

Solution to Puzzle #69 – February, 2007 "Lighten Up"

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

As the mystery words suggest, the letter sequences **TCH**, **ISE**, **VEL**, and **BLE** must be omitted from those words that contain them, as shown by parentheses in the list below.

Across

1. **NOTCH**
2. IDYLL
3. COMET
4. EN(**VEL**)OPE
5. LAVE
6. EGRET
7. ANOLE
8. GLIB
9. RENEW
10. PLAN
11. FESS
12. GREED
13. SATAN
14. AVON
15. LOUVER
16. ALIT
17. INURED
18. SLICE
19. GOSPEL
20. TIME
21. AMBER
22. DURA(**BLE**)
23. OSWALD
24. SITAR
25. **NOISE**

Down

1. **NOVEL**
2. DOUSED
3. OMEGA
4. SURPR(**ISE**)
5. STEEL
6. NAVE
7. EDICT
8. GIFTED
9. LUTHER
10. BEAR
11. STRAINER
12. SNA(**TCH**)
13. LIAR
14. DOTES
15. ALIMONY
16. PANG
17. VICE
18. SOLE
19. NERO
20. TEA
21. WILLOW
22. ENIGMA
23. SCALPEL
24. **NOBLE**

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 40 minutes.