ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Ma Is A Nun, As I Am  Win Emmons

1 Do regale Tut’s tutelage, Rod  2 Paganinis sin in a gap  3 Risotto, Sir?  4 Di on Ara: paranoid  5 Late spud upset Al  6 We panic in a pew  7 No, do cater to tot re Taco, Don  8 El, Liv: Lemon’s no Melville  9 A lug I lack, Caligula  10 Pot Pal Ada had a laptop

11 Splat! I hit Alps  12 So, Cato, no tacos?  13 Cain a maniac  14 Mull, Eb, Etna antebellum  15 Borders is Red, Rob  16 Dee, new port stop we need  17 Gems are Vera’s, Meg  18 Deli assailed  19 Sh! Coo to Ochs  20 Sparta satraps

21 THC’s, Rob, not on borscht  22 Ev, is Lupe repulsive?  23 Gnostic illicit song  24 Won’t Socrates use tar cost now?  25 Reno, Lenin is an asinine loner  26 God, yaps! Spay dog!  27 Doggerel I file, Reg—God!  28 Slip Oprah, Harpo pals  29 Redo no kayak on Oder

30 Ev, Oligocene cog I love  31 Evade gnu—lunge, Dave!  32 Emboldened? Lob me!

33 Ma spit at a tip, Sam  34 “No” is ice decision  35 Ed, is pot topside?

Kickshaws  Dave Morice

Dizzy Quiz  The answers are all based on the alphanumeric sums of the number names (using A=1 to Z=26).

A. These are the 0-9 ciphers arranged in alphanumerical order: 34,42,42,49,52,56,58,60,64,65
B. The alphanumeric sums of these are sequential: 63-66, 107-111, and 158-160, respectively
C. All these pairs are alphanumeric equalities: 42,65,87,165,149,156 respectively
D. This one is visually truthful: the pair’s alphanumeric sum is 160
E. These are the only numbers below one hundred whose alphanumeric values (34,58,60,96) are evenly divisible by their numbers

The Creatures of English Idioms  Leonard Ashley

1 Black sheep  2 Fly the coop (chicken)  3 Play possum  4 Sitting duck  5 Lion’s share  6 Go cold turkey  7 Have an albatross around one’s neck  8 Play dog in the manger  9 Feather one’s own nest (any bird)  10 Get someone’s goat  11 Put on the dog  12 Red herring  13 In two shakes of a lamb’s tail  14 One swallow does not a summer make  15 There is more than one way to skin a cat  16 Every dog has his day  17 Don’t look a gift horse in the mouth  18 Curiosity killed the cat  19 It depends whose ox is gored  20 You can’t teach an old dog new tricks  21 Let sleeping dogs lie  22 The leopard cannot change his spots  23 Don’t count your chickens until they are hatched  24 The worm turns  25 Like a bull in a china shop