

10. Bernard "Bernie" _____; he was sentenced to 150 years in prison for running the biggest fraudulent scheme in U.S. history. [6]
13. Ardour, enthusiasm, fervour [4]
14. Cleaver [3]
15. Season during which the mating behaviour of male deer is on display [3]
16. People who are the selected targets of confidence tricksters [5]
18. Oriental fruit [5]
20. & 22 across: a racehorse of limited ability for whom the better performed *Bold Personality* was famously substituted in a 1984 race at Eagle Farm in Queensland [4, 6]
22. See 20 across
26. Effigy burnt on a bonfire on November 5 [3]
28. & 29 across: a class of non-violent crime, particularly fraud, as carried out by those engaged in non-manual professions [5, 6]
29. See 28 across
30. A self-evident truth on which further reason or argument is based [5]
31. Unlawfully gaining public money through improper transactions with public officials [5]
34. Boredom [5]
35. An artificial universal language developed from Esperanto [3]
36. Ubiquitous scam which claims that the dietary supplements or drugs being promoted are necessary to do a job that the liver already does [5]
39. Clifford _____; he is best known for writing a fake biography of Howard Hughes [6]
41. Belief systems [4]
43. One of the four states of matter that are observable in everyday life [3]
44. Charles _____, an Italian swindler operating in North America in the early 1900s whose name gave rise to a type of fraudulent investment scheme such as that perpetrated by Bernie Madoff [5]
46. The _____ Game, or "thimble-and-pea" masquerades as a gambling game, but in fact is a sleight-of-hand confidence trick [5]
48. Iron's symbol [2]
49. Iron's symbol [2]
50. Uri _____ ; litigious spoon-bender [6]
52. Magic stick [4]
53. H. Rider Haggard heroine [3]
54. Ern _____ ; fictitious Australian poet invented to hoax the literary

establishment [7]

- 57. Off-centre timing spindle [3]
- 59. To report an outcome in a way which is biased toward placing oneself or one's client in the best possible light [4]
- 60. & 61 across: A collective term to describe alternative medicines which do not satisfy the hype used to promote them [5, 3]
- 61. See 60 across
- 62. Collection of wild animals, maintained for study, conservation, or display to the public [3]
- 64. High volume over-the-counter analgesic brand; marketers were recently fined \$6 million Australian for making unsubstantiated claims [7]
- 66. Three Card _____; a scam depending on sleight-of-hand, a.k.a "Find the Lady" [5]
- 67. To cause someone to become mentally unbalanced [7]
- 68. (Of wine) white [5]
- 71. Victor _____ ; *The Man Who Sold the Eiffel Tower* [6]
- 75. Konrad _____ ; forger of *The Hitler Diaries* [5]
- 77. City on the Arno [8]
- 79. Trickery, deception, subterfuge [9]
- 81. Fraud or swindle (North American slang) [6]
- 83. Relating to legal punishment of offenders [5]
- 84. Thin cylinder [4]
- 85. Uncommon [4]
- 86. Agitate [4]
- 87. Confidence trickster's synonym for "mark" or "sucker" [4]
- 88. Notion [4]
- 89. PT Barnum once passed a manatee off as one of these mythical creatures [7]
- 90. Major British paleontological hoax: _____ Man [8]
- 91. Illegal money-making activities associated with organised crime [7]

DOWN:

- 1. & 20 down: Confidence trickery; also the title of a book by James Randi [4, 4]
- 2. Collective term for Church governorship [7]
- 3. Practical joke, prank, piece of deception [4]
- 4. Scheme [4]
- 6. Trick or deceive [5]
- 8. & 33 down: All Fools Day [5, 5]

9. Frank _____; former confidence trickster turned security consultant; subject of the film *Catch Me If You Can* [8]
10. Ancient Egyptian concept of truth, balance and justice [4]
11. Person in authority in a religious or educational institution [4]
12. Opportunistically steal articles of low value [5]
17. Statue with a lion's body and a human head [6]
19. _____ Fairies; early photographic hoax [10]
20. See 1 down
21. Personal sense of self-esteem [3]
23. Northern Italian centre of industry [5]
24. Bumpkin [3]
25. Peter _____; evangelist whose "divine" revelations were proven to be sent by radio to an earpiece [6]
27. Rain protector [8]
32. Competitive groups of players [5]
33. See 8 down
36. A victim of deception [4]
37. Virtually the same as [10]
38. Upper leg [5]
40. Belle _____; She raised funds by pretending to have overcome a non-existent cancer with "wellness" techniques [6]
42. Confidence trickster's stooge or accomplice [5]
45. Commercial sales of forgiveness of sin by certain Popes [11]
47. Nick _____; rogue trader whose actions brought down his employer, Barings Bank [6]
49. Anti-aircraft [4]
51. Fraud or swindle, especially relating to gross overpricing [6]
53. Fairly large [8]
55. Obtain by force, threats, or other unfair means [6]
56. Item of value [5]
57. In a relaxed or informal way [8]
58. Network of wire or thread [4]
63. Shakespeare's moneylender [7]
65. Self-propelled missile [6]
69. One who claims that another has done wrong [7]

- 70. Rock formation that is visible on the surface [7]
- 72. Stiff and self-conscious in expression [7]
- 73. Spirit [3]
- 74. Encourage, enjoin [4]
- 76. Mocked [6]
- 77. Criminal deception for financial gain [5]
- 78. Subtle difference [6]
- 80. Missile consisting of a thin, straight stick with a sharp point and aerodynamic fletching [5]
- 81. Achieve concealment [4]
- 82. Dishonest scheme [4]
- 83. Urgent or emotional request [4]
- 84. Decrease brightness [3]

SOLUTION

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