

# ECKLER ENIGMAS

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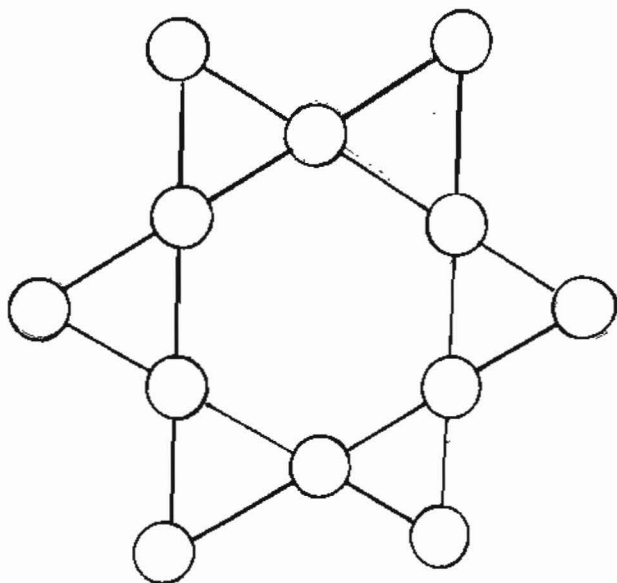
Several subscribers have asked that Word Ways run more puzzles and perhaps even a contest or two. While we don't want to compete with Games magazine, the National Puzzlers' League, and other like groups, we certainly are amenable to this idea and welcome any suggestions for topics from our readers.

To prime the puzzle pump we offer four posers ranging in difficulty from somewhat easy to rather difficult. All are based on the letters in the names FAITH & A. ROSS ECKLER.

- (1) What is the missing number?

Five, Three, Eleven, Twelve, ?, Eighteen

- (2) The twelve different letters in the Ecklers' names can be placed on the nodes of the star diagram so that every one of the six small triangles and each of the six straight lines of four transpose into words. We have a solution in which the nodes on the interior hexagon rearrange into FIASCO.

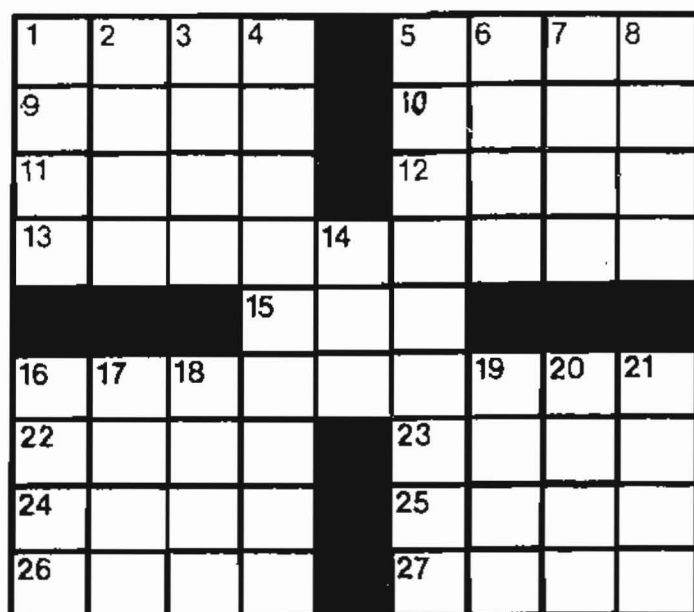


- (3) There are a total of sixteen letters in FAITH & A. ROSS ECKLER. Using these sixteen form a double word square in the 4x4 grid below.

Our solution has the crossword clues (in random order): Roadways?, A note, Duty, \_\_\_ majestad, Subway fare?, Times fit to print?, River in Germany, and Key sign.

1	2	3	4
5			
6			
7			

- (4) This anagrammic-lipogrammic puzzle uses only the letters in the Ecklers' names. Each word in the word list of clues that follows must be transposed into a new word before fitting into the grid. We believe the solution is unique up to rotations and reflections.



Clue Word List:

LON	AASE	AREA	COLT	EELS
ORL	EIRE	ERTE	ETES	HERS
	HIRE	KARO	LAOS	LOIS
	OFTS	OSTE	REFT	RICE
	ROLE	SATE	SEEK	SOAR
	SOLS	TAIL	TEAR	TIRE

ASSISTANT  
 CARES A LOT  
 IRATE TALE  
 RACIALIST

Our solutions to these puzzles will appear in the May issue. We invite readers to send us their solutions to any of the posers to be eligible for a prize drawing. Perhaps your solution will be an improvement . . .so much the better.

The prize will be our exchange puzzle at the Helsinki International Puzzle Party in 2005, part of which is a word puzzle.