

CRYPTOGRAMS

C-1. Love languages. † JET, Stafford Heights QLD

QMSI HN IMW *PVW TDM DSRR S
PROVISIONAL WEDMSTYW NP KWLLSYWL NT
S HSIOTY SXX? S HNACRW WT *IOTHWV.

C-2. Being human. raw, Rochester NY

E VQAF DNFXH WEIQXK WQDHEIFD QD XCH
CXVZ WCPF TCXCPEJVF JBH WCPF BDFABV
HTEX E VQAF DNFXH MCQXK XCHTQXK. *DTER

C-3. World domination. † EIGHT NINETY, Arlington MA

FDJLKD BLXHIPMADK KDAIKYDX JKL V
*FKHWRQ, **YCQ MHX HA QDHTA LYD VDVFDK
LY DGD KB OLYARYDYA DEODCA *HYAHKOAROH.

C-4. Correcting nonsense. † NEXT LINGO, Lexington MA

LZG YZXTBO (LZNN-DWQLW ZWEVWZ) POT
"YUPYXUPYXUPX" XKMYZU ROVY MYZT:
VWRZTWXR VQWXN OVRY, ZXTWZYR "UVU JQM KZXW..."

C-5. Body check. † WITZ, Vancouver BC

IKQO JKZVCUGYVGCUIUJWZV EGCBUCXZ
WYFUXEIGVG XGSWFKI WYLGZVWJKVWUY;
FKCCW GZ UNV ZGXWFUIUYUZ FUEO.

C-6. Narrating your life. † QOZ, Redmond WA

QXYTZNOY QXCJZ QTAFYF QGUVAFNGU;
QTXYVAD QGUFNIYXTZNGU QXTQWF QGUAUIXAH,
QGUVN XHNUM QGXXYQZ QGUQDAFNGU.

C-7. Vendetta. Nemo DeSluyp, White Plains NY

ETCHNY IBIYA THAET VHJBJ CHLVJ THVO,
REYDR UTHY, DHLVY NRECS, CLVOSV VENDETTA
IBJW EIYSV OSTEAL, DHCCBY NSUULWL.



THE ENIGMA

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BOARD BITS

From the Editor

One month ago, I fell and broke my right arm. Typing and writing are challenging, and I was worried about getting the March *Enigma* out on time. Instead, I was reminded of the amazing editing team that works together every month: yodaughter (layout), /dev/joe (solutions), and the subeditors and test solvers. Everyone chipped in and did more than usual, and the result is now in your hands. Thank you all.

Next month I get a break: our "guest editor", Ralf P. Olio, is ready to put their usual spin on the issue. Consider yourselves warned. And, whether you have ideas for normal submissions or the weird, April-ish variety, please keep on sending puzzles.

CALENDAR

MARCH

22: Equinox Party,
Berkeley CA

JULY

17–20: SPAMCon,
St. Paul and
Minneapolis MN

WEEKLY

Tuesday: Games &
Puzzles Night, Zoom

Wednesday: *Enigma*
Cosolve, Zoom

CALL FOR 2027 CON BIDS — B-SIDE

SPAMCon is only a few short months away and WXYZ and I are thrilled to welcome you to the Twin Cities. More info on that will be forthcoming in next month's issue, but it's also time to start thinking about where we'll be for Con 2027 after visiting Bloomington next year!

If you're interested in hosting Con but don't know where to start, or have a pitch in the works and want someone to ask questions/bounce ideas off of, I want to help you out! Email bside@puzzlers.org if you're interested in pitching a city for 2027, or if you have any questions about what hosting Con requires from a hotel perspective. Neendy has created a fantastic guide for prospective Con hosts and I'd be delighted to send it your way.

While any and all Con bids for 2027 are welcome, the closest we've come recently to being on the West Coast was Boulder 2019. We're overdue for a visit, so if you'd like to welcome the Krewe to the Pacific Time Zone, I'd especially love to hear from you.

See you at Con!

EQUINOX PARTY — RUBRICK

March 22, 6 pm: 75th Equinox Word Games Party, Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1606 Bonita Ave., Berkeley CA. If you're anywhere in the SF Bay area on March 22, come to the Equinox Party for an evening of very NPL-ish games and puzzles! Go to www.equinoxparty.org for info on past events and to sign up for our invite list.

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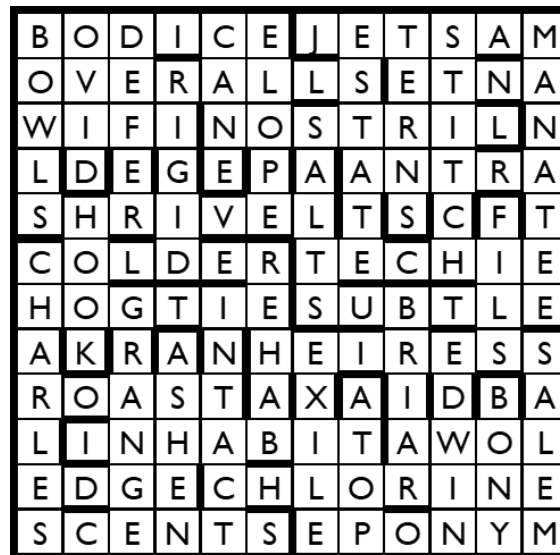
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X-1. Extra letters spell **Florida**. Keys can be paired to create the names of six Florida Keys: *Key West*, *Key Largo*, *Sunset Key*, *Ramrod Key*, *Fleming Key*, and *No Name Key*.

Padlock explanations are italicized. Extraneous letters are shown **bold** in curly brackets along with the words in the clues that contains them.

Across: bod[y]+ice, j+etsam*, overa(we)lls, Etna(R), Wi-(F)i, n+ostril* {for}, ant+[e]ra(R), sh+[d]rivel, col(lar)der, techie(H) {cartel}, h(o)g-tie*, sub(set)tle, hei(st)ress, ro(as)t, in(h)abit {hoard}, AW(O)L, [w]edge, ch(l+o)rine*, sc(rod)ents, ep(on)ym(R) {boxers}

Down: b+owls, [C]Ovid, def(ame)er, can(non)e, e+lope, [g]estate, “turns”, sti(fle)tch, man(go)atee, ri[n]gid*, sal(t)s* {peppier}, hook[ah], fi+ls(R), char(ming)les, r(eh)ab(R), g+r+ange[r] {danger}, [p]intac+t(R), (f→b)riar, ash(ram)en, [t]ex[t]ile, E+d+win, S+alem* {haunt}, atop(H), bo(sun)ny



F-1.

CAMERAS	
SALIVATES	
ALPINEGOATS	
SMOOTHSAILING	
CLIPS	SEALE
SHINS	GRAAF
SCAPE	ECRUS
HONS	ELSE
ARGO	CITE
KEEN	HEIR
IPSE	ERNE
RAHS	RTES
ADAMS	PRISS
SPICA	MAIMS
ENOLA	SCREE
DUMPSTERFIRES	
RATIONALMAN	
YETTOCOME	
DUELERS	

F-2.

KRISTIANIA	KD
GREENLIT	BEOF
AGNATE	NORWAY
OSLO	AKERSHUS
EL	MARRIEDMAN

F-4.

DESIGNATED
TOROIDAL
HITTER
STEN
AR

F-5.

DOREMI	S
TOXIN	AH
BOSC	FRO
NDU	NEED
ENWOUND	
NEWYEARSDAY	
YOHIMBE	
ASIN	USA
LIP	LTJG
AN	ALAIN
S	REREAD

F-7.

W
FIR
PUNAS
LASSIES
CENTONATE
THESIMPSONS
ERIGERONS
YEANING
STENS
EST
S

F-3.

RUES
ONLY
EDEN
VEGA
WRAP
AWNS
DACE
EYES

F-6.

T
FUR
DAMES
TEQUILA
TAMILNADU
DESERTSTORM

F-8.

GAPS
CALLON
OUTDARES
APPLECORPS
EPINASTY
ANTRES
GEDS

- E-4. Plans often get in the way of a fast-moving incident-rich landscape, so better to have on-the-hoof flexibility. J[asper] Fforde
- E-5. Such a curse is constant beauty, / When it surrounds us every day, / We whine that we can't see the forest, / For the trees are in the way. Erin Hanson
- E-6. English is messy, uninhibited, sprawling, and sloppy. That's what I like about it. Erin McKean
- E-7. When I was a child, people used to cover me in chocolate and cream and put a cherry on my head. Life was tough in the gateau.
- E-8. We find that whole communities suddenly fix their minds upon one object, and go mad in its pursuit. Charles Mackay
- E-9. We human beings have been blessed with the gift of intellect, creativity, insight, and perception. Why are we not using it...? R[achel] Goldberg-Polin
- E-10. If you think you've found a theory that explains everything, diagnose yourself with mania, and check yourself into the hospital. S[cott] Alexander
- E-11. Someone told me that each equation I included in the book would halve the sales. [Stephen] Hawking
- E-12. In the nineteenth century, poetry was a bestselling genre rather than the cultish phenomenon it is now. John H. McWhorter

- C-1. Although I am bald I have great affection for my styling accessories. I cannot part with my comb.
- C-2. If you ever load up on eye candy, remember to balance out your diet with a good helping of fiber optics.
- C-3. Commentary from cordwainer or cobbler: Cinderella is proof that new shoes can change your life.
- C-4. Parishioners who attend religious assemblies are called via bell-ringing app; steeple demolition next.
- C-5. Generative AI is mansplaining: plausible yet incorrect answers delivered with confidence. Let me explain...
- C-6. Study finds Bigfoot sightings frequently correlating with black bear numbers, except Florida locations.
- C-7. Fresh fossil find features fifty fragile femurs. Friend forecasts fantastic fortune. Fabulous!

FEBRUARY HINTS AND MARCH EASY LIST

March Easy List: 6, 13, 18, 20, 23, 44, 52.

- February Hints:
22. The 7 is clued by "speaking" rather than "celebrate".
36. "Linda" is just there for the wordplay in the fake base, but "unmild", and the idea of gum flavor, are key.
39. How would you describe the specs, without specifically referencing their color(n)?
44. The reading enumeration is "3 6", or perhaps "3 2 4".

RESIGNED / REMOVED

Alston Boyd, Rob Evans (Beekeeper) Jane Gitschier, Steve Hoberman, Mark Isabelle (Bugo), Graeme Melcher (Gizmo), Simone Nikitina, Daniel Riordan, Paul Ritz, Steve Scowden (NomSkull), Thomas Shockman (Cheesehead), Bonnie Sisak, Daniel Sternbergh, Willem Verhoef

HAPPY KREWEVERSAARY!

35 Years: Noam

30 Years: Lyric, Stewball

25 Years: G2znii, Nomless

20 Years: GymNovice

10 Years: Andromeda

5 Years: Ambud, Charlie Sow, King of Hearts, Loren Looger, Yarom

MARCH PUZZLES

- 1, 24, 53. Welcome, new constructor Kanga!
9. Happy Birthday, Ucaoiuhu!
- 11, 17, 27, 31. Combinom: ManyPinkHats/Regards.
17. To the tune of "We're Off to See the Wizard" from *The Wizard of Oz*.
27. To the tune of "Sweet Emotion" by Aerosmith.
31. To the tune of "Across the Universe" by the Beatles.
32. To the tune of "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" by the Beatles.
34. Combinom: Sidhe/T McAy.
40. Combinom: Wrybosh/Dr. Seuss.

- E-2. Sage & cabbage sausage: clues are presented in alphabetical order by answer. Enumerations (including capitalization) are withheld. In the grid, fill consonants into the circles and vowels into the squares, ignoring spaces and punctuation. Adjacent grid entries alternate between being near consonantcies and near vowelcies, with the second word in each pair dropping one letter: e.g. sausage → sage (drop an S) or sausage → cabbage (drop a U). The dropped letters, in grid order, form a word or phrase (clued above the grid). The first and last words do not connect to each other. As always, Y is a vowel. Example: adagio → amazing (dropping o) → mango (dropping z); the dropped letters (in order) spell "Oz".
- E-5. Vienna sausage: A variation on the German sausage. Clues to a first list of answers are given. As in a German sausage, each pair of consecutive answers can be combined and transposed to form a second list of answers. Additionally, each triplet of consecutive answers can be combined and transposed to form a third list of answers. Enumerations are given for the third list.

C-1. WT = non-MW usage; *IOTHWV = not MW.

C-3. BLXHIPMADK, **YCQ = not MW.

C-4. YUPYXUPYXUPX = not MW.

C-5. ZGXWFUIUYUFUEO = coinage.

C-6. QXCJZ = non-MW usage.

Solution words and phrases not found at www.merriam-webster.com (“online MW”) are labeled by the Merriam-Webster dictionary in which they appear in print: 11C (11th Collegiate), NI3, or NI2. Non-MW words and usages are noted. “+” signifies foreign, slang, dialect, obsolete, archaic, and the like. Capitalized words get a “*”; words in all-caps get “**”. Words that are capitalized (as in names or titles) but normally uncapitalized with the same usage get a “^” or “^^”. Puzzles with a puzzle note 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 April 1, 2025, to /dev/joe, Joseph DeVincentis, 12 Saunders St., Salem MA 01970, solutions@puzzlers.org. All lists must be postmarked by April 30, 2025.

1. LETTER BANK † (7, 12)

En garde, my thrusting LOP is cruel!
Ye bag of bones! Ye fool!
Despite my chronic, nasty POOL,
I’m sure to win this duel.
=KANGA, Kensington MD

2. ALTERED STATE

(7) (FLAY = inferable, NI2)

My fencing OKAY,
An excellent FLAY,
Need not cry “Touché!”
As we practice all day.
=Nemo DeSluyp, White Plains NY

3. TRANSPOSAL (9)

The criminal mastermind launched his
cruel plot
To poison the people and take all their
wealth.
The only known LOTS are kept deep in
his lair;
The henchmen he’s LOST at the door act
with stealth.
The medical experts are now searching
for
Remedial LOTS to return all to health.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

4. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA

(5) (A = part of phrase)

A. Lick mild acid sour.
When? This very hour.
B. Idea jogs this head:
Bear with what we’ve said.

Gigs with oars race,
Keep such fast pace.
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

5. MYNOMOH (1 [*5 *4], 3 4 5)

(clued in order)

The one-hour non-comedy show my
group makes
About clarified butter will focus on cakes
(King and pan) made with such for
Shrove Tuesday! That’s right,
There will be THAI NUT episode (yum!)
of TONIGHT!
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

6. WORD DELETION (7)

I’ve a TEN to pick:
Evergreens are cool.
Don’t cut down a HICK
For a THICKEN’s fuel.
=BROBBERTY, Chicago IL

X-3. Dragonfly 2, 4, 10, 12, 19, 23, 25, 32, 33, 40, C-1. Drauk 1, 14, 25, E-3, E-9, X-1. Glee 4, 17, 25, 34, 36, F-3, E-6, E-9, X-1, X-2, X-3. Hot 8, 23, 25, X-3!. Is 31. Jo the Loiterer 2, 7, 16, 25, 28, 30, 36, F-1, F-7, F-9, F-11, F-12, X-1, X-3. LaDiDa 2, 17, 33, 40, F-4, E-9, X-3. Linko 1, 3, 8, 14!, 15, 24, 29, 39, F-3, X-2. Lyric F-1, C-5, E-11, X-1, X-2!, X-3. ManyPinkHats 13, 25, 36, F-5, F-8, F-9. Mercury 8, 13, 14, 22, 24, 25, 41, X-1, X-2. Munro 24, 28, X-1, X-2!. Nemo DeSluyp 14, 25, 28, 30, 40, X-1, X-2, X-3!. Newrow 14, 24, 25!, 36, F-3, F-11, E-9. Next Lingo 25, F-8, E-2, E-3, E-8, X-2. NJ Ninja 10, 12, 15, 22, 33, 36, X-1!. Noodle Noggin 16. Pen Gwyn 14, X-1. Qaqaq 2, F-12. QT-Oh 2, 28, C-4, X-1, X-2, X-3. Tabellion 15, F-10!, C-2, X-1. T McAy 8, 14!, 22, 26, 33, 40. Toototabon 14, 16, 25, C-4, E-9, X-1, X-2, X-3. Tril 1, 8, 11, 14, 23, 24, 25, 28, C-4, C-7, E-9, X-1, X-2, X-3!. Tyger 10, 25!, 26, 30, 33, F-1, E-6. Verdant 11. Violette 13, 14, 17, 25!, 28, 33, 36, 40, F-10, E-9, X-1, X-2, X-3. Wild Rice 25. Witz 8, 14, 17, 35, F-1, F-10, C-4, E-9, X-1!. Wordsmix 25!, E-9. Yarom 25, E-9, X-1, X-2!, X-3.

JANUARY SOLUTIONS

1. flake, Gmail 2. lodge, Google Doodle 3. sneak past; takes, naps 4. bar burst wild-eyed out [barb {jag}, erstwhile “die” {fulham}, doubt {uncertainty}] 5. Attu one ET. Fifteen outta 6. mother, thermometer 7. konjac, cognac 8. Omsk ware’d (fie!) vanned for tea [I’m squared five-and-forty] 9. sick, a mortician [sycamore, Titian] 10. bake, book; bacon [à la take, took; taken] 11. apiarian; aria, pain 12. soothsaying, gunshots 13. streetscape, pacesetters 14. holiest, stiletto heel 15. N(i(coma)ch)us 16. be prepared, beep repaired 17. st(i/a/u)ff 18. a(r)t heist 19. terro(i)r 20. spi(n)ose 21. Solange, Los Angeles Angels 22. innuendo [in UN, dough {s}] 23. late, eight; lat(k)e 24. stagflation, flag station 25. for merchant seamen [former chant {go, Brooklyn Dodgers!}, SE amen {agreed!}] 26. sh! if (ta-da!) Ted is astern in e [shift a date {d}, disaster {doom} nine {i.e., Caesar shift “ddoom” nine}] KU-1. autopista 27. handwrote, *And Then There Were None* 28. considerate, desecration 29. wi(n)dow 30. dark rum, R. Crumb 31. (n/p/r)otation 32. Mescal in *Gladiator II*, me scaling Ladia torii 33. car|away 34. much I chivy Ouse emus under [mu {M} chi {X} chi {X} V you see mu {M} sunder] 35. thimbles, bless this mess 36. heading, hidden agenda 37. proper 38. misunderstanding [M is under ST and ING] 39. vul|gar|den|ture 40. Pegasus, usage, gas 41. baroque, Braque 42. ex(tra m)ile 43. Ghostbuster, goat butter 44. nepotist sit, open 45. perfect square (numbers of a special kind like sixteen or two thousand twenty-five) [per|use (read), fec|und (copious), ts|ar (Russian tyrant), qu|ill (pen), Are|thusa (spring)] 46. interlay, alternate reality 47. H.M.S. Pinafore, foremanship 48. roturier (commoner) [ro|yal (queenly), tu|ba (brass), ri|ch (wealthy), er|go (hence)] 49. mi(r)(r)o(r) 50. s(u)n, f(ati)gue 51. Chile adore [chi, lead ore] 52. patrician, petition 53. tridecane menace dirt 54. Maria Anna Cecilia Sofia Kalogeropoulos 55. King Arthur

E-1. Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time. [E.B.] White
E-2. Wherever there is judgment, there is noise—and more of it than you think. Kahneman, Sibony, Sunstein
E-3. These rocks are from a time before eyes, brains, and bones, pieces of a land warmed by an unseen sun. Randall Munroe

DECEMBER SOLVERS

The December 2024 *Enigma* had 43 flats, 12 forms, 7 crypts, 13 extras, and 3 cryptics. 45 solution lists, representing 80 solvers, were received.

Art Brut/DtheW, BlueStorminator, Craig, Deansk, DelphiRune/Papayagi/RUgame?, /dev/joe/Vraal/Tinhorn/Om Nom, Donimo/Wordsmix/Quicks?lver, Dragonfly/Libra/Paragon, Jo the Loiterer/Manx/Pen Gwyn/Stewball, Lyric/Munro, ManyPinkHats/Regards, Philana/Mercury, Qaqaq, Tril, Tyger/weefoot/Wolverine, Violette, Widdy/Bambam, and Witz/Andreas had completes. David Bael/Rosebud/Scarab/Wild Rice/Yarom, Cache, Is, Loki-5, and T McAy had flat completes.

Accepted: 5-ARGENTINOS, RESONATING; 7-GIRLEEN, LEERING (2); 14-DISORDERED for MISORDERED, with DISH for part-word MISHAP (4); 15-THREAD for DEARTH (7) and DEAD-HEARTED for HARD-HEARTED (2); F-5-RENOS for REDOS (17) and KNOTS for KNOBS (2). Not accepted: 1-FOXY ANNA, DEER-OS; 13-OPTICUS for OCCIPUT (3); 26-MATTRESS and TEAMMATE for SEATMATE; 33-CORAL COLOR for LOCAL COLOR (2); 39-CURDLED, CULLED and CURDLED, CURDED; 40-ROSEATE, ROSE; X-2-LEADS for SENDS.

-/dev/joe, Solutions Editor

FLATS/FORMS/CRYPTS/EXTRAS/CRYPTICS SOLVED (* = complete): Ajde 12/0/0/5/0. Alice/A-Plus/Hot/Ming 41/0/0/0/0. Badir 34/*/4/2/2. David Bael/Rosebud/Scarab/Wild Rice/Yarom */0/0/0/0. Cache */*/0/0/2. Chogori/Clio 41/*/*/*/1. Cleat Rubble 0/11/3/*/0. Dischorran 29/*/*/1/1. Donsie 0/0/*/10/0. Drauk 37/*/*/*/2. Endgame 23/*/*/1/0. Foobar 34/*/*/*/1. Glee/LaDiDa 42/*/0/2/2. GrandBairn/Melifer/Serendipity 40/*/*/10/1. Is */0/0/0/0. Kwyjibo 23/*/0/*/0. Linko 33/*/2/5/* . Loki-5 *//*/*/1/0. Mx Metaflower 21/11/*/*/0. Nemo DeSluyp 40/*/*/*/* . Newrow/Footfly 34/*/*/*/1. NJ Ninja 14/11/*/*/1. Pebbles 14/8/2/0/0. PiRomantic 21/0/0/11/0. Tabellion/Verdant 23/*/1/9/2. T McAy */0/0/0/0. Toototabon/QT-Oh/Noodle Noggin 38/*/*/*/* .

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7. ENIGMATIC REBUS (9)



Yakety-yak!

You've got ZACK.

=NEWROW, Brookline MA

8. FIFTH-LETTER CHANGE (10)

My therapist insists that WAITE
My inner child is a great
Idea, but what if it is not
My inner child that I've got?
Suppose that it's in fact a WASTE
That in my early days replaced
The right one, will I still get well?
I asked my therapist to tell
Me what he thought. He got annoyed
And said that I was paranoid.
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

9. PHONIGMATIC REBUS †

(*4-4 5 2 4)

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It was terribly reckless
For folks with a necklace
Whose fastener's weight
Equalled that of old Cat-
O's home city, when they'd
Wander round with no maid,
Queen or soldier to don
It, to leave it upon
Marshy ground; if the earth
'Neath a YEARS SINCE MY BIRTH,
It sinks in, and the chain
Ne'er emerges again.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

10. ORDER TAKEOUT CHARADE

(7, 3, 5; 7)

A plumber-inventor once spoke to our
club.
He'd invented a type of drain FIRST for
the tub.
He said this design would ALL better
than all
The plugs found in the hardware store
down at the mall.
He's a bit of a SECOND—frets how he is
dressed—
But his speech held us rapt. We became
quite impressed
By this dandy, although his bow tie was
absurd.
Will his FIRST, as he claimed, take the
bath world by THIRD?
=COUSIN JOE, Cleveland OH

11. PARTIALLY REVERSED

ALTERNATE † (8)

"I think that I shall never see
A poem lovely as a tree."
Would Kilmer, should he happen on
A WHOLE place from which trees were gone
And sprightly TWO would make no sense,
Pen ENO dirges and laments?
=MANYPINKREGARDS, Hamil2n ON

12. PROGRESSIVE CONSONANTCY DELETION (*10, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2-2)
(one step is a beheadment; one is a consonantcy beheadment)



=NEWROW, Brookline MA

13. REVERSED TERMINAL DELETION (6)

He guards each sword
In the fencing team's hoard.
His job's in sports—
He's the LONG of the SHORTs.
=ASHURBANIPAL, Seattle WA

14. ACROSTICAL ENIGMA

(*6) (B = *)

ACROSTICAL ENIGMA

(*2. *7) (*2 = abbr.)

- A. Rollerblading down the walk, we hear
some people sing on
- B. Cherry Lane in coats some artist chose
to fix, and fling on
- C. Racks, and deck with braid; they drink
(like rum fiends) to a keen

Premodern guy who died a day away from
3/16.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

15. PHRASE DELETION (4 4 13 ^4 ^4)

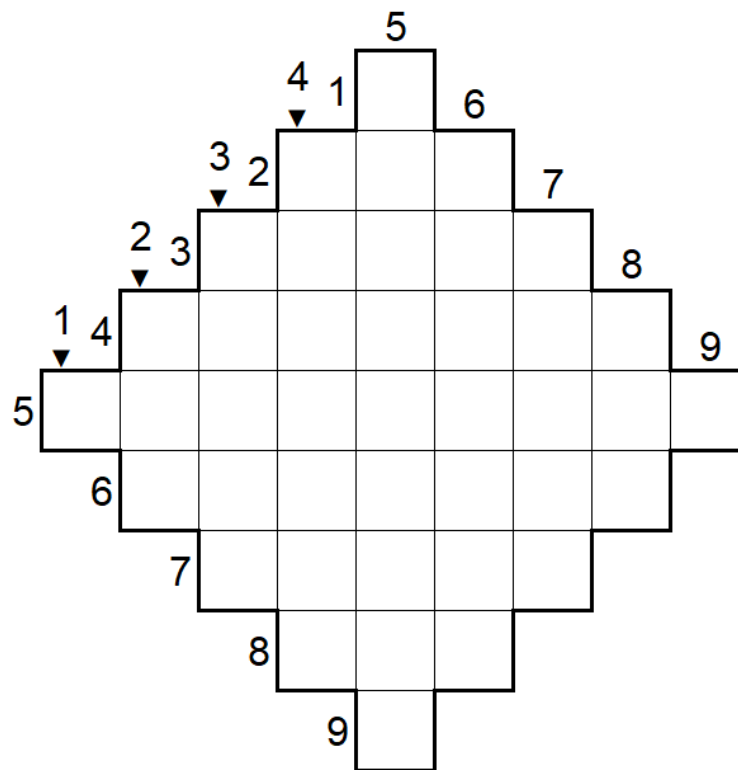
While reading a guidebook to Paris, I'm
vexed:
Some joker's inserted a map 'midst the
text!
The Sorbonne, the Panthéon, other sights
near.
(The leaf's not quite empty, but few
words appear.)
Was that done on purpose? *Très gauche!*
How uncouth!
(Though the caption does say "YOU'VE
ARRIVED AT THE TRUTH.")
=530nm330Hz, Newton MA

16. REVERSED METATHESIS

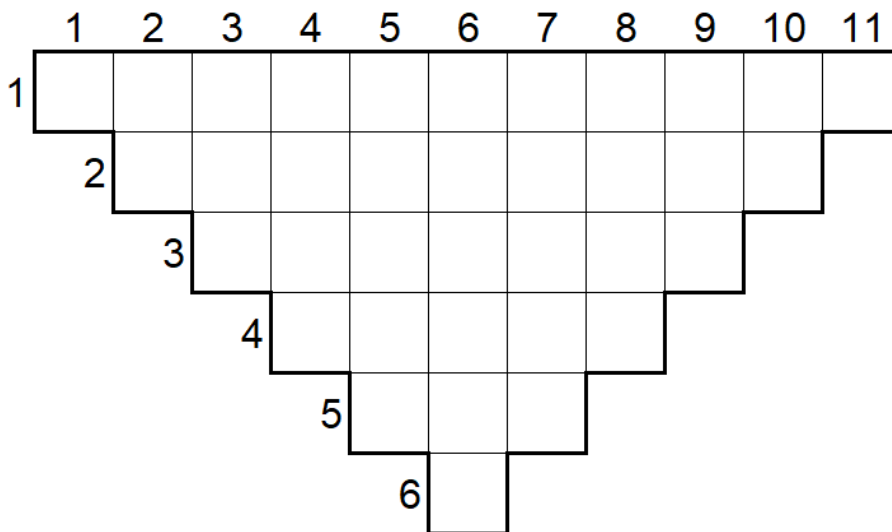
(6) (ONE = * = non-MW usage)

At breakfast one day on the set
Of *Some Like It Hot*, Tony ONE
Asked his costar her preference in tea:
"EON or milk, Sugar Hon?"
=ENDGAME, Portland OR

F-7.



F-8.



F-7. DOUBLE DIAMOND**Across**

- 1 Letter used as notation for the Pearson correlation coefficient
- 2 Informer
- 3 Castrated chicken
- 4 Game played with a set of usually 28 flat, rectangular dotted blocks
- 5 Maryland retreat where negotiations led to Israel and Egypt signing a permanent peace agreement on March 26, 1979 (WP)
- 6 Folded printed sheet distributed for free
- 7 Musical shake or vibrato
- 8 Put to the test
- 9 Base of natural logarithms

Down

- 1 With 9 Down, optical disc with recorded music or data, for short
 - 2 Indian dish of simmered legumes
 - 3 Kohoutek discovered March 18, 1973, for one
 - 4 Broad embankment raised as a fortification
 - 5 Marked by quick succession, as questions
 - 6 Unlike how Arnold Schoenberg sometimes composed
 - 7 Invented prose narrative
 - 8 Perch
 - 9 See 1 Down
- =WITZ, Vancouver BC

F-8. INVERTED PYRAMID**Across**

- 1 Phrase uttered in Churchill's "The Sinews of Peace" speech on March 5, 1946, in Fulton, Missouri
- 2 Beekeepers
- 3 Marks of shame
- 4 Make a face to express contempt
- 5 Purpose
- 6 Metric ton

Down

- 1 Element #53
 - 2 Chief Egyptian deity
 - 3 Roman goddess of abundance
 - 4 Minor shortcomings
 - 5 Actor Sir Michael, born Maurice Micklewhite on March 14, 1933
 - 6 Pressing
 - 7 Covered with frost
 - 8 One with great authority
 - 9 Amer. Temperance Soc.
 - 10 Lives
 - 11 Element #7
- =WITZ, Vancouver BC

17. TRANSPOSAL †

(4 3, 4 3) (can be sung)

Ver' oft the LEE's considered
 The monk with the funniest schnozz.
 We've none, I fear, in nature parks here;
 They're oceans off near Sabah's.
 I'd go, but my thalassophobia's
 Been giving me cause to pause. My prob's
 Not jaws, proboscis, maws, or claws; the
 flaw's
 My loss, but the wide EEL I fear to cross.
 So, tough; I'm too white-livered
 To sail so far northwest of Oz.
 =MANYPINKREGARDS, Hamil2n ON

18. REBUS (9)

BD

Titanic, on her maiden trip,
 With an iceberg did collide.
 Ripped that gash both deep and wide.
 No choice: the crew THE REBUS ship.
 =raw, Rochester NY

19. FULLY ALTERED STATE

(6) (FOUR = *)

As I snort the cohoba (or FIVE, as some
 say),
 For vihuela, a work by Milán starts to
 play:
 It's a slow, stately court dance, a THREE.
 I grow numb,
 Then it hits me: some birds are like
 titmice and some
 Are like gulls (but not terns), both the
 HOME and the ONE,
 Yet the dormice are TWO (that is, hairy).
 I run
 Through the stars, as the cosmos I plumb
 to its core.
 I float to the Fates (known to Romans as
 FOUR).
 =Nemo DeSluyp, White Plains NY

20. INTERLOCK (9)

New parenting has made me tense
 By overloading every sense.
 The stinky ONE, the slimy drool,
 The piercing cries—they're almost cruel.
 They make me wish that I could NINE
 For just a bit. That kid of mine
 Is driving me insane, it's true.
 I need a me day at the TWO!
 =SCARAB, St. Paul MN

21. REPEATED-LETTER CHANGE

(*6, 6) (SIGHS, TIGHT)
 (TIGHT = + usage)

FALSE INHABITANT

(5, *7) (K, KITE)

When Pompeians still lived in Pompeii,
 At his feast (as per Esther) in KITE,
 Persia's king, the great SIGHS, would say
 "K!"
 ("Do not speak!") when one bard with no
 TIGHT
 (We instead would say "talents," today)
 Pulled a scroll out and tried to recite.
 =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

22. TRANSPOSAL (9)

The challenger hopes that this match is
 the one
 When he FIRST the king and thus leaves
 his own stamp.
 A strike and some injuries SECOND his
 year,
 And gave fewer chances to unseat the
 champ.
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

23. PALINDROME BEHEADMENT

(*7)

A cowboy, I've read,
 Wears a LONG SHORT his head.
 =BROBERTY, Chicago IL

24. LETTER BANK † (4, 1 2 7, 5 5)
(BOON = +, not MW)

The critter party moved indoors one day.
A vicious NOB was threatening to blow
Their cover! Not to worry though, for
they
Committed to put on a dazzling show.

So, funky monkey played some disco
beats.
The furniture was handled by chair bear
And table sable, while the snacks and
treats
Were served in cater gator's dinnerware.

Then, "Hola," cried good whale, with fork
and spoon.
"I swim to you from native Lugo town
And bring to you my entrée: pulpo
BOON,
For you to gobble up and/or wolf down."

"Objection!" squawked BONOBO, "Move
to strike!"
"You don't belong, your names don't
rhyme, you pike!"
=KANGA, Kensington MD

25. LETTER BANK (6 2, 13) (6 2 = +)

We wee BLABBED pirates sail the serous
Seas outside those membranes filled with
Cytoplasm; all germs fear us
And our BLADEs (curved swords we're
skilled with)!
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

26. REPEATED-BIGRAM CHANGE
(8)

My friend, Clementi, wrote six MEMEs
(Short works developed from some
themes)—
Or should I say, my GAGA friend?
We've fallen out and in, no end.
=Nemo DeSluyp, White Plains NY

27. TRANSPOSAL † (7) (can be sung)

You talk about THING to stabilize
streams
Poured into cones for soft serve ice creams.
It's collagen-based, so the motto
"Meat-free"
You can't say. Maybe then your NIGHT
ought to be
"Sweet emulsion".
=MANYPINKREGARDS, Hamil2n ON

28. ACROTELESTICHAL ENIGMA (8)
(acrostic A = *)

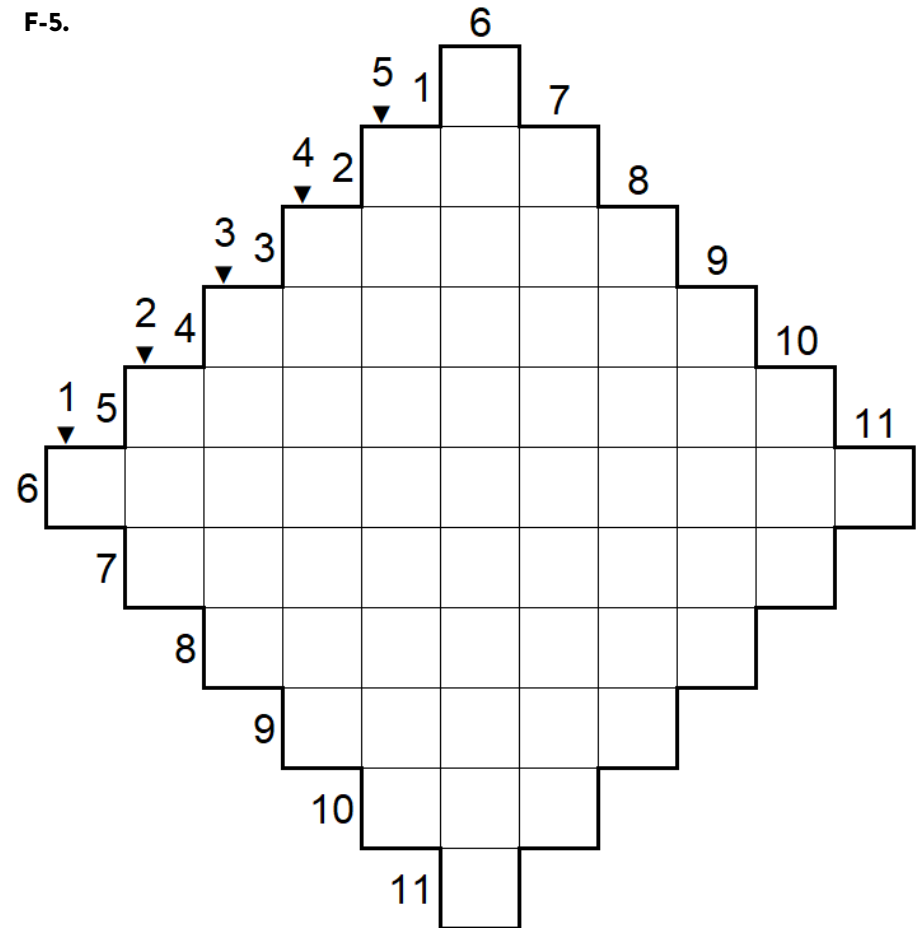
- A. One tale we've spun and testify it's
true,
Of lovely Spanish land we speak, we
two.
B. Three cheers: entreat the Irish chief of
yore
Whose hilly residence is fit for four.

The power to persuade
Should never be delayed.
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

29. LETTER BANK
(*9, ^3 *6 *4, 2 4 4 2 5)
(LEAST = not MW) (can be sung to
part of a song by LEAST)

I'm GREAT talkin' with King Henry the
Eighth
'Cause his new Church of England's not fair.
I'm a man for all seasons
And I gave the king my reasons,
But he scoffed like he didn't care.
So I took a big chance
With my papist stance.
Now the axeman's here and ready to play.
"I'm sure MOST," I said to 'im,
"You've postponed an execution."
But I knew there would be no stay
When he told me to
Walk this way...
=T MCAY, Aurora CO

F-5.



F-6.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1								
2								
3								
4								

F-5. DOUBLE DIAMOND

Across

- 1 With 11 Across, note appended to a completed written work, for short
- 2 Form of address in a salutation
- 3 Tree trunks, below the crown
- 4 Solves puzzles on the back page of *The Enigma*
- 5 Professional party people?
- 6 First national park in the U.S., declared on March 1, 1872
- 7 In a momentous fashion
- 8 Frustrates
- 9 Paper mill sorting room in Sussex
- 10 ____ B, aka Scary Spice
- 11 See 1 Across

Down

- 1 A “sometimes” letter?
 - 2 Church bench
 - 3 Distributed, with “out”
 - 4 Abdomens
 - 5 Chart showing the structure of interpersonal relations in a group
 - 6 Medium-sized cetaceans also called blackfish
 - 7 Extract the essence of, again
 - 8 Capable of being smoothly cut with a knife
 - 9 Urges on at Uluru
 - 10 Bend upward, especially at either end of a ship
 - 11 Letter on a dozen *Scrabble* tiles in a set
- =WITZ, Vancouver BC

F-6. RECTANGLE

Across

- 1 Writers whose subject is romantic love
- 2 Long, involved story; or the scroll of Esther, recited for Purim
- 3 Debut
- 4 Moved up and down

Down

- 1 Excites, with “up”
 - 2 Nothing more than a London lake?
 - 3 S-shaped molding
 - 4 Borders
 - 5 Largest bones in pelvises
 - 6 Large number
 - 7 Counterweight
 - 8 Slough off
- =WITZ, Vancouver BC

30. BEHEADMENT (5) (NOW)

BEHEADMENT (5) (THEN)

BEHEADMENT (7) (PART)

Of all the creatures I detest,
It's bugs and OWs I hate the best.
When I see one, I always NOW
It with my mighty hand—kapow!
One winter's day, I came inside
And with my ARTs still on, I cried,
“That looks like just a HEN or speck
Of dirt, but it's a bug, by heck,
And bugs I simply cannot stand.”
I THEN it with my covered hand.
The creepy-crawly had been PART,
And satisfaction filled my heart.
=SCARAB, St. Paul MN

31. LETTER BANK †

(8, 14) (can be sung)

Nerves for knowing how we bend and
strain give TWO; we straighten up,
And muscle spindle stimulation fades. So
energies disperse,
ONE time flowing to an end where chaos
reigns and all degrades
To inert uniformity.
=MANYPINKREGARDS, Hamil2n ON

32. PALINDROME † (8 3. 6, 2 4)

(3 = + usage) (can be sung)

Picture yourself at a gangster clan's gala
(The Myst'ry Hunt). Someone has stolen
their new
Diamond; we'll see how your team is at
tracking
Down SUS, cheeky barkeeps, if you
Ought to just banter, or ask them for
hints!
Choose when each puzzle's unveiled!
Judge who did what in this fam'ly who all
Should be jailed!
Looking for a giant diamond...
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

33. PHONETIC DOUBLE-CROSS

(*4 *5, 6, 3, 5) (3 = non-MW usage
and pronunciation)

I'm waiting at A's airport and there's B of
time to spare
Before we have to board the D and travel
through the air.
I'd love to just kick back, enjoy some C
and mellow out,
But these Hoosier narcs would throw my
butt in jail without a doubt!
=QAAQ, Woodland Hills CA

34. TRANSPOSAL †

(*4) (TWO = not MW)

TRANSPOSAL (*6)

(TWO = not MW; same cuewords)

While touring world capital cities, I flew
To ONE where I ran into red Muppet
TWO!
I felt it had happened before—déjà vu?
=SIDHE MCAY, Philadora PO

35. PHONETIC BEHEADMENT

(7, 7)

The synagogue fundraiser focused on
food.
Old recipes cherished and guarded for
years
Were put up for RATE—tasty lots to be
bought.
These valuable gems were not cheap
souvenirs.

Cheese blintzes and brisket were popular
ones,
But foods made with noodles were most
highly sought.
GREAT kugel and chicken soup, also with
GREAT,
Received the most bids, and top prices
they got.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

36. FALSE ABNORMALITY (3, 7)

My Marie is such a hassle,
 Making messes in the castle,
 Acting queerly in the keep,
 Catching rats in dungeons deep.
 On the rampart by the SEVEN,
 Killing pigeons, she's in heaven.
 How I dread it when she's moody:
 First she's grumpy, glum and broody,
 Then she claws and bites and hisses.
 There's no meaner THREE than this is.
 Lord, she gives me paresthesia
 (That's when eerie tingles seize ya).
 =CRAX, Mountain View CA

37. LETTER BANK (4, 5 4)

We need a lot of tricks to make the
 SESSIONS.
 Hey dummy, I declare! Lay down your
 hand.
 We've counted twelve amongst our
 earned possessions.
 The contract's ours, and with a bonus...
 and...
 That's how one NOISE the party
 interspersing:
 We soundly thrash, defeat and beat and
 thump.
 Good sports we're not! I'll cross this
 bridge while versing:
 We searched our hearts... but could have
 gone No Trump.
 =BARTOK, La Habra CA

38. ENIGMATIC REBUS (2 5, 2 5)

most magnificent amazing review

'Twas the niftiest practical joke ever seen!
 Even he who wrote verses 18 and 19
 Of the 26th chapter of Proverbs, which
 state
 That it's bad AWESOME, serious terms,
 said, "It's great!"
 =UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

39. TRANSPOSAL (13)

He thought that PARTS were based on
 looks
 And not what's in one's head or heart.
 Romances, though, are not skin-deep;
 A nose's size won't play a part.

He sought cosmetic surgeons who
 Were noted for the STRAP they did.
 An altered face won't solve his woes
 Or help his ego or his id.
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

40. ENIGMATIC REBUS † ([7 5])

specum

One fish,
 Two fish,
 Red fish,
 Blue fish.
 =DR. WRYSS, Montwhoville NA

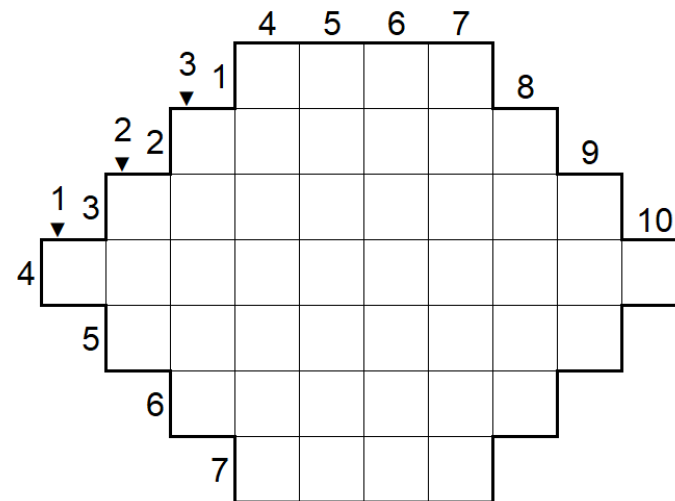
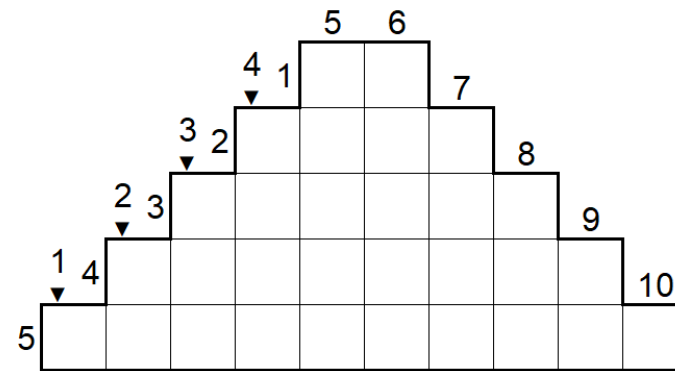
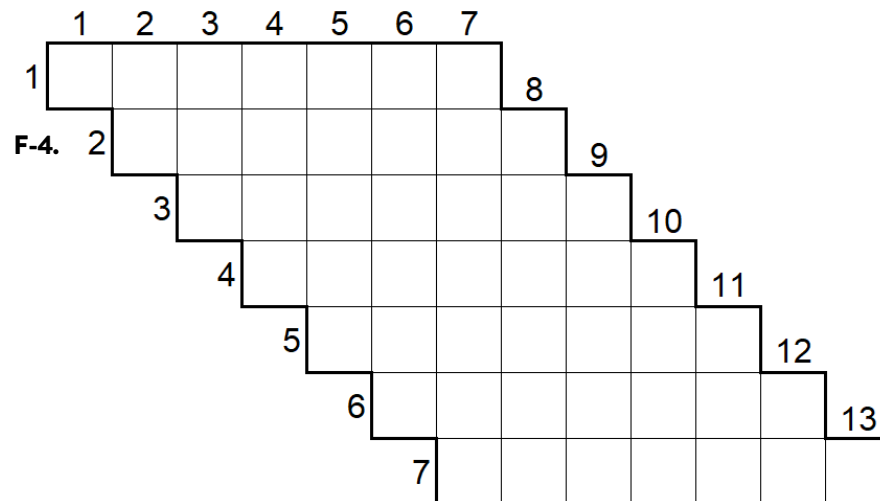
41. TRANSPOSAL (10, 4 6)

(Can be sung to the tune of "FIRST
 ANSWER, ^FIRST ANSWER" by Bock
 and Harnick)

LAST ANSWER, LAST ANSWER,
 Nail me a nail
 Into this cloth,
 Quick, without fail,
 LAST ANSWER, LAST ANSWER,
 Go tap-tap-tap
 And put in this little nail!
 =QAQAAQ, Woodland Hills CA

42. PASTEOVER (7)

I find exercise torture, a terrible BORE,
 So, when golfing, I go in a cart,
 Trundling over the ORB from the time I
 cry "Fore!"
 To the clubhouse, when supper will start.
 =Nemo DeSluym, White Plains NY

F-2.**F-3.****F-4.**

F-2. HEXAGON**Across**

- 1 Italian mathematician Fibonacci's birthplace
- 2 Confined
- 3 Long choral work without action or scenery
- 4 U.S. government agency for volunteers to serve local communities around the world, established by President Kennedy on March 1, 1961
- 5 Good for being put away for future use
- 6 Learns about by experience
- 7 Tragic title heroine in Thomas Hardy's famed novel

Down

- 1 With 10 Down, one trillionth of a second
 - 2 Violent whirlwinds off the Faeroe Islands
 - 3 E. J. _____, called the foremost Canadian poet of the first half of the 20th century
 - 4 Heavy woollen double-breasted jacket
 - 5 Latin for "among or between themselves"
 - 6 Tracked vehicles for wintry conditions made by the Tucker company
 - 7 Organisms that require oxygen to live
 - 8 Trembles in Berwick-upon-Tweed
 - 9 "And winking Mary-buds begin to _____ their golden eyes": Shakespeare
 - 10 See 1 Down
- =WITZ, Vancouver BC

F-3. TRUNCATED PYRAMID**Across**

- 1 It appears to be James Todd Smith's preferred first name
- 2 Coastal city of Cameroon
- 3 "Father of American Pediatrics" Abraham
- 4 & 5 What TV stands for, according to Goodman Ace

Down

- 1 1983 sci-fi miniseries
 - 2 *The Proud Tower* : A.D. :: *The Two Towers* : _____
 - 3 Game pursued in France?
 - 4 Horse's neck armor
 - 5 Monetary gain
 - 6 In legend, pope before Joan; in reality, pope before Benedict III
 - 7 2024 champion Pulling of F1 Academy, female-only Formula 4-level single-seater racing (WP)
 - 8 It's spoken of the dead sometimes
 - 9 Ninth after cee
 - 10 C₁₁H₁₅NO₂
- =JET, Stafford Heights QLD

F-4. LEFT RHOMBOID**Across**

- 1 First choice offered by Patrick Henry in a speech on March 23, 1775
- 2 Put a serial number on each leaf of a work
- 3 Conceded
- 4 Resolves conclusively
- 5 Arranged in succession
- 6 Heads of schools or universities
- 7 Acetaldehyde

Down

- 1 With 13 Down, Mr. Bean's two initials
 - 2 Whether
 - 3 Fluffy scarf
 - 4 Former English cloth lengths
 - 5 Aggravates
 - 6 One who sounds short blasts on a whistle, for example
 - 7 Conifer, symbolic of sadness, often found in church graveyards
 - 8 Violation that is against the law
 - 9 Second choice offered by Patrick Henry in a speech on March 23, 1775
 - 10 Ancient Greek portico
 - 11 Sea eagle
 - 12 Salvation Army
 - 13 See 1 Down
- =WITZ, Vancouver BC

43. HOMONYM

(5 7, 3 4 6) (clued in order)

The Constitution: see it taught in school.
The kids learn all about it. That's so cool!
With legislative matters is the BLUE
Concerned. Six more, and then that part is through.
A celebration follows. Kids enjoy.
They dress with costumes, every girl and boy.
From bear pelt, patriotic patches cut
For happy Constitution party, but,
"You're looking mighty itchy, little guy.
That REDWHITES. That's, I'm sure, the reason why."
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

44. TRANSPOSAL (6, ^6)**HOMONYM** (^6, 8) (same TWO)

The young ONE honed her craft on a boat.
Through the TWO of Gibraltar she'd float.
"See that big rock that's TOO cross the sea?
It's as famed as my paintings will be."
=BROBBERTY, Chicago IL

45. OVERLOADED WORD**DELETION** (8)

One sleuth among the ones we hired to find
Our gizmo (of the vein-compressing kind)
Appeared each day at nine and went to work
Immediately, pressuring each jerk
Throughout the local underworld to speak;
The other tecs came barely once a week.
I *knew* that old Sam Spade was sure to be
The shamus who'd turn up the LIST OF THREE.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

46. DOUBLE-CROSS (7, 4, 7, 4)

Our cousin's mom makes ONE each week.
The foods our FOUR puts in the stew
Are secret, and mysterious,
And give her home a subtle TWO.

She's careful with the water used,
And makes sure there's no tainted food,
So after Sabbath we feel fine—
No THREE case comes from what she's stewed.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

47. OVERLOADED CHANGE OF HEART (11, 5, 10, 6)

He was honest and said,
"Truly, violets are blue,
But this flower I've donned,
Jacob's ladder, is too."
View his Violet Club speech
With that vivid-hued bloom,
Which caused riots, to see
Some amazing BACK ROOM.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

48. REPEATED-BIGRAM BEHEADMENT (7, 3)

The coyotes THREE rabbits the whole afternoon.
Now sated, they SEVENed at that evening's moon.
=BROBBERTY, Chicago IL

49. SPOONERGRAM

([8 4], 7 5) (clued in order)

My trellis is covered with LEEKs—
Pink flowers. The smell is divine—
Grown up from the ground in just weeks.
This verse will now end with a BINE.
=NEWROW, Brookline MA

50. TRANSPOSAL (10)

The Beach Boys' classic "Good Vibrations"
ABETs me to a frenzy very fast.
Each hearing makes me quite elated;
I wish that giddy feeling never passed.

The singing and the orchestration
Together give me BEATs, and I'm enthused,
Just like the lyrics writer stated
He got from clothes and looks and
perfume used.
=WITZ, Vancouver BC

51. ENIGMATIC REBUS ([*5 *5])

If you seek Minneapolis, roaming with
nary a
Area some showing chart geographical,
FIVES (meaning "syrup-tree group")
might be where
You wind up if the ultimate,
west-from-Eau-Claire
Route of overall trip part that constitutes your
Goes on slightly too long, so you just
overshoot.
=UCAOIMHU, Somerville MA

52. TRANSPOSAL (7)

In the past, modern med-
icine just wasn't there.
"No, we can't cure your SPREAD.
Try some fresh PADRES air."
=BROBBERTY, Chicago IL

EXTRAS**E-1. ALTERNATING ANAQUOTE**

(*1 4 3 4 6 3 3 3 4 4 2 4 2 3 4, 7 4 5 2 1 9 3, 2 6 2 4. *1. *6)

Japanese maple.

AVES EENT FIRE GFRO HEYC HOUG ILOV LTUR
NTHE RILL SLAC THEW TOLI TRED TROW
AND AST AYT EIT FAL FEI HON IAN
MGR NIN OAB OME SPE YLE
=78, Bellevue WA

ANAGRAMS

53. † GAME TERROR? (GRIN!)
(*6 *1. *1. *6)
=KANGA, Kensington MD

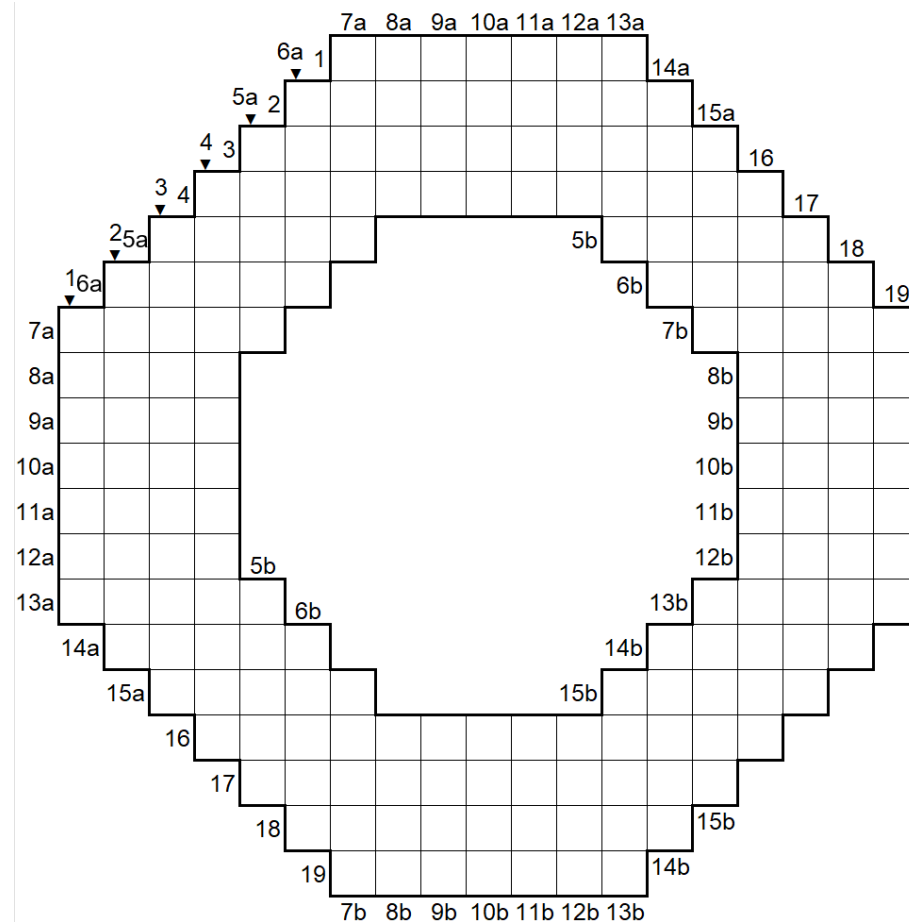
54. OH, DUH?! SET FOR AEGON
(^5 2 3 ^6)
=raw, Rochester NY

55. A MSG: DELAY VISIT, NIGHT
([8 7 4]) (var.)
=TYGER, Hoboken NJ

AMBIGRAMS

56. A MAN, A PLAN: CHEAT (3 *6 ^5)
=raw, Rochester NY

57. CHIEF (ME): OUR FLAG AT...
(3 ^4 2 *7)
=raw, Rochester NY



FORMS

F-1. DOUBLE HOLLOW OCTAGON

Across

- 1 Became matted, like dog hair
 2 Some Non-Sporting Group members in the Westminster Kennel Club (WKC) Dog Show
 3 Furry winter wear (not MW)
 4 WKC Dog Show agility champions, often
 5 Eye-covering hairstyle | Employs bloodhounds
 6 Subtle shade | Snoopy's brother beagle
 7 Groups of foxhounds | *Heidi* author
 8 Designed for use in grades 1 to 12 | Combiner for "child"
 9 Menial maybe working like a dog | School near Windsor with beagles for over 150 years
 10 Grab ice from the ice bucket | Liter or meter intro
 11 Pair of mastiffs? | Miss, in much of S.A.
 12 Out of kilter | Disney film of 1982
 13 Like most dog noses | Gritty crime flicks
 14 Legally block | Doggy delights
 15 Sushi bar supplier | Provide party provender
 16 Swift and brilliant ascents (findable)
 17 Credit card come-ons (findable)
 18 WKC Dog Show Best in Show winner Monty is a giant one
 19 Required (not MW)

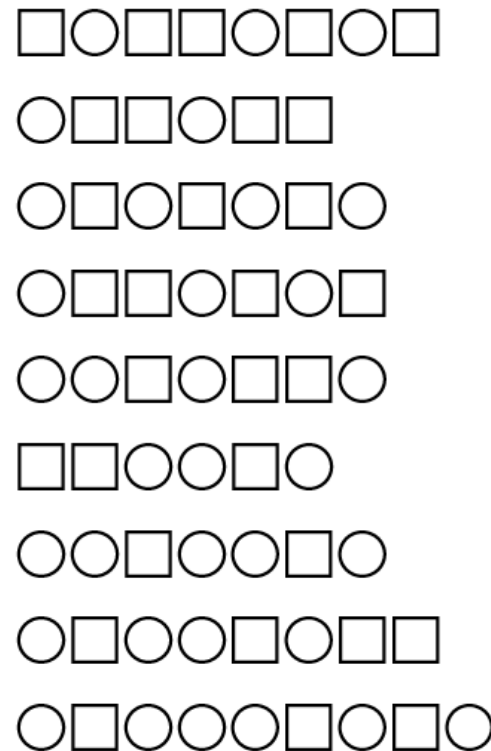
Down

- 1 Cheerleading outfit? (not MW)
 2 Sob story
 3 WKC Dog Show Non-Sporting Group winner Neal, e.g.
 4 Network providing financial services (WP)
 5 They deliver the hits? | Flat sign
 6 Suit-able material | Teddy Roosevelt's and the *Our Gang* dogs, by name
 7 Waste of an election? | Boxer's stat
 8 How the WKC Dog Show is broadcast | Worksite watchdog agcy.
 9 Ride-for-hire app | Rip apart
 10 "Hour Between Wolf and Dog" painter Chagall | Sarabi dog country
 11 ____ de gallo | "Dogs of War" band Mötley ____
 12 Hydroxyl compound | Bring down to earth?
 13 U2 compilation album of 2011 | Listed as a source
 14 Stockholders? | Not as noble
 15 Slowly goes with the flow | Jottings
 16 Entertained oneself lakeside, perhaps (not MW)
 17 WKC Dog Show Best in Breed winner Archer's breed
 18 Hosp. operators standing by? (not MW)
 19 Certain ancient Greeks
 =al dente, San Jose CA

E-2. SAGE & CABBAGE SAUSAGE †

The dropped letters reveal something enjoyed by the Romans (not MW).

Like an eagle's beak
 3/8ths bison, 5/8ths cow
 Lens type credited to
 Benjamin Franklin
 President #21, to his mother
 One or the other
 Panicked behavior
 Relative of the amaranth
 used in salads
 Opposite of analytic, in
 philosophy
 From or at that point
 =JET, Stafford Heights QLD



E-3. ANAVERSE (3 3 3 2 4 / 3 2 3 6 5. / 3 4 4 5 5 / 2 5 6 / 5. *7 (5 5))

Written from experience.

ADE AKD AMO ANC BEY BRE EDD EON
 EVE HGR IND ING INT KEY LEF LET
 LLL LOO NDN OCK OOR OUR PEN RDI
 RYS SLE THE TOA TYO URM
 =~~W~~, Bellevue WA

E-4. ALTERNATING ANAQUOTE (2 3 2 4 11 7 4 5 5 4 4 9 5 4 5 *7 10. *7 *7)

Looks aren't everything.

CHA DIC EAR ECE EYS HEI HEP IME
 LIS MAN ORT SIN STH TEL YLE
 ANCE ATTH HAPP KENS OMET OSTT RENG RLES
 SQUI SSAR TOSH TTER UTSO WORD YUNN
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

E-5. VIENNA SAUSAGE † (12)

1. A baby llama
 2. Elongated word from a soccer announcer
 3. This year it runs from March 5 to April 17
 - 1+2. Farming-themed board game created by Uwe Rosenberg (not MW)
 - 2+3. In violation of a statute (2 words) (not MW)
 - 3+1. Wind instrument developed from the chalumeau
 - 1+2+3. Designating for a new purpose
- =JET, Stafford Heights QLD

E-6. SHUFFLED QUOTE

Volume and velocity.

A D _ _ A _ B E . * _ A _ _ * E _ _ G E E
 L L _ _ E _ C H O K _ I L I B E . L H G H
 N O T B O H R O R N B N O L D M H L I O R
 T T Y F T R T O W O W T S W I T I S L R U
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

E-7. MOSAIC QUOTE (*1 7 4 2 3 6 3 3 6, 4 3 6. *5 *5 *6) [4 rows × 4 columns]

Except on *Jeopardy!*

AN EA EL ES
 WR TH AT OR

FR HF IB IE
 YD NS TH IN

IE KL LO RC
 SW IG HT EA

RL ST VE WE
 AN ER TH HE
 =~~78~~, Bellevue WA

E-8. STEPPED VERTIQUOTE (3 6 4 3 6 6 4 3 6 3 3 9. *3 *4, *2.)

Let it go.

A C N N O O U Y D E G H H L O R T T U
 O L G N E G E D N E P H T A H E R T R
 H W W O A O N S R V E E A G G D S I R
 O O J D R Y W O
 =DRAUK, Midland MI

E-9. VERTIQUOTE (7 2 3 4 2 8. *7 *6)

Bard or bared.

B E E H I I R S S T T V Y
 O I L R F N U E G E L O I
 D E R K T P O R A R H O Y
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

E-10. STEPPED VERTIVERSE (1 4 2 4 / 4 2 2 4, / 4 3. / *1 3 2 4 / 6 2 4 / 4 3. *1. *9)

Res ipsa loquitur.

A D D E I O R S W A D E H I I N S S T W
 A O S A M D S E I Y I Y A T U I S T J S
 B N O L S G I T E I V H T T A A Y E D E
 D I O N N C K S I
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

E-11. STEPPED VERTIQUOTE (2 5 5 2 10 4 5 6, 2 5 2 6 4 2 5. *3 *5)

The melody lingers.

C C F I I M O S U U A A B D E L L N R S T
 H O E T T D U N I M C W S N P A T H E I E
 O L U O O L N N D G T I N R E E X O D E E
 R O T R S N E D E M
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

E-12. ANAQUOTE (1 4 5 6 4 2 4 2 6. 4 2 7 6 4 1 5 8. *7)

Easy does it.

ACC AGO AHA ATI AUG DSH EEM ENS
 ESH FEF FOR GNO HAM HOU IDE ITT
 LDS NTM ODS OSI OUL OWN PPY SWR
 TWH TYL
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC

E-13. ANAQUIP (*8 ^5 8 6 6-4 7 6 2 4 6 2 6 2 ^3 ^6.)

Duty calls.

ADD ADI ANK ARI BMI CAN CHP DER
 ECO ENI EPE ESU FFO FIV GMA ING
 LEW NEA NSI NTT NTY RCE REW THE
 TTO TWE UZZ
 =WITZ, Vancouver BC