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See solving tip below on JF-1 Ornamental Red Herring

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When solving, **POST CERTAINTIES IN RED** – Correct crib placements which yield additional plaintext, plaintext prompted by Google search, nudges from peers, quotations, poetry or prose passages identified from reading awareness, all generate assured letters which can be turned into words and deserve certainty identification. (Editor's note – Our most recent addition to the Newsletter Staff, RISHU, was this Newsletter Editor's personal mentor upon joining the ACA in 1991.)

### APEX DX Challenge- October Newsletter Challenge

D, FIZZY, PARROT POGO and RISHU sent in "Popeye" identification for October Newsletter Page Three cipher.

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*Names Index*, Enterprise Publishing

*Reader of Gentlemen's Mail* – Kahn

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### Gimme a Break – ND Aristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs) (1) unless otherwise stated

A-1, the (2), A-2, you (5), A-3, that, the, A-4, that, the (2), A-5, that, the (2), A-6, which, A-7, you (5), A-8, his (2), A-9, as (2), I (3), A-10, that, you (2), A-11, the, A-12, th (3), A-13, the, A-14, YR=ja, A-15, the (3), A-16, the (2), A-17, oat (3), A-18, you (4), A-19, in (4), A-20, in (3), A-21, th (3), A-22, the, A-23, th (2), A-24, in (4), A-25, ing (2).

### Gimme a Break - ND Patristocrats (may be digraphs / trigraphs) (1) unless otherwise stated

P-1, the (2), P-2, that, the (2), P-3, the, P-4, that, P-5, that, the (3), P-6, tide (2), P-7, that, the, P-8, ZUWKAF=tinsel, P-9, the (2), P-10, the (3), P-11, ing (5), th (3), P-12, of (3), the P-Sp-1, QYAO=cake, P-Sp-2, ing (2), that.

**SO. Errata. C-Sp-2. Base 15 Sq. Root. October Newsletter entry should read (Two words, 0-1)**

**ARIES**

SO. A-23. Spooky. K3. (98) Might title refer to “foul” in the plaintext? OZ

SO. P-11. Stay far from my home. K3. Plaintext contains two double letter words – “good, keep.” EL CONDOR

SO. X-4. Danish. Two edge sword? (26 alphabet “\*qwx”) Plaintext begins “Sandheden” G-MAN

SO. X-6. Swedish. K2. Originated in Sweden? (stress) (English key) Added crib – avkopplande. REAL NEO

SO. X-8. Portuguese Patristocrat. (individuo) Crib placement at position 30. INYUTN=sempre G-MAN

SO. E-5. Fractionated Morse. What he looked like. (parchment) Crib at position 63, begins “Ice blur” BION

SO. E-8. Porta. He travels fastest. (today) Period Seven OZ

Keep in mind that ciphertext letters cannot represent plaintext letters in the same half of the alphabet, thus plaintext “t” must be represented by ciphertext A thru M. Drag the crib through the plaintext and you will find that the very first place the crib “today” will fit, near the beginning of the ciphertext, will yield the key letters and much plaintext.

SO. E-10. Monome-Dinome. Young rocket scientists. (mutual) WORD WIZARD

Determine your non-touching side numbers from 6, 8 and 9. Write text in Monome-Dinome digits. Solve as Patristocrat. The tri-graph “the” appears five times including the plaintext start.

SO. E-11. Tridigital. Critical response. Separator – 6. Add “th” to “thousand” crib. “the” appears twice. DANEEL

SO. E-12. Baconian. Originality. (art) Crib placed under ciphertext FLINT RAINY STAGE WALRUS

SO. E-13. Phillips. Genealogy. Extended tip “one of three horses” placed at HPU HMGQI DDQHI FKF THE DOC

SO. E-14. Playfair. Who’s pulling strings? (organgrinder) Crib place begins under M in position 21. MSCREP

SO. E-15. Vigenere Slidefair. The truth can hurt. (absolutely) Period 7. Crib placement at position 5 OZ

SO. E-16. Unknown. Happily ever after. (ac eandjoyousb) Bifid treats “j” as an “i.” DANEEL

It’s a Bifid. Extend tip to “peace and joyous bliss,” place at position 19. Google for complete quote.

SO. E-18. Quagmire III. Scientific wisdom. (scientist states) Period 7. Crib placed at position 29. THE DOC

SO. C-3. Sudoku. (Three words.) Solution on third row begins “NET.” TWEETY

SO. C-14. Base 14 Divisions. (Three words, 0-1) M = 1, N = 7, S = 5. RR TRACK

SO. AC-1115. Grandpre. (0-9) Best kept in mind. (466) APEX DX

Given crib with extended placement (for her interest with the cats) at position 169. Plaintext start “I think it well....”

JF-1. Mirth in Verse. Baconian Red Herring Alert: Bold, italics, underlined words no factors in solution. LIONEL

ND. A-25. Severe roadblock. K3 (81) Very limited options for first and last pattern words of cipher. DYETI

ND. X-4. Afrikaans. K1. Story about change. (ontmoet) Beware of K1 alphabet. Plaintext begins “Daar” DONISIE

ND. X-7. ??? K2. Luck doesn’t count. (English key) Most used language in this Xeno column. (que-4) BION

ND. P=Sp-1. Considerable calories. K3. (!08/20) (WUEY) “C” alliteration, look for “children.” CONFUOCO

ND. E-1. Homophonic. The Venetian method. (AEW) First letter of keyword “P.” TRUPSILON

ND. E-2. Checkerboard. Gardener’s choice. (for) Begins “One.....” AURION

Solve as a Patristocrat by breaking ciphertext into digraphs and assigning single ciphertext letter to each letter pair.

ND. E-4. Fractionated Morse. Mysterious evolution. (resembles) Plaintext begins “If you look.....” BION

ND. E-5. Amsco. Judgmentally speaking. (QY UFF BUPY) Period seven. Plaintext begins “Bar....” DANEEL

ND. E-6. Beaufort. Better education. (SYUL) Period nine. Plaintext begins “Nat.....” NIVEK

ND. E-7. Route Transposition. Fundamental distinction. (XJHZN) APEX DX

Ten columns, seven rows. In – Upper left corner, diagonals. Out – Lower left corner, alternating horizontal.

ND. E-8. Incomplete Columnar Transposition. Spelled right? Period five. Plaintext begins “Kak.....” BOZOL

ND. E-10. Null. When you need a nudge. (for) Numeral repetition WORD WIZARD

ND. E-16. Bifid. A week too! Extend crib start with “concede th.” Plaintext begins “Most....” OZ

ND. E-24. Quagmire IV. Left-Right-Left. Period nine. Lengthen front of crib “is determined by a” THE DOC

ND. C-7. Sudoku. (Three words) Solution in column eight. TWEETY

ND. C-Sp-2. Multiplication. (Three words, 0-9) First word “HOT.” BION

ND. AC-1117. Quagmire IV. Period 6. Crib extension (inthefortieswhensammytaft) Plaintext start “The...” G-MAN

Sunny Ciphering, LIONEL

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