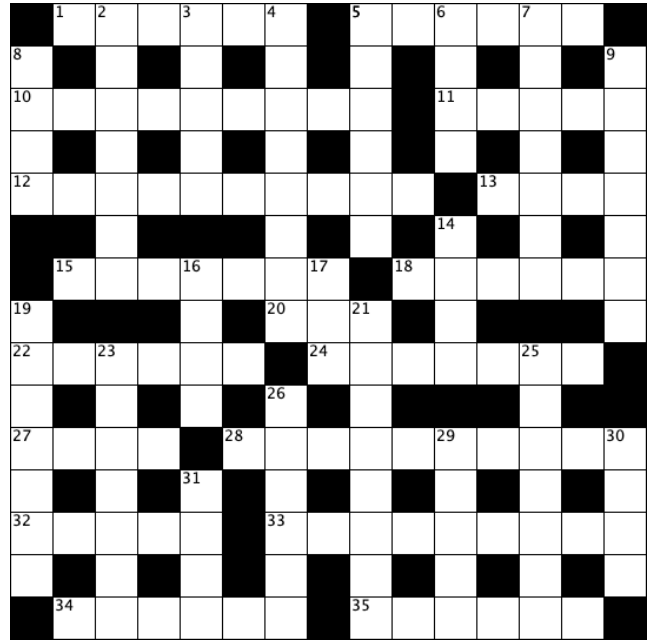


Conventional Wisdom

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This competition consists of two puzzles, each of which must be solved in its entirety: a conventional cryptic crossword, and an unconventional cryptogram. One half of the answers to the first, and one other word, will help decipher the second.



Across

- 1 England's leader enters regressive United Kingdom, in plan for Constitution (6)
- 5 Around the seventh of December, frost all over the trees (6)
- 10 Former saint embraces princess — he makes things happen (9)
- 11 Most, of course, arranged to remove dirt (5)
- 12 In outward appearances, see absurd peril where wood burns (10)
- 13 Honest man died lying (4)
- 15 Deceived government agent after miserable flub (7)
- 18 Wounded Zambian, missing start of massacre, gives war cry (6)
- 20 Chase exactly like this (3)
- 22 In class, a disturbingly cruel man (6)
- 24 Post Office gets small amounts of money for certain animals (7)
- 27 Crumpled sack is a kind of container (4)
- 28 Firm British politician on nest: "Poor tweeters!" (e.g.) (10)
- 32 I bail out with an excuse (5)
- 33 Attack misses children like Heidi (9, non-MW two-word phrase)
- 34 Warp space-time exposure (6)
- 35 Use symbols to get at tone! (6)

Down

- 2 L.A. paper reprinted "What to Wear" (7)
- 3 To arrive, they follow this on some crates (5, two words)

- 4 Vegetable stews, patés got cooked (8)
- 5 Under pressure from rack, end oddly (6)
- 6 Certain grains, it's said, react to yeast (4)
- 7 Initially starstruck, Hollywood okays Warner Bros' immoderate zeal for the entertainment industry (7, two words)
- 8 Gargle after swallowing part of book (4)
- 9 Used car is means of transportation around Delaware (7, hyphenated)
- 14 Call for lights out when disagreement comes up (4)
- 16 As is: difficult to insert in a glove. With slight modification: fits (4)
- 17 Heads of departments in profound depression (3)
- 19 If stirred up, a cola is unlikely to mix well (7)
- 21 To get beef loin, camp out (8)
- 23 Woman follows Sid Vicious into fire (7)
- 25 Raiment is disheveled in tower (7)
- 26 Make time to overlook (6)
- 29 Thing that spins when it's dark (5)
- 30 Window frame with slice left out (4)
- 31 Six perched on half of seat—it makes a tight squeeze (4)

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