

Solution to Puzzle #115 – December, 2010 "Kris Kringle"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
SAINT NICHOLAS

Across

- DI(S)MAL
- OPENER
- ICARUS
- EDITS
- SENTRY
- SIN
- C(A)MUS
- DETA(I)L
- S(N)ORE
- SPARSE
- ACCEN(T)
- SINTERKLAAS**
- BROOD
- BEAR
- MURAL
- NEED
- VEEP
- ALE
- GRETA
- TREND
- SAPLI(N)G
- BONNET
- BROMEL(I)AD

Down

- DIS(C)USS
- BRAN
- NIC(H)E
- SPIRAL
- DEMAND
- ANOLE
- STARTER
- TONGA
- BLURT
- SEDER
- PROSY
- AER(O)BE
- ELOPE
- SLAKED
- TIME
- DISC
- LAVAGE
- NIÑO
- C(L)ARE
- T(A)BLET
- CREAMER
- OARSMEN
- SU(S)PEND

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.