

Solution to Guest Puzzle #9 – January, 2008 "Numbers"
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0	I	B	R	O	C	Y	S	T	I	C	S
1	R	T	E	R	A	T	O	T	R	O	P
2	E	R	D	A	S	H	J	U	I	C	E
3	W	O	R	T	H	R	O	B	S	O	L
4	A	S	E	A	P	O	U	E	X	A	C
5	T	S	A	D	O	T	R	O	Y	A	R
6	E	A	T	U	I	E	N	O	L	B	O
7	R	N	E	S	N	E	E	Z	E	C	O
8	A	T	D	E	T	R	M	E	N	U	N
9	L	E	S	S	M	E	E	R	E	S	S
	8	7	1	7	8	2	9	1	2	0	0

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell **FOURTEEN FACTORIAL** (equal to 87,178,291,200), and the letters in the squares marked by the resulting numbers spell **ANESTHETICS**.

Across

1. (F)IBROCYSTIC
2. S(O)RT
3. ERATO
4. TRO(U)PER
5. DASH
6. JUICE
7. WORTH
8. ROB
9. SOLA
10. SEA(R)
11. POU(T)
12. EXACTS
13. ADO
14. TROY
15. AREA
16. TUI
17. ENOL
18. BORNE
19. SNEEZE
20. COAT
21. DET(E)R
22. MEN
23. UNLESS
24. (E)MEER
25. (N)ESS

Down

1. (F)IREWATER
2. ALB(A)TROSS
3. (C)ANTERED
4. (T)REATED
5. SORA
6. T(O)AD
7. USES
8. CASHPOINT
9. MYTH
10. ROTE
11. ERE
12. SOJOURNE(R)
13. MET
14. TUBE
15. OOZ(I)ER
16. IRIS
17. XYLENE
18. COCOA
19. AB(A)CUS
20. SPE(L)L
21. CROONS