

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

FOUR-SQUARES: FOUR-LETTER WORD FUN by Don Morrison

1. RAIN, ECRU cure, hotSHOT, TENSion; RESToration, poACHErs, gridIRON, NUTS stun
2. DEALership, bRACEs, hippopotamUSES, MESS; DRUMstick, EASEl, ACES case, careLESS
3. SWAT taws, EACH, absTINence, STEMwinder; SiEsTaS, WAIT weight, ACNE follows acme, anTHEM
4. DONs nods, ArMlOcK, MINImums, misSTEP; DAMS damns, cOMITy, NONE, SKIPper
5. FLOG golf, LIAR, ANTIdis.., WEST wets; scofFLAW, LINE, gOATS, WEST wets
6. SLAB labs, TIRE rite, EMIT time, WEDS dewS; STEW west, LIME mile, ARID raid, BETS best
7. muSCATel, sTOLEn, cANONs, gREEDy; upSTARts, sCONES, hALOEs, barTENDers
8. EAST, ARIA, CELL, HATE; EACH, AREA, SILT, TALE
9. AGED gray with age, tadPOLE, wEASEl, STAR; APES, GOAT (Zodiac), ELSA (Kenya lioness), DEER
10. ABBEss, REALtor, CALL girl, cHUMS; patriARCH, BEAUtician, emBALMer, dumbELLS
11. ASHE, MEAD, ERLE, STEN; AMES, SERT, HALE, EDEN
12. SALT Lake City, ERIE, AdelaIDE, TAOS; SEATtle, BulgARIA, LIDO, TEES
13. tACTicS, WARE wear, sEVEN (or eLEVEN), DEED; fraud AWED, CAVERn, TREE, seek seed SEND fend find

KICKSHAWS by David Morice

The Magic Crossword Puzzle

H E A D S	T A I L S
U V E A L	U V E A L
G A U D Y	G A U D Y

Two-Word Titles SACRIFICE SOFA and loveseat; WANTED DEAD or alive used appliances; ABSOLUTELY WEIRD! Offbeat ... skulls .. only for the brave; ADMIRAL SIDE by side refrigerator; RANDALL HEAD model RG100ES (speaker); U.S. AIR compressor; METAL AIR ducts; SPACIOUS EXECUTIVE home; OUR PHONE calls have tripped; TV, HANDMADE bedspread, tablecloth; WANTED: BETTY Neels novels; STEPFORD WIFE, custom/residential cleaning; GOD'S SECRET of the Sea revealed; INFLATABLE DRAGON: rent for your party; URGENT GOVERNMENT liquidations; KING AND I Small Engine Repair; GORGEOUS HOPE chest; BEAUTIFULLY SIMPLE wedding gown; 3/4 STUDENT violin; REMOTE SINGLE CD; CAMELOT ONE bedroom condo; FANTASTIC 5 family yard sale; ADORABLE 6 week old poodle; CUTE 7 weeks old kittens

Patriotic Numbers ThoUSAnd appears in 99.9% of the number words.

Square Deal Each is used in a different standard dictionary to illustrate WORD SQUARE (The New Century Dictionary, 1929; Webster's New International Dictionary, 2nd Edition, 1948; Funk & Wagnalls Standard Family Dictionary, 1961; Webster's New Twentieth Century Dictionary of the English Language, 1952). All word squares are acrostics according to Webster's 7th Collegiate (see ACROSTIC, "a series of words of equal length arranged to read the same horizontally or vertically").

Measuring Up All but one are composed of prefixes that, when multiplied out, result in unity. The gigamicroampere is the odd one, converting to 1000 amperes.

Mad Math If the numbers are written as words in each series, the word length increases by one at each step (ONE, FOUR, THREE, ELEVEN, ..). Series A is formed by selecting the smallest number for each word length, Series B by selecting the largest. The math problems are solved by adding, etc., the number of letters in the number words. Then take that result and find the number in the series that has the same number of letters in its number word. ONE (3 letters) + ONE (3 letters) = ELEVEN (6 letters). The answers are A-11, B-1, C-1104, D-24, E-17, F-3, G-373373, H-73, I-24, J-115373. If Series B were used, the solutions would be much more dramatic.

Numberspell The series forms an automynorcagram: the initial letter of each word begins to spell out the words themselves. In this case, the initials are S-E-V-E-N-T-E-E-N-E. Variants can be constructed, but a longer series seems impossible.

Anagram Riddle The Seven Dwarfs BASHFUL, DOC, DOPEY, GRUMPY, HAPPY, SNEEZY and SLEEPY in the Walt Disney movie "Snow White".

CHIT-CHAT AND BIBBLE-BABBLE Leonard R.N. Ashley

1 woo-woo 2 yum-yum 3 blankety-blank 4 wee-wee (pee-pee)
 5 so-so 6 pooh-pooh 7 super-duper 8 ducky-wucky 9 nighty-night
 10 rah-rah 11 too too 12 goody-goody 13 gee-gee 14 hugger-
 muggger 15 wah-wah 16 mumbo-jumbo 17 hurdy-gurdy 18 chin-chin
 19 boo-boo 20 palsy-walsy 21 fancy-schmancy 22 ying-yang
 23 mish-mash 24 fiddle-faddle 25 chiller-diller 26 teeny-weeny
 27 itty-bitty 28 zig-zag 29 meow-meow 30 ta ta 31 hoochy coochy