

Guest Puzzle #31 – January 2011 "Banana" (by Arthur Schless)

Instructions: Guess the words defined by the cryptic clues (answers vary in length from four to nine letters, two are hyphenated, five are capitalized, and one has a variant spelling) then enter them in the grid one after another in the same order as their clues, starting in the upper left corner. Across words that don't end at the right continue on the next row, and down words that don't end at the bottom continue in the next column. Thirty-five words won't fit in the grid unless one or more of their letters is removed, solvers must determine which.

Across

1. Ralph doesn't begin to encourage characters
2. All revert illegally to journeyer
3. I'd boil uncontrollably with passion
4. Burning calcium, uranium, sulfur, titanium, and carbon
5. Traffic in returned used articles
6. Clark fortunate, but not the first, in state
7. Go in and out and up and down without energy
8. Small car's blemish
9. Lone Ranger's song
10. Reformer gets energy for electric current at the lowest point
11. Cobb, after repairing chair, gets handout
12. Smooth, large supporting frame
13. Girdled woman student has troubled rest
14. Pete keeps it small
15. Walker in town with textbook
16. Display standard score before end of game
17. Real unruly king
18. Male touches flighty lady with passion
19. Accost on road to the French gymnasium
20. Too much English metaphor
21. Reveal gamble by Rachael
22. Hera's beheaded and quartered son
23. Policeman eating insects
24. Ran with explosive speed and energy

Down

1. Every second sailor joins with outstanding performers
2. Rare flowers form a screen pattern
3. Dad has odd iTune about flower
4. Essentially her role for Flynn
5. Bean or hard fruit from which first of pits has been removed
6. Rates of system pistons
7. Susan, for instance, wearing mascara, perhaps
8. New edict about energy is a fraud
9. Maya learning about a university
10. Sell molten lead
11. Encourage a wager
12. Strength of brown bristle
13. Jet's raspy commotion
14. Direction of each street
15. Lupino's got excellent conception
16. Wader Pete, unfathomably, caused an oil spill
17. Demon existed on the way down
18. Attempt to hold a salver
19. Endlessly love having approval for annuller
20. Sourly concealed by placid lying
21. After phys ed, expert will have quiet
22. Neckwear for a Celt, perhaps
23. They remember to include an old English circuit court
24. Meal held around a motorboat
25. Told of trader returning with bit of treasure