

Solution to Puzzle #129 – February, 2012 "First Choice"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
SCYLLA AND CHARYBDIS

Across

1. **DEVIL**
2. ALGAE
3. DE(S)PERATE
4. (C)EREAL
5. ERECT
6. CAND(Y)
7. MANTLE
8. (L)ETUP
9. HERD
10. STARE
11. ROOT
12. E(L)SIE
13. RULER
14. RE(A)CH
15. D(A)VIS
16. DOTE
17. REAL
18. ATE
19. ELA(N)D
20. HERE
21. SACRE(D)
22. LOOK
23. PHENOL
24. LESE
25. **DEEP BLUE SEA**

Down

1. DE(C)LARE
2. C(H)EEK
3. DEPEND
4. SHARP
5. EVERT
6. SIDLE
7. HEIR
8. EL(A)TE
9. VASE
10. PLACE
11. (R)ARITAN
12. BATTER(Y)
13. USE
14. COLLECT
15. ELDER
16. LUGE
17. AUREOLE
18. LEARN
19. PORTA(B)LE
20. SEED
21. HOR(D)E
22. DOSE
23. D(I)AMETER
24. HO(S)EA

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 45 minutes.