THE WORST PIES IN LONDON – SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

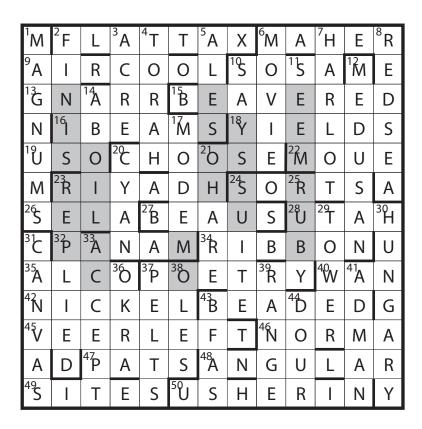
In last issue's puzzle, letter strings representing types of meat (in order by column: five/allies, abba/concept, model/ambles, albee/fare, sapor/kite, smut/tony) were replaced with the letter strings shown shown in the shaded areas at right. These, accounting for a missing letter in each, may be read vertically as PERSIAN, CALICO, TOM, HOUSE, PUSSY, and BURMESE, all types of cat. The missing letters may be anagrammed to form a description of the new strings, and also something that might improve these compromised ingredients: CATS UP.

Clue Notes

(* indicates an anagram; " " indicates a homophone)

Across 2. FL(ATT)AX 6. MA(-s)HER 9. I COLOR A* 10. SOS+A

- 13. R+RANG reversed 15. BE(AVER)E+D 16. I(BE)AMS
- 18. Y(DELI*)S 19. bUs StOp 20. CH(+O+O+S)E
- 22. MODE changing D to U 23. DIARY*+H 24. SORT(-ie)S
- 26. chineSE LAnterns 27. ABUSE* 28. oUT A Handwritten
- 32. MAP rev. holding AN 34. NO(BB)IR rev.
- 35. speciAL COllection 37. PO(-v)ERTY* 40. (-s)WAN
- 42. "Knick'll" 43. DEB rev. holding ADE 45. LET FEVER*
- 46. NORMA(-I) 47. double definition 48. RUN GALA*
- 49. "sights" 50. HE RUINS*



Down 1. SMUG MAN* 2. V IF*+E 3. "acher" 4. TOR+AH 5. BEA(-d)LE* 6. M.O.+VIE 7. TO(L)RAH rev. 8. ERASED* 10. RAPS* around O 11. tranSMUTe 12. AND EMUS* 14. double def. 17. M(ODE)L 20. CY+AN 21. "fair" 23. DE(I)LLA rev. 24. KIT+E 25. double def. 29. double def. 30. HUNG(A)RY 31. CAN+VAS 33. C+ONCE+PT 36. coOK RAvioli 37. double def. 38. MELBA'S* 39. double def.

41. vietNAM DAy rev. 43. B+FAS(-t) 44. D+OUR

ACROSS

- **2** Lawyer's brief getting into source of oil and source of revenue (2 wds.)
- 6 Pundit Bill's an aggressive womanizer lacking bit of scruples
- **9** I color a flamboyant fan, perhaps (hyph.)
- 10 Help Oakland ballplayer, one with over 3000 hits
- 13 Republican phoned left to growl fustily
- 15 Drone going around state with daughter worked very hard
- **16** They support pet food brand adopting pair of beagles (*hyph*.)
- 18 Returns for deli foolishly invested in forks
- **19** Troupe that included Hope and even characters from *Bus Stop*
- 20 Pick cheese trio infused with hints of olive, onion, and spices
- 22 Pout when what's down in fashion is up
- 23 Diary misrepresented hot Asian city
- 24 Classifies more than one bombing run that is overlooked
- **26** Ward's seen among Chinese lanterns
- **27** Capriciously abuse gentlemen callers
- 28 Jazz player's setting out a handwritten part
- **32** Defunct travel company's western map taking one in (2 wds.)

DOWN

- 1 Smug man distributed big bottles of wine
- 2 "V", if interpreted by late character from Rome!
- 3 One in pain cried out a lot, perhaps
- 4 Venerable scroll I see beneath rocky peak
- 5 Playwright's corrupt "Beadle Bamford" finally done away with
- 6 Usual way of doing contest for Sweeney Todd, but not The Frogs
- 7 Four heading down returned clutching large tart
- 8 Biblical locale erased after upheaval (2 wds.)
- 10 Offensive rap's about nothing in good taste
- 11 Impure material that's partially transmuted
- 12 Like jellyfish and emus when migrating
- **14** The rhyming scheme / from "Waterloo"'s / and "Voulez-Vous"'s / composing team
- 17 Exemplary paean written in 1050
- 20 Cy Coleman's last pair of pieces is kind of blue
- 21 Cost of traveling from dictator's exposition
- 23 Perry's secretary rising to hug yours truly on one side
- **24** Set of tools coming with excellent flying contraption