Thirteen if by Big Rig

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Each of the clued answers contains a palindromic sequence of five letters (for the Big, Big Entries) or seven letters (for the Big, Big, Big Entries); the answers are:

Big, Big Entries: KI**LOMOL**E; W**ORKRO**OM; FELIC**ITATI**ON; T**OO SOO**N; BRI**DE-BED**S; P**ELTLE**SS; A**POCOP**E; RE**LEVEL**ING; CO**AL PLA**NT; TEN**SENES**S; DI**VISIV**E; OVE**REXER**TS; B**EE GEE**S.

Big, Big, Big Entries: M**ONOTONO**US; MAK**E NO BONE**S; PAR**SON'S NOS**E; THREE-**MILE LIM**IT; CR**EME DE ME**NTHE; M**ISSISSI**PPI; NOT-**FOR- PROF**IT; AB**SENTNES**S; P**OSSESSO**R; CONEST**OGA WAGO**N; VEN**I, VIDI, VI**CI; IN**TERPRET**S; MO**BILE LIB**RARIES; P**ACIFIC A**RENA.

When each answer is entered in the grid, the palindromic sequence reads up and down, with its first/last letter in the main row, the second/next-to-last letter in the row above, and so on. The "raised letters" from one word are then copied, as indicated by the numbers, into boxes higher up in the grid; thus, the already-given letters allow you to place the Big, Big, Big Entries, the raised letters from those entries allow you to place nine of the Big, Big Entries, and the raised letters from *those* entries allow you to place the last four Big, Big Entries. Finally, the raised letters from those last entries supply the eight unraised letters (EGOMPLEX) of the unclued entry at the top of the grid, whose one raised letter is the C already given; this entry is the answer, **EGO COMPLEX**.