THE CERYNEIAN STAGE

As you chase this magnificent creature around the sacred slopes of Mount Cerynaea, be mindful of its speed and agility. Answers can run in any direction, and each will change course exactly once. No space is visited more than twice. You may capture this creature, but Artemis would frown on you killing it; her proscription against cervine slaughter may be read in the unchecked letters.

1E. Saint Ethelred's (or Star Wars) Day (*3,6)

2E. Wraths (4)

2SE. Soon to occur (2,5)

3S. Vintners' Valley (*4)

4SW. Where politicians watch their Diet? (*5)

4W. When you might get a ruby for your birthday

5SE. Folks making mosaics, maybe (6)

6N. Composer Gustav (*6)

7NE. Urchin (3)

8W. Facet (4)

8NW. Resort (3)

9SE. Thrills to pieces (5)

10NE. Charges against property (5)

11N. Certain passerine (8)

12SW. Emulate this answer (4)

13S. It might be magnetic (5)

14NE. Insipid (5)

14SW. Flourishing or stentorian (7)

15N. Philosopher from Stuttgart (*5)

16W. Loincloth-like garment (5)

17NE. Replacing (2, 4, 2)

18N. Sanctuary (6)

18W. A low joint? (5)

19S. He won an Oscar as Charles (*4)

19W. Uselessness (8)

20SW. Painter of pop Americana (*6)

21N. Holds up (4)

22NW. They might be an- or cat- (4)

23SE. More booty-licious (6)

24N. It might be water, steam, or fire (6)

25SW. Asian capital (*5)

26SW. Ginger to Bob's Gilligan (*4)

27S. Gas giant? (*5)

28N. Sibling of Moses and Miriam (*5)

29E. Counterpart of Durmstrang and Beauxbatons (*8)

30SW. Playwright Clifford (*5)

31NW. Resting on (4)

32NE. Post-voting survey (4, 4)

33W. Ding (4)

34NW. Rock music fanatics (8)

35SW. Alpha Cygni (*5)

36N. More tenebrous (6)

37S. Burden or cargo (4)

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38N. Stojko or Costello (*5)

39N. Anoas and gaurs (4)

40N. Nostrum (6)

41NE. Lacking depth or substance (11)

42S. Unlike Lex Luthor or Charles Xavier (7)

43NE, Darn (4)

44SE. Attacker of widely-held beliefs (10)

45E. Communicating sotto voce (10)

46S. Any minute now (4)

47W. Disgust (5)

48N. Perch (3)

49N. Unit of paper or linen (5)

50W. Soupçon (4)

51NW. Put off, as a discussion (7)

52E. Flummery or syllabub, perhaps (7)

53N. "Holy" dynasty? (*5 *6)

54E. Nutritional stat (*1*1*1)

54W. Chic again (5)

55E. Obedient (6)

56NW. Created, as a nonce word (6)

57E. The final burden (4, 5)