

Solution to Puzzle #58 – March, 2006 "A Void"

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

The letter **E** must be omitted from all words that contain it (in parentheses in the list below). There are 24 of these in across words and 18 in down words, for a total of 42. "A Void" is the title of the English translation of the French novel "La Disparition", by Georges Perec. The letter **E** does not appear in either the French or English version.

Across

1. UN(E)ASY
2. CAPITOL
3. TRACK
4. (E)LAPS(E)
5. MUSCL(E)
6. HOPP(E)R
7. HALT(E)R
8. TAV(E)RN
9. FATAL
10. DU(E)S
11. R(E)GAL(E)
12. MOT(E)L
13. INTRIGU(E)
14. M(E)DIAT(E)
15. DIAL(E)R
16. NORM
17. ROUS(E)
18. T(E)LA
19. GROPE(E)
20. WRACK
21. (E)ST(E)M
22. SP(E)LL
23. BILAT(E)RAL
24. SAFARI
25. NOV(E)LTY

Down

1. ULULAT(E)
2. IMPLANT
3. ST(E)LLAR
4. W(E)LFAR(E)
5. CR(E)DITOR
6. BASALT
7. UNDU(E)
8. AIRY
9. CHASTIS(E)
10. CLICK
11. OV(E)RRAT(E)
12. KANA
13. L(E)P(E)R
14. GILL
15. (E)STOP
16. APN(E)A
17. GR(E)AT(E)R
18. VIP(E)R
19. FLUNG
20. MALT
21. SHAM(E)
22. MORS(E)L
23. TOMATO
24. DROPSY

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 55 minutes.