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The National Puzzlers' League

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EDITOR'S MUSINGS

Quicks?lver has volunteered to take over the solutions editorship. I have asked Alaraph to make him the recipient of emails sent to solutions@puzzlers.org. Since he lives in the Philippines, he worries that mail sent via USPS may not reach him in time. Lirath has agreed to accept such snail-lists and forward them electronically to Quicks?lver. See the masthead for Lirath's address.

At the Austin Convention, Witz passed on a challenge from Andreas to the Board. He challenged each board member to create a flat for the September issue, in order to encourage the Krewe to contribute more. Every board member contributed something: five of us constructed flats, Fuldu resurrected his prior editorship and wrote a cryptogram, and Willz put on his Historian hat and created a report on the attendance at NPL Conventions.

Apparently the challenge had some effect, even before publication, because the puzzle count has increased significantly from last month. Thanks to all contributors. Need I say, keep it up?

UPCOMING EVENTS

Equinox 57: Condiments — by Hot

NPLers are invited to the 57th Semi-Annual Equinox Word Games Party.

Date: Saturday, September 21, 2013
Time: 6:00 — wall games, chatting, noshing
7:00 — the program begins
Place: Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists
1924 Cedar Street (at Bonita Avenue),
Berkeley, CA
Donation: \$8 (to pay for the space)
Theme: Heinz 57 Varieties
Bring: Snacks / food / non-alcoholic drinks
Recyclable/compostable implements for consuming them
A pencil
Friends who like word puzzles

If you would like to contribute a game or puzzle, please get in touch with Hot (hot@puzzlers.org).

Prime 2 — by Maso

Announcing the first PacificNorthWest Regional Intermittent Minicon Experience or PRIME. (Note — Since this is the first PRIME, it will be officially known as number 2.) PRIME 2 will be held in Portland on the second weekend of November, Friday, November 8 and Saturday, November 9. Everyone is invited but most especially those in the Portland and Seattle areas. PRIME 3, the second in what we hope will be a continuing series of gatherings, will be held in or near Seattle in the springtime, (the only pretty ring time).

There will be a mini-extravaganza along with assorted games including It Takes Two (the game formerly known as Doubles Jeopardy), puzzles, food and fun. Let Maso know if you will be able to come. maso@puzzlers.org

Westchester Crossword Tournament — by Willz

The 17th annual Westchester Crossword Puzzle Tournament will take place Friday, Sept. 27 (7:30-9:45 pm), at the Westchester Table Tennis Center, in Pleasantville, NY. The event will feature unpublished Monday-Thursday puzzles from the New York Times. The cost to compete is \$30, which includes coffee and dessert. All the money raised goes to the Pleasantville Fund for Learning. New this year is a crossword/ping-pong biathlon event. The top four solvers who also signed up for the biathlon will play off on two ping-pong tables in the rear of the room while everyone else watches. There are also prizes for Juniors, Seniors, Rookies, Locals, and Doubles. Regular crossword constructors and editors can't compete, but are welcome as officials. NPLers are invited to my house afterward for a party. Sign-up can be done at the door. For more information, see www.pffl.org or call 914-769-9128.

LOCAL PUZZLING GROUPS

Krewe in the NY/NJ area convenes for a solving get-together at noon on the last Sunday of every month at a location that is announced to that list. If you

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(If you maintain a list or schedule events for a local NPL puzzling group, send details to me at editor@puzzlers.org.)

NPL CONVENTION ATTENDANCE by Willz

Modern NPL convention-goers may be surprised to learn that attendance of 100+ members is historically far from the norm. The first convention in New York City in 1883 had 28 attendees, and thereafter the number tended to range between 15 and 25. At least eight early conventions had attendance in the single digits, the nadir being five, in Atlantic City in July 1913.

The conventions before the 1920s would hardly be recognizable to NPLers today. They were one-day affairs, usually at a rented hall, and usually consisting entirely of a business meeting, at which reports would be read, issues debated, and elections held. It's not surprising so few people would attend.

In the 1920s the affairs expanded to two or three days, and entertainments and excursions were added to the program. Occasionally there would be puzzle competitions — although nothing like the extended puzzle and game sessions we have today. Attendance picked up. During the 1920s and '30s it averaged about 75. The peak was 165, in Philadelphia in September 1938. Conventions in those days were held twice a year, over Washington's Birthday and Labor Day weekends.

During W.W. II the conventions were halted. When they resumed in 1946, they never got back their former strength. Partly this was due to the NPL's membership, which was both shrinking and aging. The attendance highs during this period were 71 in Boston in 1947 and 43 in New York in 1948, and the numbers slid from there. The convention frequency dropped as well, from twice to once a year, starting in 1955. The last two conventions of the old era, in Wilmington, Del. (1957), and Pasadena, Calif. (1958), had just 12 and 11 members, respectively. The 1958 attendees were all locals.

I joined the League in 1972, and Helene (then known as Ginger Ella) in 1973. Together, as friends, we decided to restart the conventions, this time with a full program of word games, puzzles, and entertainments, and a business meeting as brief as possible. Helene hosted the event in her hometown of Princeton, and I directed the program. Twenty-five members and five guests came.

Since then the conventions have continued annually, with the attendance growing considerably, as shown by the chart below. There have now been 17 conventions in a row in which more than 100 members have attended, with no diminution of interest in sight.

AUGUST HINTS AND SEPTEMBER EASY LIST

4 — The original phrase is hinted at in the first half of the verse.
12 — The first solution is a noun acting as an adjective.
17 — One word in the solution is clearly defined; one is interlingual.
Easy List: 6, 19, 20, 21, 25, 35, 36, 45, 49, 54, 56, 62, 70.

This year the NPL is 130 years old, and at least as far as conventions go, we're living in our golden age.

		<u>Members*</u>	<u>Total**</u>	<u>Host</u>
1976	Princeton, N.J.	25	30	Ginger Ella
1977	Buffalo	23	34	Mangie
1978	Princeton	40	50	Ginger Ella
1979	Stamford, Conn.	45	55	Fairfield County Puzzlers
1980	Princeton	58	75	Ginger Ella
1981	Syracuse	41	49	Brutus
1982	Indianapolis	45	60	George Groth
1983	New Brunswick, N.J.	65	82	Ginger Ella
1984	White Plains, N.Y.	56	64	Ditto
1985	Boulder, Colo.	62	86	Ceres
1986	Cambridge, Mass.	69	81	Sana
1987	Charlottesville, Va.	61	69	Ai, George Groth
1988	Berkeley, Cal.	58	70	Trazom
1989	Cleveland	65	72	Joker
1990	Clearwater Beach, Fla.	47	57	Quip, Poi
1991	Toronto	65	79	Fraz
1992	San Diego	71	77	Grinch
1993	New York	93	110	Helene
1994	Montreal	93	113	Wabbit, R/EDS
1995	Portland, Ore.	88	100	Sibyl, Smaug
1996	Chicago	86	97	Minimus
1997	Washington, D.C.	103	116	George Groth
1998	Atlanta	102	106	Qaqaq
1999	Big Sky, Mont.	100	116	Uncanny
2000	San Francisco	129	154	Trazom
2001	Newark	132	142	Tyger
2002	Vancouver	113	139	Witz, Andreas, Dart, Kite
2003	Indianapolis	127	134	Ember
2004	Cambridge	177	206	Sue++, Sidhe, Saxifrage
2005	Los Angeles	141	155	Elfman, Bluff, Artistry
2006	San Antonio	128	144	Rebel
2007	Ann Arbor, Mich.	142	154	Neuromancer, Nubianamy
2008	Denver	149	164	T McAy
2009	Baltimore	150	175	Arcs, Pfire, QED
2010	Seattle	150	182	Aardvark, Qoz, Slik
2011	Providence	162	173	Geneal
2012	Portland, Ore.	154	164	Maso
2013	Austin	138	160	Expelliarmus, Bonus

* Includes any NPL member who attends the convention, no matter how briefly.

** Includes family members and friends of the Krewe who spend a significant amount of time at the convention activities (generally a meal or at least one game session for a family member, or at least two sessions for other guests); children must be old enough to participate in some meaningful way in order to be counted.

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JULY AFTERNOTES

19 — The concept of “ex-” as an indicator of a predecessor caused some concern among test solvers and some Krewe. We took “ex-wife” as an example with the logic that one’s ex-wife is the predecessor of one’s current wife. However, from that woman’s point of view, she was a wife before she was an ex-wife. Any ideas for a better title for this flat type?



SEPTEMBER PUZZLES

- 10 — 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.
- 11, 50 — Qoz/Earl E. Byrd. 13 — Tyger/Lirath.
- 16 — Ember/Wrybosh. 19 — Newrow/Canew.
- 23 — In a Splitting Headache the solution is split into two parts, each of which is beheaded to form a new word. *Example*: anagram; nag, am.
- 25 — Hot/Lirath. 26, 59 — Qoz/Sanit.
- 29 — What's interesting about this one?
- 32 — Hot/Iolanthe.
- 33 — The contents of the verse do not necessarily represent those of the editor or of the NPL.
- 36-40 — These flats were written by members of the NPL Board, as referenced in the Editor's Musings on page 1.
- 42 — Qoz/Wrybosh. 49 — Beyond/Joker.
- 62 — YoMama/Lirath.
- 63 — In an isomorph, the words have the same cryptogram pattern. *Example*: fifteen, usually.
- 69 — Phonetics are a bit loose.
- 70 — Groucho/Lirath.
- F-6 — Entries have MW or VideoHound as source tags.
- X-1, X-5, X-10 — Arrange the 2×2 blocks of letters like mosaic tiles to form a rectangular array, then read the quote in the normal left-to-right, top-to-bottom order. The [columns \times rows] configuration of the mosaic follows the enumeration. See the example in the box to the right.
- X-6, X-8, X-9, X-13 — 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-3 — Welcome, new constructor Yodaughter!

MOSAICQUOTE (4 3 6 4 3 4) [3 \times 2]

AN	IN	OW	SL	ST	YW
AD	RA	TE	DS	CE	HE

Answer: SL OW AN
DS TE AD
Slow and steady
wins the race. YW IN ST
HE RA CE

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

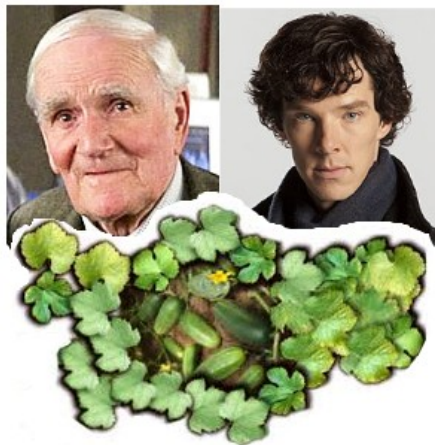


PENETRALIA

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 uncanceled with the same usage get a “^”. Enumeration for MW phrases is [bracketed] in anagrams and flat types where non-MW phrases are allowed, to wit: spoonergrams, mutations, palindromes, rebuses, heteronyms and homonyms, variations on these types, and flats labeled “freewheeling.”

Send your solution lists after October 1 to Quicksilver (solutions@puzzlers.org) or mail to LIRATH, Eric Suess, 1547 Golden Gate St., Pocatello ID 83201 (solutions@puzzlers.org). All lists must be received by 11:59 p.m. PDT on October 31.

1. FREEWHEELING NINTH-SOUND
CHANGE (*1, *11; 8 5) (*1 = non-MW usage, *11 = not MW)



=MARCUS ASPARAGUS, Los Angeles CA

2. REVERSED CONSONANTCY (*8
*4, 8) (A = *8 *4 = not MW)

If a B swamp with trees of the group
Rhizophora
Can blunt a typhoon's fierce attacks
on the shore, a
Plant ought to be bred to hold back the
typhoon
Of lame Hollywood remakes. Ben Still-
er will soon,
In the new Walter Mitty, replace Dan-
ny Kaye
(The film features, as well, Kristen
Wiig and not A),
For example, and many are now
saying “ick”
(Though not Thurber's ghost; the guy
hated Kaye's flick).
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

3. ENIGMATIC REBUS (4 4)

Eric idle

I love that ERIC IDLE
With ketchup, onions, beef.
It's best right from the oven.
Yes, that is my belief!
=LIRATH, Pocatello ID

4. CONSONANTCY (7, *8)
REVERSED CONSONANTCY
(*8, 8)

There's FIRST WORD in the capital,
where chaos does prevail;
The opposition leader killed and no
one yet in jail.
Protesters blame the government;
they say they've dropped the ball.
Most SECOND WORDs are so fed up;
Ennahda just might fall.
I wonder if democracy was ever taught
in school.
Right now it's more like anarchy
where DROW DRIHT is the rule.
=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

5. REBUS (3 *4, *4) (second *4 = not MW)

For speaking with an Irishman or Scot,
A puzzle person who lives near
Vancouver

Communicates in English. He does not
Need more than that, so I won't teach
MANEUVER.

=WROBYSH, Montville NJ

6. LETTER BANK (6, 9)

"We're breaking curfew, Harry, and
our chances will be zilch
Of getting off unpunished if we're set
upon by Filch!

Your cloak makes us invisible but
doesn't make us mute

So cut the SIX or else that NINE
might act a proper brute!"

=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

7. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (9) (NI3)

A. Curly-headed kids appear —
Some are weaker, some are stronger.

B. Kindly children, running free
Like a grazing beast, you see.

C. Let toes tingle as they run.
Let heels trample, every one.

D. Ample winner, free of fear.
(This verse: it must not be longer!)

=NEWROW, Brookline MA

8. TRANSPOSAL (7)

Neendy wrote a cryptogram
About the SCARLET na-
Ture given to her state's CARTELS.

Although I'm late (a day),
I hope that Teki runs this in

Enigma's August ish,
Because it's CLARETS (crypt was
June's).

Well, that's my fervent wish.

=NEXT LINGO, Lexington, MA

9. OVERLOADED CONSONANTCY
(*4'1, ^5 ^4) (neither MW)

The Somerville Theatre was showing
Our Idiot Brother

(Which Paul's in); the Brattle, one

Woody film after another,
Including that movie that praises the
pre-TV era.

Which picture was droller? It's close,
but I'd have to say MIRA.

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

10. PALINDROME DELETION (*8)
(NATION = *, not MW)

Hollywood couple

Russell and NATION

Went on a trip: a

NUNNATION vacation.

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

11. LETTER BANK (4, 10) (4 = NI3
spelling of 11C word)

In northern Europe, life's unkind.

The daily stresses fry my mind.

And so I seek some quietude.

I head off to the seacoast, dude!

And there I watch for birds of prey.

I spot some BANK, it makes my day.

Uncommon and majestic things,

They flap huge, brown and blackish

wings.

And as they swiftly soar and roll,

THE BIG WORD sweeps across my
soul.

=Q. BYRD, Redken WC

12. OVERLOADED FALSE
PROCESSING (^4 ^3, ^3 2 ^5)
(^3 doesn't change)

The best superhero movie I've seen?

I'd have to say that my choice is

BETWEEN.

=SANIT, Chevy Chase MD

13. CHANGE OF HEART (*7, 5, *7, 2-3) (ARE = second *7 = NI2)

At my office in northeast New Jersey I
own

A portfolio full of malevolent tales,
All Germanic in origin. My file has
grown

So extensive I can't find a thing. It
assails

Any semblance of order. I must make
an ORT

That would help me discover each
kobold and gnome.

Such as ARE ("Little Hat") who was
ugly and short,

And who lived at the Bishop of Hal-
denstein's home.

I must deal with this ORT very soon
or I'll find

That the huge stack of mail in my
OPT which contains

Lots of myth-information will boggle
my mind.

I need order! I don't like these stresses
and strains.

=TY GRATH, APE and Pocatello ND

14. WORD DELETION (8)

The ALL of old St. Anthony's had
planned it very well.

The OUT had said his Holiness would
like to see their bell.

And then the little Fiat took a route
that went through hell

Which left the *IN ALL saddened. She
retired to her cell.

=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

15. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (*6, 6) (TEA = not MW)

I love to drink TEA,

A magnificent blend.

They serve it at SEA

When mourning the end.

=WITZ, Vancouver BC

16. DELETION (6)

Mocha LATTE say of *LATE,

"We think our noble work here's great."

=WALLY BERGER, Villeville NN

17. LETTER BANK (4-9, ^1 ^4 ^3 ^9 ^4) (ARTS = NI2-inferable; TARTS = not MW)

No quantity of lucre could induce a
Person with a craspedote medusa
(Whose genus bears Medusa's son's
son's name)

As one of his two parents to do lame,
Crude, bacchanal-themed comedies
like TARTS.

(It has Sudeikis in it, but no ARTS.)

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

18. TRANSPOSAL (*9, 9) (HEAD = August Enigma, TAIL = NI3 variant of 11C word)

HEAD,

TAIL by moldy rye bread,

Went to the Austin con

And madly carried on.

=TREESONG, Cleveland OH

19. PHONETIC REBUS (3 4 2 3)



Let's down MAYONNAISE

To tolerate days

Of warm summer haze.

=NEWNEW, Broobana ML

20. LETTER BANK (5, 5 3)
(5 3 = not MW)

The barbecue's over, we had lots of fun.
We're sitting around in the hot Texas
sun.

I'm covered with BREADING and
thirsty, you bet.

I really want something that's
Southern and wet

"Hey, go find the sugar!", I call to my
niece,

"And brew us a batch of cold
GINGERBREAD, please!"

=YOMAMA, Houston TX

21. TRANSPOSAL (3 4, 3 4) (clued in
order) (DARE = inferable)

I been a prospector 22 years,
Little to show but muh sweat and muh
tears.

He is a tourist who dug on a DARE,
Quickly hit READ. Oh, this life ain't
no fair!

=NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

22. LETTER BANK (7, 11)

I said to my LONG with a slow, heavy
sigh,

"The girls see my do and think I'm a
sweet guy.

Looking nice is okay, but I'd rather be
SHORT.

You know the chicks fall for a sleazier
sort."

=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

23. SPLITTING HEADACHE (11)
(clued in order)

You want the cabin's mantel painted
blue?

That wouldn't match the BIGGER's
LITTLE FEW.

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

24. PHONETIC FALSE ADHERENT
(7, *6 5) (PRISS'D = *6 5 = not MW)
(can be sung by Frank Sinatra)

Spin, O Gaia, shielding me from
Helios's flame,

During the rotation bearing Artemis's
name!

(In PRISM words, let PRISS'D come.
Yeah, boring, but that's when *House*
shows . . .)

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

25. HETERONYM (6 8, 14) (clued in
order)

The Peter Piper lectures really could
have gone much better,

And in my front row seat that night, I
just kept getting wetter.

Each P the speakers there pronounced
just covered me with spittle.

I ONE, not TWO at such events. It
ticked me off a little.

=HATH, Bello CD

26. CONSONANTCY (6, 6, *7)

This morning in the library

I came across some poetry

That's from the nineteenth century.

The poet's name's unknown to me —

"Anonymous" is all I see.

My ONE is that the TWO is THREE.

=QOIT, Red Chase WD

27. PHONETIC REBUS (*6, *5)

VNXP

PHONIGMATIC REBUS (5 8)

√~&d

I visit STARRY, Athens, Rome

And other PLAIN when I leave home.

=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

28. METATHESIS (8, *8)
(APPETIZER = 8 = not MW)

I'm a daring foodie. I like peril with
my meal.
I love exotic grub where risk of injury
is real.
Like flaming cheesy goodness
(APPETIZER) for a start.
Dessert is cherries jubilee; the flames
excite my heart.
I go hunting for wild mushrooms and
eat any that I wish.
I go to ENTREE to eat poison fugu
pufferfish.
So if you crave adventure, more
excitement in your life,
Don't bother with skydiving. Just grab
a fork and knife!
=DONIMO, Elgin IL

29. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (9) (NI3,
but 11C-implied) (B = NI2; C = NI2)

- A. Achtung! This might be poison,
right?
*B. Rope can strangle sub or star;
C. Strangle by a cord wound tight.
D. I can hide neath heath or tar.

More like July, there's heat and light.
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

30. TRANSPOSAL (8)

In FIRST WORD, you might wonder who
Wrote an unclued verse in TWO.
=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

31. OVERLOADED PHONETIC
BEHEADMENT (11, 9)

It's the end of the world, you
Stand deep in the doo-doo,
So now is the time to
Have knowledge of VODOO.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

32. TRANSPOSAL (10, *5 *5)
(can be sung)

I'm feeling quite confused, for high up
off the ground
I'm clearly seeing something that
doesn't match its sound.

Cognitive dissonance! Upon the roof
My eye THE WORD a peasant fiddling
night and noon.
But to my ear it's no one but
THE NAME
Who plays this ersatz Yiddish tune.
=HOLA, Berkland CA

33. TRANSADE (12)

Obama likes to claim that he
And constitutionality
Are like two peas inside one pod,
PART TWO that seems a little odd.
For in that pod the mood's ENTIRE.
It's far from cordial, more like dire.

For if a law does not agree
With what Obama wants, then he
Just changes it with rank disdain.
And congressmen don't dare complain.
Their rightful powers thus decay.
Barack PART ONEs them all away.
And as they flow to him he sees
Them shrink before him on their knees.
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

34. INTERLOCK (12) (STERE =
non-MW usage)

Come on and hear, come on and hear,
Alejandra's MIRO'S band!
Come see how *STERE mujeres* here
Always hold the upper hand!
A and *dos hermanas*, armed with
guitar and trumpets, own
Guys on vihuela, violins, and guitarron!
This band is clearly one of those
MISTER ROSE . . .
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

35. HETERONYM (6, 4 “2”)

I let out a loud “Yuck!”
 Finding mold on my bread
 (Which startled, amused and
 Insulted my host).
 This wasn’t like finding
 A little REDO
 In the tub, which elicits
 A RED O at most.
 =NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

36. DELETION (6)

There once was a puzzler from Mass.
 “Please write a flat?” “No, thanks. I’ll
 pass.”
 From on high, the pressure came
 down:
 A threat to BASS me in a gown.
 So I wrote this verse under BRASS.
 =SPROUT, Somerville MA

37. LETTER BANK (8, *6 *6)
(*6 *6 = not MW)

Some MBAs seek their ONE on Wall
 Street;
 Earning a million will be so sweet.
 But anything goes on the Broadway
 stage
 For actresses trying to earn a wage.
 Take thoroughly modern TWO, a star
 Who on a TV show worked the barre.
 =MERCURY, Jenison MI

38. WORD DELETION (*3-*4; 3, 4)

If I could pass along some bits
 Of sage advice to Wesley, Witz
 The first among them all would be
 To buy no oatmeal, carrots, tea
 And LAND instead for one big crate
 Of BLANDESTs, berry-flavored. Great!
 So future hosts, please do your BEST
 To make Con’s Suite a pastry-fest.
 =EXPELLIARMUS, Austin TX

39. TRANSADE (10)

Peter keeps his wife real well
 (That’s what that poor TWO ALLs).
 Little ONE hold all the seeds
 On shelves along his walls.
 =TEKI, Austin TX

40. REVERSED CHARADE (6 5)
(*LAG, GALOOT = not MW)
(*LAG contains punctuation)

In *LAG, I saw ads listing notebooks
 for classes,
 Suspenders, hair donuts, Sunstache
 shutter glasses,
 Some butterfly clips (they’re not TOO),
 standees, wallets,
 Lock boxes and all sort of
 whatchamacallits.
 In Oxford, their English would get
 them sent packing
 Since just like this verse, the
 GALOOT it was lacking.
 =QED, Catonsville MD

41. ENIGMATIC REBUS (3) 3 5, 4 7)
(second 3 = + usage, 5 = NI3+)

Lysistrata

Said one woman, “My plan
 To make every man
 In both cities shun war is
 To get some amphoras
 So big one can free-
 Ly accommodate thee
 And some potash, let’s say,
 So when thou (with thy PLAY
 Like that Buffy (not dead
 Ones) stake vampires . . .” Said
 Lysistrata, “Let’s try
 Something less multi-
 ply
 In its structure; your scheme’s
 Twelve months long, dear, and seems
 Twisted round and complex.
 Shall we just not have sex?”
 =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

42. PHONETIC FALSE ITERATION (3, 5) (HURRY, HAVE)

I HAVE to HURRY when I cite
Silver, golden, red or white.
=QOSH, Redville WJ

43. WELDED LETTER SHIFT (4-8) (inferable)

At Moore University, we have a rule:
All things here are equal parts
business and school.
When you're in a class, you are also at
work,
So dress for success and assignments
ne'er shirk.
Our student-employees we never will
coddle
As always we follow our LETTER
SHIFT model.
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

44. PROGRESSIVE WORD DELE- TION (11) (ALL = inferable)

At first I thought what I would do
Was combiflat with Ucaoiuhu.
Together then we might be *THREE,
Whose number's here for you to see.
However, I'm not ALL, and so
Not Roman, nor do innards know;
Thus ties with Uc I must forego.
He does not ONE tomato TWO.
He loves it, just like most of you.
=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

45. LETTER BANK: (6, 7, ^5 ^5)

Actors Jaden Smith and SHORT Will
Star in *LONGER* (a film to thrill).
Set in a world of tomorrow
With survival, hope, and sorrow.
And weird new creatures, big and
strong —
Covered in fur, or many a LONG.
=TE-ZIR-MAN, Margate FL

46. REBUS (5 6 2 3)

BLT

This vegan BLT is really awesome;
who would guess
Root veggies steeped in agar, sliced,
and fried, would be so fine
A lunch? (But vegan "pigs in blankets"
wouldn't work; unless
Those SOL like piggies do in mud —
they aren't really swine.)
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

47. THIRD-SOUND CHANGE (6)

Leaking pen — it stained your shirt.
Use some HEART to purge that HURT.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

48. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (8) (N13)

- A. She really likes to play the game
But can't throw dice — a proper
shame.
- B. "Start over, gal!" the gamblers say
"A final roll might go your way."
- C. It's sad to note that once agin
Her roll is snake eyes — she's all
in.
- D. "Say what you want!" those
gamblers cry
"It's always worth another try."

But . . . "I might change my game,"
she told 'em,
"There are no rolls in Texas Hold
'Em!"
=YOMAMA, Houston TX

49. SECOND-LETTER CHANGE (7)

We danced the HOP nigh all night long
With a sliding, scraping step;
We didn't stop 'til breakfast (Spinach
HIP for strength and pep!)
=BEAKER, Chicago Heights IH

50. CONSONANTCY (^3 ^4, 6 5)
(neither MW)

I ask myself, "Who can that be
That's speeding in upon the sea?"
He's large and yellow, nearing shore.
My gosh, I think it's THREE AND
FOUR!

In just a moment, he'll arrive,
Stretched flat upon his SIX AND
FIVE.

My daughter, who espied him first,
Looks on with eyes about to burst.
"I hope", she says, "when he hits land,
He doesn't crash upon the sand!"
=Q. BYRD, Redken WC

51. ENIGMATIC REBUS (11)
(non-MW usage in reading)

gain part in cloud

Dessert was ready to be served,
We sat there all at once unnerved,
Until there came a wondrous site.
'Twas cream when opened to the light
With choux around to please the crowd.
Let's all eat now GAIN PART IN
CLOUD.
=ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

52. CON-SONANTCY (*6, *4)
(neither MW)



=CAPITAL R, Somerville MA

53. SPOONERGRAM VARIANT
(6 6 2 3, ^6 ^5 2 *4, ^5 ^6 2 ^4)
(2 is unchanged; 6 of B = inferable;
*4 = non-MW)

Inspired by the smashing success E. L.
James
Had by taking her fanfic and changing
the names,
I am doing the same with my own
Twilight fics,
Where I add lots of elves to the were-
wolf-vamp mix,
Of which those in some classes are
tricky; in one
Of the A all the students scam golfers
by run-
Ning fixed games on a course where
the Mets used to play,
Using magic to "slice" just a bit in a
way
That will let them win bets. (It seems
clear that my B,
When it's published, will *vastly* outsell
James's C!)
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

54. REVERSAL (5)

From the California men who AIR
Came the RIA trousers we all wear.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

55. WELDED TRANSPOSAL
(*6 *6 2 *6)

What was your preference, SOL Ford?
Right-thinkers: who's more adored?
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

56. LAST-LETTER CHANGE (6)

I'm vile and fierce and ROLE
(They say I'm a like a candle).
You're in a sticky ROLL;
It's more than you can handle.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

57. WELDED SYNONYM (*7 *1*1)
(part words are not MW)

A lassie from Brooklyn and one from
San Juan
Got stuck at O'Hare when a storm hit
IT'S ON.
=TREESONG, Cleveland OH

58. PROGRESSIVE BEHEADMENT
(5) (CRACK = +)

Poor Sergio's game is slumping, but
Can his pride CRACK while every putt
Slides to the left or right? Ah well, he
Can't stroke with club upon his belly.
He must learn how to RACK the ball
To win (ACK, ACK!) a match this fall.
=TURK, Dalton MA

59. OVERLOADED CONSONANTCY
(6, 5)

Loud voices in the marble halls
Reverberating off the walls,
And people running here and there;
I cannot think for all the BLARE.
=QOIT, Red Chase WD

60. PARTIALLY REVERSED WORD
DELETION (7)

"Oh, sure," Nled the clerk with a
kittenish grin,
"Our hotel is full, but I'll fit you right in.
There's plenty of room for an OUT in a
closet,
Or, maybe, if you make a special deposit
Into my account, I could upgrade your
room
To the honeymoon suite — that would
work, I assume?
Now, sir, don't be rude. I'm not ALL, I
insist.
I just hate when I see opportunities
missed."
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

61. PHONETIC TRANSDELETION
(7, 7, 4, 3) (can be sung)

His name was David, he was a shipman
Who somehow ended up on Yap,
Where the locals never SNAP
Off when pursuing their limestone
coinage,
In boats that often came to grief;
Then "His Majesty O'Keefe"
Who knew that oil's refined
From dried out nuts — the kind
That grow on Yap — took a ship and
tools to
Where the stone was mined . . .

He got copra, copra for SPANNER
(Two Mohs' scale points harder than
PAN) — a
Lot of copra! (That big banana
Lancaster APPed in
A film as this captain
Who got copra . . . and fell in love . . .)
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

62. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (4)

I took a NAP. I won't eat Spam.
That's not a CAP I'll tread. No ma'am!
=YOUR WRATH, Houcatello, TD

63. ISOMORPH (7, *7)

We REBELs love COLOR, it's true.
As much as conservatives do.
The difference: we don't need to say
It a hundred and three times a day.
=NEXT LINGO (blue), Lexington
(blue) MA (blue)

64. TRANSPOSAL (4 3, *7)

My next trip to the Orient
Will find me somewhat northern bent.
Beside Korea, I will ONE
In *TWO, where skiing is such fun.
=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

65. WELDED TRANSPOSAL (*9'1 4)

Cheeseheads love THEIR CEREAL —
Supplying raw material.
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

66. WELDED TRANSPOSAL (4 12)
(12 = NI3)

This verse
Is terse,
Each ERSE.
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

67. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (^3 ^3 ^3
^5 ^2) (not MW) (*B = all caps,
E = 9C phrase) (can be sung by
Carly Simon)

A. Ian had one dramatic
Failure, with one tale of James
*B. Cast as a memoir penned by one
of Bond's
Sexy club of dames.
C. "Low," said reviewers, "and boring
and empty,
D. Ersatz, ill-done, and quite
tasteless,
*E. Eserine-fashion." It took some
bashin'
(Like Ron's Attorney General, I
guess).
So Fleming required that Eon
Use just that book's *name*, not its plot.
(*Nobody Does It Better's* in their flick
And it's better by a lot.)
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

68. LETTER BANK (5, 4 5)

Come on now, guys, let's not get
SHORT; there's plenty here for y'all.
I spent an hour making these. No need
to beg or crawl.
So settle down and quietly enjoy the
LONGERs, all.
=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

69. PHONETIC CHANGE OF HEART
(*6, *5; *10; 12; 3 5) (3 5 = not MW)

To succeed at the restaurant business,
Be TWELVE, not reserved or demure.
Keep cake (beef- and cheese-) on the
menu,
And your customer base is secure.
From here to the Indian Ocean,
We react to a primeval drive.
SIX FIVE to the TEN, same old story.
It's true what they say, then: THREE
FIVE.
=JANGLER, Chappaqua NY

70. LAST-LETTER CHANGE (*7'1,
[4 4]) (*7'1 = COLOR = not MW)

Her beauty graced the silver screen in
Sunset Boulevard,
And after many films (and years) this
famous actress starred
In one last film, the lofty thrill called
Airport Seven Five.
Yes, COLOR COLON was a flick
where not all would survive.
=GROUCHATH, Cliffatello ND

71. DELETION (4)

Heme requires
A SIRENS SIREs.
=DISCHORRAN, Ithaca NY

72. PHONETIC PROGRESSIVE
WORD DELETION (6-7; 5, 3, 2)
(C = part of phrase)

Though ALL is quite important to
your golf stroke, I am A
To claim it matters much for kung C
punches — for B they
Much weaker if you stop once you
connect and don't go way
Beyond that point? Dunno — go ask
your [Chinese for sensei].
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

ANAGRAMS

73. CBS WILL AIR SHOW; THERE,
I'M ZANY ON IT! (^3 ^5 ^4 4 *5 *8)

74. A RANT: "KIRK NOT
STRESSED!" (^4 ^4 ^4 ^8)

75. EYE ON MAGICIANS' SCAM;
HOW TRUE IN REEL? (^3 ^3 ^3
^2 8 *7 *5)

76. "DRIVE THAT HOWARD? AY,
SIR," I'LL CRY. (^5 ^7 4 *5 *5)

77. IF SHE'S FAIR TOT (*5 3 ^5)
=TE-ZIR-MAN, Margate FL

78. HEY! A WINNER? NOT! (*7 *6)
=WABBIT, Cote St Luc QC

AMBIGRAM

79. UNRESISTIBLE FEAT (^6 10)
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

FORMS**F-1. SQUARE**

- 1 Bit
 - 2 Shoe sole rubber
 - 3 Prefix for "active"
 - 4 Conveyor belt
 - 5 State flower of Indiana
- =LEXMAN, East Moline, IL

F-2. DOUBLE SQUARE

Across:

- 1 & 3 2012 also-ran
- 2 Teen bane
- 4 Jade

Down:

- 1 Norms
 - 2 Of the form RCO-
 - 3 Two-toer?
 - 4 Permitted to borrow
- =NEWROW, Brookline MA

F-3. CRYPTIC SQUARE

- 1 Remodeled coat covers small scarf
 - 2 Couple of senators confiscating stuff one found in a black suit?
 - 3 Provide food for chief of cardiology near emergency room
 - 4 Concert hall act misdirected a long time
 - 5 Parrot goes around seabirds
- =WABBIT, Montreal QC

F-4. HYBRID LEFT WNDMLL

- 1 Mitotic thread
 - 2 20th century Spanish money
 - 3 Weather map line
 - 4 Fasten again
 - 5 Including others
 - 6 American polymath, 1914-2010 (Wikipedia)
 - 7 Protectors
 - 8 Hooking up with the Space Station again
 - 9 Influential 1867 treatise
 - 10 Proposals of candidates
 - 11 Barometer
- =NEWROW, Brookline MA

F-5. RIGHT STAR

- 1 Roman numeral
 - 2 1927 Clara Bow film
 - 3 Some Roman numerals (NI3 var.)
 - 4 Type of sausage
 - 5 Mortal
 - 6 Satirical
 - 7 Incautious, in Inverness
 - 8 Common Christmastime spelling error (OED2)
 - 9 1945 Rogers and Hammerstein film (Maltin)
 - 10 Like cheap scotch? (OED2)
 - 11 1982 Duran Duran album
 - 12 Author Stine (Wikipedia)
 - 13 Roman numeral
- =LEXMAN, East Moline, IL

F-6. VWLLSS TRNCTD PRMD

(see puzzle note)

Across:

- 1 Ethan, for one
- 2 Alexander Knox played this title role
- 3 Joad of film
- 4 Grinch of television
- 5 Fanny of film

Down:

- 1 Arthur of *Mame*
 - 2 Wallace of *Grand Hotel*
 - 3 VW of film
 - 4 Creator of *Forever Amber*
 - 5 Gable and Kent
 - 6 Murnau's "Symphony of Horror"
 - 7 Kind of eclipse
 - 8 Stupid person
 - 9 Princess voiced by Cameron Diaz
 - 10 Doris of *The Pajama Game*
- =AI, Charlottesville VA

EXTRAS

X-1. MOSAIC QUIP (2 3 4 3 6 2 3 5 7

2 4 6 8 6 4 3 8, 3 8 3'1 5.)

[6 columns, 4 rows]

AK AL AN AT AT CH DY EC EI ET
TO OU NY EL IE FF OU TC EB TH

GR HE HE IF IN IN LD MA OR OR
HE EC EV ST IC NT HA RO NT SD

TH UI UT YO
ON RT RS AI

=raw, Ogdensburg NY

X-2. VERTICAL ANAQUOTE (3 8 2 3

4 3 4 2, 3 4 3 3. *1. *1. *7)

E E H I I N N O O O S S T T T U W
T U A O T A U K T Y B L H O W O H
Y S T H H T R D E O O E A E A U U

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

X-3. LONE STAR — by ELFMAN, Granada Hills, CA

A name associated with the Golden State must be changed in the final grid to one hailing from the Lone Star State. In the across clues, there is a misprint in the definition, and in the down clues, the wordplay indicates the answer with an extra letter not entered in the grid. In clue order, the misprints and extra letters each form part of different quotations, one pointing to the name to be changed, the other indicating the name to be preferred. All words in the final grid are MW.

Across

- 1 For example, lawyer's offense includes endless soft touch (10)
- 10 Most vole eschew river in favor of upper lake among trees (7)
- 11 British sausage lacking British sage (5)
- 13 Chilled dessert not excellent having another name as a dish made with beet and eggplant (8)
- 14 Flutter taken by husband of lass in finances (4)
- 15 Herb containing mixed type is what is often given with bins (7)
- 16 Dotty, nosy, almost too curious (6)
- 17 Wingers could be pilots (4)
- 19 Lefty, not young, with old leader of boors (8)
- 23 Shane, local star, has alternative to holding power (8, *two words*)
- 25 Entertained by runner on deck, Wolfe (4)
- 26 Furrow: established line in Nebraska (6)
- 30 Dig soft red worm up (7)
- 31 Ragger's pronounced fold (4)
- 32 First to lase tip part of foot by doctor of naturopathy (8, *three words*)
- 33 Raved again about sun god name (5)
- 34 Stepped prematurely on board, ET upset (7)
- 35 Roman's name, a pope, one having power, energy (10)

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19				20							
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32											
33					34						
		35									

Down

- 2 From the Midwest, Zeus's lover seen on the Big Dipper (5)
 3 Swear by Elfman, real patron (8)
 4 In spite of the fact that hot key is first (5)
 5 Timothy gets her up, being forward (5)
 6 Senseless questionable dispute (6)
 7 Open two children's card games (6)
 8 Having lost right to prepare coffee, one's getting teas (6)
 9 Offend with assorted restricted slang in *Hair* (10)
 11 Writer like Ivy has distinctive way of working (6)
 12 Those that depart secretly and hide in order to grab seconds (10)

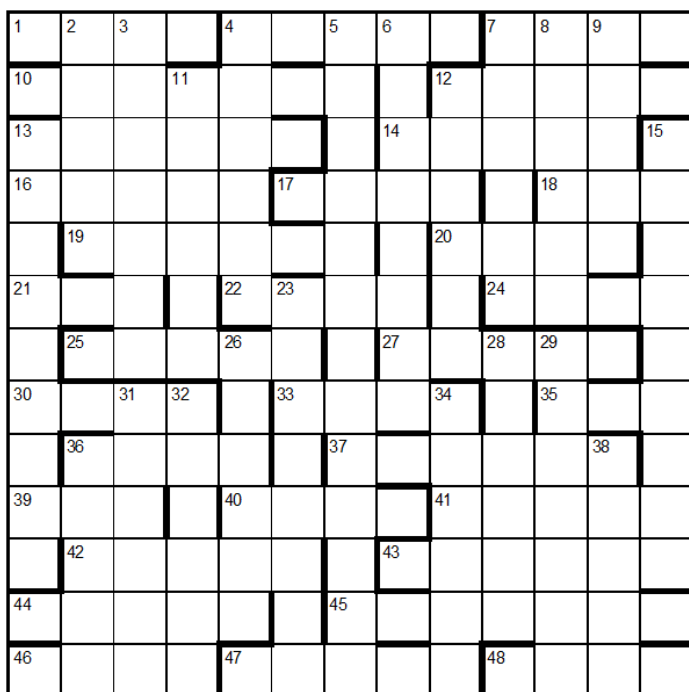
- 18 Certain singers are artistic with a composition (8)
 20 Dazed adult promised to take in oxygen (6)
 21 Mourned, with tissue, times lost with daughter (6)
 22 Characteristic of an important passageway from army post to area in Alabama (6)
 24 Remove line's end separating two Americas, not at all incorporated (6)
 27 Branching treelike figure, not dead, seen in the direction of the tip (5, *two words*)
 28 Fringe film craft initially lacking (5)
 29 Israeli judge with knowledge to be paragon (5)

X-4. RIVER BOAT — by ELFMAN, Granada Hills CA

In order to fill the grid correctly, nine cells must contain two letters, they being consecutive letters of the entry or entries containing them. Eleven across and eleven down clues each include an extraneous letter, which must be removed before the clue can be solved. The letters from the acrosses spell out the theme, while the downs spell what must be written below the grid. All entries except one proper name are in 11C. One entry is an abbreviation.

Across

- 1 Ah, met a girl without initiation of sex
- 4 Greedy piano musician _____ Pope
- 7 Sensed ex replacing gold in error
- 10 Spy consuming an hour for access to underground
- 12 Dispense what sounds like a great deal
- 13 This war fractured spirits
- 14 Let off Parisian who enters masquerade
- 16 Stout gaoler hides expenditure
- 17 Indiana university's core language
- 18 Lacking terminal, run through B&O stop
- 19 Improvised music for back-up while covering hit song that is played with 144 pieces
- 20 Part of code in input/output state
- 21 Show contempt for Pluto
- 22 Nearly understood closing of juke joint
- 24 Ultimately survive
- 25 Darn! Left half off! Bother!
- 27 Swiss company spoon
- 30 Designation of former Soviet Union found in Bush's résumé



- 33 Oddly dismissing corrosion thereabouts (*two words*)
 35 In serious debt
 36 Owing to collaborative performance
 37 Overhaul crank twice
 39 Confederate back at end of any of four months
 40 Bloat curvy figure with it
 41 Vessel reversed purpose in European country
 42 Closed baby carriage after bachelor becomes married
 43 Save singer Peggy for a cover
 44 Irritate Reno with X-rated material
 45 Supervised movers — what a disappointment
 46 Stay back before garbage flows back
 47 Inherited stuff belonging to Kelly?
 48 Going west to pay for a round mountain

Down

- 2 Graffiti sometimes raised alarm at one time
 3 At sea, an unusual crystalline mineral
 4 Doctored photo with correct country-kitchen gadget
 5 Pop singer frenetically roaring

X-5. MOSAIC QUOTE (2 5 4 5 6 2 3 3, 3 2 3 4 4 2, ^4 *12) [4 columns, 4 rows]

BE CH ES IF LE LO ON OP OT PE
 HA IE LD BU AN TE TH UC EM YO

RD RT SE TD TE WI
 RF ER TH LL SO NO

=TE-ZIR-MAN, Margate FL

X-6. SHUFFLED QUIP

_ A _ H G _ E A _ * , _ * A _
 * I _ O M I N G D C E I . U I _
 I T R T N O S O H K E N B W T S
 W W S T U R U T N T O U T

=WITZ, Vancouver BC

- song here (*two words*)
 6 Delights good boy joining scouting groups
 7 Laid foul mixture of liquids
 8 Priest: sham prophet
 9 Loot intended for gambling game
 11 Seize illegally drugged Nicholson
 12 “Get air conditioning” said singing group
 13 What might be puzzling: crack squadron were losing their tailenders (*two words*)
 15 Fear and trembling about true heading for a natural disaster
 23 Novice, one flummoxed before verbal contest
 26 Waxes “vamonos” in English (*two words*)
 28 Claim ship
 29 Catalog describes mine having the most calcium oxide
 31 Burn in upturned vehicle in part of city
 32 What a queen does: pretends to have right for female
 34 Use love when scrambling eggs
 36 Disband failed uprising after British lost
 38 Dancer is a deity around Virginia

X-7. ANAQUOTE (*1 5 *1’2 10 3 6 2 4 — 3 4 4 6 5 3 3 4 2 2. *1. *1. *6)

ANG ARO COV CRE DIS DTH ERE ESE
 ETU EYO ILY INK ITH IVE LIF OUG
 SCH SED STH TCM TOF TOI UJU ULZ
 UND UNT

=LIRATH, Pocatello ID

X-8. SHUFFLED QUIP

_ H E _ * C D A C K _ * _
 A O E E “ ” L E E C R E L E ?
 D R H E L C O I F E T E R O B
 T T R S P R R R U N T S T O R

=BEYOND, Lake Forest IL

X-9. SHUFFLED QUOTE

B _ _ B _ E _ EE _ N _ A _ DG _ C _ E _
 EE _ AMAF _ IF , BON * LEE O _ LMHEAH _
 IHEENEMINONDSOLNISOESOUHTT
 TSHISLNROSTKUTWYLTZTOVS
 =LIRATH, Pocatello ID

X-10. MOSAIC QUOTE (5 2 4 3 5 —
 5 3 6 2 2, 5 6 2 2. *6 *6)
 [4 columns, 4 rows]

BY CI DT GI HA HO IT LO LT MU
 EL HE OA ET SH PP BU IK LL ER

 OI OR SA SE SL TS
 PE WH TL EA SW RI
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

X-11. VERTICAL ANAQUOTE (*9 3
 *5 4 2 9 2 *3 *5 3 *4 *6. *8)

AAADEEEEEILLNOOPRRSTTTW
 AENAEERDMRTFTSMSIEFLO
 AUOBI RADMC SNAYMNBGIRK
 =☞, Bellevue WA

X-12. ANAQUOTE (*1 6 4 2 2 2 5.
 *1'1 6 4 9 11 2 5 2 6 3 *1'2 4 2.
 *4 *5 (2 2 5))

AFR AID AND ASI BIL ECK ECK GFA
 GTO HAP HIN IAL ILL ING ISG LEE
 LVE MET MIS NAT NWR OGO OIN PEN
 PIM SCI SHA SIT TET THA TOS TSO
 WAY
 =EMBER, Noblesville IN

X-13. SHUFFLED QUIP

O _ _ _ _ N _ _ EAEGLA . A _ C
 OHEABDAO _ DLCHINEGE _ I
 SMMOFEAT _ EOMNLSGNTT I
 T NTONSSYFNXTONUTR
 =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

X-14. VERTICAL ANAQUOTE (5 7 4
 6 5 7 10 4 12. *1. *8)

AAAAEEFGHIILPRRSSSTTVWY
 DIOPNSROPLNTOEUFIOOTVOIN
 EITSMENOECINORMIIITDASE
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

JULY SOLUTIONS

- unawesome, *Now You See Me*
- on a dime, diamond mine, demimondaine
- vassal, passel, hassle, castle, facile
- cosm(et)ology
- undisclosed. seclusion
- tortoise; to, rise KU-1. once de Julio ["once" de Julio (Latin for "of Julius")]
- c(aft)an
- kneecap, peacenik
- arm) yar, my army
- goal; goad; goat
- Woody Allen, boxes, woollen, body axes
- bolster up, brussels sprouts
- apricot, apotropaic
- or Alexis Denisof tend [oral, eX is De, N is often D]
- breath, heartbeat
- in dull gents, indulgence
- bronze, Brahms
- nation; (Cin)(cin)nati, (ic)on(ic)
- in no sense, Innocence; honoree, exoneree
- Jarabe Tapatio
- look-alike, callooh! callay!
- d(old)rums
- malfeasant; flame, Satan
- forge, allied eights ["four July dates"]
- changing
- cheat sheet, chichi
- serpentine, turpentine
- divalent, adventitial, *Live and Let Die*
- Pythagorean triangle
- wane, anew
- r(edargue
- it's back to the drawing board
- Anthony Weiner for mayor
- the Austin, Texas, convention

C-1. My thoroughbred is such a connoisseur she eats only locally sourced low-carb free-range grain.

C-2. Marriage is like cards: At first you only need two hearts and a diamond; at the end you just want a club and a spade.

C-3. You should always look before you leap. Otherwise you are more likely to jump to contusions.

- C-4. In Spanish, “yes,” “if” are homonyms. Imagine the confusion! “Will you marry me?” “Yes . . .” Many telenovelas feature this.
- C-5. Throwing down the gauntlet to Trekkies: Is not the first word of United Federation of Planets redundant?
- C-6. Odd Flagstaff Cherokee princess, crass Kalamazoo Yankee shirr Hawaii towhee egg. See worthless shell.
- C-7. Shia lab medic had fierce belief regarding faith, Saudi hadj trek; will zoom anon to shop Iraq for his transit.

X-1. The only way to have an organized sock drawer is to have just two socks.

X-2. *Across*: etches, tenancy; fractal, achier; foreshortened; retire, dictate; apercu, African; sped, aqua, maker; nil, abscond, ego; weft, ice skater; Islam, step, ally; tooling, Watson; housecleaning; patronage, Erie; please, pariahs.

Journey: effort, Chet, THE, cart, eras, Nipper, cabs, LONG, queries, hasten, chancy, rein, Eden, reata, tetra, Lodi, cricket, AND, Adama, faucets, citadel, flaming, lances, loose, without, Apple, arose, pageant, WINDING, awes, on KP, allegory, ROAD, no siree, ria, hinges.

Knight: Paul McCartney(SW to NE diagonal)

X-3. *Across*: fiendish, calico, upholster, adept, enrage, emphatic, interval, scar, host, ethereal, salience, gamble, obese, loathsome, tetrad, roadster.

Down: flutes, ephor, delegate, site, apathy, identical, outscore, rampages, protocol, insolvent, phase out, detached, genera, rehear, bloat, Iago.

X-4. America has never quite forgiven Europe for having been discovered somewhat earlier in history than itself. Wilde

X-5. Bird alone, flying high / Flying through a clouded sky / Sending mournful soulful sounds / Soaring over troubled grounds. A. Lincoln

F-2.

WASHED
ALKALI
SKIWAX
HAWAII
ELAINE

DIXIECRATIC
ROCOCO
ACUMEN
TOMCAT
ICEAGE
CONTEX

F-4.

REPOSE
EXACTA
PAPERS
OCELOT
STROKE
EASTER

F-3.

BB
DEEL
HEREAT
JUNEDROP
JULYFOURTH
AUGUSTMETEOR

F-1.

W	woe
CSC	Casco
CPHLC	cephalic
FRNNRS	forerunners
HRRNGGLS	herring gulls
DSTRCTFCLMB	District of Columbia
SMTHSNNNSTTTN	Smithsonian Institution

easy, idiom, haste, frothy, Carreras, Copernican, Washington, cooling fan, curlicues, sellout, Yosemite, *Beauty*, yen

X-3.

FIENDISH CALICO
L P E I P D U
UPHOLSTER ADEPT
T O E E A T N S
ENRAGE EMPHATIC
S A P P Y I O
INTERVAL SCAR
P N E O G D A E
HOST ETHEREAL
A O G O S T R
SALIENCE GAMBLE
E V N O I C L H
OBESE LOATHSOME
U N R G E A A
TETRAD ROADSTER

X-2.

ETCHESTENANCY
FRACTALACHIER
FORESHORTENED
RETIREDICTATE
APERCUAFRICAN
SPEDAQUMAKER
NILABSCONDEGO
WEFTICESKATER
ISLAMSTEPALLY
TOOLINGWATSON
HOUSECLEANING
PATRONAGEERIE
PLEASEPARIAHS

CRYPTOGRAMS

Edited by LEXMAN

C-1. No way out.

☿, Bellevue, WA

IXILW ^QFCCQI ^QITKEI PTQQDQTWIL ULITZJ BH
 RFCCFGK HBL CRI SWSQI: T JFGKQI, T NTQA, RFC
 PW DFC SR TGU TG ILLBL.

C-2. Cheers!

BEYOND, Lake Forest IL

QFVUIUKUYJO XDGI YMFRI IPG XUOKYV KVUXX,
 MRI LYJB FX RO NGDG YVDGYHB NFDDUGH YMFRI
 IPG XUOKYV JFDL.

C-3. Earth-shattering revelation.

YODAUGHTER, Houston TX

*N GXHH TK GAXJEMNRG EZUQG TK MJUZHXR
 ZXNVD E DXUHUDNRG. RAX REKR EHH UB TK
 BEQHGR EJX VUJTEH.

C-4. Serving suggestion.

(* words not MW)

LOKI-5, Philadelphia PA

*LOTHO *LITERACIES LUILITERA *LIL-*COUC
 LIUCKIE LUIQHSY. AKEXHZ-BUOLLSR LOACUKSA
 LUINKRS LIAAKQHS AIHTCKIE.

C-5. Most likely explanation.

NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

^EJEW VYQUPO (JP YPZWEWPHSZUXYZW *THSQ
 RYQ), "BAJ YX *U ZJ THROW?" YFJHZ OYQ
 ECUWVZV VHOOWVZV DWPZCUSJIHUVX.

C-6. All Bad Things . . .

FULDU, Cambridge MA

ABCDEFGH EFHIJKL MHNOLK HMDEOLJCP,
 NBCMDEHK QHKL RDOSJLG EBGKLOS IHLF TFJSH
 UOIJSG, BHOKCP MHEOG.

C-7. Mange.

raw, Ogdensburg NY

XAADZIMHY IEF YFELFN ZGBBI ICPEFYAX GM
 HFEEIBBX ZGIBBI MFIE YHDAAX IMN
 HFEEI-AXHHI ZICIBBX.