scarlet
The African waterhole is pale colored, not bright red from the sap of surrounding vegetation. Pastel Racso, no scarlet sap.
[Racso is a waterhole in Somalia (Geonames, Net)]

silver
The poetically inclined head chauffeur asks the agile new girl to warm up the silver vehicles by revving their engines
Rev, lissom lla, limos silver.
or:
A gang planning the theft of a fabulous silver bird's claw statuette, perhaps.
Nola, Trev, listen! Net 'silver talon'!

SUSAN THORPE takes up Anil’s challenge (May issue page 106) to produce more Nautonyms (sounded but not spelled tautonyms such as RETREAT) by offering ANNAN, COCOA, CUSCUSS (vfl), DIDDY, ENSENSE, ENTENTE, KICKY, LILY, NINNY, PIPPY, SISSY, and TITTY.

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Across:
1. Blood type known as the “universal recipient.” (2)
3. Comic book publisher owned by Warner Brothers, major rival to Marvel. (2)

Down:
1. Era in Gregorian dating following B.C. (2)
2. Era in Gregorian dating preceding A.D. (2)

Bonus Clues

Back:
2. Undergraduate Liberal Arts degree. (2)
4. Post-floppy disc digital storage medium. (2)

Up:
3. Government representative in county court cases for criminal offenses. (2)
4. Short-distance radio communications band used most frequently by truckers. (2)

Solution on page [number one greater than number of pages in issue].