ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Sounding of the Pun  Don Hauptman

1 Pool cue/Cool pew  2 Loch Ness/Knock less  3 Take a shower/Shake a tower
4 Moral code/Choral mode  5 Clinton-Gore/Glintin’ core  6 The witch’s curse/The kitsch is worse
7 Free ride/Refried  8 Rack of lamb/Lack of RAM  9 Mail waiting/Whale mating
10 Pave the way/Waive the pay  11 Seal the hole/Heal the soul  12 Stay awake/Weigh a steak
13 Colin Powell/ Pollin’ Cowell  14 Lowly hand/Holy Land  15 Packs a lunch/Lacks a punch
16 War of stealth/Store of wealth  17 Gucci loafer/ Lucci gofer  18 Palace coup/Callous Pooh
19 Eddie Bauer/Beddie hour  20 Make the rounds/Rake the mounds  21 Feel the heat/Heal the feet
22 Straw poll/Paw stroll  23 Working poor/Perking war  24 Roll of the dice/Dole of the rice
25 Fair shake/Share fake  26 Dinner out/Inner doubt  27 Tickled Pink/Pickled tink
28 Tread lightly/Led tritely  29 Palm Court/Calm port  30 Fit of passion/Pit of fashion

Kickshaws  Dave Morice

Stating the Question The names of 27 states can be spelled out using successive letters of these terms, though no state name is spelled out solidly (i.e., the state names are always interrupted by at least one other letter), for example deMONsTrAtioNAL. The names of 7 states can be spelled out using successive letters of these terms, and every letter of a state name is interrupted by at least one other letter or hyphen, for example cylInDrArtHrOis. What’s special about impatience? A state name is spelled out by every alternate even letter. And unteach? A state name is spelled out by every alternate odd letter. Unteach could be replaced by guytrash, but we think unteach is better as it is one letter shorter.

Leapfrog  1 embarrass Mars  2 ignorant goat  3 stormy try (Cockney ‘tray’)  4 insult nut (nut, a cask=tun backward)  5 choose hoe (pun on ‘chews’, Santa goes ‘ho’)

Famous Last Conversation  A New Life by Bernard Malamud

Nov 2003 Kickshaws In “Adirondack Shingles”, a chemical element is concealed in each line of the poem (iron, gold, argon, boron, carbon, astatine, iodine, neon, oxygen, sulfur, xenon, zinc, tantalum, lead, silicon, silver, arsenic, tin)