

Solution to Puzzle #92 – January, 2009 "SOP"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
RED TAPE

Across

1. FRACAS
2. SNOOP
3. LIKE
4. VITAL
5. SP(**R**)ITE
6. DEVOTE
7. LANC(**E**)
8. SERENADE
9. STRAFE
10. SECRET
11. **BUREAUCRACY**
12. AMEND
13. BLIGHT
14. SPADE
15. JUDO
16. SHELTER
17. EBON
18. TIMER
19. RECOR(**D**)ER
20. RESIGN
21. TRIPOD

Down

1. FLINT
2. BAS(**T**)E
3. MERIT
4. CRUMPLE
5. SAKES
6. AREA
7. TRICE
8. DEFENDER
9. (**A**)GAVE
10. READER
11. (**P**)ENSIVE
12. SUBJECT
13. STONE
14. CLUB
15. ORNAT(**E**)
16. ACRID
17. ORIOLE
18. DRAGON
19. EPOS
20. LEECH
21. STROP
22. PASTY
23. THIRD

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 25 minutes.