

ANSWERS TO THE SEPTEMBER PUZZLER

T	A	L	C	Q	O	F	F	S	T	A	G	E
A	L	L	O	U	T	A	L	O	U	S	Y	P
M	O	O	R	A	T	T	U	S	L	O	P	E
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“A Hard Act to Follow”

Unclued entries are minerals ranked from 1 to 10 on the Mohs scale of hardness: 1. talc 2. gypsum 3. calcite 4. fluorite 5. apatite 6. orthoclase 7. quartz 8. topaz 9. corundum 10. diamond.

Across. 13. OF + F(STAG)E 17. ALLO(U)T 18. LOU’S + Y 19. MOOR (rev.) 20. AT + TU 21. SLOP + E 23. S + AIN’T + S 24. ETUI (*a twee* homophone) 9. CRIBS (double def.) 10. DEAL (anag.) 26. HOST + A 3. CO(A)T 28. P + URGE 30. TAMP + A 32. ARE + A 33. SALA + AM (rev.) 34. METRONOMIC (anag.) 35. (m)OTHER 36. DOLL(ar) 37. I(RI)S 38. HIND + U 39. ROT(AT)E 40. DAYTIMES (anag.) 41. EYED (homophone)

Down. 1. T(A + M)EST 11. AL(O + HA)OE 12. COR(ON)AL 14. FA(THE)R 15. TULLES (homophone) 16. EPEEIST (anag.) 21. SCUB + A (rev.) 22. LIPASE (anag.) 25. THOMAS (anag.) 26. HUM + OR 27. ARETHA (hidden) 28. PA + RENT 29. GRO(O)VE 30. TAIL + OR 31. A(MUSE)D