ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Asatrain? Elementary

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*1. AS ARSENIC  *4. IN INDIUM
*2. AT ASTATINE  *3. RA RADIIUM

A Name Puzzle

With the addition of a final a, all the names become female names.

H. Jacobs
QUARKS & FROGS: According to Webster’s Third Unabridged, QUARK is an intransitive verb that is an archaic synonym of CROAK. Next summer, listen to the frogs quarking.

AN IMPERFECT POEM: PLANO, Texas has the largest population. Here are the 2012 population counts for each of the four cities: Plano (272,068), Reno (231,027), Juneau (32,556), Wano (35).

IDENTIFICATION: Pee Wee Reese

QUINTUPLE PUNS: In Anil’s words, here is his version of the five puns and of the meaning of verb the noun.
“1. -ess = female ass (jenny) or 2. female asshole (unpleasant person); 3. turning a verb (assess) into a personal noun requires turning “verb” itself into a personal noun, which has a double meaning to me—verb as an abstract concept implicating a bundle of (annoying) energy, and verb as the verb in question, assess, feeding into pun 4. Living up to her name, she can assess (value) her own worth... 5. as that of her bottom, a feminine ass-ess. (By the way, ass in Oz means vagina not buttocks, so that’s a 6th pun, macaronic so to speak.)”

SHARK CUDDLING: The words alternate in number of syllables—one syllable for the first word, two for the second, one for the third, two for the fourth, etc.

KING JAMES LIMERICK CHALLENGE: Here is my limericked version of the beginning of genesis. If you wrote a genesis limerick, please send it to be included in the next Kickshaws.

In the start of all things there was God,
Who created the sky and the sod.
The earth had no form,
A void. A dark storm
Was upon the deep face. It was odd.

Punk Whiz 22
1. regnant
2. company (Twinned, duality and doubled aren’t puns.)
3. swan dive
4. pique
5. blindfold
6. cheapskate
7. reliability (after Leunig)
8. all bad (Or does not half bad mean half good?)
9. orangutans
10. bear (Mule and oxen aren’t puns.)
11. physics
12. programmed
13. Pronto [or Silver if you threaten me]
14. constitution
15. Don’t give a dam.
16. original sin
17. red letter day
18. cinema complex
19. night
20. proctology
21. personal references
22. eggs
23. lose your head
24. rat race

Anil
25. rubber bullet [or pencil eraser:
It’s a projectile in primary school.]
26. foodstuff
27. roll-your-own
28. preside
29. play on words (or diet of words but hopefully not)
30. logjam
31. pentasyllabic [or, poorer, -le]
32. death duty (estate tax)
33. low wit
34. getting ahead of yourself
35. heavyweight boxer
36. microsurgeon [or -ry]
Anagram Quiz 11

1. potent 13. potentates 25. extreme
2. popular 14. mouth-watering 26. outfits
3. bum steer 15. pheasant 27. plaudits
4. preserving 16. safe nuclear energy 28. missionary position
5. rabble-rousing 17. noesis art 29. confession
6. regulate 18. reign over 30. orphaned
7. in a moment 19. sedated 31. down-at-heel
8. confidentially 20. another 32. radiate
9. platonic 21. the auricles 33. ambidextrously
10. bottom 22. destined 34. revolutionary
11. malodorous 23. picaresque 35. inferential
12. misbehaved 24. rudeness 36. more than ready

bonus question, 37. The clues form an acrostic.

Ins and Outs

(A) SPIRE  (12) INSPIRE
(B) SKIRTS  (5) OUTSKIRTS
(C) VALID  (9) INVALID
(D) DUCT  (1) INDUCT
(E) GOING  (17) OUTGOING
(F) FRACTION  (2) INFRACTION
(G) DOES  (20) OUTDOES
(H) BREAK  (14) OUTBREAK
(I) QUIRE  (18) INQUIRE
(J) NUMBER  (3) OUTNUMBER
(K) TACT  (19) INTACT
(L) HABIT  (4) INHABIT
(M) FIT  (6) OUTFIT
(N) SMART  (15) OUTSMART
(O) BORN  (7) INBORN
(P) RAGE  (8) OUTRAGE
(Q) STANCE  (10) INSTANCE
(R) LINE  (11) OUTLINE
(S) CRY  (13) OUTCRY
(T) FANCY  (16) INFANCY

BONUS #1: TAKE / INTAKE / OUTTAKE
BONUS #2: LET / INLET / OUTLET
Book Review - The words are the answers in order 1, 2, ... .

Poetic Quiz #1: The Nine Tailors  
A. Rulon-Miller

Poetic Quiz #2: 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea  
A. Rulon-Miller

Antonymic Couplets  
S. Kahan

1. HEAVY SNOW / LIGHT SHOW
2. LONG WALK / SHORT TALK
3. LARGE PIE / SMALL FRY
4. FIRST BASE / LAST PLACE
5. CLOSED CARRIAGE / OPEN MARRIAGE
6. EARLY BIRD / LATE WORD
7. BLACK ICE / WHITE MICE
8. BIG DEALS / LITTLE WHEELS
9. STRONG STINK / WEAK LINK
10. EASY RIDER / HARD CIDER
11. BEST FACE / WORST CASE
12. BAD SEED / GOOD DEED
13. DEAD WEIGHT / LIVE BAIT
14. FAT LIP / SKINNY DIP
15. HIGH WIRE / LOW FIRE
16. COLD CREAM / HOT TEAM
17. BACK STAGE / FRONT PAGE
18. HARD SELL / SOFT SHELL
19. EMPTY BOTTLE / FULL THROTTLE
20. SHORT SALE / TALL TALE

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