

# Bold Agenda by Ucaimhu

I've thought of four ways to make a cryptic more approachable; the sixteen clued Across answers must correspondingly be altered in four ways before entry:

**Don't use real Latin.** Quattuor solutiones horizontales vertendae in linguam Latinam Porcinam ante insertionem sunt.

**Trim the directions, removing redundancy.** From four Across answers, you must delete all the directional letters (N, S, E, and W). Also, from those same four Across answers, having deleted all the directional letters (N, S, E, and W), you must also delete all instances except the first instance of any letter that is not one of the directional letters (N, S, E, and W). Both the deletion of the directional letters (N, S, E, and W) and the deletion of non-first instances of letters that are not directional letters (N, S, E, and W) must be done before entry.

**Avoid a weird twist at the end.** For each of four Across answers, treat the answer as a sequence of letter pairs, and reverse all those pairs *except* the last pair, before entry. Also, Rosebud was his sled.

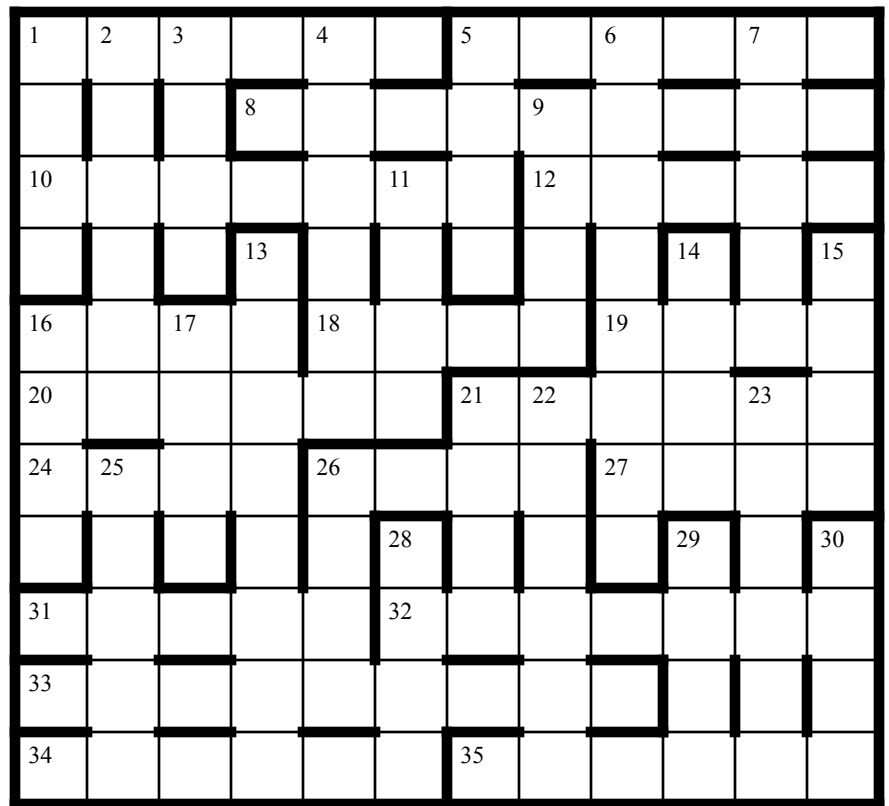
**Bring it up to date.** In each of four Across answers, thou shalt move time forward two steps, and thou shalt advance the letter immediately after time's final position by one place in the alphabet.

(Two altered entries will be phrases; also, each Across clue contains a straight clue for its altered entry.)

Each Down clue has an extra letter, to be deleted before solving; in clue order, these letters will form a phrase that (1) gives advice in case the above alterations make this too quick a solve, and (2) hints at what 4- or 11-character term should precede the unclued two-word combination at 20A and 21A. If this combination (treated as one unit) is put through all four alterations in order, it will become a word that can appropriately go after that term as well. Also, if you apply the term to the words in the Down clues (as one big sequence), you will get a word pointing you towards a previous cryptic of this kind, whose first sentence (if one **boldface** change is applied) is appropriate here.

## ACROSS

1. Anything that smooths the surface of nine blocks under all circumstances
5. Her less hot poetry changes for the worse
8. Not by any means off-putting or strange, nomwise
10. Hollow thingamabobber that is full of cubes at the start, for a moment
12. Essay having a touch of Renoirishness to abide
16. Employer of lawyers retained by Ahasuerus
18. Name-brand razor badly plated with clear tellurium
19. Word following *Ye Source Of Ore & Barkless Alder*



20 & 21. [See instructions]

24. Poet on a sow explodes in a single action (3 wds.)
26. Did *Stomp* do start and middle of routine in Hebrew?
27. Decked or crowned with braids that twine tightly
31. First sign of logo in Spain or Portugal that's African
32. Finally pacifies, and also leaves, loveless patsies
33. Spoils symbol indicating that you should perform quietly, long, Teutonically, and well
34. Perhaps cease to wander, Shakespeare-style, in part
35. Brown hind part of elk inside of very capacious ship

## DOWN

1. Shear useless blood vessel (4)
2. Make something growl around random NYC set (6)
3. Demand to be hit with part of the Lego, reportedly (4)
4. North Nebraska paper we ultimately fill with wire (6)
5. Drivers surrounding (gevalt!) Kroc and Rogers (4)
6. The Goethean Yalie canto that's gutless and shabby (8)
7. Weasel makes little Dee relaxed (5)
9. Assent of a brewer is key after March (4)
11. Boxer, at forty, finally settled down (4)
13. Tax professional, page, and agent are above Orange (8)
14. Bygone avian duos (4)
15. Said our group would tend the germanium bed, e.g. (4)
16. Mil. gp. cut staff that shows Ono odd items (4, *abbr.*)
17. Hot somersaulting vindicates love (4)
21. Bite without iodine and without riboflavin (1-3)
22. Once again, temporarily give Ron tale that's awful (6)
23. Country where Rizzo sings "Look at Moe" out loud (6)
25. This claims Leno's rear is getting narrower (5)
26. Loud sound of or around empty fair (4)
28. Detect bay using a visionary sense like telepathy? (4)
29. Collins, who sings stuff in your Sears (4)
30. Start dancing with a Russian emperor (4)