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

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

The letter **A** must be omitted from all words that contain it
(as indicated by parentheses in the list below).

Across
1. (**A**)LPH(**A**)BET
2. TR(**A**)VELLER
3. LIBIDO
4. C(**A**)USTIC
5. TR(**A**)DE
6. KENTUCKY
7. WE(**A**)VE
8. SC(**A**)R
9. NOEL
10. N(**A**)DIR
11. CH(**A**)RITY
12. E(**A**)SEL
13. CORSETED
14. PETITE
15. TRE(**A**)DER
16. P(**A**)R(**A**)DE
17. LE(**A**)R
18. M(**A**)DLY
19. W(**A**)YL(**A**)Y
20. TROPE
21. BETR(**A**)Y
22. (**A**)RES
23. LICE
24. SEEPED

Down
1. (**A**)LL-ST(**A**)R
2. R(**A**)STERS
3. PETUNI(**A**)
4. ERROL
5. H(**A**)RICOT
6. TEMPI
7. BL(**A**)CK-EYED
8. DECEIT
9. Y(**A**)LE
10. DE(**A**)L
11. (**A**)BET
12. BR(**A**)WN
13. SPR(**A**)Y
14. E(**A**)ST
15. IDE(**A**)
16. DEEPW(**A**)TER
17. DEVIL
18. TR(**A**)Y
19. REVOKER
20. (**A**)CIDLY
21. PE(**A**)CE
22. (**A**)SCOT
23. EYRE
24. L(**A**)UNCH
25. REL(**A**)TED