

Solution to Puzzle #47 – April, 2005 "Capital Punishment"

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

The omitted letters (“decapitated” in parentheses in the list below) spell
BEHEADINGS

Across

1. (B)ACON
2. ELEA
3. SALVER
4. GRIS
5. FIDGET
6. SLUMMED
7. RINSE
8. ERNES
9. LEAP
10. (E)CRU
11. ANNIE
12. (H)ONORABLE
13. MASS
14. PROVES
15. SOME
16. PATTERN
17. STRIPER
18. TUSSIS
19. EMIL
20. TEMPORAL
21. BABAR
22. (E)NAMEL
23. (A)CUMEN

Down

1. (D)AVENPORT
2. TERCET
3. SCROTUM
4. NORSE
5. RAVE
6. SPANGLE
7. UBER
8. (I)SOMER
9. URALS
10. SIRE
11. LIMN
12. NEST
13. SALESMEN
14. MOREL
15. CAFÉ
16. SIAM
17. (N)IMBUS
18. IDLE
19. SEPIA
20. MADRE
21. (G)OSPEL
22. BELGIAN
23. (S)PARTAN

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.