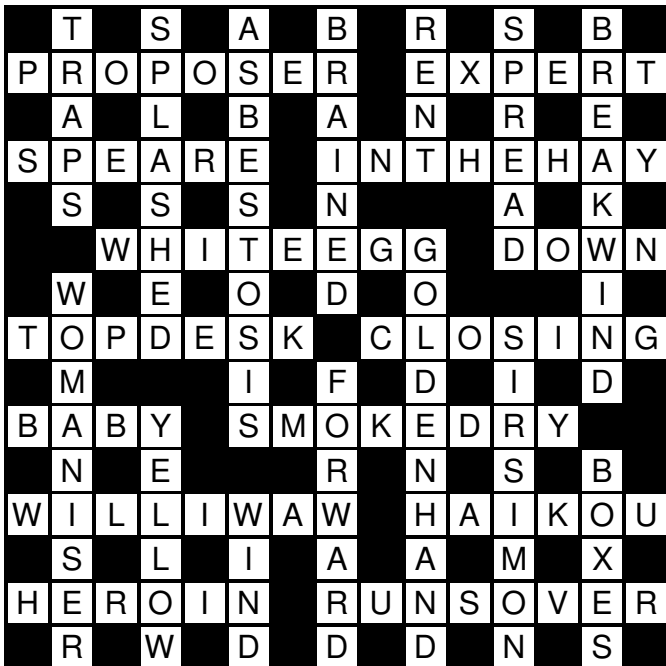


Comets' Return: Theme and Variations - Solution



Across: 8 PRO + POSER, 9 EX-PERT, 10 [SHAKE} Anag A SPREE, 11 [ROLL] + ref looking for, 12 Anag WEIGHT round EG, 14 [SHAKE] + DOWN, 16 [ROLL] TOP + DESK [mus], 17 C + LOSING, 20 BABY [RATTLE], 22 S[MOKE]D + RY, 24 Homophone WILLY R[W]AW, 26 Homophone HAIKU, 28 OVER + RUNS rev..

Down: 1 Anag. PARTS, 2 SP[LASH]ED, 3 Anag BASS round Anag SET SO I, 4 [RATTLE] + BRAINED, 5 RENT + [ROLL], 6 SP [sine prole] + READ, 7 BREAK + WIND, 13 Charade, 15 Anag ARMIES WON, 18 Anag OR MISS IN, 19 FORWARD + [ROLL], 21 YELLOW + [RATTLE], 23 [RATTLE] + BOXES, 25 W. + INdian + [RATTLE].