

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Words That Never Stray Richard Lederer and Al Greengold

1 run 2 look 3 come a 4 ride 5 blown to 6 arms 7 take 8 bear the
 9 taken 10 malice 11 in a 12 go 13 put up your 14 in 15 from time
 16 country 17 old 18 wax 19 in the, of 20 at 21 in a 22 have one's
 23 beat the, out of 24 by, of 25 in the 26 at one's 27 on 28 think-
 ing 29 one's way 30 havoc 31 hero 32 conclusion 33 [get off], free
 34 swoop 35 follow, conscience 36 and call 37 and span 38 and cry
 39 and vigor 40 and kin 41 and between 41 bib and 43 fair to 44 the
 whys and 45 hither and 46 hither and 47 the hole kit and 48 to and
 49 aid and 50 alas and 51 high 52 moral 53 perjury

Japanese Heist-Slang Peter Constantine

1-A, 2-C, 3-D, 4-A, 5-C, 6-B, 7-A, 8-B, 9-D, 10-B, 11-A, 12-B, 13-B,
 14-B, 15-A, 16-D, 17-B, 18-D, 19-A, 20-C, 21-A, 22-A, 23-C, 24-A, 25-A,
 26-C, 27-D, 28-B, 29-A, 30-B, 31-C, 32-A, 33-B, 34-D, 35-A

Double or Nothing Barry Duncan

1 seeing 2 tipple 3 paddle 4 baggy 5 ill 6 commerce 7 sorry
 8 mattress 9 summit 10 recessive 11 buddy 12 skilled 13 apple
 14 riddle 15 muzzle 16 address 17 hobble 18 patty 19 pollster
 20 tossed 21 kelly 22 shoppe 23 haggle 24 raccoon 25 taboo
 26 middle 27 pretty 28 funnel 29 referee 30 success 31 hall
 32 tureen 33 marry 34 committee 35 pallid 36 tattle 37 brass
 38 guppy 39 classy 40 balloon 41 fiddle 42 well 43 rubble 44 rally
 45 coffin 46 saddle 47 hiss 48 suppress 49 starry 50 fossil
 51 roommate

Ethnic Onomastics Thomas Bernard

8 German 2 Greek 3 Hebrew 4 Breton 5 Latin 6 Welsh 7 Norman
 8 Hebrew 9 Basque 10 Greek 11 Norse 12 Latin 13 German 14 Greek
 15 Latin 16 Norman 17 Hebrew 18 Scottish 19 Hebrew 20 Welsh
 21 Greek 22 German 23 Norman 24 Greek

Kickshaws David Morice

Fabricated Quiz Bukhara (Uzbekistan), Calicut (India), Cambrai
 (France), Kashmir (India), Cambrai (France), Damascus (Syria), de
 Nimes (France), Fostat (Egypt), Genoa (Italy), Jersey (U.K.), Laon
 (France), Lille (France), Mosul (Iraq), Zaitun (China), Chalons-sur-
 Marne (France), just kidding, Tulle (France), Worsted (England)

Batman Forever The solution to the riddles are: a clock, a match, the
 pawns (in chess), and the vowels AEIOU in "a tennis court". Each
 riddle talks about a different number of objects: 13-1-8-5. Batman

thinks that the numbers might stand for letter-positions in the alphabet and that those four letters might spell a word. When he replaces the numbers with the corresponding letters, they don't make sense: MAHE. Then he realizes that the 1 and 8 might go together to make 18. Now it does make sense: MRE (Mister E), which is a name and a pun on Mystery. Batman says "Another word for mystery is enigma". E. Nygma, a pun on enigma, is The Riddler's real name. Solving the big riddle took five wordplay steps: alphabetic values, digital wordplay, punning, synonymy, and punning again. These puzzles were devised by Will Shortz, erstwhile **Word Ways** contributor and New York Times crossword puzzle editor.

The Hidden Element acTINium, astaTINe, plaTINum, protactINium

Shy About It sPORTS TROPHY (the palindrome has SHY about it)

Swinging Singles Riddle DISCORDANCE

Seven Puzzling Hexagons

