

ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

Look Back!

A. Ross Eckler

billingsgate, whippet, shamrock, limpid, legend, Maimonides, lesson, electron, expectorations, pumpkin, damnation, settee

Sudoku Patterns

Christopher McManus

A D S | O R B | I N G
O G I | D A N | R S B
N R B | G I S | O D A

F W I | T N O | R U E
R O N | E U I | W T F
T E U | F R W | N I O

F N I | Y O U | E T R
T O U | I E R | Y F N
Y E R | F N T | U O I

B O A | R D I | N G S
S I G | N B O | A R D
R N D | S G A | B O I

W F T | R I N | O E U
O N E | U T F | I W R
U I R | O W E | T F N

E Y N | T I O | F R U
U R T | E Y F | N I O
O I F | U R N | T E Y

D A R | I N G | S B O
I S N | B O D | G A R
G B O | A S R | D I N

N U F | I O T | E R W
E T O | W F R | U N I
I R W | N E U | F O T

N T O | R U E | I Y F
I U E | O F Y | R N T
R F Y | N T I | O U E

Eckler Enigmas

Jeremiah Farrell and Karen Farrell

- 1) FIVE E is letter 5, C is letter 3, etc.
- 2) inner circle ACOFIS, outer circle HLRETK, leading to LASK FIKE COLE CHAR
FORT THIS and ROC FOE FIT SKI ASH LAC. Another near-solution has the non-Websterian (but somewhat familiar) ROLF (as in ROLFING) with inner AFOCIS and outer circle KRELTH
- 3) CLEF / HERO / ISAR / TASK
- 4) upper left LEES OKRA REIT LORE EKES ERIC
upper right RESH ERIE TALI ERT SILO HEIR
lower left OARS FRET TEES SOFT AARE TREE
lower right ALSO TOES ETAS CLOT ASEA LOSS
long words ESCALATOR SATIRICAL SATANISTS RETALIATE

Canadianisms?

Andy Liu

Find these words concealed in the various sentences.

CANADA
OTTAWA
VICTORIA
NOVA SCOTIA
ALBERTA
CALGARY
MANITOBA
ONTARIO
QUEBEC

HALIFAX
TORONTO
REGINA
KINGSTON
WINDSOR
LONDON
SASKATCHEWAN

Where They Are Coming From Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. electricity, 2. ergot, 3. eland, 4. pagoda, 5. sporran, 6. clinic., 7. obscene,
8. guerdon, 9. larva, 10. tupelo, 11. Reveille, 12. tohu-bohu, 13. bramble, 14. mucilage,
15. kuphar, 16. fluster, 17. jiggery-pokery, 18. purdah, 19. mote, 20. dervish, 21. legend,
22. hearse, 23. wavey, 24. weed, 25. freckle, 26. bonanza, 27. harpies, 28. disciple, 29.
kakemono, 30. thing.

I See Where You Are Coming From Leonard R. N. Ashley

1. elvan (rock hard enough to strike fire), 2. inspan, 3. concrete, 4. babel, 5. wicker,
6. carcanet, 7. heyduck, 8. clap, 9. elenchus, 10. gault, 11. haslet, 12. hyena,
13. catamaran, 14. musa, 15. zouave, 16. tocher, 17. gimmel, 18. nabob, 19. bracken,
20. jamboree, 21. grouper (fish), 22. ember-goose, 23. pandour, 24. guano, 25.
grisbok.

Anamonic Jeff Myers

1. Here are some possible anamonic phrases for PARENT (and possible rationales): SHOT HIS GIRL (based on a local news story), GRILL'S HOT! (Dad likes to barbecue), HIS GOTH GIRL (if GOTH means something to you), or LIGHT TROTS (Mom likes to jog). The important thing is to have it make sense to you. One published anamonic is LORI* IS RIGHT. To me it means nothing but to the author it may be perfect.

If your anamonic contains each of G, H, I, L, O, R, S, and T and if it does *not* contain any other letter of the alphabet, then it is solid.

2. DETAIN: I have recently switched from DISRUPT FIRM'S VP to DISRUPT MUFTI'S VISIT, but I am still searching.

3. GRINDLE: GIRDLE has an anamonic phrase of "SWADDLE EUDORA*" which does not contain an N, so GRINDLE is definitely not legal.

4. ROADIE: *LOADS VIXENS seems to be the classic.

5. NATIONS + 1 letter... = F: FONTINAS; E: ENATIONS, SONATINE; N: SANTONIN, C= ACTINONS, CANONIST, CONTAINS, SANCTION, SONANTIC; A= SONATINA; B = ANTISNOB; L= ANTLIONS; P = PINTANOS; S = ONANISTS

6. Only COVARIES might be good -- and *is*, along with its anagram VARICOSE. The other four *cannot* be valid because they violate the anamonic in parentheses: BOVARIES (OVARIES), RATLINER (LATRINE), ATELONIC (TOENAIL), PURATINE (PAINTER)

7. One memorable anamonic for RESTAGE is MEN RENTED BETTER SET.

8. No. P is not in the anahook set for RESTAGE in Q7 above.

9. One published solution is: LAUGHABLE SMOKY CLOUDS. How about DOUGHBOY MEEKLY BEACHES? Or go a weird tiny change: BALDY EAGLE DOUBLES BACK HOME.

10. My new phrase is SYLPH LIKES TUTU TATTOOS (because I can remember the silly sound of the last 2 words); I haven't seen anything published so far for the classic version, but HUSKILY OUTLEAPS would work.

Kickshaws-Single-letter Symbols for Chemical Elements David Morice

Q1: BIOPSY, BOUNCY, COUSIN, FUSION, SPUNKY and UNPICKS are among the common six-letter words with no repeated letters, though the longest seems to be the eight-letter WICKYUPS, courtesy of Webster's Second.

Q2: Allowing repeated letters, the longest seems to be INCONSPICUOUS.

Q3: Pr-Os-Ti-Es is a four-symbol example; and Th-Er-Mo-Cl-In-Es is a six-symbol example.

Kickshaw – Signature Puns Strike Home David Morice

In order reading across: Martin Gardner, Dmitri Borgmann, Howard Bergerson, David Morice, Richard Lederer, Darryl Francis, Jeff Grant, John Holgate, James Puder, Stuart Kidd, Rex Gooch

Who You Gonna Call? Marc Allan

1. Miranda
2. Fox News
3. Idi Amin
4. Ishmael
5. George Bush
6. Jay Leno
7. Madonna
8. Baghdad
9. Rosie Lover
10. Dick Cheney

Distinct Dozens Steve Kahan

1. H O U S E W A R M I N G
2. Q U E S T I O N A B L Y

3. A M B I D E X T R O U S
4. U N F O R G I V A B L E
5. E X P U R G A T I O N S
6. C O N S I D E R A B L Y
7. M E T A L W O R K I N G
8. T H U N D E R C L A P S
9. M A L N O U R I S H E D
10. L E X I C O G R A P H Y
11. O U T S P R E A D I N G
12. D E M O N S T R A B L Y
13. B A N K R U P T C I E S
14. M E N D A C I O U S L Y
15. U P H O L S T E R I N G
16. P R O D U C T I V E L Y
17. D E M O G R A P H I C S
18. U N P R O F I T A B L E
19. S T E N O G R A P H I C
20. D I S R E P U T A B L Y

Consecutive Palindromic Triads

Steve Kahan

1. antIAIRCRAft
2. bEHESTS
3. caLLALLILIes
4. contRRARIWIse
5. cremE DE CACAo
6. critICISMS
7. croSSSTITCh
8. dIVINING
9. UKULELE
10. hOMO ERECTus
11. ADAM SMIth
12. LouISIANA
13. nEMESIS
14. POPE BEneDicT
15. pRO RATA
16. prECEDED
17. syNONYMY
18. therMOMETER
19. thingAMABOB
20. TrINIDAD
21. uNANIMIty
22. whOSOEVER
23. FIFTY TwO
24. YOKO ONO
25. PAPARAZzi

Signature Spoonerisms Anil

1. Adam and Eve [Naturally the Devil has a lower class accent.] 2. Mary Astor 3. Roger Bannister
4. Count Basie [lifelong devotion to Kansas City style jazz] 5. Brendan Behan 6. Sarah Bernhardt
7. Billy the Kid (*Bonney*) 8. Osama bin Laden 9. Napoleon Bonaparte 10. Lenny Bruce 11.
Erskine Caldwell [wrote of the dirt poor] 12. Geoffrey Chaucer 13. Noam Chomsky [Vietnam war
critic] 14. Joan Crawford 15. Aleister Crowley ["the beast"] 16. Dante Alighieri 17. Humphrey
Davy [chemistry pioneer] 18. James Dean 19. Bo Derek 20. Marlene Dietrich 21. Phyllis Diller
22. Celine Dion 23. (*Arthur*) Conan Doyle 24. Anton Dvořák 25. Douglas Fairbanks [dared
bang-up swashbuckling before sex existed] 26. W. C. Fields 27. Alexander Fleming [penicillin] 28.
Sigmund Freud 29. Ava Gardner 30. Judy Garland

31. (*J.*) Paul Getty 32. Edward Gibbon 33. Samuel Goldwyn 34. Germaine Greer 35. Matt
Groening [The Simpsons] 36. Hammurabi 37. Friedrich Hayek [economist] 38. Benny Hill 39.
Paris Hilton 40. Billie Holiday 41. Judy Holliday 42. Michael Jackson 43. Clive James 44.
Terry Jones 45. Gene Kelly 46. John Kennedy 47. John Maynard Keynes 48. Søren Kierke-
gaard [I once read a book by Kierkegaard but I can't remember which. It was either *Either/Or* or *Fear and Trembling*.
(Pardon my stutter.)] 49. Henry Kissinger 50. Pierre Larousse [encyclopedist] 51. Laurel and Hardy
52. Anton (*Von*) Leeuwenhoek (*Jayvenhook*) [He hit upon a 'hook' into the hidden haven of microscopic life.]
53. Carl Lewis [sprinter] 54. Shirley MacLaine [the happy hooker in *Some Came Running* and *Irma la Douce*
(cf. 113)] 55. Robert McNamara [of the mob promulgating the war in Vietnam] 56. Penny Marshall 57.
Dean Martin 58. Herman Melville [*Moby Dick*] 59. Kate Millett [feminist] 60. Thelonious Monk

61. (*Kerry*) Packer and (*Rupert*) Murdoch [hyperbole on two former Oz media moguls and its richest men, both
ruthless] 62. Jack Nicklaus 63. Richard Nixon 64. David Oistrakh 65. Saint Paul 66. Mervyn
Peake [*Gormenghas*] 67. Elvis Presley 68. Vincent Price 69. John Dennis Profumo [1963 sex
scandal (He was flattend on—and by—his 'sweetheart' Christine Keeler from his smouldering desire for her.)] 70. Jean
Racine 71. Rembrandt 72. Mandy Rice-Davies [see 69] 73. Andy Roddick 74. Little Richard
75. Eleanor Roosevelt [humanitarian] 76. Wynona Ryder 77. Jennifer Saunders 78. Robert
Schumann 79. George Bernhard Shaw 80. Dinah Shore 81. Paul Simon 82. John Philip
Sousa [Does this make up for the rude insult in Signature Puns?] 83. Bruce Springsteen 84. Jimmy Stewart
85. Barbra Streisand [*Funny Girl*] 86. David Suzuki ["Protect Nature!"] 87. Gloria Swanson 88.
Tamerlane [a nickname meaning "Lame Timur" after a war wound] 89. Shirley Temple 90. Margaret
Thatcher 91. Arnold Toynbee 92. Mae West 93. A. N. Whitehead 94. Oscar Wilde 95. Mary
Wollstonecraft 96. Orville Wright 97. Duke of York 98. Zeno [the tortoise ever nosing out the hare]

POLYS: 99. Cecil B. DeMille 100. P. K. Dick [He uncloaks and dissects any chosen decadence via SF.]
101. Al Gore 102. Stephen Hawking 103. Francis Scott Key [us = US] 104. Marilyn Monroe
105. Lou Reed 106. George Segal 107. Sharon Stone 108. Bill Tilden [tennis-rich spendthrift come
bankrupt] 109. Harold Urey [chemist] 110. Gore Vidal 111. DeWitt Wallace [Reader's Digest]
112. Noah Webster [Dumbed-down nobodies are shrinking the language. Help!] 113. Billy Wilder ['her'
being Marilyn Monroe (*Seven Year Itch*, *Some Like It Hot*) or Shirley MacLaine (*The Apartment*, *Irma La Douce*)]
114. Herman Wouk [He hooked war novel bookworms.]

ANTI-SIGNATURES: 115. Harold Laski [anti-conservative] 116. Jerry Lewis [not the wary type]
117. Malcolm X 118. Monty Python 119. Camille Saint-Saëns 120. John Wayne

REJECTS: 121. Tallulah Bankhead [Often tanked?] 122. Halle Berry [...but unnoticeably well shaven]
123. Pat Boone [Poontang in the tenth mile high club?] 124. Buckminster Fuller 125. Billy Jean King
[a junk food battler?] 126. Peggy Lee [Ladies should sit down to pee!] 127. Wolfgang Pauli [He was no
wally, but as a quantum mechanic he did belong to a sort of "puff gang".] 128. Luciano Pavarotti [Bet I'm wrong
here!] 129. Knute Rockne [Cheer for Notre Dame—but stay chaste!] 130. Studs Terkel [Writer's block?]