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Theme: *Frauds, Scams and Hoaxes*

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STANDARD CLUES

ACROSS:

3. Fake, humbug, impostor [9]
8. Distinct period in history [3]
9. Bernie _____ ; American former market investment advisor, jailed in 2009 for conducting a massive Ponzi scheme [6]
12. & 13 across: (Slang) Generic confidence trickery and the title of a book by James Randi [4, 4]
13. See 12 across
15. Unit of weight in the Avoirdupois system [5]
16. The use of subterfuge to achieve to improve one's condition at the expense of others [9]
17. Egg-producing organ [5]
19. Money that is owed [4]
20. European mountain range [4]
22. Home of St Francis [6]
23. Entices [6]
26. Major items of kit for the early Uri Geller [6]
28. The _____ Diaries; Konrad Kujau's 9.3 million DM hoax on *Stern* magazine [6]
30. Person who is the intended target of a scam [4]
32. Female equivalent of Rajah [4]
33. All _____ Day; April First [5]
35. Resale of tickets at a large profit [8]
36. Marine mollusc [4]
38. British moose or American Wapiti [3]
39. In logic sequence diagrams, a term which means "if and only if" [3]
41. Clifford _____ ; fake Howard Hughes biographer [6]
42. Element 113's symbol [2]
44. Low male vocal register [4]
45. _____ trading; making illegal use of prior knowledge to profit by sale of stocks or shares [7]
48. Purported ability to perceive things using other than the known senses, e.g. by telepathy [3]
51. Monarchs [5]
53. A carefully planned operation involving deception [5]
54. Energetic, agile [6]

56. Young dog, wolf, seal, rat etc [3]
57. Celebratory procession [6]
58. Minion [6]
60. Popular scam whereby consumers are led to believe that commercial diet supplements or remedies are required to facilitate the body's removal of its own wastes [5]
62. Male humans [3]
63. One who uses confidence trickery as his or her major source of income [7]
64. Beginning [6]
66. Litigate [3]
67. & 68 across: In horse racing, the substitution of one horse for another for fraudulent purposes [4, 2]
68. See 67 across
71. (Slang) One who is easily taken advantage of [3]
73. _____ theft; the deliberate use of someone's name, personal details etc, to gain a financial advantage or obtain credit and other benefits acting as that person [8]
74. Generic form of internet scam in which the target is promised a large reward on revealing personal banking details supposed to facilitate the payment [8]
76. Also [3]
80. Fellow members of the crew [9]
82. A repeated or continuous criminal operation [6]
83. American showman, politician, and businessman remembered for promoting celebrated hoaxes [6]
85. _____ Game; a.k.a. Pea and Thimble Trick [5]
87. To steal small amounts of money or goods, usually from one's employer [5]
89. Fear, anxiety, trepidation [5]
91. Papal scam of the renaissance in which forgiveness of sin could be purchased [11]
93. _____ Scheme; a form of fraud whose success relies on the payment of quick returns to the first investors from money invested by later investors [5]
94. A school of Hindu philosophy [5]
95. To use deception to deprive another of money or property [7]

DOWN:

1. Impertinence [10]
2. Raise objections or show reluctance [5]
3. Restaurant [4]
4. Frank _____ . Security consultant and former con man on whom the film *Catch Me If You Can* is based [8]

5. _____ Shroud. Religious icon of doubtful provenance [5]
6. Counterfeit [4]
7. Illegal commission or finder's fee [8]
10. Homer's great voyager and trickster [8]
11. The _____ Sisters. Pioneers of the Spiritualist industry [3]
14. Expert or connoisseur [5]
16. Tarot suit [4]
18. a.k.a *The Abominable Snowman* [4]
19. Temperamental self-important person (usually applied to a woman) [4]
21. Device for soaking up excess water [6]
24. Email fraud which involves messages pretending to come from reputable companies which seek personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers [8]
25. Weird, arcane [7]
27. Doris _____. Debunked British spiritualist and professional medium [6]
29. What 52 acrosses do [5]
30. & 55 down: German R & B music duo who had to give back a Grammy Award for Best New Artist when it was revealed they did not actually do any of the singing on their records [5, 7]
31. Long stranded, tough vegetable fibre [5]
34. Trickster - god of Norse mythology [4]
37. Money _____. The act of recycling the proceeds of crime through legitimate businesses in order to escape detection [10]
40. Deliberate deception for unlawful gain [5]
41. A type of person or thing similar to one already referred to [3]
43. (Slang) Fraud or swindle [6]
46. Concealed marksman [6]
47. Hoofed grazing animal [4]
49. Peter _____. Televangelist who was discovered receiving radio messages about his audience members by ear piece [6]
50. Cat breed [4]
52. In biology, the specific ecological conditions that pertain to a given organism that make it suited to its environment [5]
55. See 30 down
56. _____ selling: a.k.a. Multilevel Marketing. Examples include Amway, HerbalLife, Mary Kay & NuSkin [7]
58. Victor _____ ; Czech-American con man, who among other exploits sold the Eiffel Tower for scrap metal [6]

59. For example [2]
61. In Biology, group of tissues in a living organism that have been adapted to perform a specific function [5]
62. Three Card _____; aka "*Find the Lady*" [5]
65. The organisation in America least likely to support repeal of the Second Amendment [3]
69. Texas – based energy corporation which went bankrupt in 2004 after executives fraudulently hid its extent of debt [5]
70. Desist [4]
71. & 90 down: A remedy with no real evidence supporting its medicinal value [5, 3]
72. _____ Man; Great British anthropological hoax [8]
75. Someone who is easily tricked or cheated [4]
76. Brand associated with high-priced jewellery [7]
77. Ern _____; Mythical Australian poet; subject of a famous literary hoax [7]
78. The Affirmative [3]
79. The Cottingley _____ ; early British photographic hoax [7]
81. Generic term for a moneylender [7]
84. Ground or shaped with a rotating tool [6]
86. Body fluid [5]
88. (Slang) A Swindle or cheating game [5]
90. See 71 down
92. Cry [3]

CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS:

3. Anal chart distorted for swindler [9]
8. Go back for verb to be. There is time [3]
9. Ponzi supreme [6]
12. & 13 across: Fill AM/FM – it's humbug [4, 4]
13. See 12 across
15. Formerly contained uranium - a little bit [5]
16. Her cyanic adjustment is not what it seems [9]
17. Nothing will change the producer of eggs [5]
19. Beginner, with time, can give amount payable [4]
20. Political parties for the high ground [4]

22. Chez Francis [6]
23. Appeals to agency staff bearing fruit at last [6]
26. They can fit very nicely, back to front [6]
28. Leader's girl's accommodating Italian learner [6]
30. Target a gospeller? [4]
32. Gunner element names queen [4]
33. Plays around with footballers dropping Albert [5]
35. Hair-raising action by the brave [8]
36. Pearl container? [4]
38. Steel kit holds deer [3]
39. RAAF kit for checking bad guys [3]
41. White Christmas dreamer [6]
42. Element has Japanese name [2]
44. He doesn't rank high as a singer [4]
45. Won't he be found out? [7]
48. In despair there is new sentence [3]
51. Not subjects among those walrus proposed for discussion [5]
53. Specific gravity containing metal can give a nip [5]
54. Such service can keep Tommy busy [6]
56. What one doesn't want to it be sold is a pet, either way [3]
57. Show proudly that dad's exceptionally dear [6]
58. Servant vital to airman [6]
60. A process to remove what is probably not there [5]
62. Users found in rest room entrance [3]
63. Cheat in America runs into present queen [7]
64. Or I showed some spirit at the beginning [6]
66. Take legal action after changed use [3]
67. How to treat New Year for group at home [4, 2]
68. See 67 across
71. Con's mark [3]
73. I refuse to admit concealing songbird's name [8]
74. African in rage, in trouble [8]

76. To hold nothing as well [3]
80. They're engaged in the same craft [9]

- 82. Sounds like a scam at the tennis club [6]
- 83. Hoaxer made to ban rum [6]
- 85. She will shortly display an explosive device [5]
- 87. Formula 1 with Landing Craft Heavy. It's a steal [5]
- 89. Fear that's Capone's weapon! [5]
- 91. Practice condemned in the "Ninety-Five Theses" [11]
- 93. Eponymous swindler [5]
- 94. A bear caught posturing? [5]
- 95. Pigs have 550 – to cheat [7]

DOWN:

- 1. Free Y-fronts cut badly showing lots of cheek [10]
- 2. Quietly disagree about murder having no right [5]
- 3. It serves food containing calcium and iron [4]
- 4. Di Caprio was frank in 2002 [8]
- 5. Spin round one city [5]
- 6. Openings for farriers at key Essex forge [4]
- 7. Illegal bribe to score own goal in soccer [8]
- 10. You almost sussed out Greek hero [8]
- 11. Animal with a rhythmic trot [3]
- 14. Dab hand [5]
- 16. Copper and phosphorus vessels [4]
- 18. Creature into dye tie is a bit strange. They are usually naked [4]
- 19. Returns keen to be singer [4]
- 21. Live on a cake [6]
- 24. High spin twists for speculative email [8]
- 25. Throttle left out - that's odd! [7]
- 27. Feeds pets right away [6]
- 29. The rule for keeping a guerrilla leader in check [5]
- 30. Grammy winners and losers [5, 7]
- 31. Marie changes the fibre [5]
- 34. Thus Mashebrum is Norse troublemaker [4]
- 37. Doing the washing, a servant put line out at the front [10]
- 40. Send me \$50 and I will bring you luck [5]
- 41. Pilkington can reveal what, of a kind, is sought [3]
- 43. Sleuth works aggressive con [6]

- 46. Good shot! Birdie at start of round [6]
- 47. Ruminant mammal sounds expensive [4]
- 49. Father on the other side will quietly slip away [6]
- 50. Men of Man [4]
- 52. Section of organic herbs aimed at a specialised market [5]
- 55. See 30 down
- 56. Monument that may drip perhaps [7]
- 58. Eiffel vendor [6]
- 59. Take beer from raptor for example [2]
- 61. Journal of record for instrument [5]
- 62. Game in Spain absorbed by common team [5]
- 65. Org. that has people up in arms? [3]
- 69. Ill-fated energy company [5]
- 70. Opts to vary to come to a halt [4]
- 71. & 90 down: Reptile lubricant is bad medicine [5, 3]
- 72. This man was part ape [8]
- 75. In bottling ullage, one is easily fooled [4]
- 76. Breakfast venue [7]
- 77. Lauded in Angry Penguins [7]
- 78. Colourants lacking a start? Positive! [3]
- 79. Arise if small magical people [7]
- 81. Demanded pound of flesh [7]
- 84. Moved like a crowd [6]
- 86. Fluid an elderly MP has to hold [5]
- 88. Bread chief a swindler [5]
- 90. See 71 down
- 92. An American contemptible person cries [3]

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