

The Big Apple Solutions

The compost pile included the names of six publications dear to puzzlers, all of which are published in New York, or at least have an office there: *Atlantic*, *Crossword*, *Dell Champion*, *Games*, *Harper's*, *Tough Cryptics*. All of these publications feature puzzles created or edited by NPL members.

In the solutions, the peels and cores are in lower case, with the part that is actually entered in caps.

Across

- 1 scam+per (reversal)
- 4 mulches* ("much less" curtailment)
- 8 g+on+dola *
- 9 pan+el
- 11 sn)owc*(ap
- 13 fa+ti+gue (ague beheadment)
- 14 S+no+oks
- 16 tit)he(s
- 18 Saturn* (& lit)
- 19 i+n + toto
- 21 ke)rose(ne*
- 23 Nero (hidden, & lit)
- 24 a val)a+nC+h(e
- 25 or+at+or
- 30 s)tam(p ("mat" reversal)
- 33 ra)wne(s
- 34 petticoat*
- 35 a+n.y.+way (reversal)
- 36 malt+a
- 37 lived (hidden)
- 38 pill+ow
- 39 exceptional*

Down

- 1 So)N(ny
- 2 redwood*
- 3 rock + cry+stal*
- 4 ma)t(inees
- 5 un-ite (2)
- 6 sl)u(ed
- 7 o+s)se(in
- 10 rest+or+er
- 12 Pi)tma(n (amt. reversal)
- 13 fourpe*+n)c(e
- 15 contrete)m(Ps*
- 17 c+h)eerl(eader
- 20 nemesis*
- 22 noughts*
- 26 rati)on(ale*
- 27 hepatica (hidden)
- 28 "dande+lion"
- 29 un+we'll (nun beheadment)
- 31 stale (hidden)
- 32 swallow (2)