

Solution to Puzzle #55 – December, 2005 "Christmas Card"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
SEASON'S GREETINGS

Across

1. **HAPPY**
2. (S)KIRL
3. PEEL
4. EMPIR(E)
5. SAL(A)AM
6. PREEN
7. GAMIN
8. (S)EAM
9. REIN
10. ABET
11. TRACK
12. DORY
13. S(O)CIETY
14. **NEW**
15. MONOCLE
16. SINGE
17. KANSAS
18. I(N)FORMER
19. IMPALE
20. (S)TOOGE
21. DISROBE
22. CREPE
23. NE(G)ATIVE
24. **YEAR**

Down

1. HE(R)METIC
2. S(E)MINAL
3. PARE
4. LAPSE
5. PERM(E)ATE
6. SA(T)RAP
7. MERCY
8. SILO
9. TYPEE
10. KNIFE
11. BIKINI
12. DENOTE
13. VIRG(I)N
14. (N)OW
15. GROCER
16. SAAR
17. MEMORY
18. LAMB
19. YOKE
20. GEE
21. PLIÉ
22. SNARE
23. PA(G)EANT
24. CON(S)IDER

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 35 minutes.