

Solution to Puzzle #39 – August, 2004 "What's Missing?"

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

DIS (in parentheses in the list below) is omitted from two across and down words, as well as from the hidden word on the diagonal in the grid, which is

**(DIS)COMBOBULATE**

**Across**

1. (DIS)CREET
2. COALITION
3. COLANDER
4. PUMA
5. LATTER
6. ALTE
7. BISHOP
8. EWER
9. SLOP
10. TOLL
11. SPACER
12. BO PEEP
13. AGATE
14. LUST
15. VALE
16. LOTUS
17. LEAR
18. ASPIRE
19. LIANA
20. VIOLATE
21. BETTER
22. SELL
23. (DIS)PERSE

**Down**

1. (DIS)CIPLE
2. PALAVER
3. OUTRAGE
4. SIREN
5. MESCAL
6. POSE
7. CABLE
8. TOILET
9. OLIO
10. RETRAL
11. CLASP
12. BLUET
13. LOATH
14. TOUSLE
15. PANT
16. OOPS
17. LIBEL
18. DEplete
19. AERIE
20. RELEVANT
21. STRAWS
22. (DIS)PARATE

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 40 minutes.