

Solution to Puzzle #79 – December, 2007 "Gift Package"

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

*On the first day of Christmas,
My true love sent to me
A **partridge** in a pear tree.*

Across

1. START
2. ALMS
3. DOUR
4. STAGE
5. BEET
6. ROTE
7. DECOR
8. LONER
9. ROMAN
10. FORA
11. COMPARE
12. HUMMUS
13. STRIPE
14. SEER
15. BADGER
16. REPUTE
17. PRISONER
18. PATIENT
19. PARASITE
20. SERENADE
21. LENS
22. LOLITA

Down

1. SURNAME
2. UPSET
3. ROE
4. CURTAIL
5. ASTROS
6. BETTER
7. TERM
8. SAPIENT
9. ADOPT
10. DRESSAGE
11. MARGIN
12. ELLE
13. CARIES
14. TROMBONE
15. PROPEL
16. SERF
17. HERNANI
18. DELOUSE
19. ERATO
20. TORME
21. PRADA

Kevin Wald solved the puzzle in 30 minutes.