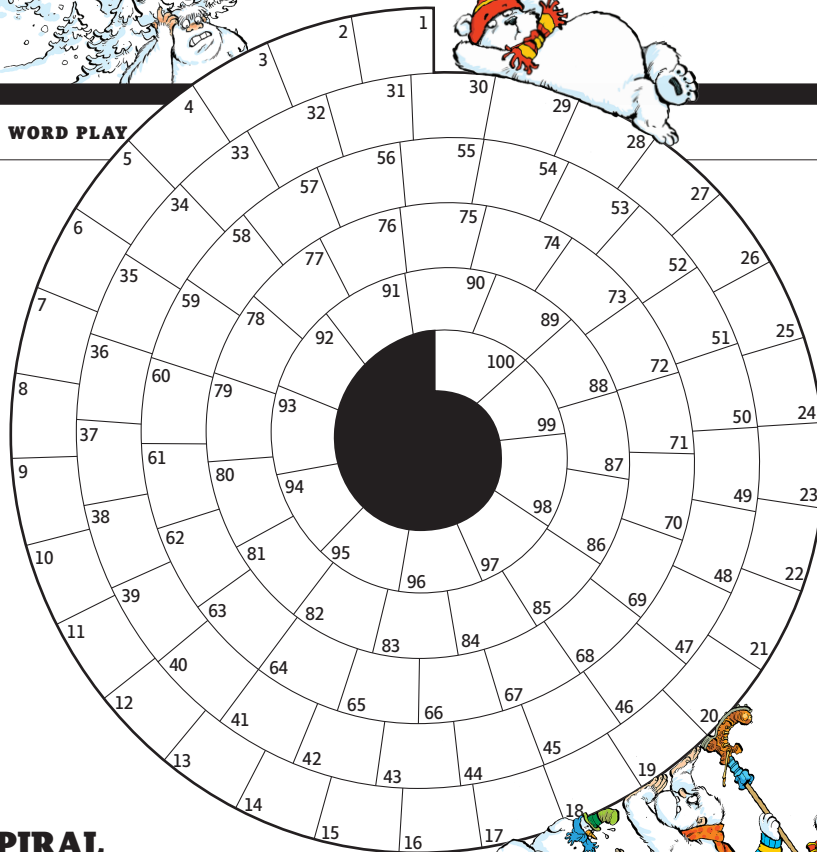


DIVERSIONS

It's ho ho holiday puzzle time, so get out your pencils and enjoy these brain teasers from Fraser Simpson

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WORD PLAY



SPIRAL

You'll need to think in two directions to solve this puzzle. The Inward clues yield a sequence of words to be entered counterclockwise in the spaces from 1 to 100. The Outward clues yield a different set of words to be entered from 100 to 1. Fill in the answers, one letter per space, according to the numbers beside the clues. Can you get there and back again?

INWARD

- 1-12 1970 Pearl Harbor film (3 wds.)
- 13-20 Kraft Dinner pasta
- 21-24 Petty quarrel
- 25-29 Inert gas
- 30-35 Cosmopolitan
- 36-40 Nigeria's largest city
- 41-48 One on commission (2 wds.)
- 49-55 Motorcycle attachment
- 56-64 Tending to the flowers
- 65-69 Man of steel?
- 70-75 Given new life
- 76-79 _____ monster (lizard)
- 80-84 *The Lion King* hero
- 85-89 Assembly of witches
- 90-95 For no profit (2 wds.)
- 96-100 Paramour

OUTWARD

- 100-94 Insurrections
- 93-88 Gasoline rating
- 87-83 Word knowledge, informally
- 82-75 Fail to true, as wheels
- 74-68 Baseball's Alomar or Clement
- 67-60 Portrayer of TV's McHale
- 59-52 RuPaul's contest (2 wds.)
- 51-44 Break up, as a crowd
- 43-39 Rodeo rope
- 38-33 Chief ore of lead
- 32-28 Singer Mars
- 27-20 Wall scribblings
- 19-16 Screenwriter Ephron
- 15-10 Chevy classic
- 9-6 Poi source
- 5-1 Fortune teller's deck

FUN NUF UNF

In each row, fill in the blanks with different arrangements of the same three letters to create four complete words.

1. _EP_AG_N AN_I_ER_ _S_RIC_ _
2. _A_DSTI_K T_I_K_ S_N_H_O _
3. _A_ER_CK _A_P_RE _PRO_E _
4. NEI_H_O_R F_N_I_LE _E_ILE _
5. L_C_J_W B_C_H_E _L_X_N _
6. BO_D_AC_ _O_IAG_ _AR_U_ _

SYNONYM TRIOS

In every trio, change one letter in each word to create synonyms. For example, CROW WIELD HARDEST becomes CROP, YIELD, HARVEST.

1. BARON; SLICK; WIND

2. CONCEIT; NATION; IDES

3. DANCER; MENAGE; THROAT

4. CURTAIN; SURF; CONFIDANT

5. POISON; FAIL; STAMMER

6. UNCLEAN; VOGUE; LAZY

7. CHOKE; TANK; ERRANT

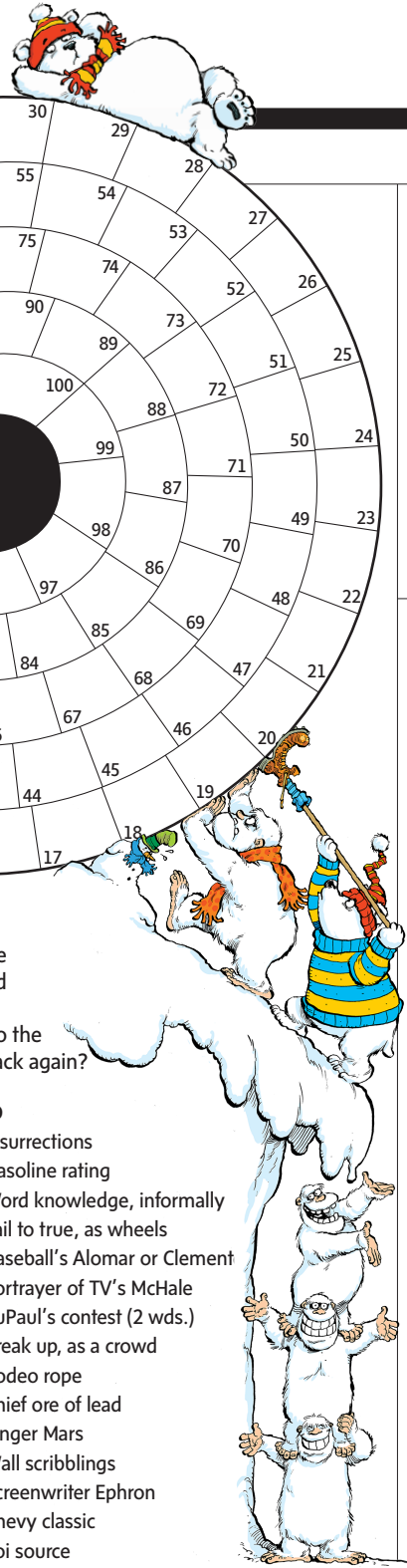
8. CONICAL; DOUBLING; JAWED

9. RECEIVE; MISREAD; FOOT

10. HORSE; SWELLING; ABOVE

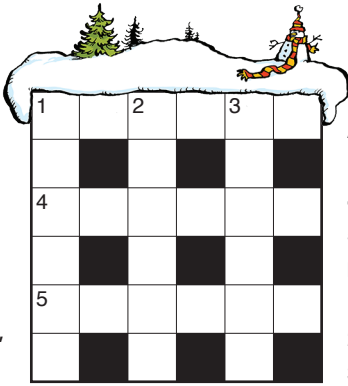
11. BREAD; PASSE; RESPIRE

12. PUMPKIN; YODEL; HECK



JUST ADD VOWELS

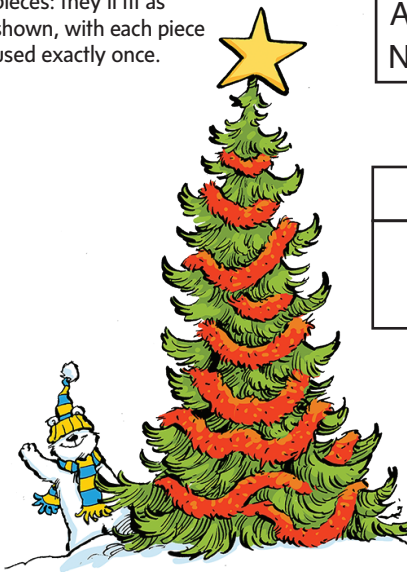
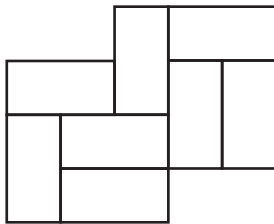
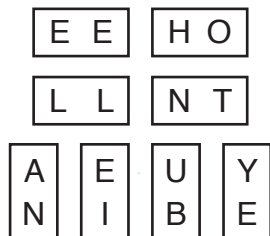
In this small crossword, all of the consonants in the answer words are provided, in alphabetical order. The missing vowels—and the words themselves—are for you to guess. The letter Y isn't used. For example, the clue FNR could lead to the answer REFINE or UNFAIR.



- ACROSS**
 1 GLN
 4 NQT
 5 PT
DOWN
 1 LQR
 2 GL
 3 NRT

WORD JIGSAW

Fit the pieces into the frame to form common, uncapitalized words reading across and down crossword-style. There's no need to rotate the pieces: they'll fit as shown, with each piece used exactly once.



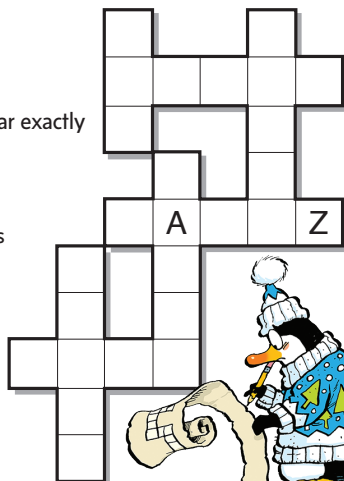
PANGRAM FILL-IN

Use the randomly listed clues to fill in this small crossword puzzle. Each letter of the alphabet will appear exactly once in the completed grid.

CLUES

- strength ■ ballroom dance ■ supports
- fern leaf ■ furnish with gear
- bedevil ■ great pleasures

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



CATCHING A CODE

We've taken five common six-letter words, listed in alphabetical order, and disguised them using a random substitution cipher. We'll tell you that P stands for H, and X stands for K. Can you determine the words?



_____ G W Q X M Y
 _____ P W F Q G Z
 _____ F Y L M V B
 _____ Z Q G W F Y
 _____ L X M B V P

WORDLESS

In each of the three puzzles below, you've been given three guesses at a secret word. Any letter that appears in the secret word in the same position as in the guess has a square around it. Any letter that appears in the secret word in a different position than in the guess is circled. Letters without circles or squares are not in the secret word. Can you determine all three secret words?

PUZZLE 1

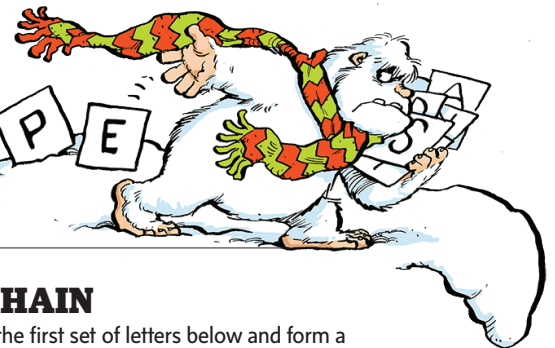
V A G U E
 F I L M S
 C R O S S

PUZZLE 2

T U B A S
 R I G H T
 P L A C E

PUZZLE 3

P I L A F
 F E T I D
 N O S E S



DAISY CHAIN

Add a letter to the first set of letters below and form a common word by anagramming the six given letters plus the one you added. Enter the word in the squares to the right. For each succeeding row, add the last letter of the previous word you wrote to the new set of letters before anagramming. The last letter of your fifth word should be the letter you added to the first word. Only word play experts will complete this daisy chain of anagrams!

1	A	B	C	E	H	R	__				
2	E	F	I	S	T	U	__				
3	C	D	I	I	N	O	__				
4	D	E	I	L	S	W	__				
5	H	I	M	O	R	S	__				

LOGIC PLAY

NEW SUBDIVISION

Subdivide this region along the grid lines into non-overlapping squares and rectangles. Each rectangle or square must contain exactly one number that indicates how many small cells make up its area.

9							4
				9			
12						6	
6			12				12
4							6

DICE IT UP

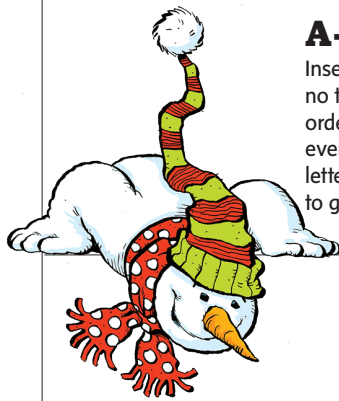
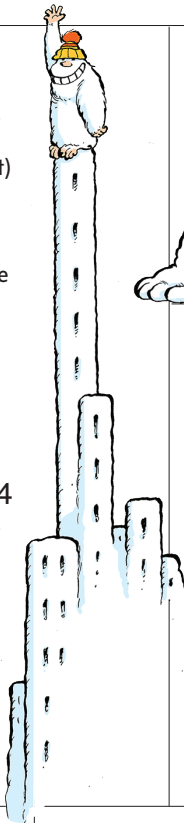
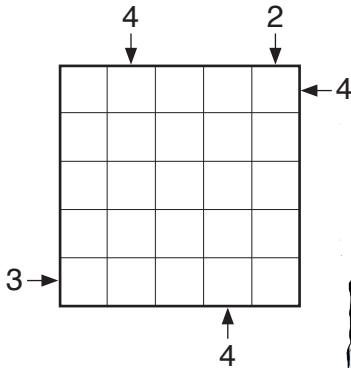
These four cubes are labelled with one letter on each of their 24 faces, using all the letters of the alphabet except J and Q. Random rolls of all four cubes could produce the 14 words shown. Can you use the words to deduce how the letters are distributed among the cubes?

- BITE POEM
- FORA SAFE
- GIVE TOFU
- HOLE VOID
- KILO WRAP
- NEXT YOLK
- NICK ZANY



SKYSCRAPERS

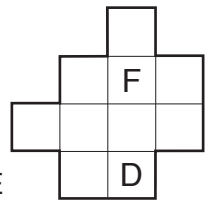
The grid is a bird's-eye view of a city's downtown core. Place a number from 1 to 5 (representing a building's height) in each cell so that no two buildings in any row or column have the same height. The numbers outside the grid tell you the number of buildings visible from that direction. Higher buildings block the view of lower ones behind them. Can you determine the heights of all 25 buildings?



A-J FIT-IN

Insert the letters A to J, one per square, so that no two consecutive letters in alphabetical order are in squares that touch in any way, even at a corner. Two letters have been placed to get you started.

- A B C ~~D~~ E
- F G H I J



SPYMASTER

Deduce a secret number made of four different digits 1 through 9. The chart shows four guesses at the number, and a score for each guess using marbles. Any digit that appears in the secret number in the same position as in the guess is scored with a black marble. Any digit that appears in the secret number in a different position than in the guess is scored with a white marble. Any digit that is not in the secret number does not get a marble. It's up to you to determine which digits are indicated by the marbles. Can you figure out the four-digit number?

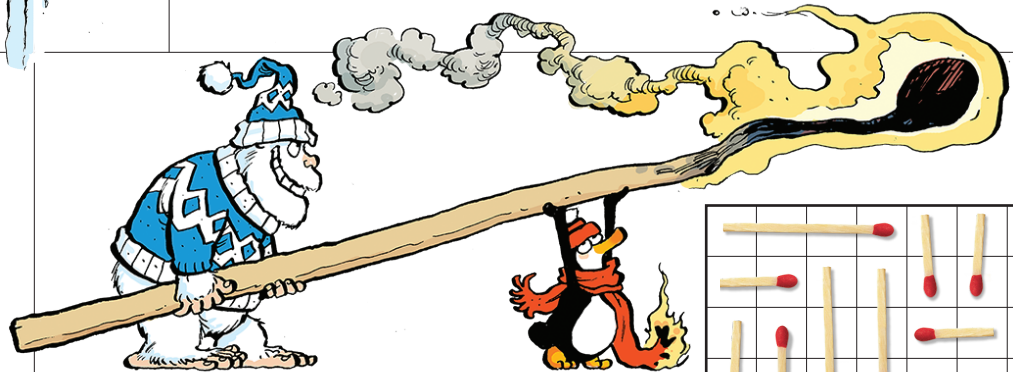
1	2	3	8	○	○	○
8	4	2	5	●	○	○
6	3	9	2	●	○	
2	1	7	9	○		



MINI SUDOKU

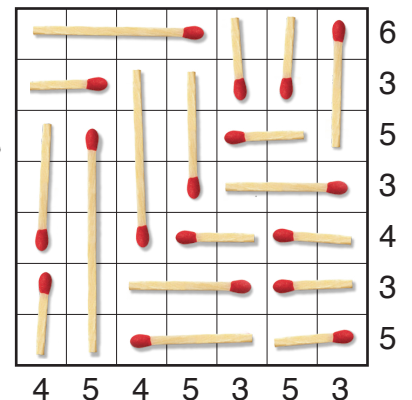
Fill in the empty cells so that each letter in WINTER appears once in each row, each column, and each outlined 2 x 3 rectangle. There's only one way to do it. Can you find it?

N	E			
				E
T				
		I		
	R		T	
	W		I	



MATCH PLAY

The grid contains unburnt matches of different sizes. You may burn any amount of each match, or leave the match unburnt. You "burn" a match by shading segments from the head (rounded end) to the tail, without skipping segments. The numbers outside the grid indicate the number of burnt segments in the corresponding row or column. Can you shade in the burnt segments to "match" the numbers?



GIANT CROSSWORD

BY FRASER SIMPSON
#globecrossword

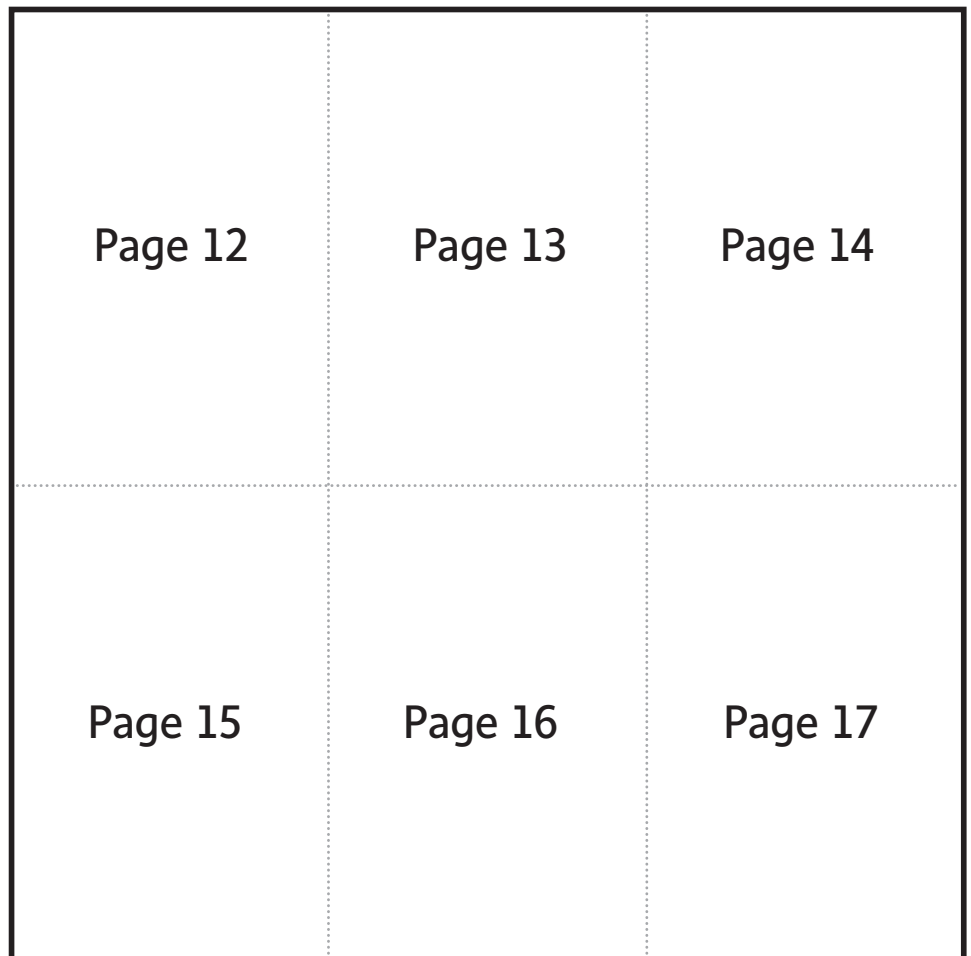
Instructions

The crossword will print out in 12 pages.

Pages 6-11
Clues

Pages 12-17
Crossword grid, in sections;
you can piece it together
using the diagram at right.

Page 18
Solutions



CLUES ACROSS

1 – 236

- 1** Taste of candy cane ice cream (10)
6 Artificially high voice (8)
19 Tiny Tim's dad (3,8)
25 Traitor (8)
29 Labyrinth builder of myth (8)
35 Biofuel option (7)
37 Bone-building element (7)
38 Crowd-scene actor (5)
41 Blacksmith's block (5)
42 Topping on a Meat Lover's pizza (7)
43 Group of lions (5)
44 Varnish ingredient (5)
45 Garden clock (7)
46 Bambi's rabbit pal (7)
47 Member of a sleigh-pulling team (7)
48 Smelling bad (7)
49 With 175-Down, *Starry Night* painter (7,3,4)
50 Boxer Johansson (7)
51 Spray can (7)
52 Fictional pugilist of film (5,6)
53 Stately shade trees (4)
54 Hairless (4)
55 Superman adversary (3,6)
56 Revel (9)
57 *Alturas de Macchu Picchu* poet Pablo (6)
59 Dealing with the writer's own life (16)
63 Drink served with miniature marshmallows (3,9)
66 Saw eye to eye (6)
69 Currently (8)
70 Voyage (4)
72 Racquet sport (6)
73 Number system based on two (6)
76 Manacles (9)
77 Dorothy, to Em (5)
78 Jury's decision (7)
81 Canada Life, e.g. (7)
83 Ghana's capital (5)
84 Teatime baked good (5)
85 Barb-tailed fish (8)
87 Insect with many legs (but not actually 100) (9)
90 Striped female feline (7)
93 Chekhov's bird (7)
97 Tennis match crowd (10)
102 Jughead's buddy (6)
104 Carving that may melt (3,9)
106 Popeye's power source (7)
107 Three times (6)
109 Charity event (10)
111 Corner room in Clue (5)
113 Cautioned (6)
114 Courtroom event (5)
115 Barber's _____ for Strings (6)
117 Walk unsteadily (7)
118 Take as one's own (5)
119 Vodka brand, informally (5)
120 Remedy for a cold apartment (5,6)
122 Roadside eatery (5)
123 African scavengers (6)
124 Give an evaluation of (8)
126 Avoids the main highway (5,3,6,5)
134 Yuletide (4)
135 Yuletide concert favourite (7,7)
140 Mythical horsemen? (8)
143 Nada (5)
144 They open doors (4)
145 Pump or sneaker, e.g. (4)
146 Leonard's roommate on *The Big Bang Theory* (7)
149 Killer whale (but not actually a whale) (4)
150 Casanova (8)
151 Language that gives us the words mannequin and yacht (5)
153 Makeup base (10)
155 Used a scalpel, perhaps (8)
156 Country on the Baltic Sea (6)
157 Stubborn (10)
159 Women's magazine first published in 1928 (10)
162 Accelerator (3,5)
163 Book before Leviticus (6)
164 Winter handwear (7)
169 Aubrey Graham (5)
171 Fragrant r (6)
172 New _____ (India's capital) (5)
174 Cable service (3,2)
176 Figure skating jumps (5)
178 By mistake (2,5)
179 Glossy coating (7)
180 Mercy from a judge (8)
182 Like a vision board, ideally (9)
184 Given too much to eat (7)
185 Part of an emergency levee (7)
186 Yuletide plant (10)
188 Dwayne Johnson movie with the subtitle *Welcome to the Jungle* (7)
190 In an angry way (7)
192 Used hip boots (5)
193 Bunker near a green (4,4)
195 Ticklish Muppet (4)
197 Like January weather (6)
198 Word before rma or cotta (5)
200 Hockey infraction (7)
204 Big wine holders (5)
206 Nearly (6)
207 + (4)
210 *Viva Zapata!* star (6,6)
211 World's lowest lake (4,3)
215 Queen Elizabeth II's favourite dog breed (5,5)
216 Not the main story (7)
217 Silhouette (7)
218 Turn 8 into 48, say (8)
219 Canal clogger (6)
221 Tailor's tool (4,7)
223 Minor insult (6)
227 Wears a long face (5)
230 Milky birthstones (5)
231 Feature of a professor's tweed jacket, maybe (5,5)
236 Uncomfortable in crowded elevators, say (14)

CLUES ACROSS

244 – 441

- 244** White heron (5)
245 Supply with water (8)
247 Cruise ship game (12)
249 Surprise win (5)
250 Millennium Falcon pilot (3,4)
251 Camp re residue (5)
254 Reddish hair dye (5)
255 Unpleasantly noisy (11)
257 Forty-_____ (California Gold Rush participant) (5)
258 Jamaican sprinter nicknamed “Lightning” (5,4)
259 Yuletide plant (9)
263 Tree houses? (5)
265 Utensil for a 429-Across dinner (7,5)
266 Blender setting (5)
267 Titanic sinker (7)
268 He’s second only to Josh Gibson in career batting average (2,4)
269 *The Jungle Book* wolf (5)
270 Italian rice dish (7)
271 Snore loudly (or do a lumberjack’s job?) (3,4)
272 Japanese city with a Peace Memorial Park (9)
273 People with hives (9)
274 Travel kit plug (7)
275 Yuletide door decor (6)
278 Stuffed pasta (7)
279 *West Side Story* song (7)
281 Twain’s Tom (6)
282 135-Across, for one (8)
285 Out of danger (4)
287 Italian artist (an anagram of I DO MAILING) (10)
289 *Orpheus in the Underworld* composer (9)
291 Baton-passing event (5,4)
294 Trinidad and _____ (6)
295 Like the “winning” holiday sweater (7)
298 _____ riche (7)
300 Letter after kappa (6)
302 Flag-waving (9)
304 Leaky pen mishap (3,5)
306 Theatre sign (7)
307 Abu Dhabi, e.g. (7)
308 DJ’s rotating platform (9)
310 Bewitchingly sexy (9)
312 Raspy-voiced (6)
314 Bram Stoker novel (7)
316 They love their strikes (7)
317 Teens (6)
319 In vain (9)
321 Lab samples (9)
322 Accelerate (5,2)
324 Egg-based paint (7)
325 Northern signpost of sorts (8)
326 _____ clothes (pregnancy wear) (9)
328 “Unlock this door!” (4,2)
329 Salve (7)
330 Kipling who wrote *Just So Stories* (7)
332 Scottish cryptid, familiarly (6)
333 German vampire film of the 1920s (9)
335 Accidental replacement for coffee sweetener in the film *9 to 5* (3,6)
337 Dining establishment (10)
338 Uzbekistan’s continent (4)
339 Optometrists test it (8)
342 Crib toy (6)
344 Bona fide (7)
347 Allow to fall into disrepair (7)
349 Bemoan (6)
351 Like a cat on a hot tin roof (7)
353 Door-to-door singers (9)
354 Banff rescue team (3,6)
356 Altar-bound (7)
358 Ancient Egyptian writers (7)
360 Ibsen’s Gabler (5)
363 Falling-shapes game from Russia (6)
364 Not oblivious to (5,2)
366 Gentle reminder (5)
367 The Blue Jays, e.g. (8,4)
369 Like the designated driver (5)
370 “And a _____ in a pear tree” (9)
374 Seasonal hangings (9)
375 *Downton* _____ (5)
376 Part of a snack left out for Santa (5,2,4)
377 Propeller part (5)
378 Cider fruit (5)
381 Business end of a bee (7)
382 Tibet’s capital (5)
383 Dec. 24 (9,3)
385 Cracks, as a code (8)
387 Throne, essentially (5)
388 Professor Plum and Miss Scarlett, for two (6,8)
396 Yuletide greeting, *en français* (6,4)
400 Draconian (5)
401 Threaded fastener (5)
404 Nike logo (6)
408 First in a Sue Grafton novel series (1,2,3,5)
410 Leisurely walk (6)
411 Double-check (4,4)
413 Choose not to vote (7)
414 Usher’s handout (7)
415 Wrongdoer (10)
417 Antagonist of 288-Down (7)
419 Men’s clothing shop (12)
420 Sty cry (4)
421 Baby-delivering birds (6)
422 Yuletide post (5)
424 They’re nuts (7)
428 Send payment (5)
429 Holiday entree (6)
430 _____ Kringle (4)
431 Does better than, in retail (8)
433 Silently understood (5)
435 Like some car engines (7)
437 Wrinkly Chinese dog (4-3)
438 Sugar craving (5,5)
441 Pickpockets, e.g. (7)

CLUES ACROSS

443 – 594

- 443** Castle prison (7)
444 Complicated situation (9)
447 After-shower attire (8)
449 Sirloin or brisket (4,3)
450 PG-13 and NC-17, for two (7)
451 Pine (5)
452 Fried 214-Down staple (5)
454 From the neighbourhood (5)
455 Chemical “twin” (6)
457 Sassy (5)
459 Part of a recliner (7)
463 Cheesy bar appetizer (6)
464 Quandaries (8)
466 Batman’s home town (6,4)
467 M’s secretary (10)
470 Male part of a flower (6)
471 Diva’s text (8)
472 Robbery at gunpoint (7,3)
475 Scrub hard (5)
476 Literally, “little tongues” (8)
477 Keystone’s place (4)
478 Calls forth (7)
480 Danish bricks (4)
481 Border on (4)
482 Dig (into) (5)
483 Crèche scene (8)
487 #, if drawn larger (3-3-3,5)
493 Appendectomy reminder (4)
495 Christina Rossetti poem that speaks of the 483-Across (2,3,5,9)
502 Mighty (8)
504 Call for (6)
505 What 248-Down is (5)
506 Orangey autumn celestial event (7,4)
507 Yuletide tree topper (5)
508 Spock’s specialty (5)
509 Year-end celebration (7)
510 The swans in *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, for example (6)
511 Declare void (5)
512 *Nightfall* writer Isaac (6)
513 Nods off (5)
515 Holiday tradition (4-6)
517 Crèche item (6)
518 Top with four letters on it (7)
519 Hyperbole (12)
520 Like donkeys and zebras (6)
522 Impervious to rain (10)
527 Bath sponges (7)
531 Marley’s partner, in fiction (7)
532 Department store feature (9)
534 Like Halloween chocolate bars (4-4)
537 Midterms and finals (5)
538 Colourful aquarium fish (5)
539 Sagacious (7)
542 Reaches, as a goal (7)
543 _____ acid (soap ingredient) (5)
544 Colombia neighbour (9)
546 Scamp (6)
547 Show up for (6)
549 Holiday wrapping need (4)
550 Felon (8)
552 Pakistan’s second-largest city (6)
554 Utensil for putting eggs into boiling water (7,5)
558 Yummy Yuletide construction (11,5)
560 Dealer’s workplace (6)
562 Crash a selfie (9)
564 The “Golden Jet” of hockey (5,4)
566 Forearm bone (4)
567 Othello’s nemesis (4)
569 Certain Manitoban (11)
572 Range of hearing (7)
575 Beauty contest (7)
576 Ice cream flavour (7)
578 Cure-all (7)
580 Headache cause, sometimes (7)
581 Largest city in Kansas (7)
582 Whitewater paddler (7)
583 One gift of the Magi (5)
584 *Oppenheimer* director (5)
585 Part of a snack left out for Santa (7)
586 Family member (5)
587 Gobbled up (5)
588 Falls on the border (7)
589 Retired professors (7)
590 Santa’s _____ (busy North Pole place) (8)
591 Wordsworth’s flower (8)
592 Robert Moog creation (11)
593 Dryness preventers (8)
594 Trio in a holiday song (6,4)

CLUES DOWN

1 – 176

- 1** Rulers like King Tut (8)
2 Tenor associated with Carreras and Domingo (9)
3 New York's _____ Island (5)
4 Gran Torino, for one (6,3)
5 Idling gear (7)
7 "Yes, captain" (3,3)
8 Brownish photo tint (5)
9 Little cap for sewers? (7)
10 Finished for good (4,3,4,4)
11 Uses a university library (10)
12 Spicy cuisine (4)
13 Tasty (10)
14 Read electronically (4)
15 The U.S. Pledge of _____ (10)
16 Japanese parliament (4)
17 Running hot and cold (10)
18 Geometry measure (6)
19 Container made by a cooper (6)
20 Last place, in sports (8)
21 *Atlas Shrugged* author Ayn (4)
22 Madame of wax museums (7)
23 Loud amenity in a public washroom (4,5)
24 Three times (6)
25 Take it easy (5)
26 Bridge declaration (2,5)
27 Pampas cowboys (7)
28 Airplane takeoff (9)
30 Sealed glass tube (6)
31 Castle entrances (11)
32 Stretchy fabric (5)
33 Witchcraft (7)
34 After-bath powder (4)
36 "And stay by my cradle till morning is _____" (4)
39 One punched at work (4,4)
40 Anansi, Loki and Br'er Rabbit (10)
58 Tony of *Who's the Boss?* (5)
60 Desert refuge (5)
61 Plus-one (5)
62 Gamer's livestreaming platform (6)
64 Norman Conquest battle site (8)
65 Deadly mushroom (9)
67 Field targets shaped like large H's (9)
68 Hosiery shade that means "unbleached" in French (4)
71 Pool triangle (4)
74 Tony-winning musical with the song *It Sucks to Be Me* (6,1)
75 Get used (to) (8)
78 Long-winded (7)
79 Impoverished (8)
80 Lover of Apollo killed by a discus (and namesake of a flower) (8)
82 Chuck Berry's genre (4,3,4)
84 Italian ice cream whose name means "foam" (7)
86 Certified as authentic, in a way (9)
88 Sorting technique on Santa's list (7,2,4)
89 "A friend in need is a friend _____" (6)
90 Bull fighters (7)
91 Legume used in a veggieburger (7)
92 Mood ring or pet rock (7,3)
94 Bert's buddy on *Sesame Street* (5)
95 Beckett's no-show (5)
96 Chestnut Praline _____ (Starbucks holiday drink) (5)
98 Traffic cone (5)
99 Soup that can be "New England" or "Manhattan" style (4,7)
100 World's largest snakes by weight (9)
101 French cake (6)
103 French manor house that rhymes with 101-Down (7)
105 Frisbee, e.g. (4)
106 Remove whiskers (5)
108 Member of a sleigh-pulling team (7)
110 Indifference (6)
112 Solo in *Madama Butterfly*, e.g. (4)
116 Three-wheelers (6)
121 Region containing Florence and Siena (7)
125 Staff symbol (6,4)
127 *Instant _____!* (1970 John Lennon song) (5)
128 Whet (7)
129 Positive December feeling (7,6)
130 Signal receiver (9,4)
131 Pencil ends (7)
132 Tribal symbol (5)
133 Alberta city with Canada's largest Bhutanese community (10)
136 Olaf or Frosty (7)
137 Katniss _____ (*The Hunger Games* protagonist) (8)
138 *A Study in _____* (Sherlock Holmes story) (7)
139 Title given to Canadian-born actress Mary Pickford (8,10)
140 Casual talk (4)
141 Cairo's river (4)
142 Swiss peaks (4)
147 Rum cocktail (8)
148 Rightly or wrongly, e.g. (6)
152 Grumpy co-worker (6)
154 Winter transport (8)
158 Coffee shop order (9)
160 El Greco's city (6)
161 Continent whose highest peak is Mt. Elbrus (6)
165 Bar once advertised as "99 44/100% Pure" (5,4)
166 Number of balls used in a snooker game (6-3)
167 Egyptian queen depicted in a famous bust (9)
168 Cornfield bird (4)
170 Choreographer _____ de Mille (5)
173 Rabble-rouser (8)
174 *Death Comes to Pemberley* author (1,1,5)
175 See 49-Across
176 Hands-on-hips position (6)

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- 177 Wrap tightly with a blanket (7)
 181 California city where *American Graffiti* is set (7)
 183 Spikes hanging from eavestroughs (7)
 185 December exchange program at the office? (6,5)
 186 Elvis hairstyle (9)
 187 Magazine edition (5)
 189 “Thanks, Véronique!” (5)
 191 Titled British heroine of *The Sun Also Rises* (4,5,6)
 194 News summary (5)
 196 _____ to my ears (5)
 199 Fanning who played Squeaky Fromme in *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* (6)
 201 Ballroom dance in 4/4 time (7)
 202 Import illegally (7)
 203 Dutch pottery city (5)
 205 Neck warmer (5)
 208 *Le Roi Soleil* (5,3)
 209 *Dancing Queen* group (4)
 212 Squirrel away (5)
 213 Birthplace of St. Francis and St. Clare (6)
 214 Festival that begins Dec. 25, 2024 (8)
 220 *The Sleeping Gypsy* painter Henri (8)
 222 *Vogue* singer (7)
 224 Portable light (7)
 225 Travelocity mascot (5)
 226 Was creative in an unconventional way (7,7,3,3)
 227 Angora fleece (6)
 228 Beethoven’s 32 (5,7)
 229 Pasta wheat (8)
 232 Watch the whole *Net ix* series at once (5)
 233 Cool shades (10,10)
 234 Thumbs-up (8)
 235 Roman orator who exclaimed “O tempora! O mores!” (6)
 237 Runs with an easy gait (5)
 238 German subs (1-5)
 239 Sale phrase equivalent to BOGO (3,3,3)
 240 Unhealthily single-minded (9)
 241 *I’m So Lonesome I Could Cry* singer (4,8)
 242 Game with dabbers (5)
 243 She portrayed Diane Lockhart on two TV series (9,8)
 246 Water pitchers (5)
 248 French delicacy (8)
 252 Ostentatious (5)
 253 Red-faced feeling (13)
 256 Taylor Swift grew up on one (9,4,4)
 260 Missed the glass when pouring (7)
 261 British truck (5)
 262 Conductor Arturo (9)
 264 Keep for later (3,5)
 275 Warning akin to a subway station’s “Mind the gap” (5,4,4)
 276 Hug (7)
 277 Lisbon’s river (5)
 280 Sixth-day offering, in a song (5)
 283 Free-_____ eggs (5)
 284 Bookworms (7)
 286 Weasel-like pets (7)
 288 Oscar-winning film about Mozart (7)
 290 _____ favours the brave (7)
 292 *Brideshead Revisited* author Waugh (6)
 293 Bullish trend (6)
 296 Give the slip to (5)
 297 New Year’s Eve song (4,4,4)
 299 Still single (5)
 301 Thin cotton fabric (and anagram of IT’S A BET) (7)
 303 Club dues collector (9)
 305 Iron clothes? (4,2,6)
 309 Tree branch (5)
 311 Watchdog in Hades (8)
 313 Coffee-brewing device (8,7)
 315 Inert gas that is about 1% of our atmosphere (5)
 318 *The Magic Flute*, for one (5)
 320 Nori, essentially (7)
 323 Ways of looking at things (9)
 324 Certain North Africans (9)
 327 Send, as a signal (8)
 331 Amusing tale (8)
 334 Swiss mathematician Leonhard (5)
 336 Paint diluters (8)
 340 Daughter of Ingrid Bergman who starred in *Blue Velvet* (8,10)
 341 Hat dance hat (8)
 343 Add up (5)
 345 Earth’s glacial periods (3,4)
 346 Castaway of fiction (6)
 348 _____ biloba (6)
 349 Newfoundland and _____ (8)
 350 Strait of _____ (sea route from India to China) (7)
 352 Painters like Dali (11)
 353 Member of a sleigh-pulling team (5)
 355 Need replenishing, as fuel or supplies (3,3)
 357 Eva, Magda or Zsa Zsa (5)
 359 Seem suitable for (5)
 361 _____ Malfoy (Harry Potter’s nemesis at Hogwarts) (5)
 362 Hired gun (8)
 365 Mexican pal (5)
 368 Scotland’s capital (9)
 371 Ship-sinking weapon (7)
 372 Seize and hold in custody (7)
 373 Deep cuts (6)
 379 Danger (5)
 380 Reverberated, as in a canyon (6)
 384 Cobwebby storage area (5)
 386 Online message (5)
 389 Constellation containing 463-Down (4,5)

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- 390** Brew that's on tap (5,4)
391 Cellphone sounds (9)
392 Moustache site (5,3)
393 "Ignorance is bliss", e.g. (7)
394 Type of fish that gold fish are (4)
395 Ancient Mesopotamian civilization (5)
396 *Goldfinger* or *No Time to Die*, for example (5,4,4)
397 Cowardly (6-7)
398 Out of shape (5)
399 Kind of fission or fusion (7)
402 United Way, e.g. (7)
403 Problem from too much screen time (9)
405 Yuletide quaff (7)
406 Outdo (3-2)
407 Rural wagon outing (7)
409 Number-picking game with a jackpot (5)
412 Light bulb inventor (6)
416 Arcane (8)
418 In an error-free way (10)
423 Variety show (5)
424 Car safety device (6)
425 "Congratulations!" (5,3)
426 Popular holiday ballet, with "The" (10)
427 Radio interference (6)
432 Good at sports (8)
434 Dorothy's dog (4)
435 Lacking any pattern (6)
436 It hangs from a rim (10,3)
439 Selected passage (7)
440 River of 544-Across (7)
442 Continuous arrivals (6)
445 B-52's song with the lyric "Motion in the ocean" (4,7)
446 Garfield's favourite food (7)
448 Kettledrums (7)
453 Gym employee (7)
456 Bushy side whiskers (6,5)
458 Sleeps through winter (10)
459 Opposed to (4)
460 Skimpy skirt (4)
461 A piece of cake (4)
462 What Androcles extracted (5)
463 Polaris (5,4)
465 Fancy neckwear (5)
468 Mineral with huge deposits near Saskatoon (6)
469 Holiday burner (4,3)
470 Crèche figures (9)
473 Hot tub with jets (7)
474 Holiday drink (6)
478 Obstructs (7)
479 Cuddle together (7)
482 Famous advice column begun in 1956 (4,4)
484 Predecessor of Jennings (6)
485 Replaced, electorally (5,3)
486 Internet forum baddie (5)
487 Money for a trip's meals and lodging (6,9)
488 After-dinner drinks (7)
489 "See ya later, ____" (9)
490 Put up with (8)
491 Bad thing to be behind (5,4)
492 Autumn garden tool (4)
494 Big name in comics and movies (6)
495 Pants length measurements (7)
496 Muse of love poetry (5)
497 Benevolent (4)
498 Arctic abode (5)
499 Harbour structure (5)
500 Stable sound (5)
501 Peerage rank below duke (8)
503 Hogwarts alumni (7)
514 Compulsive buyers (11)
516 Football game on Dec. 31, 2024 in Glendale, AZ (6,4)
518 Florist's quantities (6)
521 Riding whip (4)
523 Crazy overpriced (10)
524 Jigsaw puzzle unit (5)
525 Western (10)
526 *Hawaii* ____ (cop show revival of 2010) (4-1)
527 Common Constable paintings (10)
528 Seep (4)
529 Hockey venue (5)
530 Horse of the Year, 1938 (10)
533 Wookiee of film (9)
535 Entrée also called a Three-Bird Roast (9)
536 Important time at a New Year's party (8)
540 When many exhibition games get played (3-6)
541 Canine pain (9)
542 "The Rock" (8)
545 Cardigan makers (8)
546 Simple ski lift (4,3)
548 Interrogate after a mission (7)
549 *Babes in* ____ (operetta) (7)
551 Ceremonial candelabrum (7)
553 Puff the Magic Dragon's land (7)
555 Dandie Dinmont, e.g. (7)
556 World's third-largest island (6)
557 ____ of London (6)
558 Burrowing rodent (6)
559 *Seinfeld* woman (6)
561 Saucer's partner (6)
563 Proprietor (5)
565 *Family Matters* nerd (5)
568 Fencing sword (4)
570 Word before tube or sanctum (5)
571 Gentle firelight (4)
573 Fairway boundary (5)
574 Flightless Aussie birds (4)
576 Medicine bottle (4)
577 Pants-on-fire person (4)
579 Hammer's target (4)

