

1	B	O	2	W	M	3	A	N		4	P	5	U	R	6	C	H	7	A	S	8	E
	U		O		U							T		H			L					U
9	C	L	O	U	G	H				10	C	A	P	E	T	O	W					N
	K		D		U				11	S		H		M		F						U
12	R	E	L	I	S	H	E	D				13	B	I	O	T	I					C
	A		A		T		V				14	G		C								H
15	M	A	N	Y			16	R	E	A	R	R	A	N	17	G	E					S
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23	T	E	24	H	R	A	N			25	I	M	P	E	R	I	A					L
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27	R	E	P	R	I	E	V	E				28	W	O	K	I	N					G
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29	S	A	Y	O	N	A	R	A				30	B	R	A	Y	E					D

Newton No. 8

This puzzle had a hidden theme, and features 14 lights (asterisked) which refer to the life events of my mother-in-law, who celebrated her 70th birthday this month.

ACROSS

1. MAN after BOW (6)
4. (*) double def (8)
9. (*) COUGH + L inside (6)
10. (*) CAP + ETON round W (8)
12. double def (8)
13. BIC round IOT(A) (6)
- 15, 24, 19d. (***) double def (4,5,7)
16. REAR + RANGES (10)
19. (GRINS AT ONE)* (10)
20. (*) MAD round U (4)
23. (AN(O)THER)* (6)
25. (*) AIR back in IMPEL (8)
27. PRI in REEVE (8)
28. (*) WO(R)KING (6)
29. SAY + ON(side) + (L)ARA (8)
30. BRAID homophon (6)

DOWN

1. RAM after BUCK (7)
2. (*) (OLD+O)* in WANDS (9)
3. (*) double def (6)
5. hidden word (4)
6. (*) (MICHAEL C)* (8)
7. (FLOAT)* (5)
8. EU + N + SUCH* (7)
11. (*) YES rev. round VENT (7)
14. (*) GRAND + AM rev. (7)
17. GRAVITY round DI (9)
18. IVANS* round ION (8)
19. See 15
21. double def (without a LUGE) (7)
22. MOI in MER (6)
24. See 15
26. triple def (4)