

**Solution to Guest Puzzle #30 – December, 2010 "Finger Crosser"  
(by Arthur Schless)**

U	S	I	N	E	S	S	E	V	I	D
N	T	N	O	S	T	A	G	I	A	C
H	I	T	I	N	O	R	O	N	L	A
T	C	H	S	I	R	E	N	I	A	N
C	H	E	E	S	Y	B	U	L	G	E
H	O	R	S	E	T	R	A	D	E	R
R	E	E	K	R	E	N	N	E	T	S
E	L	F	I	L	L	A	C	T	A	V
A	L	O	N	A	L	V	E	R	N	A
L	A	R	K	Z	E	A	L	I	G	N
I	T	E	M	E	R	L	E	V	E	E

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell  
**BELIEVE IT OR NOT**

**Across**

1. (B)USINESS
2. EVID(E)NT
3. NOSTA(L)GIA
4. CHITIN
5. OR(I)ON
6. LATCH
7. SIRENIAN
8. CHEESY
9. BULGE
10. **HORSE TRADER**
11. REEK
12. RENNET
13. S(E)EL
14. FILL
15. ACT
16. AVALON
17. (V)ALVE
18. RNA
19. LARK
20. ZEAL
21. IGNITE
22. MER(E)
23. LEVEE

**Down**

1. UNH(I)TCH
2. REALISTIC
3. HO(T)EL
4. LATIN
5. THEREFORE
6. NOISE
7. SKINK
8. MES(O)N
9. (R)ISER
10. LAZE
11. **STORY TELLER**
12. S(N)ARE
13. B(O)RN
14. AVA
15. LEGO
16. NUANCE
17. LEVIN
18. (T)ILDE
19. TRIVIAL
20. AGE
21. TANGED
22. CANERS
23. VANE