Texas, and it is Texas. The tallest city in Texas is Houston.

California has the tallest mountain in the United States. And the Book of Balts on Balance has a "How to" section.


Answers and Solutions (Previous Issue)

Solution to STRANGEST CROSSWORD Puzzle in Previous Issue

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ES ROG A T R T W S LOUNGE
P R W R E P I M E N ID E S O E N
STROPHOID X S L TACHER
O N I O D I A K A
M S S NIVAL PIERIDES MUZ
STOCKS IURU D LEO
S T E N DISCUS READENDER
PALM ARIAN UR A YU T W
A L L R T S C I N T I L L A P S H A V
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L ORE O D MANUARY WO
ELEPAID GOHILA E N "DEWLAP"
Comparison of the clues with the solution words will render some of the original clues self-evident. An explanation of the less obvious clues follows:

**Horizontal Clues**

8. The MANJIT is an East Indian plant more usually referred to as the INDIAN MADDER (= redskin).
11. HAOMA is a consecrated drink in the religion of Persia.
17. AMARGOSO is the name for the bark or external covering of the GOATBUSH, a spiny Mexican shrub.
18. Among the early Welsh, an AILLT was an unfree farmer who rented land.
20. CLIPPING means "abbreviation," but is a comparatively long word, spelled with eight letters.
23. To INTITULE is to entitle (= to name).
24. The ESROG was the fruit of the citron, used by the Jews in ancient times with the palm branch, in celebrating Sukkoth.
26. The Scottish word SLOUNGE (to loaf, to lounge) may be analyzed into S + LOUNGE. The words "Sneaky" and "Snaky," an alliteration on the letter S, suggest that letter, and the letter is snaky in shape; a LOUNGE is a place where one drinks.
29. EPIMENIDES was an ancient Cretan poet and prophet, fabled to have slept in a cave for 57 years.
31. A STROPHOID is a geometric curve that may be either straight or oblique. It is defined as the path of a focus of a conic.
32. A TACHE is a uniting tie.
36. NIVAL means "living in snow."
38. In Greek mythology, the PIERIDES were the nine daughters of a Macedonian king, changed into birds after being defeated in a contest with the Muses.
39. The word "to study," or "to grind." 
40. An equally correct alternative solution word is STEEPS (= steep ascents or descents), if it is combined with the alternative solution word WHOPPER for 28 Vertical.
44. A HEADENDER is a head-on collision, as between automobiles.
45. PALMARIAN means "worthy or deserving of the palm or prize."
49. A SCINTILLA is less than a bit, being a barely perceptible manifestation, or the slightest particle or trace. The word is often used in referring to evidence.
51. A PSHAV is a member of a Caucasian tribe of mountaineers, a branch of the Georgians, living in the republic of Georgia.
52. In the New Testament, MALCHUS was the high priest's servant whose ear was cut off by Peter.
55. TROGUE is a mining term used in parts of England to denote a wooden trough forming a drain.
58. ZEITGEIST, "the spirit of the time," is a word of German origin. Its literal meaning is "time ghost."
60. MANUARY is a very old word for manual labor. It rhymes with JANUARY, the first month of the year.
61. An ELEPAIO is a Hawaiian flycatcher (a kind of bird).
under some of the clues follows:

2. An EMBOLUS is an air bubble circulating in the blood stream.
3. An ADIAPHORON is a matter of indifference in religion or morals. It does not create NEVERMINDS (serious affairs, matters of concern).
4. In Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night, OLIVIA is a countess who marries Sebastian, the twin brother of Viola. In music, the VIOLA is an instrument also called a “tenor violin.”
5. In the Eastern Church, a PANAGIATION is a plate used in the elevation of a loaf cut into four parts—a ceremony observed in honor of the assumption of the Virgin Mary.
7. An IMITATRIX is a female imitator. An APE is an imitator.
9. AGATA is a late 19th century American glassware characterized by a mottled finish.
10. In Greek antiquity, a TEMENOS was a sacred precinct.
11. “The Horn” is another name for Cape Horn, the southernmost point of South America, which had to be sailed around to get from the Atlantic to the Pacific before the opening of the Panama Canal.
12. An ODOPHONE is a scale of odors. SCALE suggests fish, ODORS suggest smell.
14. FRILLIES are women’s clothes with ruffles, or trimmings.
19. KNOWE is a word used in Scotland for a mound or knoll.
28. WHISKER is an old word for a monstrous lie. Equally correct as an alternative solution word is WHOPPER, also a monstrous lie, if it is combined with the alternative solution word STEEPS for 40 Horizontal.
33. A RAZOR is a sharp instrument. There is a type of hog called a razor-backed hog.
34. An OVIDIAN is a disciple of the ancient Roman poet OVID, especially in matters of love. He who has disciples is a teacher.
35. STILLICIDE, or eavesdrop, is the dripping of rain water from the eaves of a house.
37. A LUSUS, or LUSUS NATURAE, is a sport or freak of nature. Carnivals often feature such freaks in their sideshows (“Jojo the dog-faced boy,” etc.).
38. PRURITUS is an itching of the skin.
41. SPAETZLE are cooked strings and lumps (made of a batter) added to gravy, goulash, or other stews.
46. ALMAGRA is a Spanish ocher used for polishing glass and silver.
48. A TUT is a base in the game of rounders.
50. LEBBAN is an Arab beverage of coagulated sour milk diluted with water. A SWILL is a swig or a drink.
53. A SRADH is a Hindu ceremony performed in behalf of departed ancestors.
54. GLEYD is a very old word meaning “crooked, awry, wrong.”
Solution to KRIS KROSS KRAFT Puzzle in Previous Issue

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Solution to KRIS KROSS KRAFT Puzzle in Previous Issue

Since you mat
cally in

1. myrrh
2. raison d'
3. bossa
4. coxswail
5. hautboi
6. Die Wa
7. occasion
8. Neufch2
9. Hohoku

WORD WAYS
Answers and Solutions (Current Issue)

Answers to “The National Philosophy Test—I” (page 77)

(1) Utter nonsense
(3) Ibid., Parmenides, 260
(4) Absolute nonsense
(5) Ibid., Timaeus, 90
(6) Ibid., Parmenides, 142
(7) Ibid., Republic, Book II, 577
(8) Complete nonsense
(9) Ibid., Republic, Book IV, 425
(10) Ibid., Timaeus, 45
(11) Total nonsense
(12) Ibid., Republic, Book IX, 585
(13) Thorough nonsense
(14) Ibid., Parmenides, 157

Since you knew that 9 quotations were real and 5 fictitious, it was mathematically impossible for you to have fewer than 4 correct.

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Answers to “Super-Quiz No. 2” (page 84)

1. myrrh
2. raison d’être
3. bossa nova
4. coxswain
5. hautbois OR hautboy
6. Die Walküre
7. occasional
8. Neufchâtel
9. Hobokus OR Ho-Ho-Kus
10. eighth
11. laissez faire OR laissez-faire
12. Spuyten Duyvil
13. accommodate
14. sang-froid OR sangfroid
15. Rumania OR Romania
16. bird’s-eye
17. Quai d’Orsay
18. borscht OR borsch
19. sacrilegious
20. nol-pros
21. Così fan tutte
22. Phoebe OR Phebe
23. quay
24. Chihuahua
25. Colquhoun

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Solution to “Word Chess” (page 110)

Since all twelve names for the signs of the zodiac can be traced out in the original diagram, and it would take an exorbitant amount of space to reproduce the 12 tracings here, we are omitting them, on the assumption that you have solved this problem successfully.

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Solution to “Literary Quiz” (page 111)

2. Elizabeth BARRETT Browning, 1806-1861.
5. Francis BRET(T) Harris, 1836-1902.
7. Joel CHANDLER Harris, 1848-1908.
10. James FENIMORE Cooper, 1789-1851.
15. Albert PAYSON Terhune, 1872-1942.

Shelley died shortly before his 30th birthday. Maugham died shortly before his 92nd birthday.

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Solution to “Abstruse Acrostics” (page 112)

The 8th letter of the first line, the 9th letter of the second line, the 10th letter of the third line, and so on, taken in order, are the answer to the problem, for they spell the word SOLUTION.

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WORD WAYS
Solution to "A Lesson in Anatomy" (page 113)

1. HEART 9. BREAST 18. EARDRUM
2. SINEW 10. ARMPIT 19. ABDOMEN
3. TORSO 11. THROAT 20. RETINAS
4. MOUTH 12. PALATE 21. LIGAMENT
5. SCALP 13. CORNEA 22. EARLOBES
6. FLESH 14. UTERUS 23. GENITALS
7. NAVEL 15. TOENAIL 24. EPIDERMIS
8. FINGER 16. EYELIDS 25. FOREFINGER

Solution to "Crisscross Words" (page 114)

A F F A B L E
R U O O
R E R E B E L
E T T I
A T H W A R T
R E I H
S U R P L U S

Solution to "In Search of Religion" (page 114)

A—Anglicans, Anabaptists, Arminians, Athanasians
B—Baptists, Buchmanites, Bible Christians
C—Congregationalists, Catholics, Calvinists, Christian Scientists
D—Dunkers, Disciples of Christ, Doukhobors
E—Episcopalians, Erastians, Ebionites
F—Friends, Familists
G—Gnostics, German Baptists, Glasites
H—Holy Rollers, Huguenots, Hussites, High-Churchmen
I—Independents, Irvingites, Infra-Lapsarians
J—Jehovah's Witnesses, Jansenists, Jovinianists
K—Knoxians
L—Lutherans, Latter-Day Saints, Lollards, Laudians
M—Mormons, Mennonites, Molinists
N—New Thoughters, Nazarenes

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O—Old Catholics, Oxfordists, Origenists
P—Presbyterians, Protestants, Puritans, Papists
Q—Quakers, Quietists
R—Roman Catholics, Ranters, Romanists
S—Shakers, Seventh-Day Adventists, Salvationists, Stundists
T—Trappists, Tractarians, Trinitarians, Transubstantiationists
U—Unitarians, Universalists, Ubiquitarians
V—Vincentians
W—Wesleyans, Waldensians, Wycliffites
X—Xaverian Brothers, Xtians
Y—Yorker Brethren
Z—Zwinglians

CONNECTICUT’S GLORY

Nestled in southeastern Connecticut, away from the world’s hustle and bustle, there lies a very small lake. The name of that lake is OXOBOXO, a four-way palindrome. Not only does this name read the same backward as forward, but it keeps its palindromic quality intact when read in a mirror placed horizontally just above the word. This makes it a four-way palindrome.

We salute you, Connecticut!

THE DIVINE PALINDROME

Many of us who follow the ways of the word have always DEIFIED the palindrome, feeling that it had attributes of divinity. It is only recently, however, that this feeling has formally been substantiated.

What has clinched the matter is the discovery that the name of the supreme god among the natives of what was formerly designated the Slave Coast—the coastal region of Africa extending from the mouths of the Niger River to Ghana—is as fine a palindrome as you would ever wish to meet: UWOLOWU.

WORD WAYS