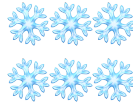


TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRYPTOGRAMS



The numbered messages below have been encoded from some original texts by replacing each letter consistently by a different one throughout the message. Thus, for example, GLOOMY TIME could turn into CHEERS WORK, with G becoming C, L becoming H, M becoming R, etc. Different messages have different encodings. Your job is to discover the original texts. Sometimes, but not always, strings in an encoded message can give hints about the true message. Long messages are often easier to decode than short ones, because there are likely to be common words in them, such as “the,” “and,” “that,” etc. The messages are not necessarily listed in order of increasing difficulty. The first few messages have a holiday theme; they get more secular later. Good luck, and have fun.

Answers are available from wright@uoregon.edu. These pages themselves, as well as puzzles and answers from previous years, can be found at <http://pages.uoregon.edu/wright/cryptos>.

1. FLY A CWHST CAB WUNOHAB, WSW CW TSIMW
ILY IX ZAKCY,
“CHEER NCSAZYBHZ YI HOO HDT YI HOO H KIIIT
DAKCY.” — H MAZAY PSIB ZHADY DANCIOHZ

2. SEXY CAT FLUX XG SOLUHFCH FLYY NUFO
HEXY TYSELCFUEAH DEMWOF CF FUPPCAG'H.
U LYCBBG TE DYBUYRY UA GEM. BYF'H HYY UP
GEM DYBUYRY UA XY. — HCAFC DCDG

3. PAX BA BCM MOWBC, BCM ROUHAW WMHYLR!
EMB SML BCMHW RALYR MSKEAX;
GCHEM THMEIR OLI TEAAIR, WAVFR, CHEER,
OLI KEOHLR
WMKMOB BCM RADLIHLY PAX. — RMVALI UMWRM

4. YA PIN NUI LAPPS YPICKU HIPPY LCRKPI.
UMCP AWE TIME APT DECIRT GECY GECRKPI
TECFCKR UCY EICRTIIE MZEAYY NUI YGS.
TAR'N YNMRT WRTIERIMNU VUIR NUIS DPS HS.
— NAX PIUEIE

5. MATH SEDUHSEDGLY GY, GO GDY PEN, DUH
MVHDTN VR CVBGLEC GIHEY. — ECKHTD
HGOYDHGO

6. IHWKDHOOZ, WHAT CHIP, EDBLTUWDH, ED
BLEND BOHUUTU PTXTIPNIY EI ZEKD NIWTDTUW.
NI HPPNWEI, ZEK ULEKOP HOUE WHAT
GHWLTGHWNBH BOHUUTU, UNIBT HIZ GKUNBNHI
ITTPU WE KIPTDUWHIP BEKIWNIY, DLZWLGU,
HIP CTHWU. — GHWLTGHWNBHO GKUNB WLTEDZ

7. OH WIMPS OYWO OYS FPIISAO SVOLAFOLHA
SESAO FHPNK US WESIOSK LR BSHBNS XPDO
FWISK CHIS WAK TSIS TLNNLAM OH CWZS CHIS
DWFILRLFSD LD AHO TIHAM, SVWFONG; DOLNN,
LO CLDDSD OYS BHLAO. LO KHSDA'O CPFY
CWOOSI TYSOYSI BSHBNS FWIS HI KHA'O FWIS.
TYWO CWOOSID LD OYWO BSHBNS FYWAMS OYS
THINK. — SNLJWUSOY ZHNUSIO

8. DY DRL INY OIPY LH OIAAYN OVWA WLOYRLD
HCTP I DIG KLAR AL NYELZTCMY ARCW OGWAYNG
ITP TLA AL OCTP CA ALL OVER. — IPIO
ZLUTCX

9. JOY SELLER SWIXL JOIJ BY IMY XR I
HYMXEN ED LITTXAY CWEVIW NYLESMIJXS
NYSWXRY XT REJ SWYIMWK TPHHEMJYN VK
YLHXXMSIW YAXNYRSY. — IRNMYB WXJJWY IRN
IRRY LYRC

10. RMHC MY HIOFLC IGEETF OF HIT
CHAGHMCEITAT HIGH PMF'H UGXT OH PMNF HM
HIT CKAYGBT. FMHIOFL OC HIT CGUT OF HIT
BROUGHT GC OH NGC. — GFPATN PTCCRTA

11. SLAM OVRHV MUVD MUVTV. MUVK PEY'M
GROO RYK GRTMUVT. — PTNFUM'A TLOV GET
GROOVY ECSVWMA

12. GS LYINGSUCBS, BEEGPGYAI AGZ GS
DXWAGP YSH CZAA CNZ CFXCN GS DFGMYCZ. GS
CNZ TGHHAZ ZYIC, BEEGPGYAI AGZ GS DFGMYCZ
YSH CZAA CNZ CFXCN GS DXWAGP. — CNBTYI
EFGZHTYS

13. MUPIBLYYGVNH GOBNYYGWNOMN WNBI FNBBNU
AU IBLPI IBLFYN LI KNAKYN WNB AYHNU. BRGI
NDKNUGNOMN LOH CGIHAE HANI NOLFYN AYHNU
LHJYBI BA MAEKNOILBN TAU IAEN AT BRN
HNMYGON GO KUAMNIIGOW IKNNH LOH ABRNU
LFGYGBP. GB LYIA ENLOI BRLB AYHNU LHJYBI
ELP KNUTAUE FNBBNU BRLO PAJOWNU KNAKYN LB
BRAIN ENOBLY BLISI BRLB UNZJGUN HNKBR AT
NDKNUGNOMN AU SOACYNHWN. — YNIYGN
SNUOGILO