

## Solution to Puzzle #56 – January, 2006 "Trappings"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell **BLACK HOLE**.  
 The letters swallowed by the black hole [in square brackets] spell **NO ESCAPE**.

### Across

1. CONCERT
2. AL(B)ACORE
3. ADMIT
4. ENAMEL
5. CLOVE
6. NINETY
7. HONEST
8. DURAB(L)E
9. RISE
10. BETA
11. MERI[NO]
12. [ES]PALIER
13. ALUM
14. ROMANS
15. P(A)RADE
16. STAN(C)H
17. POISER
18. PONDER
19. ANUS
20. HERR
21. CRADLE
22. HAC(K)NEYED

### Down

1. COMER
2. (H)ARPO
3. ADORE
4. TAMARIN
5. L(O)NELY
6. BE(L)LA
7. SUE
8. CACHE
9. RUDE
10. SHED
11. LORIMER
12. HARMONI[CA]
13. [PE]RSPECTIVE
14. SPOT
15. ORNATE
16. SEAMAN
17. RELENT
18. BLAND
19. CYANIDE
20. INHERE
21. CANUTE
22. SPR(E)AD

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 45 minutes.