WITH THE PRICE OF MEAT WHAT IT IS...
- SOLUTION TO LAST ISSUE'S PUZZLE

Victims answers were to be "ground up" (i.e. jumbled) and "served appropriately" (i.e. put into a PIE), the results of these changes all being legitimate words. Thus GIG became PIGGIE, CRINKLE became PINCERLIKE, etc. When completed, one diagonal in the grid spelled the hoped-for solver's reaction: "GOD THAT'S GOOD!"

Clue Notes

Victims (in clue order) PENPAL(-->PINEAPPLE) pen[p(riest)]al; TAR(-->PIRATE) initial letters; TOUTER(-->PIROUETTE) t(-ink +out)er; SATIRES(-->PATISSERIE) "rises at" anagram; GIG(-->PIGGIE) G(eneral) + GI reversed; GLOAT(-->PILOTAGE) g(l)oat; SPRINT(-->PINSTRIPE) s(p)r. + in + (no)t; STAR (-->PIASTRE) moST ARtistic

Across 8. "puss" reversed holding "gin" anag. 9. caIRO Native 10. "pan" rev. 11. C.O. + usin(-g) 12. o(r[iver])a 15. ac(-h)ed 18. swam + I(ndia) 20. "L.A. sisters" anag. 21. L + at + ch. "I've" rev. + c(-olumnis)t 24. "centaurs" anag. 25. BID abbrev. (bis in die) 29. PrOfIt 30. (-b)ooze 31. L. in "ice age" anag.

Down 1. lISA ACcepted 2. double definition 3. "lone" rev. 4. "tuls(-a)" anag. 5. kin(-d) 6. di(mwits) + "more" anag. 7. "and" rev. 13. "canoe" anag. 14. "I see an" anag. 16. "hire thug" anag. - "hit" 17. s([sui]t)ir's 19. sav(I)or 23. "croak + aye" homophone 25. "ungly" homo. 26. "cycling...sexy" initials 27. b(-L)og 28. PE + a 29. "Paar" homo.

P	I	N	C	E	R	L	I	K	E	D	D
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N	A	P	C	O	U	S	I	N	O	R	A
E	A	P	I	L	O	T	A	G	E	E	P
A	C	I	N	G	C	S	S	W	A	M	I
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P	S	A	S	T	A	I	R	L	E	S	S
L	A	T	C	H	N	R	E	V	I	C	T
E	V	E	T	R	U	S	C	A	N	R	R
B	I	D	P	I	G	G	I	E	P	O	I
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