

## Solution to Puzzle #183 – August, 2016 "Countdown"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell  
**BLAST OFF**

### Across

1. TEFLON
2. EM(B)RACE
3. HOUSE
4. DIEGO
5. SERGE
6. RANGE
7. STAKE
8. BONER
9. STARTLE
10. STRATUM
11. TOASTER
12. VOMER
13. ALTO
14. WHERE
15. NODAL
16. CHOCK
17. DRUM
18. RAKE
19. FOO(L)
20. LISLE
21. CALL
22. R(A)NI
23. (S)TEEPED
24. PASTE

### Down

1. TESTAMEN(T)
2. RITE
3. HEART
4. ROUSE
5. FORK
6. TOAD
7. M(O)LE
8. LUGE
9. LALA
10. REPOSE
11. BEST
12. LACE
13. NERO
14. STOCKADE
15. DANTE
16. WHELP
17. MINER
18. RHO
19. FLARE
20. GRAVE
21. CORSAGE
22. STORK
23. (F)ONT
24. COSTUMED
25. LI(F)E

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 25 minutes.