

Solution to Puzzle #7 – December, 2001 "A Visit from Saint Nick"

D	A	S	H	E	R	H	I	N	E	R
O	B	T	I	N	O	W	N	I	G	A
N	O	E	M	A	N	A	G	R	E	N
D	O	R	S	E	H	Y	D	E	S	T
E	S	S	P	R	O	H	E	T	S	B
R	E	E	D	A	P	E	D	T	A	L
C	S	N	A	T	E	S	C	I	L	I
A	T	E	L	E	P	E	T	E	S	T
E	R	C	A	M	E	R	B	R	O	Z
E	M	A	S	A	R	A	L	E	V	E
R	A	S	P	C	T	V	I	X	E	N

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell
DANCER, PRANCER, COMET, and CUPID

Across

1. **DASHER**
2. HIN(D)ER
3. OBT(A)IN
4. OWNI(N)G
5. (C)ANOE
6. MANAG(E)R
7. ENDORSE
8. HYDE
9. ST(R)ESS
10. PRO(P)HETS
11. BREED
12. APED
13. TALCS
14. NATES
15. CILIATE
16. LEPE(R)
17. TESTER
18. CAMER(A)
19. BRO(N)ZE
20. MAS(C)ARA
21. LEVER
22. ASP(E)CT
23. **VIXEN**

Down

1. **DONDER**
2. CA(R)EER
3. (C)ABOOSE
4. ST(O)RM
5. (M)ASTER
6. SENECA
7. SHIMS
8. P(E)DAL
9. ASPEN
10. AERATE
11. MACRON
12. HOPE
13. PERTH
14. WAY
15. (T)HESE
16. (C)RAVING
17. DED(U)CT
18. BLINI
19. (P)RETTIER
20. EXEGES(I)S
21. ALSO
22. VER(D)ANT
23. **BLITZEN**