DYNAMIC TRIOS

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Love and marriage go together like the horse and carriage. And, inevitably, death and taxes, body and soul, and the birds and the bees come in pairs, as do bread and butter, kit and caboodle, and rest and relaxation.

Now let’s go one up and consider famous triplets — threesomes that often hang around together, like red, white, and blue. In each of the dynamic trios listed below, I have supplied the last item, and I challenge you to identify the other two. All answers appear in Answers and Solutions at the end of this issue.

We’ll start with triple plays arranged in the most common pattern (a, b, and c):

1. listen
2. arithmetic
3. charity
4. clothing
5. for the people
6. the pursuit of happiness
7. tears
8. collected
9. delivered
10. child
11. barrel
12. sinker
13. jump
14. myrrh
15. everywhere
16. yon
17. away
18. tomato
19. be merry
20. song
21. handsome
22. handsome
23. wise
24. countrymen
25. evermore shall be
26. i
27. beads
28. candle
29. gas
30. serial number
31. able
32. pop
33. nothing but the truth
34. in the air
35. roll
36. rock and roll
37. superego
38. judicial
39. apple pie
40. obey
41. baby bear
42. tattooed
43. Corinthian
44. Holy Ghost
45. Chevrolet
46. the Wardrobe
47. The Ugly

Just between you, me, and the lamp post (there’s another one), here are many more dynamic trios that occur in a variety of non-standard patterns (a, b, c; a, b, or c; a and b and c). Again you are to supply the first two items:

48. speak no evil
49. vict
Climbing more proper in our choice of nouns, let's look at some famous names that hang around together in threes. In each case, supply the first two names. All but the last question involves the formula a, b, and c.


QUERY

Jeff Grant of Hastings, New Zealand is working on a new ten-square, and would like some research help from Word Ways readers. Can anyone (1) verify the existence of a Neale Drive, Heale Drive, or S-ale Drive; (2) locate an organization or newsletter called Brassi-nes; (3) find in a telephone directory a real-life person named Peg, Ted, or Deb R-nsler? All hyphens, of course, can be filled in with any desired letter.