ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

MYSTERIOUS PRECOGNITIONS  Martin Gardner

IN THE BEGINNING  The word is "God".
NATION, ANIMAL, FRUIT  The five words are Denmark, elephant, gray, kangaroo, and orange.
IN PRAISE OF RED  The word is "red".
A GENESIS TEST  The word in Genesis is "and".
WHAT’S THE WORD?  The word you spell is "cage".
THE SIX GLASSES  The penny is in the middle glass of the three remaining glasses.
IN PRAISE OF BLUE  The word is "blue".
NINE-CARD SPELL  The reversed card is fifth from the top.
TWINKLE TWINKLE  The count ends on "you".

ELF EYRIE  Jan Anderson

(1) Boustrophedonia (Carroll wrote Jabberwocky backwards, too).
(2) Each paragraph uses one number: 1, 9, 8, and 4.
(3) Every sentence rhymes.
(4) The beginning letters of sentences run through the alphabet.

BANANAGRAMS 2  Edmund Conti

You’re listening to Beethoven when someone is paged.

Of bad times in life, I’ve had a myriad.
But old age has got to be my dopier period.

Spike Lee says to do the right thing.
But as for me, I’ll do the night thing.

He loved the movie and he won’t stop raving.
I think more negativism would be timesaving.

Seahorses? How stupid! Don’t be a fool.
For water polo all you need is a pool.

Downhill skiing? Remember, please,
To steer clear of any trees.

Now that groping’s out, forsooth!
Just make sure your touch is couth.
I'm not a prude or as pure as Heidi.
But I find frontal nudity quite untidy.

My poems have been stolen. My speculation?
I'm a victim of unpoetical peculation.

Someone took my purple cow.
I have to wonder who and how.

THE DENTIST (ETH STINTED) William Webster

"Dennis Hurst, Dentist" read the small sign outside the room. "Slogan: no pain, no gain. Gum disease, plates, dentures."
Those words were not endearing. Rose read mags, not too keen with being there.
The aide came, smiling. "The doc is ready."
"I'm not," Rose replied.
"Just relax."
(She could mentally review Scrabble words; three letters.)
Doc Hurst grinned, seeing the lissome brunette.
"The lowers are sound—no dentures, yet. Open wider, please. Ah!
Let's recap the second molar," he appraised.
"Right now?" Rose said, harboring fears.
"Sure!" he smiled.
"Does it hurt much?"
"Naw" was the casual statement.
He medicated the spot. No complaint.
The procedure done, he said, "It wasn't so bad?"
Rose was silent at first. Gesturing, she replied "Expecting the worst, it was really OK."

ALPHAMETISH CABELL Mike Keith

573 + 18930 + 6 + 286344 = 305853
20 + 794608 + 56 + 14326 = 809010
86 + 689 + 25 + 39913 = 40713
47 + 856 + 49216 + 73 = 50192
8597 + 432 + 94856 + 432 = 104317
36 + 45 + 94706 + 8369 + 20 = 103176
25218 + 714 + 598164 + 360598 = 984694

32 + 95082 + 46 + 647 + 8778 + 46 + 647 = 105278
42 + 607 + 9448 + 41 + 42 + 607 = 10787
6528 + 73 + 497823 = 504424
8967141 + 240 + 67141 + 93 + 67141 = 9101756
4231770 + 4720094 + 6271 + 8965 = 8967100
4082471 + 239 + 2153530 = 6236240

47353 + 81 + 6 + 45860 + 268509 = 361809
12 + 674 + 9324 + 508 + 32 + 674 + 8452 + 497042 = 516718
130 + 9724 + 130 + 1790 + 80998 + 724 + 80998 + 724 = 175218
486 + 198327 + 5483 = 204296
285915 + 215 + 8985 + 706 + 8985 + 31 + 2748 = 307585
41 + 74927 + 60857 + 367 = 136192
539032 + 74738 + 76 = 613846
213 + 255780 + 6465 + 299613 = 562071

LOGOZOOLOGY  Richard Lederer

The hidden animals are leopard, bison, stag, deer, pig, lion and otter.