

**CASE NAME: TAKE THAT!**  
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 LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
 CRIME LOCATION: LA BREA TAR PITS



**Answer: KISSER**

Solve the cryptic crossword; then arrange all of the clues with a letter removed in normal crossword numbering order (row by row, left to right). The removed letters spell "GUTOFRICKISSERIOUS". Do the same with the letters removed from the answers to get "SHEPUCKERS". These are a definition and a wordplay for KISSER. ("She puckers" and "Gut of Rick IS SERious")

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Across (in original clue order)

RAFT (2 def.) [becomes AFT]  
AJAR (A + JAR)  
GOA (A + OG)  
FIRE (2 def.) [becomes FIR]  
GROAN (OARNG anag.)  
AMHERST (MATH RES anag.)  
UNO (BRUNO - BR)  
REED (2 def.) [becomes RED]  
AUNT (TUNA anag.) [becomes ANT]  
AMIGO (AM + I + GO)  
RINGTONE (REGION TN anag.)  
RERUN (tERn + RUN)  
SAFIRE (SAPPHIRE) [becomes AFIRE]  
TEN PM (MEN PT anag.)  
TACO (COAT anag.) [becomes TAO]  
EN MASSE (seES SAM NEeds)  
DODGY (OD GUY anag.)  
HAIRBRUSH (HAIR + SHRUB anag.) [becomes  
AIRBRUSH]  
SADE (SAD + fanbasE) [becomes ADE]  
EERIE (ERIE)  
SENSE (S + TENSE - T)  
READ UP (gREA DUPLICATE)  
ISSUE (IE + US + S)  
EASELS (SEE ALS anag.)  
SPLIT (TIPS + L) [becomes SLIT]  
KNOT (TONKA - A) [becomes NOT]  
AGE (tweA GENE)  
ERASE (ER + BASE - B)

Down

1. ARIAS (DARIAS - D)  
2. HARRISON FORD (NO SIR + RAH + FORD)  
3. RUER (RUDER - D)  
4. TWIST (TWITS anag.)  
5. ATE (EIGHT)  
6. INDIANA JONES (INDIANA + JONES)  
7. OMELETS (One Might Expect Less Extravagant  
Tables Serving)  
8. ELI (LIE anag.)  
9. DEBTS (BED + TS)  
10. PRUNE (PE + RUN)  
11. PERSONA (SANE PRO anag.)  
12. AFRO (FOR A anag.)  
13. HEARD (HERD + A)  
14. LINEAGE (EAGLE IN anag.)  
15. AUGER (frAU GERTa)  
16. CUSTARD (AT CURDS anag.)  
17. ASTA (wAS TALented)  
18. GENIE (GEE + NIKE - KE)  
19. OATES (OS + KATE - K)  
20. RIFLE (R + FILE anag.)  
21. REUSE (REFUSE - F)  
22. GRAM (GAM + R)  
23. NIL (LINE - E)  
24. ANY (MANY - M)