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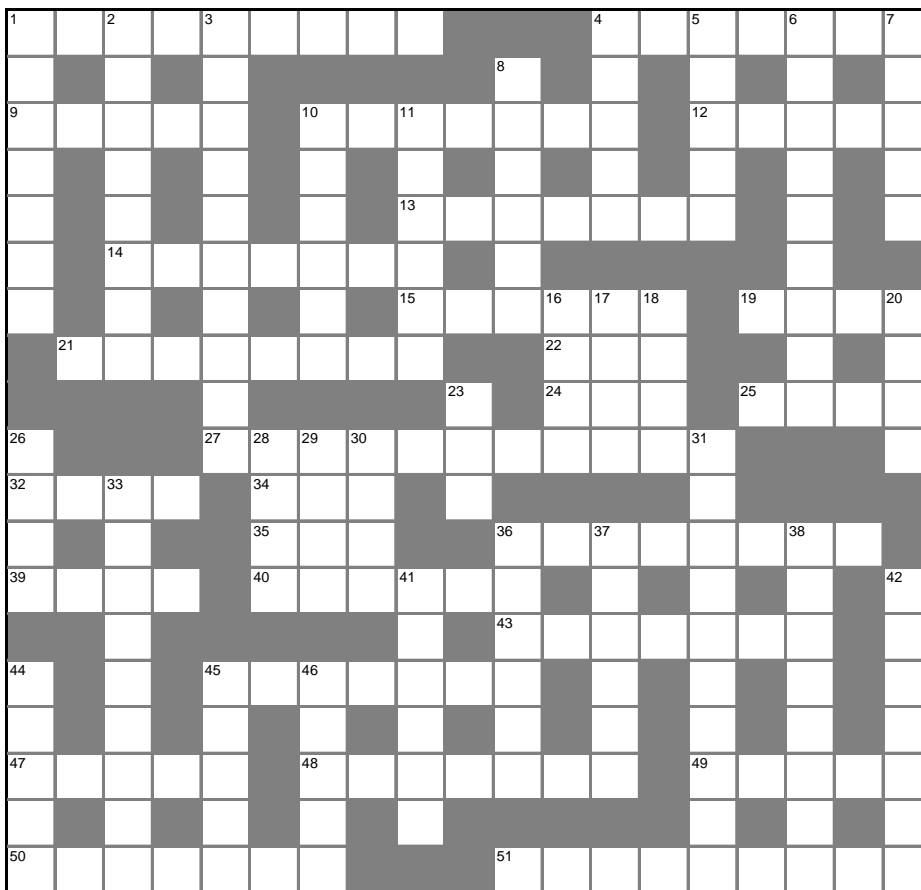
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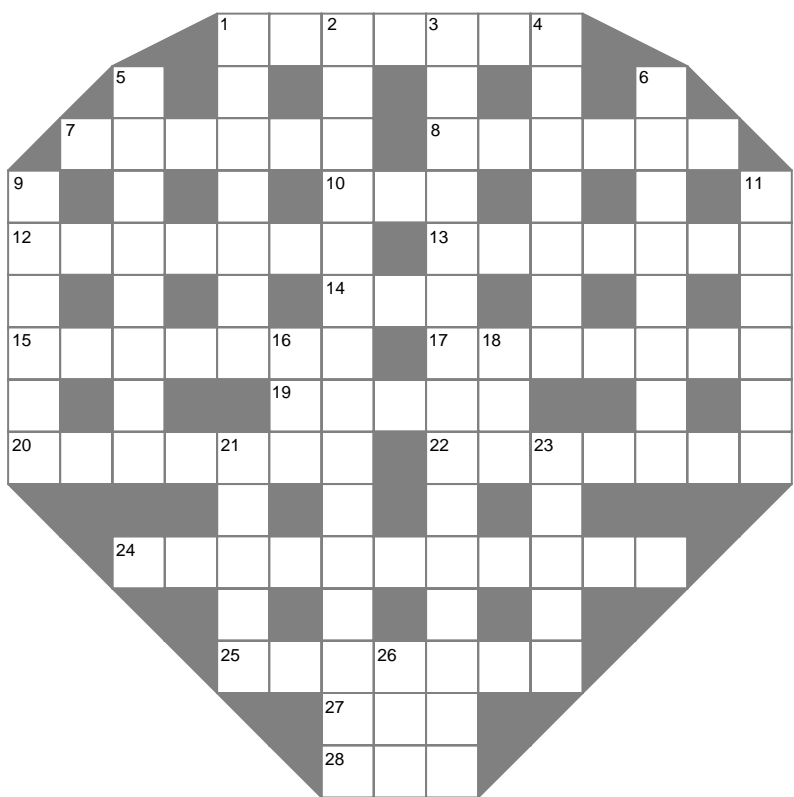
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| 1 | Wireless sounds like a person not for rent | 32 | Thunder god scrambles retirement plan |
| 4 | Adorers take in the last of you through window slats | 34 | Measure of resistance Chinese baseball player faced leading masses |
| 9 | Cheers for ancestors | 35 | Perceive holy realm |
| 10 | Strip a father, get excellent stone | 36 | Holds New Testament and artificial intelligence caught in swindles |
| 12 | Root for Yalie and Attila endlessly | 39 | Endless rope created as two |
| 13 | Enjoyed the return of eggs in southern cardinal | 40 | Messiah composer lost his grip |
| 14 | Wealthy due to river from the Alps flowing west and Tut's center before 40 day fast. | 43 | Endless eye silent and most favorable |
| 15 | Anger with a cloth stuffed in headless Descartes | 45 | Struggles to tear apart Mary and Peter |
| 19 | Art museum returns to French state | 47 | 30's actor, either way you view it |
| 21 | Fathered two of the best before the web coat returns | 48 | Damp bags from the east succeed me in Lyon |
| 22 | Portion left before overtime | 49 | Appearance of Lennon hit loses election winner |
| 24 | Tense, timeless at the end of Greek letter | 50 | Floor show featured a taxi facing an endless sharp ridge |
| 25 | A Cuban leader causes pain | 51 | Struggles with originators taking on Latin head |
| 27 | Inertia envelops right particle in baseball game | | |

DOWN

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| 1 | Sincere heart without an ending to call |
| 2 | Opportunistic opening sounds like a toilet rod |
| 3 | Funny without a couple of Oregonians after mail and after death |
| 4 | Kobe or Erie runs |
| 5 | Flip over Ugandan people eating new dessert, initially |
| 6 | Puzzling giant mice |
| 7 | Incents hoops elite |
| 8 | Decoder fixes small velcro in exchange for a hundred |
| 10 | Respectable drop without sulfur |
| 11 | Secure while time slips into the swamp |
| 16 | Alabama transit authority visits Canadian province, briefly |
| 17 | Patsy turns label and gets out |
| 18 | One indian comes back with a small case |
| 20 | Journey through time concerning top of Kilimanjaro |
| 23 | Executive officers flew north to see Series winners |
| 26 | Mention without error at once |
| 28 | Reggae singer takes stray bullets |
| 29 | Race loser regroupes to see Zeus' mother |
| 30 | So be it, scrambling moniker |
| 31 | Animation technique using Ali at the beginning and an earful of a Spring month to avoid |
| 33 | Uniform color turns Shakespeare wicked and old |
| 36 | Tiny room to drop weight in Connecticut |
| 37 | Idea generated titanium during midday |
| 38 | Put forth confused dictator in upturned collar |
| 41 | Prepare shrimp as night interrupts brouhaha |
| 42 | Indulges with diapers |
| 44 | Abner with air conditioning looks purple |
| 45 | Peels anew with a lance |
| 46 | Watch to the north to make payment |

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A bunch of really good baseball players (above) came out to play a game. But by the time the heavy rains came and ended their game they only recorded 5 outs. They did manage to generate 2 hits, while racking up 2 errors and 3 runs. Oh, and by the way, an out loses a letter when entered into the grid (right), a hit gains a letter, an error is backwards and a run is scrambled into a new word, interestingly. Unscramble the highlighted letters from the players' names to form one word, then take the deleted and added letters from the grid to form a second word, and you'll figure out why all this happened in the first place (it's the title).



THE LINEUP

<i>P</i>	Fireballer from Oklahoma heading west before unsatisfactory transmission
<i>C</i>	Catcher of endless tetra gets thousand
<i>1B</i>	Ironman had error and homer in concert
<i>2B</i>	Brass near Mr. Rogers
<i>SS</i>	Popular Cub invests and saves
<i>3B</i>	Runs on base, in saves, on Simon's seductress
<i>LF</i>	Splendid one was a testament to dogfood
<i>CF</i>	Say hey and hear Indian corn
<i>RF</i>	Darling shows up after Alcoholics Anonymous meeting and gets hammerin'

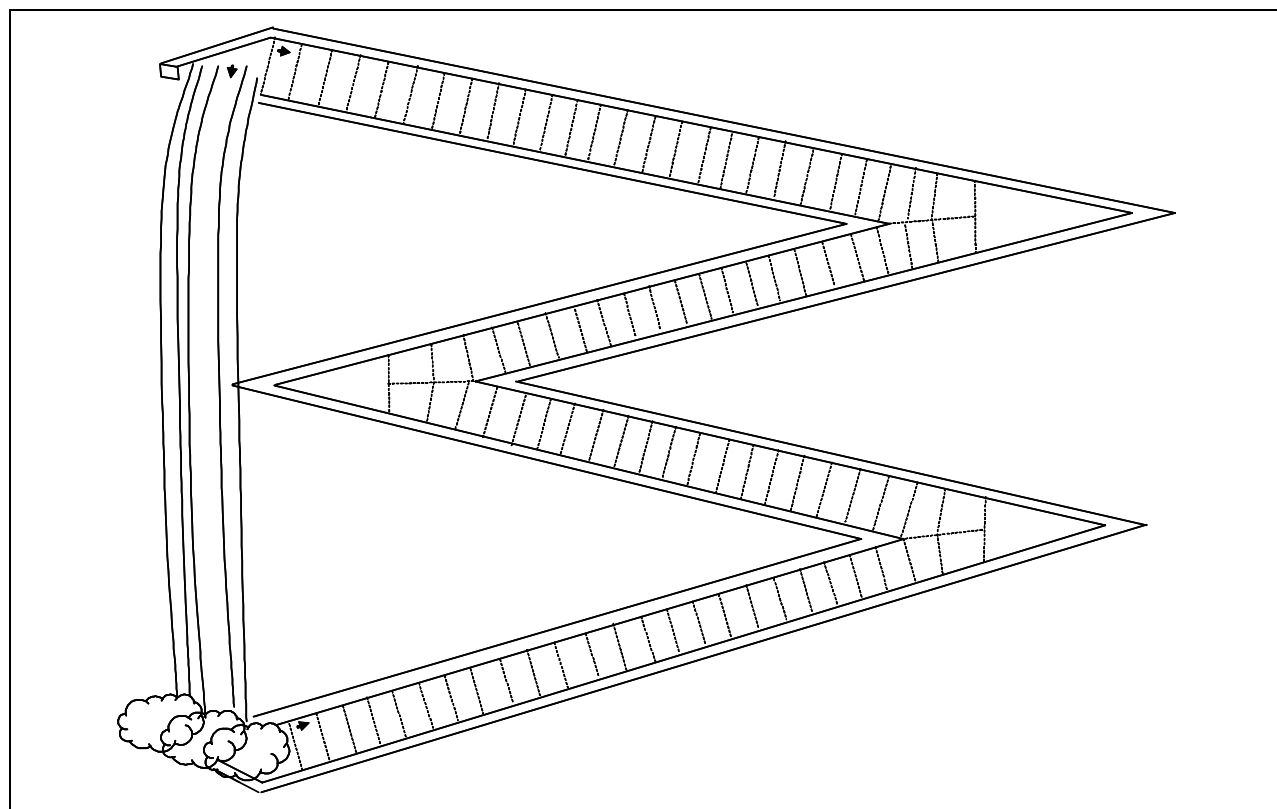
ACROSS

- 1 Leader found answer in stable food bin (7)
- 7 Mexican food brings DH League into submissive (6)
- 8 Tosses homer in hitches (6)
- 10 Manning flew west to a French island (3)
- 12 Shack where lion swallowed insect (6)
- 13 Thrower has desire, according to all around (7)
- 14 The heart of Conan O'Brien is smaller than a micro (4)
- 15 The chorale was decimated by a disease (7)
- 17 Epic poem delivered by sound of concave navel and unconscious pleasure seeker (6)
- 19 Mishandled detail caused scope to widen (6)
- 20 Having McCarver wear iridescent gem was best (7)

- 22 Inactivity impacts one retina (7)
- 24 Staggering around an endless tomb and covering with stones again (11)
- 25 Solution held out for fashion (7)
- 27 Before the sound of the wind (3)
- 28 Motion picture roll sounded actual (4)

DOWN

- 1 Ancestors briefly rested on the banks of the Tiber, spawning love affair (7)
- 2 Sodium, titanium, silver, uranium and erbium combination holds all in one and becomes Red (15)
- 3 Sea bird by intravenous energy and fahrenheit uranium energy in all create ethanol (15)
- 4 Eustachian infection caused by each vehicle going the wrong way on highway east (7)
- 5 Land beyond where crazy one flouted (8)
- 6 Swarm feels up at bazaar (8)
- 9 Madison and Mayer stumbled across awards (6)
- 11 Arenas remain heard as help shows up (6)
- 16 Inlet comes up for breath (3)
- 18 Soldiers became headless portent (3)
- 21 The illusion drew from the microphone containing silver (5)
- 23 Buzzer attacked Taylor in British Honduras (6)
- 26 Ripped the heart out of NY manager (4)



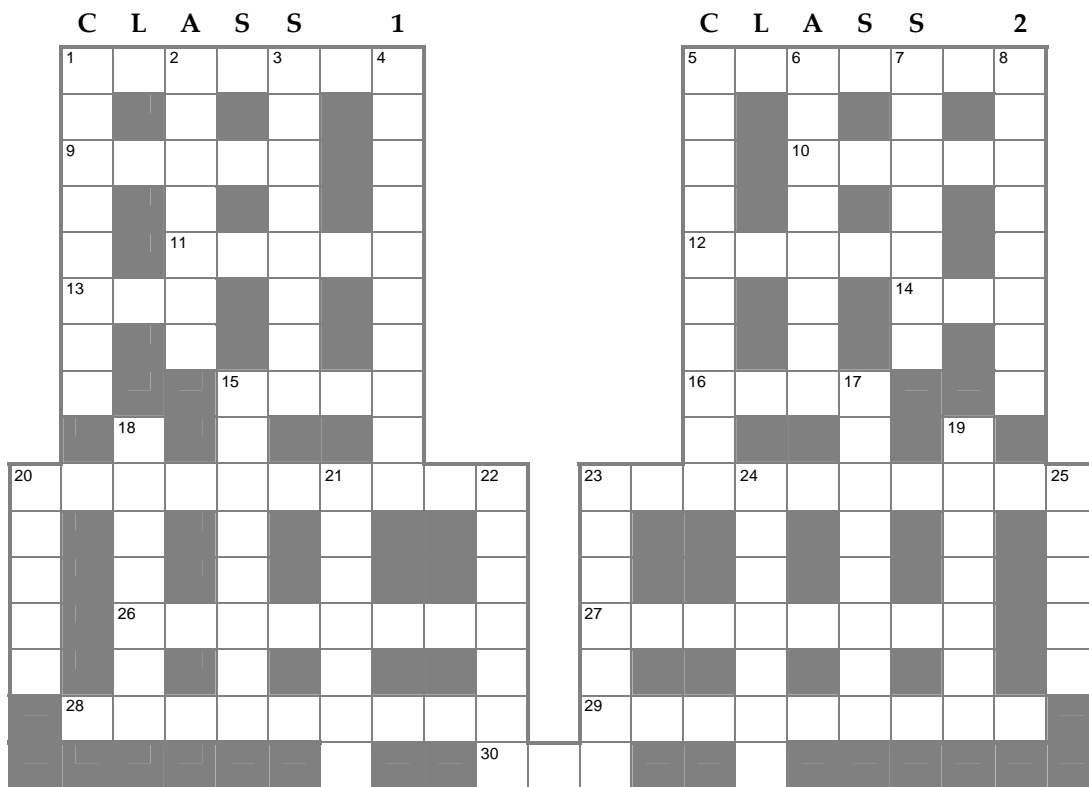
So here's the deal. You've got this big trough transporting water. Or words. It can't decide which way it's going though. Maybe you can figure it out. The clues are in order, sorry I can't give you word lengths. Arrowed boxes are the starting points, and the 3 corners also get a letter. And there's 12 letters that work only in one direction. Unscramble those into two words to figure out what's going on this month. Send those 2 words down the chute (the other arrow). Finally, before the artist gets royally peeved, please fix the title to this puzzle.

DOWNSTREAM

Looks briefly after good Spears
 CD competitor can paddle upstream with Princess aboard
 Leases from fatherless folks
 Long Island overwhelmed by renovation and powerful poetic prose
 Moby foe born after exclamation of surprise
 Large picture shows large boxing promoter when viewed upside down
 Reduce the instruction, was heard by the professor
 Bruin defenseman guarded Delaware and restored calm
 The central solution used to deface tickets was vinegary
 Mary Kay had to pay one penny to obtain thread
 Late Spring migration for Oliver
 Ur civilization acquired early means of detecting the period after the solstice
 Her ability to talk endlessly about her headless pet prompted him to commit
 Widespread panic as Iranians and Russians met in the water
 Exorbitant was the price as Meryl lost the right to act

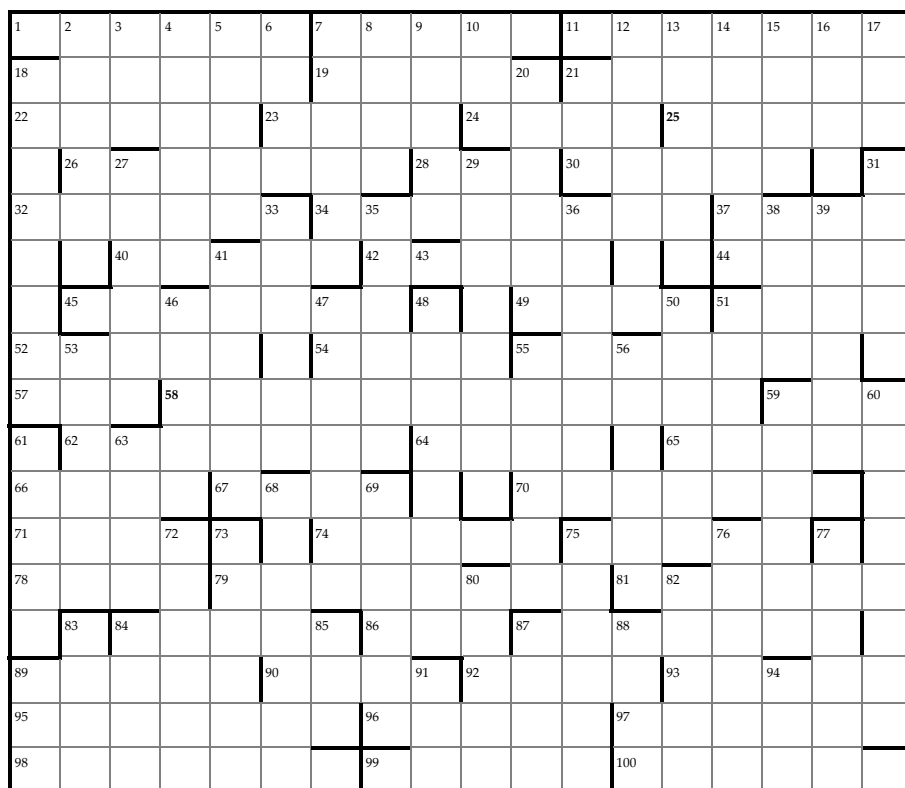
UPSTREAM

Touches gently on the way up the stair
 Pinches the heads of the Northern Ireland public schools
 Clear film used by expert at art gallery
 Get ready to peel outside of Republican
 Tell the sled dogs to zoom us home
 Reagan sat in the seat of power
 Identify small amount of alcohol in limestone mineral
 Doctor in the middle of cardiac arrest errors first found by team of trained specialists
 Shiftless maters sawed wood horrendously
 Hawk mobile phone briefly to the audience
 Island resort featured lava covered massage
 Propagandist Hannah's home provides a negative greeting all around
 Leer at rodents coming back east
 Patrick sick again
 Jetson pup bites George's end next to passport on way to minor planet
 The Congressman was between Arkansas and Alabama as a site for the munitions storage



This school chose to split its 7 pairs of identical twins, one in each of the 2 classrooms. The twins had other ideas. They liked to swap places. 14 of the clues have names within the answers – thankfully the parents chose to rhyme their twins’ names – you figure out where in the diagram they have hidden themselves to the teachers’ dismay. Then they can send the kids back to their proper classrooms through the revolving door on the bottom.

ACROSS		DOWN	
1	Wreckage floats randomly before head of Missouri (7)	1	Crow flew over northern area of Egypt and Syria in 1960 (7)
5	One grand offered in ads for faucets (7)	2	Town in Wisconsin features posh kosher place (7)
9	Ladd character confused and pale (5)	3	Rather’s after his Bic before time makes it a hanging ornament (7)
10	Mother’s helper is secondary in adding comfort during elongated labor (5)	4	Cheap gout destroyed LI town (9)
11	Changed theme to relate to sight (5)	5	Nicholson found in large hotel room next to telephone in a business coat (10)
12	Contained ref ran Celtics out of Gaul (6)	6	Nasty lint neatened at once (9)
13	Flab stomach holds key to gaining six-pack (3)	7	Luxuriant and available around the middle of July to premiere (7)
14	Endless river leads to nothing (3)	8	Tibetan guy snuck back into space to see pythons on Broadway (8)
15	Heaters firing back at deer (4)	15	Harshest nights return before peace (8)
16	Jackass loses godfather south of Miami (4)	17	Knife maker is miscast as a biter (8)
20	Charitable Franklin finds love coming back for Middle Earth figure (10)	18	In front, he golfs while moving (7)
23	Very dark peanut butter bears yearning and deficiency (10)	19	Chicken stabbed by a wood piece in bright light (7)
26	Headless derelict confused, runs into college charged up (8)	20	Dietary nearby (5)
27	Finding him out, hinges on speaking (8)	21	English museum backing French lake to produce milk (7)
28	Perseverance drawn from red outfit (9)	22	Endless ovation follows North Korean leader and his favorite food (7)
29	Intone over issue of dribs and drabs (10)	23	Incorporate harp? REM is eager, according to theory (7)
30	Sheep east and west (3)	24	Is able to say goodbye in musical composition (7)
		25	Weak westward boundary replaces 50 with 500 (5)



For those of us who've spent countless hours playing hearts on the computer, here's a twist on it. Apologies for 2 pages of clues, major faux pas, I know. 13 hearts are spread around the puzzle, forming some new words. You'll get stuck with a Q(ueen), which only works in one direction. All of this will help you solve the unclued entry at 58 across, which is the ultimate when you're playin' hearts.

ACROSS

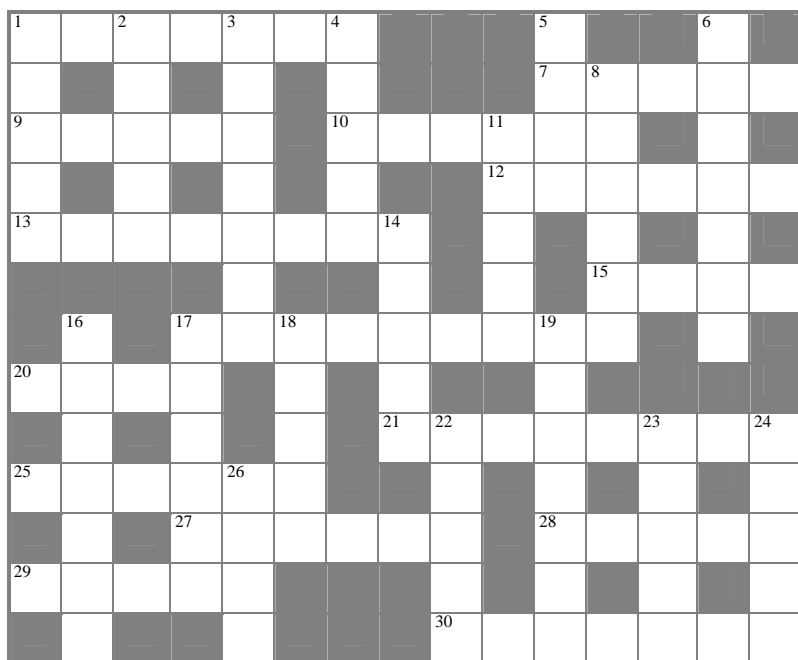
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| 1 Fracture along radius splitting bird bill (5) | 32 Arnaz with reference to ambition (6) |
| 7 Oxygen enclosure was ajar (4) | 34 Someone conferring a title spelling no and haze for the audience (8) |
| 11 Modeled and mimicked after first couple of shots (6) | 37 Killed some little eerie weasels, initially (4) |
| 18 Emerged from Paris entropy (6) | 40 Stay upright despite end of foot getting caught in sand (5) |
| 19 Vertical conduit sounded like comedian Paul (5) | 42 Southern California town produces blue dye without good input (5) |
| 21 Charming, couples from Surrey and Lyon join around the short avenue (7) | 44 Finnish architect spends January in Spain without nearing opening |
| 22 Video recorders set up around perimeter of bivouacs (5) | 45 Sail windward after one time to advance (6) |
| 23 Consumes steaks after mass (4) | 49 Hair lock without extra curve is very French (4) |
| 24 Protective covering stored inside mortar pen (4) | 51 Back of right tympanic structure (4) |
| 25 Society of Friends member lost its right to tremble (5) | 52 Hemophiliac and sacroiliac share a common bond at the hip (5) |
| 26 Make it a very scrambled assortment (7) | 54 Cockroach is snakelike, including sound effect (4) |
| 28 Debbie cast her die and reached point of decline (3) | 55 Winnows out the messy trifles (7) |
| 30 Cleaned dens and found seed coats (5) | 57 Lin runs west into nothing (3) |
| | 59 Brief homily addressed Southeast Republicans, initially (3) |

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| 61 Rocky peak in Asia, Greek section in Queens (7) |
| 63 Wander around for the audience near Vatican City (4) |
| 64 Pee Wee's stats: run, 3 errors and a sacrifice mixed in (5) |
| 65 Cain's brother confused but talented (4) |
| 66 Killer whale traveled from Oregon to California (4) |
| 69 Bonkers, mixed up, loses initial senses, and ruptured (6) |
| 70 151 pence for a haircut (4) |
| 73 The sound of any old beginning is music to scorer of Good Bad and Ugly (5) |
| 74 Really long teeth found on Tuesday, southern Kansas (5) |
| 77 Standing between he and I was the mass of the internal combustion engine (4) |
| 78 Attacker of 5 th century Rome was just a mixed up hog visit (8) |
| 80 The principles were evident, despite net sloppiness (6) |
| 83 Catches unexpectedly, then sags around noon (5) |
| 85 Buckeyes caught inside Crusoe sailing west (3) |
| 86 "Me, shill?" questioned the Bananas character (7) |
| 88 Student directs lip up to teacher (5) |
| 89 The New Orleans-New England matchup yielded zilch (4) |
| 91 Domesticated animals produce strange meat (4) |
| 92 Maturing agents have been restricted in eras. (5) |
| 94 Having arm covers helped luge around the night before (7) |
| 95 Put in play and swerve around women (5) |
| 96 Cultural group tried to be honest, haphazardly (6) |
| 97 Frightened, mixed up, and religious (6) |
| 98 Blessing and godlessness have not as much in common (4) |
| 99 Betsy's confused, places the object near (6) |

DOWN

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| 2 Rattle on after birth and become heroic (5) |
| 3 Cut back after the first edge (3) |

4	Liveliness of a mixed up fairy (6)	33	Captivate with return of lettuce, but	63	Pickens the result of foul liquid
5	Norse gods arise in wrong order (5)		lose interest (6)		losing energy(4)
6	Monty Python's Knights who say	35	<i>La Femme</i> is by one relative driving	68	Domineered and poured over
	patella (4)		north (6)		audience (7)
7	Gave a speech entitled Oregon: A	36	Saddle maker mixes lore around rim	69	Animations drop one floor covering,
	Teacher First Education (6)		of the seat (7)		producing negative atoms (6)
8	Parity without a Republican just	38	Stare intently at film playing	72	Indiana surrounded by dock and
	leads to sorrow (4)		backwards (4)		becoming more covered in
9	German city listened to heads of	39	Smooths over resistance, then		evergreens (6)
	Spain and Norway (5)		completely wipes away (6)	73	Stopper kept volume in the valley (5)
10	Profit from northeast investment	41	Sound of a sneeze and of excitement	75	Topics that he messed in (6)
	backer (3)		before munch (6)	76	Chivalrous one strikes out before
12	The greatest flightless birds run	46	Sample the flavor of polished		evening (6)
	backwards when loaded up with		nipples (5)	77	Pulse excitedly during fourth
	endless prey (7)	47	Comedian Margaret freezes her		robbery (5)
13	The heart of Ohai rye is fraught with		selections (6)	80	Eccentric utero treatment (5)
	difficult matter (5)	48	Mary, Patrick and Peter briefly form	82	Make happy, tell story of republican
14	Forcibly break off the heads of any		a circle with threads (7)		leaving (5)
	very unusual looking swamp eels (6)	50	Wading birds found in the state of	83	Hawaiian dance shown to the first
15	Legumes rumored to be following		Oregon and Kansas (6)		couple of Hungarian laborers (4)
	O's (4)	51	Actress Zellweger tried to go back	84	Told of a dust particle on the
16	Wapiti seek oxygen in Nevada town		on her word without any good (5)		construction detail (4)
	(4)	53	Responsible for messing up braille	85	Grass surface taken from south Old
17	Expire loudly from stain (3)		without any right (6)		Dominion campus (3)
18	Harmful precipitation resulted from	55	Austin Powers nemesis is a product	87	Cuban's NBA team has five held
	botched Inca raid (8)		of iron, oxygen and time, with a		closely by their mothers (4)
20	Bunny hopped into the middle of		megabyte thrown in (6)	88	Dregs belong to Civil War general
	Arab bittersweet concoction (6)	56	Terminate session with boor, go		from the South (4)
21	Mrs. Spain visited Basra without		between (6)	89	Tried to get someone's attention
	British Airways (3)	59	His sight and smell told him to		with postscripts (3)
27	Verbally thrash and cause donkey to		travel southeast, then north, then	91	Heel drops from on high onto
	suffer (6)		southeast again, then south (6)		slitherer (3)
29	Animated Betty is deep, shy, mixed-	60	Reevaluate when donkey replaces	94	Letters found on the backs of hens
	up on the inside, visits garage (8)		conservative during recess (8)		and chickens (3)
31	Slender creeper found in burrow or	61	Fighter pilot felt dull pain after		
	mound (4)		getting high (4)		



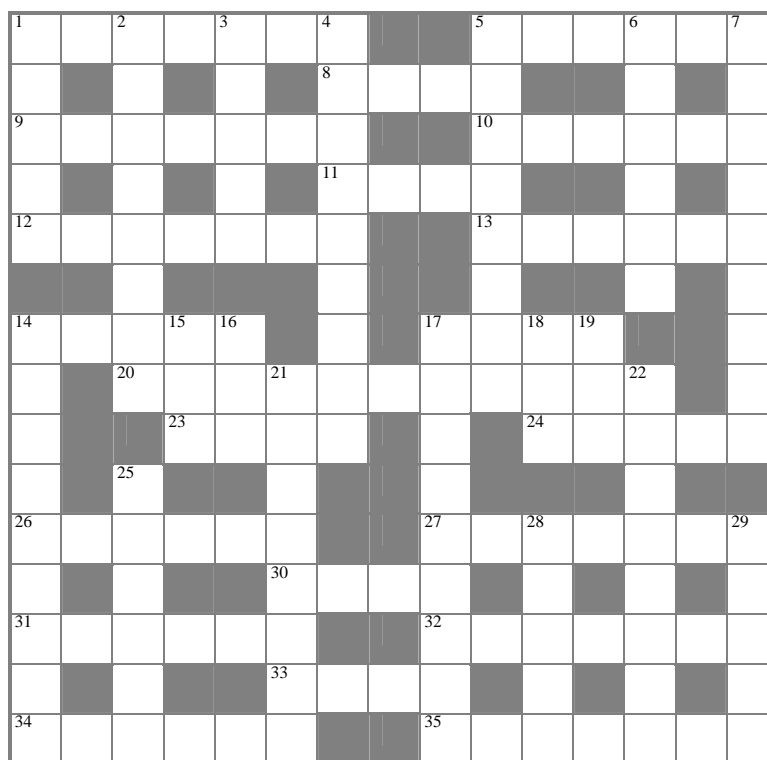
The recent airing of *John Adams* reminds us, or in my case teaches us, of the beginnings of our great union. This puzzle honors those first 13 colonies, the future states, by removing them from their clue answers. Place them on the spaces above as you get them. Their rallying cry can be found unclued at 17 across.

ACROSS

- 1 Hit grouse sporadically, be virtuous (9)
 7 Instruct on the proper cat diet (7)
 9 Inappropriately cater or respond to (5)
 10 Arthur's island paradise has no magma coming from the east (6)
 12 Respond with all 4 headings in Arkansas (6)
 13 Witness former spouse dropping a couple pieces of endive into botched recipe (10)
 15 Vote incorrectly, result in rejection (4)
 20 Parton heard loudly at surrealist exhibit (4)
 21 Climbable via single cable wrapped around front of lower abdomen (8)
 25 Settle in and watch wardens con cellmates (8)
 27 *Westward Boy* featured standing room only to the back (6)
 28 Mortise accompaniment returns to nine-piece orchestra (5)
 29 Cook meat for the audience over the sounds of a donkey (5)
 30 After the first sin, only diamonds lead to wrongdoing (9)

DOWN

- 1 Teutonic energy has become relevant (7)
 2 Walk heavily over prostitute (5)
 3 Headless cartoon shook up over interest in Canadian province (7)
 4 List of candidates filled with sordid tales (5)
 5 Clearly you do not have broad noodle alone (4)
 6 Confirms by exams (7)
 8 Loudly complain, filter, and become intrusive (8)
 11 New York head of athletics dropped into fat by cord around neck (7)
 14 Employee retirement programs confuse gang (5)
 16 Leather plant to negotiate any rent (7)
 17 I'm succeeding Jack, day and year to be determined for superior quality production (8)
 18 Loosely pertain to artist (7)
 19 Sniffed medicines forced Holbrook into Indiana colony workers (9)
 22 Protocol covers misery from the right conflict (7)
 23 Franklin girl I thought was from East India (7)
 24 Message to Alice written on her cake at mealtime (3,2)
 26 Mozart work copied by zydeco singer (4)



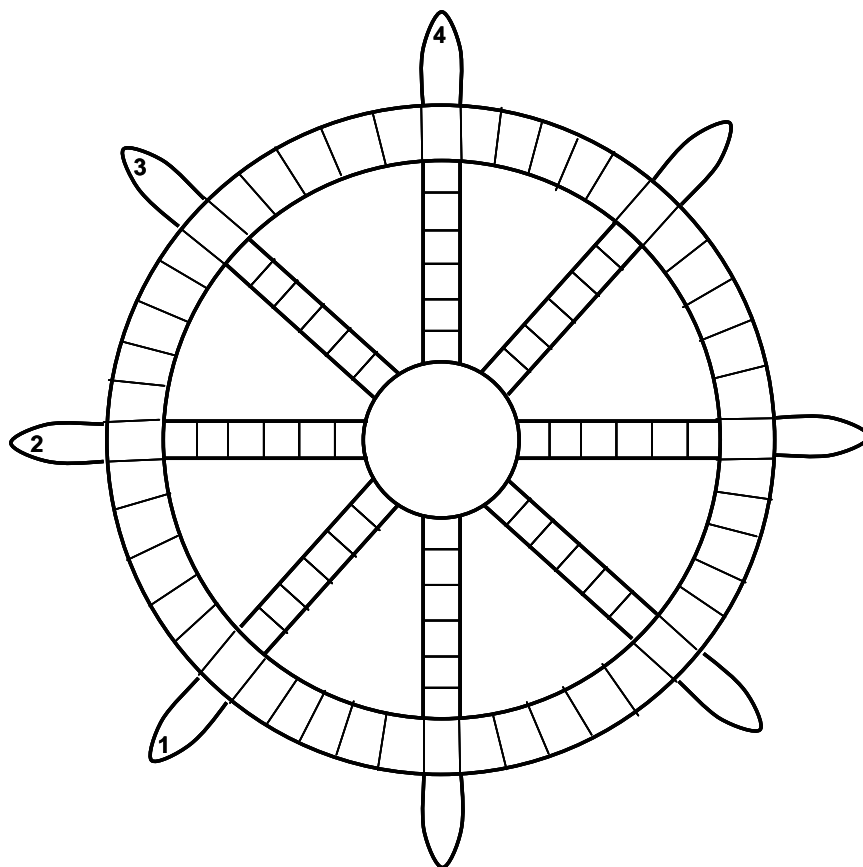
Fore! And look out. Golf balls are flying wild on this course. No boring pars here. This golfer is going for it, and birdies and bogeys are filling his scorecard. Birdies lose a letter, bogeys gain one (from the crossing word). You'll find 18 of 'em in all, you figure out how many of each. When it's all done, you'll still need to solve the unclued entry at 20 Across. It's the result of all those birdies and bogeys.

ACROSS

- 1 Raced around Long Island City and edited together (7)
- 5 Potential for soup's ideal container (6)
- 8 Deserve a vase, according to the audience (4)
- 9 Regarding eastern religious ritual teaching, it's the beginning of tiring and needless trick without end (7)
- 10 Verbally authorize new cat diet (7)
- 11 Trotter sounded husky (5)
- 12 Producer found red and yellow covered lei to the west (7)
- 13 Ullman dressed in Old English attire, greenish hue (5)
- 14 Bobbin worked in reverse circles (5)
- 17 Provoke loudly with drive supports (4)
- 23 Yearn for Huey (4)
- 24 Coarse-haired scavenger and chicken hit by couple yams (5)
- 26 Frank is able to, and did (6)
- 27 Appreciated over time while listening to one unrefined (7)
- 30 Circle found in puddle flowing west (4)
- 31 Break out of pure rut (7)
- 32 Deceiver's message was grim: Harpo best actor, finals only (8)
- 33 Portrays for the audience a cutter (3)
- 34 Dirtier than Ranger captain (7)
- 35 Violently wrench right in the middle of Barcelona (6)

DOWN

- 1 Vader's clan causes this confusion (4)
- 2 Change call tone when dialing Guinevere's boyfriend (8)
- 3 Crossed home and hooked up (6)
- 4 Unscrambling the sounds of Ruby and painting (8)
- 5 During thunder we argue about boxers (9)
- 6 Eskimo takes time to know (6)
- 7 Appeal of the sound of timber falling in the Northwest Territories (8)
- 14 Walk vainly into remedy for anatomy (9)
- 15 His first hooter was a scream (4)
- 16 Endless flood filled bathroom (3)
- 17 Turtles add pressure to landscapes (9)
- 18 Fans leader screamed for Williams mascot (3)
- 19 Sterilize the inside of his pa, Yuri (4)
- 21 Run lace through the grinder, til fuzzy (7)
- 22 Disgusted by heartbeat drowning in blood (8)
- 25 Kansas received no teletypes for Don (6)
- 28 Frivolous escapades and pungent condiments (6)
- 29 Arabian vessel carried transmission of market index (4)



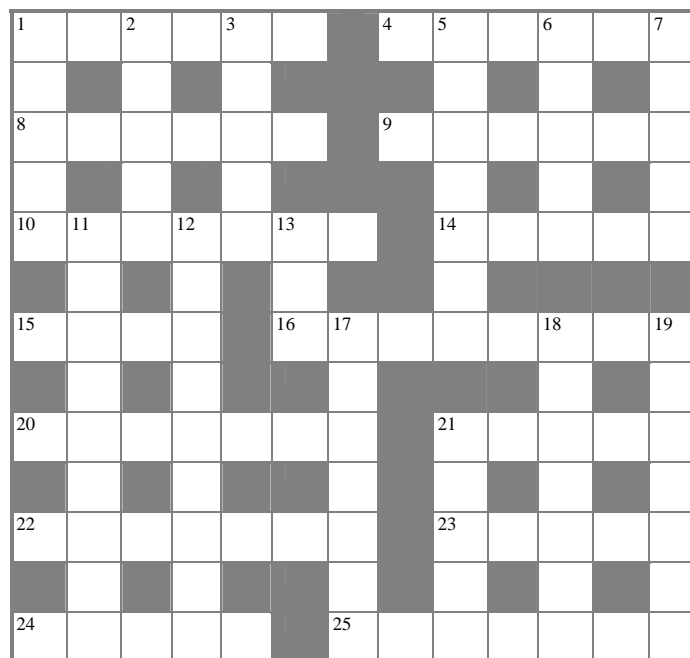
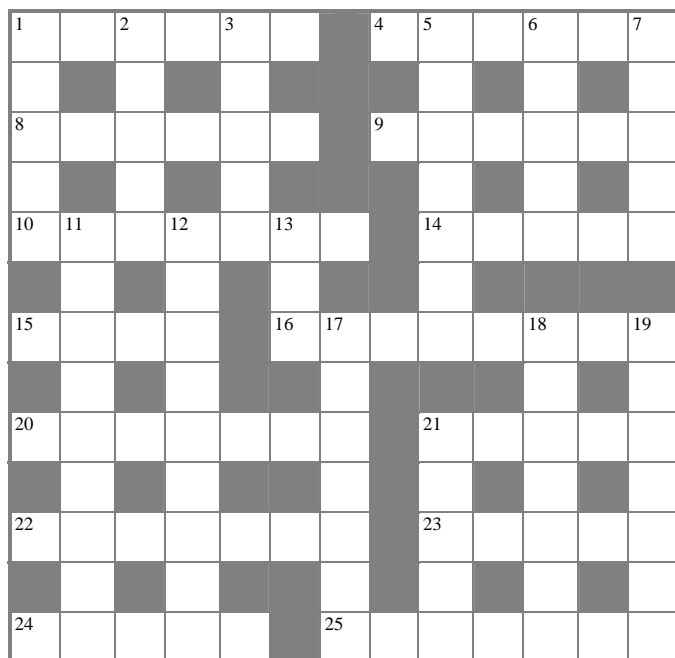
Ahoy! Take a trip on this old ship, if you dare. The swashbuckling captain likes to play games with strangers. The Spokes clues are in order of their placement in the grid. They drop some letters in the hub of the wheel. Rearrange the hub letters to see the captain's message to you; the letters at the ends of the spokes tell you your rightful place on board. The Wheel clues are not in order, it's up to you to figure out where they belong. Good luck, matey!

SPOKES

- 1 Being true garnered high mark for Borgnine
Mobile guy phoned the lady for all to hear
Thickheaded last few moose hung around British thermal unit
- 2 Confused elf eats eft's head, leading to temporary reprieve
Partially rehab a customary old bean counter
Runs quickly through mod art studio
- 3 Wheel holder poured beer over treasure spot
Stubborn leaders of Building Decorators Union interrupt to speak publicly
Regret over inclusion in bare *Penthouse* spread
- 4 Hostility followed Georgia into the repair shop
Cochlear implant lost its top and got ravaged by disease
Tio's brother dropped right into fruit drink after ripping head off piñata

WHEEL

- Fiver brought on fracas, which brought on gonorrhea, briefly, all on the opening play
- Gamble on humor around ten between
- Vendor screamed from the lower level
- Insides lose a third, add female subordinates
- Appease and portray Hepburn for the audience
- Pepsi competitor got high, led to difficulty breathing
- Reportedly grabs at during break



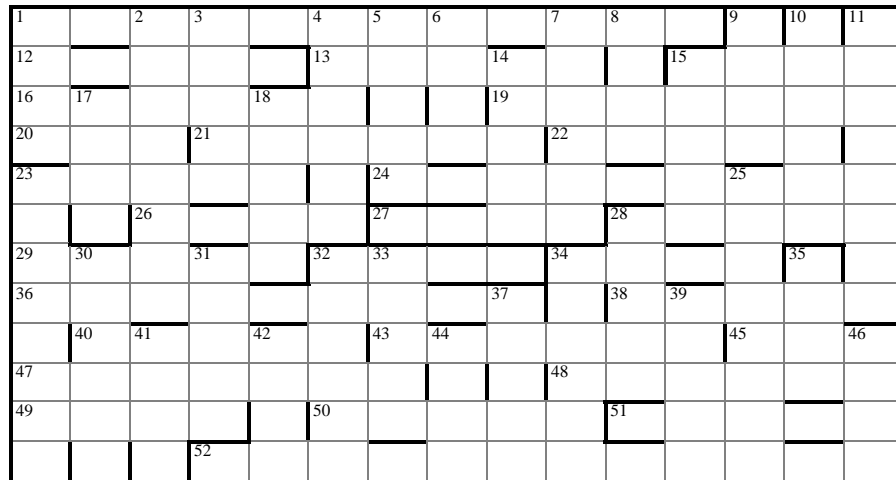
Identical grids. And each numbered clue below is actually 2 clues. One applies to the puzzle on the left, one to the puzzle on the right. You have to determine where to place them. Don't worry, there are no interchangeable clues, though some are close.

ACROSS

- 1 Nebraska football player found her holding us and the kicker hostage
Confused sleuth has to move quickly
- 4 "Stow it!" cried the mailman, referring to the small package
Originally, kill everything was central to the requirement for the old rifle
- 8 Around mid-January Geneva will approach the west without its leader in route
Gardner turned stoolie into graphical image
- 9 Disorderly growth the result of Puerto Rico mired in conflicting laws
After ticket stub announced, usher to a new chair
- 10 Marigolds and sunflowers nearly hid headless doll lying crooked between evergreen trees.
Delaware and Louisiana leaders of Youth Education Department were held up
- 14 Lasso the heads of renegades idling away the afternoon
Claw found along coastal Ontario
- 15 NASA probe launched quickly
Returned with antacid and porno
- 16 After negative vote, crooner Leo deemed a pessimist
Stalker immune to random teardrop
- 20 Loudly attempt to enlarge the hole in the Roman warship
Beamons, Proust were limitless and loving
- 21 Heard about small bits of dirt on the plans
Clumsily handles the flower branch
- 22 Arrive in Honolulu later and howl
Undaunted, Arizona invited itself into the United Nations-Federal Reserve meeting
- 23 To be useful, I got in the middle of the westward-flowing lava
Large bay window looked out on the turbulent Loire River
- 24 Rearranged the flooring on the small island
Retailer follows April B's, according to rumors
- 25 Never waste a mermaid, she might be holding a soft shell clam
Sheriff, in the heat of the night, sees soldier ride west on cattle

DOWN

- 1 Loudly prostituted herself for the vocal gathering,
alluding to her hidden supply
Lamarr screamed, typical of her exhilarating but impetuous nature
- 2 Club shaft and tee fell into the front of sand lot
Al in St. Louis to kill time
- 3 Tell a tale incorrectly concerning muse
Infested with lice, Myrna hides us
- 5 Gave a heads-up to and let read again
Inside Trump, I rescued the officials
- 6 Crouch down and strike out to the north before southern general returns
Marsupial found on teetering oak north of Los Angeles
- 7 A floozy headed north to Sooner capital
Powerful person rumored to tense up
- 11 Real dames confused by Quasimodo's love interest
Rights of passage, comfort and breath fresheners for audience
- 12 Athens head and its rival approached me, offering sweetener
Lo-cal labeling led to mobilization of people, actually
- 13 White and nervous, initially, and sickly pale
Sixth sense found in the heart of a free spirit
- 17 Lives where desires get resolved
Undying ability to avoid seasickness by scrambling
- 18 Swarming with people all demanding "Get Mine"
Young and restless deckhands ably rig mast, initially, with square sail support
- 19 Ordinary but up for a luge run inside.
Cattle thief had mixed results, losing several at first, but locating another finally
- 21 Gases and vapors coming from small Oklahoma energy complex
Frighten at the relay races



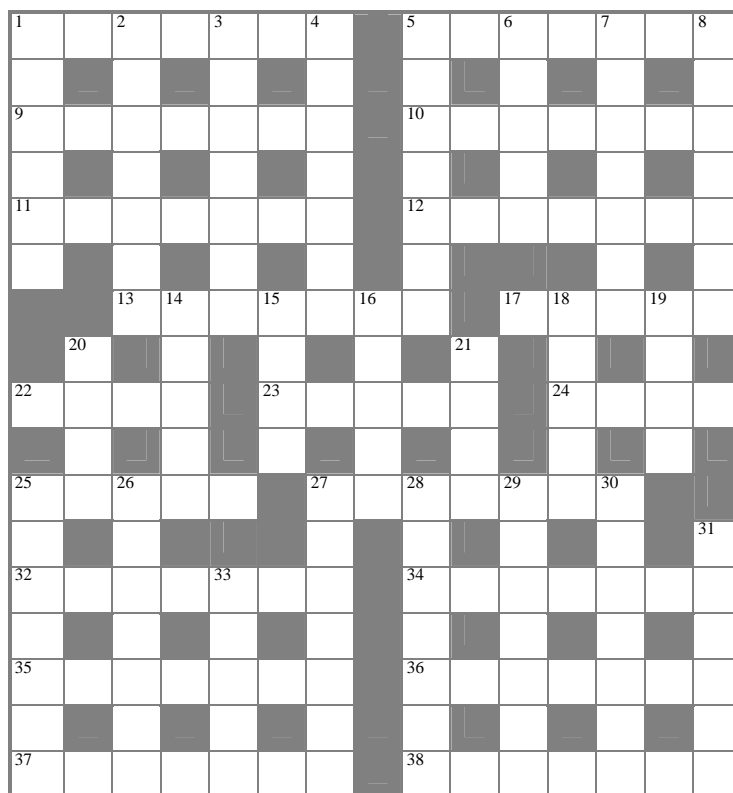
Be very afraid. Mischievous things are happening here to nine of the clue answers. They don't seem to be making it to the grid. The first letters of those answers spell out what might be behind all of this. In the meantime, try to figure out the words that made their way into the grid.

ACROSS

- 1 Chris Pordash destroyed some musical instruments
- 12 Animal found in Sudanese landscape
- 13 That is widest after opening
- 15 Sunny island spot central to a hunter
- 16 It's a fact, rambled Mr. Suit
- 19 Permitted, audibly
- 20 Inner being cries out for Madrid's light
- 21 Lie before you lose a legbone
- 22 50's teen idol faces rain deluge after 1st of December
- 23 Bide time on bathroom fixture
- 24 Outlaws see danger evolving
- 26 Raise up hindquarters
- 27 Boo 1940's alleged spy
- 28 Totally flat, backwards and forwards
- 29 Orville at first gets in some R&R, amid shouting
- 32 The importance of southern pork is a hoax
- 34 Director Wenders shouted arbitrarily on impulse
- 36 Poems featured headless slime tricks
- 38 One coming in soon to negative element
- 40 Kelly found me in Paris near endless fray
- 43 Inside of hamster not in burner fuel
- 45 The return of prohibition led to arrest
- 47 Desdemona's betrothed is to return greeting
- 48 Delhi flavoring brought to the West in the manner of South American margarita topping
- 49 Collections of plantains lose their ban
- 50 Around 50, the crown of his head looked like a saucer
- 51 All of us protected Holland America Lines from orca
- 52 Whoever begged nicest unusually got the poached breakfast special

DOWN

- 1 Broadway Joe group initially joined Ecuadoran training squad
- 2 Give rise to sex after MO connection
- 3 Stool pigeon rose up on end to produce dagger
- 4 Flexible linebacker logged 1 mile before going to the emergency room
- 5 After commotion, you run to river in the Pyrenees
- 6 Security interest taken back by moonwalker
- 7 Practice pieces in France and dead end in America
- 8 Endless love returns to the banks of the Tevere
- 9 Michigander briefly traversed Alaska seeking sushi roll
- 10 Complaints about heat and pigs rolling around
- 11 Metallic element reflects the sounds of dialects against soft metal
- 14 Suddenly breaks up bridges
- 15 Marx brother's comeback on daytime show
- 17 Disturb Versailles resident before the end of fall
- 18 Lute found on broken step
- 23 Rude teen beaten and castrated
- 25 Take over and dote on mimicking bird
- 28 Director Lee came up to get a laugh in African republic
- 30 Moaner confused with rocker Joey
- 31 Back in the past I dared to find mine entrances
- 32 Shrimp dish made by chefs camping inside
- 33 Water pipe left on golf club socket
- 34 Battle over raw materials and energy became more fiery
- 35 Pepsi remixed with anthracite
- 37 Cool man, dine in New Orleans
- 39 Reject, respectfully, new presses
- 41 Many a song holds back national anthem opening
- 42 Railroad covers much of western Hungary and German river region
- 44 Moss shocked at furniture component
- 46 Thai boy utters relief from bottom of heart for coin



This month's puzzle is fairly straightforward. Maybe a bit boring. Basically, this puzzle has NO THEME. That's right, you heard it here. Dare to be different.

ACROSS

- 1 All weather tire over 100 gets extreme
- 5 Outspoken Shakespearean offspring finds transport in Germany
- 9 Streaker tore me apart
- 10 Sequential place saved by Ford in Alabama
- 11 Demme maintains, isn't flawed
- 12 Labored breath leads the woman to the big cat
- 13 Angry phone call threw off winged monster
- 17 Societal group loudly tossed out
- 22 Young Ali portrayed in ceramic medium
- 23 Vocal rejection of the stable cry
- 24 Issue supporter buried in uproar
- 25 Produce scarlet tuber around Georgia's capital
- 27 Small amount of pins set up in front of Fluffy
- 32 During argument bottom falls out of milk container, concerning head of lactation
- 34 Spassky foe exclaimed at cleavage
- 35 Former couple of rejects score 3.14, run out of time
- 36 Scale's third breaks from A to Z, gains energy to split apart
- 37 Decatur retailer held forth in its tower location
- 38 Sub newbies sensing confusion

DOWN

- 1 Unlikely to run in front of express
- 2 Poodle jumped all over neighbor's head, relatives, and famous promoter
- 3 Spooky colleague climbed into Candy's covers
- 4 For a dollar, Ed offered to cover Texas town
- 5 Ex-Bull sung loudly in Broadway musical
- 6 Stick chosen by sculptor
- 7 Secures 100, by small margin
- 8 Widen the space for a stumbling Al Green
- 14 Matched syllable sounds like hoarfrost
- 15 Hoodlum struck out after joke
- 16 The hunter went to Brazil city between October 1st and November 1st
- 18 Sufficient amount of beer covered the military police
- 19 The first Mexican king hits a three pointer
- 20 Adhesive used on broken racer
- 21 Topper added height for gentleman
- 25 Boy to petition after the initial legacy
- 26 Struggle to sing rap pleasantly inside
- 27 With crazy devotion caught up in opposite directions, time to be able to pay the piper
- 28 Arouse the emotions in me about Florida
- 29 Mucous drink served up for NBA group
- 30 You are in clothing while sightseeing
- 31 Break time spent in Livermore cesspool
- 33 Misinformation aired concerning Demi's first

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Still got the Olympic fever. So we're going to revisit those great games. We've got a relay race getting started, 8 teams, 4 runners (clues) each. You'll need to determine the order of the runners. Don't worry, remember they pass the baton – here that means the words share first and last letters. But this event is a mess. Other events are going on simultaneously, and they're partially crisscrossing the running lanes – down, up, diagonally - the letters that don't cross the lanes can be scrambled to form two words that capture this scene.

RELAY TEAMS

- | | |
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| <p>1 Here today gone tomorrow, the fate of FM before the age of fifty (9)
Refuse to cover confused Semite with leftover egg(7)
Nurse Easterly in front to become educated (7)
Dalliance in brief lingerie (5)</p> <p>2 Shallow swimmer heard by attendant (6)
A small amount of English dessert (6)
Lobbyist returns, surrounded by a couple Eskimos, then flees (7)
Offensive boxer stuck with senseless sunbather (9)</p> <p>3 The man followed a small bird for a tenth (5)
Western Pennsylvania's harbor charged particle to divide properly (9)
Nothing in France stands between pecan and time for providing nourishment (8)
Eyeball component dropped into spare tin ashtray (6)</p> <p>4 Charted the results of the charity outpouring (7)
Watchband made of returned components (5)
Extend the French scarf in port during river transport (10)
Classifying and fastening penny inside (6)</p> <p>5 Unsophisticated walrus tickled inside (6)
Stern's power generator is a headless pumpkin saddled with tuberculosis and osteoarthritis (8)
Grainy wildebeest ate most of rat then left Arkansas (8)
Stare into 500 grand for tricky golf hole (6)</p> <p>6 Noble one heard in the darkness (5)
Edward destroyed and concealed hive he stole (7)
Satisfy gorilla by feeding it legumes (7)
Tin palace toppled on Yosemite peak (9)</p> | <p>7 Printing rebellion lost its chief (7)
One army cop set fire to university at Delaware in large measure (9)
Busybody had desire for teaching assistant (5)
Spaulding takes vitamin for sobriety (7)</p> <p>8 Intimidating after first nurturing (6)
Earth traveler becomes baller in Harlem (12)
Spade takes a run at Far East artform (6)
The stench of authority (4)</p> |
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JAVELIN

Total area included three guards and tight end (10)

DISCUS

Evil grouper covered up one termination (8)

SHOT PUT

Vocally long to massage (5)

HAMMER THROW

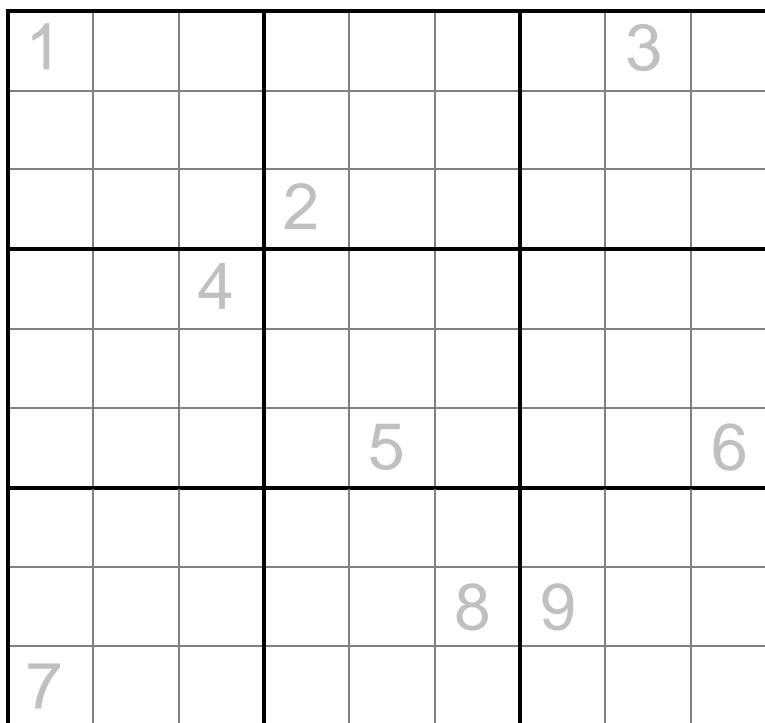
Walk along and ponder Egyptian currency upheaval (7)

LONG JUMP

Actress Ling stuck in Hamptons area animal hospital getting fishing supplies (8)

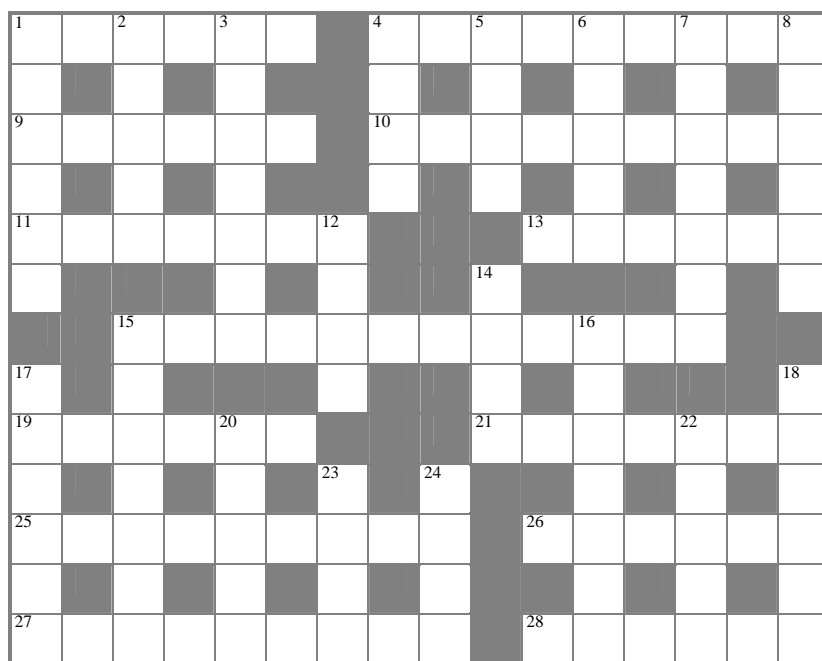
POLE VAULT

Sly UK fighter pilots enter city, killing one (6)



Grid looks familiar, doesn't it? Well, it's not exactly what you're thinking. Below you'll find 9 sets of clues, one set for each of the 9 big blocks that make up the grid. The 2 clues in each set are in order of their clockwise placement in the block, starting with the numbered box. The last letter goes into the center box. Also, to make it more interesting, like that other type of puzzle, there can be no repeated letters within any block, any row or any column. Oh, and you might notice some of the clue sets below have too many letters. Remember, no repeats. Deleted letters spell out the name of this puzzle.

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| 1 Disease discovered amongst ten outside post office
Carafes refilled with soft drink, without assist | 6 Couple held mass burial initially for elephant
Ran a video in reverse from couch |
| 2 Run into big group at meal
MD casually yelled across platform | 7 Run into DiMaggio at apartment building
Haphazardly sew lot of driers |
| 3 Peter Lorre hid dancing donkeys in the middle of the
illusion
Assortment of fruit after the first | 8 Aaron confused seeking sign of life in Cairo
Sturdy small bed brought back into southern
Kentucky |
| 4 Coquettish mimic paid one pence
Capricious insect <i>swallows?</i> right after the first | 9 Lackey left in foul condition
Quant wiz missed the middle half of the test |
| 5 Embattled NY governor loses time
Owl regurgitated behind head of plantation soil
worker | |



SCORECARD	#	points	total
3 of a Kind	x	20	=
4 of a Kind	x	25	=
Full House	x	25	=
Small Straight	x	30	=
Large Straight	x	40	=
Yahtzee	x	50	=
Grand Total			

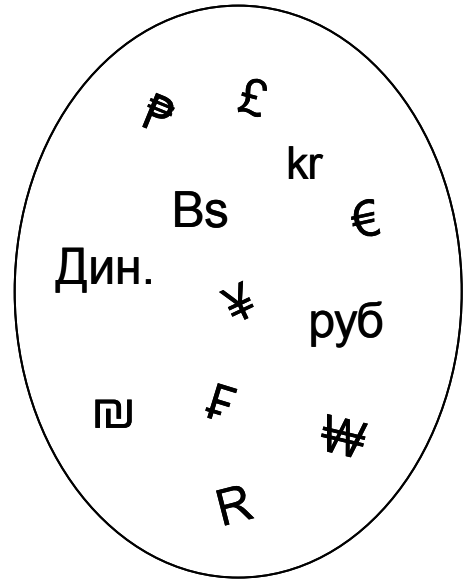
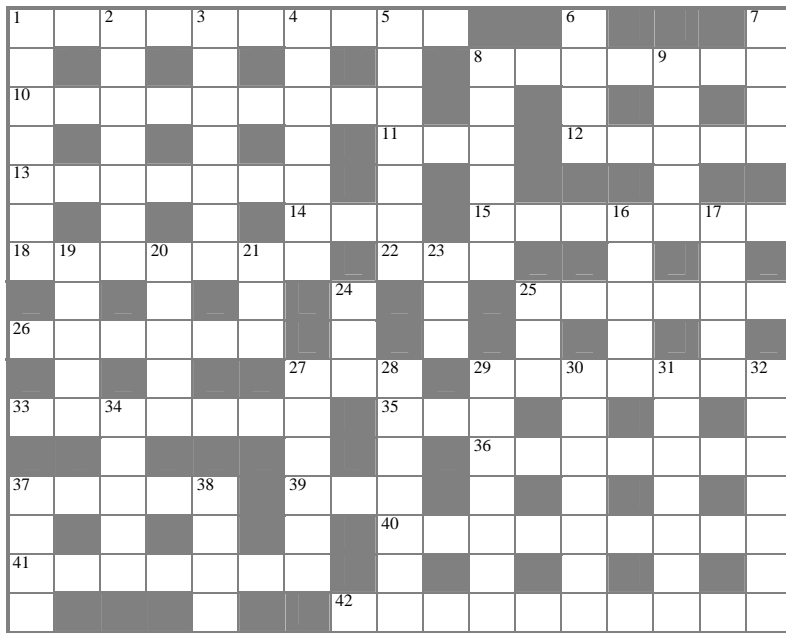
A tribute to a game many of us have played since we were kids. Many of the answers in the grid will contain one of the possible “rolls” shown in the scorecard above. 3 of a kind means 3 of the same letter, a full house is 3 of one letter and 2 of another. A straight has all of its letters in order alphabetically, either forward or backward – not consecutively though. A small straight is 4 letters, large is 5. And of course Yahtzee is 5 of a kind, a truly difficult roll. Add up the number of each roll you find in the grid, multiply out each line, and total up your score.

ACROSS

- 1 Size up Texas sessions internally
- 4 Fancifully adorned girlie tripped entering Bernanke's office
- 9 Crushed velour lined Mona Lisa's home
- 10 Fifty headless dull babies treated to sleepsongs
- 11 Queen of Scots overtook a male monarchy, initially, with sustenance provider
- 13 French-born diarist goes on limitless binge for 1/9th of tussle
- 15 Reorganized reindeer gene
- 19 Chanel came back to western Oregon for exhibit of ornate architecture
- 21 Gentle mixup followed South Bombers manager
- 25 Playground creep hopped clumsily on timeless linoleum
- 26 Scam state of Lincoln post office with French francs
- 27 Try a seedy mix the day before
- 28 A backwards set of silver playing marbles

DOWN

- 1 With great self-confidence, actor Herbert the subject of all points bulletin
- 2 Storm in Bonn caused million ruts on the westward route
- 3 Groove to make tastier blend
- 4 Florence briefly took interest in dough
- 5 Dali lyrically internalized funnel-shaped plant
- 6 Great Britain traded a bitter mix for seed
- 7 Spiritually uplifted, Koch and Burns prize Tevye's first words
- 8 First note by savant references proper amount
- 12 Painter in Spain confused about Hindu philosophy
- 14 Barrels filled with potassium and less-good embryos
- 15 Pulls back and audibly plants anew
- 16 Free bling, lose your heads, send you staggering
- 17 Exeter-styled GOP'er surrounded by couple of pages in front of the YMCA
- 18 Blunders and flat muffs outside the cash machine
- 20 Police heard in the thicket
- 22 Charming hostess masked her true disembodied self
- 23 The Hawaii-Notre Dame matchup was shown in the back
- 24 D'Angelo gives up earned run, loss and a whole bunch



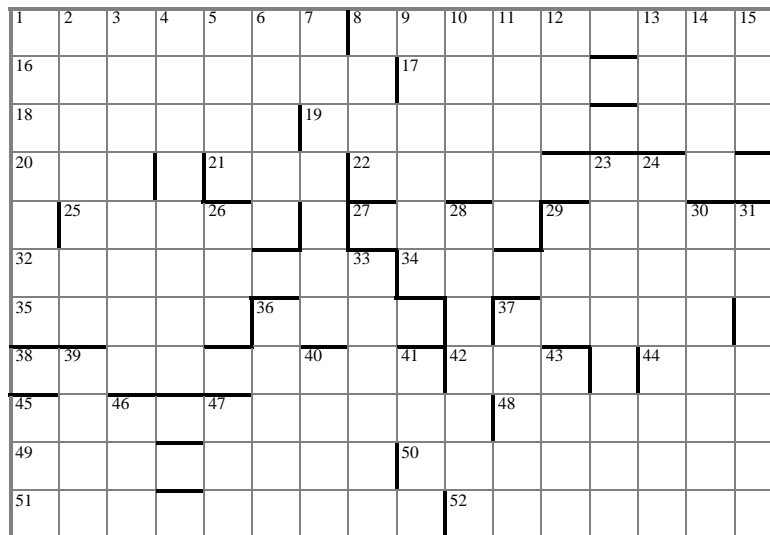
We've all learned that nobody is immune to the effects of the global economy. Now even our beloved cryptics are being impacted. Eight of the floating currencies to the right make their way into the puzzle grid. You have to figure out how. The other four will just continue to float aimlessly, kind of like the economy right now.

ACROSS

- 1 After the Okie novel reestablishes grasp of the war (13)
8 Marines reassembled for tutorial (7)
10 Revolting split over arrhythmic beat (9)
11 One man to emerge from strike was Korean leader (3)
12 Certainly effortless and abrasive (5)
13 Austrian severe loss of inner halves turned solemn (7)
14 Lion group loses flanks, becomes free (3)
15 Metric and English measures used in support of rodent (7)
18 Calms with fresh demitasse, without half the milk (7)
22 Indebted to the audience for lyric poem (3)
25 Tundra producer to return a toy (6)
26 Messy fracas in North Carolina impacted order of monks (10)
27 Late TV host blew his top on Swiss run (3)
29 Keystone member received call, headed west to Sydney (7)
33 Mo named rum randomly in the note (10)
35 Exist back in a key time (3)
36 A specific person with the letters M, N and a couple O's regrouping and coming home(7)
37 Sucker emerged when pal faced pressure (5)
39 The chiefs of Luxury Enterprises Inc. presented necklace in Kauai (3)
40 Dumplings made by former veep and I falling back into pies (9)
41 Net girl confused by curly lock (7)
42 Ran testing anew on styptic liquid (10)

DOWN

- 1 Office producer lands right on his mangled face (7)
- 2 Copied over wet back side by side (7)
- 3 Silvers and Bacharach sang the praises of hazelnut (7)
- 4 Assistant got inside railroad with southern men in silver
and black (7)
- 5 Eastern art mistakenly translated as “Do Not Wake” (7)
- 6 Cowboys left improper sounds in confines (8)
- 7 Portland State uproar caused Mary to blow her top routine
(8)
- 8 Yes, my Spanish leads partly to an analogy (6)
- 9 Finnish runner to jog back to Michigan (5)
- 16 Torme filled with expression of grief by organ operator
(*var.*)
- 17 I trounce again, am deemed manic (8)
- 19 Chicago train, around eleven, headed east with refugee (5)
- 20 Hot pepper central to Mexican chorizo dish (5)
- 21 Sea eagle trapped by internist (3)
- 23 Society girl briefly lays out on reversible bunk (3)
- 24 Busybody is why heads of every new talkshow argue (5)
- 25 Couple want women held inside (3)
- 27 A drug carrier facing time, turned to protective charm (6)
- 28 Instructions called for rare eastern spice mix (7)
- 29 French chemist tears up solution (7)
- 30 Parody performed by goofy poolman (7)
- 31 Completely destroy from A to Z, spanning mile to the east
(7)
- 32 Eliot steps on three tomato sauce packets at Israeli
legislative building (7)
- 34 Lament the sounds of the early hours (5)
- 37 Rope was left inside Hard Rock (4)
- 38 Salk target lost interest for pony game (4)



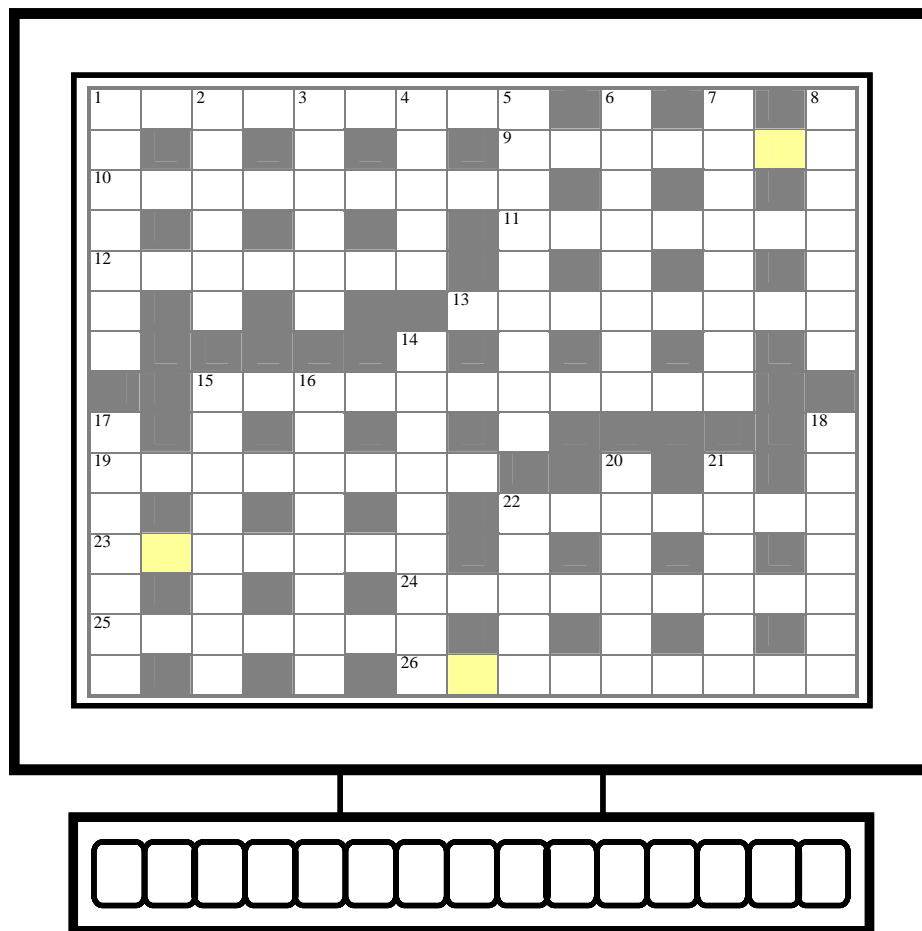
It's that time again, everyone's favorite. Time to pay the piper. Or if you're lucky, to have the piper pay you. The grid is your tax return. Nine of the answers show either income (add a letter) or a deduction (lose a letter). Determine your tax position, and unscramble the 9 added/subtracted letters to spell it out.

ACROSS

- 1 Below average bus headed west to Puerto Rico island from Maine (8)
- 8 Flies return to swarm broken harp and ride the subway (9)
- 16 Exposition the work of confused artiste covering error (8)
- 17 Andre lent educational ingredients and gave in (8)
- 18 Tough, and held grudge stubbornly (6)
- 19 DeNiro vehicle made for hack (10)
- 20 Moviegoers focused on self-image (3)
- 21 Heart of Maryland bird found briefly in Brazilian hub (3)
- 22 Retaliate without a reformed well-read type (8)
- 25 Emit a sound from milk source for the audience (5)
- 27 Hall of document shredding near young deer (4)
- 29 Principle back and forth a couple hours before noon in New York (5)
- 32 Comatose leopard lying next to a mixer (9)
- 34 Flamboyant singer ignites cable ire (8)
- 35 Pack dog made loud greeting to actress Balin (5)
- 36 Caught grief fishing in Wolf Lake (4)
- 37 Made a threat, including mortality (5)
- 38 Shula sought Tampa Bay connection for strategy to win staring contest (4,5)
- 42 Pistol group briefly ran amok (3)
- 44 Sonny's ex beheaded by that woman (3)
- 45 Enjoy amore, quipped punk rocker (4,6)
- 48 Poet found redecorating a lounge (7)
- 49 Home lender heard behind April follower (6,3)
- 50 Inside desk I mostly keep names of northern inhabitants (7)
- 51 Unruly teen spats occurred yesterday (4,5)
- 52 See land through the haze with help of allergy medication (7)

DOWN

- 1 Saint was next to toss and extend (7)
- 2 Gary and three of you got lost in South American republic (7)
- 3 Plead for additional time before ten are generated (8)
- 4 Contorted mating of primate and gnat was quite a spectacle (7)
- 5 Attendant loses Washington on Roman road (4)
- 6 Ida rode in Russian space station skyward (6)
- 7 Loiters aimlessly in Portuguese seaside town (7)
- 8 Imprimatur placed on designer ales (4)
- 9 Took time at upstairs hideout until court procedure (5)
- 10 Property company raised up a level (4)
- 11 Pilgrim followed Alabama to Delaware to the north (5)
- 12 Each of you left Lima's country (3)
- 13 Off-road transport mired in fluid basin (3)
- 14 Hair remover sounded clean (4)
- 15 Runs after gold, deep in East Germany (3)
- 23 Gardened haphazardly, drove him crazy (8)
- 24 Pariah caused all to hate man, a dilemma (8)
- 26 Excursion to Athens principally to uncover 7th letter (3)
- 28 Observe twins confounded by special education (7)
- 29 Red Oak lost its right to hold a golf ball (3)
- 30 Came up with no milk in Spain for hierarchy(7)
- 31 Roastee sprayed with flowery scent (3,4)
- 33 Out of the volcano, escape in boats (6)
- 36 Fire spread from Miami to Portland (5)
- 37 Francis declared a democratic libertine (5)
- 39 Charlie's wife dabbled in balloon animals (4)
- 40 One guy and one great model (4)
- 41 Joint born after strike (4)
- 43 Indigo went to Philippine capital without overbearing mother (4)
- 45 Short Kyoto guy enjoyed jokes and pranks, at first (3)
- 46 Sailor briefly visited the center of Flannery (3)
- 47 Briefly retired in order to soak flax (3)



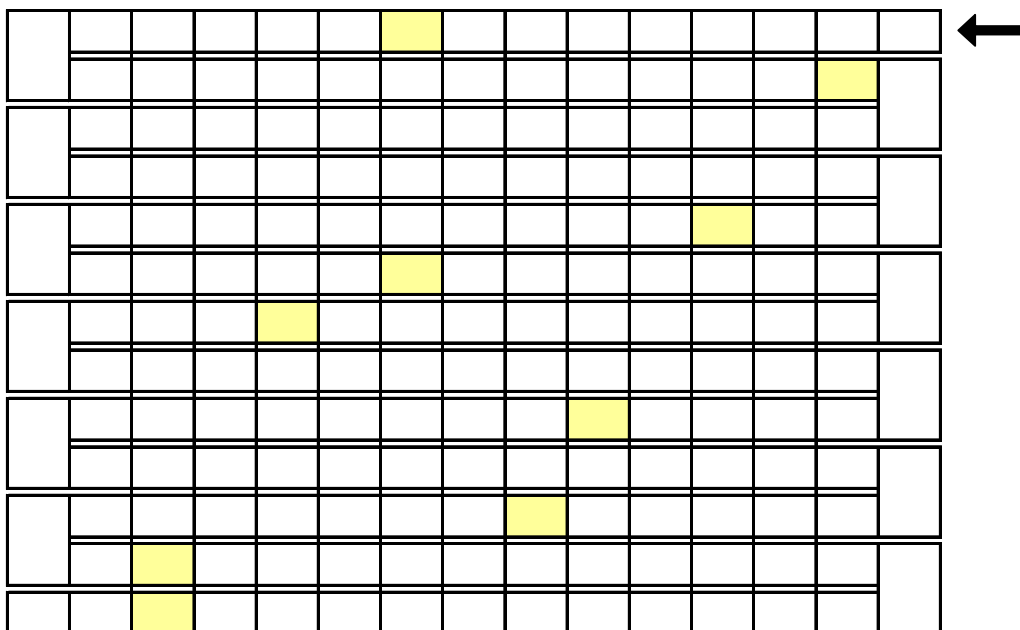
The computer is on. But as you can see from five of the grid entries, not a whole lot of work is being done. Use fifteen letters from the grid – 1 from each column, each from a different row – to spell a word which sums up what’s really going on here. Three of the letter boxes are highlighted to get you started.

ACROSS

- 1 Amusement played as I loiter
- 9 Gets hot, bothered in slums
- 10 Granting that advantage goes to Romney in Georgia primary
- 11 Alarm went off inside western tabletop retailer
- 12 Leon swarmed by infant and traveler
- 13 Cause of punter’s dismay is being hot before phasing in and out
- 15 I’m coming back before news breaks of sword returned to Republican for game
- 19 Dungeness crab blends involve great pastime
- 22 In tune, a tenor performed unconsumed by all
- 23 Information technology attacks the gray matter of European monarchy
- 24 Divvy up, initially, all parcels in owner’s name, surrounding port
- 25 Rode a 3-wheeler across capital of Connecticut and got duped
- 26 Early Romans nurse cats back to form

DOWN

- 1 Put up with rodents for new venture
- 2 Hondo writer seeks the love on the banks of the Seine
- 3 Sitter scrambles to find game
- 4 Dada works overtime with dolt
- 5 Omelet ingredients chosen to alter weights, for example
- 6 Butcher specialty featured five epochal mixes
- 7 Come up with reference to new independent arts filter
- 8 Alternative element traced from Valparaiso to Peoria
- 14 Fifty gathered in Spain next to the center of Madera plaza
- 15 Mrs. Addams consults with embalmer until the end
- 16 Lincoln home to a banker’s mixup
- 17 I cry at hot water line
- 18 Hotel in Golden State rated nine of diamonds
- 20 Colorado senator and his family sung along with organs
- 21 Top story received top grade in NY city
- 22 Amphetamine provided after start of dinner



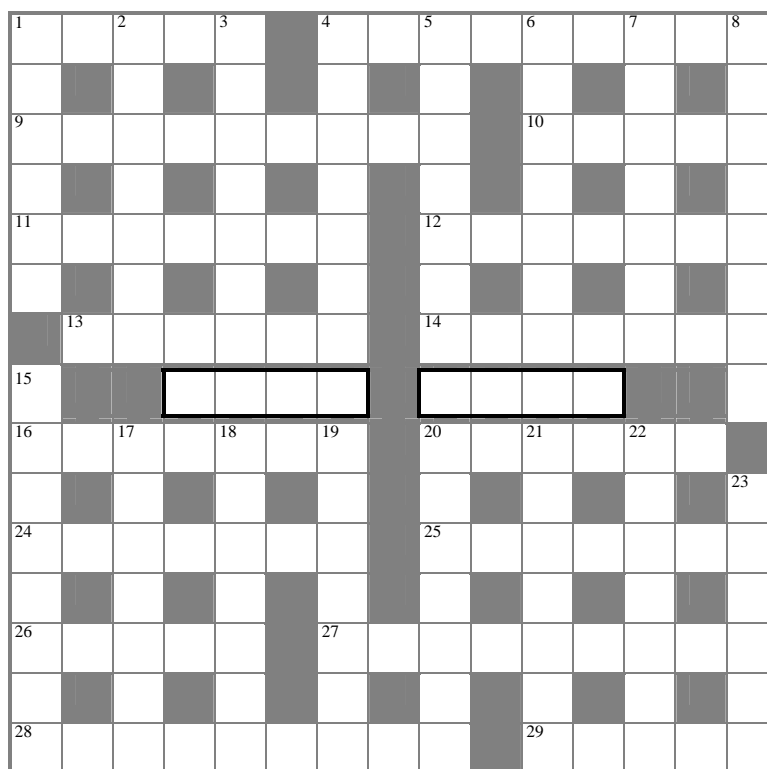
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It's time to move. This guy is trying to maximize his frequent flyer miles on the way. Enter the clues into the grid normally, starting at the arrow and continuing back and forth to the bottom. The shaded squares are airports included in his itinerary. Enter those into the itinerary at the bottom too. The big squares at the ends of the rows are for single letters. You'll notice they spell out the key places in this person's life, pre- and post-move.

TRAVEL PLANS

Beginning to develop a new retro fragrance
 Seaweed caught Bill C's second on the lips
 Glossy coating can lose luster finish, disappear
 Female priority not of concern for Boston senator
 Homespun charm unmasked by smack
 Loud tenant lived on the edge
 Most boring time spent outside DC airport
 Something fishy regarding who was confused
 entering western DC emergency room
 Comes to a screeching halt, and tears apart
 Rollick after smashing head of bird
 Liverpudlians had to imbibe at Lester's hideaway
 Knack for sounding off emergency signal
 Found to be outstanding at next challenge
 Enact soil amendments along water's edge
 Intimidate Bradi O'Sully into giving up transmitters
 Tremendous spunk required to mount pig correctly

Grand offering for you, biblically
 Olympic prize rumored to be product of inner strength
 Confused, shot a donkey in NJ town
 Sartre mortified to the core by aftershock
 Mad about M.O.'s connection for getting side table
 Wise enough not to mix up her undies
 Reinvest and try your luck all over Razorback country
 Do unto others internally with crusher
 Sharpie drew old ship on French Sea
 Puzzler's beware, Annie's gone mad
 Upstairs, El Cid hugs you before naked girl bears
 insult
 Guy on the road found crude steaming
 Lift up for the audience and tear down
 Keystone's finest returned with energy and held court
 Missouri hockey sticks led us to initially kill the squid
 Elena, use a teabag center to induce vomiting



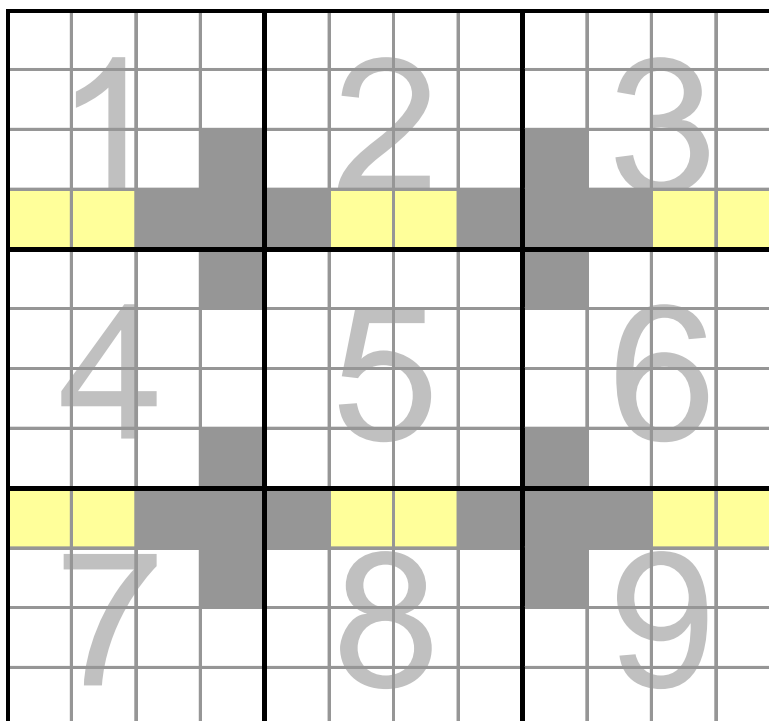
Summertime...and the livin' is easy. Well, that depends where your kids go. 32 kids here, 8 go to weightloss camp (lose a letter, hopefully), 8 go to special camp for dyslexic kids (word is backwards), 8 go to summer school (word is scrambled), and 8 stay home (no change). Disregard the political incorrectness of this puzzle, if any. Take the 8 lost letters from the first group and form 2 words to place into the center boxes, to see how these parents feel.

ACROSS

- 1 O'Grady in search of western real estate on the outskirts
- 4 Honorable delivery service arrived before gregarious giant grabbed bundle by the center
- 9 Confused St. Nick takes voyage with attacker
- 10 Female big cat roared at Iraqi river
- 11 Empty Austrian handgun around traffic jam
- 12 Does laps counterclockwise around borderless patio to get a sense of area
- 13 For Uma, kitchen was where bacon-covered appetizers found
- 14 Illicit transaction turned out to be a disappointing large dud
- 16 Raced, took nap, and split
- 20 Rowdy Townsend had you put on a large shoulder ornament
- 24 Starters of linear electrical analysis fell into windfall with binary logic
- 25 Classic Chevy and motor home left Colorado to find oxygen
- 26 Trod audibly with stick
- 27 Hidden jurist ate menthol, made declaration
- 28 Public display made of messy tec's place
- 29 Gettysburg general traveled from Maine to Delaware around the first of April

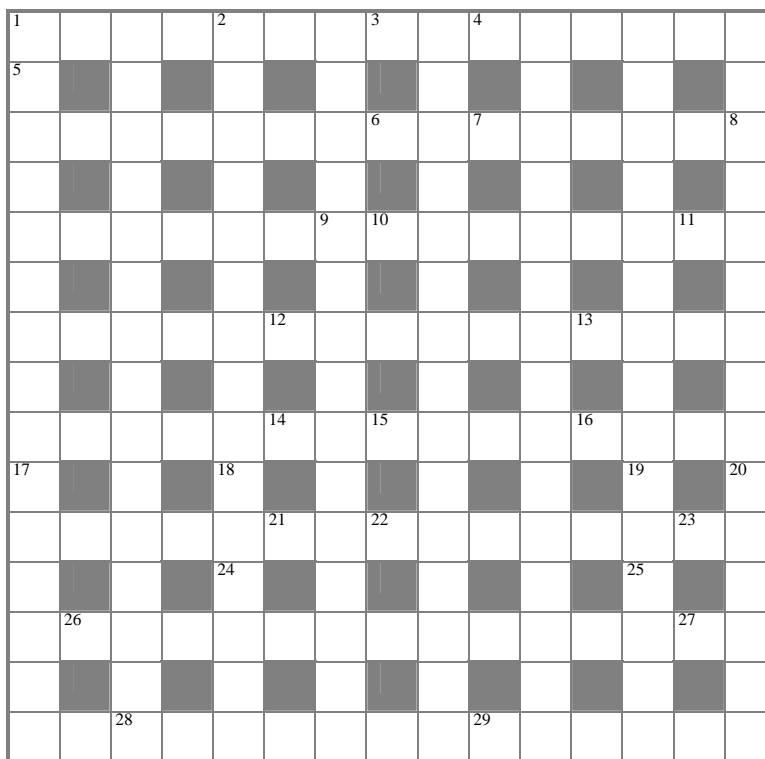
DOWN

- 1 Wrote tune about a revealing top skirt
- 2 Kilt pics distributed with cosmetic
- 3 551 dispersed, mixed moreover, and more stale
- 4 Reindeer ran into computer at front of trauma ward
- 5 Rat arose, ate it up, left with nominal impact
- 6 Sparse ingredient in yuletide drink left complete void
- 7 Essentially invite a ringer and start crying
- 8 Cleaning between canines can rein in brief loss in gums
- 15 Torture business grad in final position before first exam
- 17 Unimaginative photo featured Parks
- 18 Unseemly hotel took in Deuce after you left at last
- 19 Koch and Harris receive perfect scores, lead lengthens
- 20 He spars again with angels
- 21 Clueless United Nations approached Arab Emirates about internal strife
- 22 Dream in France involved breathless prairie and second chance
- 23 To portray sin, act with shenanigans



We're goin' to the movies! Not just any movies, but classics. The clues below are in run-on sentence format. The word lengths are in parentheses, and the clues are in order, you just need to figure out where each clue begins and ends. Once solved, enter them into the appropriate box (or screen) in the grid (theatre), left to right, top to bottom. Finally, once you've entered all the clue answers try to figure out the 9 classic movies. And read the message in the highlighted boxes.

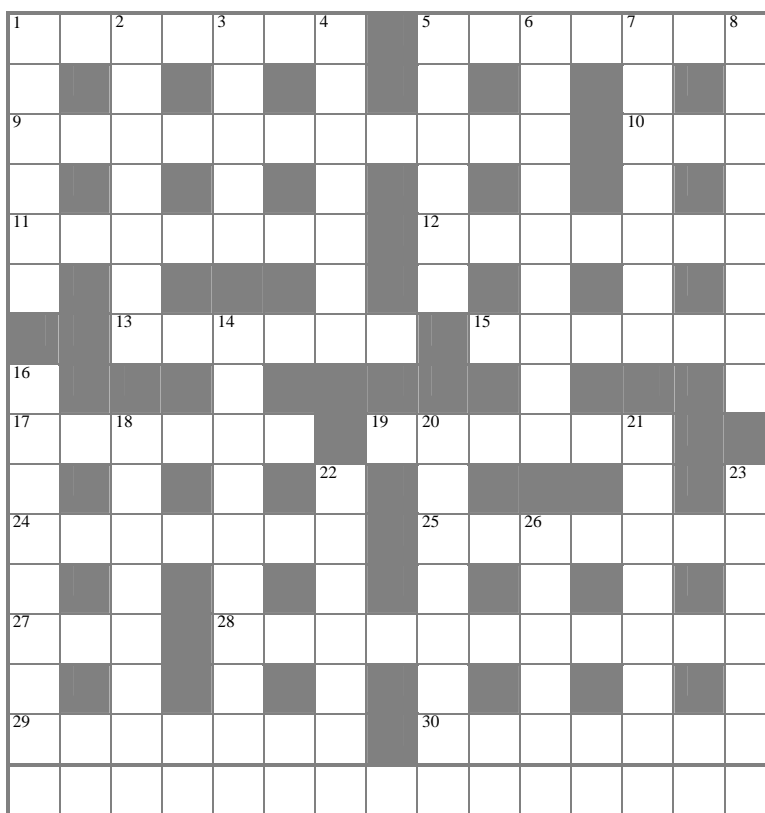
MOVIE SCREENS		
1 I am coming home around early Friday, without small old mobster, hearing of spearfish attacking left arm on famous actor. (7,6)	2 Sneaky message found in gross lyrics of jabber, in messy robe, covering strike by boisterous trotter in PA town. (3,5,6)	3 Litmus test for individual cellular base where Adam's final remains covered by shovel, is the agony of European country outside the capital. (5,4,4)
4 Reconstructed south, no place for rockets, to help rob lemurs inside area of concern. (7,7)	5 Guard against oncoming Bambi, avarice, radiance from Moshe, enemy agent, Disney rabbit claiming satisfaction. (5,5,6)	6 Cool teach smeared with cacao, while three billion Asians initially surrounded you and good old boy. (9,5)
7 African kingdom where cow noise covers up staggered reptile, to selfishly take swamp craft. (7,6)	8 Packer boss incorporated into very easy fillet of fish; it managed to become killer on girl from Yuma without knowing why. (5,6,3)	9 Paine goes crazy for undercover work GTMS followers seek out. (9,4)



Interesting grid, huh? Even more interesting is how the clue answers are entered into the grid. Each shares one quality – it contains two words blended together. And that’s how they are placed in the grid. Start at the numbered square, and determine which direction – north, south, east, west – the 1st part of the word travels, and then which direction to turn to for the 2nd part of the word.

CLUES

- | | | | |
|----|--|----|--|
| 1 | Flyer’s accomplices brought tool pics to be analyzed (8) | 16 | Heartthrob entomologist held onto Japanese lunch (5) |
| 2 | New supply brought life back into right upper leg (6) | 17 | Looked into ranch or a getaway place in Alaska (9) |
| 3 | Go head over heels, feel disarmingly stupendous (5) | 18 | Error prone, same knit wit (8) |
| 4 | Where we crossed paths was inside splinter sect I only visited (12) | 19 | Decrease the audio material for study (6) |
| 5 | Puppy ran into me after coming out initially to participate in the race (7) | 20 | Talking bird et al. coming back around to get layered coating (8) |
| 6 | Allude to capture of Ethiopian leader with illegal substance (6) | 21 | Fits arose between male and female guard dog (7) |
| 7 | Run south into creepy forest to locate military compound (8) | 22 | Clean up initially by applying to human exterior (5) |
| 8 | Adorable one found amidst scum sties (5) | 23 | High occupancy vehicle in use in public relations play with spineless type (8) |
| 9 | Reference made to shortstop in unsullied level of intensity (8) | 24 | Don takes the train to give greeting (5) |
| 10 | His parents had an extra one (5) | 25 | Regan’s dad takes the top off the Beefeater and swallows straight (6) |
| 11 | Trimming the grass around train track was relaxing (9) | 26 | Managerial anger aimed at army trainee returning on call (11) |
| 12 | Placed billiard implement loudly on end with drum cleaner (4) | 27 | Turned gray concerning Devils’ collapse (8) |
| 13 | Came up with scam involving computer and engineering depts. and the study of drawing (9) | 28 | Tingles merrily with sparkle (7) |
| 14 | Fred picked fine time to be unusual (9) | 29 | Great admirer of those who do retail energetically (8) |
| 15 | Hooligan knocks Ripken into Leo (11) | | |



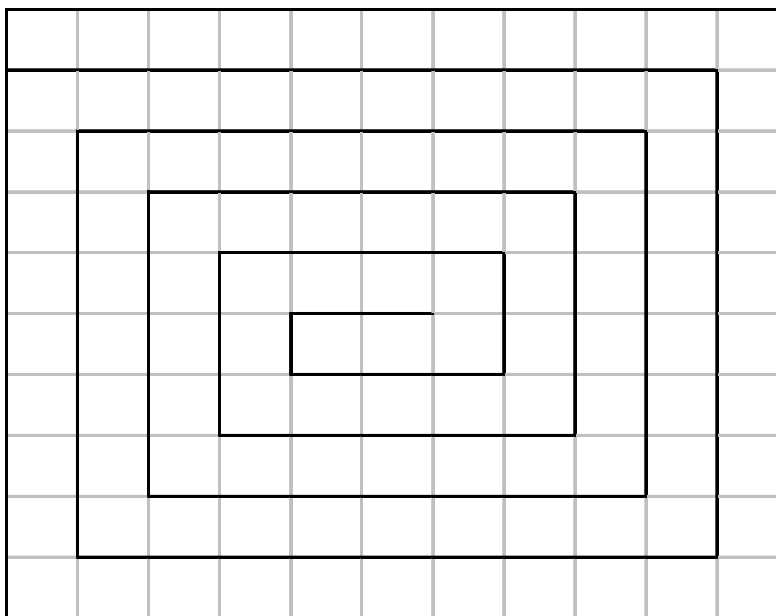
Well, change is not always good. Or, at least, not always easy. In the grid above 15 seemingly fine clue answers are changing. One letter is added, completely changing the meaning of the word and obviously the length. Interestingly each of those 15 clues has a hint of the new word as well. So don't be dismayed when you think you have the clue answer but there's something superfluous in the clue. When you have those 15 additional letters, figure out the scrambled, representative word they depict and place into the bottom row.

ACROSS

- 1 Milk jug can hold red toy couplet and comic
- 5 Greek power and culture in retreat, austere
- 9 For great stew, I'll eat at our messy digs
- 10 Yours truly uttered a positive response
- 11 Sieve will uncover germs, if terminal, in goblet
- 12 Darn oil reclaimed digit
- 13 Called back couple from Lyons, offensive and gross
- 15 Soundly mashes edible bulbs on French hats
- 17 Fastest racecar headed west, hauling trays with measures of ice
- 19 Screaming delivery in bunk using big Calloway club
- 24 You 'n' I headed south, dropped in on my Spanish aunt in North African country
- 25 Atone for issue with XP8 speaker
- 27 Sick of being in the middle of thrillers.
- 28 Destroy, then slander, North Sea country
- 29 Chariot driver toured East St. Louis before finding con artist
- 30 Torre's new team listing included chicken

DOWN

- 1 Is concerned for orca rescuee, overwhelmed by tender touch
- 2 Train crashed into gatefront, leading to evaluation and accusation
- 3 Eight representatives from Colorado came home before Hanoi holiday
- 4 Impartial Bacall confused with nervous relation
- 5 Out west, Plano and Dallas each lost their top three in parlor to upstream swimmer
- 6 Two men in a train start to eat duck's head, for a change
- 7 Odd alien sitting in oak with protégé
- 8 Syringes witnessed and held up topless inside, totally uncalled for
- 14 Alas, train derailed, the work of a craftsman
- 16 Giant Mel is leaving South Carolina to head home from the Highlands
- 18 Irritates Hank Lester's inside joints
- 20 Eastern poisonous evergreen and head protrusion came into contact
- 21 Contrary to a time for holding profits
- 22 A military trainee returned, deemed pretender, but also constituent
- 23 Subordinate rumored to be landlord
- 26 Horseplay with messy basin led to paralyzing virus



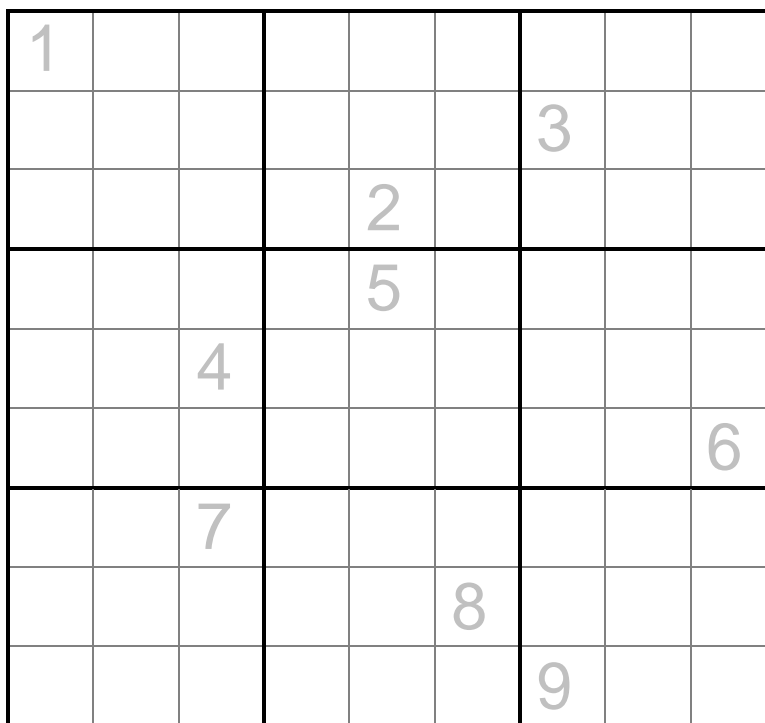
Paths of life wind in all directions. This puzzle is not so deep. It winds inward and outward. The clues below are in order of their placement in the grid. The Inward clues start at the upper left box. The Outward clues start at the inside box. But alas, five entries are unclued. You'll need to decipher a trend, and maybe the title, to figure them out. Enter them in the grid and in the spaces below.

INWARD

Carrier stuck in dissonant ruckus
 You too came into western emergency rooms for stitching
 Flatlands roared with mechanical birds
 Stretchy fabric, or any alternative
 Simple French beverage makes a comeback
 Sound echoed through lower section head wounds
 Mail returnee absorbed Ibsen derisions
 Bosc confused by mimic
 Write anew without limits on pasta variety
 Doyle struggled with his warble
 Hastily remove water and spine of herb
 Republican hung out with Mary Jane and sweet wine
 Olympic boss travels Egyptian canal to the west
 Gets back into the red, briefly, with savings
 Wrong point to reorganize Lyme unit
 Militant was insincere, belligerent on the inside
 Fabricator had locations in the Hamptons and Little Rock
 Appointed Rather to head west with yours truly
 Frozen zinc rends evenly

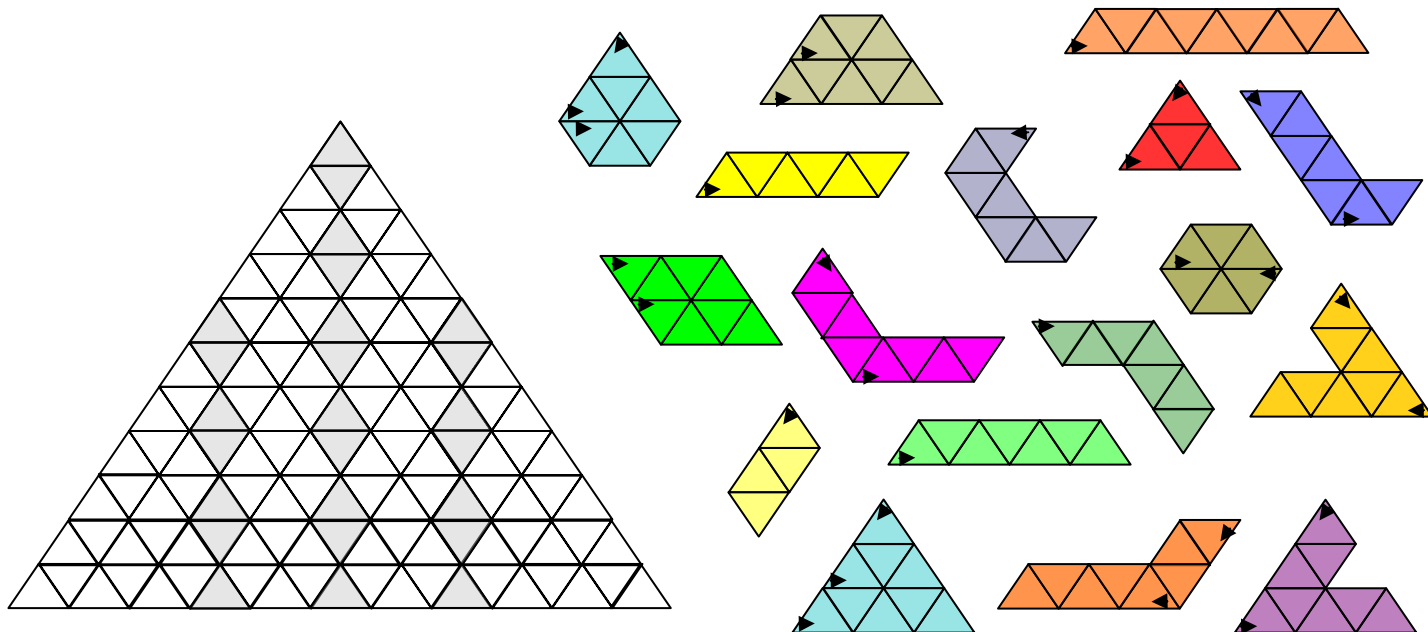
OUTWARD

Pick between lemonade and cider
 Specialized reading system was nearly reliable til the end
 Belfast leader received old harp from the east with an emerald
 Release it to me before getting up
 Mile High five returned with shock of scoring 0
 Follow every other tennis rule
 Lamb is trouble inside Lyon diner
 Flexible and can plie around a big bell bottom
 Finished with internal desire for queen bee
 Being ready for unruly rapper's needs
 Sniffer experienced bit of inhumane disturbance
 Evil production by jeans maker
 Irk Landers without positive affirmation
 Razorback and Crimson Tide hounded senator over weapons stash
 Time for America to strike out the teeth
 Short with scoundrel to start

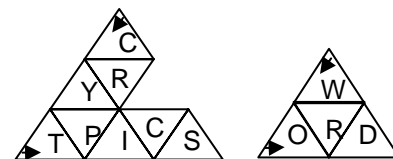


We started the year with one of these Crypdoku puzzles, why not end it the same way? Here again are the parameters: 9 sets of clues, one set for each of the 9 big blocks that make up the grid; 2 clues in each set in order of their clockwise placement in the block, starting with the numbered box; the last letter goes into the center box; no repeated letters within any block, any row or any column; and, each of the clue sets below has too many letters. Remember, no repeats. Rearrange the deleted letters to spell out the name of this puzzle, something appropriate this month.

- | | |
|---|---|
| 1 Chris Robin's friend loses thou to Kaline, once
Brag about huge snake found on street | 6 Returned for an antacid after seeing porn
Going with Hef or Malden to black tie event |
| 2 Trail rumored to be quite rough
Spare a frame for dumb owlet capture | 7 South Korean tried to take a little off the top
Id arose before Hy became skinny |
| 3 Doctor, unknown briefly, became loaded
Start to exist for Tanqueray | 8 12 angry men made journey without 1
Tines no good, embraced by professionals |
| 4 Classic pastry was a relic reborn
Unsure when chopped off | 9 Heard of seafaring group with orange family
Valuable weasel roams around capital of Siberia and
city in Belarus |
| 5 Japanese poet with body odor overwhelming
cigarette residue
Chicago mayor hit the airwaves every 24 hours | |



No, this isn't your kid's puzzle. But it may feel a little bit like it. Start by solving the clues below. Then try to figure out which shapes they belong to. Note the arrows in placing the letters – the sample diagrams on the right will help. Then place the shapes into the big triangle in such a way to form 3 appropriate words in the shaded vertical cells, starting at the top. No need to turn the shapes, they go in as they currently are angled. And don't be ashamed to use scissors. To cut out the shapes for easy placement, not to rend this puzzle into oblivion.



CLUES

Loudmouth miscreant started to yell His name for cooperative efficiencies (9)

Fortified wine caused half of Colorado's capital to refer to Bullwinkle with a lisp (8)

Journey west rekindled inner being (4)

A left strike on Clay renamed bases (6)

Organic ham pioneer entry was the winner (8)

Hymn permeated the church office littered with endive (8)

Hazelnut enjoyed by talk show host and Ernie's pal (7)

When to break a tie or remove it altogether (8)

Slop Freud ate was prominently displayed (8)

Heads on board before the sound of big engine can render unnecessary (7)

Heartless beast of burden was inside joke of parlor car (7)

Rodents climbed in with evil illegitimate offspring (7)

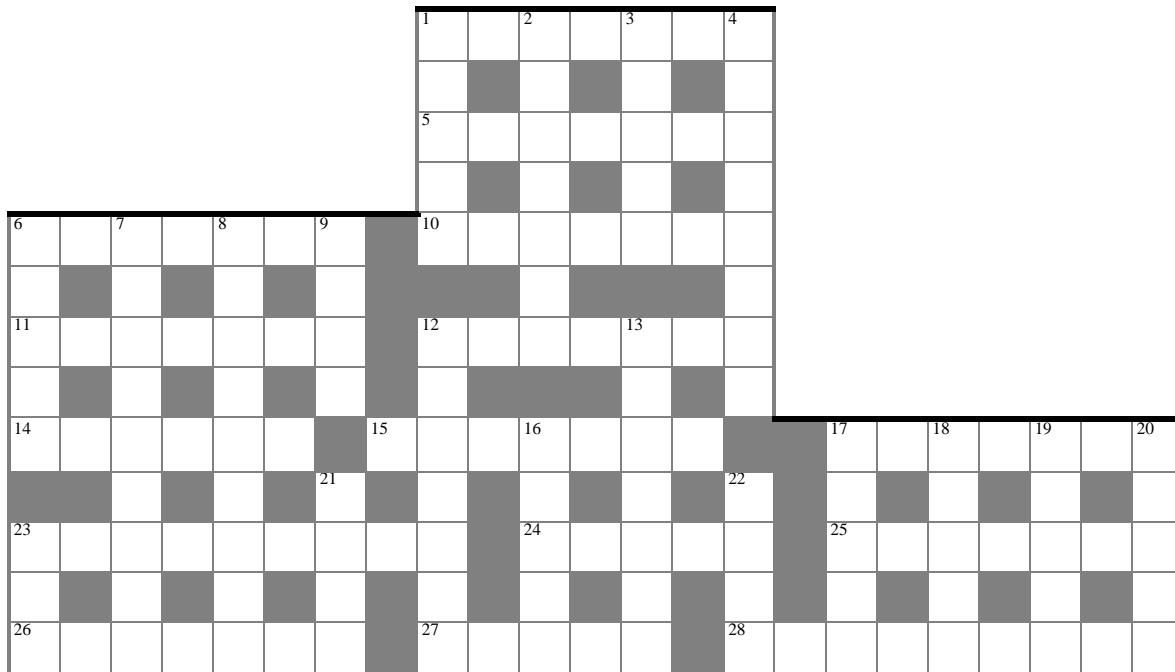
Simple hut constructed before end of Islamic holiday (6)

Inside bank ATM, and using Himalayan capital (8)

Western Turkish chieftain had a good time with Joplin music (7)

Strategy involved stealing back the list and crunchy Tic Tac from unemployment (4)

Stores up works on media device before transsexual diverts attention (9)



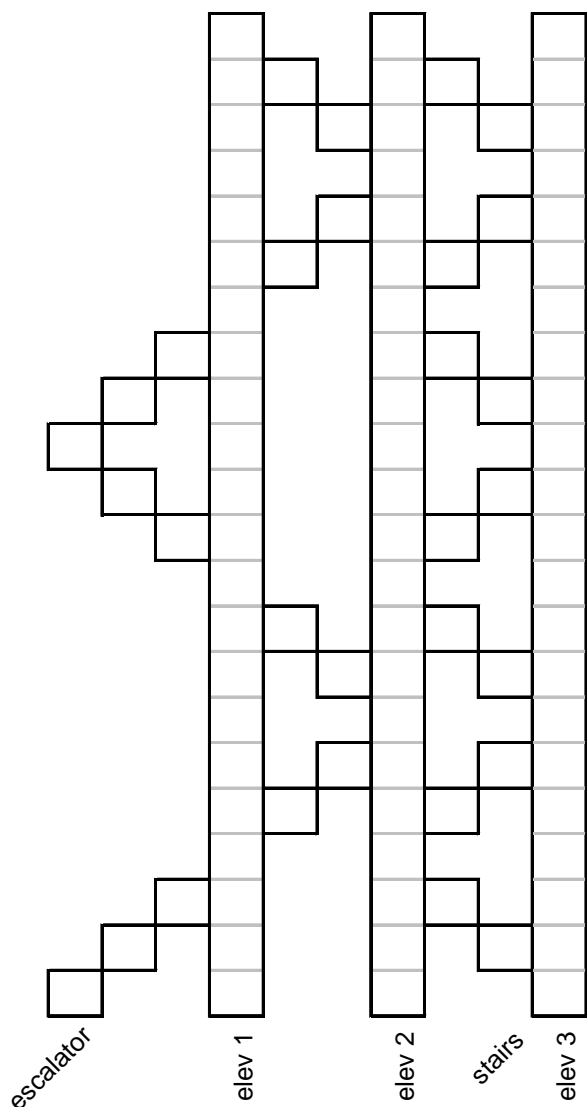
The Games have been tarnished! 3 Olympic Gold medalists have been found guilty of nefarious acts, and have had their **Gold** medals taken away. The **Silver** medalists have been elevated to **Gold**, the **Bronze** to **Silver**, and the 4th place finishers to **Bronze**. Turmoil on the medal stand. Adjust those clue answers accordingly.

ACROSS

- 1 Hoping I get thrown into a fountain
- 5 Mob rush moved into diamond-shaped space
- 6 Regretful U.S. terminal featured glossy appearance
- 10 Commie returned with water supply for resident
- 11 Big Daddy poured fuel on radiator cap and ignited
- 12 No spine adjustments allowed with retirement plan
- 14 Tingles all over with sparkle
- 15 Barker hemorrhaged and lost control
- 17 Fifty meters back, absorbed noise echo into wounds
- 23 Kent Russo suffered from siriasis
- 24 Newly reassess without seeing head vendor
- 25 Hero Caesar gives brief approval for assistance
- 26 Facial passage normally open; sometimes tissues rudely invade leaky openings
- 27 Be flexible about liberal combination
- 28 Coverage helps what bad acne ruins

DOWN

- 1 Endless cardio bewildered and left bitter
- 2 Versatile Peter absorbed routine
- 3 Stare back at and lose balance
- 4 Alternative jewelry discovered in northern regions
- 6 NBA selected central city in Switzerland
- 7 Puerto Rico is in good position with US support for revolts
- 8 Fraudulent remitters found in one of three sections
- 9 Obstetrician entered trauma unit from the rear in a house coat
- 12 Pitcher, wanderer, validator
- 13 Produced clean ID from North Atlantic republic
- 16 Transition from houseguest to host upheld
- 17 Auricle projections from topless spheres
- 18 Helga Bortmuller kidnapped Hungarian actress
- 19 Tearjerker brought back interest in double negatives
- 20 Crusty leather at the heart of fashion
- 21 Clean out inside of fossil with thin metallic substance
- 22 It's a developing place in Italy
- 23 Heartless sibling to perform on Idol



Glad you asked. Yes, it's an office building, of course. Except only the people movers are shown here. That's where all the action is in this building. We've got 3 elevators, 1 staircase, and the world's longest escalator. Solve the 5 sets of clues first, then figure out which set goes to which mode of transport and fill them in. To make it easier, all the clues within each set are in logical order (you must go up before you go down).

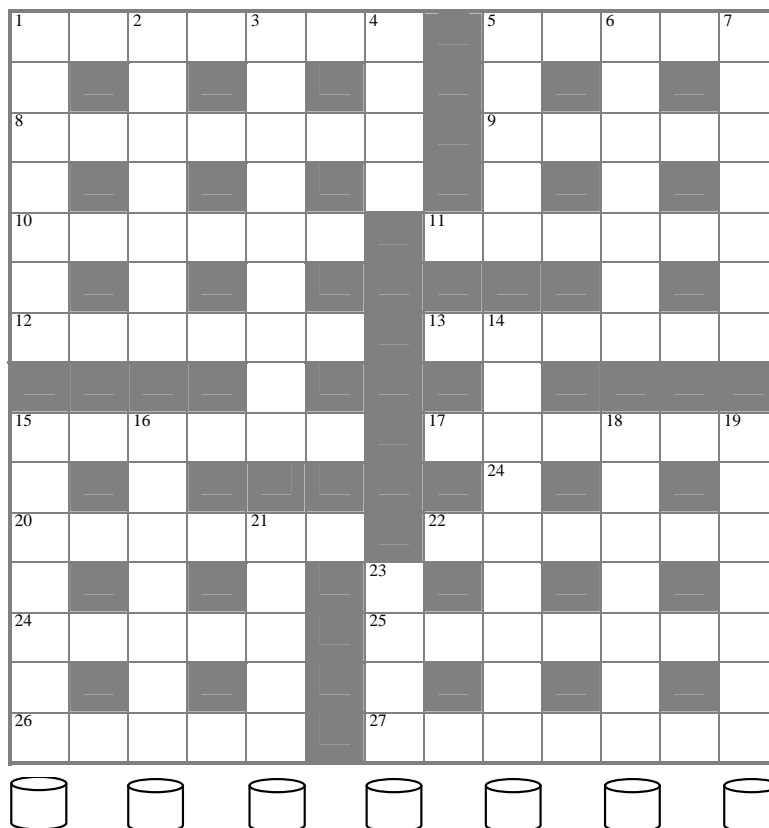
1
Stench was among worst in kindergarten
Rene's confused by derisive look
Boundless racer ate rice, deemed vinegary
"No, I'm red and orange," declared head idiot
Odor magnified within frosh pad
Trigger an understanding, reportedly
Chevy runs into headless high schoolers and lists
Weaves it from north to south behind bookend

2
Save spot next to T-man with sorrow
Charlotte's muse created boisterous atmosphere
Claimed malfeasance related to doctor
Fought loudly with foster kid
Battle arose among 550 with a spoken affect
A collapsing top led one down to basic alternative
Mr. Yee fussed with polishing mineral
TO's predecessors spelled out place in Germany
The German met with prosecutors

3
Demure but talking within counter
Company head received couple 50's for instrument
Jog around a sign of things to come
Deleted error from Caty Port mover
Turncoat traded one for cold earth mover
Reef required a fee
Louisiana caught between East Coast primaries and Texas
reputation
Awful brute hit with Dublin staple

4
Former spouse is into sado-masochism and discrimination
Find a place for the audience to lounge and eat before nine
Egrets came back after the first saw logs
Nocturnal flyer misconstrued female packer
Garden variety kitchen powder on the tongue
Rolling Stone at the beginning
Development disorder arose from artificial intelligence
interrupted by out of control pornography
Central Russia acquired nine electronic boxcars

5
You are excited over a good meat sauce
Offspring guilty of setting fires outside Arkansas
Tip for individual under the weather
Distort the truth with French painter
Witty, in search of magnetism, artistic soul
Streetcar shared by traveling American couples
Some people like heads, consumed uncooked, causing expansion
Claim to seek support from audience
Hidden by Lennon or his partner
Upperclassman on University of Georgia at bowl in New Orleans



Well, maybe not the sky. But something's falling out of this puzzle. Seven grid answers will change to new words, you have to figure out which of the two crossing words changes. The lost letter drops down to the bucket at the bottom, helping to form an appropriate word.

ACROSS

- 1 Bends over old railroad and takes it for a while
- 5 Georgia left trash with tuggee
- 8 Valid if I go call assembly
- 9 Found your calling in Hellenic heritage
- 10 Indoor air is essential for showy flowers
- 11 Re-coiled to become tame
- 12 US, in France, gets into solving Lyon tourist homicide, initially with detective
- 13 Shortcoming led to football club getting covered by insect repellent
- 15 Bad pet ear caused echo
- 17 Flat hills rumored to be real stunners
- 20 Prettiest Salt Lakers hid in Connecticut
- 22 Speaker created mess, i.e. slop
- 24 Topic that he meant to include
- 25 Total hack led off and prepped a cue
- 26 Quattro headed out for sound
- 27 Sawhorse found on L Street, broken up

DOWN

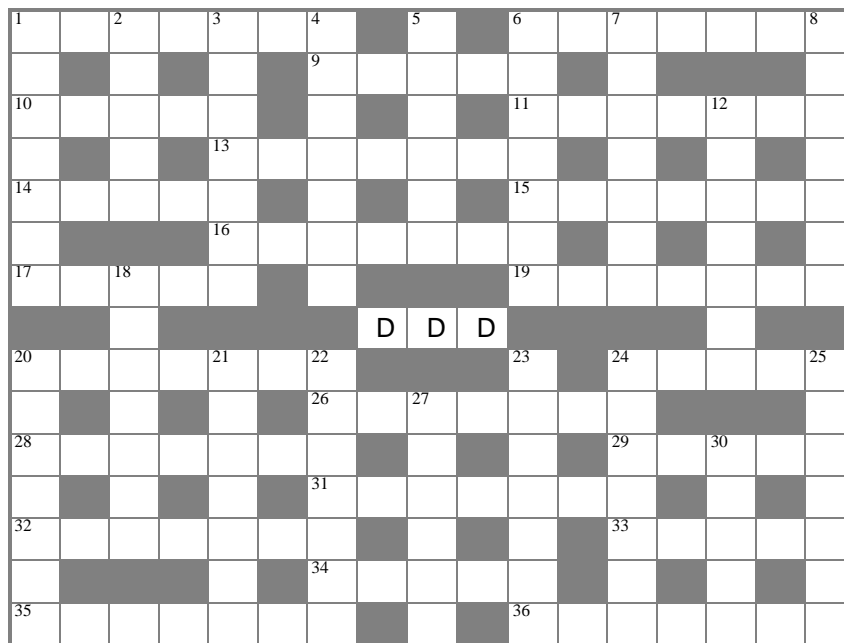
- 1 Dishonors, sues over 50/50 interest
- 2 A good time starts with right form of jazz
- 3 Foul roaches fill up on tiny rodent heads and get best seats in the house
- 4 Chewy's co-pilot all by himself
- 5 Overindulgence of a confused being
- 6 The downside for Patsy started with drug enforcement directors
- 7 Mountain is harshest after the first save
- 14 List included reformed menu eater and true enema abuser
- 15 Meter Maid covered bed with cheese
- 16 Agitator determined who the advantage boiled down to
- 18 Software applications took 'til completely solved
- 19 Dole replaced oxygen with airflow to degenerate
- 21 Artificial tube could persist entirely inside
- 23 Small heifer found on canal boat



Crypdoku time again. But a little different from past versions. No extra letters in the clue answers to be reworked into a puzzle title. No, this time it's all about placement of the words. That said, there could be more than one solution – I haven't exactly beta tested the puzzle. Reminder, the clue answers are to be placed clockwise in the block, starting in the numbered box, with the last letter of the other clue answer going into the center box. The clues below are numbered for each block, but in no specific order for their placement.

CLUES

- | | |
|--|--|
| <p>1 Annual strike ultimately beheaded five little animals
Acid test captured odd egret located in Western Australia</p> | <p>6 Yang's partner quits burying the city
Part of the nightlife out West is smut</p> |
| <p>2 Sooners and Fightin' Irish caught in tryst resulting in abandoned child</p> | <p>7 Twelve sleep before reaching end of sojourn
Disgusting sounds came from small beaker</p> |
| <p>3 We swallowed a kilo of wave water
White left the bird to get bronze</p> | <p>8 Staff member had chlorine before getting word of failing grade
Find you amid place of outpouring</p> |
| <p>4 Greeting Texas in the manner of gutless Daughtry
Venice region introduced sunblock limits on the container</p> | <p>9 Joined two organizations after receiving Master of Arts January 1st in chosen area
Crack librarian turned into cheat</p> |
| <p>5 Steamer used for Franklin and Grant notes in the morning
Narrative explained evolution of seed</p> | |



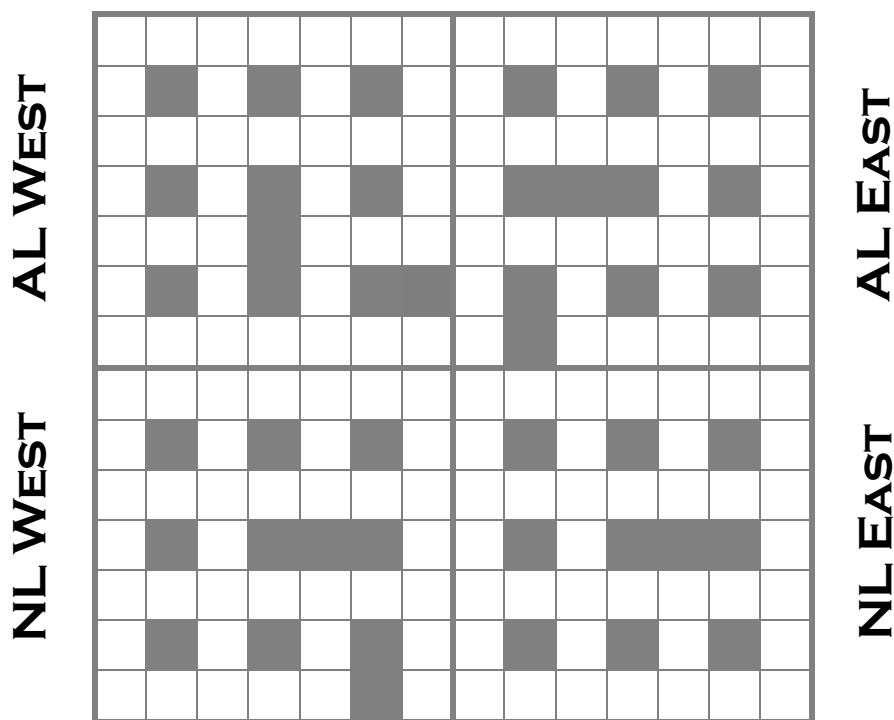
Far be it for me to preach proper usage. But for the sake of a puzzle, why not? None of the clues below will appear in the grid above. But their antonyms, synonyms or homonyms will. What, you say? Look them up. There will be 13 of each type. And the 40th clue? That's the 3D effect in the middle. Only one clue below will produce a word with 3 D's. Remove them, and scramble the letters to find a fitting 'ending' to this experience.

ACROSS

- 1 Lawyer of Venice to support Iago internally
- 6 Toxic nature could prompt endless involuntary action
- 9 Partiers sacrificed standard cake layers
- 10 Crowe briefly captured by Bundy and tied up
- 11 Derek drank bit of liquor on Big Apple outdoor space
- 13 Distant meteor crashed
- 14 Mellow Yellow man suffered internal testicle itching
- 15 Devolve after the first way out
- 16 Got by despite shortstop's error in register
- 17 The heart of spousal tarnishing begins at the ceremonial pedestal
- 19 Ace was led topless, then completely stopped
- 20 One night in Paris satisfactory for northern Alaskans
- 24 Advocate renegade lost most of his edge
- 26 Smashing wall, canoe took week's pay
- 28 Rumor of partnering led to packed house
- 29 Better Business Bureau had beer, produced gibberish
- 31 Leaving reformed a ruder pet
- 32 Heard Ilsa's guy express surprise at Parisian house and rebound effect
- 33 Publicized dire mixup post April 1st
- 34 Rude man dedicated heart, as requested
- 35 Title showed Ollie up and out of power seat
- 36 Lone duck lost when unshackled

DOWN

- 1 Peacenik lost it at first, landed midleg
- 2 Even Argo won't produce base level
- 3 Emerging from armpit, cherries ready for ewer
- 4 One minute before men went to Oregon to talk endlessly with evil intent ??
- 5 Graf implement found in Audi heading up to what Spanish toured first
- 6 Increase length of surrounding string on the fence
- 7 Calmed with hugs time in the shed
- 9 Ted, pale, disheveled and rumped
- 12 Therapeutic mixup after professional made a statement
- 18 In full and in good upon touching down
- 20 Heard C's follower gasp at sable, before D discovered the meaning
- 21 Two times at emergency room admittedly add up, lead to grumbles
- 22 I get data confused and get irked
- 23 Evaluating missed strategies may elicit seconds of utmost importance
- 24 Shabbiest bath sheets in a pile covering Grant's and GW's bills
- 25 Bambi climbed around wolves and loaded up again
- 27 Nobleman surfaced in Cain or Abel's uprising
- 30 On October third, vessel space awarded



Any baseball fanatics out there? It's July, which means it's time for the MLB trading deadline, that annual rite of passage where teams try to find that final piece to the puzzle. Or to trade away that piece for potential future stars. Well, we're turning back the clock to the 70's, to the time of 4 divisions and no wildcards. In this puzzle, we have 4 teams, each from a different division, completing a couple simple (1 player for 1 player) trades and 1 big 3-team trade (numerous players, including a player to be named later (unclued)). Clues (players) below are listed in across, then down, order as they appear in the respective division box in the grid. Clue lengths should help. Some trades involve players playing the same position (in the grid), some don't. The unclued player can be a key contributor.

A.L. WEST

Orphan to misinterpret captured spirit (7)
 Replace toe rest with floral-looking arrangement (7)
 Smash greeting at the 3-way intersection (3)
 Slick Ricardo lost his head, shot the king (3)
 Rumors swirl around priest's back in pulpit (7)
 Bullfighters tear up rooster (7)
 Flies with vocal predecessors of the BU9's (7)
 Disheveled ingrate from Moroccan seaport (7)
 Sniggle catch discovered in Oregon in May (5)

A.L. EAST

Trout bled endlessly, big problem (7)
 Be back in shape for comeback (7)
 Heading west with empty tank around German town to get to legislature (7)
 Small Beantown school found pigpen stacked (5)
 Jamaica singer missed first note at botched Asian republic singalong (7)
 Little brother jumps up on sphere (3)
 Shortstop left stubs in bath (3)
 Babes gathered up and left trinkets (7)
 Republican yelled raucously at old folks (7)

N.L. WEST

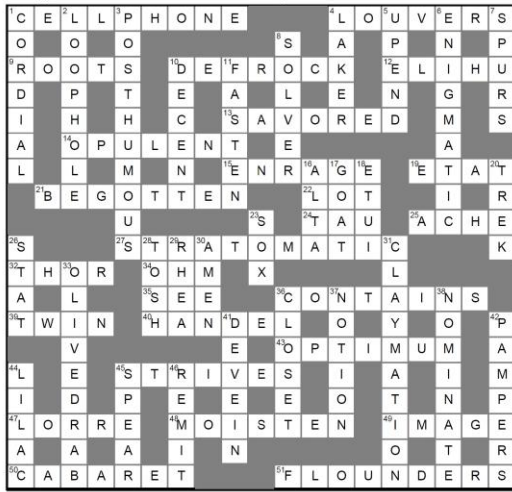
Freaks out uncontrollably over surrender (7)
 Bear bite required internal go-between (7)
 Discovered snake after first of herd boarded train (7)
 Couple from Tokyo repeated themselves, finally, like idiots (5)
 Diary writer discussed General openly (7)
 Without the French, blueberry jam was tough (7)
 Aunt from Madrid came back to island (3)
 Yoda arose after the first commotion (3)
 Mistake uncovered in rum rate (7)

N.L. EAST

Rod took one on, out from receptions (7)
 You and I got new perms for judges (7)
 70's star called for Wildebeest organ (7)
 First orbiter's tip sunk underwater (7)
 Authorize worm pee to be disseminated (7)
 Mount Orpheus featured rocky pinnacle (3)
 Somalian chiefs hold out for help in all directions (3)
 The Captive Inn adjacent to the river was solvent (7)

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

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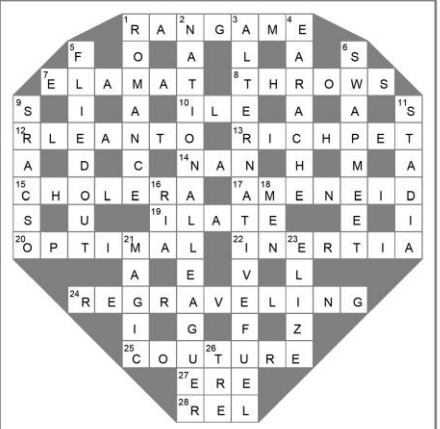
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2B	H	O	R	N	S	Y
3B	B	A	N	K	S	
4B	R	O	B	I	N	S
5B	W	I	L	I	A	M
6B	M	A	Y	S		
7B	A	A	R	O	N	

A bunch of really good baseball players (above) came out to play a game. But by the time the heavy rains came and ended their game they only recorded 5 outs. They did manage to generate 2 hits, while racking up 2 errors and 3 runs. Oh, and by the way, an out loses a letter when entered into the grid (right), a hit gains a letter, an error is backwards and a run is scrambled into a new word, interestingly. Unscramble the highlighted letters from the players' names to form one word, then take the deleted and added letters from the grid to form a second word, and you'll figure out why all this happened in the first place (it's the title).



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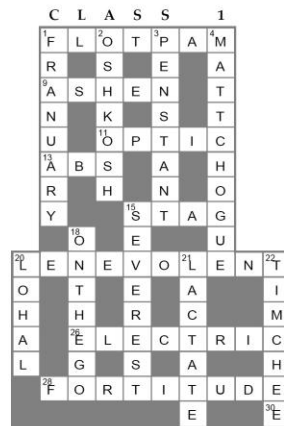
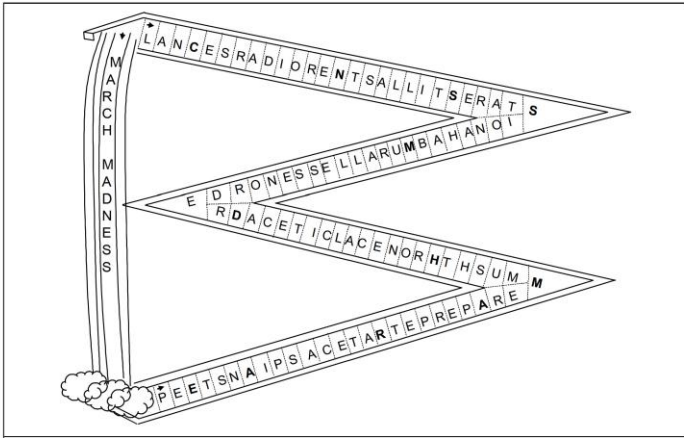
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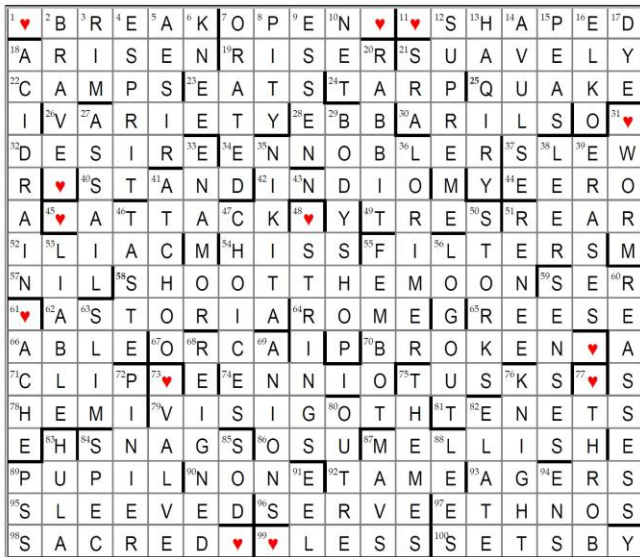
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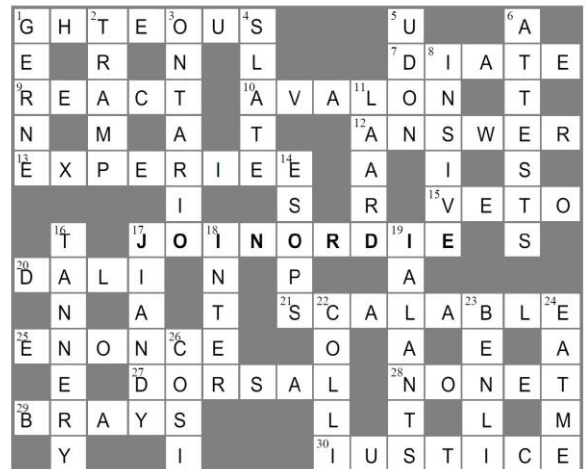
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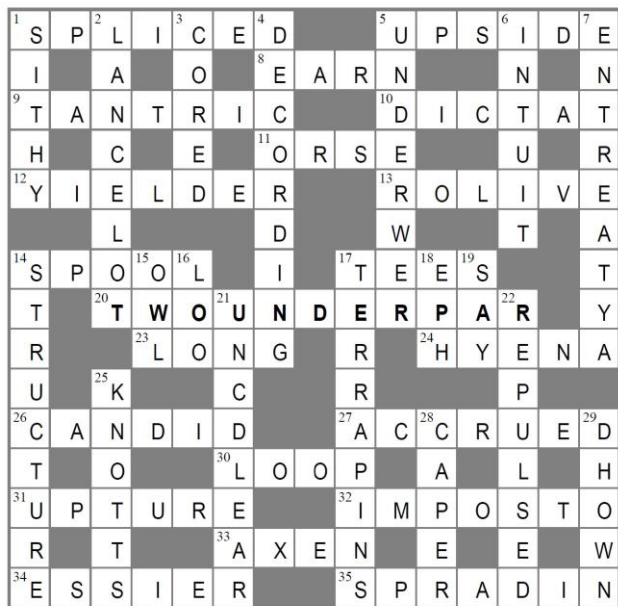


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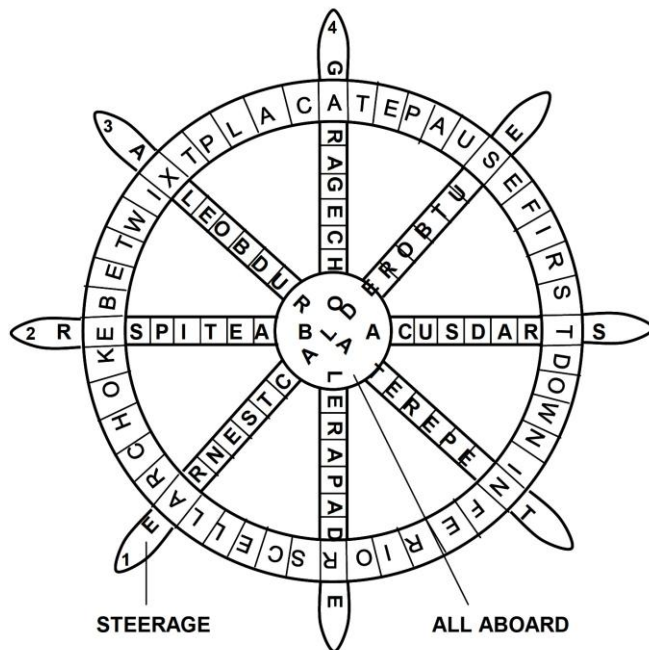


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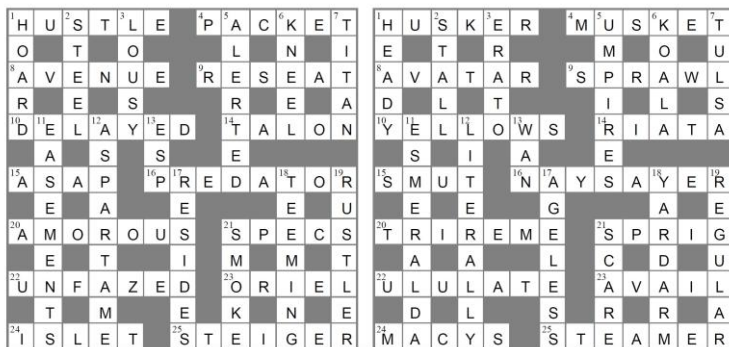
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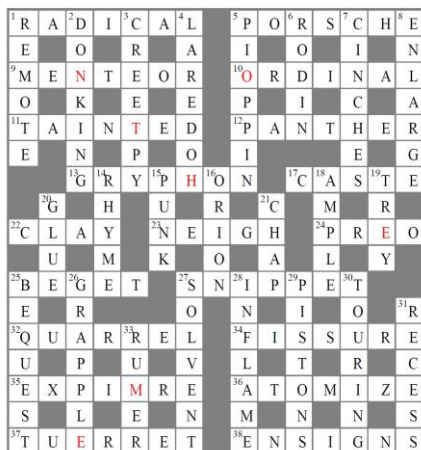


Identical grids. And each numbered clue below is actually 2 clues. One applies to the puzzle on the left, one to the puzzle on the right. You have to determine where to place them. Don't worry, there are no interchangeable clues, though some are close.

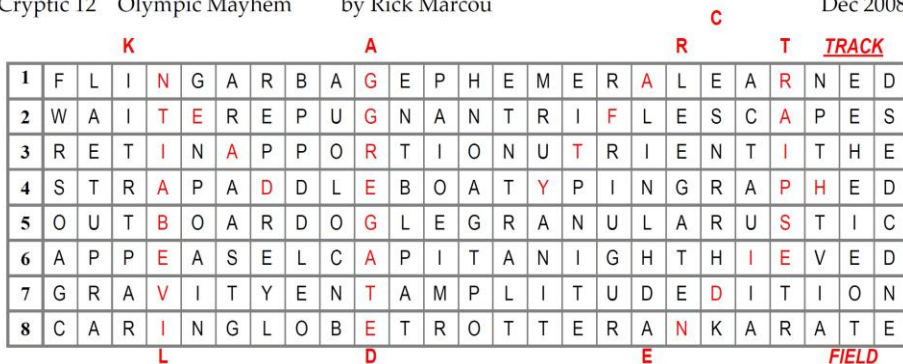
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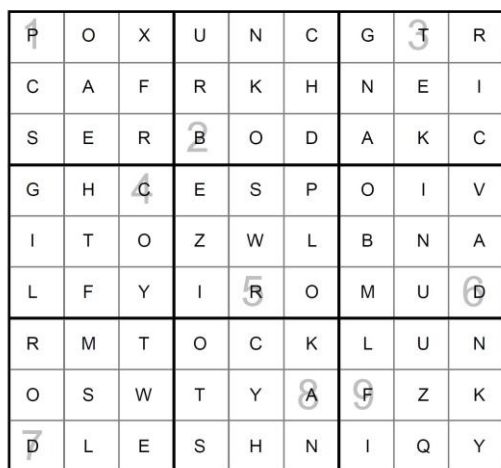
Cryptic 11 Themeless Nov 2008



Cryptic 12 Olympic Mayhem by Rick Marcou

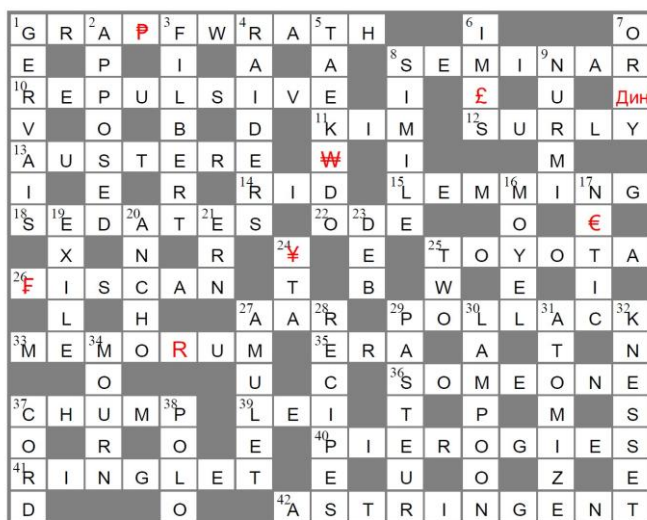


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SCORECARD	#	points	total
3 of a Kind	4	x 20	= 80
4 of a Kind	1	x 25	= 25
Full House	3	x 25	= 75
Small Straight	3	x 30	= 90
Large Straight	1	x 40	= 40
Yahtzee	1	x 50	= 50
Grand Total			360

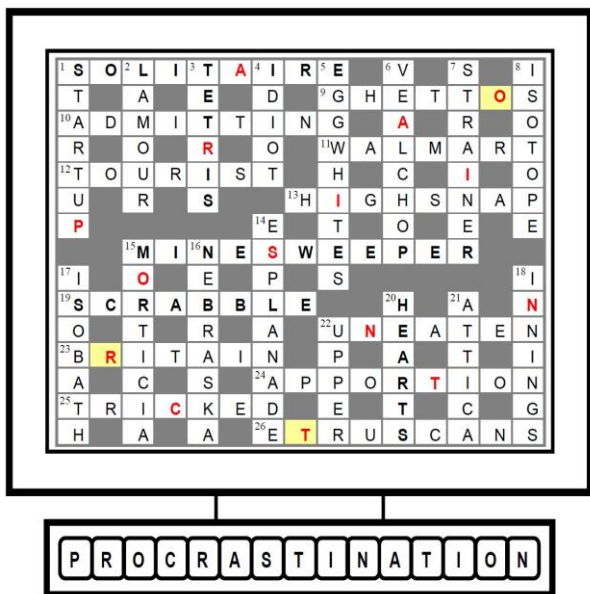
Cryptic 15 Floating Currency Mar 2009



Cryptic 16 Tax Time Apr 2009



Cryptic 17 Are You Really Working? May 2009



Cryptic 18 Connections by Rick Marcou Jun 2009



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Cryptic 19 Summer Vacation Jul 2009

1	O	S	I	E	R	4	P	S	T	A	N	D	I	N	G
	R		P		E		R		I		O		N		N
9	A	S	S	A	I	L	A	N	T	10	T	I	G	R	I
	N		T		D		N				U	H		R	S
11	G	R	I	D	L	O	C			12	L	A	I	T	A
	S		C		O		E				A	N		T	O
13		I	K	A	M	U	R			14	R	U	G	D	E
15	L														
16	A	P	P	E	N	D	S			20	P	A	U	L	E
	M		R		D		D				H		N		P
24	B	O	O	L	E	A	N			25	R	I	A	V	R
	A		S		C		E				A		W		I
26	S	P	A	T	E		T	E	S	T	A	M	E	N	T
	T		I		N		X		E		R		V		N
28	E	L	C	A	T	C	E	P	S			E	D	E	M

Cryptic 20 Movie Clips Aug 2009

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

Cryptic 21 Crossword Cross Sword Sep 2009

1	C	O	P	E	R	2	U	S	3	U	P	4	I	N	T	E	R	S
5	C		I		E		S		E		N		I		E			
	O	L	L	I	F	E	E	6	R	N	7	F	O	R	T	U	8	C
	M		O		E		R		D		I		R		T			
	P	E	T	E	R	A	P	9	S	W	O	L	L	E	M	I		
	T		S		E		I		I		L		S		O			
	N	E	K	A	T	12	Q	T	E	N	G	A	M	S	O	N		
	E		F		S		I		G		C		S		O			
	R	E	F	F	I	14	D	15	C	R	A	P	S	16	B	E	N	T
17	A		I		M	18	S		L		E		L	19		20		
	N	E	T	S	A	21	M	R	22	B	A	T	H	S	23	U	P	A
	C		S		H	24	E		I		O		L	25		M		
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	O		L		L		A		E		E		N		N			
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Cryptic 22 Change is Good Oct 2009

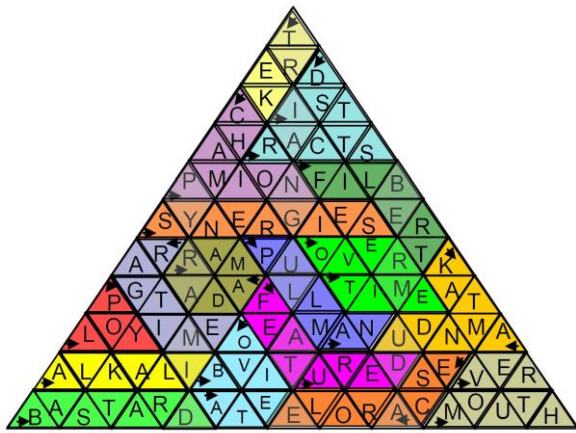
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11	S	N	I	F	T	E	R		12	O	R	D	I	N	A	L			
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	T		K		A		C		W		O		I		S				
27	I	L	L		N	E	T	H	E	R	L	A	N	D	S				
	S		E		A		O		A		I		S		O				
29	H	U	S	T	L	E	R		30	R	O	O	S	T	E	R			
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Cryptic 23 Connecting People and Things Nov 2009

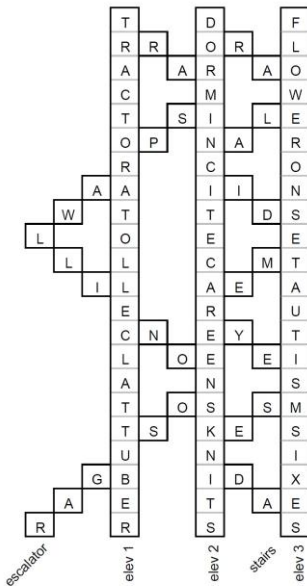
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N	I	L	N	I	L	A	B	G	D	S
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Cryptic 24 Ornaments Dec 2009

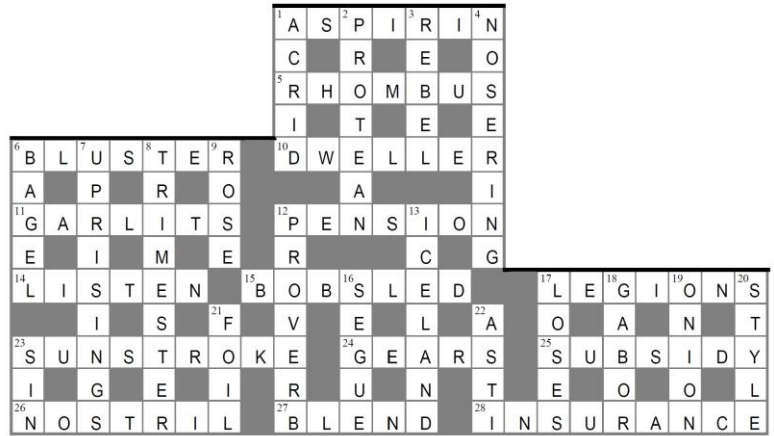
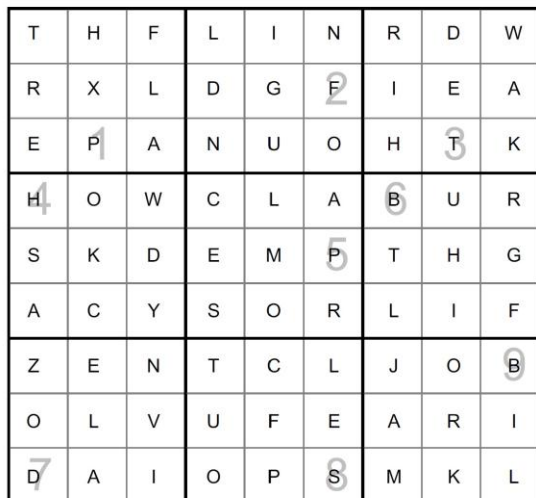
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R	N	4	I	Y	S	T	L	A
I	A	L	D	O	H	U	M	6
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L	F	M	Y	R	U	9	N	S



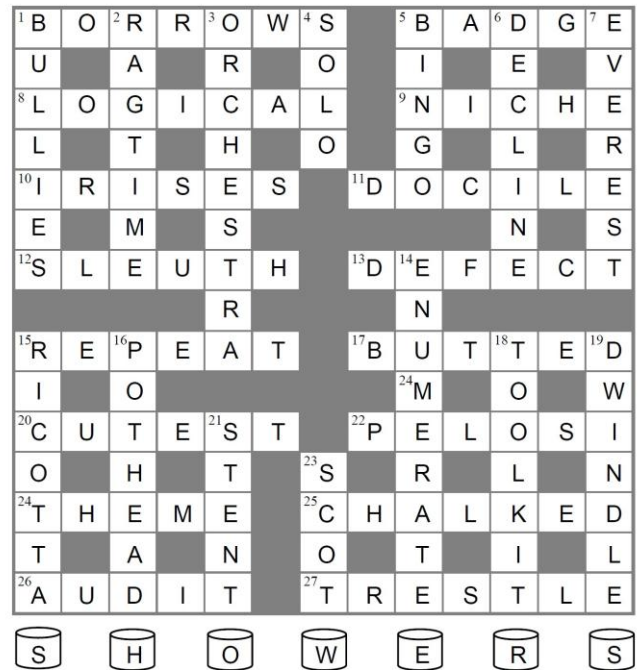
Cryptic 27 What Goes Up... Mar 2010



Cryptic 29 Crypdoku #3 May 2010



Cryptic 28 The Sky is Falling Apr 2010



Cryptic 30 English Lesson Jun 2010



Bonus Puzzle - Trading Deadline

AL WEST

NL WEST

P	H	A	N	T	O	M	T	R	O	U	B	L	E
I		V		A		O	O		R		A		L
T	H	I	N	N	E	R	R	E	B	O	U	N	D
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