Covert Operations

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Across

1. * Weapon hidden in crosswords
2. Spree
3. * Oklahoma hand captures Nebraska native
4. Knock-down, drag-out fight
5. G.I. morale booster
6. Go for a close-up shot
7. Rimes of country music
8. Wild org.
9. Defeated by a whisker
10. Electric generator
11. Hora and hula, for two
12. Nice time in the sun
14. Prankster's projectile
15. Mysterious tomb I see
16. Babe Ruth's league-leading stat in 1916
17. Transmission setting
18. George's brother, the lyricist
19. Japanese cartoon art
20. Hoffmann's initials
21. They hang out with dweebs
22. Llama land
23. Kind of owl or egret
24. Flotation device
25. Word before top or dog
26. Affirmative, formally
27. Culinary connoisseur
28. Garfunkel's partner
29. Cry's partner
30. Preferred option
31. "Back in the ____" (Beatles song)
32. "Indulges, with "on"
33. Speedwagon creator
34. Wolfish grin
35. Japanese port
36. Pussy ____, retaliating at fateful moment
37. C2H5-

72. * Setter whose clues left the British worried, awed, perplexed

Down

1. Ascending sizes, briefly
2. Marijuana, in slang
3. Oil of ____
4. Enzyme used for cheesemaking
5. Cause a protein or nucleic acid to lose secondary and tertiary structure
6. * Northern capital heard Cody's award-winning screenplay
7. Bat wood
8. * Force antique metal
9. On the lookout
10. Zany
11. Cherub, in Cherbourg
12. Makes haste, a la Shakespeare
13. "Your point being...?"
14. "Handwriting on the wall" word
15. Small-print nos. in credit card ads
16. Half-moon tide
17. Coastal raptor
18. Tabloid topic
19. Roulette bet
20. Sticking point?
21. Get bushed
22. Rubs the wrong way
23. Play group
24. Half-moon tide
25. Muddleheaded
26. One of the Obama girls
27. Fund
28. It's often unaccounted for
29. Anonymous John or Jane
30. Turn hat around in Jazz site
31. Actor Mineo or pitcher Maglie