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The National Puzzlers' League

#1306

EDITOR'S MUSINGS

I hope you all have recovered from the Austin Convention better than I have. I've been suffering from exhaustion all month.

Endgame has not been able to fulfill his duties as solutions editor, so I have relieved him of them. Therefore, I am in need of his replacement. If you are interested in taking over that responsibility, please let me know as soon as possible.

Jo the Loiterer has not had any nibbles on his request for someone to begin the process of taking over the forms editorship. I ask again for interested parties to let him or me know.

There was quite a bit of discussion among npl-folk about the definition of a Reduplication, which was defined in the July Puzzle Notes as a Welded Heteronym. This definition was insufficient because the Guide's definition of a Heteronym did not allow for more than two answers, while the Reduplication in question involved more than two. Some Krewe pointed out that in the past we had printed Triplications, which had three strings duplicated. To clarify and generalize these definitions, I propose that we change the Guide to define a Heteronym as allowing more than two answers (on the model of the Homonym). Then the Welded Heteronym would subsume Reduplications and Triplications and we could retire those terms.

There was also some discussion of Welded Welded Heteronyms. (Not very likely, but be warned.)

A member has suggested that having more local gatherings to solve the monthly Enigmas might increase flat production in future months. Not everyone can get to the con, and in any case, cons only happen once a year. If there is no local Krewe activity in your area, consider getting one started! Mini-cons and micro-cons to solve or construct flats, to introduce new members to puzzledom, or to play word games are great fun. Take the initiative!

Do you maintain a regional e-mail list for local NPL members? Do you host local NPL events? Please let me know how folks can get in touch with you, so I can publish your contact information in *The Enigma*, perhaps on a yearly basis. This way, new members will have a way to get in touch with local Krewe. If you send them to me, I will also post announcements about upcoming meetings, as I have done for the Los Angeles area group in this issue.

THE MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING AT AUSTIN

submitted by Secretary Expelliarmus

President QED called the 174th meeting of the National Puzzlers' League to order at 10:10 AM on Saturday, July 13, 2012 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Austin, Texas; approximately 97 members attended.

Reports

President QED greeted those assembled and introduced the members of the board. He extended a special welcome to new members and said that if there was anything we could do to help make anyone's convention experience more enjoyable, to please let us know.

Secretary Expelliarmus summarized the minutes of the previous meeting. Then, in Treasurer Mercury's absence, she read the treasurer's report. It is included below in its entirety:

The NPL balance stands at \$39,306 as of June 30, 2013, exclusive of this and next year's convention accounting. This is over \$3,700 higher than a year ago. Our membership count of 667 is down only 12 from one year ago, and we have 164 members (up from 139 last year) who've opted out of receiving mailed, printed issues.

Special thanks to all members who renew promptly, and to those who donate their time, effort, and money to the NPL. [End of Report]

Historian Willz noted that several members passed away in the last year: Abacus, Besantius, Dada, Hart King, NeuRonn, Smith, Tim S, and Avidan. All members present observed a moment of silence in their memory.

Editor Teki rose and thanked all of the sub editors who make the monthly publication of the Enigma possible. Teki noted that in last year's business meeting, his closing message was to SEND PUZZLES. He said this even more emphatically this year. We are in need of all kinds of puzzles, but most notably flats. Teki also talked briefly about website development- he worked with Qoz to get Lexman's forms in a format where they could be solvable online. He said there is still much work to do on the website.

Old Business

Qoz stepped up to share the status of the development of the new NPL website. Completed updates include: improving the Enigma uploading system for Teki, adding the ability to have form pages each month, adding the GotS as a member download, moving convention information to the new site, putting the Guide to the Enigma on the new site in several forms and adding a mobile

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OBITUARY — by BanterWeight Avidan (Mary Lucille Spencer)

Avidan, as in avid bird-watcher, joined the NPL in 1982. Avidan and I met while on an early-morning bird walk at the Berkeley Con in 1987. Avidan was the best, most-expert of the four of us, but still appreciative of "talented amateurs" like myself, and we hit it off.

I knew full well that Avidan was a Republican, but in '88 I anyway sent her one of my anti-Bush chain-letters (it threatened that breaking the chain would result in the election of Bush the first). Avidan wrote back: "If you have any other chain-letters that I can break to get a Republican majority in the Senate, send them along!" Haha.

Till 2004 I co-solved with mehitabel — a die-hard leftie with a history in the NSA: hmm! — while Avidan pulled month after month of completes ON HER OWN! Our heroine, our role model!

Then, after lung cancer stole mehitabel, Avidan kindly took me in, first forming a cosolving team with Arbutus, then just the two of us. The string of completes stopped (I blame myself!), but we had fun.

And we did that slyly supportive thing of cosolving each other thru hard times and family deaths.

At five am pre-Denver con, Avidan said: "BanterWeight, you're going to have to wake up and get me to the Emergency Room." The mile-high city had robbed Avidan's oxygenation and we went on to con with an oxygen tank. That was our last shared con, but this spring Avidan proposed that we attend Austin. That plan got nixed by an upcoming granddaughter's wedding — the same granddaughter who'd visited the con in LA — but then ugly cancer (pancreatic) put a quick end to all of Avidan's plans.

Much missed.

version, adding a new self-service password reset feature on new site pages (on the old site, all password reset requests had to go through Mercury). The login on the new site is always your nom. You can reset the password on the new site if you don't remember it, provided you have an email address in the directory. There is more left to do, and if you are interested in volunteering your time for this project, Qoz would love to hear from you.

New Business

George Groth proposed Washington, DC as a contender to host the 2015 convention. He has hosted before — at the '82 convention in Indianapolis, '87 in Charlottesville, and '97 in Arlington. The hotel he researched is one block from the Mall and right next to the Lafayette Metro station. The Air and Space Museum one block away is the most visited museum in the world. For this location the hotel rate would likely be \$30-40 more than those of recent conventions, but George Groth said he would be happy to research less expensive options if that was the will of the group. He also said he would be willing to host in a later year.

Witz then came to the podium to propose Vancouver, BC as another contender for the 2015 convention, to be held July 9-12 with local co-host Andreas.

Vancouver was the site of the 2002 convention, and Willz and others suggested that 2015 would be a good year to return to the West Coast, following Texas in 2013 and Maine in 2014. Why a second Con in Vancouver? Vancouver is first among "seconds" that make it a reasonable facsimile for the whole U.S. west coast, including: the second-most Starbucks locations, after Seattle, the secondmost active craft beer scene, after Portland, the second-largest Chinatown outside of China, after San Francisco, and the second-best film production center, after Los Angeles. The temperature in the second week of July has a mean high of 70 °F (21 °C) and mean low of 57 °F (14 °C). It has mountains, the ocean, beaches, parks, cycling and walking paths, and it's a dream city for those who are health conscious and environmentally conscious. However, hotel room rates are higher than what has been the usual for NPL Cons. Witz has received a firm commitment at the Coast Plaza and Suites (site of Concouver in 2002) for a standard (2 double beds, single/double occupancy) room rate of \$159 (Canadian). Triple and quad occupancy would add \$20 per person. The rate of \$159 in 2015 is significantly lower than the government rate of \$169 which is the lowest available. For comparison, in 2002 we had a rate of \$180 CDN (\$117 US). Rates at a second possible hotel, the Coast Coal Harbour, which is a brand-new modern hotel, also with a fantastic location downtown but a little further east and north of the Plaza, are \$10 higher; with a standard room being \$169. It's a gorgeous place but it costs a little more. Preliminary investigation shows that the Con fee should be roughly the same as this year, at \$250 or possibly \$10-25 more. Flying to Vancouver is much cheaper if you fly into Seattle or Bellingham and drive across the border. It's a three-hour drive from Seattle and an easy 45 minutes from Bellingham, plus the border crossing. Witz offered a suggestion for the board: since the NPL coffers are in a healthy state, perhaps a contribution could be made to offset some of the premium Con fee costs, especially for students and seniors. Witz ended his presentation with a flat:

CHARADE (10) (ONE is not MW)

We've put in a bid which we hope is accepted, The planning's a TWO, more or less We're pros at the ONE; we know what to do So go with your ALL and say Yes. =WITZ, Vancouver BC

Following the presentations of the possible locations for the 2015 convention, \$\forall^2\$ stood to make a motion that we combine the vote for upcoming Cons, with a 'yes' vote indicating support for a 2015 Con in Vancouver and a 2016 Con in Washington, DC. This motion was seconded. This led to a bit of contention in the meeting room, with some motioning to ignore the motion (seconded), some talk of by-laws and whether it was permissible to vote for two years in a single vote, and general confusion over what was being voted on. In the end, those present voted on the motion for a 2015 Con in Vancouver and a 2016 Con in Washington, and the motion failed.

A new vote was taken exclusively for a 2015 Convention in Vancouver, and passed. The convention will be referred to as Recouvery.

Story rose to note that he had begun researching the possibility of a 2016

convention in New Haven, CT. There is a single hotel in New Haven with the space to meet our group's needs and they are eager to discuss the possibility of hosting us. New Haven is full of great shops and restaurants, home to Yale, and easily accessed by Amtrak for those in nearby cities. For travelers from farther afield, the closest major airport is Bradley International in Hartford, CT (about an hour away), or you could fly into New York City (about an hour and a half away).

Ember also took the stage to propose Cincinnati, OH as a possibility for the 2016 convention. While Ember said he had done no formal research, he listed the following points in Cincinnati's favor: there's a cluster of four major museums downtown; Cinergy Field (home of the Reds) is nearby; it is a Delta Airlines hub, so flight access should be easy and hotels should also be relatively affordable; it is 90 minutes from either Indianapolis or Columbus, for those interested in a day trip; there is newly legalized casino gambling (hotel might or might not be at the casino; again, no research thus far); and it's centrally located.

Finally, Wesley stepped up to the podium with additional details about MaineCon, 2014. The convention is scheduled for July 17-20, 2014 and will be held at the Westin Portland Harborview hotel on High Street. The hotel is currently closed for renovations, but will reopen in late 2013. Summer in Maine is wonderful, and the newly-remodeled hotel's standard rate is \$349, however Wesley has negotiated NPL convention attendees a group rate of \$149. Because Maine's summers are so delightful, hotels book up months in advance. In preparation, Wesley will be reserving a very large room block, but noted that it is more crucial this year than ever to book your hotel room in advance — even those who are not certain they will be able to attend should book a room and then cancel if need be. Additional details will be available on the con.puzzlers.org site soon.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 AM.

OUR BRILLIANT PUZZLERS — by Willz

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

Puzzlers' Cookbook (organized by Saxifrage)

Individuals: 1. Anomaly (33-3/4 out of 34 in 41:40) 2. Spelvin (33) 3. [tie:] Dart, Kray, Ucaoimhu (32-1/2) 6. Trazom (32-1/6) 7. Tahnan (31-1/2) 8. Qaqaq (31) 9. QED (30-1/2) 10. [tie:] Treesong, Wombat (30-1/4)

Pairs: 1. Marcus Asparagus/Tablesaw (perfect in 34:25) 2. Cazique/Zebraboy (perfect in 43:17) 3. Badir/G Natural (perfect in 45:11) 4. Mosayc/Rock* (perfect in 47:10) 5. /dev/joe/Gabby (33) 6. Ember/Wrybosh (32-1/4) 7. [tie:] Sidhe/Sprout, D. Ness/Saphir (29-1/2)

Kudos: 1. Jangler (24 kudos, including 5 bangs) 2. Xemu (21/7) 3. Toonhead! (20/2) 4. B-Side (18/2) 5. Rubrick (17/2) 6. T McAy (16/2) 7. Qaqaq (16) 8. Southwest (13) 9. Ember/Wrybosh (11/4) 10. Tinhorn (11)

A Matter of Con Science (by Dart, Tinhorn and Zebraboy)

1. Al DeSuda/B-Side/Cazique/G Natural (3 hours 5 minutes) 2. Fuldu/Mosayc/Sidhe/Spiel (3:22) 3. QED/Qoz/Sprout/Veep (3:56) 4. Anomaly/Arcs/Famulus/Lambda (4:04) 5. Gabby/Murdoch/Pfire/Wesley (4:11)

Set Pieces (by Manx)

Individuals: 1. Jangler (10:16) 2. Southwest (19:00) 3. [tie:] Slik, Spelvin (22:50)

5. Noam (24:45) 6. Trazom (26:30) 7. Mosayc (27:10) 8. Fuldu (28:00) 9.

G Natural (29:50) 10. Lirath (30:00)

Pairs: 1. Cecil/Squonk (19:28) 2. Navin/Spiel (23:10)

Opposite Ends (by Willz)

Individuals: 1. Jangler (4:23) 2. Mosayc (7:25) 3. Sanit (7:30) 4. Anomaly (8:15) 5. Dart (8:50) 6. Manx (9:00) 7. Al DeSuda (9:05) 8. Southwest (9:40) 9. Tahnan (9:55) 10. Noam (11:30) 11. Saxifrage (11:35) 12. Spelvin (11:35) Pairs: 1. Rubrick/Zebraboy (7:20) 2. Bonus/Hathor (10:10) 3. Granola/Maso

Pairs: 1. Kubrick/Zebraboy (7:20) 2. Bonus/Hathor (10:10) 3. Granoia/Masc (10:25) 4. Donimo/Kryptogram (10:45) 5. Laura Klein/Veep (11:20)

Staged Wordplay (by Bluff)

Two-person teams: 1. Stax/Voks (96 points) 2. G Natural/Trazom (95) 3. George/Manx (92) 4. Jasters/Navin (88) 5. Lyric/Qaqaq (86) 6. Donimo/Zebraboy (85) Three-member teams: 1. Dart/Ferris/Jangler (96) 2. [tie:] Frotz/Sidhe/Spelvin, Mosayc/Neuromancer/Treesong (95) 3. Ender/Neendy/Trick (91) 4. Lambda/Sparkowl/Wombat (89) 5. Bonus/Expelliarmus/Sanit (88) 6. [tie:] Fuldu/QED/Sprout, B-Side/Hathor/Tablesaw (87)

Four Color Printing (by Trick)

1. Dalryaug//dev/joe/Gabby/Joey (72 points) 2. [tie:] Frotz/Jangler/Sidhe/Slik, Maso/Mavin/Rock*/Tinhorn (61) 4. B-Side/Hathor/Marcus Asparagus/Tablesaw (59)

Cross Purposes (by Wrybosh)

1. [tie:] Mosayc/Sue++, j/Taz (55 points) 3. [tie:] Anomaly/Moosemitts, /dev/joe/Willz (53) 5. Cazique/Ember (52) 6. Maso/Navin, Tinhorn/Veep (50)

Spaghetti (by Story)

1. $\operatorname{Badir}/\pi(x, y)^4$ 2. Mosayc/Sue++

Special recognition: G Natural/Murdoch/Shaggy

Poetry by Committee (by Rubrick)

- 1. G Natural/Lambda/Miro/Murdoch/Pfire/SparkOwl/Teekay/Trazom/Wombat 2. Codiak/Jasters/Kryptogram/Maso/Navin/Rock*/Shaggy/Tinhorn/Yeardley 3. Cecil/Ember/J-9/Mary/Saxifrage/Squonk/Story/Wrybosh 4. Chad/Dart/Ferris/
- Frotz/Jangler/Qaqaq/Sidhe/Spelvin/Wesley

Hidden Contest (by 48)

First discovered and solved by Wombat and SparkOwl at 11:26 pm on Friday

JULY HINTS and AUGUST EASY LIST

Easy list: 3, 8, 10, 14, 16, 27.

19 — NEW JAIL's overloaded answers involve a special type of predecessor.

27 — Look at the broadest categories of things that might fit the description in the flat. Make sure you consider all the words in it.

8 — How might you characterize the protestors? And OUCH!

WINNERS OF THE POETRY BY COMMITTEE COMPETITION AT CONTEX

In this game, one player wrote a title in a box. The next player, keeping the title in mind, wrote a single line of iambic tetrameter (da-DUM da-DUM da-DUM) and copied the last word of the line (and any useful punctuation) into the corresponding blank below, then folded the paper back so the added line was not visible, and passed it to the next writer. The seven other players each added a further line and last word in turn, keeping to the theme and rhyming.

Honorable Mention: Air Conditioning: A Love Story Titan, Loquacious, Kray, Al DeSuda, Roku, Bitfiddler, Mike Korn and Lirath

My brow? It's glaze ablaze, amore! To keep things cool requires a foray. I crank the knob way up too cold, Controls are broken, so I'm told. And though the temperature doth climb, I find the icy air sublime. I'm shivering with freezing love, This cold just fits me like a glove.

Honorable Mention: The Raven Returns Zebraboy, Donimo, Anomaly, Wyxz, George Groth, Pen Gwyn, Stewball, Manx

He said he'd be back nevermore. He landed on the marble bust. It creeps me to my utter core. That damn bird, it mumbled and cussed. The sight has chilled me to the core — My throat is growing very sore! He did not come to this before. At least this poem was light on gore.

Honorable Mention: Ode on a Grecian Fern Spiel, Elle, Witz, Sue++, Wheels, Desiree, fnjord, Eddy

A spiral, so fresh, wild and green The largest fronds you've ever seen. Its leaves are pinnate, dark, and cool, Of all the plants, I am the jewel. On days more hot than Hades' home The letters project like a tome. Remember to keep it well watered and fed. It's life is hanging by a thread.

Honorable Mention: The World's Biggest Sudoku Jangler, Qaqaq, Ferris, Dart, Wesley, Chad, Sidhe, Frotz, Spelvin

The seven goes beside the nine; But eight was just as fair, alas. I try to fill each mile-long line I fear of what will come to pass Beware thick hats, unless you cheat, But logic tempts the weak to sin. A grid so vast it fills my house; But sixteen givens? I can't win!

3rd Place Lifeboat J-9, Wrybosh, Ember, Saxifrage, Cecil, Squonk, Mary, Story Cast overboard on choppy seas,
Oh won't someone help me, please?
Don't leave me all alone out here!
Now calm, thank goodness — no more fear!
Oh no! I think I see a shark!
And this is where we see the ark.
At last we find outselves on land.
I jump ashore and kiss the sand.

2nd Place State of Loneliness Jasters, Codiak, Shaggy, Rock*, Tinhorn, Maso, Navin, Kryptogram, Yeardley

He sat alone with puzzles three But here in Texas? Only me. All alone, I wept in the corner — Lover, Soldier, also mourner. The death of hopefulness is near; Suicide is next, I fear. My shadow follows where I roam. But after all, I'm here, I'm home.

1st Place I Love Math TeeKay, Wombat, SparkOwl, Lambda, Pfire, Miro, G Natural, Murdoch, Trazom

A three times two becomes a six. I love to count and add and mix Numeric lore — it rocks my boat. Equations short and long I wrote. So plus and sum are so much fun. And six plus five less ten is one! And so, in sum, I doth proclaim, "I'm Euclid, now, in all but name!"

AUSTIN CONVENTION MEMORIES — by Next Lingo

Contex was my best con ever! Nothing against the cities of Portland or Providence, but Austin has more cool stuff per square mile than almost anywhere.

My favorite scheduled event was Staged Wordplay, which was actually exhilarating, a word I don't often use about word games. My favorite unscheduled event was my first game ever of Strip Ghost, whose rules are what you think. We pledged not to reveal names, but one lady was successfully challenged on "instalo . . .," and had a Texas Hill Country tattoo that I will not soon forget. I was ineligible for Saxifrage's flat-solving competition, but I would not have won anyway, because I still can't solve a lot of them. See you in Portland!

To be honest about it, Next Lingo didn't attend the Austin Convention and certainly didn't play Strip Ghost (at least not there)!

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JULY ERRATA

C-5 — "JICBGAH" should be preceded by a caret (^) rather than an asterisk (*). July Easy List: 2, 7, 10, 16, 22, 30.

Puzzle Note to 9 — It should read, "A Reduplication is simply a Welded Heteronym. A string of letters is repeated two or more times, each time as a heteronym of the others."

May solutions, F1 — 'NTNSTS' should be 'NTNSTT', making 'nation-states' 'nation-state'.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Los Angeles Area Puzzle Party

The next Puzzle Party in the Los Angeles area will occur on September 7, starting at noon. It will be held at the Center for Inquiry. An email will be forthcoming laying out directions to the site, the agenda and snack assignments.

If you are not yet on Bluff's email list for these events, get in touch with him.

AUGUST PUZZLES

- 6, CF-21 Ember/Wrybosh. 11 Dischorran considers the Irish to be innocent bystanders in the development of this flat. 12 Wrybosh/Led Zeppelin.
- 24 In a bigram palindrome curtailment, a sequence of three or more bigrams that make a palindrome (though not necessarily a word) is deleted from the end of a word, leaving another word. The shorter word is not enumerated. Example: the(re)(fo)(re), the.
- 27 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.
- CF-1 to CF-34 Con flats from Austin, with thanks to testsolvers Philana and Next Lingo.
- CF-9 Codex/Saxifrage.
- CF-15 B-Side/Hathor.
- CF-30 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. The shorter word is not enumerated.
- CF-33 Vapor's identity remains a mystery, even to your editor . . .
- C-3 *N*S*T*L, BX' = not MW; *UNY *EVNBQW = MW-findable.
- X-8 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.

TREASURER'S REPORT Second Quarter 2013 (Apr I to Jun 30)

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Balance 3/31/2013	\$38,484.85
INCOME	
Renewals/rejoins	\$3,082.00
New memberships	520.00
Donations	253.00
Interest	5.61
NPL History donations	15.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,875.61
EXPENSES	
Apr-Jun <i>Enigma</i>	\$1,163.50
printing	
Postage	1,084.18
Photocopies	67.20
Enigma shipping and	214.35
handling	
Envelopes	180.00
Guide printing	48.00
History book mailing	5.96
Electronic payment fees	81.78
Domain renewal	209.64
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,054.61
Balance excluding	\$39,305.85
conventions	
2013 con balance	13,675.00
2014 con balance	-1,000.00
BALANCE 6/30/2013	\$51,980.85

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, spoonergrams, mutations. palindromes, rebuses, heteronyms and homonyms, variations on these types, and flats labeled "freewheeling."

Send your solution lists after September 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 September 30.

1. LETTER BANK (6, 9, 10)

He makes a strong case, but I can't yet commit.

The venture seems risky. I'll ponder a bit.

Is this guy TEN? The strategy SIX? If so, then I'm NINE. If not, then it's nix

- =LEXMAN, East Moline IL
- 2. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (*7 ^3) (non-MW usage; B = non-MW phrase)
- A. In general, I rate a long
- *B. Fellini film or Beatles song
 - C. So nice, it beats that new, red hot

Del Toro flick where beast fights bot. =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

3. REBUS (9)

$$\frac{EC}{OM} = T$$

I make predictions. Yes, I do it, But I don't need a crystal ball Or Tarot cards to see me through it. Trends and numbers tell me all

So, is it looking like the Nikkei Will go up, my little feller? For the answer, you must seek a REBUS, not a fortune teller! =SCARAB, St. Paul MN

4. PHRASE SHIFT (5 3 4 2 5)

What's among life's greatest treats? Going out to have some eats! Preparations? Nada! None! Zero clean-up when you're done. Worldly cares become benign. For the while, your life's divine! But a warning from the wise: Don't rule out a bad surprise. Dire effects from tainted food Could obliterate your mood. Just imagine how you'd feel If you'd PHRASE HERE SEALS THE DEAL.

=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

5. SIXTH-TO-FIFTH CHANGEOVER (*6,*6) (RIGHT = not MW) (clued in order)

Two writers, yes, but in different arts Who share the same first name. In music and words, bridges are built; These two have gained some fame.

WRITER used notes in a serial way, Monkeyed with tones on a scale. RIGHT's new world had monkeys too — It made for quite a tale. =WITZ. Vancouver BC

6. PHONIGMATIC REBUS ([5 4])

You know what disturbs me? A peasant.

The peasants, I find, are unpleasant.

They're annoying and noisome to me,

So let them eat cake, I decree. I agree with Marie Antoinette. SOLUTIONs are all they should get.

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=WALLY BERGER, Villeville NN

7. LETTER BANK (10, 6 6 8, *5 *8/*7 *5) (TEN, JACK, QUEEN) (QUEEN = not MW) (can be sung)

Five-and-two, white-on-blue, With one large star, alike in hue. Denotes an Air Force JACK. Take some Turned-down stripes, turned-up vees, (Lambdas rather looked like these When used in old Byzantium — The burg of Constantine, Not the QUEEN Vampire flick) Colored white, Not just light Pink like TEN (pink beryls), stick Seven on one blue patch, Add a mullet, pierced, to match, And that what's worn by JACKs, by gum! =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

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8. BIGRAM DELETION (12)

The IRS spied on the Tea Party.
The NSA spied on the rest.
It's MOST Prez Obama's approval.
Will he gain it back? That's MOLEST.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

9. TRANSPOSAL (*6, 6) (SHOT, HOST) (SHOT = not MW) DELETION (6) (HOST, HOT) PALINDROME (1 *6) (THE BETH) (*^ = not MW) TRANSPOSAL (*6, 5 *1) (MOLTED, MODEL T) (neither MW)

I drive a SHOT (THE BETH). (My job is Dad, you see.) I often anagram The car in front of me.

I try to make it work Though oft it comes out HOT Like "ego" for the Geo. Intelligent it's not.

But often it is clever, Like Touareg, "outrage," yay! But I was going HOST With an SUV today,

A MOLTED. Couldn't get it, And then it came to me. The reason for my trouble: It has a MODEL T! =NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

10. BEHEADMENT (*1*1*1*1*1, 5) (WOMAN = not MW)

Michelle's a role model, yoga's her mission; Can the WOMAN sit in the OMAN

Can the WOMAN sit in the OMAN position?

=WITZ, Vancouver BC

11. CHARADE (8) (TENT = +)

The sequester put me on CONTENT. Sold my jewelry and CONs to make rent.

Bought anchor and wire, and A ticket to Ireland Where I'll drown those at fault in a

Where I'll drown those at fault in a TENT.

=DISCHORRAN, Ithaca NY

12. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (7) (SIGN ON THE WALL, BUT SHE WANTS)

There's a SIGN ON THE WALL BUT SHE WANTS to be sure.

'Cause you know sometimes words have two meanings.

=WRED ZEPPELIN, Montdon NK

13. LETTER BANK (8, *4 *4 *5) (TACT = *4 *4 *5 = NI2)

Next year's con will have one puzzle more than the last:

While it's known that beneath the Lone Star there's a vast

Population of catamounts (cougars, or pumas),

All sightings of such up in Maine are just rumors;

Next year, then, we'll try puzzling out if in fact.

There are even some CAT in the conelittered TACT.

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

14. REVERSED TERMINAL DELETION (7)

The bride and her DEBS primp and preen in some room

Awaiting the time she can BE with her groom.

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

15. PHONETIC DELETION (7, 6) (TRUE = 7 = non-MW usage)

For a start my present hunch is This puzzle has too many unches. As I look further down this sample I see a def that's by example. Now fix that other wayward clue. Sincerely yours,

The new TRUE TOO. =ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

16. SPOONERGRAM (6 4, ^7-^3 (^7-^3 = not MW, coinage)

Why is it that some bad guys get all the hype?

The Joker and Luthor are surely the type

To grace the front page of the paper, but truly

We less-super villains are just as unruly.

So here's an example: let's talk about

There ain't many badder than old SEVEN-THREE!

I make heroes pale and that's not even all.

I cover up writing or holes in the wall, And those who oppose me end up in a cast,

For my evil prowess cannot be surpassed.

You may not be frightened, but, oh, just you wait.

I'll execute soon my SIX FOUR (which is great).

I'll take over the world and be ruler for life.

Captain Stucco won't stop me from dishing out strife,

And Wallpaper Woman will not have a chance

To stop me from doing my victory dance! =SCARAB, St. Paul MN

17. ENIGMATIC REBUS (6, *1 3)

MONK

Fairish Jacques,
Fairish Jacques,
Mon cher fils,
Mon cher fils,
Morning prayers are starting,
Morning prayers are starting,
Time for PEACE,
Time for PEACE.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

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18. LETTER BANK (4, ^3 ^4)

Two women who FOUR one another, Must work now together this time. In ^THREE ^FOUR, they will discover Their place in the 'war against crime'.

=TE-ZIR-MAN, Margate FL

19. LETTER BANK (6, 7, 10)

Some gals are drawn, as by a BANK, To men who hold a higher rank. A few admit they feel a yen For even guys in middle TEN. But more, when near a big-time SEV-EN,

Think they've died and gone to heaven. =EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

20. WELDED TRANSPOSAL (*12 10) (10 = NI3)

The music he wrote,
Each concerto, each note,
And the music he played,
Every sound that he made,
Refute those who find
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND.
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

21. LETTER SHIFT (8) (BLEAK, BLAKE)

I am not BLAKE. No matter how Distraught and BLEAK you get, I cannot tell just how you feel. I just know you're upset. =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

22. HETERONYM (6, 3 3)

Saskatchewan mines lots of it.
ONE WORD is what crops need.
B.C. is known, contrariwise,
For TWO WORDS, dregs of weed.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

23. REVERSED CONSONANTCY (^3 ^4, 5) (NICE = ^3 ^4 = not MW)

A person saying "NICE" CAN mean A number-one-ranked disk by Queen, A film where Michael Douglas flees, A TV show that BET's Renewed again, a reason for (On Highlander) beheadments, or A challenge not to think about, Well, NICE itself, but have no doubt: When I say "NICE" I mean a style Of puzzle hunt involving mile On mile of driving, interspersed With solving. I just did my first (That Boston run of Wartron) and I found that NICE was simply grand. =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

24. BIGRAM PALINDROME CURTAILMENT (6 5) (A = NI3 usage; B = phrase usage)

Nutritionists worldwide agree The vitamin in A is *B. =WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

25. BIGRAM CURTAILMENT (7)

He never saw a doctor. Instead, he went to Lourdes. So did the BOA heal him Or was it just a BOARDS? =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

26. TRANSPOSAL (8)

It's getting dark so I'm moving fast; I'm CLOSE TO home since the COOLEST won't last. =WITZ, Vancouver BC

27. PASTEOVER (7)

I love "Ode on a Grecian Urn." What could surpass that BRUIN BURN? =SCARAB, St. Paul MN

28. SPOONERGRAM (3 4 1 3; 4 4 1 3) (4 1 doesn't change)

"Here's my mongrel named Sue!"
"Would your ONE? Would she TWO
If I gave her one?" "Man,
There is no pup that can!"
=WABBIT, Montreal QC

29. HOMONYM (4, *2! 2; 3 2 ^3) (OWE, EAU) (*2 = not MW, ^3 = non-MW usage)

My Austinwardly wand'rings spanned The time between the sixth day and The ninth day of July, and so I told myself, "These flats can't OWE The EAU you must needs take some time

And write some things that scan and rhyme;

The deadline is the eighth! (This flat Indeed was written just like that.) =NOM WITHHELD, Aboard a Train in RI

ANAGRAMS

30. SAY "ALAS" SIR IF HE'S AN ARAB DESPOT DR.(^9 *6 2-*5 2 *5) 31. I, CONSCIOUS, VIA PIOUS NPL CON, COIN COOL MACRO MOT,

=raw, Ogdensburg NY

RILES

32.ME? "EL" TO FANS (^3 2 ^5) 33.N.Y. NABS A DAME (*6 *5) =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

ANTIGRAM

34. MERGES ARE AS A MIX (4-3 8) =LEXMAN, East Moline IL



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CF-1. BIGRAM BEHEADMENT (7) ENTRAIL, TRAIL) FIRST-SOUND DELETION (7, 4 2) (TRIPE, RIPE) (RIPE = not MW)

When fixing the meat for your next barbecue

Pay careful attention — here's what you should do

(In Texas, these methods are well-understood,

So follow our TRAIL and your food will be good):

Suppose you are smoking a strip of cow breast.

First dry rub your TRIPE and then leave it to rest.

No sauce while it's smoking! You simply can't RIPE;

The sugar might burn and your guests will all gripe.

But grilling an ENTRAIL is really not hard:

Just use a high heat so the skin will get charred,

Then cut into slices or place in a bun. Kick back and enjoy it—your cooking is done!

=YOMAMA, Houston TX

CF-2. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (6 3)

A. Seven toads (a box), well-ground

B. Veggie peelings, oven-browned

C. Seven wilted flower buds

D. Lychees, badly bruised, with spuds

Mix up well; by teaspoon, force It down the throat (your kid's, of course). =DANDR. Sacramento CA CF-3. LETTER BANK (^4 ^4, *6 5) (neither MW)

If you're a contestant on SHORTER And cheese is assigned to your group, Use garlic, some broth, and some veggies,

And whip up a nice LONGER soup. =JANGLER, Chappaqua NY

CF-4. PHONETIC TRANSPOGRAM (*4-5, 8) (TOUPEES = *4-5 = not MW)

As I sat in the bistro and gazed at my date,

I saw something odd with the meal on her plate.

The cooked gastropods resembled the winner

Of 2013's Oscars, and not like dinner. She noticed it too, and asked "Why'd we go

To a place that would serve us these TOUPEES PISTOU?"

=B-SIDE, Somerville MA

CF-5. DELETION (9, 8)
PHONETIC DELETION (9, 7)
(KAPLEET = 7 = +)

Lucrezia Jones is a deadly COMPETE Who flirts with the fellows she sees on the street.

She'll ask one to join her for salmon COMPLETEs

(With coniine carrots and botulin beets), Then, when he's KAPLEET, and without begging pardon,

She'll bury the stiff in her vegetable garden.

=TREESONG, Cleveland OH

CF-6. TRANSPOSAL (6, *6, *6) (ONE, TWO, THREE; TWO = not MW) LETTER BANK (5 4, 7 2, 13) (FIRST, SECOND, LAST; FIRST, SECOND = not MW)

I spied some FIRST stacked on a plate. Their tart aroma sent me fast Into a ONE, a trancelike state Where I recalled a bygone date:

**Reminders of things past . . . * * *

Chris Morse I glimpsed while half-awake (Contana '99, I reckoned).

"TWO," I asked, "How do you make Your squares of citrus-flavored cake?"

"My FIRST?" he answered, "Easy! Take Some powdered sugar, flour, a shake Of salt, some butter (real or fake); Combine these in a pan and bake Until the crust begins to flake; Give four fresh eggs a gentle quake, Pour in some sugar, flour, then slake With juice of . . . Oh, for goodness sake, I've talked and talked without a break. I'm not the type, make no mistake, Who blathers, yaks, or SECOND . . ."

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French author THREE wrote long ago Of cakes evoking times of LAST. Nostalgia *can* be triggered so; When your "FIRST moment" comes, you'll know.

Reminders of things past. =T MCAY, Aurora CO

CF-7. OVERLOADED THIRD-TO-SIXTH CHANGEOVER (7)

The waiter we had was attentive and sweet:

The raw fish in citric acid was great. They're pricy, I grant, but you just cannot beat

Their CITRUS-BASED WAITER SERVED RAW — UM, NO, WAIT. =TAHNAN, Arlington MA

CF-8. PHONETIC TERMINAL DELETION (3 5, 5)

"Hey, Charlie, look! We found a map! A map to CANDY Mountain. Now Let's take a trip to CANDY Moun-Tain. Come on, Charlie, you old cow!" "All right, I'll go." "Yippee! Hooray!" And so this troupe set out to find A mountain made of CANDY. First They had to cross a bridge. Behind The other unicorns' backs. Char-Lie said, "I know there's really not A CANDY Mountain. It would melt. The sun would melt it. It's too hot! And all that would be left would be A pond of milk. And where would so Much milk be, anyway?" "I heard That! There's a mile still left to go." And soon the group arrived. "It's real! There really is a mountain made Of CANDY!" Charlie cried. Around The mountain's base they found was laid A lot of AND, big piles of rocks: All sizes, pebbles, stones, and boul-Ders, "Yum! The AND is made of CAN-DY!" Now they all enjoyed their goal. =/dev/joe, Salem, MA

CF-9. TRANSDELETION (9, 8, 2 5) TRANSDELETION (7, 6, 5)

The *chef de cuisine* was both SEVEN and EIGHT;

Both able and tricky. He'd put on the plate

Some pasta (TWO FIVE), but not made out of wheat —

Instead, fresh zucchini would make up that treat.

He'd NINE it by pressing it under a pot, Then topped it with pigeons — no, FIVE — piping hot.

This crazy technique — how'd he learned how it works?

On YouTube; those SIX were the source of his quirks.
=CORSAGE, Macford GM

CF-10. FALSE VEGETARIAN OPTION (8, 4)

My Franglais-speaking friend prepares Delicious barbecue. He's from Quebec, but still you'd think He was half-Texan too.

He EIGHTs his ribs with pecan smoke
And spice blends all his own.
Each bite is flavored through and
through,
From tender bark to bone.

I asked him where he learned to make His famous recipe And learned his training had a real Paternal pedigree.

"Mon FOUR — he taught me all I know.

He loves to use cayenne.

Hélas! Ma mère abstains since she's

Une végétarienne."

=SOUTHWEST, Holbrook MA

CF-11. OVERLOADED LETTER BANK (8, 4 7)

Boil it, steam it, or bake it. As long as it's fruity, I'll take it. Sometimes it's sweetened with spices. I always enjoy a good ICES. =WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

CF-12. HETERONYM (5 4 4; 2 8. 3)

Cheers! Cheers! Good for the heart! Find us some pintos and kidneys to start.

When I was a lad, my mother would call

When the A. When it comes to those limas, may all

Your questions B needs the real facts to get smart.

Cheers! Cheers! Good for the heart! =NEWROW, Brookline MA

CF-13. REBUS [5 5]

BEPS

Tonight, a movie (Hitchcock's *Marnie*)
Served up with chili con carne.
Throw into a copper pot:
Habañeros (make it hot!),
Onions, REBUS, cubes of beef,
Garlic, cumin, bay (a leaf),
Diced tomatoes, cup of beer.
Stir it up and bring some here!
=raw, Ogdensburg NY

CF-14. CHANGE OF HEART (5, 8, 8, 5) (POTTIER, MEAN, PETTIER, MOAN)

The POTTIER journalist Hunter S. Thompson

Declared that of all of the foods that one chomps on,

The best is the chickpea or PETTIER bean

 $(Cicer\ arietinum);$ some brutish and MEAN

Folks declare the fifth element's aether, or what

Forms the core of MOAN acid, or Leeloo (say), but

It's this *bean* that's the cosmic quintessence, outstripping

Mere matter! (Of course, at the time he was tripping.)

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

CF-15. TRANSPOSAL (*6, 6)

The peasants pick the oranges And age the fine champagne. STAR SIX posits they'll rise up To seize the fruit and grain.

So raise on high your tasty SIX To those who farm and cook: A pretty bubbly orange drink To match the small red book. =BATHOS, Somerville MA

CF-16. LAST-LETTER CHANGE (7)

What is chocolate mousse made of?
What is chocolate mousse made of?
HONED egg whites,
And cocoa: delights.
That's what chocolate mousse is made of.
What are mint juleps made of?
What are mint juleps made of?
Sugar and mint
With HONEY (a hint),
That's what mint juleps are made of.
=SPROUT, Somerville MA

CF-17. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (54)

- A. The recipe starts easy (flour, One part) with no ado.
- B. One part of eggs, but soft! Lest bro-Ken shells fall in there, too.
- C. Next, sugar one part, natch and stir.

(The sweetness is divine!)

D. Enfold one part of butter, bake, And, yum! This sure tastes fine!=G NATURAL, New York NY

CF-18. BEHEADMENT (6) CURTAILMENT (6) (CARE = NI3)

She went to great lengths to prepare this one meal,

And CARE the potatoes was part of the deal.

The spaetzle were perfect. The cake was sublime.

Its intricate ARE took her plenty of time.

The brisket had bathed in a nice marinade.

She sliced it quite thin. Much attention was paid

To every last detail (yes, last — that is right).

She added the CAR. He'd be dead by tonight.

=LIRATH, Pocatello ID

CF-19. BEHEADMENT (7) (UTS = NI3)

I'm losing my head Over tropical fruits, Going nuts over NUTS And NUTS over UTS. =8, Cambridge MA

CF-20. PHONETIC [flat type withheld] (5 2 1 5 3 5) (second 5 = not MW usage; rubric and reading include non-MW material)



Herewith, a brief food-flat tutorial: An orange is a fruit, not a tuber. Regarding food puzzles pictorial, Be sure you know SOUP is a suber. =RUBRICK, Sunnyvale CA

CF-21. PALINDROME (*4 5 7 2 5) (*4 = not MW)

At six o'clock sharp, we expect to arrive Ms. Campbell, as part of a party of five. She'll let out a scream (or two, three or four),

Demanding a dish that she's not had before.

But it's not cause for panic, this chick to appease;

The craft of our cooking is certain to please.

We'll turn to Mideastern cuisine. It's no crime

If the food isn't fresh, or even on time. Perhaps with a garnish of apple or mango,

We'll dawdle an hour, and then serve THREE TO TANGO.

=WALLY BERGER, Villeville NN

CF-22. TRANSPOSAL (7) FIRST-TO-LAST CHANGEOVER (7)

My son — quite a brat, the young lad — Enjoys eating out with his dad.
The boy's quite a finicky eater:
KALES only will SLAKE the young feeder.

All that he will put on his fork
Is chili pepper-flavored pork.
"Look, dad, a cantina-like venue . . .
And OMEN is found on the MENU!"
=NOAM, Brooklyn NY

CF-23. HETERONYM (5 5, 4 2 1 3) (clued in order)

My pre-teen family picnics I
Recall, with sides impressing —
Like penne, olives, peppers, tossed
In vinegary dressing.
These days I get nostalgic
At the merest little sensing
Of fresh TEN SING, which always will
Remind me of my TENSING.
=TINHORN, Los Angeles CA

CF-24. BIGRAM SHIFT (^8 ^3, 6 5) (clued in order, neither MW)

My friend Walter teaches chem. Hobbies? Walt's got lots of them. He told me yesterday with pride, "I've started something on the side — A little business in my kitchen." What, I wonder? Now I'm itchin' To discover what he's "cooking", So I visit him at home. I'm looking Through his window: Walter, white With powder, catches me in sight, Confronts me, and I gasp for breath. "Oh my God! It's CRYSTAL METH!" I cry, but Walter laughs at me. "I'm simply CRY ALMS TETH", says he. Why this hobby? I don't know. Maybe Walter needs the dough? =XEMU, Bridgewater NJ

CF-25. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (9)

- A. Send a package, picked with care, For my lady love so fair:
- B. Red roses for her cheeks so flush, The center of her spreading blush;
- C. Bells to grace her dainty feet, And sing her name with notes so sweet:
- D. Alluring gems to match her eyes, Where blue-green depths do hypnotize;

And combs of pearl for hair so brown, With dark, rich curls cascading down. =NEENDY, Dallas TX

CF-26. HOMONYM (5, 7)

When Dragonfly and husband came to dine one summer's night,

I thought I'd make holubtsi 'cause they always turn out right.

(They're cabbage rolls.) But I used leaves of Swiss WORD for a change. I bundled leaves round filling, and

then threw them in the range. But though I'd used a lot of sauce

(tomato) on those things,
Those leaves got WHIRRED. Oh, how
I hate these unsuccessful flings!
=LIBRA, Issaquah WA

CF-27. REVERSAL (7)

"There's hairs in my soup! Can't you tell that they're there?"

"So what should I do? Please do not despair."

"I'd call this soup WARTS, that sits in my plate.

So I'll skip straight to STRAW; for that I can't wait."

"I'll take it , good sir, so others can't see.

If anyone sees it, they'll want some for free."

=ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

CF-28. OVERLOADED TRANSPOSAL (6)

Salem, Massachusetts is a tourist trap, you know.

They even have a place for bread and Hawthorne fans to go.

Where salt, egg, onion, sesame are baked into the dough

Or poppy seed or rye or everything shaped like an O.

There are no other flavors 'cause their business cannot grow . . .

The number's in the name: The House of Seven ^HERE YOU GO.

=JEFFURRY, New York NY

CF-29. PARTIALLY OVERLOADED CONSONANTCY (^4, 6; ^4, 8) (first ^4 = IRON; second ^4 = MAN; 6, 8 = SPECIAL)

If you've got a nerdy sweetheart who's a fan of Asian dinner

When it's date night I believe you'll find this one-two punch a winner. Go see the newest IRON MAN; that

sci-fi flick is awesome! And then share a pair of entrees and make sure they SPECIAL sauce 'em.

=SPELVIN, Providence RI

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CF-30. LETTER BANK (5, 8)
(NOSE, NONSENSE)
REVERSAL (*4'1, 5) (KAOS,
SOAK) (KAOS = not MW)
REVERSED PALINDROME
DELETION [3 3] (YO
NOUB, BUY)

This NONSENSE at Starbucks is overly strong; the Caffeine's coming out of my NOSE! At KAOS, I'll BUY a YO NOUB and I'll SOAK it Three minutes or so, I suppose.

CF-31. LETTER BANK (7, 10, 6 6) (SIX SIX = findable)

=NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA



=TOONHEAD!, Boston MA

CF-32. ENIGMATIC REBUS (7, 3 4 2)

The intensive sense is widely condemned in college handbooks but it is nonetheless standard. There is no stigma attached to it in negative contexts and when qualified by a dependent clause. The denotation is, of course, slightly different. Another emphatic sense of this word has developed more recently and occurs mostly in informal contexts.

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Yes, grinding and casing and curing are boring; this process can seem without end. Don't exaggerate, though; it takes hours to make a SOLUTION PHRASE epochs, my friend.

=QAQAQ, West Hollywood CA

CF-33. TRANSPOSAL (5 5, 5 5) (TRACK SHOES = not MW)

Brown-bagged it at my desk, again. What did I pack to eat? Same old sandwich, can of pop, But hold on, here's the treat! Crumble-topped fruit-filled TRACK SHOES

Laced neat with cinnamon.

Now back to "work"— I'm forging chains

Of SHORTCAKES one by one.

=VAPOR, Hell's Kitchen

CF-34. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (6)

On my hot dog I SOUP mustard, Ketchup, SOUP, and onions, too! Top that off with frozen custard! Strange, but I think it's so COUP! =WABBIT, Montreal QC

EXTRAS

X-1. VERTICAL ANAQUIP (9 7 4 4 7 2 4 3 4 3 4 6 2 3 4 2 3 4.)

AAAACCEEEEHHLLNOOPPRSTTUV IMTVERETUYIOHNAITAHOGDNNE ETENATUOMEOCACDNHTCDNWTOR =raw, Ogdensburg NY

FORM

F-1. VWLLSS TRNCTD NVRTD PRMD

Across:

- 1 Former species of birds who sing "Drink your teeeea!" (Birder's Hdbk)
- 2 Large wading bird
- 3 Smallest of the Sterninae
- 4 Sondheim's "Green Finch and ____ Bird"
- 5 Canada ____

Down:

- 1 East Indian broadbill
- 2 ____ parrot, either of two Australian birds
- 3 The hoopoe is its national bird
- 4 Begin a voyage on the *Albatross*, as the Sea Hawks did
- 5 "____, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared to dream before . . .":

 The Rayen.
- 6 Cane, cot, cow and sallow, for example [NPL]
- 7 White, yellow or ruby follower
- 8 Bird of canyon or marsh
- 9 Peacock's mate
- 10 American zoologist after whom a phoebe was named
- =AI, Charlottesville VA

X-2. HEADHUNTING — by ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

The first letter of each answer is out of place when entered in the diagram. Thus, if the answer to a clue were THUS, it would be entered as HTUS, HUTS or HUST.

Across

- 1 Mostly separate rocky stones (5)
- 5 Runners say vehicles maintaining limits of performance (7)
- 10 Weakens one of these to retain nitrogen (5)
- 11 Stern female provides new weapons (6)
- 12 Arranging date, peers like some housewives? (9)
- 14 Interest in factory easily

influenced (6)

- 15 Early period I name impressive (7)
- 16 Author with delight over story (4)
- 18 Leak visit to part of web (7)
- 21 Slander leader of Armagh and St. Patrick primarily with language they might understand (7)
- 24 Practice fighting in yard (4)
- 26 Versatile near top rank (7)
- 27 Disturbed regular drunk (6)
- 29 Cross lake to get north of most

- birds (9)
- 30 Top cardinal is behind church ultimately (6)
- 31 Misses welcoming leader of emigrating highlanders (5)
- 32 Leaves odd parts of seedless herbs (7)
- 33 Head of team demands samples of work (5)

Down

- 1 Sea urchin lacking a source of RNA metamorphoses into . . . sea urchin (7)
- 2 Searches initially for perils (6)
- 3 Attachment to muscle is weight gaining objective (6)
- 4 Appear to be sound from space (4)
- 5 Lots of shots rough on those in our league (7)
- 6 First person to be caught in snares by English tramp (7)

- 7 Evolves dropping rare duplicates (9)
- 8 Make sharper drinks the wrong way (5)
- 9 Hardy character with a mounting advantage (5)
- 13 Older relative next to sign for storage facilities (9)
- 17 Yield victory to be among broken hearts (7)
- 19 They alert contest personnel (7)
- 20 Consume in home with least water? (7)
- 22 Fairbanks and others could be iciest (6)
- 23 Seizes both ends of garter snakes (6)
- 24 Excellent American writer comprehends Dutch verse (5)
- 25 Shark's sister is dope, dumping Juan (5)
- 28 Vibe perhaps not completely related to hearing (4)

related to hearing (4)											
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X-3. ANAQUIP ("2 2 *3! 2 3 5 2 5 3! *1 4 6 4 6 11!" 4 2 3 4.)

ACT AID ALA ATE CAR DMY EDI IMM IMU ING ION LYS NEE NGI NOO NTO OFF OHM PRI RMI SGO STS VER YGO =BEYOND. Lake Forest IL

X-4. VERTICAL ANAQUOTE (3 3 6 2 9'1 4 2 3 4 6. *6 *8)

ADEEEHILNOOPSTUWYYYEACHSRLMLDSAATGAITYKRNNEOOCBUSASOJNIIT=LADO LA LI/TI, Boston MA

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

ATE CEI CLO DAB DTH GET HER LAN MOS MOS OMP REL SEL SFI SON SPA STE SWA TAL THA TNO TSO TST YTO =TREESONG, Cleveland OH

X-6. VERTICAL ANAQUOTE (4 3 5 2 4 8, 3 4 8 3 3 6 4 3 4. ^6 ^5)

AEEEEHLLLNNOOOORRSTUUVWYY IDLOTYLOVSUEILTESSOHLAFLW ERISLEASIATNATOICRSGTDNGH =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

X-7. VERTICAL ANAQUOTE (4 5 5 12 2 6 4 8 5 6 4 6. *3 *8)

AABDEEEGIIIILNOOORSSSTTTUV EHAETTTIBESUAEBNSSRTTNOON EMAGHTTHRABOEHNTIMAMSRBETX =WITZ, Vancouver BC

X-8. SHUFFLED VERSE

* C D _ D E B E _ _ - A _ _ E D _ / E E _ F I E P S B E N E H E E . R H N _ N M N R T E L T H L S E A T I O L U O U U T Y S U I R U N D = NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

JUNE SOLUTIONS

- 1. tor on Sardinia [to Ronsard, in I (=je), a (=un)] 2. antic, Cincinnati 3. zineb [zine, B] 4. peccadillo, deck a pillow 5. mirths, Irish Mist, Mrs. Smith's 6. RUBICund, ONset 7. Metro station; met roast, eh? shun 8. blare, Beer Barrel 9. spot, despot 10. overdid, Verdi 11. jack-of-all-trades, track of all jades 12. baggier, bigger 13. Valkyrie, kyrie 14. sent, Tennessee 15. potshot, hotspot 16. throned, the North End 17. Lumumba, "La Bamba" 18. hackless 19. cereus, serious 20. sim-i/p-le; ver-s/v-e 21. tonic, concoction 22. *Iolanthe*, in a hotel 23. perpet-r/u-ate 24. San Diego, sandy Eggo 25. chalcogen, deet, Chaldee, cogent 26. bachelor approachable 27. prying fan, frying pan 28. Escoffier; coffee, essay 29. martial, Marshall, marshal 30. comedians, second-incommand 31. carioca, karaoke 32. s(at)ur(at)e 33. Giant, initiating 34. recaptions, *Sorcerer's Apprentice*
- C-1. Only one man on the front of our circulating currency was neither president nor shot by a vice president.
- C-2. Due to budget cuts, energy costs and the economy, the light at the end of the tunnel has been turned off.
- C-3. Myths say mermaids lured sailors to their deaths. Maybe they heard sirens, pulled over, and ran aground.
- C-4. Brickmason, working late in Chinese eatery, slept at site with tray beside him, cot between a wok and a hod place.
- C-5. Sheathing capitol in pink granite negates need for rose-colored glasses

- when viewing Texas politics.
- C-6. Did you know Anne Rice had trouble interviewing vampires? She kept leaving her daytime phone number.
- C-7. Samson, wagering hugely, poses riddle. Stumped in-laws pressure spouse for solution. Much mayhem ensues.
- X-1. Rows: birthday; Oneida, martenot; decrepit, El Paso; Winston, eastern; current, novella; girder, accident; homage, senorita; awkward, reveres; leaner, pedestal; despises.

Light Blooms: petrel, sleeve, contra, period, Warren, curing, entail. Medium Blooms: Dayton, stoner, O'Brien, Mohawk, svelte, satire, Martha,

Dark Blooms: reason, slates, leased, ragged, winced, Nordic, eats in, sipped. Dedicatee: Rose Ingols (daughter of 42itous and not here, F-4. born 2/21/13).

X-2. A crime scene is like real estate. It's all about location, location, location. Jeffery Deaver

X-3. Don't let appearances fool you. There's always only one reality. H. Murakami

X-4. Water droplets on the pasture grass fractured the sun into crimson sparks. John Verdon

X-5. Life is like playing a violin solo in public and learning the instrument as one goes on. S. Butler

X-6. I see trees of green, red roses too/I see them bloom for me and you/and I think to myself what a wonderful world/Bob Thiele & George Weiss

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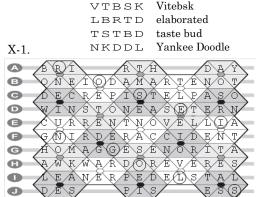
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F-1. BRKLNDDGRS Brooklyn Dodgers NTNLLGRS National Leaguers LSNGLS Los Angeles Pirates PRTS SS SS

AB, Aaron, Keitel, lines up, one-liners, delegates, Douglas, gears, Rays, A's

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C-1. Humbled.

CAZIQUE, Brooklyn NY

IKB BUNIHP MZSBU CHP ME *MQLQZI VPRTIHLPMX YQI *N VHQFU EHI IKNES HC MERIKNEL OBEBPMYFB HP XMGBZINV IH ZMR.

C-2. Touched.

LEXMAN, East Moline IL

FATGHQM WNQRBF WI WNIFT IO CIV PNI WIIB WHUT IVW IO CIVS JVFC GIRZTRWHIR WI PHFN UT NQAAC JHSWNLQC.

C-3. Battle of words.

(see note)

raw, Ogdensburg NY

LMNOP LNQR NL *N*S*T*L: "UVUW, TPXYW ZO OTWQQWU AZLP N *T-*P!" "BX' CNCN UXWO ^TWYYB ^TMWOO TVDDQWO!" "BXV OTWQQ QZRW *UNY *EVNBQW!"

C-4. Done!

BEYOND, Lake Forest IL

*D ICMB YJLXNWBWS LO VDFMB LRFRBAJE! *D MBRFBWS GRNZDEP GAWE *D GRM JEW OWRF JNS RES ICMB VDEDMAWS RB VJFBO-BGJ.

C-5. C note.

NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

SNDDTCT RERTH SEXT MESJ ZQLU MEA CHEAT.
ZHQLLTF QF HTA NF KHNFL SNOTH:
"RDECQEHQBT MTLLTH ZTM WQLTW!"

C-6. Sandwich.

QOZ, Redmond WA

NLFRGDZYQG: *VZLNDFJA NZ *VZLNDFJA, XMNB *FQINMJ TGNXGGJ. / ^RZZAZZ FJA TFLTGWQG, DZTINGL IQJIOLGGJ!

C-7. Write away. (GVF = non-MW usage) LIRATH, Pocatello ID * E Z B U M F J Y R D M F Q E G U M P M U R J W B Z S U B M F U J W D W F A V Z B T V W U J R . G V F P W J B W T J V B G J W E U W G V F P W J B W V H T J V B W .