

## Solution to Contest Puzzle — December 2001 "Solver's Delight"

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

The omitted letters (in parentheses in the list below) spell **UNPUZZLED**.  
Down words are shown in the order of their clues and the order in which they appear in the grid.

### Across

1. CONTEST
2. ASSA(U)LT
3. ME(N)IAL
4. LIMBIC
5. AYE
6. REAM
7. BONUS
8. RADAR
9. (P)URR
10. ISS(U)E
11. SIDE
12. LATCHED
13. (Z)ENANA
14. CRA(Z)Y
15. RELEGATE
16. APLOMB
17. SEWE(L)L
18. IRIDIUM
19. MACE
20. PINE
21. DROUGHT
22. SCEN(E)RY
23. TREA(D)LE

### Down

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| MASSE    | CLINIC   |
| DEMI     | APRICOT  |
| SIMULATE | CUSHY    |
| LABOR    | LINEN    |
| SARDINES | MASSE    |
| CLINIC   | RODENT   |
| DREI     | EYRE     |
| EYRE     | DEMI     |
| MURAL    | DREI     |
| EASEL    | EASEL    |
| BRACELET | BURY     |
| LINEN    | SARDINES |
| ADAGE    | MOTTLE   |
| APRICOT  | ADAGE    |
| TRAIPE   | MURAL    |
| CHASM    | ARENA    |
| BURY     | WAGE     |
| CUSHY    | SIMULATE |
| RODENT   | CHASM    |
| MOTTLE   | BRACELET |
| ARENA    | LABOR    |
| WAGE     | TRAIPE   |