

DOUBLE REVERSE PLAY

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When we were children, many of us went through a phase -- much to the dismay and embarrassment of our parents -- of reciting everything backward. Every so often, this practice would unearth a genuine reversal: live/evil, doom/mood, straw/warts. The following phrases define both words in a series of two-word reversals; the length of each word is given in parenthesis. Be warned: some clues are straightforward, but others are obscure. Answers can be found at the end of this issue.

1. Shakespeare wasn't one (4)
2. Fido's gait (4)
3. Pies and cakes emphasized (8)
4. Trophy for sketcher (6)
5. Nevada nonesuch (4)
6. Lucifer survived (5)
7. Friendly abuse? (4)
8. Dug jeans (5)
9. The highest container (3)
10. A sack of speeches? (3)
11. The faucets spurted (4)
12. Love hurts! (4)
13. Expatriated canal (4)
14. "The train is always on time" -- sez who? (4)
15. Drink fit for a king (5)
16. When chewing tobacco -- don't (4)
17. If the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing ... (4)
18. Othello place (4)
19. Spring potato (3)
20. Bay Area Rapid Transit system? (5)
21. Duds to be proud of (4)
22. Miracle detergent does this? (5)
23. Fish piece by Joplin (3)
24. A two-dimensional beast (6)
25. Chef almost upsets barbecue (4)
26. Not one's usual transportation (3)
27. Jeez! The Dutchman did it (4)
28. Fresh cyst (3)
29. Bambi grass (4)
30. It's cruel to do this in a cave (4)
31. A movie named "Willard" (4)
32. Rifles in a rug? (4)
33. Swimmer's circuit (4)