

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**