

Solution to Puzzle #133 – June, 2012 "Short Cut"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
A MAN A PLAN A CANAL PANAMA

Across

1. MORON
2. PALP(A)TE
3. A(M)BER
4. TARE
5. RECRE(A)TE
6. INERT
7. RETRO
8. PLANET
9. PE(N)IS
10. NORMA
11. VERN(A)L
12. MEDEA
13. BEAST
14. BUR(P)ED
15. CURSE
16. PETA(L)
17. OPALS
18. EMOTE
19. B(A)RON
20. BELO(N)G
21. STET
22. LANDA
23. RESIDU(A)L
24. LI(C)ENSE

Down

1. MARTI(A)L
2. BETS
3. SOBER
4. SMUT
5. E(N)TIRE
6. (A)TONER
7. A(L)BEDO
8. REPO
9. DE(P)ORT
10. UNTIL
11. REDPOLL
12. **PANAMA CANAL**
13. ARENA
14. BULB
15. NILE
16. REVERSE
17. DEP(A)RT
18. TEASE
19. LANTER(N)
20. P(A)RSE
21. MORSE
22. CE(M)ENT
23. (A)POGEE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.