

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

KICKSHAWS by Dave Morice

Highly Structured Verse The first stanza of "Spiral Nebula" contains a foundation of 32 words upon which all other stanzas are built. The second stanza is constructed by taking the first word of the first stanza, then the last word of the first stanza, then the second word, then the second last word, and so on, concluding with the middle two words. The third stanza is formed by repeating the process with the second stanza. In the same fashion, the fourth, fifth, and sixth stanzas are made. If this process is applied to the sixth stanza, the result is the first stanza. The poem is a kind of nebula of words that spirals in on itself a la M.C. Escher.

Perfect Number Names in Neo-Alphabets FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY THREE appears to be the highest. The end-of-the-alphabet values of one neo-alphabet generating it are ...YINFTDHUERO with values Y = 16, I = 17, ..., O = 26. To sum it up: $19+26+23+25 + 22+23+18+21+25+24+21 + 19+17+19+20+16 + 20+22+25+24+24 = 453$. Other neo-alphabets with this solution can be formed by simply switching positions of letters that appear the same number of times in the number words. OINY can exchange places; UHDT can; FRE can. Altogether, there are 3,456 neo-alphabets whose letters can be placed at the end of the alphabet with no gaps.

There are probably no multiplicative examples other than SIX or TEN.

A Greeting That Could Get You Arrested Ricky Ruiz, who works for one of the international airlines, told me that you can't yell to a friend "Hi, Jack!" without running risk of arrest.

Ballad of the Bards Names by stanza: (1) Rudyard Kipling, Theodore Roethke, Stephen Crane, Richard Lovelace; (2) Walt Whitman, Vachel Lindsay, Edmund Spenser, Andrew Marvell; (3) Oliver Goldsmith, Emily Dickinson, William Shakespeare, Ezra Pound; (4) Ben Jonson, Robert Browning, William Wordsworth, John Keats; (5) Alexander Pope, Dylan Thomas, Robert Burns, William Blake; (6) Thomas Gray, Robert Frost, Marianne Moore, Matthew Arnold

Reread All About It A reremouse is a bat (the flying kind, not the one used by Babe Ruth to hit 60 homers). No plural is given. Reremouses? Reremice?

Have a Jolly, Polyglot Christmas a-8, b-18, c-23, d-15, e-26, f-17, g-2, h-22, i-7, j-19, k-24, l-1, m-16, n-10, o-6, p-21, q-3, r-27, s-9, t-25, u-28, v-29, w-13, x-30, y-4, z-31, aa-14, bb-5, cc-11, dd-20, ee-12. "Boas Festas" is used in both Brazil and Portugal. This was translated and made into a puzzle from a list in the magazine Vanidades Continental, November 24, 1987, Venezuela.

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LITERATE CRYPTARITHMETIC by Peter Newby

1. 3134	2. 24153	3. 820	4a. 2034	3241	4b. 3289	5. 748102
3134	24153	820	2032	3241	3289	- 94553
3134	78306	820	2034	3241	3289	653549
<u>9402</u>		820	<u>6102</u>	<u>9723</u>	<u>9867</u>	
		3280				
6. 16093	7. 72164					
16093	9360					
16093	81524					
<u>78279</u>						

SUFFIX QUIZ by Maxey Brooke

1. widower 2. prince; princess 3. a directrix is a fixed line used in the description of a curve or a surface 4. wellsite is a white silicate mineral named in honor of an American chemist, H.L. Wells 5. spinster 6. barmecide refers to the family that ruled Baghdad just preceding Harun-al-Rashid

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