

FIAMETTA'S PUZZLE SOLUTION - DISSONANCE

The grid may be filled as shown below. In most cases, a grid entry is clued by two separate clues whose numbers add up to the grid number; e.g. 36A Outbuildings + 38A Discards = 74A SHEDS. In five Across and five Down clue pairs, however, one clue refers to a word that has become venerates, in a way: RAINED = STRAINED (ST. RAINED), ARCHING = STARCHING, etc. The clue numbers for each pair give spurious totals; however, each answer word is of a different length and so grid placement is unambiguous. Indexing into each venerated word by the discrepancy between the clue totals and actual grid numbers yields the circled letters below, which, in grid order, spell DISSONANCE.

The crossword puzzle grid is filled with the following words:

- Across: CONTINENT, EMPLETS, RAINED, SHEDS, EXPLOIT, RACED, BENEFIT, TACK, EDDIE, ARCHING, EXPRESSING, REDYAG
- Down: TRAITOR, BUS, DRAWS, NEMONE, UTTER

The circled letters in the grid, in order, spell out DISSONANCE.