMO

=HARRY COVER, Wilmington DE

X-4. ANAQUIP (10: 2 3 3 3 4 2 3 8, 5 2
1 3 2 5 2 2 4 10 3 7.)

ALO ARE CON EIS EPR EYT GIF HEP
HER LEM MAD MON NGI NGT NOT OBE
OLO ONT PAR ROB SOL SUL THE TIN
TOF TOF UTI YOU

=raw, Ogdensburg NY

X-5. FORKED TONGUES — by SCARAB, St. Paul MN

Each of the gray squares in the grid contains a word rather than a letter. (For convenience, spaces are provided in which to write these words.) The word in the gray square is divided in two, and contributes both to the word entering, which ends in the square (e.g., 4 Across), and to a new word starting in the square and continuing out (numbered with the square, as in 5 Across). In the case of squares with both Across and Down clues (e.g., 16), the breaks are at different locations within the gray-square word. The gray-square words are all related.

Across

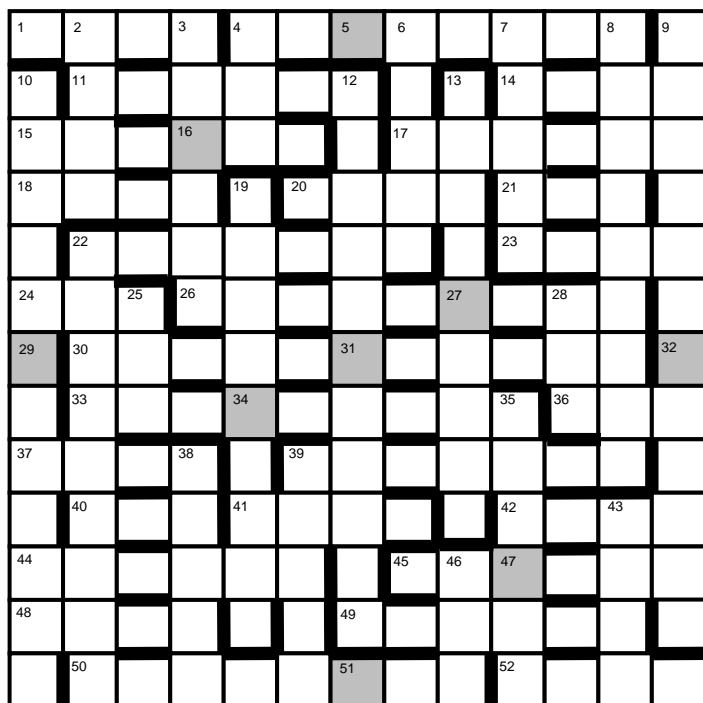
- 1 Bitter, heartless, and sour (4)
- 4 Gunner cannily holding back portion of shell
- 5 Hero's partner follows no plant
- 11 Ice cream company's core plan (6)
- 14 Big bird crushed hare (4)
- 15 One who leaves the country before being invaded by Russian jet
- 16 Barely made feint to the west
- 17 Strikes some cops after Thursday (6)
- 18 Beginning to throw one pitch (4)
- 20 Twelve peers improvised on a ship (4)
- 21 Hope, ignoring Egyptian snake's wrath (3)
- 22 Vassal acquires new, high-grade pedigree (7)
- 23 One was in charge of revolutionizing place where submarines are made (4)
- 24 Snowshoe rabbit hides above (1'2)
- 26 Ghouls rearranged shed
- 27 Lemon scattered around gross dog
- 30 Fail to get desired response, e.g., change of heart in October
- 31 Bill is ready to sing
- 33 Two common e-mail headings at a show of keyboard prowess
- 34 Won big before covering pound and shilling
- 36 Rocker loses head for rocker's widow (3)
- 37 Bozo ostentatiously showed where petting might occur (4)
- 39 Around noon, tanner shredded piece of cloth (7)
- 40 I do often put oxygen in German car (3)
- 41 Troubles prisons after opening (4)

- 42 Parts for one petition lacking abbreviation in references (4)
- 44 Brubeck returns in "not available" state (6)
- 45 High intensity inside — turn back
- 47 Thought furniture store traded 1000 for 500
- 48 Dour brothers announced (4)
- 49 Sweet twosome around Library of Congress (6)
- 50 Using pressure, it cures us — ha! Zit destroyed
- 51 Chance to remove feathers from chicken with no head
- 52 Expression of disapproval about a job (4)

Down

- 2 It can be hard to see California and Missouri (4)
- 3 Snide greeting contains B.S., perhaps
- 4 Direction from poet lacking hair-style (3, *abbr.*)
- 6 Cave concealed by sylvan trees (5)
- 7 Priest's physician with university identification (5)
- 8 Offensive comedienne chases agent with cross (9)
- 9 It's after bygone sufferer from gadfly, lamb and noodle dish
- 10 Wildly promote Long Island's major city
- 12 Green carpet encased in gold by the Spanish
- 13 Beat factor crushed myth
- 16 Knows Burns and Kesey
- 19 Witch's kind of company wrapped in passion

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|----|------------------------------------------------------------|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 22 | Newt surrounded by couples — they get warmed up (9) | 32 | Egyptian city lacking large Iowa liberal related to wife |
| 25 | Indian leader's device for propelling boats in reverse (3) | 34 | Actor is all about one learning disability (<i>2 wds.</i>) |
| 27 | In Congo, ingenue not finished yet | 35 | Stroke deceased tree |
| 28 | Every color olive starts with green beginning? (3) | 38 | Stroked one teacher (5) |
| 29 | Humming sounds follow laugh initiations | 39 | Joyful James Dean film changes kid-friendly rating to restricted (5) |
| 31 | Instructions to remove louse climbing decorated trees | 43 | Permits some punches without fail (4) |
| | | 46 | Killer oddly returns moose (3) |
| | | 47 | Popular princess with court charge |



5. _____

16. _____

27. _____

29. _____

31. _____

32. _____

34. _____

47. _____

51. _____

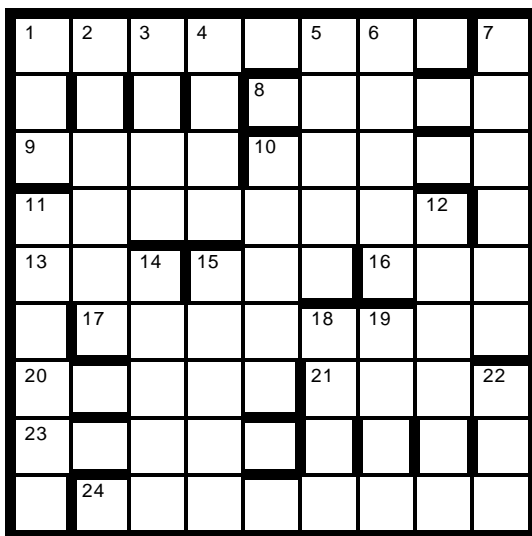


X-6. SCANDAL! — by SPELVIN, Greensboro NC

This just in: Some well-known people associated with Seattle have been involved in a violent incident, and as a result they've disappeared for a while. Their absence will be evident when entering certain clue answers into the grid; in addition, the clues for these answers contain an extra word which must be removed before solving. When the disappearances are ordered appropriately, the first letters of these extra words will reveal the victim of the incident, while the last letters will reveal the name of the reporter who leaked the story. All other clues and entries are normal, although the author has a tendency to play fast and loose with capitalization and punctuation. Solvers must identify the victim and the reporter, along with the well-known people associated with Seattle, who can be described collectively with a single word.

Across

- 1 Victims of knife assault tragically bled in the crime thriller (*3 wds.*)
- 8 South Caribbean island's source of air
- 9 Ono's been disoriented, dropping first boxful of spoons and picking up fork in turn (*3 wds.*)
- 10 Crime boss's position at beginning of monopoly repulsed Gomez's cousin
- 11 Rewinding nickname for Krewe member Ripstein in little device for recording of memories
- 13 Sitcom title character that is in role recreated by outdated law
- 15 Morons bringing in Bob, losing first quarter advantage (*2 wds.*)
- 16 Paper almanac laughably features programming language
- 17 *Rent* arrangement interrupts CD in the middle
- 20 Transportation company sold one broadcast
- 21 Comedian to have fifty times as much as Leo III beforehand
- 23 Each day, before contest, shirt is removed
- 24 Rabbi starts to cooperate, running out and stopping weapons exercises like this one



Down

- 1 Reclined, not wishing to work without getting any Z's
- 2 Howard put in two cents with sarcasm
- 3 Retrospective in new unfinished musical film
- 4 Consider me briefly the busiest member of the NPL uprising
- 5 Symbols I moved to the front of currency
- 6 Adorable one listened to opening and conclusion of quintet
- 7 One notorious Monday, hater foolishly fired service gal

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| 10 Must informally thank you in
Liverpool under growth, oddly | 15 Invoice primarily torn haphazardly
in opening |
| 11 Economist in Minnesota singing
"Do fa la, re re mi" | 18 Little monster's club drug stolen
from member of Los Stooges? |
| 12 Getting into belief system, recent
president was involved in a row? | 19 Part of bolero: a raucous sound
from a lion |
| 14 Fishing specialist raised opposition
to US grant | 22 Daylight over parts of
Peloponnesus? |

MAY SOLVERS

The May *Enigma* had 63 flats, 6 forms, 7 crypts, and 12 extras; 30 solution lists, representing 60 solvers, were received. \times /Badir/Btnirn/QED, Andreas/Witz, Gabby/Vraal/Veep, Geneal/GrandBairn/Serendipity/ Wampahoofus, Joker/LeXman/Lirath, Momus/Panther, Philana/Mercury, and Providence/Striker/Spelvin had completes. Jo the Loiterer/Manx/Pen Gwyn/Stewball had a flat complete.

Accepted: #5-MAMMY for MOMMY (5); #33-NOTE for AVER;
#35-PREM-O/U-UNITION; #34-FREE AND CLEAR (NON as in nonfat + E = empty) (3); #50-CHISEL/CHILES (2); X-2-NICKLE for NICKEL.
Not accepted: #19-<RAMEN>/COMMON/GAMMON or DAEMON (3);
#34-NONE THE WISER (2); F-5-BLFRT for BLFST (4).
Apologies to Striker, whose nom was misspelled in the April report.
ENDGAME, Solutions Editor

Abacus/R/EDS/Wabbit 60/5/*/11; Ajde 9/0/2/3; Alice/Hot/Ming 54/0/0/3; andma-Gray/turk 21/5/*/*; Askew/Bactam 31/2/3/5; Avidan/Banterweight 25/0/0/0; Billy the Kid/Buttorkup/Kapry Korn 52/2/*/9; Clio 52/5/2/7; Dada 2/0/6/2; /dev/joe 38/1/0/3; Dragonfly 45/0/6/6; (e)met 56/0/0/3; Endgame 44/3/6/7; Hemlock/Lyric/Munro 56/*/*/*; Jerg/Newrow 52/*/*/*; Jo the Loiterer/Manx/Pen Gwyn/Stewball */*/2/2; Libra 51/4/6/10; Loki-5 60/*/*/11; NJ Ninja 33/*/*/9; Pebbles 61/5/*/11; Treesong 60/5/*/*; Webcatt 29/2/0/1.

SOLVING FREQUENCY/NUMBER OF KUDOS/TOP KUDOS: 1-17/1, 2-22/2, 3-22/2, 4-23/1, 5-28, 6-25, 7-14/1, 8-22/2, 9-28/1, 10-24/5, 11-21/2, 12-20, 13-25/2/1, 14-15/1, 15-22/7, 16-20/1, 17-28/5, 18-24/1, 19-18/1, 20-21, 21-22/1, 22-26/1, 23-20, 24-23, 25-13/1/1, 26-24/1, 27-19/7, 28-16/4, 29-28/1, 30-21/1, 31-26, 32-26, 33-15/4, 34-19/1, 35-20/1, 36-26/1, 37-25, 38-18/5, 39-22/5/1, 40-22/1, 41-25/2, 42-21, 43-16, 44-23/1, 45-15, 46-29/1, 47-23/1, 48-27/2, 49-25/2, 50-16, 51-19, 52-24/2, 53-23/6/2, 54-26 55-26, 56-24, 57-26, 58-24, 59-25, 60-26, 61-25, 62-26, 63-26. FORMS: 1-20/1, 2-20/1, 3-20/1, 4-21/4, 5-19/3, 6-18/2. CRYPTS: 1-24, 2-25/2, 3-23, 4-22/2, 5-23, 6-22, 7-19/2. EXTRAS: 1-23, 2-21, 3-22, 4-23, 5-20, 6-18/2/1, 7-23/18/2, 8-24/7, 9-16/12/6, 10-18, 11-19, 12-21. MISCELLANEA: KU-1-5; A Tale in Anagrams */15/1; contest results */1. [* = not tabulated]

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X-7. EATING OUT — by ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

When the answers for the clues are entered correctly in the diagram, an appropriate phrase will appear across the top. Another appropriate phrase describing the results of the event and possibly of your solving of the puzzle will appear across the bottom. The clues for 1 Down are given in the normal left-to-right sequence, but the others are in random order.

Across

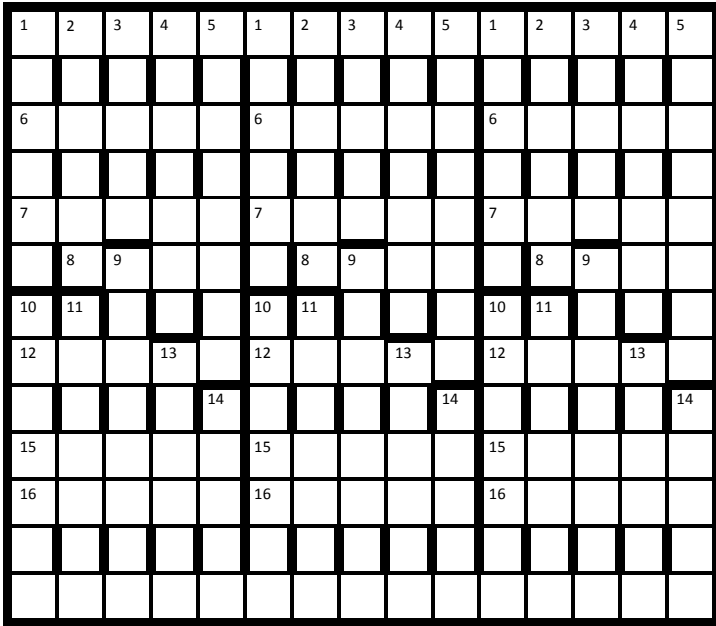
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| <p>6 Loud server's hairstyle (5)
Admits hiding some of rice
stocks (5)
Reported water to be prevalent (5)</p> <p>7 Question mutton provider before
finishing off course (5)
Share two pieces of tender fish (5)
Booze includes pint for everybody
on the way out (5)</p> <p>8 Opposed wine after loss of
energy (4)
Agents perfect filling with drop of
molasses (4, <i>hyph.</i>)
Small bird rack without half of
chop (4)</p> <p>12 It can be offered as lighter
game (5)
They look for tea etc. initially near
paths that curve (5)
Managed chain's beef production
unit (5)</p> <p>15 Ship captain finally tucking into
bread (5)
Father to name eel-like creature (5)
Cook said to comprehend technical
passages (5)</p> <p>16 What a surprise! Starter to end
cries of disapproval (5)
Throw liquid on some of peach
whip (5)
In the old style, prepares most of
the source of venison first (5)</p> | <p>2 How to consume over two liters —
completely (6)
On demand English fool to return
port (6)
Wine restricted within seedy
motel (6)</p> <p>3 Hide boat with unopened liquor
near center of Nunivak,
Alaska (5)
Real dry place for meat (5)
Bill returning to kitchen with last
of fungi (mushroom) (5)</p> <p>4 Was left to eat center from
dessert (7)
Some Swiss fall into more than one
beer (7)
Note declining sample of roast
birds (7)</p> <p>5 Roll and filling swap positions
losing little of taste (8)
Pasta from the Spanish saint (8)
Cut into endless main course at
edge, having lost interest (8)</p> <p>9 Burnt stew to retain darkish color
(8, <i>hyph.</i>)
Smallest melt gets even
temperature (8)
After blemish I turned back a
sauce (8)</p> <p>10 Quiet scene with California
diner initially breaking into
song (7)
Drunk reduced to a pulpy state
after shot of Scotch (7)
Engineer in the field consuming
slice of nutritious fish (7)</p> <p>11 Jude left date for fresh salad (7)
Some appetizer! A violin case filled
with cheese (7)
Philippine island's seasoning agent
found by airman (7)</p> |
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Down

- 1 Drink very quietly when wearing
hat (6)
Porridge is one part to work on the
tongue (6)
Egg would be produced with our
entering this box (6)

13 Condiment container
has that bit of Tabasco
inside (6)
Greek nectar is distilled (6)
Neat ounce — perhaps count
author out (6)

14 Introduce country pot before
leaving (5)
Hard center to nutty lettuce from
Thailand (5)
Follow headless chicken with
endless fat (5)



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MAY FAVORITES (! means top favorite): Abacus—3, 15. Alice—40, X-7, X-9.
andma-Gray/turk—9, 39, F-5, F-6, C-4, C-7, X-6!, X-7, X-9, A Tale in Anagrams.
Bactam—8, 18, 41, 47, F-1, F-4. Btnirn—7, 15, 25!, 33, 38, X-7, X-8, X-9, A Tale in
Anagrams. Dada—X-7, X-8. /dev/joe—11, F-2, F-4, F-5, X-7, X-8, X-9!. Dragonfly—
3, 12!, 15, 46, X-7, A Tale in Anagrams. (e)met—2, 10, 22, 27, 38, 48, X-7, X-8,
X-9, A Tale in Anagrams, contest results. Endgame—1, 2, 10, 17, 27, 34, 39!, 53,
X-7, A Tale in Anagrams. Jerg/Newrow 15, 26, 39, 53!, F-4, X-7, A Tale in
Anagrams. Jo the Loiterer—13, F-5, F-6. Hot—28, 33, X-7, X-9, A Tale in Anagrams.
Lyric—21, C-2, C-4, X-6, X-7, X-9!. Mercury—17, 27, 41. Ming—27, 33, A Tale in
Anagrams. Munro—X-7, X-8, X-9!. NJ Ninja—4, 11, 17, 29, 36, 49, 52, F-4, X-7!.
Pen Gwyn—17, A Tale in Anagrams. R/EDS—10, 15, 53!, C-7, X-7, A Tale in
Anagrams. Treesong—8, 12, 14, 15, 27, 28, 38, 39, 53, F-3, X-7, X-8, X-9!, A Tale
in Anagrams. Tril—10, 19, 28, 33, 35, 38, 52, 53, X-7, X-9!, A Tale in Anagrams.
Tyger—10, 17, 27, 39, X-7!, X-9, A Tale in Anagrams. Webcatt—30, 44, 48, 49, X-8,
A Tale in Anagrams!. Witz—15, 16, 27, 28, 38, 53, C-2, X-7, X-9!, A Tale in
Anagrams.

TREASURER'S REPORT
Second Quarter 2010
(Apr 1 to Jun 30)

Balance 3/31/2010	\$21,573.61
INCOME	
Renewals/rejoins	\$2,937.00
New memberships	520.00
Gifts	182.00
NPL History book gifts	14.26
Interest	12.03
Sterling Publishing crypt book royalty	106.88
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,772.17
EXPENSES	
Apr-Jun <i>Enigma</i> printing	\$1,267.50
Postage	1,343.51
Photocopies	77.76
<i>Enigma</i> shipping and handling	276.75
Envelopes	147.00
<i>Guide</i> printing	95.20
Electronic payment fees	57.48
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,265.20
Balance excluding conventions	\$22,080.58
2010 con balance (still open)	4,434.41
2011 con balance (still open)	-1,025.00
BALANCE 6/30/2010	\$25,489.99
2010 CON ACCOUNTING	
INCOME	
Attendee payments	\$41,706.10
TOTAL INCOME	\$41,706.10
EXPENSES	
Hotel	\$35,186.69
Photographer	1,700.00
Refunds	275.00
Special events	110.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$37,271.69
2010 CON BALANCE	\$4,434.41
2011 CON ACCOUNTING	
Hotel deposit	\$1,000.00
Sales tax exemption	25.00
2011 CON BALANCE	-\$1,025.00

Mercury (Joseph J. Adamski), Treasurer

JUNE SOLUTIONS

1. ceremonial, coal miner, *Coraline*, calorie, recoil, E. coli (Clio) 2. bayonet, not bat an eye 3. mastery, mystery meat 4. land, yare. nan (de [L and Y are N and E (in “June”)] 5. winked [W inked] 6. hundred-to-one shot unendorsed 7. dollop, polled 8. therapy, heart-happy, party hearty 9. hike, wake, wide, wind, wild, cold 10. beguile [“big isle”] 11. true, outré 12. conditioner, Ondi Timoner 13. archfiend, French-Canadian 14. spay, spade (Euterpe) 15. spanghew [span GHEW] 16. capybara, copy Bara 17. P(aga)(nin)i 18. igloo, loo, night, ignite 19. Eyjafjallajökull, JFK’l 20. Yagur [rug say] 21. calliope [Call Io Pe (in line 6)] (Calliope) KU-1. Pyramid of the Sun; Upper Heyford, Northamptonshire 22. mother, thermometer 23. rehearse 24. third base, hairsbreadth 25. stop on a dime [S top on a dim E]; squealing, equal sign 26. Usain Bolt, ablutions, sublation, absolution, substitutional, no auto bailouts, tintinnabulations 27. trialogue; trial, log 28. try, tie; left wing three-quarter [left WING, three-quarter] 29. drive-n/l 30. van(ill/N)a 31. wa(s)ter (Thalia) 32. forensic, conifers 33. Lazenby, analyzable 34. monster, master [à la mon, ma (French “my”)] 35. thus cot issues, the Scottish ooze 36. genus, snugness (Urania) 37. Enron; (t)en, (i)ron 38. idiocracy 39. Cheerios, soiree 40. (assa)yer 41. forties, soft tortoise 42. rose hip, Shropshire 43. Bon Jovi, ursine, bonjour, Vinsne 44. bottom, motto (Polyhymnia) 45. taxiing off, taxing of 46. THEme, ALpo, AMOral (Melpomene) 47. Delano [del an O] 48. cojones, cajones, Jose Canseco 49. folk, fellow [à la yolk, yellow]; Yank, Gand [à la yolk, gold] 50. low-cal, locale 51. piecrust, superscript 52. Microsoft, my crow soft 53. medi-a/c 54. list-e/o-n 55. orate, oater (Erato) 56. akalas, Alaska 57. Adventism, ventis [à la ad nauseam, nausea] 58. cris-p/i-s 59. buss a twelfth girl [L right flew; T as SUB (in SUBER)] 60. colleague, collie, col 61. maiden names, made in Ames 62. agonistic, agnostic 63. medal, lamed (Terpsichore) 64. Pinky Tuscadero, keep your distance, stop dead in your tracks 65. irony, steely 66. WA, term ain’t U.) be [watermain, tube] 67. Maine, anime 68. parrot, paradise (à la merchant, merchandise) 69. supernal, sensual pleasure 70. gal, gallery; gall, gallery 71. extract [extra C, T] 72. philosophically splay, withering [“fill a Sophocles play with a ring”] 73. *When in Rome*; mornin’, whee 74. blowout preventer 75. *Dancing with the Stars* 76. George Bush’s *Decision Points* 77. Montreal Canadiens

C-1. It is a sobering thought that when Mozart was my age he had been dead for two years. Tom Lehrer

C-2. Visiting inn in country off of beaten path may raise odds of having bee be in room too to uncomfortable levels.

C-3. Skiing combines outdoor conviviality with knocking down trees with your face. Dave Barry

C-4. Topic opening fifth annual Paranoids Anonymous colloquy: “Protect yourself from your bodyguard.”

C-5. Characteristically snarky headline in The Onion: “New study reveals most children unrepentant sociopaths.”

C-6. Chronic rheumatoid arthritis restricts backswing; golfer thus forced into early retirement.

C-7. Escaped jaguar cornered inside fine arts museum. Panicked animal creates original clawed Monets.

- X-1. I was the first woman to burn my bra. It took the fire department four days to put it out. Dolly Parton
- X-2. Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there. Will Rogers
- X-3. He was so reliably duplicitous, he circled back around to trustworthy. Orner
- X-4. *Across*: bowler hat, Sonic (my), skier, uncertain, pedestal (goal), nisei (make), reunion (cryptic), due date, deliver, titanic (crosswords), chain, sound off (popular), introvert (among), giant, nanny (average), sheepskin.
Down: bust (Americans), white bull (but), eerie, Houston, tickled, stringent (how), nears, confidence, prediction, inventory, Anne Frank (send), reseeds, trustee (me), Anton, dig up, Eton (ideas).
Message: My goal: Make cryptic crosswords popular among average Americans. But how? Send me ideas.
- X-5. You can always figure out who the locals are when it rains: they'll be the ones without umbrellas.
- X-6. Seattle is approximately halfway between two Vancouvers: one in Washington and one in British Columbia.
- X-7. Very nice, but there are dull stretches. Comte de Rivarol, on a two-line poem
- X-8. *Across*: embroil, ump, pea, vine, sung, rhyme, odeum, offsets, flouts, pseudo, remorse, Torah, clean, coin, runt, inc., nth, intense.
Down: ibuprofen, nymph, dopey, peeves, ermine, neon, NRA, imam, Mr Ed, ideas, snood, surer, fortieth, futon, tie, three, mining, octopi, arcs, link, ennui, actin, Cain, Utes, lea.
Unclued entries: Independence, Memorial, Arbor, Earth, Election, Thanksgiving, Columbus, Flag, Groundhog, Labor.
Advice: Take the day off.
- X-9. *Across*: Seuss issues→SEUSSI, names a baseman→NAMESAB, sane, bodega, borrow or rob→BORROW, ear, deified→DEIF, semidimes→SEMI, ardor, revival→REVI, rise sir→RISE, palindromitis, one Leno→ONEL, real, estop, sorry, Cher, rotor→ROT, sesame, enacts, tor trot→TORT, serials, drawn inward→DRAWNI.
Down: ease, undid, Seles→SEL, suborn, I do Di→IDO, nurses run→NURSE, moo, see dees→SEED, Agassi's saga→AGASSI, barer ab→BARE, soda pop ados→SODAPO, revolt lover→REVOLT, orders, iris, oil olio→OILO, esprit, anyone, meteor, ayahs, throw, Ares era→ARES, star, earn, ET ate→ETA, madam→MAD, stats→STA.

F-1.

S I R E S
 T R A N Q
 A E I O U
 I N D R A
 R E S O W

F-2.

X F R D N G L S H D C T N R
 N C C L P D B R T N N C
 P R S T N S T R G S
 M T N G C L L S
 D B L T N S
 L D R D
 S S

Oxford English Dictionary
Encyclopedia Britannica
 Preston Sturges
 mating calls
 doubletons
 Eldorado
 say-so

Axe, faun, recipe, decorum, unlisted, Egyptian blue,
 leading ladies, subsectors, heartland, editorials, conges,
 Tunisia, on ice, Erie

F-3.

O P I U M
P A S T A/Y
I S L E S
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F-5.

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YO LISPS
ARECIBO
FLU ALUM
ELEANOR
MARY SNY

F-9.

SNCH six-inch
NAMA Namibia
CMIT codominant
HATH to the death

F-6.

NCRTNTPRNCPL uncertainty principle
QNTMMCHNCS quantum mechanics
STRPHSCS astrophysics
STRNTS astronauts
RTTT rat-a-tat
RS rays

ion, acequia, Uranus, tattoos, numerator,
temperature, Pocahontas, rheostat, nuances,
Caucus, psi, Leo

F-8.

NITA Amanita
ICYI ichthyisms
TYSN fifty-seven
AINBUGS assassin bugs
UNCL uncivil
GCTO galactoses
SLON state religion

F-7.

JNBPTSTDLMRCK Jean-Baptiste de Lamarck
NTHRGNFSPCS *On the Origin of Species*
NTRLSLCTN natural selection
SHLLTRS shelleaters
TRDNS trade-ins
DRS eiders
S sea

jay, noun, botany, photos, Terre Haute, sigillarioid,
tin soldiers, defoliations, lascars, impetuous, arcane,
cause, yak/oak/auk

X-9.

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SANEUDUBODEGA
OSDLBORROWEAR
DEIFOOSEMIDSE
ARDORREVIRISE
PALINDROMITIS
ONELREALESTOP
AYSORRYTTCHER
ROTSESAMESRAI
ENACTSHAOTORT
SERIALSDRAWNI

X-4.

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SKIER UNCERTAIN
T T I S K I R F
PEDESTAL NISEI
P B O E G D
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DELIVER TITANIC
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CHAIN SOUNDOFF
T N T E S I R E
INTROVERT GIANT
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NANNY SHEEPSKIN

X-8.

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OOFFSETSARBOR
FLOUTSIPSEUDO
EARTHREMOSEU
NBTORAHICLEAN
COINERUNTINCD
ARELECTIONNTH
INTENSENPKUIO
NTHANKSGIVING

CRYPTOGRAMS

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C-1. Baby steps.

raw, Ogdensburg NY

MOSA YCMXRW CA JPQQ PX SIT: "ON ICG PER
XPZOAS GY DECMM-DCGAXEI MZOOAS, LRMX
MXPEX JOXF P MTPQQ DCGAXEI."

C-2. Late-night hosts beware.

(see note)

GENEAL, Providence RI

BWAR IWA *RFAH ^YAUQA ^YNEXA BUT UBUNZAZ
IF *WARNS *LETTERMAN, EI OUZA YFHEIEQUH
TUIENA FCTFHAIA. *IFO *HAWNAN

C-3. Amen.

(see note)

TINHORN, Los Angeles CA

GIIC HIS AX MEDIATOR AWAITS BLIMP
BPPWONTOR *YWLSWF UDYIIG FTPY PYW *FIOCB
LSBP BON *UFWWOWX: "*KWSMDB, *PINN, BON *T."

C-4. Don't be bashful.

SCARAB, Minneapolis MN

NRMUHHF SRM HJJDMW ORXXK OHVM JHPPHQDI
SK IHXDK OHVM, WPDDXK OHVM. TMVCXK OHVM
NHCDW FDBU CHMFGFT.

C-5. They're dying out.

NEENDY, Dallas TX

WRINKLE CRYHOW FRETO AHSWKNKLEED
HSANSHHYHT WYHHO IYRTPKNSA IPEI
HUKEPONBHED THONASHT CRY SHMOILHYO.

C-6. Busy meet.

(* words = not MW)

CAZIQUE, Brooklyn NY

LSOH IUVL QVSP. LIIG WFBB. *RLSC: "WIFL-EVSL
YIFL IUVL, *YVTO ZOBB YSTV IUVL." *GSJI: "RIGV
NSRT ZVJY!" *CVGF: "PIHV." BVY'J MBSE!

C-7. This one's hard.

GRIDDLE, Santa Rosa CA

XOUVFJM XOEBJ XVUQT XOEEYEQSEYSL XON. XOUY
QSYJT XOEBJ, XON JTLUGJT SOYE BGYUBEVGP
SL VELI WNUVVZ. PEH XOJSTT!