

Solution to Puzzle #45 – February, 2005 "Surface Tension"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
PLANETARIUM

Across

1. MARINADE
2. PARABOLA
3. (P)LANET
4. IRIS
5. EMIT
6. TRESSES
7. **VENUS**
8. PEAK
9. SHILL
10. METAL
11. O(L)DEN
12. **SUN**
13. CHROME
14. **MERCURY**
15. T(A)RO
16. CASTER
17. ECHID(N)A
18. LAIR
19. STURG(E)ON
20. CLONE
21. SMEAR
22. THEME
23. PULPI(T)

Down

1. **MARS**
2. KOMODO
3. RABIES
4. DECANT
5. ROSS
6. HEMAL
7. CHILE
8. VINE
9. SAL
10. ENAMELS
11. R(A)TIO
12. MA(R)LIN
13. LUCERNE
14. DATUM
15. NURSE
16. PENT
17. SECRET
18. SUPER
19. P(I)THY
20. CUM(U)LATE
21. **EARTH**
22. REPRISAL
23. ORIGA(M)I

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 50 minutes.