

Solution to Harvard Puzzle "Signature"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
HARVARD ALUMNUS

Across

- JOHN
- PONC(H)O
- DRANK
- ST(A)RT
- ENGAGE
- INTERFE(R)E
- NUMB
- ARSE
- ATTIRE
- BREED
- CRAMP
- RELATE
- (V)EAL
- HOYLE
- STERN
- CALMED
- (A)RENA
- COSTA
- G(R)AY
- RUNE
- TORRID
- SWA(D)DLE
- COCOA
- HANCOCK

Down

- JAGU(A)R
- POLTROON
- EMERY
- MARCH
- KIBB(L)E
- LEGION
- SNARLED
- ADAPT
- TREAS(U)RY
- SHORE
- SETTER
- WANT
- REDEE(M)
- NUANCE
- FACE
- RAND
- CONE
- TRANCE
- LODGE
- TALC
- (N)OTE
- CRANI(U)M
- HA(S)SOCK

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.