

## PAIRINDROMES

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Perth, Australia

The May Kickshaws (07-128) gave us “Pairagrams”, single word anagram-pair couplets. I felt this called for some reversal-pair couplets (phrases or sentences), drawing on William Sunners’ little pamphlet “The Puzzle Lover’s Book of Reversals” (c.1982, National Library Publications).

These are self-explanatory: **gut tug**                      **mart tram**                      **sleek keels**                      **spool loops.**

These are self-exploratory: **avid diva**                      **doom mood**                      **eros-sore**                      **top pot.**

The rest require or deserve interpretation.

**ARE Era** The Golden Age of *Word Ways*, 1970-2006 (A. Ross Eckler, editor)

**brag garb** designer clothes

**Deliver reviled.** 1. the Exodus; 2. Give an intensely unpopular speech.

**denier-reined** Restrained by oneself or by a negative boss—vs. got on top of it and **reined denier.**

**desserts-stressed** Overweight, diabetic and hypertense—and **yet stressed desserts!**

**Diaper repaid.** Caring for your senile parents decades later—when *they’re* wearing diapers?

**Kramer remark** *Seinfeld* gag—**re-mark Kramer** for more good lines!

**lap pal** a child, cat, toy dog, doll, or **bonk knob** (!) (If the latter then the doll might be a lap dancer.)

**loot tool** a crowbar, even a brick

**Loots stool.** A dung beetle or pig goes to work.

**nuts-stun** the unkindest blow of all

**“Ow!” wo** answer to nuts-stun

**par rap** same old spiel—unless you object and **rap par**

**part trap** something a stereotyped actor falls into, like a mouse caught by a **trap part**

**Peels sleep.** 1. shut-eye; 2. its opposite, insomnia, where **sleep ‘peels away’** from you

**pig gip** your standard everyday greed-inspired swindle

**pit tip** top of the bottom; **tip pit** bottom of the top (They might be the same—on the level!)

**pooh hoop** potty rim—or **hoop pooh** from a lady in a bustle overcome with diarrhea

**reward drawer** lottery winner of the **drawer reward** won, or the dresser compartment it is kept in

**“Roc—cor!!”** “Blimey, look at the size of that imaginary bird!” said Sinbad’s parrot.

(The picture opposite illustrates its immense size compared to two other fabulous, recently lost birds, the turkey-sized dodo and the ten-foot giant moa of NZ. In Arabian legend the roc fed elephants to its chicks.)

**Slag gals.** “Dumb broad! **Gal’s slag!**” (sla(n)g for lazy, worthless, contemptible, dirty or promiscuous)

**Slap pals.** (A fine friend you turned out to be—I’ll slap up palindromic posters about your **pals slap!**)

**Snub buns.** 1. Atkins diet; 2. celibacy

**Spans, snaps.** 1. a rubber slingshot; 2. Builds a bridge—and has a nervous breakdown when it cracks.

**step-pets** dogs, cats and goldfish you inherit by marriage

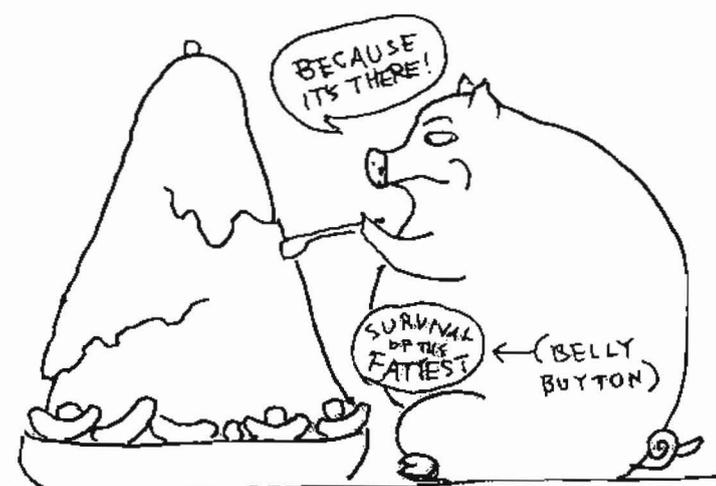
**swap paws** 1. Change hands. 2. Change (step)fathers when **Paws swap** spouses (and cats).

**Tar rat.** Put a feather in his hat—and *everywhere else.* (He being a traitorous sailor or **rat tar?**)

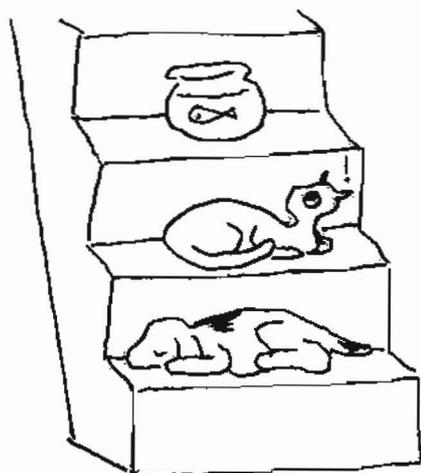
**Taps spat.** Time to call the plumber—via a salivating bugler who **spat Taps?**

**Yap, ...pay!** 1. “Loose lips sink ships!” 2. the telephone bill

## DESSERTS-STRESSED



## STEP-PETS



## ROCK ROC

