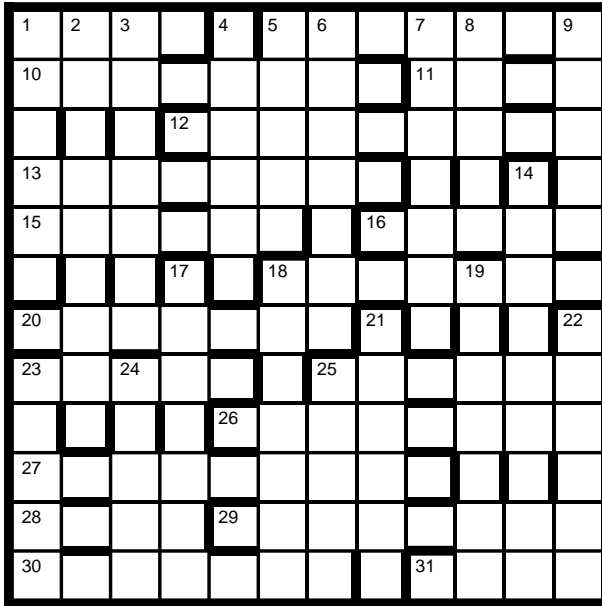


**Goodness of Wit Test #14: Outcome Analysis (CHANCE Vol. 24, No. 4) by WITZ (Jonathan Berkowitz)**

**Instructions:** In half of the 26 clues an extra letter in the wordplay must “come out” to match the definition. These deleted letters spell an appropriate phrase found in classical literature. In the other half, one letter of the answer word must “come out” before entry in the grid. All grid entries are dictionary entries. Enumerations are withheld. (Deleted letters spell: CALM, STRICT, SLIM, NORM.)



**Across**

- 1 Statuette confused Carson endlessly
- 5 Fluent rendition of “Blue Love”
- 10 Tim Taylor ordered number of deaths
- 11 Fits compactly into cape covering front of tummy
- 12 Those in top rank get ribs mix cooked
- 13 Bizarre manticore incineration
- 15 Take nine laborers to provide shelter
- 16 French one is extra for men and women

- 18 Roadside telephone chat initially exaggerated before hug and kiss
- 20 Share from enterprise
- 23 Swell engineering start-up sacking head of accounting
- 25 Noted statistician’s screwball persona
- 26 Pompous speakers in our group having poor posture
- 27 Companies put in ground supports
- 28 Absolutely level
- 29 Boldest pair of saints sheathing withdrawn swords
- 30 Polished operator introduced to mixed methods
- 31 Scroungers oddly neglected roadside markers

**Down**

- 1 Kisses man in bed in America
- 2 Connect center with later revision to edge
- 3 Poison boiled candies absorbing essence of rum
- 4 Not quite best to swallow low-calorie cream
- 5 Roman poet starts to versify in rhyme – great Italian literature
- 6 Stewed tomato at New York’s famous Empire
- 7 Effeminate may annul arrangement
- 8 Troubles live above places
- 9 Abbess expertly covers part of England
- 14 Make acceptable beginning after ode rewritten twice
- 17 Gosset perhaps unstated
- 18 Finish cold scrambled omelet filled with dash of pepper
- 19 Underground degree posted about me
- 21 Fix error in return towards the top
- 22 Unusual scent is what can spoil picnics
- 23 Leaders hedging half of my funds inadequately
- 24 Turn in one over allowance
- 25 Balanced tricky deposit with time running out

