

Middle of the Road (solution)

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

ROWS

- A A + LP + HA
BE(REF)T
AMOS (hidden)
- B TI(P + O)FF
sOLDIEr
D + ES + OT + O (full reversal)
- C S(P + I)TOUT
BAD + MINT + ON
- D P(O + LONdon)ECK'S
INDI(CAT)E
- E AWHILE (anagram)
ROA(ME)D
TORI (hidden)
- F CO + OLER (role anagram)
TEN(E)TS
B + LENDER'S

- G ELAPSES (anagram)
SOLES (*souls* homophone)
S(HERB)ET

COLUMNS

- 1 SPAC + E (*caps* reversal)
- 2 A + WOL (full reversal)
- 3 POOP (palindrome)
- 4 TILLS (*still* with *s* relocated)
- 5 LIT + HE
- 6 P(OO)R
- 7 UNITE (*you night* homophone)
- 8 POL + E
- 9 atHENS
- 10 A(F)TER (*rate* anagram)
- 11 FO + tES (full reversal)
- 12 BO(B + C)AT

- 13 EL + KS
- 14 RAM + BO
- 15 EDSEL (anagram)
- 16 FI(D + D)LE
- 17 EMIT + S (full reversal)
- 18 DIN + E
- 19 TEND + ON + S
- 20 ASTIR (anagram)
- 21 sMOOCH
- 22 AIDE (anagram)
- 23 hOTTER
- 24 SORE (hidden)
- 25 NE(S)T

The letters in the shaded square tell you to FOLD BACK SO "A" MEETS "B," the classic instructions on a Mad Fold-In. If you fold the page so that the "A" grid line meets the "B" grid line (as denoted by the two hidden letters in Row G), the title of the puzzle becomes "Mad," and the instructions tell you to "Solve new clues." The single clue column on the folded page provides new clues for Rows A through E:

	A	S	
		O	
S			N
P			E
A	W		
C	O	R	S
E	L	E	T

These answers can be entered at their appropriate Rows:

W	A	S	H
A	T	O	M
S	E	W	N
P	O	R	E
A	W	R	Y
C	O	R	S
E	L	E	T

ROWS

- A Laundry's White and Gray
- B Bit a Male Turkey
- C Darned Bad news
- D Opening Study
- E Wray Wanders Off

New clues all have four-letter answers:

ROWS

- A W + ASH
- B A + TOM
- C SEWN (anagram)
- D PORE (two meanings)
- E AWRY (anagram)

The added letters reveal a moderate position on the issues (the issues of *Mad*, that is): WHAT, ME WORRY?

Folding the page also creates a partly-filled 4x7 grid, as shown.