Solution to Puzzle \#48 - May, 2005 "Higgledy-piggledy"

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| A | R | R | I | E | D | N | E | G | A | E |
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The word PELL-MELL appears in the grid above - PELL as red letters in down words that don't intersect with across words, and MELL as green letters in across words don't intersect with down words. Those letters appear in the same colors in the answer below. The thirteen omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell HELTER-SKELTER.

## Across

1. $\mathrm{S}(\mathbf{H}) \mathrm{RAPNEL}$
2. EMERY
3. TREASON
4. PRINC(E)SS
5. LEG
6. BRANCH
7. EPICURE
8. GOOSE
9. FOIST
10. RE(L)ICT
11. NADIR
12. PARRIED
13. NEGA(T)E
14. THEN
15. MEME
16. D(E)FEAT
17. ALOHA
18. LEAK
19. MARINA
20. DISCIPLE
21. $\operatorname{CO}(\mathbf{R})$ VETTE

## Down

1. SYNCOPATE
2. (S)KIRT
3. $\mathrm{CHO}(\mathbf{K}) \mathrm{ER}$
4. HAM
5. PARSE
6. SIRE
7. TAPE
8. SPECIE
9. ARENA
10. LIFT
11. NICE
12. SECOND
13. $\operatorname{MONOLOGU}(\mathbf{E})$
14. LANE
15. HAVEN
16. $\operatorname{BRID}(\mathbf{L}) \mathrm{E}$
17. MADE
18. PRES(T)IGE
19. LITERAL
20. TRADE
21. STRING(E)R
22. $\mathrm{P}(\mathbf{R}) \mathrm{EFACE}$

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in one hour and 40 minutes.

