

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

EDGE WORDS Susan Thorpe

The words are HAILSTONES, HITS and HALO

DEBRA & THERESA SHOP William Webster

<Ready, Debra? Their latest ad compares okay with the other stores. There are many items on this list. Here's the moneybag. It'll take two baggers at the end.>

<Plus two cashiers? Read from it, Theresa; staples?> the lithesome redhead directed.

<For the stapler? Cereal, for one,> the slender brunet said.

<Okay, what else?>

<Many sacksful. Ow! What's best for nerve pain?>

<Not using any steroid?>

<Gosh no! I'm afebrile, tho,> was the indirect statement.

<Advil caplets. For dosages, read the directions. Take two; it's painless,> Debra said.

<No capsules.> She takes the dosage; sips water from the fount.

<Let's proceed now. Meats, Theresa?> she continued.

<Boneless loin meat--the tender cuts; meatless spare ribs, bacon, salami--unsliced; lamb riblets,> the shopper stated.

<Relish--mustard, the sauciest prepared; capers, olives,> she went on.

<Assorted grainy white breads, bialis, bagels.>

<Nuts! Nougats, salted almonds.>

<Greens?> was Debra's request. <Put them on the scalepan.>

<Broccoli. Spinage. Parsley, romaine, radishes, carrots, pimentos, endive, snow peas.>

<Kidney beans, pintos; macaroni.>

<Where?> She relied on her friend.

<The lower bins, against the post.>

<Now for spice; sage, mace, cumin, basil leaves; they are stowable,> he was telling Debra.

<Storable,> she riposted.

<Sundries--douche, for instance. Need hose? Sheer nylons; the durn things run so easy; makes 'em costlier.>

<How much is pina?>

<Each?>

<Yeh. Pepsi-cola time, Theresa.>

<Root beer?>

<Please. Ooh--I'm tired!>

They clinked their tumblers.

<Carol's at eighth grade at Daniel Webster School, this year?>

<Yeh--makes me feel so old, was Debra's remark.>

<Ha ha. Myrtle said the same. Their Louise is an attendee at Tulane. What interests has she?>

<Boys,> Debra countered.

<Sid is hot on sports, the saxtuba, leather shop.>

<Ruby was at the games last night; she shouted herself hoarse!>

<Really? She is neurotic. Is Dora Baker still dieting?>

<Oh, sure--no fatso, she! Altho she doesn't deprive Clarence much. Dora uses the calorie counter. What's more, she had diabetes.>

<Ready, Debra?>

The gals traded routines.

<Yeh--let's meander--Tub Scrub; enriched oyster stew, saltines, caramel candies, uncoated; the tangiest iced tea mixer.

<Dried apricots, strained apple sauce, apricot preserve. Sardines; soymilk; flour for the canister; lemon gelatine; chowder.>

<Grapes, pears, plums--not the ripest.>

<Citrus?>

<Citrons, oranges; test the ripeness.>

<Limes?>

Debra grins. <Melons, the juiciest.>

<What else, Theresa?>

<Just desert!>

<Desert?> she repeated. <How does the dictionary say it?>

<Oh, it's seven letters, not six--dessert.>

KICKSHAWS Dave Morice

Populars 1 The early bird catches the worm 2 You can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear 3 One needs to know the difference between right and wrong

Fill-In Poems 1 Let the Byer be Ware 2 Don't rob Peter to pay Paul

BANANAGRAMS Edmund Conti

haec each agrees grease rubies bruise meteor remote
gelatin elating under nuder inelegant eglantine ladies ideals
anapest peasant admirer married

WHEN IN ROME, MAKE A JOKE Leonard Ashley

1 post mortem 2 ex libris 3 ex cathedra 4 dum spiro 5 hic jacet
5 infra dig 7 ad hoc 8 reductio ad absurdum 9 non compos mentis
10 mens sana 11 inter alia 12 fiat lux 13 rara avis 14 sine die
15 in loco parentis

THE HYDRA Mike Keith

The initial letters of each word are the initial letters of the chemical elements.