

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

AS EASY AS PIE by Walter Shedlofsky

Main Clue: last word of "suicide" note. Not the digestive pie but the mathematical pi, with value 3.14159+. Excluding the decimal point, substitute the number 3 with the third letter of the first line, the number 1 with the first letter of the second line, etc. When this process is completed the name of the killer is divulged. As you can see, it is as easy as pi.

POETICAL PONDERERS by Thomas J. Palumbo

The answer words are PROOF, EASEL, TWO, ESKIMO and ROAD, leading to the soccer player PETER FLOOD.

KICKSHAWS by Faith Eckler

The Good Book: 1. Nebuchadnezzar 2. Serpent 3. David 4. Gamaliel 5. Sinai 6. Moses-Aaron

Last Will and Testament: The pairs are John (the Baptist) and Salome, Abraham and Isaac, Moses and Aaron, Elijah and Elisha, Samson and Delilah. The initial letters of the first of each pair spell JAMES in order; the initial letters of the second in each pair spell SADIE (a nickname for Sarah), scrambled - a "real mix-up". This fable was inspired by a short story entitled "Nebuchadnezzar" by Dorothy L. Sayers.

Sly Fox: Sad Doe, Dad Crow, Bad Blow, Plaid Show, Mad Foe, Had Woe, Glad Beau, Clad Pro, and the base phrase, SHAD ROE.

ANIMAL CRACKERS by A. Ross Eckler

7 pigskin spiking, sobbing gibbons, serpent present, stripes persist, scented descent, repairs rapiers, bizarre brazier, precise recipes, slumber rumbles, Gestapo postage, paroled leopard, rarebit arbiter, process corpses, bedroom boredom, seaside disease, married admirer, marquis asquirm, dentist stinted, stunted student, severer reverse

8 Canarsie canaries, tailored idolater, butchers Schubert, nameless salesmen, tramline terminal, migraine imaginer, poisoned Poseidon, solitary royalist, insecure sinecure, demoniac comedian, Oriental relation, sybarite bestiary, grounded underdog, desserts stressed, override evildoer, transept patterns, piecrust pictures, esoteric coteries, happiest epitaphs

9 versatile relatives, lucrative victauler, Palestine penalties, emigrants streaming, grandiose organdies, levantine valentine, nectarous courtesan, dishonest hedonists, unpressed suspender, ap-

- peeling lagnaippe, noiseless lionesses, masculine calumnies, Argentine tangerine, steamship shipmates, Episcopal Pepsi-Cola
- 10 Australian saturnalia, midwestern stemwinder, antiseptic psittacine, persistent prettiness, patisserie asperities, nonfertile Florentine, insatiable banalities
- 11 mountaineer enumeration, ancestral laceration, creationist recitation, colonialist oscillation
- 12 inconsistent nonscientist, transoceanic cancerations
- 13 septentrionic interceptions
- 14 megachiropteran cinematographer

IBM PHASIS ON JARGON by Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. Computing machinery 2. Liquor, sex, and drugs (improper behavior) 3. Schedule (an appointment) 4. Unnecessary equipment or frills 5. Confidential (from IBM's inhouse folders for this material) 6. Marketing representative or non-researcher (researchers wear white coats) 7. IBM headquarters at Armonk (formerly an apple orchard) 8. Frills added to make something look as if it runs better than it really does 9. Nagging suspicion of having made an error 10. Blemish or problem 11. Work closely or cooperate with 12. Decision not supported by upper echelon (opposite of the well-known business phrase **carved in stone**, meaning immutable) 13. Take to higher level(s) for decision 14. Connect machines or people with information ("This will interface you with IBM jargon") 15. Opposite of the machinery (**hardware**); programs, paper, etc., used with computers