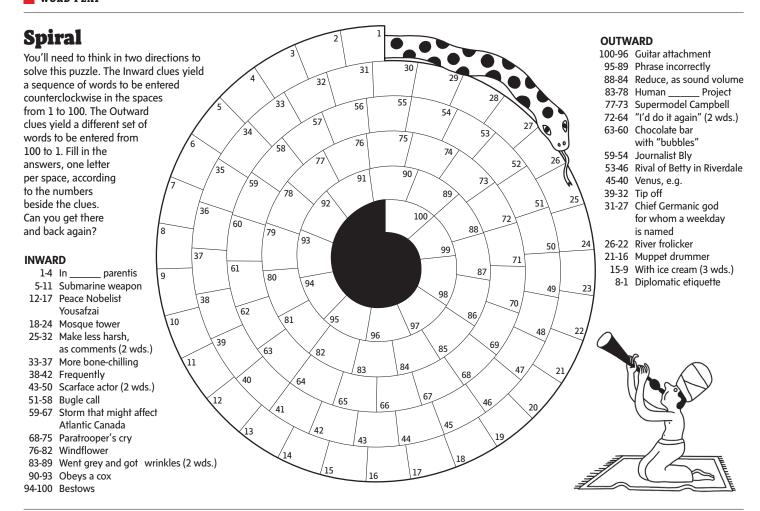


# **DIVERSIONS**

Happy holidays, puzzle lovers! To keep you busy, here's our latest assortment of brain-twisters by Fraser Simpson, creator of The Globe and Mail's cryptic crossword

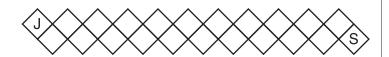
WORD PLAY



#### Ribbon

The answers to the clues are all four-letter words, listed in no particular order. Fill the ribbon with the words overlapping by two letters, like ACHY and HYMN in the example. We've supplied the first and last letters of the ribbon.

Can you piece the words together?



**CLUES** ■ pinnacle ■ "clumsy me!" ■ boat bottom ■ shoe designer Jimmy ■ unadorned ■ way out ■ wisecrack ■ hankering ■ exile isle ■ harvest

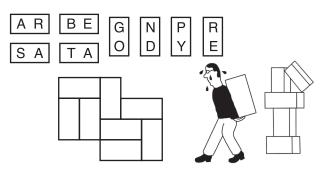
# **Daisy chain**

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	AHLOTY_	
2	AIJNOR_	
3	EGLMNO_	
4	AAPSTU_	
5	BFFIIL_	

#### **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.



#### **Block association**

Form seven nine-letter words by combining two of the three-letter blocks shown below with each ending in the grid. All blocks will be used. If you do it correctly, two of the vertical columns will spell a two-word phrase.

AME	I M I
ARC	LAR
BIR	LEG
CEN	NEW
DHO	PAR
END	S C A
НІТ	ТАТ

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#### LOGIC PLAY

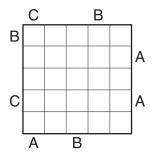
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		51	
	61		
73			67

#### **Pathfinder**

A path of 36 consecutive numbers, connected horizontally or vertically, and never diagonally, will complete this grid. Some numbers are given to get you started. Can you place a number in each empty cell to create the only correct path?

#### **End view**

Place the letters A, B, and C into this grid so that each letter appears exactly once in each row and column, with the other two cells in each row and column left blank. Each letter outside the grid indicates the letter that must appear first in its respective row or column (reading in from the edge of the grid closest to the letter, and skipping any blank cells). Can you get the correct pattern? The solution is unique.



# S L O L Y B I R D U T T L H O O

#### Slide show

Slide the 18 letters surrounding the grid into the empty squares so that four words are formed reading across and five words are formed reading down.
Letters above and below the grid slide vertically to any position without changing columns, and letters to the left and right slide horizontally to any position without changing rows. Each exterior letter is used only once. Two additional letters are already positioned in the grid. Can you slide all of the others into place?

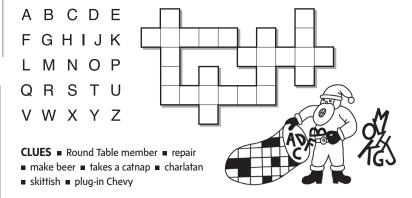
# **Catching a code**

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 V stands for C, and Z stands for F. Can you determine the words?

4				R			Y
E	В	Н	٧	V	N	<b>\</b>	
K	Χ	٧	J	Z	D		
Q	J	Q	N	Ε	Χ		
Z	L	Н	Q	K	D		
Χ	L	Q	K	J	В		

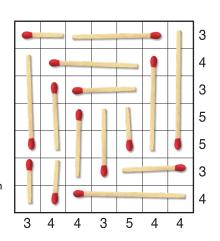
# Pangram fill-in

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.



# 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?



#### **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?

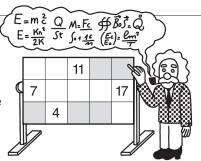
4	1	7	8	0
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9	8	1	2	
5	6	8	4	

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NUMBER PLAY

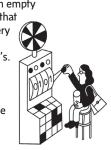
#### Hip! Hip! Array!

Place a number in each empty cell of this array so that the numbers in the top and middle cells in each column sum to the number in the bottom cell. Also, in each row, the numbers in the first two cells sum to the number in the third cell; the second and third sum to the fourth; and the third and fourth sum to the fifth. When you've filled the array, convert the shaded numbers to letters (1 = A, 2 = B, etc.). Rearrange these letters to spell a word associated with winter.



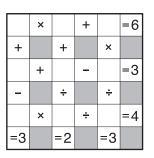
# **Bits and bytes**

Put a 0 or 1 in each empty cell of this grid so that every row and every column contains four 1's and four 0's. No more than two 1's or two 0's can be adjacent in any row or column. The solution is unique.



#### **Criss-cross math**

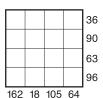
Place the digits 1 to 9, once each, into the empty cells so that the three rows across and three columns down form correct arithmetic statements. All calculations involve only positive whole numbers and should be performed from left to right and top to bottom, ignoring mathematical order of operations.



# Stay safe

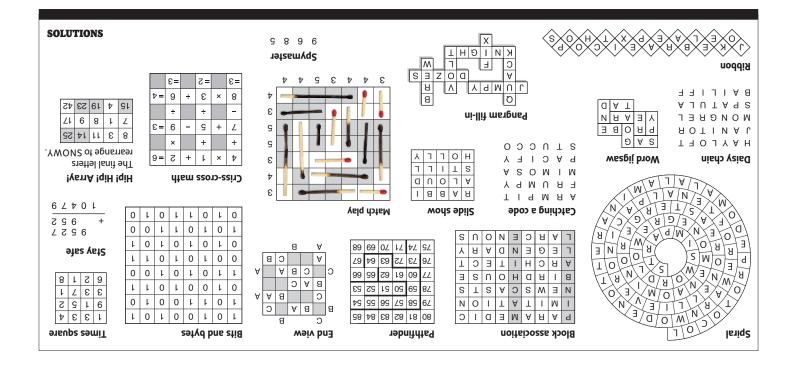
Stick to the bunny hill! In this addition alphametic, each digit has been replaced with the same letter everywhere it appears. None of the three numbers starts with zero. Can you find the unique solution?

\$ K | P + \$ K | J U M P S



#### **Times square**

Fill in each cell of the grid with a digit from 1 through 9. Each number outside the grid is the product of the digits in its row or column. Important: The number 1 will appear exactly once in each row and column; other numbers can be repeated. Can you complete the grid?



# GIANT CROSSWORD

BY FRASER SIMPSON #globecrossword

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# **Instructions**

The crossword will print out in 12 pages.

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

# **CLUES** ACROSS

1 – 227	<b>84</b> Height of a doorknob, approximately (5)	<b>162</b> Linus Pauling advocated megadoses of it (7,1)
1 Sleigh season (10)	<b>85</b> Might (8)	<b>163</b> Oranges and/ Say the bells
<b>6</b> "Congratulations!" (5,3)	<b>87</b> Isolate (9)	of St. Clement's (6)
19 Merrymaking (11)	<b>90</b> Amusing (7)	<b>164</b> Greek vowel (7)
<b>25</b> Yuletide dessert (5,3)	93 Hidden away (7)	<b>169</b> Brewery supply (5)
<b>29</b> Readies the oven (8)	<b>97</b> They are decorated at Christmas	<b>171</b> Inflatable auto safety feature (6)
<b>35</b> Team leader in a Yuletide song (7)	(10)	<b>172</b> Frozen rain (5)
37 Language in which "simba" means "lion" (7)	102 Juneau's state (6) 104 Dogged determination (12)	174 Calm periods (5) 176 Blue Grotto locale (5)
<b>38</b> Bulgaria's capital (5)	<b>106</b> Founding member of the Justice	<b>178</b> Walden author (7)
41 Less common (5)	League in DC Comics (7)	<b>179</b> Walden admor (7) <b>179</b> Laurier University (7)
<b>42</b> On a barque, perhaps (7)	<b>107</b> Mortar and (6)	180 Recklessly (8)
43 Leg up (5)	<b>109</b> Liberace prop (10)	<b>182</b> Like high-pressure situations (9)
44 "Encore presentation" (5)	111 On the chilly side (5)	<b>184</b> Countertop choice (7)
45 Olympic spear (7)	113 Arctic plain (6)	<b>185</b> Death Comes to Pemberley author
46 Macan GTS or 918 Spyder (7)	114 Sherlock's street (5)	(1,1,5)
47 Sirius (3,4)	115 First U.S. space station (6)	<b>186</b> Complete while holding your
48 Climbs (7)	<b>117</b> Pop-up appliance (7)	opponent's hand (3,7)
<b>49</b> Ramses II, e.g. (7)	<b>118</b> Indy 500 family name (5)	<b>188</b> Crank-operated machine-gun
<b>50</b> Lara's love (7)	119frutti (5)	creator (7)
51 "Good night, sweet ladies. Good	120 Popular crossbred dog (11)	<b>190</b> Deep regret (7)
night, good night" speaker (7)	<b>122</b> Main artery (5)	<b>192</b> Consecrate (5)
<b>52</b> Chuck Berry's music (4,3,4)	123 Christmas dinner entrée (6)	193 Ho-Ho-Holiday month (8)
53 Told a whopper (4)	<b>124</b> Stress hormone produced by the	<b>195</b> Cushiony (4)
54 To-do (4)	adrenal glands (8)	197 Wrote hastily, with "down" (6)
55 Dietitian's forte (9)	<b>126</b> Philadelphia (4,2,9,4)	<b>198</b> Student of Socrates (5)
<b>56</b> Site of the 1986 Reagan-Gorbachev	<b>134</b> Constructed (4)	<b>200</b> The Lord of the Rings, e.g. (7)
summit (9)	<b>135</b> "Crying" trees (7,7)	<b>204</b> Neil who sang Heart of Gold (5)
<b>57</b> Aluminum (6)	<b>140</b> Purple birthstone (8)	<b>206</b> Seasonal quaff (6)
<b>59</b> Artistic workers in the video game	<b>143</b> The Dow, e.g. (5)	<b>207</b> Ides rebuke (2,2)
industry (7,9)	<b>144</b> Cattle group (4)	210 Cruise ship game (12)
<b>63</b> Thermal insulation improvers (5,7)	145 Part of a full house (4)	<b>211</b> Lowest bridge bid (3,4)
<b>66</b> Optimistic (6)	<b>146</b> Black magic (7)	215 Mixed salad plate arranged in rows
69 Of words and their meanings (8)	149 Fencing sword (4)	(10)
70 Swiss peaks (4)	<b>150</b> Partial moon's shape (8)	216 London theatre award named for
<b>72</b> Knife holder (6)	<b>151</b> Actor Elba (5)	an actor (7)
73 Choux pastry treat (6)	153 At your (handy) (10)	<b>217</b> By the ocean (7)
<b>76</b> About 97°W, for Winnipeg (9)	155 No-show (8)	<b>218</b> Half Dome's park in California (8)
77 Home of the Burj Khalifa (5)	<b>156</b> Fundraising option (6)	<b>219</b> Main dish at a Burns Supper (6)
<b>78</b> Encompass (7)	<b>157</b> Like playoff games (10)	<b>221</b> Apathetic (11)
<b>81</b> Everlasting (7)	<b>159</b> Pooch at an airport (7,3)	223 iPad or ThinkPad, e.g. (6)
83 Bowling rentals (5)	(/,5/	<b>227</b> The Hunger Games setting (5)

#### **CLUES** ACROSS

230 - 422
230 "A Canadian is someone who
knows how to make love in a
" (Pierre Berton) (5)
<b>231</b> Weapons that require stones (10)
236 Causing disgust (7-7)
<b>244</b> Hilo hello (5)
<b>245</b> Wrist adornment (8)
<b>247</b> Pot used to make zabaglione (6,6)
<b>249</b> Waldorf salad ingredient (5)
<b>250</b> Province that borders five U.S.
states (7)
<b>251</b> Holiday get-together (5)
<b>254</b> Stanley of Julie & Julia (5)
<b>255</b> Humour shared by friends (6,5)
<b>257</b> SNL's Father Sarducci (5)
<b>258</b> One picking out tunes? (9)
<b>259</b> Moscow locale (3,6)
<b>263</b> Aquatic plant (5)
<b>265</b> Handshake deal (4,8)
<b>266</b> Pitcher Ryan (5)
<b>267</b> Important library book info (3,4)
<b>268</b> Cuba's capital (6)
<b>269</b> Flax fabric (5)
<b>270</b> Pulls into the station (7)
<b>271</b> Nowhere near the front row (3,4)
<b>272</b> Top on the Billboard chart (6,3)
273 Geranium holder (9)
274 Keep under control, as a situation
(7)
275 Snoopy's breed (6)
278 Cutting tooth (7)
<b>279</b> "To sum up" (2,5)
<b>281</b> "Suppose" (4,2)
<b>282</b> George or Ira (8)

285 Use a keyboard (4)

**287** He's wearing a ring (7,3)

**289** Big Apple airport (9)

**294** Cantankerous (6)

298 Household trash (7)

**291** Clouseau or Gadget (9)

295 Sounds like a 123-Across (7)

**300** \_\_\_\_\_ of Capricorn (6) **360** Theme park represented by a geodesic sphere called Spaceship 302 Jodie Whittaker role until 2022 Earth (5) (6,3)**363** Museum containing Leonardo's 304 Igor-like character in The Rocky Adoration of the Magi (6) Horror Picture Show (4,4) **364** Japanese electronics giant (7) **306** Did some math (7) **366** Boorish lout, in Canadian slang (5) **307** Tweezer target (7) **367** Goodnight Moon, perhaps (7,5) 308 Pastel-hued Don Johnson police **369** Death of a Salesman salesman (5) drama (5,4) **310** Fixed up (9) **370** Ronnie Burkett, for one (9) 312 Fog machine stuff (3,3) **374** Italian raw meat appetizer (9) **314** Rosie's job (7) 375 Pageant crown (5) **316** Etch (7) **376** Soccer superstar from 186-Down (6,5)**317** Crib toy (6) 377 Hokkaido seaport that's an **319** Get cozy together (7,2) anagram of A TOUR (5) **321** Tibetan terrier (5,4) 378 Enjoys a book (5) **322** Marsupial that "plays dead" (7) **381** Unpredictable (7) **324** 12-year-old, e.g. (7) **382** Lady and the \_\_\_\_\_(5) **325** Put forward as a candidate (8) **383** Solo performance on the ivories **326** Flaky shells (3,6) (5,7)328 Sphinx's challenge (6) 385 Hawaiian for "sheltered harbour" 329 Author Gladwell of The Tipping (8)Point (7) 387 Oktoberfest dance (5) **330** Belafonte's genre (7) **388** Oratorio often performed at **332** Betting setting (6) Christmas (6'1,7) **333** Counterpart of Venus (9) **396** Cruise ship safety item (4,6) **335** Black-capped bird named for the 400 Rap sheet listing (5) sound of its alarm call (9) **401** By and bounds (5) 337 Belt alternative (10) **404** Little Red \_\_\_\_ Hood (6) 338 Father's Day month (4) **408** Places where puzzlers try to break 339 Ladder truck's "garage" (4,4) out (6,5) **342** Pointillist painter Georges (6) **410** Only world capital that begins with **344** Biting, as wit (7) "Z" (6) 347 Rocket that launched Apollo 11 411 Shrill-sounding (8) (6,1)**413** Hangs around (7) 349 Box-office buy (6) **414** Christmas tree debris (7) **351** Going Back to Cali rapper (1,1,4,1) 415 Wandering minstrel of the Middle **353** Board of (9) Ages (10) 354 Dog that might be Labrador or **417** Oct. 4, 1957 launch (7) Golden (9) **419** Soap (7,5) 356 River famously crossed by Caesar **420** Termini (4) (7)**421** Waldorf salad ingredient (6) **358** Lettering aid (7) **422** Waldorf, e.g. (5)

#### **CLUES** ACROSS

#### 424 - 594 Well-armed sea creature? (7) Toque wearers (5) Position strategically, as troops (6) Jekyll's alter ego (4) 431 Took umbrage at (8) Employing (5) Shakespearean Moor (7) Gigantic statues (7) Fire-stealing Titan (10) Fingerless gloves (7) Strand (7) Lacking (9) Pavarotti standard (1,4,3) 449 Major soccer blunder (3,4) Cardigan, e.g. (7) Mournful song (5) Microsoft spreadsheet program (5) Kilt fold (5) Place of worship (6) "Eight \_\_\_\_\_ a-milking..." (5) Went by, as time (7) Word before licence or justice (6) Liberates (4,4) Icicle-shaped cave formation (10) Being victorious (10) Big name in oats (6) Pepperidge Farm crackers (8) 472 Standard par for an 18-hole golf course (7-3) "Six \_\_\_\_\_ a-laying..." (5) 476 Bright red bird (8) "Hey, sailor!" (4) Old West badge wearer (7) 480 Rural stopovers (4) Boldly resist (4)

482 Welsh pooch (5)

Horse's foot (4)

Insta (6,5,8)

483 Flat-bottomed sled (8)

Thought possibly guilty (5,9)

495 Marketing effort on Facebook or

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502 Gordie Howe's nickname (2.6)
                                          566 Be generous (4)
504 Barber of Seville (6)
505 Throw with effort (5)
506 Song known in German as Stille
    Nacht (6,5)
507 Bento box fare (5)
508 Bundled, as hay (5)
509 Hot chili pepper paste of Tunisia
calendar (daily source of
    chocolate) (6)
511 Fine dinnerware (5)
512 World Heritage Site org. (6)
513 Animal with a stripe (5)
515 His company was rebranded as
    Meta in October (10)
517 Debacle (6)
518 Marley's partner (7)
519 Mariana Trench locale (7,5)
520 Nosedive (6)
522 Combat aircraft (7,3)
527 Hot pepper (7)
531 They visit 518-Across (7)
532 Top part of a fraction (9)
534 W, on the periodic table (8)
537 Spectrum producer (5)
538 Ancient artifact (5)
539 Digging tools (7)
542 Igaluit's time zone (7)
543 British truck (5)
544 Utopians (9)
546 Toy that "walks" down stairs (6)
547 Didn't fail (6)
549 Scissorhands portrayer (4)
550 Hiker's snack (5,3)
552 Had discussions (6)
554 He created a monster (12)
558 Clementines, small gifts, or maybe
    coal (8,8)
560 Grads (6)
562 Bell-ringer of fiction (9)
564 One appearing 10 minutes into Act
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I, perhaps (9)

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567 "Wherefore art _____ Romeo?" (4)
569 Moby Dick's pursuer (7,4)
572 Confess (5,2)
575 Its four letters are said to represent
    "a great miracle happened there"
576 Letter-guessing game (7)
578 Our anthem (1,6)
580 Betrothed (7)
581 Driving hazard (7)
582 Artist van Gogh (7)
583 Bluegrass instrument (5)
584 Trifled (with) (5)
585 Rhine siren (7)
586 Best Picture of 1976 (5)
587 His mom's name is Donda (5)
588 He looked back and saw Eurydice
    vanish (7)
589 Novel's secondary thread (7)
590 Company's ability to meet its
    obligations (8)
591 Throw overboard (8)
592 It might feature tiramisu (7.4)
593 Adorn, as a Christmas tree (8)
594 Christmas-song trio (6,4)
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#### **CLUES** DOWN

#### 1 - 1991 Michael Morpurgo novel whose title animal is Joey (3,5) 2 Its postal code is HoH oHo (5,4) 3 Swashbuckler Flynn (5) **4** \_\_\_\_\_ devil (Australian beast) (9) 5 Restaurant host (6,1) 7 Crocheted blanket (6) 8 Receded, as the tide (5) **9** Couple (7) **10** Important facts (5,10) **11** Nile critters (10) 12 Biblical paradise (4) 13 Hunt for bargains (4,6) **14** Largest continent (4) **15** Classic drumming pattern of RLRRLRLL (10) 16 When You \_\_\_\_ Upon a Star (4) 17 Quick lunch, maybe (5,5) **18** Inquiring (6) 19 506-Across and 243-Down, e.g. (6) 20 Generosity (8) **21** Financial institution (4) **22** End the business meeting (7) 23 Buying stocks, e.g. (9) **24** Hosiery (6) **25** Impression, Sunrise painter (5) 26 Mouth wipers (7) 27 Pincered insects (7) **28** Playing for a live audience (2,7) **30** Overnight flight (6) **31** Wolverine portrayer (4,7)

**32** When Juliet drinks the poison (3,2)

**39** Andalusian dance with castanets (8)

**33** Soccer forward (7)

**34** Brass component (4)

**40** Gorgeous celeb (10)

**61** Fix, as software (5)

**58** Black-clad warrior (5)

**60** Pet \_\_\_\_\_ (grievance) (5)

**62** The Joy Luck Club author (3,3)

**36** Like Bo Beep's sheep (4)

**64** African mongooses (8) 65 Bowl in which to clean up before dinner (4,5)**67** Occurring after birth (9) **68** \_\_\_\_\_ and kin (4) 71 "...a and checking it twice..." (4) 74 Receives willingly, as an apology (7) 75 Annie showstopper (8) **78** Of low character (7) **79** The Stone Carvers author Jane (8) 80 1971 Seuss tale about Truffula trees (3,5)**82** Acid-base indicator (6,5) **84** Eminent orchestra conductor (7) 86 It may be deleted by a censor (9) 88 Job of "Q" in James Bond films (13) **89** Have staying power (6) **90** Colouring sticks (7) \_ program (attempt to retain customers) (7) **92** Back to the Future hero (5,5) **94** Cuddly bear (5) 95 Neck warmer (5) **96** Glowing fireplace coal (5) **98** Haiku, e.g. (5) 99 Jan. 1 commitments (for a while, anyway) (11) **100** Payments to an author (9) **101** Personify (6) **103** Magic-lamp rubber (7) **105** SNL segment (4) **106** Nirvana's first one was Bleach (5) **108** Comedy genre (7) **110** Wiggle room (6) **112** Soft French cheese (4) 116 America's Cup entrants (6) **121** Obedient (7) 125 Ring-shaped pasta whose name means "little cakes" (10) **127** Hedren of The Birds (5) **128** Spaghetti sauce ingredient (7)

**129** Untamed rodeo horse (7,6)

**130** Gloomy day feature (8,5) **131** "Get off the stage!" yeller (7) 132 Sign after Leo (5) **133** Style of Alphonse Mucha's theatrical posters (3,7) **136** COP<sub>26</sub> host city (7) 137 Was emphatic (8) **138** Not strict (7) 139 After things have calmed down (4,3,4,7)**140** Italian wine area (4) 141 Water pitcher (4) \_\_\_ of Africa (Ethiopia's locale) 147 Legendary city of gold (2,6) 148 Nasal wall that may be "deviated" **152** Prairie wolf (6) **154** Change schools (8) 158 Exploding star (9) **160** Least in number (6) **161** Annoying sort (6) **165** Capital of Somalia (9) 166 1608 settlement establisher at present-day Quebec City (9) **167** Rust is a result of it (9) **168** Trumpeter Alpert (4) 170 Green-skinned pear (5) 173 Parallel Lives biographer (8) **174** Danish building project (4,3) 175 Cold symptom (7) 176 Lacey's TV partner (6) **177** Dunk (7) **181** "As if!" (5,2) **183** Snowbird's destination (7) **185** Late 1960s music genre (11) **186** Birth country of Pope Francis (9) **187** Native New Zealander (5) **189** Hitchhiker's digit (5) **191** Deep Purple hit (5,2,3,5) **194** Phony (5) 196 Dental thread (5)

199 Baggage porter (6)

# **CLUES** DOWN

**262** Gourmands may have big ones (9)

201 – 432	<b>264</b> Farewell performance (4,4)	<b>355</b> Sung parts (6)
	<b>275</b> 120/80, maybe (5,8)	357 Scarecrow's lack (5)
<b>201</b> Scamps (7)	<b>276</b> Ticked off (7)	<b>359</b> Punctuation pause (5)
<b>202</b> Field (Packers' stadium) (7)	<b>277</b> Song line (5)	<b>361</b> Cue stick application (5)
203 Somebody That I Used to Know	<b>280</b> 2009 Peace Nobelist (5)	<b>362</b> The "A" in AP Calculus (8)
singer (5)	<b>283</b> Miss Doolittle of Pygmalion (5)	<b>365</b> Destroy, as documents (5)
<b>205</b> Barbecue (5)	<b>284</b> Like gifts under the tree (7)	<b>368</b> Balls on the tree, e.g. (9)
<b>208</b> Actor (8)	<b>286</b> City birds (7)	<b>371</b> Stipulation (7)
<b>209</b> Farm structure (4)	<b>288</b> Mime Marcel (7)	<b>372</b> Martin, Harper, (7)
<b>212</b> Cruise ship (5)	<b>290</b> Rules of language (7)	373 Spews lava (6)
213 "Ciao for now!" (3-3)	<b>292</b> Salad veggie (6)	<b>379</b> Goodbye, in Gatineau (5)
214 Witty banter (8)	293 Black Sea port (6)	<b>380</b> 546-Across, essentially (6)
<b>220</b> Deadly sin involving food (8)	<b>296</b> Number-picking game (5)	<b>384</b> Team trainer (5)
<b>222</b> Eighth of a mile (7)	<b>297</b> Title character of a Cheers spin-off	<b>386</b> Eye-related (5)
<b>224</b> Reindeer's rack (7)	(7,5)	<b>389</b> Diane Keaton Oscar role (5,4)
225 Insect stage (5)	<b>299</b> Fit for a queen (5)	<b>390</b> Ready to go to the prom (7,2)
<b>226</b> Proteus and Valentine comedy,	<b>301</b> Irish saint (7)	<b>391</b> Prom-ending song (4,5)
with "The" (3,9,2,6)	<b>303</b> Throat-soothing lozenge (5,4)	<b>392</b> Nail salon treatment, informally
227 Speaker's place (6)	<b>305</b> Rat Pack leader (5,7)	(4-4)
<b>228</b> Barbara Eden, in 2021 (12)	<b>309</b> Pentium maker (5)	<b>393</b> Takes to the airport, maybe (4,3)
<b>229</b> Orange-yellow flower (8)	<b>311</b> Opposite of horizontal (8)	<b>394</b> Doing nothing (4)
232 Early Peruvian (5)	<b>313</b> Wired bed warmer (8,7)	<b>395</b> Harvard's Pudding Club (5)
<b>233</b> Beaming (8,4,3,2,3)	<b>315</b> Prize highly (5)	<b>396</b> 2-Down delivery (6,2,5)
<b>234</b> Yell, "Taxi!" (4,1,3)	<b>318</b> Pioneering video game company	<b>397</b> Burrito wrap (5,8)
235 Belongings (6)	(5)	<b>398</b> Agrees (5)
<b>237</b> Henry VIII's house (5)	<b>320</b> Sitcom instalment (7)	<b>399</b> Rhythmic pattern (7)
<b>238</b> Joshua tree desert (6)	<b>323</b> Quarter Pounder purveyor (9)	<b>402</b> Clicked "send" (1-6)
<b>239</b> Bakery display item (4,5)	<b>324</b> Sub's viewing instrument (9)	<b>403</b> Fragrant mixture of petals (9)
<b>240</b> Ad-hoc committee (4,5)	<b>327</b> Boss (8)	<b>405</b> Chocolate shop's suggestion (7)
<b>241</b> Eight-time Wimbledon champ (5,7)	<b>331</b> Best Picture of 2019 (8)	<b>406</b> Mosque leaders (5)
<b>242</b> Let It Go singer Menzel (5)	334 When prompted (2,3)	<b>407</b> Bitterly cold (7)
<b>243</b> Song that mentions the Feast of	<b>336</b> Minor third, e.g. (8)	<b>409</b> Egg-shaped (5)
Stephen (4,4,9)	<b>340</b> Classic movie snack (3,8,7)	<b>412</b> Cocoon Oscar winner Don (6)
246 Twitter message (5)	<b>341</b> Rush hour driver (8)	<b>416</b> Calgary rodeo (8)
248 "How now,?" (kids' rhyme)	<b>343</b> Left hungry (5)	418 Christmas plant (10)
(5,3) <b>252</b> Separated (5)	<b>345</b> Billy Budd composer Benjamin (7)	<b>423</b> Fountain near the Spanish Steps
2 337	<b>346</b> School break (6)	(5)
253 Segment of a morning radio show (7,6)	<b>348</b> Sesame seed paste (6)	<b>424</b> Edible bulbs (6)
<b>256</b> Begins anew (6,4,7)	<b>349</b> Exhaust outlet (8)	<b>425</b> Cut short (8)
<b>260</b> Pays a visit (5,2)	<b>350</b> by the Dozen (7)	<b>426</b> One driven to light? (10)
<b>261</b> Waiting line (5)	352 Sleighing song (6,5)	<b>427</b> Secondhand apartment rental (6)
<b>262</b> Gourmands may have hig ones (a)	353 Pool measurement (5)	<b>432</b> Hippies' forerunners (8)

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434 - 579
<b>434</b> Earl tea (4)
<b>435</b> Furry swimmers (6)
<b>436</b> Christie sleuth (7,6)
<b>439</b> Expected before now (7)
<b>440</b> Comes out of one's shell (7)
<b>442</b> Part of a BLT (6)
<b>445</b> Artist whose carvings are
temporary (3,8)
<b>446</b> Made hard to read (7)
<b>448</b> Highway exit (3-4)
<b>453</b> By the ocean (7)
456 Studs might go into them (7,4)
458 Things caught on kids' tongues
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<b>459</b> "Cogito, sum" (4)
<b>460</b> Bug-eyed (4)
<b>461</b> Give your autograph (4)
<b>462</b> Muralist Rivera (5)
<b>463</b> Biden, e.g. (9)
<b>465</b> Texted image (5)
<b>468</b> Film partly set at the Bates Motel (6)
<b>469</b> Victoria's Butchart (7)
<b>470</b> TV programs with trivia (4,5)
<b>473</b> The Jack Pine artist Tom (7)
<b>474</b> Like green bananas (6)
<b>478</b> Savoury pastries of India (7)
<b>479</b> Stops moving (7)
<b>482</b> Ben-Hur vehicles (8)
<b>484</b> Number system in which 10001 is
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<b>485</b> Venetian boats (8)
<b>486</b> Seaweed (5)
<b>487</b> Naive (15)
488 It films through the windshield (7)
<b>489</b> Buttress (9)
490 Remove a seat belt (8)
<b>491</b> Cop's cruiser (6,3)

Pearl Harbor's island (4)

Samuel (6)

Adagio for Strings composer

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495 "We pause for_____ identification"
    (7)
496 Roast host (5)
497 Coloured part of the eye (4)
498 The Nutcracker heroine (5)
499 The ____ King (character in The
    Nutcracker) (5)
500 Had a home-cooked meal (3,2)
501 Library book carts (8)
503 Famed escape artist (7)
514 Edmund Gwenn role in Miracle on
    34th Street (4,7)
516 Orange-fleshed muskmelon (10)
518 Like a Turkish bath (6)
521 Faucet problem (4)
523 Wrestling hold (4-6)
524 Italian coins (5)
525 "Merry Christmas" in French (6,4)
526 Burglar (5)
527 Jovial mood (10)
528 Egg part (4)
529 Twangy, as a voice (5)
530 Magnesium-based bath additive
    (5,5)
533 Holiday kissing cue (9)
535 "I'm okay with what I did" (2,7)
536 Time machine used by 92-Down
540 Tonsillectomy, e.g. (9)
541 Remarkable sight (9)
542 Gift _____ (holiday office event)
    (8)
545 Stop and go, e.g. (8)
546 Follow-up films (7)
548 Motown (7)
549 Creator of 518-Across (7)
551 Guest (7)
553 Mouth the words (3,4)
555 Relating to interstellar clouds (7)
556 Scandinavian (6)
557 Pressed clothes (6)
558 Newspaper logic puzzle with
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numbers (6)

561 Ornament worn near the foot (6)
563 Christmas tree topper (5)
565 Expert (5)
568 Hair untangler (4)
570 European viper (5)
571 Add to the payroll (4)
573 Gift of the Magi (5)
574 Border on (4)
576 Famous diamond (4)
577 Goalie wear (4)
579 Wheel shaft (4)

Bean-shaped organ (6)

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