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EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Where have all the flats gone? I'd like to present you all with twice as many each month as we have in this issue, but in order for me to do so, you've got to send them in. So, all you folks who haven't contributed anything in a while, here's a challenge to overwhelm me (and Dandr, of course, to say nothing of our test solvers) with submissions for the August issue. Remember the deadline is July 8, but if you miss that, there's always September, October . . .

I'll undoubtedly repeat this plea at Con, just to keep the pot boiling. To those of you who submit regularly (and we all know who you are!), thanks, thanks, thanks.

Jo the Loiterer writes that he has been our Forms Editor for thirteen years now (as he says, yikes!). He wonders whether any other Krewemember may be interested in succeeding him when he decides to give up that position. If you're interested, email editor@puzzlers.org.

See you all at Con. Remember sunblock!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ditto renewed her membership and those of her grandchildren (Eedoc and Sunrae) and Eedoc's wife, Que Sera. She included this note with her renewal: Que Sera is now Dr. Sara Marshall. I'm very proud of her, even though I can't understand a word of her thesis. And while she was doing all this, she and Eedoc became the parents of a new potential member, Oliver Burton Wheeland, born on April 6th. He joins big sister, Anja, whose second birthday is this week. She will be a member before we know it.

ABACUS'S LIBRARY

As we announced last issue, Abacus passed away in April. Abacus's friend and co-solver Roy Lake has made some of his references available at no cost to first requestors.

He lists them as:

Hard Covers

- NI2 — Dimensions are 12×9×6. This is a very old large book but still in pretty good shape.
- Chambers crossword completer.
- Webster's New Dictionary of Synonyms.

- The Master Crossword Puzzle Dictionary (Baus) — This book was never out of Art's hand (or mine after he lost his sight), so needless to say it's not in good shape.

Paperbacks

- 4 Chambers volumes
 - Words Words
 - Anagrams Anagrams
 - Backwords
 - Word File
- USA Today Crossword Puzzle Dictionary
- The Ultimate Crossword Puzzle Index
- The Anagram Dictionary
- The Random House Basic dictionary of Synonyms and Antonyms
- The Complete Word-Finder Crossword Dictionary
- Webster's New World Thesaurus
- The Synonym Finder.

I forwarded this note to the Krewe via npl-announce, so some or all of these volumes may already be spoken for. If you are interested, get in touch with Mr. Lake at r.lake@sympatico.ca. He has offered to pay postage, but I'm sure he'd appreciate any reimbursement offer you might make.

JUNE ERRATA

- 1 — The rubric contains +, findable items.
 5 — The *4 should be ^4.
 18 — It's FOUR that is 8 and inferable, not MORE.
 29 — 'Dove' should read 'dove'.

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MAY AFTERNOTE

F-4 — A consonantal pangram with the tightest construction possible: 20 consonants, 20 places to put ‘em!

JULY PUZZLES

- 9 — A reduplication is just a welded heteronym — the first half of the solution is a heteronym of the second half.
- 12 — Hot/Iolanthe.

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JUNE HINTS AND JULY EASY LIST

20 — The phrase that makes up B D is descriptive of the flat's subject but doesn't particularly have 'dictionary' nature;
26 — The flat clues the 8 very clearly; the 12 less so. The second can be constructed from the first, though.
July easy list: $x, y, \cos(x) + \log(y)$.

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 August 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 August 31.

1. CONSONANTCY (9, ^3 ^3 ^3 ^2) (A = inferable; B = not MW)

In B the magic tricks are not
A (note the litotes). The plot
Is not as stunning, though; I wish a
More impressive *tale* of mage
Types robbing banks while still on stage
Were in this flick with Isla Fisher.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

2. LETTER BANK (2 1 4, 7 4, 12) (7 4 = not MW)

The courtesan strode 'cross the floor,
Found most at the party too poor.
But when she found there
A SEVEN FOUR heir,
The greedy TWELVE stopped TWO
ONE FOUR.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

3. FIRST-SOUND CHANGE (6, 6, 6, 6, 6)

If you were a CHIGGER,
Your life was a TRIGGER
Of RIGORs to juggle.
Each one was a struggle!
You also lacked realty.
And who had your fealty?
Your lord, in his JIGGER,
Whose life was more BIGGER.
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

4. BIGRAM DELETION (11)

Well, high school is over — now what
shall I do?
It might be intriguing to study the
stars.
There's physics, astronomy, NASA,
and MARS
But can I achieve it? I haven't a clue.

So maybe a job that is more down-to-
earth
In fashions or MAKERS would have
the same zest.
'Cause everyone's happy when looking
their best
And helping them do it would sure
prove my worth.
=YOMAMA, Houston TX

5. WELDED TRANSPOSAL (11. 9)

Dick Cheney can't be found.
There's no one else around.
Where is he? Someplace BLEEP
Befits the former veep.
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

6. REPEATED-WORD DELETION (8; 2, 4)

Will again the Aesopian hare
DYE CAN the CANDYCANE's dare?
=LOKI-5, Philadelphia PA

KU-1. ENIGMATIC REBUS (4 2 5)
(all +, not MW) (reading has +
content) (can be sung)

quondam

In former days, a word like “novo”
Was ablative (see “ab ovo”) —
But now, you know, everything’s o!
For Caesar, as a subject, “taurus”
Was something that tried to gore us.
In “toro,” though, everything’s o!
The language of Spain, today,
Is more plain, today.
There’s no fuss today
With no “-us” today
And no “-um” today;
It’s not just “from” today
That makes nouns like “factum” go
To “facto.” When con starts (on el O)
Just speak with a local fellow
In Spanish; lo, everything’s o!
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

7. WORD DELETION (6)

Aboard the good ship Hercules, we sail
the Grecian straits.
We gather at the bow — we guys — in
search of fleeting mates.
And there I spot a Turkish lass,
resplendent in her WHOLE.
She looks so pretty in that gown, to
charm her is my goal!
I gently grasp her hand. She looks
around and says, “I doubt
That we should be so bold up here, but
maybe IN we OUT.”
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

8. REVERSED CONSONANTCY (7, 8) (ERASE = 7)

One mustn’t criticize our wars;
Politicos are touchy whores.
While once we killed our protestors,
We merely now ERASE the SOREs.
=DISCHORRAN, Ithaca NY

9. REDUPLICATION (3) 3, 2 4) (2nd 3 = var.)

To make that old lumbering battleship
(there —
The one with the square sails rigged
out to the STALK
Would labor for months just to
streamline her hull.
We’ve battles to fight, so I guess we’ll
just walk.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

10. CURTAILMENT (4) (BATH, BAT) CURTAILMENT (4) (BATS, BAT) CURTAILMENT (4) (BATE, BAT)

I love to prod animals. It’s splendid
fun.
I strive every day to provoke at least
one.
I’m here now in India staying with
friends.
With so many critters, the fun never
ends.
While visiting *BAT, it’s my BATH (I
can’t wait)
To go to a farm where I might BATS a
BATE!
=LIRATH, Pocatello ID

11. HEART TRANSPLANT (*5 *5, 5, 7, 4 4) (BEEFING = *5 *5 = non- MW, DEFOE = 4 4 = NI2)

When folks wear ties with cardigans,
the reason’s either (a)
To cover up the moth holes in the
BEING togs that they
Have failed to store in chests or DOE
of cedar wood (and no,
This doesn’t work unless the holes lie
close to their DEFOE,
And not towards their extremities,
which ties won’t reach at all)
Or (b) to look like Keaton did in
BEEFING’s *Annie Hall*.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

12. LETTER BANK (7 2, 8 7) (can be sung, preferably with a snarl)
(M = not MW)

I hate MEN.

I can't abide 'em even now and then.
Than ever eat a one of them, I'd fast
for eons rather.

They taste revolting and they really
give my stomach bother.

They are the worst of all the things
that Mother makes for

Father,

Oh, I hate MEN.

If thou shouldst meet a vegan oh be
wary, do be wary.

He'll tell thee thou shouldst eat some
MEN thy diet for to vary.

But opening thy mouth to dreck is
never necessary.

Oh, I hate MEN!

I hate MEN.

Their worth upon this earth I dinna ken.

Beware the autumn market though a
tempting sight it may be.

From China they will sell you dates
and spices from Araby.

But please don't let them talk you into
purchasing — oh, baby,

Oh, don't buy MEN!

If I could choose the veggie course, if I
could have my druthers,

I'd vote for peas or broccoli, and so
would all my brothers.

Alas, we'll M our courage for Thanks-
giving at our mother's,

For she'll serve MEN!

=HOLA, Berkland CA

13. LETTER BANK (7, 10)
(clued in order)

Some think horseshoes are good omens
And rabbits' feet are lucky,
But few think peaches ward off evil
Or UTAHs are KENTUCKY.

=MARCUS ASPARAGUS, Los Angeles CA

14. EDIGMATIC REBUS (2 *6 *7 4)
(*6 *7 = dot MW) (can be sudge)

vocal

Say some more, critics, say some more!

Beatrice and Bededick're

Now played by two from Whedon's for-
Mer show. So, as they bicker,

Does it soud "faud"?

And yes or do:

Does Amy Acker HOOTIDG

To speak Will's tedt as if that show

Called *Angel* were shootidg?

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

15. OVERLOADED LETTER BANK
(6, 9)

If there's no HEAD,

It's dead.

=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

16. HOMONYM (2 4 5, 10)

ELEVEN we expect to see

An absence of vitality

(Or what could also prove to be

Just out-and-out stupidity).

But towards such men we should be
kind.

That's how we ought to be inclined.

A little bit of ONLY TEN

Can help to cheer such dreary men.

=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

17. FOURTH-SOUND CHANGE
(6, *6)

Two German composers were out on
the beach.

They had a big bottle of sunblock in
reach.

J.S. put some on, for a nice JUICY tan;

JULIE fell asleep and was one sun-
burned man.

=YOMAMA, Houston TX

18. REPEATED-POLYGRAMS
 DELETION CHARADE (6; *10, 6)
 (with a deep bow to May #7)

Why on earth, in all our WHOLE,
 The most SIX names in rock 'n' roll —
 The Beatles, Eagles, Johnny Cash,
 Madonna, Elvis, and the Clash,
 Buddy Holly, Buddy Guy —
 Have been enshrined in Cleveland, I
 Can't really say. Ohio's not
 My notion of a music spot.
 Peculiar choice, but way back when
 One site they almost chose was TEN.
 =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

19. REPEATED-LETTER CHANGE
 (2 2 5, ^9) (OH MY, CAGE)
 OVERLOADED PHONETIC
 FALSE PREDECESSOR (7, 8)
 (NEW JAIL) (one answer =
 inferable)

“OH MY are they guilty!”
 Cried Neufeld and Scheck.
 “We’ll found The CAGE Project
 To fix up this wreck.

Our annual gala
 Will fete our NEW JAILs.
 Celebs and freed convicts
 Will tell us their tales.”
 =SKELETON, Hoboken NJ

20. OVERLOADED HETERONYM
 (*6 *7, 3 1 4 5) (*6 *7 = not MW)
 (can be danced to)

Sombreros on the ground,
 The early adopters pound
 Their feet to DANCE AROUND,
 To check if the deck is sound!

It's been tested in-house at Ikea,
 So the second stage now is to see a
 Lot of customers, soused on sangria,
 Do the Hat Dance to shake the thing up!
 =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

21. REVERSED PHONETIC
 CONSONANTCY (4-5, 7! 6!)
 (MISS, I SAY! OH MY! = not MW)

“And hast thou seen my replica?
 Come to my arms, my beamish MISS!
 O frabjous day! I SAY! OH MY!”
 He chortled in his bliss.
 =LOKI-5, Philadelphia PA

22. WORD DELETION (8)

When I was young, I used to play
 Upon my set of OUT all day.
 But now the beat goes on no more.
 My wife, and time, have closed the door
 Upon that chapter of my life.
 I'm IN, and now my days are rife
 With listlessness and rank despair.
 The WHOLE are now my cross to bear.
 =EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

23. TRANSADE (10) (NI3, but NI2
 usage)

There is an awful lot of LONG WORD
 stuff
 That Richard Nixon did in decades past.
 He took the heat, but did he take
 enough?
 Does he now suffer in the FIRSTs of
 *LAST?
 =WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

24. PHONIGMATIC REBUS (5, 6 6)

7/11 7/12 7/13 7/14

Inspired by our con, lots of lookers will
 soon
 Try to form their own group in the
 month after June,
 And united as one by the bonds they'll
 FATIGUE,
 Nines and tens thus will form the Nat.
 Pulchritude League.
 =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

25. OVERLOADED BEHEADMENT (8)

Weekly, we rotate the art in this hall.
It seems that we're always BOTH
paintings on walls.

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

26. PHONETIC CURTAILMENT (5 5, 6)

The kids in fashionista school
Are quizzed on what is LATE or cool.
They sneak their EARLYs into class
In hopes that that will help them pass.
=TREESONG, Cleveland OH

27. FIRST-SOUND CHANGE (10, 10)

Do you see this ONE TON that snakes
across the floor
And weaves its oily way from all sides
to the door?
=ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

28. LETTER BANK (8, 11, ^4 3 ^3 ^3) (GIANT = not MW) (can be sung to the tune of GIANT, from GIANT)

That H₂O (O is SMALL, and combines
with two
H atoms) holds hundreds of crocs,
And so they might (and so they might,
and so they might)
Assail the rock you're on and eat you if
you stayed there;
To evade their attacks
Just run on their backs.
(Run on their backs, run on their
backs . . .)

Yes, Mr. Bond, you gotta
Run across till you reach land;
Their teeth won't cause you pain
Nor break the MIDDLE layer 'round a
vein . . .
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

29. RIDDLE (*11 8) (GREEK FOUR = NI2)

I am a GREEK FOUR:
My first side is a score;
Another is one more;
The last is in plain sight.
Try to compute a mite
And you'll soon see I'm right.
=8, Cambridge MA

30. HEAD-TO-TAIL SHIFT (4)

The Hindu samsara
Shows life is a wheel:
A thing first must LEE
To then be born EEL.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

31. PARTIALLY REVERSED WORD DELETION (8) (STRAIN = +) (can be sung)

Regrets, I've had a few,
Like one exam, which asked "How
could one
Disprove that five is two plus two?"
I SIN my answer: As a "good one,"
I ripped the page, then ripped each part;
There weren't five bits then. My ART
Was not too great. (But still I state,
I STRAINED it my way!)
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

ANAGRAMS

32. A BIT O' BAD DESIGN WORK? CHART 'T! (2'1 4 2 3 [7 5]) =LOKI-5, Philadelphia PA

33. AHOY! I, WANTON NYER, REFORM (*7 *6 3 5) =WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

34. NEXT VACATION: INTENSE, SOUTH (3 *6, *5 10) =WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

FORMS**F-1. VWLLSS PRMD**

Across:

- 1 Me, in an exclamation?
- 2 Maine bay
- 3 Kind of index
- 4 Ancestry
- 5 Beach denizens
- 6 Home of 7 Across
- 7 The world's largest museum complex

Down:

- 1 ____ chair
 - 2 Distinctive style
 - 3 Waste maker, it's said
 - 4 Insubstantial
 - 5 One of the Three Tenors (Amende)
 - 6 Important and radically different
 - 7 Home of 7 Across
 - 8 Air circulator (not MW)
 - 9 Fancy twists
 - 10 Traitorous act
 - 11 World Heritage site in California
 - 12 *American* ____ (1999 film)
 - 13 Craving
- =AI, Charlottesville VA

F-2. LEFT WINDMILL

- 1 Laundered
 - 2 ____ metal: Li, Na, K, Rb, Cs or Fr
 - 3 Application such as klister (Wiki; MW-inferable)
 - 4 Last state admitted to the Union
 - 5 U.S. Secretary of Labor Chao
 - 6 Like Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina in the 1948 U.S. Presidential election
 - 7 Tchaikovsky's *Variations on a* ____ *Theme*
 - 8 Depth of discernment
 - 9 Feline fellow
 - 10 Glacial epoch
 - 11 Where the Krewe meets up this year (NPL)
- =JO THE LOITERER, Basking Ridge NJ

F-3. TRUNCATED PYRAMID

Across:

- 1 Air gun shot pellet
- 2 Transaction or contract: obs. var.
- 3 By reason of this: arch.
- 4 The falling of young fruit in early summer
- 5 Independence Day in the U.S.
- 6 One of the Perseids

Down:

- 1 Letter often enclosed in an encircling loop
 - 2 Blue or white porcelain of the Sung dynasty
 - 3 Moonshine container
 - 4 Video-on-demand service since 2007 (non-MW usage)
 - 5 Patron saint of France
 - 6 Forlorn
 - 7 The apian world
 - 8 Cowboy actor Lash (Amende)
 - 9 Criminal conversation, e.g.
 - 10 Low rank in the Brit. Army
 - 11 It follows gung, heigh or heave
 - 12 Letter often enclosed in a circle
- =JO THE LOITERER, Basking Ridge NJ

F-4. SQUARE

- 1 Rest
 - 2 Picking first and second in order
 - 3 Daily news
 - 4 Wildcat
 - 5 Pet
 - 6 Egg celebration
- =LEXMAN, East Moline, IL

EXTRAS

**X-1. VERTICAL ANAQUIP (3 4 3 2 4
2 9 4 6 2 2 4 4 3 5.)**

**A A A E E H H I L N N O O O T T V W Y Y
E R S A W D G Z I R I K N C R A D E O
C O U O O W T V A K S T H T S S J E S**

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

X-2. A KNIGHT'S JOURNEY—by SAWGUS, N Hollyangeles, CA

In this puzzle, you will be charting the journey of a certain knight through the grid. The journey begins in the square at the upper left corner, follows the mazelike path delineated by the heavy bars, and ends in the square in the lower right corner, visiting each square once. Enter the answers to the Journey clues in order along the path, but beware: a few of the Journey clues' answers are *not* to be entered in the grid, but instead form a description of the path itself, and perhaps an alternate title for this puzzle. The Across clues (one to three per row) should have their answers entered in order in each row. When the grid is complete, solvers will be able to locate the name of the knight in question somewhere therein.

Across

- 1 Cuts stone, and so forth . . . he is lagging behind;
Tape ends Mrs. Reagan's possession
- 2 Car flat wrecked complex mathematical structure;
Archie, all shook up, is hurting more
- 3 Full or empty? Quiet or strained?
Section missing, abridged
- 4 Curtailed, confused terrier put out to pasture;
Hear Mr. Nixon, at an art gallery, give command
- 5 Survey a hundred in Incan territory;
Continental American gives me up for family
- 6 Ran gym in South Dakota;
In the center, splashy as water;
Can "dog" sound like "Creator"?
- 7 Vanilla extract provides zip;
Steal away with a bishop and subordinate, lacking energy;
Part of me, golly!
- 8 He leaves the few returning fabric;
Create ski design for winter sports enthusiast (2 *wds.*)
- 9 Faith is bringer of light, without end;
Walk in treeless area, we hear;
Compatriot driving back Scylla after chopping off two of her heads
- 10 Also, Fish is driving;
Clever robot was not rebooted
- 11 Curmudgeonly doctor slouching across cane head gets maid service
- 12 Support Mrs. Nixon and Mr.

Reagan, period;

Anger about English canal

13 Like, lapse badly at end;

Pitch melody at high school outcasts

Journey

Attempt beginning of equation: doubly false or true

In Connecticut, he is guitarist Atkins

Herb clipping out *YM* article

Vehicle's back track losing tail

Almost completely remove periods

RCA icon, spokesman with ATM

number, on the rebound

Red wines' travels by carriage

Chop down trees, including northern pine

Stranger is queer, asks for information

Rush is afflicted with the first stages of tetanus, ebola, nephritis

Intone: "Look! Sounds like it's risky."

Check for horse in river, but no horse Eastern cave garden

Lasso about a third of tapirs

White trash catching fish

Rock idol to show California city

Strain alien insect

Item made of recessive genetic material

A daughter, a mother, and a space commander

Farrah's sounding taps

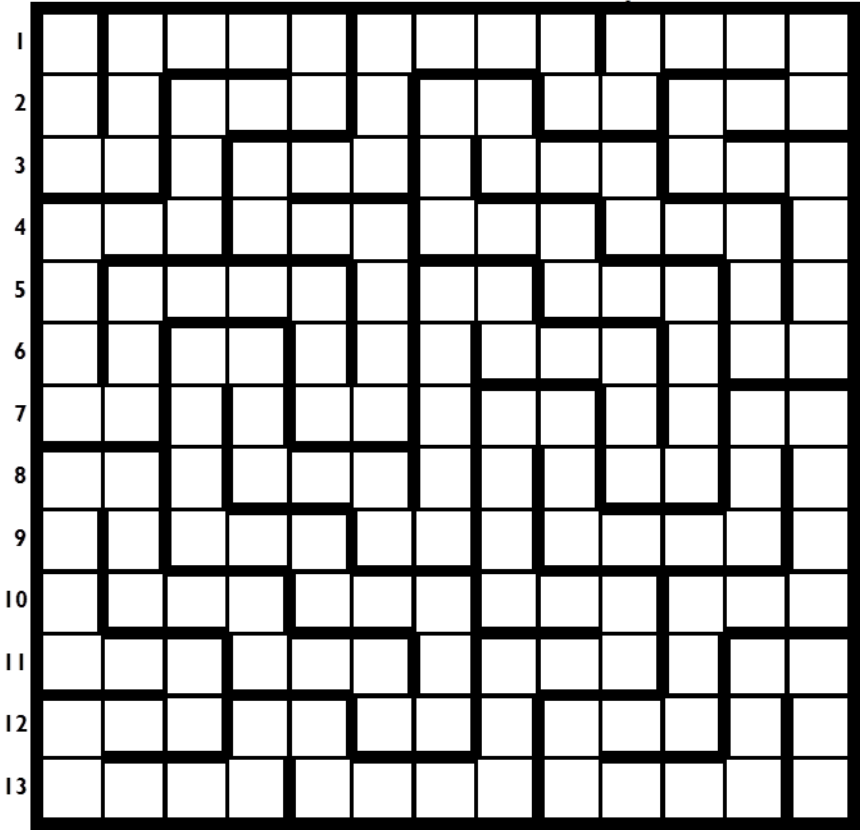
Keep it in cold: bad deal

Intense colors captivating May at home

Cleans dirty spears

Free bathroom's empty

Lacking cleverness and half unconscious



Jobs creation program leads to lower
employment
A flower came up
Hill workers team up to create a show
Move swiftly without noise, making
many turns
Rawest nude is inspirational
One errorless strikeout pitcher is in

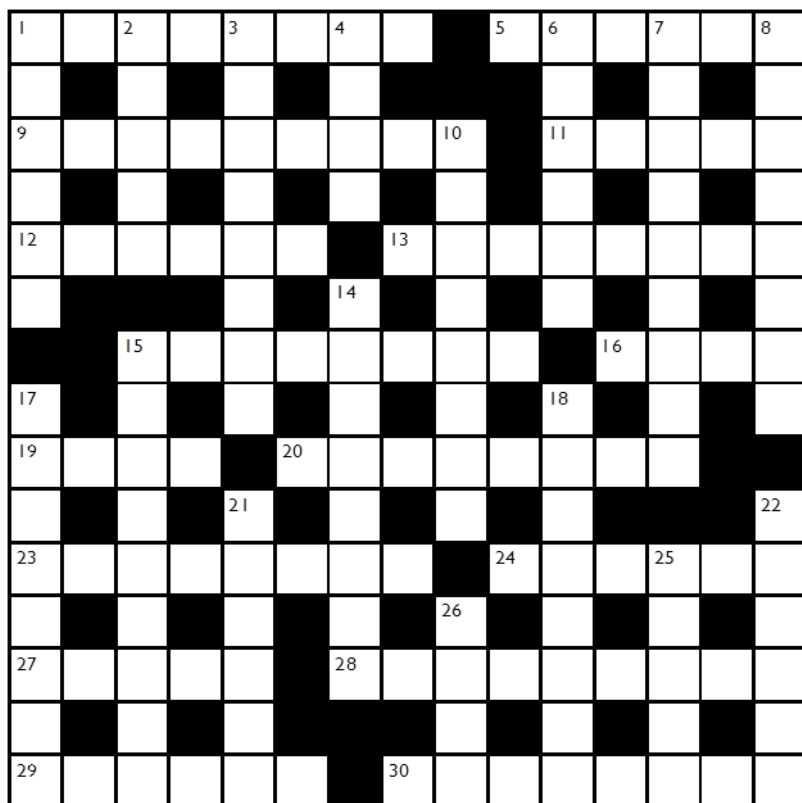
for a messy ordeal? (2 wds.)
Symbol of everything excellent and
sensational
Route traveled by boat in the sound
Confused senior at first expresses old-
time refusal (2 wds.)
Stream song backwards [NI3]
Is he bad? No good inside? Depends

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- 18 — Looks familiar, doesn't it? In a Repeated-Polygrams Deletion Charade, a repeated polygram is deleted from each of the subsidiary answers wherever it appears and the results combined to generate the primary solution. Different polygrams (that may be of different lengths) may be deleted from each subsidiary solution.
- 19 — Welcome, new composer Skeleton!
- X-2 — Jigsaw/Marcus Asparagus

X-3. CRYPTIC CROSSWORD—by WABBIT, Cote St Luc QC**Across**

- 1 Very bad fish sandwiches wind up heading to incinerator (8)
 5 California company imports one kind of cloth . . . (6)
 9 . . . plus other buckles to cover with fabric (9)
 11 Ad: mongrel pet, well trained (5)
 12 Finally, lama divides fresh green incense (6)
 13 Stressed chimp ate bananas (8)
 15 Sprinter values having break between events (8)
 16 Do permanent damage to front of someone's vehicle (4)
 19 Hot Pockets supplied at first for large group (4)
- 20 Portion of fillet here always heavenly (8)
 23 Striking feature of extraterrestrial inside small hollow capsule (8)
 24 Hazard! Manitoba gripped by strong current of air (6)
 27 Unusually fat mutant bees going after Ontario's premier (5)
 28 Tossed hot meal (so disgusting) (9)
 29 Group of four that's starting to suddenly move back around end of June (6)
 30 Young chicken circles top of dune buggy (8)



Down

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| 1 Doctor left us instruments (6) | colonel established code of procedure (8) |
| 2 Hope Liberal to run for magistrate (5) | 15 Unable to pay debts, proud guards start to vamoose (9) |
| 3 Representative's appointment broken by English member (8) | 17 Gradually stop operation of messy tea shop around university (5, 3) |
| 4 Mentioned seeing place on the web (4) | 18 Removed dashboard feature during performance (8) |
| 6 Lack of interest in a course by end of May (6) | 21 Police enrage classes (6) |
| 7 Dialect in Mobile's the same (9) | 22 "Try again in there!" he argued (6) |
| 8 New scout comes with deposit to win more points (8) | 25 Swell ship accommodates fifty of the Romans (5) |
| 10 Storms violently strike central Japan a long time (8) | 26 Emilia gossips about Shakespearean villain (4) |
| 14 After operation, troop and | |

X-4. ANAQUOTE (*7 3 5 5 8 *6 3 6 4
10 8 7 2 7 4 6. *5)

X-5. ANAVERSE (4 5, 6 4 / 6 7 1 7 3 /
7 8 7 6 / 7 4 8 7. *1. *7)

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ROP SEL SNE SOM TEF THA VER VIN
=YOMAMA, Houston TX

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=²ℱ, Bellevue WA

FEBRUARY SOLVERS

The February Enigma had 42 flats, 6 forms, 7 crypts, and 2 extras; 26 solution lists, representing 52 solvers, were received. 8/Badlr/Btnirn/QED, Andreas/Witz, Dischorran/Panther/Momus, Hemlock/Lyric/Munro, Joker/Lirath/LeXman/YoMama, Philana/Mercury, Jo the Loiterer/Manx/Pen Gwyn/Stewball, and Treesong had completes. Abacus/R/EDS/Wabbit had a flat complete.

Accepted: #14-HAPPY CA-M/P-PER; #21-FIREBRICK; #31-OMASUM/MUSEUM (really stretching it); F-1-LNDLKR for LNDLPR ("landloper" not 11C).
Not accepted: F-4-BHU/HOWLS for BYU/YOWLS (3).
ENDGAME, Solutions Editor

Abacus/R/EDS/Wabbit */5/*/*; Ajde 10/0/3/1; Alice/Hot/Ming 37/0/0/0; Avidan/Banterweight 22/0/0/1; Billy the Kid/G-Unit/Kapry Korn 32/4/4/1; Buttorkup 28/4/0/*; Clio 30/4/4/*; /dev/joe 28/4/0/*; Dragonfly 36/1/*/0; Endgame 19/2/*/0; Geneal/GrandBairn/Melifer/Serendipity 35/*/*/1; Jabberwock 36/*/*/*; Jerg/Newrow 38/*/*/*; Libra 36/*/*/1; Loki-5 40/*/*/*; NJ Ninja 23/5/6/*; Pebbles 41/*/*/1; Wordsmix 19/3/4/*.

SOLVING FREQUENCY/NUMBER OF KUDOS/TOP KUDOS: 1-21, 2-22/2, 3-24,

4-22/3, 5-21/1, 6-25/1, 7-24/1, 8-22/1, 9-24, 10-20/3/1, 11-25, 12-13/1, 13-20/3, 14-21/4, 15-22/1, 16-21/1, 17-20, 18-21/4/1, 19-19/1, 20-26/2, 21-26/1, 22-23/3, 23-15/1, 24-12/3/1, 25-23/2, 26-20/2, 27-26, 28-25, 29-12/1, 30-20, 31-18/1, 32-25/1, 33-18/12/2, 34-22/6/1, 35-19/6, 36-25/1, 37-19/1, 38-24/4, 39-18/2, 40-13, 41-26/2, 42-24/1. FORMS: 1-17/1, 2-23/5, 3-16/3, 4-18/2, 5-20/7, 6-21/1. CRYPTS: 1-23/1, 2-23, 3-23/1, 4-20/1, 5-20/1, 6-19/3, 7-19. EXTRAS: 1-20, 2-18/15/7. MISCELLANEA: saw-whet owl puzzles-*/2. [* = not tabulated]

FEBRUARY FAVORITES (! means top favorite): Abacus-10!, 25, 33. Alice-13, 16, 18, 33, 34, 35, X-2. Badir-24!, 41, 42, F-5, X-2. /dev/joe-26, 38, 41, F-2, F-4, F-5, F-6, X-2. Dragonfly-4, 8, 32, 33, 34, 38, 39, C-3. Endgame-33!, 38, C-4, X-2. Hot-18, 22, 33, 34, X-2. Jabberwock-2, 7, 35, F-2, F-4, F-5, X-2!, saw-whet owl puzzles. Jerg/Newrow-4, 13, 33, F-3, X-2!. Jo the Loiterer-14, 22, 29, 33, 34, 35, F-1, F-5, X-2!. Lyric-4, 10, X-2. Mercury-5, 10, 12, 14, 15, 22, 25, F-2, C-6. Munro-24, 33, C-1, C-6, X-2!. NJ Ninja-2, 14, 20, 21, 23, 36, F-2, X-2!. R/EDS-19, 33, 34!, 38, 39, C-5, F-2, X-2. Treesong-13, 18!, 33, 34, 35, F-3, F-5, X-2. Tril-6, 18, 24, 31, 33, 35, F-3, F-5, X-2!, saw-whet owl puzzles. Wabbit-33!. Witz-14, 20, 26, 35, 37, F-5, C-6, X-2!

MAY SOLUTIONS

1. Qin Dynasty [Q in dynasty] 2. tirades, *It's a Disaster* 3. n[y(stag)m]us
 4. gloomy, glue me 5. Twelfth Night, left-wing 6. Haiti, haughty 7. Cincinnati;
 iconic, nation 8. simpleton, let me sleep on it 9. more Stevie [Morse T, V]
 10. *Taxi Driver*; tax ID, river 11. moron stuck [moonstruck] 12. impetu(ou)s
 13. counter-pane 14. beauty, booty, buoy, be 15. Henry Ward, hen reward
 16. animuses, resuming 17. untrod, rotund 18. willpower; willow, per
 19. stauncher, Shane Carruth 20. William Shakespeare 21. steroidal, asteroid,
 roasted, trades, darts, star 22. canvasback [canvas(=sail) back] 23. *Immensee*
 24. gleyde, glide 25. pearl, parallel 26. ban(lieu)e 27. Babylonian dismal, last, Hel
 [baby L on I, and I small as the L] 28. manito's, antonomasia, Saint-Simonianism
 29. dec-o/i-de 30. Unilever, unclever 31. on time; Tom Menino, nom 32. Uncle
 Arly; Lear, uncly 33. never-never [never N ever] 34. thre(ad)(bar)e 35. Tre(be)k
 36. French Connection, wrench confection 37. novelist, television set 38. (eme)
 ute 39. workless, worthless 40. Poincare, pre-Copernican 41. May, Southerner,
 the same 42. epigram, grim reaper, premarrriage 43. precess 44. first one,
 worst fun 45. sin-g/u-s 46. Braque, Bach 47. playmate, plummet 48. usage,
 assuages 49. addi(c)tion 50. checkers, heck, ID, ciders 51. a dog in the manger
 52. Joshua Kosman and Henri Picciotto 53. Bates Motel 54. the twelve signs of
 the zodiac 55. the burglar 56. the Negro spirituals 57. Mona Lisa

C-1. Calories are tiny creatures that live in your closet and sew your clothes a bit tighter every night.

C-2. Synesthesia is confusion of senses; something can smell warm or taste white. Doesn't that sound cool?

C-3. Frisbeetarianism is the belief that when you die your soul goes up on the roof and gets stuck. G. Carlin

C-4. Pool hustler became actor, soon rejoined original profession because he kept missing his cue.

C-5. On top of my demanding job and two kids, my new editing duties should lead to a lovely nervous breakdown.

C-6. Vibrant Austin nightlife includes over one million flying mammals from world's largest urban bat colony.

C-7. Art does not have only one true aim set by the one who made it. Art can grow new life with each encounter.

X-1. The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you. B. B. King

X-2. I could not tread these perilous paths in safety, if I did not keep a saving sense of humor. Vice Admiral H. Nelson

X-3 *Across*: piebald, Teresa (mangy), inside job, Esau, lots, Goose (overheard), tartar, Algol, etas, stereos, U-boat, ANNA M. JARVIS, urger, broaden, Adar, boggy, eaglet, add-in, jolt, rest, dining car, driest, Machree (teaching).

Down: pietas, inlay, bittern, legroom, took to, reels, samosas, auklets, Jones (Henie), sigmoidal, reengages, afeard, aurora, Hubbard (enshrined), armorer, Armenia, Van Gogh, bandit, bruin, Nature (rocker's), agate, setae.

First letters of extraneous words: mother; Anna M. Jarvis is the founder of Mother's Day.

X-4. There's no such thing as dead languages, only dormant minds. Carlos Ruiz Zafon

X-5. When two men in business always agree, one of them is unnecessary. William Wrigley Jr.

X-6. I know how to spell banana; I just have trouble stopping.

X-7. My parents are in the metal business. My mother irons and my father steals. Ananda

X-8. He who is escaping never coughs and never sneezes. Victor Hugo

X-9. Success is having to worry about every damn thing in the world, except money. Johnny Cash

F-2.

STLSPSTDSP TCH
PHLDLP HNQRR
MRNNGDTNS
RDCRRNT
MNPTC
GHN
R

St Louis Post Dispatch
Philadelphia Inquirer
morning editions
red currant
monoptic
Gahan
ray

USA, Tupi, Elohim, slurry, pudendum, silencing, typographer, dehydration, sentence, piquant, Taurus,

F-1.

ZBKSTN Uzbekistan
BRZLNT Brazil nut
KZKSTN Kazakstan
SLSBRS Salisburys
TNTRTT Tintoretto
NTNSTS nation-states

F-3.

MOTHER
ORIOLE
TIETAC
HOTAIR
ELAINE
RECREATIONS
TONGUE
INTIMA
OGIVES
NUMERO
SEASON

F-4.

PQ opaque
MDWF midwife
VLGRZS vulgarizes
JCKNTHBX jack-in-the-box
joe/OJ, voice, milky, pidgin,
QWERTY, Fuzhou, USB, oxeys

X-3.

PIEBALDTERESA
INSIDEJOBESAU
ELOTSGOOSEIMK
TARTARNKALGOL
AYEEFOETASMSE
STEREOSOUBOAT
HANNAMJARVISS
URGERBBROADEN
BMAADARMRNASA
BOGGYNUEAGLET
AREADDINJOLTU
RESTDININGCAR
DRIESTMACHREE

CRYPTOGRAMS

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C-1. Seen oat.

NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

JQ RYHPHIZYEPSF MV VINY O NHCCHMVVSIP VYS
 SORV HCBQ BHNBBQ VHIPNSF BHT-NOPE
 APSS-POCZS ZPOMC.

C-2. My better half.

raw, Ogdensburg NY

ZYXXWYVU WT SWRU QYXPT: YO MWXTO NLK
 LHSN HUUP OGL FUYXOT YHP Y PWYZLHP; YO
 OFU UHP NLK IKTO GYHO Y QSKE YHP Y TDYPU.

C-3. Literal meaning.

LEXMAN East Moline IL

FZN EVZNYP OYJOFE YZZR XTAZST FZN YTOL.
 ZIVTSJWET FZN OST BZST YWRTYF IZ MNBL IZ
 GZCINEWZCE.

C-4. Sí note. (UGZGCKYGZMF = non-MW) NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

XC *FOMCXFQ, "BGF," "XE" MSG QKAKCBAF.
 XAMPXCG UQG NKCEDFXKC! "RXZZ BKD AMSSB AG?"
 "BGF. . . " AMCB UGZGCKYGZMF EGMUDSG UQXF.

C-5. Spoiler alert.

(*AZGPPMGH = not MW)

raw, Ogdensburg NY

AOZLNMBD ELNB AOG DCFBAIGA AL *AZGPPMGH:
 MH BLA AOG KMZHA NLZE LK "^FBMAGE
 ^KGEZCAMLB LK *JICBGAH" ZGEFBECBA?

C-6. Gall? Hmm!

NEWROW, Brookline MA

MSS *EXOFTFOEE *WIQAMUQQ JABZWQTT, WAOTT
 *UOXOVOKMM *GOZUQQ TIBAA *IOROBB FMRIQQ
 QPP. TQQ RMAFIXQTT TIQXX.

C-7. Telestichal pilgrim.

NEWROW, Brookline MA

*HSRZ OZY NVWRX SZW URVIXV YVORVU
 IVTZIWRMT UZRGs, *HZCWR SZWQ GIVP; DROO
 FLLN ZMLM GL HSLK *RIZJ ULI SRH GIZMHRG.