

Crossword solution

S	A	L	E		U	M	A	S	S		S	I	M	S		
A	W	A	Y		N	O	R	T	H		T	N	U	T		
L	E	D	E	A	S	T	R	A	Y		E	D	N	A		
				W	I	T	H		R	S	V	P	I	N	G	
R	A	C	E	G	O	E	R		T	A	D	S				
A	Y	L	A		W	R	I	T	E	L	A	R	G	E		
P	E	E	R	S		L	O	W	R	I	D	E	R	S		
O	S	A		A	L	O		I	S	S		P	E	T		
F	I	N	A	L	E	D	I	T		E	L	A	T	E		
F	R	U	I	T	B	E	A	T	S		E	I	N	E		
				P	L	E	A		T	E	L	E	G	R	A	M
V	O	T	E	D	N	O		R	U	S	H					
E	M	I	R		E	N	E	W	S	P	A	P	E	R		
L	I	M	O		S	Y	R	A	H		I	O	T	A		
A	T	E	N		E	M	E	R	Y		R	E	S	T		

Theme

The circled letters highlight instances where the letter “e” has been added to phrases to turn them into a journalism-related phrase, paying homage to the “e-newspaper” in 57-Across. FRUIT BATS becomes FRUIT BEATS — alluding to a newspaper “beat,” or area of coverage; LED ASTRAY becomes LEDE ASTRAY, as LEDE is the first sentence in a news article; WRIT LARGE becomes WRITE LARGE.