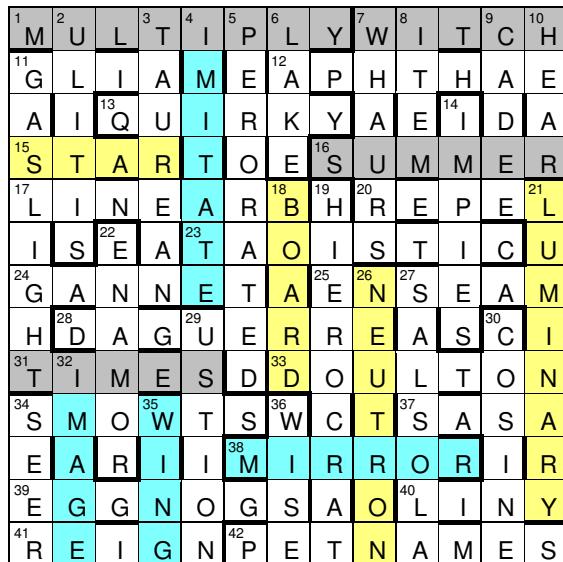


PA SYSTEM by Kruger



The title of the puzzle should be interpreted as PRESS ASSOCIATION SYSTEM. The three unclued theme words are newspapers (PRESS) and extra letters, in [], give WORDS ABLE TO PRECEDE, REPLACE OR FOLLOW them. Specifically, these ASSOCIATIONS are :

TIMES = SUMMER/ MULTIPLY/WITCH

STAR = NEUTRON/ LUMINARY/BOARD

MIRROR = WING/ IMITATE/IMAGE

Across

1 A2 = MULTIPLY

7 A3 = WITCH

11 GLIA = mowGLI [W]Asted (context)

12 APHTHAE = AH & AP[O]THE(caries) (anag)

13 QUIRKY = QU + IR + [R](a)K(e) + Y

15 B = STAR

16 A1 = SUMMER

17 LINEAR B = LE[D] BRIAN (anag)

20 REPEL = PER (rev) + EL[S]

23 TAOISTIC = [A]CTIVIST & A(g)O(g) – V (anag)

24 GANNET = [B]ANNE(r) in GT

25 ENSEAM = ESNE (rev) + [L]AM

28 DAGUERRE = AGR[E]E & RUDE (anag)

- 31 A = TIMES
 33 DOULTON = U[T] in DOLT + ON
 34 SMOWTS = MOW in S[O]TS
 37 SA SA = S(upply) A(rms) + SA[P]
 38 C = MIRROR
 39 EGGNODS = EG + GOING – I (anag) + S[R]
 40 LINY = NIL[E] (rev) + Y(angtze)
 41 REIGN = [C]G in REIN
 42 PET NAMES = PET[E](r) + MEAN (anag) + (side)S

Down

- 2 ULITIS = YOU (hom) + [D]ISTIL (anag)
 3 TAUREAN = UREA in N[E]AT (rev)
 4 C2 = IMITATE
 5 PERORATED = E[R]ROR in PATED
 6 LAKE = A in K[E]EL (anag)
 7 WHAUR'S = WHA[P] + R in US
 8 ITEM = I in ME[L]T (rev)
 9 CADEE = CADE + E[A]
 10 HEAR = [C]HEA(p) + R
 11 GASLIGHT = GAG – G + SL[E]IGHT
 14 IMPIES = I(ndonesia) + P[O]M(m)IES (anag)
 18 B3 = BOARD
 19 HIEROCRAT = RIO CHA[R]TER (anag)
 21 B2 = LUMINARY
 22 ENAMOR = E + MAN (rev) + [F]OR
 26 B1 = NEUTRON
 27 SALSOLO = ALSO in S[O]LA
 29 USTION = [L]UST + IONA - A
 30 COSINE = IN in C[L]OSE
 32 C3 = IMAGE
 34 SEER (sept)E(mber) in R[O]SE (anag)
 35 C1 = WING
 36 WISE = [W]IS in WE