ANSWERS AND SOLUTIONS

WORD WAYS  Darryl Francis

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DOUBLE CROSSED  Ralph G. Beaman

My co-conspirator, CARL FOSTIA, will allow only this partial answer before the May issue of Word Ways:

19 across: SF Sforzando, meaning "accent it" has an abbreviated or "short form" of SF

18 down: ASFOR "Concerning" defines as for, an anagram or "mix-up" ofsofar, meaning "underwater explosion detection".

24 down: ALAR "Winglike" defines alar which is a "part" (strangely, not etymologically) of the word talaria, meaning "Mercury's (winged) shoes".

KICKSHAWS  Charles W. Bostick

Quiz Time: Each word is the center word of a well-known triplet: animal, vegetable, mineral; bacon, lettuce, tomato; bell, book, candle; bewitched, bothered, bewildered; eat, drink, be merry; faith, hope, charity; gold, frankincense, myrrh; health, education, welfare; high, wide, handsome; hook, line, sinker; lock, stock, barrel; name, rank, serial number; pounds, shillings, pence; purity, body, flavor; ready, willing, able; red, white, blue; shake, rattle, roll; snap, crackle, pop; stop, look, listen; tall, dark, handsome; wine, women, song.

Quiz Time Again: Each word is the last name of a famous person with middle name "the": Alexander the Great; Billy the Kid; Charles the Bald; Dennis the Menace; Eric the Red; Harry the Horse; Ivan the Terrible; Jude the Obscure; Louis the Fat; Lorenzo the Magnificent; Mack the Knife; Peter the Hermit; Pliny the Elder; Rosie the Riveter; Sinbad the Sailor; Stan the Man; Willie the W eeper; Zorba the Greek. The animals are: Charlie the Tuna; Elsie the Cow; Felix the Cat; Ferdinand the Bull; Leo the Lion; Reynard the Fox; Smokey the Bear; Tony the Tiger.

What -- you didn't know that the Hawaiian national anthem is the Star-Spangled Banner?

INSTRUCT: Word Ways fiction or puzzles, or both, should be sent to the Star-Spangled Banner, New Jersey 07102, David Silverman.

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