

SPYWARE

Beware: nefarious 26-Across planted 27-Down (the other 5 unclued entries) on your hard drive. *Constructed and submitted in 2010; collected dust for 3 years due to budget cuts; taken back in 2013; resubmitted in 2014; collected more dust and eventually disappeared in the publisher's software upgrade.*

Across

- 1 Cut hard diamonds (7)
- 6 Larceny in the fort (5)
- 10 Better pause, taking a bit of care with a two-pair poker hand (4,2)
- 13 Move slowly in church (4)
- 14 Meryl is awful stingy (7)
- 16 First off, farmland is a valuable natural resource (3)
- 18 Mr. Gore, what's disappearing from the Arctic Waters? (5)
- 19 Oxygen splits into a charged atom (3)
- 20 Thespian's co-star, shaken, forgetting start of soliloquy (5)
- 22 Retro beer container Pop blasted (6)
- 23 Herb is arrogant, unfortunately (8)
- 24 A Southeast Asian cravat, say (4)
- 26 *See instructions (4,6)*
- 29 Energetic Republicans, not quite duplicated? (2-2)

- 30 Model Bert's now the most tanned (8)
- 32 Worked along with a country in Africa (6)
- 34 Russian revolutionary baseball team left, returned (5)
- 36 Jeans brand with almost salacious look (3)
- 37 Scraps Chinese vessels (5)
- 38 Silver ring is gone (3)
- 39 *See instructions (7)*
- 41 Coward's story, *Losing Heart* (4)
- 42 Tax cut (6)
- 43 Divine mixture of gold and yellow (5)
- 44 Nasty flies circling place containing plants (7)

Down

- 1 *See instructions (5)*
- 2 Conceal reporter's ski destination (4)

- 3 Salesperson possessing a sixth sense (3)
- 4 Concluding parts of Gospel I translated (7)
- 5 *See instructions (2-2-2)*
- 7 Employ shriller sounds (4)
- 8 Instruct a couple of engineers, "Reduce the load" (9)
- 9 *See instructions (4,4)*
- 11 Marx embraces a grand city (7)
- 12 Nut from California held in prison (5)
- 15 The second person Bush called (3)
- 17 Don Diego secretly put railroad in animal park (5)
- 18 Arkansas and Alabama's inland sea (4)
- 21 Riding in outrigger, Edgar set off (9)
- 23 *See instructions (8)*
- 24 Bureaucracy essentially contributed to rising lease charge for piano adjuster (5)

- 25 Sassing orderly parcels out work (7)
- 27 *See instructions (7)*
- 28 Slow-flying birds (4)
- 30 Try a poker ploy, Cliff (5)
- 31 Didn't have enough tuna or crackers (3,3)
- 33 Boost the highest possible rating for a surfing place (3)
- 35 Casino design conceals junctions (5)
- 37 Crystallize pieces of jujube, eat like lozenges (4)
- 38 Car-rental firm and credit-card firm promoting *The Scarlet Letter*? (4)
- 40 Statute or treaty initially ignored (3)

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