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## EDITOR'S MUSINGS

We're getting into the holiday season once again, watching the year deteriorate and hoping the new one will prosper. I wish all of you the very highest joys of the season and the best for the new year.

This month marks the end of my first year as editor. I've learned a lot and I hope I've given you all some pleasure. I'd be remiss if I didn't thank all my noble associates: Wrybosh, who puts together every issue and keeps me from too many ridiculous mistakes; Smaug, who gets the printed copies out to you each month like clockwork; and my editors, who take the first look at everything that comes in: Dandr vets the flats, Jo The Loiterer does the same for the forms, <sup>4</sup> keeps delivering extras, Mosayc coordinates the cryptograms and Xemu and Crax manage the cryptic crosswords. Thanks to all of them and to my test solvers, who I could not manage without.

Mosayc has asked for crypts from more composers. Here's your chance to try your hand at cryptogram composition. While you're at it, take a shot at the other puzzle types, too. What the heck — make a resolution to provide at least one puzzle a month to the Enigma.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Fuldu, our new Second Vice President.  
Solvers Lists will catch up in the new year as Endgame recovers.  
The WaF results will appear next month.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The next bimonthly puzzle party of the Southern California Puzzlers is scheduled for Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at Music Man's residence in Woodland Hills, CA. Further information will be available in the next issue.

## NEW MEMBERS

Richard Blick, 3738 Nassau Dr, San Diego CA 92115-7139, has been given a gift membership by Nadine Misiaszek.

Bill Cobb, 243 R Spruce St, Sunbury PA 17801

Terry D. Crosby, Jr., 6381 S Raccoon Rd, Canfield OH 44406

Kathy Delgado, 22658 Stag St, West Hills CA 91304, has been given a gift membership by her son, Tablesaw.

**g-unit:** Gretchen J. T. Dick, 14216 Bay Rd, Westford MA 01886, has been given a gift membership by her mother, Kapry Korn.

**JustinCase:** Alex Elsayad, 1147 St-Joseph Est 3, Montreal QC H2J 1L3, was recruited by Vraal.

Sandy Kyrish, 336 Woods Rd, Glenside PA 19038

**Lambrosia:** Johann Raine, 568 Rockingham Rd, Orange Park FL 32073, has been given a gift membership by Pfire.

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## OCTOBER AFTERNOTES

F-5 — The family members are from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

## NOVEMBER ERRATUM

The deadline for the election of Second Vice President was the end of November, not December.

## DECEMBER PUZZLES

5 — In a successive palindrome deletion, a sequence of three or more letters that make a palindrome (though not necessarily a word) is deleted from the original answer, and then a further palindrome is deleted from the result (which may not be a word) to give the second answer. In a palindrome curtailment, a sequence of three or more letters that make a palindrome is deleted from the end of a word, leaving another word.

9 — *8/LeXman*. In a multiple-palindrome deletion, two or more palindromic strings are deleted from different places in the longer word. The shorter word is not enumerated.

10 — *Kapry Korn/Joker*.

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- 12 — Wabbit/R/EDS.
- 13 — In a beheadment charade, each word of the initial answer is beheaded separately and the result combined into the final answer.
- 17 — A quantum flat features a single word (not a homographic or homophonous pair) that has at least two spellings or two pronunciations; the meaning of the word does not change. The same orthographic transformation is applied to each spelling or the same phonetic transformation is applied to each pronunciation to yield new words. The quantum word is enumerated in <angle brackets>. A cueword in the verse represents every form of the quantum word, but it is not overloaded because it represents a single word. Example: Quantum Transposal (<4>, 4; <4>, 4) → icon, coin; ikon, oink.
- 19 — In a brevigram, a word or phrase contained in one solution is replaced by its abbreviation, resulting in the second solution.
- 22 — In a palindrome deletion, a sequence of three or more letters that make a palindrome (though not necessarily a word) is deleted from somewhere inside a word, leaving another word.
- 25 — 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.
- 26 — Wabbit/Wrybosh.
- 33 — LeXman/8. In a palindrome deletion charade, a palindrome is deleted from each of the initial solution words and the results combined into the second solution word. Example: gu[ardra]il + [no on]e = guile.
- F-5 — 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.
- X-2 — Ulk notes: Food for Thought.
- X-3 — This cryptic is from the ACCT (American Cryptic Crossword Tournament, at the 2010 NPL convention in Seattle).
- X-5, X-6, X-7 — Rearrange the characters in each column to form a quote. A \* or ^ appears before capitalized words. If there is no punctuation or \* or ^ between adjacent words, then \_ is inserted between them to represent the space. The text was broken into four rows and the characters in each column were then sorted vertically. See example at right.
- C-7 — EKZNNIT-OZNH = inferable.

SHUFFLED QUOTE

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

Sol: You're nothing but a pack of cards! Alice



NOVEMBER HINTS AND DECEMBER EASY LIST

25 — DELIGHTFUL is often used in a relevant two-word phrase.  
28 — The final \*3 is probably a coinage based on a brand name.  
Easy List: 11, 12, 13, 22, 24, 25.

# 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 January 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. PST on January 31.

## 1. FREEWHEELING DELETION (2, [\*4 \*6]; 11) (11 = NI3 usage)

When LeXman (one who often speaks in **BLOW**)

Returns home from a trip, he will declare

"BELOW! Astride the Mississippi's flow

The worldly winds return me to thy care!"

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

## 2. OVERLOADED FALSE PLURAL (\*7, 2-2-2) (\*7 = not MW, 2-2-2 = NI3+)

If there's bread that you owe

To *Like Crazy's* director

Grab lettuce and go

Off to pay Drake REFLECTOR.

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

## 3. TERMINAL DELETION (7) (SHORT = NI3)

Along the horizon SHORTs gambol and play

With their horns (one each), legs like a deer;

They make for a beautiful LONG I dare say,

As the sunset makes so much more clear.

=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

## 4. PALINDROME (5 5 7 3, 3, 4 2 4 2)

At the Starbucks in the Hilton, they poured coffee every night.

Though the younger one was buxom, I would call the elder slight.

And the daughter (the assistant) stood until her legs were sore.

As the concierge described it, "then the PALINDROME no more."

=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

## 5. SUCCESSIVE PALINDROME DELETION (\*7,\*1) (HAWAII, HII) PALIDROME CURTAILMENT (\*6, 3) (MUSTAFA, MUST) (can be sung to "HII, MUSTAFA")

"HII, MUSTAFA,"

An anthem you MUST hear

Each HAWAII trip,

In this or any year.

Despite mistakes

That Watson makes

HAWAII, to its pride,

Is in MUSTAFA (nowhere else),

A country grand and wide.

God, keep our land glorious and thanks,

For not making us like all those rude, rushed Yanks,

Not making us like all those greedy Yanks.

=NEXT LINGO, Lexington US

6. REVERSED FIRST-LETTER  
CHANGE WNFR (\*6, \*6) (neither  
MW, so far)

Victor B. for president . . .  
=WHEELS, Georgetown ON

7. WELDED TRANSPOSAL  
([2 1 6 2] \*7)

Hamilton does not foresee  
What Washington might do. Should we  
SOL HERE? Attack with all we've got?  
If it were up to me, let's not.  
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

8. LETTER BANK (7 4, 16) (7 4 =  
not MW) (can be sung)

Hark, the elves use saws and swing  
Hammers, building everything,  
Even microchips and all —  
See, those tools are very small.  
They employ so many EYE  
(Gizmos just ten angstroms high),  
Praise by mortal choirs seems lame;  
Holy YES should now proclaim:  
"Hark, the elves use saws and swing  
Hammers, building everything!"  
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

9. TRANSPOSAL (10) (END, NED)  
LETTER BANK (3, 6) (REST,  
STRESSES)  
MULTIPLE PALINDROME  
DELETION (12) (CYCLED, LED)

You're pretty good with words. Let's  
test

The math skills of the Krewe:  
The END part of one hundred's one.  
The REST of it is two.  
How many CYCLED (ones each fol-  
Low by a STRESSES \*LED)  
Can fit into infinity  
(Denoted by a NED)?  
=ALEX, Cambrine, ML

10. REPEATED-LETTER DELETION  
(\*8, 6) (6 = NI3 usage)

My pup was resolute:  
He would not wear a leash, oh no!  
The first morn he was so, so SMALL,  
My patience was quite low.  
The seventh time was better:  
I could walk him down the street.  
Yes, BIGGER, when I took him out,  
He was docile, sweet!  
=KAPPER, Nasheights NH

11. WORD DELETION (\*9)  
(CONCERT = not MW)

My husband — crazy cardinal fan —  
Gave me a CRT last year!  
Oh, why, pray tell, did my dumb man  
Think some red hat would bring me  
cheer?  
This \*ONCE, I hope that I will see  
A present I can really use.  
A CONCERT underneath the tree —  
Now, there's a gift I'd not refuse!  
My mashed potatoes would be lumpless.  
My cream I'd whip so smooth and light.  
So, if you would be my accomplice,  
Talk to him and set him right.  
I don't want headgear. I am itchin'  
For equipment for the kitchen.  
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

12. REBUS WNFR (8 2 3 5)  
DAUGHTER

Buckingham Palace . . .  
=W/EDS, Mont Prescott QN

13. BEHEADMENT CHARADE (6 4)  
(PIN WHEELS = MW entry)

The fat PIN WHEELS  
Is not INHEELS.  
It lives in seas,  
And not in trees.  
=ENDGAME, Portland OR

14. ENIGMATIC SUBER (6, 4)  
(reading contains findable word;  
non-MW material in rubric)

UuqNN

I'll feast upon an ice cream QUUNN  
trout, caviar, and all,  
To celebrate the naming of three  
elements, but bawl  
For alpha-hurling . . . whatsis, whose  
dull "names" just mean, e.g.,  
"The element at one-one-four" or "one  
below Pb."  
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

15. LETTER BANK (9, \*6-\*9)

What's possessing Wabbit? Could  
The SHORT be LONG? This can't be  
good.  
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

16. THIRD-LETTER CHANGE (5)  
(TWO not MW)

A wizard sat up in a tree,  
His smartphone in his hand.  
He was the only ONE who had  
A \*TWO in all the land!  
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

17. QUANTUM PHONETIC  
CURTAILMENT (<4>; 3, 3)  
(QUANTUM; WON, ONE)  
QUANTUM PHONETIC  
CURTAILMENT (<3>; 3, 3)  
(WON; ONE, TWO)

When Churchill ONED with Hitler  
(QUANTUM man!)  
For Europe, they both ruled through  
different styles:  
Herr Hitler WON his scowling  
diatribes,  
And Churchill, TWOS on high, with  
dauntless smiles.  
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

18. DOUBLE-CROSS (5, 5, 7, 3)

When Bert arrived for work one day,  
He found he was too late.  
A FIRST had come ahead of him  
And hadn't thought to wait.

Each THIRD he reached was squeaky  
clean.

This seemed a dirty crime.  
The hairy bloke had done his job,  
In less than half the time.

He'd climbed up every single one  
With swift and nimble foot.  
A long wet FOURTH, expertly used,  
Had nailed each speck of soot.

"What shall I do for SECOND now?  
I'll find another craft.  
At least my face won't be so black,  
And I'll avoid the draft."  
=GROUCHO, Cliffside Park, NJ

19. BREVIGRAM (1 [\*3 \*4 6], 3 6)

LITTLE change, however small it be,  
Even if it lasts but LARGE, you see,  
May alter all the world eternally.  
This theory, you may recollect,  
Is called the Butterfly Effect.  
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

20. DELETION FREEWHEELINGUE  
(3 5,7) (3 5 = PREMIÈRE = not  
MW)  
HOMONYM (9, 4 3) (LESSOR,  
LESSER)

The FINAL of *PREMIÈRE* est sur the  
bureau of my aunt.  
He always tries to look like E. Von  
Stroheim, but he can't.  
The LESSOR *de ma tante* was once  
upon my uncle's dresser —  
Long vanished, to her great regret;  
she's squinty-eyed and LESSER.  
=TREESONG, Cleveland OH

21. HOMONYM (5 3 4 3, 3 6 7)  
(FINNISH, FINISH)

“Excuse me, miss — I think those lat-  
Kes don’t go on your sales display  
For Finnish Independence Day,  
But on the one with dreidels.” “Not  
Again,” the bronze-skinned salesclerk  
sighed;

She moved them to the other stand  
(Still argent/azure but with cand-  
Les grouped in nines, not twos) where  
fried

Potato cakes belong. (One wonders  
If the fact that there is more  
Than one stall decked in FINNISH  
store

Is FINISH-makers make such  
blunders.)

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

22. PALINDROME DELETION (9, 6)

I’m down a quart, my vision’s SHORT,  
Morning’s not my thing.

Some coffee (strong), a muffin (LONG),  
Now I want to sing!

=NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

23. LETTER BANK (6, 2 3 4)

Lirath growls as he throws the flint  
chip,

But no one gets hurt; it’s a play!

It seemed that that DUSTING was  
real but it’s just

That he’s playing his part DISTINGUÉ!

=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

24. ENIGMATIC REBUS (8 7)

PRAISED

For eighteen months, this child I’ve  
raised.

It seems that I am always PRAISED.

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

25. PASTEOVER WNFR (\*5 3 \*6,  
\*4 3 \*6)

Shakespeare’s teens, a girl and boy  
Play Italy and Illinois . . .  
=raw, Ogdensburg NY

26. DELETION (9) (THIS = 9)

Teki thought our flat fell flat.  
Will his THIS provoke a THAT?  
=WASH, Montmont QJ

27. PHONETIC DOUBLE-CROSS  
(10, 6, 8, ^5 1) (^5 1 = not MW)

Did you like FIVE ONE? I did not.  
The acting was, well, not so hot.  
The train crash that the children  
EIGHT

Was fine, but it was hardly great.  
I wouldn’t say the tale was SIX,  
But it was kind of gross. The flick’s  
Done given me an aching head,  
So I’ll go home and TEN in bed.  
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

28. MYNOMOH (^9; 3 — 4 ’2)  
(^9 = non-MW)

Brad Pitt in DASH attempts (when  
keen to win a pennant race)  
To pack the Oakland A’s with lots of  
guys who get on base  
(But doesn’t hire rude batters so the  
pitchers will, when mad,  
In gross defiance of the rules — and  
possibly state SHAD).  
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

29. TRANSPOSAL WE WON’T FINISH  
READING FOR MONTHS (8)

Herman, Gary, Rick, Rick, Ron,  
Newt, Thad, Mitt, Michele and Jon . . .  
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

## 30. DELETION (8)

Because it's slow, a FLEET  
Won't cover lots of FEET.  
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

## 31. LETTER BANK (7, 10)

Hail to thee, darmstadtium,  
roentgenium, and co-  
Pernicium — three newly christened  
elements. Although  
Their nuclei are tiny, they are vast as  
these things go;  
So vast, in fact, that even giant HO-  
HO-HO's is OH.  
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

## 32. BIGRAM BEHEADMENT (7)

The countess ONE had lost her count,  
Quite some time ago.  
She also lost a fortune as  
She squandered all his dough.  
Blackjack and TWOs against the Cards:  
Yes, gambling was her woe.  
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

33. PALINDROME DELETION  
CHARADE (7, 4, 7; 4)

You're often WHOLE concerning  
THREE,  
Correcting us at every turn:  
The TWO of the subjunctive tense,  
How "teach" is not a ONE of "learn."  
=LEPHMAN, Eastbridge IA

34. ENIGMATIC REBUS (\*8 4)  
(\*8 = not MW)

boogie bad

I find, by some specific day  
Each month, the HELL I have to pay.  
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

35. LETTER BANK (\*6, \*10) (neither  
MW) (can be sung by Johnny  
RANCHES)

Candles are, in succession, being lit,  
Recalling the great victory  
CHANCES ARE's son had. (That's  
Judah Maccabee.)  
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

## 36. REBUS (9)

RST

I seem to favor one side  
But then again the other.  
I've BUMMED; I'll choose this viewpoint  
Though then again . . . oh brother!  
=JOKER, Cleveland Heights OH

**ANAGRAMS**37. WET SUPPER ET AL. (9 4)  
=LOKI-5, Philadelphia PA38. SEVEN GATHER(^3 ^8)  
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL**BIANAGRAMS**39. DUDS: SALON, MOD. RAGS? NOT!  
SMART? NODS. LOUD? 'GADS, NO!  
(^7 1 ^3 3 ^3 2")  
=LOKI-5, Philadelphia PA40. WE'LL ACT UP, TRY CEOS  
WE YELL AT CURT COPS.  
(^6 ^4 ^6)  
=raw, Ogdensburg NY**ANTIGRAM**41. ONE AMOUR JILTED (\*5 3 \*6)  
=raw, Ogdensburg NY**AMBIGRAM**42. VAIN DANISH COO (\*, NI3)  
=GENEAL, Providence RI



**FORMS****F-1. PYGMY HOURGLASS**

Across:

- 1 Flaccidity
- 2 Dangerous place to go out (part of 11C phrase)
- 3 1998 Olympics site
- 4 Flash drive unit (Wikipedia)
- 5 Potter's stuff
- 6 Piece of equipment that Odysseus was told to carry until it was mistaken for a winnowing fan
- 7 Fox TV series starring Adam Brody and Mischa Barton, with "The" (IMDB)
- 8 January monogram
- 9 Prostitute
- 10 Fake ID user, most likely
- 11 Prostitute
- 12 Stores that might be near a taqueria
- 13 Adds honey to, perhaps

Down:

- 1 Bottom of the compass
  - 2 Like some Woody Allen movies
  - 3 Moses Horwitz's screen name (Amende)
  - 4 Caused to exist
  - 5 Accessory in some bathrooms
  - 6 Oversee
  - 7 With 8 Down, Hollies hit with the line "Well, with just one look, I was a bad mess" (Wikipedia)
  - 8 See 7 Down
  - 9 Language from which we get the word "paprika"
  - 10 Flat: comb. form
  - 11 Number of fingers Frodo had left after his last encounter with Gollum
  - 12 Post-punk genre (Wikipedia)
  - 13 Antimony
  - 14 Common pluralizer
- =SCARAB, St. Paul MN

**F-2. RIGHT STAR**

- 1 It's worth three points to most students
  - 2 Exam where the top score is 5 (RH2)
  - 3 Milk source
  - 4 In succession
  - 5 Unpredictable *Jeopardy!* category
  - 6 They're comfortable in the forest
  - 7 Going over 21
  - 8 Deputy Secretary of State under George W. Bush (Wikipedia)
  - 9 Rounded projection, as on a leaf
  - 10 Any of six Swedish monarchs
  - 11 Hormone-based treatment for some women
  - 12 Videogame company that makes *Madden NFL* (Wikipedia)
  - 13 Caesar's 5
- =SCARAB, St. Paul MN

**F-3. VWLLSS PRMD**

Across:

- 1 The duck in "Peter and the Wolf"
- 2 Equatorial Guinea capital
- 3 Evocative of Kafka's hometown (inferable)
- 4 It can be made with Kahlua and cream
- 5 Author of 6 Across
- 6 Family tragedy of 1880, with "The"

Down:

- 1 Blake of music
  - 2 Former editor, homonym of 4 Down (NPL)
  - 3 Remove unwanted elements, such as vowels?
  - 4 \_\_\_ ant
  - 5 Daughter of Catherine of Aragon
  - 6 Form of American roots music
  - 7 Polish city that gave us a roll
  - 8 Albanian neighbor
  - 9 Biting midge
  - 10 Membranophone like a mirliton
  - 11 Brown, e.g.
- =AI, Charlottesville VA

# F-4. VWLLSS TRNCTD NVRTD PRMD

## Across:

- 1 President since 2005 (NYT, 6/24/2011)
- 2 Ruler toppled in 2003
- 3 Victim of 1953 CIA coup (Encyc Brit)
- 4 Naguib's successor
- 5 Ancient Syria, which gave its name to a Biblical language

## Down:

- 1 Long March leader
  - 2 Peoples close to the Fulani and Tuareg
  - 3 Not so rare
  - 4 Heavily favored
  - 5 Third station on the Silk Road, after Doura Europos and Palmyra
  - 6 Belief in the prophesied redeemer of Islam
  - 7 Take issue with
  - 8 He doubted the existence of a three-L llama
  - 9 Believer in the Triple Gems and Mahavrata
  - 10 Opera set in Egypt
- =AI, Charlottesville VA

# F-5. EIGHT QUEENS SQUARE (see note)

## Across:

- 1 Element 8; Element 28
- 2 A Bantu language; Element 71
- 3 Element 33
- 4 "He \_\_\_ much trouble!" (not MW); Kind of frame
- 5 Davis' govt.; Element 26
- 6 Element 83
- 7 Greek letter; In the middle of
- 8 What Potter Stewart knew when he saw it; Agree

## Down:

- 1 Chinese calendar animal; Warheads
- 2 Element 108

- 3 Persian bucket wheels; Element 92
  - 4 Identifying no. for periodicals; Clump of hair
  - 5 Element 55
  - 6 Element 19; Famous anthology publisher (Wikipedia)
  - 7 Whitney; Expression of distress (not MW)
  - 8 Concerning a Gospel author; Element 64
- =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

# F-6. INVERTED RIGHT FAN

## Across:

- 1 Inverted
- 2 Right
- 3 Fan
- 4 Lava
- 5 Movie rating
- 6 Flawless
- 7 Beach resort; Catalanian town
- 8 Can; Exclamation of disgust
- 9 Note; See 10 Across b
- 10 H isotope; L x 9 Across b

## Down:

- 1 Radioactive element; Half of 9 Across b
- 2 Position; Likely amount for an immunization shot
- 3 Offense; Pockmark
- 4 S. Am. land; Delete, maybe
- 5 Cusp of a lower molar tooth
- 6 Temperature scale
- 7 In the Year of the Order
- 8 Deli order
- 9 Sites
- 10 Guiding philosophy

NW-SE Diagonal: Not opiate  
=NEWROW, Brookline MA



**EXTRAS****X-1. VERTICAL ANAQUIP (\*7 \*4 \*8**

\*3 6: 4 5 3 5.)

A A A C E E H L L L M M N T Y  
 D D I O C V A E I V N O A T Y  
 N R E N F E A T O D A E L T Y

=raw, Ogdensburg NY

**X-2. ANAQUOTE (\*8 3: 4-4 5 4 10 8, 7  
4 \*1\*1<sub>1</sub> 3 2 3 10.)**

AGI ALE CO2 COV DIS EEP ERE ERM  
 ESP HEA HWH KTO LAN LIZ LPI NGK  
 NHE OFT OUT PFE POO RIC RON RTI  
 SPH TMO

=ULK, Grand Chain IL

**X-3. LATEST: TASTELESS SET STEAL ALL SEATTLE'S LATTES****— by Btnirn, Princeton NJ**

This just in: a cabal of soft drink manufacturers has taken every coffee in the city. Only you can help.

The soda companies have inserted an artificial additive into eleven clues: an extra letter, which must be removed before solving. These letters, in clue order, identify the crime. As a check, the first letters of the nine unmodified clues describe the act of stopping the criminals in just ten minutes.

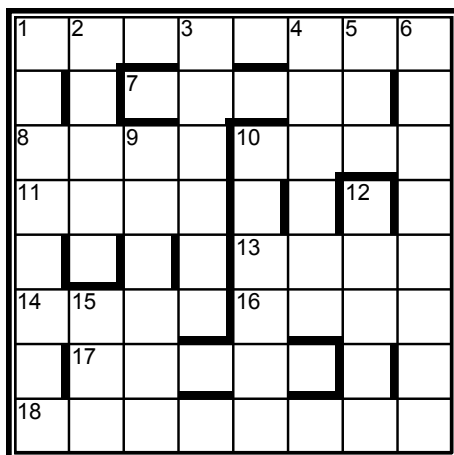
Answers are entered normally. When you are done, a collection of letters (one per column) may jump out at you. These letters, read from left to right, reveal the culprits.

**Across**

- 1 Troubled Seattle follows Pepsi's first color selections (8)
- 7 Distribute GA tax returns (5)
- 8 One hors d'oeuvre crumbled apart (4)
- 10 Shock as tea spills (4)
- 11 Art gallery flips over *objet de coup?* (4)
- 13 Letters from Korea portray harvest (4)
- 14 Permits baby birds to leave now (4)
- 16 Discuss an egg—for example, redtail (4)
- 17 Lawful little English girl (5)
- 18 Bare-bottomed Seles's clothing? Bravo! (8)

**Down**

- 1 Old man speaks about start of arthritic kneecaps (8)
- 2 End of exercise after a muscle twinged (5)
- 3 Recounts canceled! Republican fills with joy (6)
- 4 Peg heats cereal perfectly (6, 3 wds.)
- 5 Earthbound tourists set ate first! (3)



- 6 Dominant church features holy woman with peels, bananas (8)
- 9 Light elf goes beyond . . . beyond . . . (6)
- 10 Excited rats atop a 50-foot bone (6)
- 12 Rocky debris throughout continental USA (5)
- 15 '70s band covered by Mel Tormé (3)

The crime: \_\_\_\_\_

The culprits: \_\_\_\_\_

### X-4. HALL OF FAME—by NJ NINJA, Ridgewood NJ

Six members of a certain Hall of Fame are hidden in the diagram in a manner to be determined. Solvers should highlight and/or submit a list of these members with their solution.

#### Across

- 1 President's makin' a connection to an audience (7)
- 8 Yaks at the front of bovine test areas (5)
- 12 Old Greek coin with wolf being flipped (4)
- 13 Canadian policeman letting a couple go free (5)
- 14 Miss Lane is embraced by drunk guy who is unaccompanied (7)
- 16 Weight is 14 pounds, when naked (3)
- 17 Works hard to create musical passages (7)
- 19 Facial characteristic is mysteriously bared (5)
- 21 Place of shelter is not acceptable (4)
- 22 Checked out added color in speech (4)
- 24 Erase May cartoon drawing (6)
- 27 Dorothy finally finishes traveling west around extremely pretty city in Oz (6)
- 28 Isolated area is near Louisiana and North Dakota (6)
- 32 Juvenile housing complaint made by a Jew with a car (6)
- 35 Mr. Bean's car has no door in the front (4)
- 36 Took too much (not even taking Ecstasy) (4)
- 37 Links companion with increase in pitcher Young (5)
- 38 Seven bananas, including the French subject (7)
- 41 Scandium contains this, too (3)
- 43 Ball team's things pulled quickly? (7)
- 45 Looked at pastry in South Dakota (5)
- 46 Hawaiian pine tree that is cloned (4) *[NI3]*
- 47 French student is almost twelve – almost (5)
- 48 One who puts up with Internet preacher? (7)

#### Down

- 1 Records used as firewood (4)
- 2 Region of Asia has no capital? Yeah, sure (4, 2 wds.)
- 3 Numbers negatives (3)
- 4 Conceal a lock being broken (5)
- 5 Connected individual holds nothing back (6)
- 6 Richie is nearly cut off from others without yours truly (6)
- 7 Poet Alfred's heard making sounds (6)
- 8 Kind of hat worn by old restaurant worker (6)
- 9 Acquire blemish, almost (6)
- 10 Part of dubious life story (3)
- 11 Delight with satisfactory result (4)
- 15 Kennedy's underwear (5)
- 18 Reagan to his friends is right on (3)
- 20 Scotsman's correct concerning alien (4) *[NI3]*
- 21 Essentially concise police procedural (4)
- 23 Father adopts first of young pair (4)
25. Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, and other nations nearly on the water (4, hyph.) *[NI3]*
- 26 Sweet also produced in calendar year (5)
- 29 Boy exhibiting hyperactivity during story (6)
- 30 Young adult in predicament: drowning (6) *[NI3]*
- 31 Object surrounded by outstanding charm (6)
- 32 One who mends something of poor quality, starting late (6)
- 33 Caucasian person is endlessly pampered (6)
- 34 Don't open beverage in harem room (3) *[NI3]*
- 36 Cheer for Spanish chip derived from liquid fat (5)

- 37 Container is a legal matter (4)
- 39 Sony laptop made with Vanadium, artificial intelligence and oxygen (4)
- 40 Agree doesn't begin at any time (4)
- 42 We can be seen in Nepal, oddly (3, abbr.)
- 44 Tennis match is fixed (3)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	10	11
12							13				
		14						15	16		
17		18					19			20	
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37					38					39	40
41	42		43						44		
45								46			
47					48						

X-5. SHUFFLED QUOTE

A \_ \_ L , I E \_ D : \_ \_ A \_ \_ L E C \_ , O \_ . \*  
E H A N I N E \_ I E \* N A I M E \_ \* E O O K E A T N G E  
T N E O O T H \_ R H E S O I N T O D I R O O K I T O O N  
T O T R O V N E T S I T S T S T O L X U P T R Y  
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

X-6. SHUFFLED QUOTE

\_ \* \_ \_ A E \_ B A \_ E  
. C J A D N \* D A E R  
A E O I N N I I O I T  
H T T O O T S P S T Z  
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

X-7. SHUFFLED QUOTE

\* ' ' \_ \_ \* E . \_ E \_ C E G E \_ \* \_ A A \_ \_  
E G I D D O A H ' \* L \_ D I G L \* I \_ A H E E  
N H R E G R N I E E R H I N L R E T B H L L R  
T I T N T S T T H V T U R O N S E T H T N V  
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

X-8. ANAQUOTE (3 4'1 10 2, 3 2 3 5 4  
2 2 3 8, 3 4 2 6 7 3 3 4. \*1. \*1. \*4)

AST ATH DBU ECA ELE ELI ENT EVE  
GBS HAW ISN ISN LIA LIE LSE NEE  
NNO NTH NYO OTB OTI RSP SHM TBE  
THA THE THE TTH UNI VEA  
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

X-9. VERTICAL ANAQUIP (4, \*1 5 8  
4 4 6 4 7 3 \*8 \*6 4 5.)

AAAAAABBFHGIILLLLNPOPRSSY  
DEEGIARENNOTDJSVHTUSPUI  
RFVSNOAEIEMSONEOMIGEBD  
=raw, Ogdensburg NY

## OCTOBER SOLUTIONS

1. ascar-e/i-d 2. (sin)k(s in) 3. (mo)vied(om) 4. s/t-weet 5. personality, plenary inspiration 6. no sweat; waste not, want not 7. Beatle, *La Bete* 8. party animal am I? nay, trap 9. syllabu-s/b 10. *Daily News*, Wednesday Island 11. Malawi 12. (Lin)col(n IL) 13. m(illi)m(ete)r 14. lo, adamant rain toad, October liners [load a mantra (=om) into a doc (=Arzt) to Berliners] 15. eerie, move up. wrong ["E, remove a prong"] 16. Piers, peers 17. eponymous, pony-mouse 18. difficult, Letterman, following; top, ten, open; top, ten, tote 19. ba(l)cony 20. roaming, Giorgio Armani 21. Watertown, went to war 22. (Iri)(sh s)(ette)r 23. introvert, overtint 24. sparse, parsec 25. unicycle, unidle; bicycle, Bible; tricycle, trifle 26. flush out, flu shot 27. how swarming, housewarming 28. s(p)ouse 29. Sharpie, Harpies 30. Irene, rain 31. c(olo)red 32. sent(i)ence 33. mosquito, mesquite 34. bittern, bitterness 35. Florey, flirt [a la money, mint] 36. Kiowa, Kia 37. remain, Niamey 38. r(epe)at 39. (ad)den(da) 40. natrium, ruminant, Mauritanian 41. dovetail, violated 42. atheism, at the same time 43. spiced rum, spy strum 44. the London riots 45. Hurricane Irene 46. *America's Got Talent* judge 47. comparison shopper 48. the American Jobs Act 49. the Romanic languages 50. Justin Bieber 51. President Sarah Louise Palin 52. Ben Shalom Bernanke

C-1. At the zoo, I asked a keeper if the wildebeests behaved well. He responded, "I have some good gnus and some bad gnus."

C-2. Concerning drumsticks: "A bird in the hand is acceptable table manners." — definitely not Emily Post

C-3. Life with my toddler is like an evening with Lindsay Lohan: lots of chasing around and it ends with vomit.

C-4. After detour off highway, my GPS said, "This alternate route sponsored by the Downtown Merchants' Association."

C-5. Smallest natural number whose name uses the five vowels (excluding Y) in order is one thousand eighty-four.

C-6. Appetizer: deviled eggs. Entree: shrimp diablo. Dessert: devil's food cake. Restaurant: hell's kitchen.

C-7. Aspiring geology student crams for upcoming exam covering escarpments by reviewing cliff notes.

X-1. Politicians are people who, when they see light at the end of the tunnel, go out and buy some more tunnel. Quinton

X-2. The camel has a single hump; / the dromedary, two; / or else the other way around. / I'm never sure. Are you? / Nash

X-3. You have the right to lie when they have no right to ask. Richardson

X-4. The first requirement of a statesman is that he be dull. Dean Acheson

X-5. For every expert there is an equal and opposite expert. Arthur C. Clarke

X-6. *Across*: plumage, autism, grackle, shred, war, ray, wasps, Genoese, soften, Dantean.

*Down*: page, Utah, MICROSOFT, asker, elegy, waged, ran on, Pete, Penn. Shading the letters in MICROSOFT forms a dollar sign.

X-7. *Across*: cabaret, deejay, yuca, credo, EISENHOWER, fig, BHT, NAFTA, expat, larch, soloed, MONROE, Afro, USSR, nutria, sorrow, McCoy, tenet,

GRANT, ash, ley, WASHINGTON, scowl, Gaea, WILSON, CLINTON.

Down: CLEVELAND, BUSH, acetal, echo, deworms, Eden, JEFFERSON,

F-3.

1:  
HANDEL  
ARAISE  
NASATS  
DIANAS  
ESTATE  
LESSER

2:

ARAISE  
RODMAN  
ADAMIC  
IMMUNO  
SAINED  
ENCODE

3:

NASATS  
ADAMIC  
SALIVA  
AMINOR  
TIVOLI  
SCARID

4:

DIANAS  
IMMUNO  
AMINOR  
NUNCLE  
ANOLES  
SOREST

5:

ESTATE  
SAINED  
TIVOLI  
ANOLES  
TELEUT  
EDISTO

6:

LESSER  
ENCODE  
SCARID  
SOREST  
EDISTO  
REDTOP

yoga, anatomic, dittos, MADISON, portrayal, courting, serotonin, fuhrer, JACKSON, REAGAN, glow, taco, bill, stet.

X-8 Across (in clued order): All Saints' Eve, Depp, huntresses, ounce, red, onion, Satan, simulate, Yoda, nobs, gypped, arcane, ruse, sec, custom, pippin, range, candle.

F-4.

VISCID  
INCOME  
SCAMPI  
COMBOS  
IMPORT  
DEISTS

F-5.

A.  
MOTEL  
OPERA  
TEXAS  
ERASE  
LASER

B.

SCOOT  
CHAVA  
OATER  
OVERT  
TARTS

C.

PAGER  
ALONE  
GOLDE  
ENDED  
REEDS

D.

LISTS  
INTEL  
STAVE  
TEVYE  
SLEEK

E.

BRASH  
ROMEO  
AMEND  
SENSE  
HODEL

F-1.

KK  
GNNG  
KNGGRR  
KNGSCNSL  
KNGWLLMSWR  
UK, Kenya, king, gangway, Kingsley,  
King Cole, agronomy, Gauss, Loewe, roi

F-2.

W  
MAW  
PURRS  
SUNSETS  
BARRACUDA  
YELLOWKNIFE

X-7.

CABARETDEEJAY  
LYUCACREDOEDO  
EISENHOWERFIG  
VBHTAOMONAF  
EXPATLARCHETS  
LSOLOEDMONROE  
AFROMJISUUSSR  
NUTRIASORROWO  
DHRMCCOYTENET  
GRANTKNBIASHO  
LEYWASHINGTON  
ORASCOWLGAEAI  
WILSONCLINTON

Kikuyu

gaining

King George

King's Counsel

King William's War

King Cole, agronomy, Gauss, Loewe, roi

F-6.

GHOUL  
HARPY  
OSIER  
STONE  
TENDS

F-7.

SHEBA  
HOLES  
ELLIS  
BEIGE  
ASSESSING  
SANER  
INURE  
NERVE  
GREET

X-8. CUSTOM

DEPPRUSE  
HUNTRESSES  
SEC OUP T RED  
OLAARCANEILY  
ALLSAINTSEVE  
PIPPINGYPED  
NOBS GS YODA  
ONION RANGE  
SATANOUNCE  
SIMULATE  
CANDLE



**CRYPTOGRAMS**

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C-1. Freedom!

LEXMAN, East Moline IL

ZYXWV UT W SXRRXY QUYPZ QOXYX NOMNLXKJ  
 WYX WSPX RU NYUJJ ROX YUWZ QMROUIR  
 OWHMKF ROXMY VURMHXJ GIXJRMUKXZ.

C-2. Cruising for trouble.

raw, Ogdensburg NY

\* W NA QAX LUWXWLWGY FB ZWHY'J  
 (WVYLLOMIY) NUWKWQD; \*W FYUYIB AHHYU  
 LAQJXURLXWKY LAFFYQXJ OQN JRDDYJXWAQJ.

C-3. Take a few seconds.

SCARAB, St. Paul MN

SNOWY LHGU XWPENRO LPER PR AHYTSU,  
 QANRYCSU, OSAY, LPRFYU: \*WHRFTTHW QSYYSM  
 MSRHDSL " ^KSUYNZHA PK ^WSHZNSU"?

C-4. Room for improvement. (\* words = not MW) FREE TOASTER, Abilene TX

ABCDEFGH FGIJGBHI KBFL \*IFLLM \*ZCHDYG  
 GXFW ECDZCWA VCH UBDTCI UYBT JCSS: "MFG  
 YBD IDYBCWA LD YXYBI, \*ECHY!"

C-5. Attention, everyone else.

LOKI-5, Philadelphia PA

BLNYWD PHPQWE TLNQ DEGZOAZB OYLAZB  
 WCGRAZB NT ZGEANZGC GZEV PQ AZFCYOP  
 FPCCADED, VGLWADED, SPRINGLOADED.

C-6. Aha!

NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

SHADCINY SBYSSSYFCDH, SBBAOCISBV  
 SBYNXNBYNBIDW, SBONBI SYNBI SPCD SJXAKICBI  
 SYNCH. SBPKNYSQDN!

C-7. Soon to be MW?

(see note)

GRIDDLE, Santa Rosa CA

^KIKFIFFRUE ZVM ^DUFFRDIVUE: DIIY ZDIWH  
 IFM TINME FRYU G W D D F U O W D D F U E  
 (GUFZVPLIFX), EKZNNIT-OZNH (MZXDNUZY).