

## ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

EDGE WORDS Susan Thorpe

The words are HAILSTONES, HITS and HALO

DEBRA & THERESA SHOP William Webster

<Ready, Debra? Their latest ad compares okay with the other stores. There are many items on this list. Here's the moneybag. It'll take two baggers at the end.>

<Plus two cashiers? Read from it, Theresa; staples?> the lithesome redhead directed.

<For the stapler? Cereal, for one,> the slender brunet said.

<Okay, what else?>

<Many sacksful. Ow! What's best for nerve pain?>

<Not using any steroid?>

<Gosh no! I'm afebrile, tho,> was the indirect statement.

<Advil caplets. For dosages, read the directions. Take two; it's painless,> Debra said.

<No capsules.> She takes the dosage; sips water from the fount.

<Let's proceed now. Meats, Theresa?> she continued.

<Boneless loin meat--the tender cuts; meatless spare ribs, bacon, salami--unsliced; lamb riblets,> the shopper stated.

<Relish--mustard, the sauciest prepared; capers, olives,> she went on.

<Assorted grainy white breads, bialis, bagels.>

<Nuts! Nougats, salted almonds.>

<Greens?> was Debra's request. <Put them on the scalepan.>

<Broccoli. Spinage. Parsley, romaine, radishes, carrots, pimentos, endive, snow peas.>

<Kidney beans, pintos; macaroni.>

<Where?> She relied on her friend.

<The lower bins, against the post.>

<Now for spice; sage, mace, cumin, basil leaves; they are stowable,> he was telling Debra.

<Storable,> she riposted.

<Sundries--douche, for instance. Need hose? Sheer nylons; the durn things run so easy; makes 'em costlier.>

<How much is pina?>

<Each?>

<Yeh. Pepsi-cola time, Theresa.>

<Root beer?>

<Please. Ooh--I'm tired!>

They clinked their tumblers.

<Carol's at eighth grade at Daniel Webster School, this year?>

<Yeh--makes me feel so old, was Debra's remark.>



<Ha ha. Myrtle said the same. Their Louise is an attendee at Tulane. What interests has she?>

<Boys,> Debra countered.

<Sid is hot on sports, the saxtuba, leather shop.>

<Ruby was at the games last night; she shouted herself hoarse!>

<Really? She is neurotic. Is Dora Baker still dieting?>

<Oh, sure--no fatso, she! Altho she doesn't deprive Clarence much. Dora uses the calorie counter. What's more, she had diabetes.>

<Ready, Debra?>

The gals traded routines.

<Yeh--let's meander--Tub Scrub; enriched oyster stew, saltines, caramel candies, uncoated; the tangiest iced tea mixer.

<Dried apricots, strained apple sauce, apricot preserve. Sardines; soymilk; flour for the canister; lemon gelatine; chowder.>

<Grapes, pears, plums--not the ripest.>

<Citrus?>

<Citrons, oranges; test the ripeness.>

<Limes?>

Debra grins. <Melons, the juiciest.>

<What else, Theresa?>

<Just desert!>

<Desert?> she repeated. <How does the dictionary say it?>

<Oh, it's seven letters, not six--dessert.>

#### KICKSHAWS Dave Morice

Populars 1 The early bird catches the worm 2 You can't make a silk purse from a sow's ear 3 One needs to know the difference between right and wrong

Fill-In Poems 1 Let the Byer be Ware 2 Don't rob Peter to pay Paul

#### BANANAGRAMS Edmund Conti

haec each agrees grease rubies bruise meteor remote  
gelatin elating under nuder inelegant eglantine ladies ideals  
anapest peasant admirer married

#### WHEN IN ROME, MAKE A JOKE Leonard Ashley

1 post mortem 2 ex libris 3 ex cathedra 4 dum spiro 5 hic jacet  
5 infra dig 7 ad hoc 8 reductio ad absurdum 9 non compos mentis  
10 mens sana 11 inter alia 12 fiat lux 13 rara avis 14 sine die  
15 in loco parentis

#### THE HYDRA Mike Keith

The initial letters of each word are the initial letters of the chemical elements.