

## Solution to Acrostic #6 – April 2003

Lewis Thomas, *The Lives of a Cell*, Viking Penguin, 1971

Ants are so much like human beings as to be an embarrassment. They farm fungi, raise aphids as livestock, launch armies into wars, use chemical sprays to alarm and confuse enemies, capture slaves. . . . They do everything but watch television.

- A** L+OOCKSMITH (*mock this* anagram)
- B** EYEFUL (*ye* reversal + *fuel* anagram)
- C** WANNABE (hidden in *how Anna became*)
- D** IV(OR)IES
- E** SA(USA)GE
- F** TESS (*sets* anagram)
- G** wasH+AND+MAIDEN (*a denim* anagram)
- H** OVER+T
- I** M+INC.+IN+G
- J** A+C+CIP(IT)ER (*it* replaces *h*)
- K** SUMMARY (*summery* homophone)
- L** TRAM+PS (reversal)
- M** HIGHER (*hire* anagram)
- N** EMANCIPATE (*peace man it* anagram)
- O** LUCKY (double def.)
- P** ISLE (*I'll* homophone)
- Q** VAN+DAL (*lad* reversal)
- R** EARTHENWARE (*heart new era* anagram)
- S** S(A+BB+AT)H
- T** OATS (initial letters of *olfactory and taste stimulation*)
- U** FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH (*Hoot if funny auto* anagram)
- V** ASSESSMENT (*sent masses* anagram)
- W** CHAMBERS (double def.)
- X** EU+CHA(R+IS)T (*you* homophone)
- Y** LO(U)VER
- Z** LESSENS (*lessons* homophone)