

Solution to Puzzle #130 – March, 2012 "Second Choice"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
THE HORNS OF A DILEMMA

Across

1. **ROCK**
2. NU(T)RIA
3. GREBE
4. ENC(H)ANT
5. NOSE
6. CLEESE
7. SENT
8. SOLAC(E)
9. C(H)ATTY
10. RAVEL
11. L(O)RE
12. RAPE
13. MERMAN
14. OISE
15. LOTH(A)R
16. SKID
17. TRIGGER
18. PLANE
19. MELO(N)
20. SEMEN
21. TRE(S)PASS
22. BASS
23. MATR(O)N
24. **HARD PLACE**

Down

1. REST
2. RELIE(F)
3. PROBE
4. SAMO(A)
5. GLANCE
6. COVET
7. GOSH
8. KELLER
9. HESS
10. ANNEAL
11. MA(D)RE
12. BRUCE
13. CLASP
14. MADRAS
15. CR(I)NKLE
16. SPINE
17. AEO(L)IAN
18. SLAT
19. STRID(E)NT
20. MAGNET
21. (M)ASTER
22. ACRONY(M)
23. PERME(A)TE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 20 minutes.