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A Ham Gram is an American-style pun-anagram crossword puzzle. Each clue sentence (of nine words or less) contains a concealed answer, as well as its overt synonym. In the examples below, the synonym is underlined, and the letters of the covert answer are capitalized; the answer is then given in parenthesis. Several varieties of clues can be distinguished.

1. The letters of the answer are contained in proper order in two or more words of the clue sentence (ignoring spaces or punctuation):

   A nudist ran Down the beach (strand)
   Jack loves to wear a warm jacket (vest)

2. The letters of the answer are scrambled to form a word in the clue sentence:

   Jake has a pill for each pain (ache)
   Joe's punch came within an inch of Tom's jaw (chin)

3. The letters of the answer are scrambled to form two or more consecutive words of the clue sentence:

   Donald thought he would deem me the property (deemed)
   I regret that my name is not maureen (rue)
   Hal disliked thelma the day he encountered her (met)

4. The letters in one word of the clue sentence are subtracted from the letters of another word, and the remaining ones rearranged to obtain the answer (the two words are separated by a negative word or phrase, such as: is not, dislike, get off, leave, hate, depart, lose)

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5. The letters in two words of the clue sentence are combined and rearranged to obtain the answer (the two words are separated by a positive word or phrase, such as: and, take, want, has, likes, get)

   Let wes and bert scatter the fertilizer (bestrew)
   Ed took vi to a booze house (dive)

With these hints, try your hand at solving the Ham Gram presented on the next two pages.
ACROSS

1. The puppeteer didn't attend the Mardi Gras on Tuesday
2. Al hates labels marked "Made by an Arabian nomad"
3. In India, a thick vegetable soup costs one rupee
4. After reading the newsy cables, David became wiser
5. The natives of Crete will construct a lighthouse
6. Capt. Nemo, terrified, had to act like a hero
7. Ed got the needle for blabbing "It's a consonant"
8. At Xmas time, this bird could be in danger
9. Did Tristan ride a bus to visit Isolde?
10. Don doesn't fondle a fairy with affection
11. It bores Frank to attend ceremonial rites
12. Man! Who knows the word for "ancient Greek weight"?
13. Lords and masters like to fish in small brooks
14. Wives of this King Henry thought his height right
15. Ed got madder, when served a small portion
16. Using a pile of stones, Vic climbed the crevices
17. A glee club can imitate this bird
18. You never give a haircut to rheas
19. This French holy city is located near a ness

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1. Today, I'm more positive that rulers are sincere
2. The bus stop is near a large coliseum
3. Of late, the center of news has been Watergate
4. To her, not together with Tom means grab Tim
5. Rae's wet jacket is hanging on the line
6. Jill! I'm not happy how Jack will depict you
7. Either Dee or Fritz knows water will rust iron
8. Abe! Tell me more about the Asian pepper plant
9. Don't take me into a temple that rioters stone
10. The ref's vassal carried the athletic gear for him
11. The measurement around my waist is just right
12. Yes sir! Tess visits the nuns frequently
13. Michael is serious, and doesn't like to be teased
14. Capt. James says "Food aboard naval ships is good"
15. Stir not, Christine! Look at the beautiful alcove
16. Nixon is eager to admit that Watergate is a mess
17. Don't groan, Kevin! Just remember it's an element
18. I think London promenades are kinda small
19. Jake! It seems to be a pintail duck
20. Jacob's wife, Leah, was able to cure his ailment
21. Mike's speed on a sharp curve is too fast
22. For the answers, see Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.
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