ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

DISTILL IT, SID

Chaim Fleischman
Vertical Palindrome: slam in animals

TRITE AS A CLICHE

Richard Lederer
1. a bat 2. a lion 3. a bee 4. a hound's tooth 5. a bedbug 6. a coot 7. a loon 8. a bear 9. a skunk 10. an ox 11. a pig 12. a bird 13. a lamb 14. an ape 15. a clam 16. a lark 17. a horse 18. a bear 19. a goose 20. a hornet 21. a wet hen 22. a jaybird 23. a kitten 24. a partridge 25. a churchmouse 26. a peacock 27. a mouse 28. a dog 29. a goose 30. an eel 31. a fox 32. a bug in a rug 33. a bull 34. an ox 35. a mule 36. an owl
37. apple pie 38. a berry 39. a cucumber 40. pie 41. a pancake 42. a fruitcake 43. punch 44. a beet 45. a lobster 46. molasses 47. butter 48. honey 49. toast 50. a prune
51. a billiard ball 52. a house 53. the ace of spades 54. a button 55. a doornail 56. a post 57. dishwater 58. nails 59. a kite 60. a (dish) rag 61. a pin 62. a picture 63. sandpaper 64. houses 65. a tack 66. silk 67. velvet 68. a board 69. a spring 70. shoe leather 71. a ghost
72. ice 73. a bone 74. dust 75. falling off a log 76. lightning 77. a daisy 78. gold 79. a rock 80. blaze 81. a feather 82. the hills 83. the driven snow 84. rain 85. a rock (the rock of Gibraltar)
86. straight 87. clear 88. sound 89. rich 90. plain 91. honest 92. naked 93. sound 94. tight 95. fit 96. pale 97. mad 98. sober 99. large 100. drunk 101. old 102. innocent 103. shiny 104. black 105. hot 106. thin 107. sure 108. ugly 109. thick 110. silent 111. phony 112. smart 113. clean 114. quick

WHO DONE IT? Frank A. Magary
All the proper names come up a letter short, as do wife, son and sister.
Rosy alone is insufficient, and Fallon comes up short. MY TWIN cannot be a clue, as his sister is younger. SALTY WINE sounds suggestively of poison, but it was the coffee, and besides it does not name the murderer. The only complete and logical clue is THE MURDERER IS MY FATHER IN LAW. Father alone won't do as Hans has no living parents.

SIDE-O-GRAMS Boris Randolph

1. H teacher, create, erect
   A early, rely, rye
   W wader, dear, red
   A assent, nests, tens
   I kaiser, rakes, ear
   I liable, label, bell

2. C inches, shine, hens
   O ocean, cane, ace
   W wasted, dates, teas
   B robin, iron, nor
   O abode, bead, deb
   Y nearly, learn, real
   S tassel, slate, teal

3. P impend, denim, dime
   O opera, pare, rap
   S stage, gate, eat
   I pirate, taper, pert
   T settle, steel, else
   I ignite, tinge, gent
   V serve, ever, ere
   E please, lapse, slap

4. S tussle, lutes, suet
   O opines, snipe, spin
   U refuse, frees, see
   T attend, anted, Edna
   H health, lathe, tale
   P diaper, aired, ride
   A donate, noted, dote
   W powder, doper, pore

5. B fable, leaf, Alf
   L canine, Incan, Cain
   A tablet, beat, bale
   S wrist, stir, its
   K empires, sample, lumps
   A endure, under, rude
   N stoner, store, rest
   U unused, dunes, send
   S sisters, resist, tries

6. A oarsman, manors, norms
   U upland, plant, plait
   I servant, tavern, raven
   T pilots, spoil, slop
   R preach, cheap, ache
   O aroma, roan, arm
   L almond, Damon, moan
   I image, game, Mag
   A moats, most, Tom

7. F inflate, entail, inlet
   U impure, prime, mire
   R train, ain't, tin
   N grinder, girder, digre
   I fruit, turf, fur
   T mister, remit, tire
   H hoiler, oiler, roll
   E senora, roans, soar
   D credit, trice, Eric

8. A elapse, sleep, peel
   S respond, ponder, drone
   T theater, reheat, three
   R tracer, react, tear
   O operate, repeat, pater
   N dangers, grades, Edgar
   A ashore, shoer, rose
   H musical, claims, calms
   T plate, plea, ale

era, ha!
O pan Nom, alas, a
Par, Pa!
bug 6. a coot
a bird

use 18. a bear
3. a kitten

mouse

a rug

pancake

molasses

a button

kite 60. a

hose 65. a

leather

eighting

or 82. the

of Gibraltar)
honest

98. sober

104. black

silent

On and sister.
TRAPPING THE LIGHT FANTASTIC  L. R. N. Ashley

23. Gallop (or Galop) 24. Can-can 25. Shimmy (or Mashed Potato, or other names)

KICKSHAWS  Charles W. Bostick

Signs of the Times: Wrong Way

Poems and Songs: (1) The Star-Spangled Banner  (2) Casey at the Bat

Dictionary Rally: (1) phenomenon, photograph, unilateral, repertoire, chloroform, referendum, paraphrase  (2) borsch (3) playwright (4) subtract, platform, illusion, stocking, landmark, headline, ancestor, partisan, downcast

Never Too Late?: (1) black  (2) foot  (3) dead  (4) high  (5) eye
(6) snow  (7) ball

WIDOW WONDERING  John Campbell

1. i 2. c 3. g 4. f 5. d 6. a 7. l 8. b 9. e 10. h 11. j 12. k

MORBID MUSING  Jezebel O Xixx

1. allergy 2. rickets 3. rubella 4. trismus 5. malaise 6. variola
13. lameness 14. blisters 15. glands 16. diarrhea 17. neoplasm
18. asthenia 19. cold sore (or rose cold) 20. shingles 21. diabetes
31. erysipelas 32. menstruations