

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Name Those Presidents! by Richard Lederer

1. Polk, Taft, Ford, Bush 2. Eisenhower (the only president with a four-syllable surname) 3. Taft, Nixon 4. Pierce, Grant, Ford, Bush, Carter (and Hoover in England) 5. Washing/ton, A/dams (twice), Fill/more, John/son (twice), Ha/yes, Gar/field, Ho/over, Nix/on 6. Roosevelt, Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt 7. William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, Harry Truman 8. Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson; Coolidge, Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman and Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe 9. Monroe 10. Eight: Jefferson, Madison, Jackson, Harrison (twice), Johnson (twice), Wilson 11. in the names Adams and McKinley, the S and Mc are patronymics 12. Polk, whose letters are within six of each other in the alphabet 13. Madison, Tyler, Nixon 14. A-dams (twice), G-r-ant, H-a-yes, T-aft 15. Washington and Adams 16. Lincoln and Kennedy, both assassinated 17. Washington, along with the nation's capital, seven mountains, eight streams, ten lakes, thirty-three counties, nine colleges, 121 cities and villages, one monument, and at least one famous bridge 18. Jackson MS, Jefferson City MO, Lincoln NE, Madison WI 19. Monroe (Monrovia, Liberia) 20. Nixon 21. John Adams and John (Quincy) Adams; Andrew Jackson and Andrew Johnson 22. Harry S Truman; the S is not an initial and is not followed by a period 23. Thomas Jefferson 24. Calvin Coolidge (Calvin & Hobbes, John Calvin) 25. James Madison, James Monroe 26. James: Madison, Monroe, Polk, Buchanan, Garfield, Carter (John is in second place with four: Adams, Quincy Adams, Tyler, Kennedy) 27. Ulysses S. Grant 28. the teddy bear is named after Theodore Roosevelt who, while hunting in Mississippi, once spared the life of a bear cub 29. Theodore Roosevelt 30. Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Ronald Reagan 31. Rutherford Hayes 32. Andrew or Lyndon Johnson: John 33. Rutherford B. Hayes: Ford 34. Ronald Wilson Reagan, William Jefferson Clinton 35. to last, Carter retracts a lot 36. William and Benjamin Harrison (no, sirrah) 37. James A. Garfield 38. Abraham Lincoln, Gerald Ford (Franklin Pierce is another automotive president) 39. Reagan played the part of Grover Cleveland Alexander in a film about the pitcher's life 40. Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) 41. John Adams, John Quincy Adams, John Tyler, James Polk 42. Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, George Washington, Dwight David Eisenhower, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Richard Milhous Nixon, Ronald Reagan, George Bush

Kickshaws by David Morice

You Bet Your Life General Motors, Corporal Punishment, Private Parts, Major League, Marshal Arts

The "Hey, Bee! See!" of Anti-Rebuses Long lcy Roads, Hot Match, Go Away, Crush, Quit Smoking, More Or Less, Relinquish, Dog and Cat, Kiss, Word. The long word is Antidisestablishmentarianism.

The Paradox Box According to the way the box functions, the operator can only know the opposite state of the light. The operator can know afterwards that the light was on or off.

Comic Onomatopoeia 1-k, 2-f, 3-q, 4-a, 5-t, 6-n, 7-o, 8-u, 9-r, 10-e, 11-s, 12-d, 13-w, 14-x, 15-v, 16-j, 17-m, 18-h, 19-l, 20-y, 21-z, 22-i, 23-c, 24-b, 25-g, 26-p. How did you do? Score yourself as follows: 1 correct - very, very good, 2 correct - expert, 3 correct - phenomenal, 4 correct - genius, 5 correct - godlike, 6 or more correct - sure, pal

The Book of Truth On the third reading, all odd-numbered pages now become "The sentence on [the next page] is false" and all even-numbered pages, except for page 100, become "The sentence on [the next page] is true." Page 100 would read "The sentence on page 1 is false." The fourth reading would be different again.

Oprah's Not Over 'Til Harpo Returns by Peter Newby

The five proper names (from the year 3993) in the word squares are OSOSO, AFERT, ACEHT, lMALE and ENAME.

A Survey of Directed Word Chains by Leonard Gordon

Puzzle 1 1. roachback (a bear; backfatter is a hog, and hamfatter is a low-grade actor) 2. washerwoman 3. shapsmith (a corsetier) 4. figurehead 5. hellbroth (black magic stuff; a brotheller is a whoremonger 6. hawkbill (a turtle; a ballhawk is a ball player and a billhead is the heading on a piece of paper) 7. wreckfish (stone bass often found in wrecks; a fishworm is used as bait) 8. casinghead 9. jackfruits 10. splitmouth (a fish; sheepsplit is a split sheepskin, and a mouthbreeder is a fish) 11. breadberry (bread softened with water and sweetened) 12. maidenhead

Puzzle 2 hemoblastularemia, buckwheatearstain, meltdownswing-back, forefrontallyhoed, asyndesistingiest, antinovelettering, semi-majoretteries, reattemptressours, logopediatricious, filopodiatricious, aceldamasceneries, hindsightholepine, crossovereignited, thelarchen-emyship, accoutreaching, sarmentallyman, trisemesterify, misspace-menter, notturnovercal, zorrillockstep, oilclothinguts, myocommandolin, morbillionship