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EDITOR'S MUSINGS

It's amazing how much a simple "floater" in the corner of your eye will interrupt your concentration. I keep thinking that some kind of creature is sneaking past me. Ah well, my sister complained about the same problem and she got better. I can only hope to do the same.

One of the test solvers pointed out that technically, September's #41 is not a Spoonergram Variation, since according to the Guide such a flat type separates leading consonants. However, the cuewords are exemplary of the type of switching in the solution.

This month's miniganza is a lot more accessible than last month's opus. Enjoy it!

OMISSIONS AND ADDENDA FOR THE 2015 SOLVING REPORT — by JABBERWOCK

I am certain the Krewe will be shocked (shocked!) to learn that the 2015 Solving Report had some errors and omissions. To correct the record: NJ Ninja should have been included with those who sent solution lists for all issues of 2015. Also, I was remiss in not mentioning the length of Quicks?lver's complete streak: he has had issue completes for every issue since November 2014 (14 months, as of the end of 2015) but is flat-complete since May 2013 (32 months).

I neglected to ask Quicks?lver for the puzzles that tripped up the near year-completestists, but now that I asked I can report them:

For the team of Joker/LeXman/Lirath/YoMama/yodaughter (who solved every puzzle but one), the fly in the schmaltz was August's flat 6 (Witz's Homonym on "confit/Con fee").

The team of Andreas/Witz (who solved every puzzle but two) went south with August's flat 49 (ewolf's Letter Bank on "Manfred S. Lubowitz, first U.S. Ambassador to New Zealand") and December's flat 92 (\$8.90's False Superlative / False Partner on "pry priest; pious, copious").

The team of Jo the Loiterer/Manx/Pen Gwyn/Stewball (who solved every puzzle but two) got punished by January's X-9 (Witz's Anaquote on "There are in nature neither rewards nor punishments...") and April's flat 46 (Treesong's False Comparative Phonetic False Comparative on "sell, cellarer").

Perhaps it should be explicitly noted that every team that did not include Witz that came close to a year complete but stumbled, stumbled on one of Witz's puzzles. So it appears that despite being the sole member of the Krewe on the 2015 Role of Honor, Witz is really, really mean. (Editor's note: Witz was informed of this comment and luxuriated in it, saying he'd rather be mean than average. Statisticians!)

LOQUACIOUS — by TRAZOM

Longtime member Loquacious (Pamela/Dunn Miller, originally nommed Okapi) died this week. She attended many NPL conventions, she was a frequent and lively presence at many Bay Area events (minicons, Equinox Parties, random puzzly get-togethers), and was one of the regular test-solvers for Hot's and my cryptic crossword in The Nation. She will be deeply missed.

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LA AREA PUZZLE PARTY — by BLUFF

Our next party is set for Saturday, November 19, at the Center For Inquiry. I'll be sending the first email with details sometime this month. We also selected dates for 2017: January 21, March 18, and May 20.

SEPTEMBER ERRATA

Editor's discovery: When a file you thought you'd saved disappears, a lot of things you thought you'd fixed aren't.

- In #8, the missing period following the N in the address is not rubrical, merely an alternative.
- In #13, the last word in the verse should be "caripensis".
- In #16, The "it" at the end of the second line is extraneous.
- The full enumeration of KU-1 is (*7 *10; 6, *5, 6). (Gotta be fair to y'all!)
- #26 is a FIRST-TO-FOURTH CHANGEOVER.
- In #32, the brackets in the enumeration are extraneous.
- In #36, the enumeration and tag should read 4,3 rather than 3, 4.
- In #44, the second cueword should be FIG BAKE, for consistency.
- In #65, the asterisk before the C. is extraneous.
- In #68, the ^'s in the enumeration are extraneous.

OCTOBER PUZZLES

- 6, 43, 50, 56. Combinom: Joker/Next Lingo
37. Combinom: Hale/Firetruck
44. Combinom: Firetruck/Vraal
55. In a Fully Permuted Consonantcy, the consonants appear in the solutions in all possible orders.
C-2. *MATCH*MAKER = not MW.
F-4. In each square, reading from top left to lower right will reveal a trick-or-treater who may be at your door...

SEPTEMBER HINTS AND OCTOBER EASY LIST

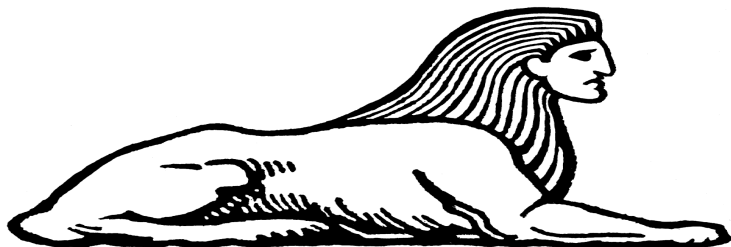
5—ONE is the sobriquet of a newly-notable individual.
39—This one is fun because of where the welding occurs.
44—The 6 is more often associated with a following word.
October Easy List: 6, 27, 32, 33, 40, 46, 47.

ROAD TO BeaCON: ROADBLOCK! — by /DEV/JOE

*They closed all the roads here for Trick or Treating on Halloween,
so you stop driving and join in the fun.*

Santa's helper, flee endlessly! Get back! (3)
 Extend back, ignoring third warrior princess (*4)
 Progressive hides monster (4)
 Cannon taken by military man after headless downer doll (*7 *3)
 Weird bow, coy roper (6)
 Little devil is wimpy at heart (3)
 Kent, eat before Melville loses his head (*8)
 Tony, for one, is somewhat anti-Germany (5)
 Quiet, mad raider (6)
 E. Nigma riled Dr. Strange (*7)
 Archaeologist Ross wears one normal habit (*7 *5)
 Lanchester is a main character in *Frozen* (*4)
 Decoy befuddles cow racers (9)
 Mutant teenager, perhaps, is playing roulette without old English leaders (6)
 Stark 6 key goes back into Middle Eastern country (*4 *3)
 Blaze runs back through quiet, loud lawman (7)
 Stepsister hides back in caller Ed nicely (*10)
 Sidekick robes amidst disrobing (*5)
 Train follows mob, headless cherub (5)
 Creepy thing in every other part of zoo a mob likes (6)
 The king lives, surprisingly (*5)
 Force user's projectile header with velocity, not energy (*5 *5)
 "Quiet! My, a preserved body." (5)
 Armstrong, for one, sat out, ran out (9)
 Hidden man in Japan! (5)
 Thy door is broken, Ms. Gale (*7)
 Transformer changed to supper, Mimi (*7 *5)
 This marks the spot, and, er, a character from *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* (*6)
 Mario's sidekick: "You oughta stop having intermittent starts" (*5)
 Virginia baseball official loses head, making undead creature (7)
 Luke's mentor, pale Ken, wears two sashes (*3-*3 *6)
 Monster bloom? Yuck! Run back (8)
 Olympic sledding event is nothing but bones (8)

"^8 6 2 6 3," 4 4 (*3 3 *5)



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, welded flats, variations on these types, and flats labeled “freewheeling.”

Send your solution lists after November 1 to QUICKS?LVER (solutions@puzzlers.org) or mail to LIRATH, Eric Suess, 1901 Parr Rd., Pocatello ID 83204. All lists must be received by 11:59 p.m. PDT on November 30.

1. INTERLOCK (^3 ^3 ^7) (AU)
 GRATIN = not MW;
 *AUT = non-MW usage)

Though such music as Gilbert and
 Sullivan's first

Operetta had mostly is lost now, each
word

Is preserved, so we know its plot deals
 with absurd

Things that happen when powers of
 gods are disbursed

Among actors, and *not* with how great
 Johnny Rotten,

Sid Vicious, etc., a century later,

Were going to be. This allows us to
 state a

Clear fact: It is *not* true that *AUT
 GRAIN AU GRATIN.

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

2. SPOONERGRAM (3-2-5, 4 2 4)
 (neither MW; 2 does not change)

Four wheels, then two feet—
 That's driving to soccer.
 The high cost for parking
 Can be quite a shocker.
 The app says to enter
 The vehicle's number;
 The new SHACK TRUE system's
 Not meant to encumber.

When you're on the pitch
 And the ball comes to you,
 There's two ways to move it—
 You can kick or TRACK SHOE.
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

3. INTERLOCK (7) (7 = not MW)

I just went to Gen Con!
 Many dice I did roll,
 And I watched the parade
 Of those dressed in WHOLE.
 I watched the parade
 Of assassins and TWOs,
 And superheroes
 With LED shoes.
 But I go for board games,
 That's my kind of fun—
 Gaming all day,
 While sipping a ONE.
 =FINIKY RADICAL, Vancouver BC

4. TRANSPOSAL (10) (TEN = *)

The Secret Service guards our pres.,
 And now and then somebody says
 That that seems TEN, suggesting ways
 More apt for ancient Roman days.
 But, should the president be shot,
 I think it's fair to say there's not
 A form of DIME that truly would
 Be adequate to make things good.
 So here's a case for which I'm sure
 Prevention is the one good cure.
 =EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

5. LITERATIM (9)

A 6-9 man appeared and then he
 swiftly set upon me;
 His 1-3 7s undermined his smooth
 attempt to con me.
 He said "My name is *4-8, but they
 call me Bond." The 5-
 3 suit WHOLE his gaunt frame, how-
 ever, showed this all was jive.
 (You'd never catch Sean Connery in
 threadbare dinner jacket.
 A rakish, handsome agent? There's no
 way this guy could hack it!)
 And then a 7-5 fear caused this
 thought: "9, *7 don't
 5 now how 8-2 good will come of this.
 Stay here? *7 won't!"
 =QT-OH, Acton MA

6. LAST-LETTER CHANGE (6)

The taxi cost a lot. The LOU
 T was giving me some LOU
 D about
 Avoiding jams to cut the time,
 But every 50 yards's a dime.
 =PIG LATIN, Cleveton OA

7. FIFTH-LETTER CHANGE (8)

The law to remarry's, for widows, a
 gift,
 Meant as compassion, to give them a
 lift.
 A brother-in-law is a good second ma-
 te.
 In the Bible a STRIKE was a mandat-
 ed fate.

Some laws such as this are no longer
 in force,
 Unlike laws of physics which still
 hold, of course.
 To STRIVE means the law of gravity's
 done;
 Being able to do it makes high-
 jumping fun.
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

8. HOMONYM WNFR (5,5)

The hapless matador ate pumpkin...
 =FIRETRUCK, Woodinville WA

9. OVERLOADED FIRST-LETTER
CHANGE (5)

Sleipnir, Odin's eight-shanked steed
 Has four more legs than any standard
 Horse or donkey'd have (or need),
 But less than a ten-legged PANDA'd.
 =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

10. LAST-LETTER CHANGE (5)
(E-ZINE = online 11C)

I've no room on my shelves so I'm
 totally fine
 To start reading E-ZINE only online.
 I'll relax with my iPad and read while
 I savor
 Some E-ZINC Pocky—it's the new
 flavor.
 =FINIKY RADICAL, Vancouver BC

11. REVERSED PHONETIC MULTIPLE
PALINDROME CURTAILMENT (9)

The APEX KATA think the hawks
 Don't have the higher moral ground.
 This hawk's retort: they're EPEEs,
 misled
 Dreamers hawks will push around.
 =FIRETRUCK, Woodinville WA

12. TRANSPOSAL (7)

By stealth of night he puts the ladder
 'gainst the fortress wall,
 And clothed in black he climbs with
 care. He must avoid a fall.
 He slips in through a crenellation; he
 FIRST WORD access.
 He's now inside the SECOND WORD—
 swift, clean, he leaves no mess.
 =R/EDS, Ste Anne de Prescott ON

13. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (*7 *7)
(online 11C)

A. Bill, yesterday's leader, is back on
the tube,
Seeking votes for his wife from each
yuppie and rube.

*B. And he pitches, with every
technique he can master,
"Race to vote! Not for Trump—that
would be a disaster.

C. "Choose your President wisely!" he
pleads, coast to coast,
Pushing hard for his lady to sew up
the post.

D. Guess she needs a translator, for
those who speak Spanish.
(It's a language Kaine knows—so all
doubts that should banish.)

So let's do as they urge in selecting
our leader.
She's experienced, caring and bright—
and we need her!
=GROUCHO, Cliffside Park NJ

14. FREEWHEELING TRANSPOSAL
([6 4], 2 8)

Who SIX AND FOUR a new pursuit in
which he has TWO EIGHT?
A fool! Success requires a newbie's
passion to be great.
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

15. REBUSStPEP (5 7)

Mary, Mary, quite contrary,
How doesStPEP your garden grow?
I grow tomatoesStPEP and
WATERMELON,
And SStPEPquasStPEPh and corn I
sStPEPow.
=FIRETRUCK, Woodinville WA

16. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (9)
ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (7)
(A = *, B = phrase, C = +)

A. Irsome Norse gods down in
Midgard sing "Tra la
B. La", tease nervous mortals, eat
feasts, 'n' swill drink—
C. 'N' Thor noshes, unseen, on light
fare in Valhalla:
A small Neapolitan portion that's pink.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

17. FALSE PHONETIC PLURAL
AGENT (4, *6.)
PHONETIC FALSE ADJECTIVE
(4, *5) (DUMPY)
FALSE GERUND (4, *7)
(DUMPING)
FALSE COMPARATIVE (*5, *7)
(DUMPY, DUMPIER)
(DUMPY, DUMPING, DUMPIER
= not MW)

My sports knowledge is such a
DUMP—
Goalkeepers blend with scorers.
So *DUMPERS *DUMPY,
*DUMPING, and *DUMPIER
Merge into one—Oh horrors!
=ewolf, Woodland Hills CA

18. PHONETIC CHARADE (7) (THE
WHOLE THING = * = not MW)

I admit that I am also obsessed.
I'm chasing them from the moment
I'm dressed
To my bedtime hour and all moments
between.
Even THREEing my food I stare at my
screen.
At work I sneak TWO ONE when the
coast is clear
Just in case THE WHOLE THING
should suddenly appear.
=FINIKY RADICAL, Vancouver BC

19. MYNOMOH (*7, *1*1*1*1*1*)
(LUKES = *7 = not MW)

LUKES, I thought police had told you
You do not need to put on
The red light during fast SCHOOL races—
Drivers stop and fans all yawn.
Incidentally, your new boyfriend
Seems a nosy liaison
For a Frenchman's (not from Vega)
Poems sent here to Talladega!
=FIRETRUCK, Woodinville WA

20. TRANSDELETION (6) (GAROTE
= *6 = not MW)

I never would have ATE GAROTE
Would be the outcome of the vote.
Each nation sticks with their own
GREAT.
Offer free trade? They won't GATE.
=FINIKY RADICAL, Vancouver BC

21. LETTER BANK (5, 8)

The ROOSTER that signals it's time
to arise
Has little regard for a fast STORE like me.
I'm up every night after working all
day—
The resident partyer you'll never be.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

22. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (*8) (NI3;
usage is NI3-findable, NI2)
ACROSTICAL ENIGMA (*7) (NI2)

A. Tickled pink by a story of milk-
colored horses
B. Adorned every way, front and back
(which of course is
C. Terrific) Bill clapped for his older
sib Kate
Who had spun it divinely (like Clotho
the Fate).
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

23. TRANSPOSAL (9)

Immigration is an issue more complex
than long ago.
Do we welcome new arrivals, or em-
phatically say, "No"?
It's a question of how surely we are
able to CARTEL
Which arrivals are the ones who, in
the end, will work out well
Versus those who pose a danger of
becoming CLARET threats.
It's a shame when one's religion is a
factor in such bets.
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

24. HETERONYM (4)

On vacation, where'd we go?
The harbor town of Tampico.
The dining room out on the jetty
Serves local fare and fresh spaghetti.
It's called "Cantina on the GREEN".
Reddest sunsets ever seen.
I love spicy chocolate sauce.
Served on meat it's really boss,
So I had the chicken OTHER.
It was fine, I tell you, brother!
=raw, Ogdensburg NY

25. LETTER BANK (8, 6 5) (8 = + var-
iant)

I'm laid up in bed
With a pain in my head
And pus coming out of my ear.
A week after my
Bout of bad U.R.I.
I've developed TINNITY, I fear.
The doctors all say
Antibiotic spray
Won't make me feel any less iller.
But infection ain't fun
And I long for just one
Application of TINY germ-killer.
=LINKO, London UK

26. REBUS (*5 *4) (not MW) (reading contains NI3 abbr.)

B
P

Olympic Gold, she's number one.
Birdies and tweets, SOL sure had fun.
=R/EDS, Ste Anne de Prescott ON

27. HETERONYM (4, 3, 4; 11)

The movie-shooters sipping wine
Agreed that it was not a sign
That other things would now go wrong
When all their hot wings took too long,
And were, when they at last SUP.

POSE

Or not, though, that faux pas left
those
SUPPOSE (not one of them a fella)
Irked (and fearing salmonella).
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

28. BEHEADMENT (8)

The summer is over and fall has arrived.

Holiday season is coming up fast:
New year, atonement, and other
EVENTs.

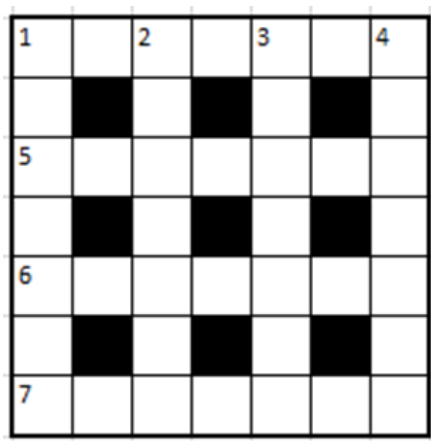
All VENT activity's now in the past.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

29. REBADE (*5, 5) (CLOTHING, THREADS) (CLOTHING = not MW)

SSSS

A snake is Lirath's nurse—
Mr. CLOTHING's source of meds.
When he feels a little worse,
She administers his THREADS.
=HALE, Kitchener ON

30. ENIGMATIC CRYPTIC REBUS
(7, *5, 3) (*5 = not MW; non-MW usage in reading) (hat tip to June 1989 #29)



ACROSS:

1. Arrived covered in dung for the third time (7)
5. It reeks badly! (7)
6. Add a bird in to arthropod's ventral plate (7)
7. Past the point of iniquity as he comments on online forums? (5, 2)

DOWN

1. Pretends that the couple reconciles (5, 2)
2. A short amount of time, then after the end: muscles! (7)
3. They are used to see nastier chaos (7)
4. Contents inside the trunk of the French: Japanese noodles (7)

Blaring tweet—she's at the stove.
Captain calls her from her trove.
She attempts to take a pill
To keep herself from growing ill.
Captain calls, "That pill's a RIDE
From the fire pit's inside.
Far too long you've been forlorn,
Come on quick and blow your horn!"
=FIRETRUCK, Woodinville WA

31. CHANGE OF HEART (8, 6, 9, 5)
(SPECIFICATION = 8)

I'm hopelessly urban, love
SPECIFICATIONS;
I prefer places with huge populations.
I don't like to stray when I go on vacation;
I'm true as an arrow; that's no
SPECULATION.
You'd win if you placed a small
CALCIFICATION
That I wouldn't partake of the verb
"CALCULATION".
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

32. HETERONYM (*7" 2 ^7, *1*1*1 9
(4) (*7 = not MW; *1*1*1 =
non-MW usage)
(can be sung by Beyoncé...oh, no,
wait, I just misattributed "The
Girl from A's Child")

Small and thin and round and wriggly,
The worms that dwell in soil have
gone drinking;
You'll note each passes on all the
glasses but one.
Light in hue and extra-hoppy,
That beer (subcontinental in name) is
The only B, wee worms) won't (at
pee wee bars) shun.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

33. HETERONYM (*4, 4)
(*TEAR = part of phrase)

*TEAR Krishnas are veggie,
They don't eat deer,
Nor cow, nor goat,
Not even TEAR.
=FINIKY RADICAL, Vancouver BC

34. WORD DELETION (7)

The INNER OUT across the floor.
It spun a dozen times and MORE.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

35. HETERONYM (8, 3 3 *1*1) (*1*1
= NPL) (with a nod to August 7)

My book, called *Writing Flats is Fun*,
Will open with a brazen ONE
To tell the world my highest goal:
To use the most salacious sol!
A simple neophyte can score
Enigma flats, and kudos, sure.
But only will a SECOND flats,
E.g., on S&M in spats.
=NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

36. FREEWHEELING TRANSPOSAL
(3 2 5, 2 4 4)

"They say one shouldn't FINAL FIVE,
But what if time is short?"
"TWO FOURS, proceed full speed ahead;
You'll have my full support."
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

37. LETTER BANK (*5 *4, 17)
(SHORT = not MW)

If SHORT were to wear all his golds as
he ran,
The loud, pealing LONG of those med-
als—oh man!
=HAILFIRE, Kitchenville WN

38. TRANSPOSAL (6) (LIAR = not MW)

"The dorny must emit a squidlike trail."
The IOC's new rule makes LIAR RAIL.
=LINKO, London UK

39. SPOONERGRAM (3 5, *3 *6) (*3
*6 = BAKE A SHOUT = not MW)

He tried to murder Jem and Scout,
An act he came to SHAKE ABOUT,
But not for long, that racist lout.
The act was stopped by BAKE A
SHOUT.
=NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

40. PALINDROME (6-3-8)

Your orchid, your sheep, and your now
-lupine chum

Must be ferried across a wide stream
in a boat

That can carry just two, plus the row-
er; in sum,

It's the puzzle you've heard with a
cabbage and goat.

But this HALLOWE'EN version I
herewith include

Has a simpler solution; just wait a few
days

Till the moon is not full and your pal
is a dude;

He can row it and her right across
while you laze.

=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

41. PARTIALLY REVERSED INTER-
LOCK (7)

PARTIALLY REVERSED INTER-
LOCK (7) (same 7)

An angel and a devil fought

Through all eternity.

The angel gained the upper hand.

The devil tried to flee.

She shot an arrow at his back.

Her aim was (not quite) true.

"Aha!" the cherub cried in ALL,

"I BACKWARDS ONE the TWO!"

=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

42. PHONETIC CHARADE (8) (ONE
= online 11C)

Some among our population feel that
ONEing should be TWOed.

"It pollutes" is why they claim the
practice needs to be eschewed.

There, however, is another TOTAL of
the folks who vote

Who believe that home-sourced fuel is
what we need to float our boat.

=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

43. FIRST-SOUND CHANGE (6, 7, 7)
(clued in order)

The war was on. They'd SUEd it all,
From shoes to meat. They had the gall
To SUE most fabrics; therefore, BOO
(Her fun, her joy, her downright TWO)
Was put on hold 'til war was through.
=PIG LATIN, Cleveton OA

44. PARTIALLY OVERLOADED
LETTER BANK

(5 6, 2 3 2 5, 3 3'1 5 2 7 3'1 8)

(SMALL = NI3, both LONG ONES
HERE = not MW)

This is somewhat hard to swallow:
Feathered English live in eaves—
Long-abandoned people's homes,
Slaughterhouses strewn with beeves.
Folks have built these all but left
them;

Canny birdies use what may.
SMALLs don't make mistakes with
building,

"LONG ONES HERE" is what they
say.

=TRAAL BY FIRE, Woodinford WJ

45. FIRST-TO-FOURTH CHANGE-
OVER (7)

Are you sure it will heal my wound,
this TWO?

I'd apply it, but, man, it's ONE. Pee-
ew!

=FINIKY RADICAL, Vancouver BC

46. LETTER BANK (4 6, *6 *10)
(neither MW)

I thrust my chair and play "Ironic"
To render big cats catatonic.

Her music soothes the savage beast:
That's why SEATS is used by EAST.

=LINKO, London UK

47. PHONETIC CONSONANTCY
(*4, 4, 3, 4, 4, 4) (clued in order)

BOW and his BUY chose to eat of the fruit
That God had forbidden, thus earning the boot.
The tree gave them knowledge of evil and good.
Now think of the order. How could or how should
The pair know that taking the fruit wasn't right
Before they could know what is BA and what's bright?
And speaking of BA, it seems pretty BEEed BOO
To BUH all mankind for the actions of two.
=NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

48. CONSONANTCY (2, 3, 5, 7) (DUD, DUDE, DIODE, DEEDEE)
(can be sung)

When you see a rude Mauritanian dude
Acting polished, with honey-soaked words and all,
Call it fine, call it seedy,
But a khoum gets you twenty DEEDEE
That the DUDE's DUDDed DIODE about some doll!
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

49. WELDED TRANSPOSAL (5 "9")

When I said, "It's basic",
In sense, I RIC OCASEK.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

50. FIRST-LETTER CHANGE (5)

Don't be GROSS; you're risking jail.
After hearing sirens wail,
After seeing flashing lights,
Never CROSS Miranda rights.
=PIG LATIN, Cleveton OA

51. TRANSPOSAL (*9, 9) (*TOWN = not MW)

My wife is such a funny girl,
She greets me with a "What's up, Doc?"
I reply with "Hello, Dolly!"
We watch *TOWN films but not the clock.

Our WONT was just the way we were.
Like the mirror with two faces,
We changed our ways and don't come late;
At showtime we are in our places.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

52. LETTER BANK (*10, *8 ^5)

In ONE, the guy who led
For many years is dead.
The TWO is north. They've found
There's coal down in the ground.
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

53. REVERSED CHARADE (8)

I have some TOTAL in my knee.
Massaging just might ease the pain.
My plan TWO thus to ONE and THREE.
I hope that I won't THREE in vain.
=EARL E. BYRD, Aiken SC

54. FOURTH-LETTER CHANGE (6)

"Alas!" my daughter cried, "We'll never more
Lie basking in the sun on beaches, nor
Carouse and feast at barbecues on FIRST.
Oh, woe betide us! Autumn is the worst!"
I answered, "Cut the SECOND, daughter dear.
Another summer will arrive next year."
=\$8.90, Arlington MA

55. FULLY PERMUTED CONSONANTCY (7, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7)

The alpine ONEs began to sing
A song, complex and FOUR.
It started TWO—a gloomy thing—
But they had lots in store...

Dynamics changed! The song got
THREE!
The tempo rose and rose!
They FIVE switched parts, with ease
and glee.
These warblers sure were pros!

To end, a SIX: a tricky trill,
One syllable repeated.
They pulled it off with awesome
skill—
A masterpiece completed!
=HALE, Kitchener ON

56. TRANSPOSAL (5)

He gave what people sometimes call
A "STREAM recital", listing all
His ailing parts and pains, so we
Then MASTERed, not with sympathy,
But bored annoyance, deep disgust.
Keep whining short, if whine you
must.
=PIG LATIN, Cleveton OA

57. TRANSPOSAL (7)

Cercarial dermatitis: a GERM
You find at the TERM.
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

58. TRANSPOSAL (6)

On distant shores
Few sounds are there.
Soft waves caress
The now BARE BEAR.
=ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

59. FALSE ADJECTIVE (4, 5) (5 = +)

A government's plans enthrall policy
MANs;
They're nerds when it comes to affairs
of the state.
When things all go well, their theory's
swell,
But when things go all MANIC, they
love to debate.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

60. ENIGMATIC REBUS (*5'1) (*5 = not MW)

.3125 rupees

"I'd like to buy a vowel, Pat
For point three one two five rupees!"
"They're priced", said SOL co-hoster, "at
A quarter-grand a pop. (Nor may
You subdivide rupees that way;
Those coins are obsolete today.)
Two C-notes and a fifty, please!"
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

61. REBADE (5, 4, 4)

7N

The duchess TWO to dance in youth—
A sixteenth century ONE, forsooth.
Today she THREEs to trip: uncouth!
=FIRETRUCK, Woodinville WA

62. SPOONERGRAM (*8, 4'1 4) (PUNCH, FRIDGE) (PUNCH = not MW)

When adding to your list of pals on
PUNCH,
Beware that dude who owns a single
midge!
(Unless, of course, you really want a
bunch
Of temporary photos of that FRIDGE.)
=HALE, Kitchener ON

63. HOMONYM (4, 4)

Some species of MINK have become extinct;
Cute little mammals that are somehow linked
To rabbits and hares. But what caused their fate?
I hope it was not all the plastic they ate,
Or other non-edibles like tape or wire,
Which those who have MILK might strangely desire.
=FINIKY RADICAL, Vancouver BC

64. LINKADE (7)

I'm hell TWO on ONE for my dinner tonight.
So let's rack it up in the WORD candlelight.
=R/EDS, Ste Anne de Prescott ON

65. SECOND-TO-FIFTH CHANGE-OVER (8) (FRIGHT = NI3, *FIGHTS = non-MW usage)

Things have got sticky.
I'm in need of some suds.
To clear up the FRIGHT
I'll have *FIGHTS with my buds.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

66. TRANSPOSAL (7)

The NOSE, boring music of Mumford & Sons
Far from becalming me, makes me quite ONES.
=LINKO, London UK

67. TERMINAL DELETION (7)

I went to Starbucks for a TEA.
With noisy STEAM it's made for me.
=ANDREAS, Vancouver BC

68. WELDED TRANSPOSAL (2 10)
(can sort of be sung)

This drone, MOTHER TONGUE,
Can sort of be sung.
=WRYBOSH, Montville NJ

69. PHONETIC TRANSPOGRAM
WNFR (*7, 6) (ONE = not MW)

As part of ONE Phoenix's recent health kick...
=HALE, Kitchener ON

70. LETTER BANK (11, *12'1 7)
(POTTLE, TUN) (POTTLE = inferable, TUN = NI3)

Oh, what a cute little ship in a bottle
TUN's made! From the minibooms aft to the POTTLE,
Each sparlet that bolt-necked creation's created
Reveals that he's less of a klutz than he's rated.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

71. METATHESIS (7)

If I'm to catch CRABS with this sketchy old trap,
I must CARBS it with all high-end fisherman crap.
=FINIKY RADICAL, Vancouver BC

ANAGRAMS72. 'S AUG. GOLD, BABY (*5 *7)
=TREESONG, West Chester PA73. IN AN OPERATION, AGENTS
LIE (13 9)
=LEXMAN, East Moline IL

FORMS**F-1. SQUARE**

- 1 Championship title
 - 2 High-class Drive
 - 3 More queer
 - 4 Oozes
 - 5 Germanic language
- =MYCROFT, Springfield MO

F-2. VWLLSS SQR

- 1 Site of the 1978 World Cup final
 - 2 Oliphant, in the Supreme Court case
Oliphant v. Suquamish...Tribe
 - 3 Intensive effort at persuasion or
deception
 - 4 Site of the 2014 World Cup final
 - 5 YouTube headquarters site
- =AI, Charlottesville VA

F-3. DOUBLE SQUARE

Across:

- 1 Learn
- 2 Skullcap
- 3 Fall
- 4 Friday's man
- 5 Check
- 6 Conscious awareness

Down:

- 1 Banana fibers
 - 2 Key ingredient for Julia Child
 - 3 God of agriculture
 - 4 Blames
 - 5 Full of cracks
 - 6 Ensnares, or a poet's family
- =WITZ, Vancouver BC

F-4. TRICK OR TREAT SQUARES
(see puzzle note)

- 1 Embedded spies
- 2 Marie de la Ramée's pseudonym
- 3 Cities in Peru and Ohio

4 Dutch cheeses

5 Impudent

- 1 Brief rushes of wind
 - 2 "Yep, I agree!"
 - 3 Coast
 - 4 Scot's bundle
 - 5 Bedding item probably worn by this
square's trick-or-treater
- 1 Pre-burial vigils
 - 2 Garlicky mayonnaise
 - 3 Kimberly-Clark brand for women
(Brands & Their Cos.)
 - 4 Vote on November 8, 2016
 - 5 Like June or Virgo, in their respective
orders

- 1 Brag
- 2 "An ____ of prevention..."
- 3 Bancroft, Baxter and Boleyn
- 4 Perfume
- 5 Irritable

- 1 Flies high
- 2 She has her OWN network (Amende)
- 3 Kitchen olfactory come-on
- 4 "Latin lover" actor Novarro
- 5 Hit a golf ball badly

- 1 Support structure
- 2 Rattling sounds in the body
- 3 Assumed name
- 4 1960s comedy team Stiller and ____
(Amende)
- 5 Charles Lamb's *Witches and Other
Night-Fears*, for one

- 1 Parallelogram with four equal sides
 - 2 Bart Simpson's dad
 - 3 Like fabric with color graduating from
light to dark (and a transposal of
The Magnificent Seven actor Matt)
 - 4 Isle of ____ (Butana, as part of the
Kushitic kingdom)
 - 5 Scottish brute (and a transposal of
Siskel's onetime partner)
- =JO THE LOITERER, Basking Ridge NJ

F-5. OCTAGON

- 1 Kind of punch
 - 2 Beast of burden
 - 3 Anonymous woman
 - 4 Land in the western hemisphere
 - 5 Equip: archaic
 - 6 Features in Scottish scenery
 - 7 Erode
- =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

F-6. SQUARE

- 1 Curves?
 - 2 Mental codifications of experience
 - 3 What O'Connor would say when the Meathead was too noisy on the set of *All in the Family* [not MW] (Or "An actor in *Bubblegum Crisis: Tokyo 2040*" if you prefer a lame answer that's actually in a source) [IMDb]
 - 4 English sowing baskets
 - 5 Saber-toothed tiger
 - 6 Glassy feldspar
 - 7 "I'm in a hurry, cabby!"
 - 8 Decorative silks
- =JABBERWOCK, Truckee CA

F-7. RECTANGLE

Across:

- 1 Blocks
- 2 Time for repentance
- 3 Thin slices of boneless meat
- 4 Female prophets

Down:

- 1 Poems
 - 2 Flat part?
 - 3 Indian groom
 - 4 Emperor
 - 5 Character assignment
 - 6 Saucer-shaped spaceships
 - 7 Artificial crowns
 - 8 Too cute
 - 9 Meeting, for short
- =WITZ, Vancouver BC

F-8. VWLLSS PRMD

Across:

- 1 ___ Leno
- 2 ___ Reno
- 3 Tenor born as Jacob Pincus Perelmuth (Amende)
- 4 Architect of Yale's Sterling Memorial Library and Columbia's Butler Library
- 5 Abigail's son

Down:

- 1 ___ Blow
 - 2 Any fast and furious coachman (named for a king of Israel)
 - 3 ___ Cricket
 - 4 Large, buxom and (*usu*) beautiful, per Chambers Dictionary
 - 5 Evita's partner
 - 6 Like some dramas
 - 7 Charlotte ___
 - 8 ___ Spade
 - 9 ___++ of the NPL
- =AI, Charlottesville VA

F-9. SOMETHING DIFFERENT SQUARE

- 1 Result of the Sonic® Drive-In revolution
 - 2 What Garfield gets charged for the abuse he doles out
 - 3 Have an affinity with extensions on mansions
 - 4 Throw for large distances in space
 - 5 Frequently different from normal
 - 6 Trains Minos's daughter
 - 7 All barrooms were profitable
 - 8 A Milanese mom's secret ingredient for her homemade salves
 - 9 Lepidosis at the end of the foot – or where the war goes when the enemy ups the ante
 - 10 Beach vacation spot for out-of-work teen heartthrobs
 - 11 Fungi plaguing a container of Valvoline
 - 12 Al Capone's police-free state
- =LEXMAN, East Moline IL

F-10. RECTANGLE

EXTRAS

Across:

- 1 Some role players
 2 Ritual circumambulation
 3 Country comprising six states and two territories
 4 In opposition to

X-1. MOSAIC QUOTE (2 4 4 5'1 4 2, 4
 3 2 2. *8 *7) [4 columns, 3 rows]

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 TE IM RS IP

IN ME ON SH
 TT OU IN NT

Down:

- 1 From some great distance
 2 Professor Plum's game
 3 Cast
 4 Flat bread
 5 Trips
 6 Home run
 7 Concerto's featured parts
 8 Emerald Isle
 9 Heroin
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

SW TJ UR YO
 OI NW ES DO

=TE-ZIR-MAN, Margate FL

X-2. SHUFFLED QUOTE

_ D A _ * _ A _ E D _ L _ A T
 C H A . I A I F D E H * R H E T
 I O E F M E L L I T S A T I N T
 T R N R Q U S S R T Y C T U P X

=TE-ZIR-MAN, Margate FL

X-3. VERTICAL ANAQUOTE (5 4 4 7: 7 4-4 7 5 1 3 6 4. *5 *9)

D D E E E H H I I L N O O O P S S T T T U U W W W
 L N D E O N Y R U H H D I R E I S E K R E S A R T
 L C D N D O O R A M H G L N O O M A N E E N A W E

=R/EDS, Ste. Anne de Prescott ON

X-4. VERTICAL ANAQUOTE (*4 *4: 6 4 3 5 2 4 6 7, 5 2 9 5 2 7.)

A A D D E E E F G H H I L N N O O R R S T T U X X
 A P F O L T U E Y S T N I G O E I G Y D D E M L S
 N S O H T N L S H I A N D G N P I I O F Y O G I T

=raw, Ogdensburg NY

X-5. VERTICAL ANAQUIP (3 3 7 2 1 5. 4 6 4 2 *6 *11)

A A A A B D E E L L M O O R U Y Y Y
 M N O T S E E T L T F E T E R R R S
 Y E N G F E I N D L D R D A O E R O

=raw, Ogdensburg NY

X-6. VERTICAL ANAQUIP (7 3 3 5, 3 4 4 7 3 8 4.)

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

=TE-ZIR-MAN, Margate FL

X-7. HATCHET JOB — by LEXMAN, East Moline IL (and friend)

I was having trouble getting my latest cryptic to come together, so I called on an old friend to help me flesh it out. In the end, though, I don't think we made such a good team, and the puzzle we cobbled together didn't quite turn out the way we wanted it to.

For example, in eight of the clues, the answer is too short, and my friend added some "spare parts" to make these words fit in the grid. (In one case, the resulting entry is an NI3 word.)

In addition, my friend is a big fan of "chop 'n' swap" bases — it's kind of his thing. (In a chop 'n' swap, a letter is removed from the middle of a word and the remaining halves are switched and reattached — for example: "shame," removing the A, becomes "mesh" after the swap.)

In nine of the clues below, a word must be chop 'n' swapped before you will be able to solve the clue. These chop 'n' swapped words will spoil the clues' surface sense. One of these alterations is an 11C phrase; another is a non-MW but familiar interjection.

For another three clues below, the clued word (one of them an 11C proper name) is one letter too long, and the word itself must be chop 'n' swapped before it will fit into the grid.

No single clue/solution/grid entry combination is affected by more than one of the above transformations.

If you number all the clues, in clue order, where a chop 'n' swap occurs (either in the clue itself or in the answer), and then put the respective chopped letter from each in the corresponding numbered blank below, you will learn the name of my co-composer. This name must be submitted with your completed grid.

As a final touch, my co-composer insisted we add the unclued entry beginning at 4 Down; he said that without it he couldn't get the puzzle to work.

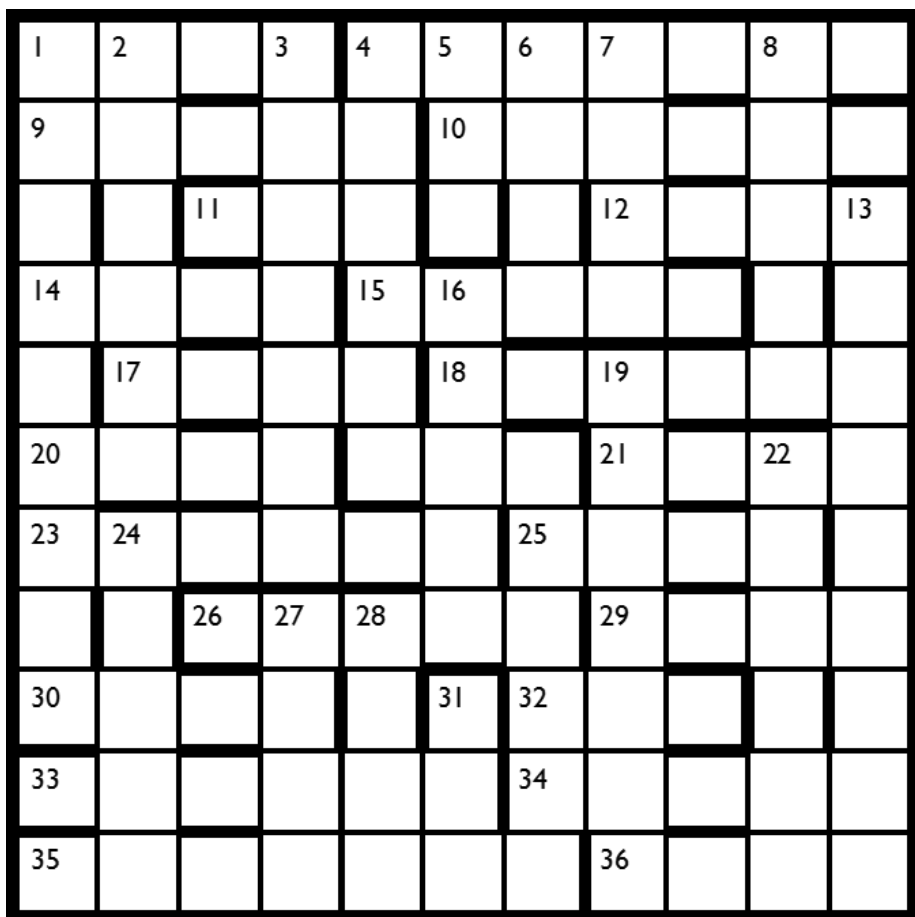
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Across

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|---------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Whistle-blower's effort with publicity | 20 Usher people |
| 4 Spare part for this puzzle grid's contents? | 21 French author of <i>The Fifth Eagle</i> |
| 9 Without borders, no man is an Arab | 23 Stockholm's terminal closed and renovated |
| 10 Editor following book's plot | 25 Black resin coating piece of leather |
| 11 Unit (karat, for example) | 26 Forged cable for Israelite spy [NI2] |
| 12 Uses a caress to control livestock | 29 China engineered series of events |
| 14 End for bishop in headquarters facility | 30 Shakespeare's does and buck hot on the trail of Denmark's leader |
| 15 Encourages the purchase of hunting animals | 32. Second-highest obstacle |
| 17 Cheerful tune I'll put out ahead of time | 33 Drink a little bit of eggnog |
| 18 Returning, a god possesses one-third of Africa | 34 Twisted ankle, bearing down with a lot of weight |
| | 35 Spy with cover blown, sir |
| | 36 Portion of amontillado served! |

Down

- | | |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Made disoriented from energy drain, at first | 13 Sign of interest rates changing |
| 2 Omens of grim palace, horned beasts | 16 On a tangent when caprice brought about education |
| 3 Illumination from electricity conducted | 19 That man, Bill, is chief |
| 4 <i>See instructions</i> | 22 Presides over discussion of space oceans |
| 5 White bass's decline | 24 Hemorrhagic fever upset hemisphere and core of brain |
| 6 Brag about fight | 27 Steps from a border |
| 7 Rustic girl topless | 28 Booth's report on back of envelope |
| 8 Knew inner circles later | 31 Jail author |



JULY SOLVERS

The July 2016 *Enigma* had 99 flats, 17 forms, 7 crypts, and 9 extras. 29 solution lists, representing 58 solvers, were received.

BanterWeight/Dragonfly/Libra, DelphiRune/Papayagi/RUgame?, dev/joe/Vraal/Tinhorn/Om Nom, Dischorran, Joker/LeXman/Lirath/YoMama, Jo the Loiterer/Manx/Pen Gwyn/Stewball, Loki-5, Philana/Mercury, Quicks?lver, R/EDS/415 lb of snake, and Witz/Andreas had completes.

Accepted: 9—BODY ENHANCEMENTS and BODY EMBELLISHING; 32—HAUL BACK, BALL HACK; 63—AFTERWOR(L)D; F-7—PLOTOSIS, PEPERINE, PRESS SET for PLOTOSID, PEPERINO, PRESSDOM (2). Not accepted: 22—ELECTION, ELOCUTION (2) [interchanged cuewords]; 63—EXPI(R)ATION (3); F-15—MESSERSCHMIDT, DEION for MESSERSCHMITT, TEION (3). —QUICKS?LVER, Solutions Editor

FLATS/FORMS/CRYPTS/EXTRAS SOLVED (* = complete): Ajde 28/0/4/4. Alice/Arachne/HotMing 94/0/0/0. Badir 62/10/6/2. Barkis/QT-Oh 73/15/*/* . Buttorkup 62/11/*/4. Clio 73/14/4/5. Donimo/Wordsmix 96/*/*/* . Finiky Radical/Magi Mirstory 57/12/4/5. Firetruck 60/3/0/0. Geneal/GrandBairn/Melifer/Serendipity 89/*/*/* . Jabberwock 82/*/*/7. Linko 71/12/4/4. Lyric/Munro 96/*/*/* . Newrow/Jerg 95/*/*/* . NJ Ninja 61/14/*/* . Pebbles 85/16/*/8. Treesong 97/*/*/* . Tyger/weefoot/Wolverine 73/14/*/7.

SOLVING FREQUENCY/NUMBER OF KUDOS/TOP KUDOS: FLATS: 1–28, 2–28/4, 3–26/5, 4–25/1, 5–29/5, 6–26/5, 7–12/1, 8–29/1, 9–27/2, 10–29/5, 11–21/4, 12–29/2, 13–26/4, 14–28, 15–23/2, 16–27/1, 17–28/5/1, 18–29, 19–24/8/1, 20–17/1, 21–24/1, 22–24/1, 23–27/5, 24–25/2, 25–22, 26–28/13/1, 27–25/3/1, 28–23/5, 29–27, 30–29/1, 31–28/1, 32–18/2, 33–29, 34–20, 35–29/2, 36–21/4, 37–19, 38–28/1, 39–23/2, 40–27/1, 41–19/8/1, 42–24/6, 43–22, 44–29/1, 45–25/2, 46–26/2, 47–28, 48–26/4, 49–21/5, 50–28/1, 51–27/1, 52–22/3, 53–20/4, 54–27/3, 55–29/2, 56–29, 57–13/8/2, 58–29/4, 59–27/4, 60–25/3, 61–26, 62–26/5, 63–17/2, 64–20/4, 65–27/6, 66–27/1, 67–22, 68–15/2, 69–24, 70–20, 71–22/3, 72–14/2, 73–28, 74–29, 75–29, 76–26/7/1, 77–28/1, 78–23/3, 79–24/4, 80–19/1, 81–29, 82–29/5, 83–22/11, 84–21/5/1, 85–25, 86–22/4, 87–27/1, 88–21/2, 89–26/2, 90–16/1, 91–26, 92–29/8/1, 93–28/6, 94–22/4, 95–21, 96–29/1, 97–29, 98–26/2, 99–26. FORMS: 1–25/2, 2–27/4, 3–26/2, 4–26/3, 5–26/7, 6–25/3, 7–21/4, 8–26/3, 9–24/2, 10–24/3, 11–25/1, 12–24/1, 13–24/1, 14–23/5, 15–19/2, 16–21/2, 17–24/1. CRYPTS: 1–27, 2–27/2, 3–27, 4–25, 5–22/1, 6–25/1, 7–23/2. EXTRAS: 1–27, 2–25, 3–24, 4–22, 5–23/16/5, 6–22/1, 7–22, 8–24, 9–19/14/3.

KUDOS (! = top kudos): Alice 65, 83, 92, X-5!. Arachne 26, 49, 62, 83. Badir 19, 23, 27, 62, 65, 92. Barkis 10, 35, 46, 66, 93, C-7, X-9. Buttorkup 62. DelphiRune 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 17, 19!, 42, 49, 52, 53, 64, 76, 78, 79, 84, 93, F-5, F-10, F-14, C-5, C-7, X-5, X-9. /dev/joe 2, 5, 54, 82, 88, 92, 96, F-2, F-4, F-5, F-6, F-7, F-11, F-12, F-13, F-16, F-17, X-5, X-9!. Dischorran 24, 26, 28, 36, 40, 79, 94. Donimo 5, 15, 19, 26!, 41, 52, 57, 64, 76, 83, 86, X-9. Dragonfly 3, 11, 36, 42, 44, 45, 48, 79, 82, X-5, X-6. Finiky Radical 3, 5, 6, 8, 16, 17!, 28, 31, 35, 38, 55, 58, 59, 82, 93.

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AUGUST SOLUTIONS

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- C-1. Con is: an escape from the stressful world, a reunion with one's tribe, a rejuvenation, a psychological necessity.
- C-2. No soliciting. We've already found God. We don't vote. We can't afford to buy it. If you're not selling Thin Mints, go!
- C-3. Milwaukee shares no letters with Boston. The last time this happened was Atlanta/Big Sky, nineteen years ago.
- C-4. Centenarian soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray attacks is now seasoned veteran.
- C-5. One-word film names: Breathless, psycho babe ran up casino sideways. Memento: vertigo, scarface, misery.
- C-6. Mammalia males from Australia display paraphernalia (inter alia) at bacchanalia. Some regalia!
- C-7. Hassid rabbis cannot hallow Wiccan sabbat powwow, summon common mullah. Hollow mottoes follow.

- X-1. Being understood is better than being praised. Irving Feldman
- X-2. Bureaucracy defends the status quo long past the time when the quo has lost its status. Laurence Peter
- X-3. My grandmother is over 80 and still doesn't need glasses. She drinks right out of the bottle. Henny Youngman
- X-4. Work saves us from three great evils: boredom, vice and need. Voltaire
- X-5. Like a machine gun or an electric guitar, a chainsaw is a handheld deus ex machina. John Vaillant
- X-6. Across: tELepathic:E, warMTh:U, reSIn:C, palp (PLate), open SEcret:A, UKraine:T, ESsence:A, hoBGoblins:S, owes (woLVes), Titus (suNLit), adverb (verITy), tremendous (saLTy).
- Down: tHRoughout:T, laser (Fired), Erin (LUring), ATHens:R, hoard (CZar), idler (DKny), caPTresses:O, IsolDE:P, bower (fanCY), oBEse:H, nitRO:E, IIEd:S.

Departures: EUCATASTROPHES; *EU citizens:* FREE; *EU:* HUSK.

ROAD TRIP BINGO: *Answers:* Column B: swordsmen, sweatpants, Swiss chocolate, Swedish nobility, airplane's wing; I: service roads, student newspaper, water tower, North American, bird-watcher; N: islands, parachutist, poison oak, miniskirts; G: decks of cards, Spartan soldier, personal computer, treasonous general, songbird; O: handsome juveniles, Louvre Paris, rejuvenates, art nouveau, you've got a girlfriend.

Solution: All answers in a particular "bingo" share exactly one bigram. In the order of the supplied blanks, starting from the leftmost, those bigrams spell: "Answer is souvenir notepads".

MISSED DIRECTIONS. *Answers (in trip order):* Dublin, Bedrock, San Antonio, Stars Hollow; Brussels, Minsk, Berlin; Princeton, Oslo; Hogsmeade, Taipei, Austin, Metropolis; Townsville, Amsterdam, Twin Peaks, Mayberry; Sunnydale; Denver, Mos Eisley, Riverdale, Florence; Omaha, Pawnee, Copenhagen, Night Vale; Gotham, Whoville; Agra; Miami, Downton, Fargo, El Paso.

Solution: For each stop, coding real cities as dashes and imaginary cities as dots produces the Morse code for an alphabet letter. *Final answer:* complex city.

F-1.

E I E I O perihelion
 I E I O E directionless
 E I O E I lepidopterist
 I O E I E disobedient
 O E I E I potbellied pig

F-2.

W I S C O N S I N
 A T T E N U A T E
 R E A R E N D E D
 E M B O S S E R S

F-3.

Q Q Q Q Q
 Q U E U E
 Q E R E S
 Q U E C H or Q U E G H
 Q E S H M

F-4.

Q A Q A Q
 A N A S A
 Q A N A T
 A S A N A
 Q A T A R

F-5.

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

Clayton

Brennans

protagonists

"When in the course of"

"We hold these truths"

"that all men are created equal"

Tea, who/why, what, Philly, Auburndale, curtain time, lengthen,

Tannhäuser, nonascetic, stirrer, sestet, "If I Had", sequoia, Lee

F-6.

C R P D M carpe diem
 S C R B L *sacre bleu*
 T T D S T *tout de suite*
 L V N R S "La Vie en rose"
 V L D S T Valdosta

F-7.

S M O O T H E N S
 M I L W A U K E E
 T R A N S I E N T
 P O S S E S S E S

F-8.

F A T T E N
 A C H E N E
 T H W A R T
 T E A P O T
 E N R O B E
 N E T T E R

F-9.

T I S H A H B A B
 I N H U M A N L Y
 P R I M E R A T E
 S E V E N T I E S

c'est la vie, reactively,
 pardoned, debasers, Malatesta

X-6.

T E L E P A T H I C
 H W A R M T H O D A
 R E S I N H P A L P
 O P E N S E C R E T
 U K R A I N E D R R
 G B O E S S E N C E
 H O B G O B L I N S
 O W E S L T I T U S
 U E S A D V E R B E
 T R E M E N D O U S



CRYPTOGRAMS

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C-1. It's on the tip of my glossal organ! GRIDDLE, Santa Rosa, CA
 J L E K Z V I P D Z X P Y S L Z A (H T S K P A Z U F W)
 L X H P Z L Z S U H K Z U * Q I U U J E K B H U Z H * P M L F W A S K C
 H X L Z J F H K K I P H P Z J L I K A Z U C .

C-2. FREEWHEELING DELETION (5 5) (5 5 = not MW) (See note.) QOZ, Redmond WA
 R I C * M A T C H * M A K E R ^ Z ^ A ^ R I Y X R A ^ Z ^ A ^ W ^ R A E
 R I C V C U Z A Y H X K E A H X C H R A Y X S Y E Q C I C H
 P W K X C P X B H K E J I C H P M C C Q I .

C-3. Distressing. WITZ, Vancouver BC
 F U U P I A K L B V P ^ J I P V E D I W * B I K T T F A F H V F V K P L
 P R R F K I Q V F C D , A D W H K V D V E D J F A I F H ,
 H N L W ' C C C D V A P X L Q P N I E F K I .

C-4. Pending shortage. (*FBEPJ = not MW) LEXMAN, East Moline IL
 G U M F M B X T E B M D M C B M P M D H V B A J F T C B M P
 V T P J T K X B K C T Z D C F T E K X W T B W T H H X B Z W
 * F B E P J Z K D T F X N X V F X H J B X K Z H X D F ?

C-5. Zyzzyva. (VXILR = non-MW usage) NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA
 W S R U P X L X P D N Q Z Q Z W V U E S R S X Z V X I L R Q U W O O
 S Q Z Z J V P M N J C B U Z X Z H I E X Z A S Z J V I P X M Z X
 D W R V U Z Q W O L U W H Z R N V W O P X M Z X .

C-6. Quite quirky. (*KREMLOB = not MW) NEWROW, Brookline MA
 * K R E M L O B : M I N A P L Y G R A R V R K U R O N C T R
 Y J R I P L A S C V L Y A J Y C A C N V Y I H J L N A J Y R R S W
 W S I Y Y L Y R N A E R A A R Y N . L P L B C O H .

C-7. Profuse prescription. raw Ogdensburg, NY
 Z J G H K W Y X Z G W O G Y W Y C . * Z X X Y X H I Y B X
 Z K J W X Y J ' O Z L F O W M W K Y Z I O L X B Z O F Q Q W I H
 Z W Q Q O . Z N W M X : Z Q X Y J F Z A X Y Y W C .