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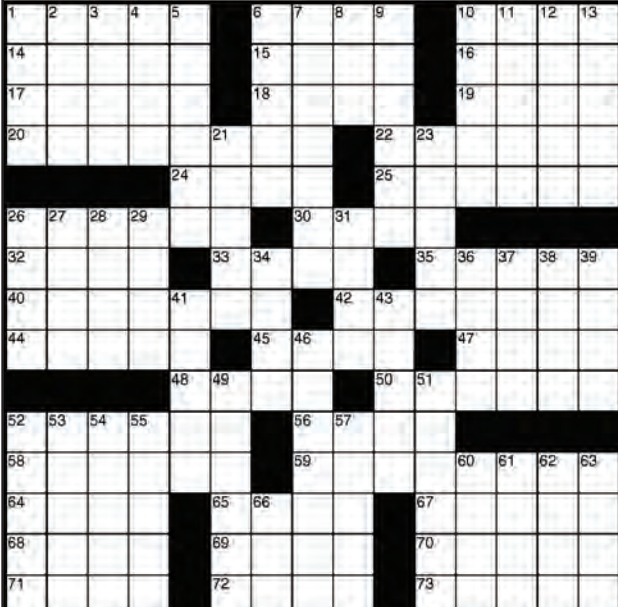
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# TODAY'S CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Short putt
  - 6 Leaf through
  - 10 Twinge
  - 14 Leave-taking
  - 15 Statuesque model
  - 16 The Bard's river
  - 17 More tender
  - 18 Tobacco wad
  - 19 Meter maid of song
  - 20 Buffet portion
  - 22 Cousins' dads
  - 24 "Fish Magic" artist
  - 25 Go over old ground
  - 26 Genghis's grandson
  - 30 Explorer Heyerdahl
  - 32 Diva's melody
  - 33 AMEX rival
  - 35 Horizon, maybe
  - 40 Gridiron gain
  - 42 Bonfire fare
  - 44 Of the past
  - 45 Dollywood loc.
  - 47 Prune
  - 48 Abyss
  - 50 Jackpot games
  - 52 Beethoven's first
  - 56 Deuterium discoverer
  - 58 Sign up for
  - 59 Reduces (2 wds.)
  - 64 Ponderosa son
  - 65 Latin abbr.
  - 67 Postpone action
  - 68 Viking letter
  - 69 Solar plexus
  - 70 DeGeneres sitcom
  - 71 — tetra (tropical fish)
  - 72 Gardener's purchase
  - 73 Lagoon protectors
- DOWN**
- 1 Breathe hard
  - 2 Elvis, to some
  - 3 Oscar-winner Sorvino

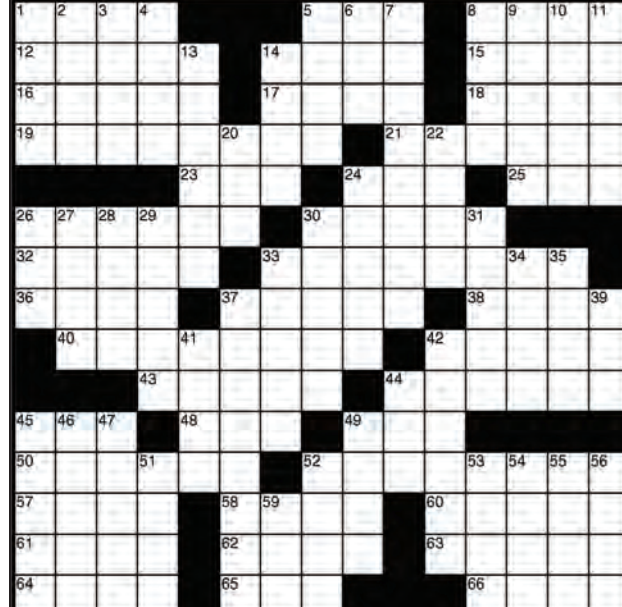
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- 4 Face
  - 5 Archimedes' cry
  - 6 Miff
  - 7 Talismans
  - 8 Moo goo — pan
  - 9 Motorcycle race
  - 10 Dry out
  - 11 Saint Teresa's town
  - 12 Memos
  - 13 Grind, as teeth
  - 21 Brief affair
  - 23 Daring
  - 26 Bout windup
  - 27 Siberian river
  - 28 Many a cardinal
  - 29 Fill the hold
  - 31 Shaped with an axe
  - 34 Himalayan sighting
  - 36 Part of MIT
  - 37 In the mail
  - 38 Small combo
  - 39 Hooded reptiles
  - 41 Blacksmith's need
  - 43 Cove
  - 46 Tutor
  - 49 Certain wolves
  - 51 Off-white shade
  - 52 Ferret out
  - 53 Not deserved
  - 54 Sink unclogger
  - 55 Amazons
  - 57 Ran the show
  - 60 Hoedown prop
  - 61 Type of seaman
  - 62 Sheet-music symbol
  - 63 Olin and Russell
  - 66 Caddie's offering



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Close violently
  - 5 — Lanka
  - 8 Munro pen name
  - 12 Faint glows
  - 14 You said it!
  - 15 In the thick of
  - 16 Texas tourist site
  - 17 Luau number
  - 18 Foreshadow
  - 19 Khayyam opus
  - 21 Keeps after
  - 23 Dixie fighter
  - 24 Kind of scout
  - 25 Figured out
  - 26 Drive crazy
  - 30 Made out
  - 32 Brightness
  - 33 Airplane luggage (hyph.)
  - 36 Remote button
  - 37 Flavorful
  - 38 Weary exhale
  - 40 Desert shrub
  - 42 Alluvial fan
  - 44 Mixes up
  - 44 Shy
  - 45 College degs.
  - 48 Ice skater Midori
  - 49 Record, as mileage
  - 50 Tentacle possessors
  - 52 Seafood delicacy (2 wds.)
  - 57 Worry
  - 58 Libra's stone
  - 60 Very upset
  - 61 Tour de force
  - 62 Edible seaweed
  - 63 Gung-ho
  - 64 Nobel Prize city
  - 65 RR terminal
  - 66 Polite chap
- DOWN**
- 1 German industrial region
  - 2 Humdinger

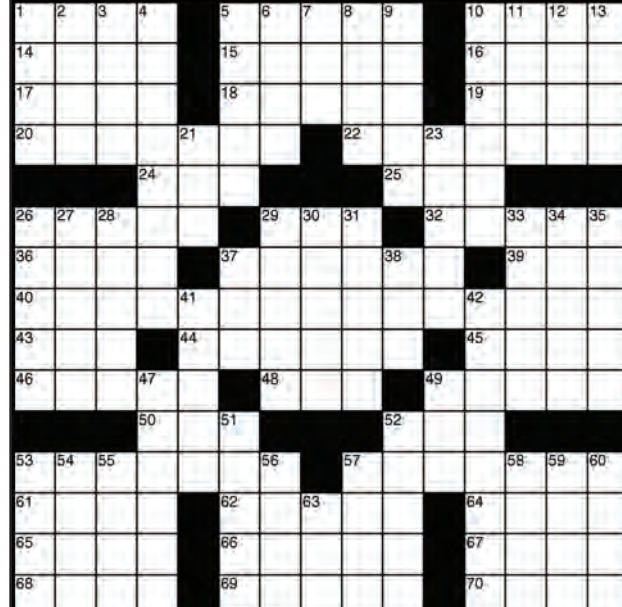
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- 3 Swift horse
  - 4 Family member
  - 5 Black mark
  - 6 Aunt or bro.
  - 7 Under time pressure (3 wds.)
  - 8 The "elephant boy"
  - 9 Between
  - 10 Buster
  - 11 That is (Lat.)
  - 13 Evening party
  - 14 Moby Dick foe
  - 20 Craving
  - 22 Knuckle under
  - 24 A la —
  - 26 Paramount rival
  - 27 An astringent
  - 28 See each other
  - 29 Maxi or mini
  - 30 Lays off food
  - 31 Gave medication
  - 33 Illinois town
  - 34 Giza's river
  - 35 Some NCOs
  - 37 College fees
  - 39 Derby
  - 41 Handy swab (hyph.)
  - 42 Pooch
  - 44 Wk. day
  - 45 Successful on Broadway
  - 46 Farm measure
  - 47 Snitch
  - 49 "Hi- —, Hi-Lo"
  - 51 Herr von Bismarck
  - 52 Supergirl's real name
  - 53 Rugged cliff
  - 54 Uncontrolled anger
  - 55 Nefertiti's god
  - 56 A Muppet
  - 59 Soup cooker



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Congratulatory
  - 5 Twig for grafting
  - 10 Mound
  - 14 Punjab royal
  - 15 Chill server
  - 16 Proof word
  - 17 River islets
  - 18 Dickens' — Heep
  - 19 Nothing, in Nice
  - 20 Lump of charcoal
  - 22 Flipped out
  - 24 — Enterprise
  - 25 Web site
  - 26 Texas A&M athlete
  - 29 "Where Eagles Dare" actress
  - 32 Maxim
  - 36 Park feature
  - 37 Patterned fabrics
  - 39 Extinct bird
  - 40 Some ancestors (hyph.)
  - 43 Above, to the Bard
  - 44 Verse
  - 45 "Bus Stop" author
  - 46 Coasters
  - 48 Popular shift
  - 49 Sniffed at
  - 50 Aah's companion
  - 52 Lobster-house wear
  - 53 Most favorable
  - 57 Swamp conifer
  - 61 Lerner or Ladd
  - 62 Unspoken
  - 64 On a rampage
  - 65 — shui
  - 66 Rubberneck
  - 67 Second of a Latin trio
  - 68 Gives in the middle
  - 69 The affluent
  - 70 Kind of surgeon
- DOWN**
- 1 Clutch
  - 2 Hiding place
  - 3 Not for

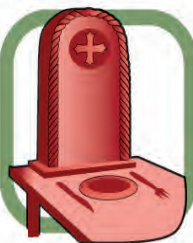
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- 4 Unease
  - 5 Swings around
  - 6 Two-wheeled vehicle
  - 7 Deposed Amin
  - 8 Canute's foe
  - 9 Gandhi associate
  - 10 Harbinger
  - 11 QB Kramer
  - 12 Screenwriter James
  - 13 Body of water
  - 21 Purpose
  - 23 Remove chalk
  - 26 Porthos, Aramis, and —
  - 27 Thin porridge
  - 28 Rock or country
  - 29 Pushed strongly
  - 30 Cowboy's rope
  - 31 Access
  - 33 Hymn finales
  - 34 Ravine
  - 35 Cut some slack
  - 37 Not an amateur pronoun
  - 41 — salts
  - 42 John Wayne oater (2 wds.)
  - 47 Goings-on
  - 49 Touch of frost
  - 51 Door in a plane
  - 52 Octets of bits
  - 53 Ill-mannered ones
  - 54 Earnest request
  - 55 Tartness
  - 56 Dr. Zhivago's love
  - 57 Movie theater
  - 58 Arab VIP
  - 59 — pop
  - 60 Black & Decker rival
  - 63 Cleveland hoopster



# Strange Christmas traditions

*Different countries have different traditions; some are fun, others weird; a look at some of the world's strangest Christmas traditions:*

## Portugal



"Consoda" feast; family members, alive and dead, invited: Extra places are set and food is offered to the deceased

## England



A wish made while mixing the Christmas pudding will come true only if ingredients are stirred in a clockwise direction

## Serbia



Children tie their mother's feet to a chair, shouting "Mother's Day, Mother's Day, what will you pay to get away?" She then gives them presents

## Norway



On Christmas Eve, all the brooms in the house are hidden because long ago it was believed that witches came out and would steal brooms for riding

## Venezuela



In the capital Caracas, streets are blocked off on Christmas Eve in order for people to rollerblade to church

## Italy



No Christmas trees; instead small wooden pyramids, called "ceppos," are decorated with fruit and nuts

## Greenland



Rotten auk for Christmas dinner; it smells like old blue cheese and tastes very pungent

## Austria



"Krampus," a devil-demon creature equipped with cowbells and rods, roams the streets and scares people

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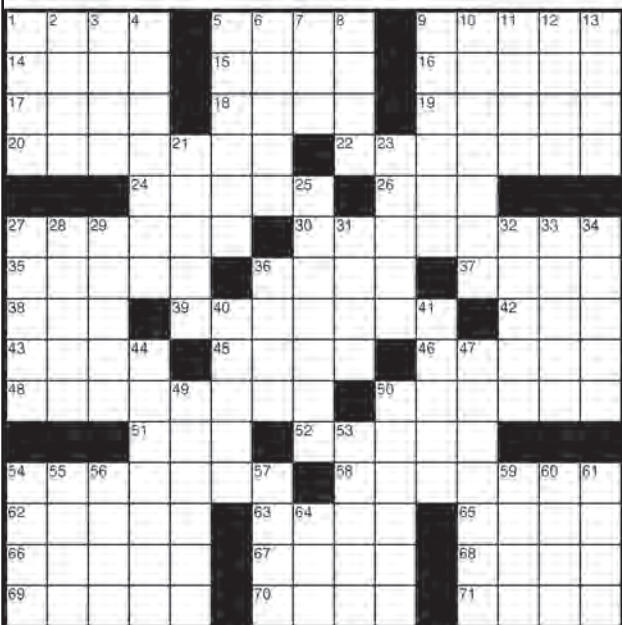
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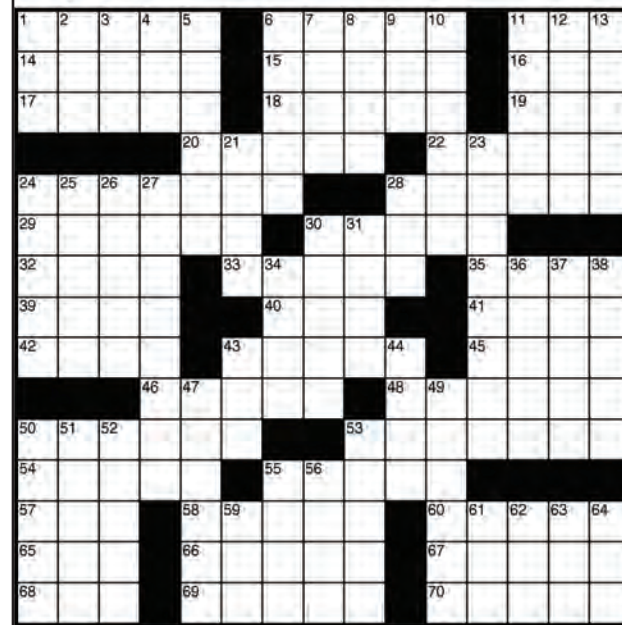
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Camel, metaphorically
  - 5 Early automaker
  - 9 Hex
  - 14 Hunter's wear
  - 15 Burrowing rodent
  - 16 An archangel
  - 17 Shrinking sea
  - 18 Mine exit
  - 19 Drilled
  - 20 Lord's estate
  - 22 Radiators and such
  - 24 Organic acid
  - 26 Exist
  - 27 Solar —
  - 30 Charmed
  - 35 Less strict
  - 36 Prepare eggs
  - 37 Caligula's nephew
  - 38 Mandela's org.
  - 39 Many pets
  - 42 Play about Capote
  - 43 Cake decorator
  - 45 Bonny miss
  - 46 Trademarks
  - 48 Put on the air
  - 50 Diet-ad caption
  - 51 Jigger
  - 52 Candied
  - 54 Has hopes
  - 58 Took up or let out
  - 62 Hoodlums, slangily
  - 63 Nosy neighbor
  - 65 Twig juncture
  - 66 Kelp
  - 67 Poker stake
  - 68 He directed Marlon
  - 69 Chicken's seat
  - 70 Parakeet treat
  - 71 Snorkeling venue
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- DOWN**
- 1 A whole lot
  - 2 Tortoise rival
  - 3 Mosque official
  - 4 Medieval weapon
  - 5 Sultan's subjects
  - 6 Heavy green wool
  - 7 551, to Ovid
  - 8 Horologist
  - 9 Outback maker
  - 10 Muscle builder
  - 11 Blarney Stone site
  - 12 Knowing look
  - 13 Attys. degrees
  - 21 Blue cartoon critter
  - 23 Two under par
  - 25 Woodwind players
  - 27 Braid
  - 28 Cyclist
  - 29 Do better
  - 31 Half of zwei?
  - 32 Release (2 wds.)
  - 33 Typo
  - 34 Wet thoroughly
  - 36 Lesage hero Gil
  - 40 Raise spirits
  - 41 Winter precip
  - 44 Image receivers
  - 47 More frequently
  - 49 Victorian garment
  - 50 Walloped
  - 53 Squander
  - 54 Lab medium
  - 55 Pilot's test
  - 56 Comic-strip possum
  - 57 Whirlpool locales
  - 59 Kind of model
  - 60 Falco or Sedgwick
  - 61 Unhearing
  - 64 Map dir.



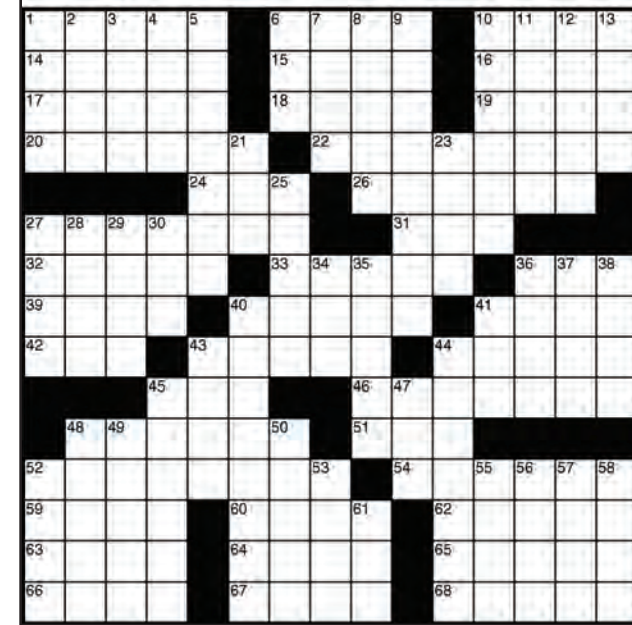
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  - 11 Pat on
  - 14 Timex competitor
  - 15 Brooding
  - 16 Historian's word
  - 17 Towers over
  - 18 Eyes impolitely
  - 19 Drumstick
  - 20 Have vibes about
  - 22 Longbow's sound
  - 24 Very hot
  - 28 Truth
  - 29 Tentacle
  - 30 Dirt
  - 32 Moby Dick pursuer
  - 33 Improbable wish
  - 35 Short rests
  - 39 Tumble about
  - 40 Cartoon shriek
  - 41 Gizzard
  - 42 The Banana Boat Song (hyph.)
  - 43 Barn toppers
  - 45 Improve, as skills
  - 46 Brand of spandex
  - 48 Crawled with
  - 50 Stroller
  - 53 Realty sign (2 wds.)
  - 54 Tunisia's neighbor
  - 55 Slack-jawed
  - 57 Not keep up
  - 58 Poe's night visitor
  - 60 Showy lily
  - 65 Grounded bird
  - 66 Recumbent
  - 67 Wool fabric
  - 68 — and yang
  - 69 Words of approval
  - 70 Gill openings
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- DOWN**
- 1 Half of D
  - 2 Thai language
  - 3 Equal, in combos
  - 4 Pick-up-sticks game
  - 5 Loose talk
  - 6 Surrounded by
  - 7 Low-lying clouds
  - 8 Cameo, maybe
  - 9 Shelley offering
  - 10 Casino patron's quest
  - 11 — Lama
  - 12 Double —
  - 13 Like a swamp
  - 21 Sooner city
  - 23 Plumber's tools
  - 24 Piece of lumber
  - 25 LPG star
  - 26 Gondolier's land
  - 27 Type of pine
  - 28 Pep
  - 30 Davis
  - 31 Libertine
  - 34 Tail end
  - 36 Oven
  - 37 Committee
  - 38 Garbo or Bergman
  - 43 DVD predecessor
  - 44 Traffic sign
  - 47 Annual
  - 49 Constructs
  - 50 Back street
  - 51 Orange Bowl city
  - 52 Air rifle (2 wds.)
  - 53 Dracula's teeth
  - 55 Rara —
  - 56 Trait determinant
  - 59 Skipper's OK
  - 61 Leather punch
  - 62 Oahu welcome
  - 63 Grant approval
  - 64 Commercials



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Neutral tones
  - 6 Prefix for pod
  - 10 Ship's trail
  - 14 Baseball great
  - 15 Hank
  - 16 Vanna's boss
  - 16 Belief systems
  - 17 Fab Four member
  - 18 —-eyed
  - 19 The one over there
  - 20 Very tired
  - 22 Tall floor lamp
  - 24 Yank
  - 26 Utterance of sorrow
  - 27 Cringes
  - 31 Museum contents
  - 32 Unclad
  - 33 Out of shape
  - 36 Hi-tech scan
  - 39 Warrior at Troy
  - 40 Cede
  - 41 — ex machina
  - 42 Technique
  - 43 — voce (softly)
  - 44 Kind of lily
  - 45 Carbondale sch.
  - 46 Long journey
  - 48 Shortage
  - 51 Hassle a debtor
  - 52 Dismissals (hyph.)
  - 54 Cheerless
  - 59 Too
  - 60 Go belly-up
  - 62 Spicy bean-based dish
  - 63 Centurion's route
  - 64 Try to persuade
  - 65 Mystiques
  - 66 Countess's title
  - 67 Tufted-ear cat
  - 68 Minimum
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- DOWN**
- 3 "Rosamond" composer
  - 4 Gentle exercise
  - 5 Huffed
  - 6 Mantra chants
  - 7 Early Briton
  - 8 Flock together
  - 9 Covered
  - 10 Hip (2 wds.)
  - 11 Pale
  - 12 Retail giant
  - 13 Punta del Uruguay
  - 21 "Westworld" name
  - 23 Supermarket amenity
  - 25 Astronaut's wear (hyph.)
  - 27 What mice do
  - 28 Hindu prince
  - 29 Passable
  - 30 Rile
  - 34 After taxes
  - 35 Natural disaster
  - 36 Brooks and Gibson
  - 37 Sit on the throne
  - 38 By Jove! (2 wds.)
  - 40 Like a teenager
  - 41 "— Kapital"
  - 43 Foal's parent
  - 44 Mistrustful
  - 45 Appetizing
  - 47 Lead balloon
  - 48 Silt deposit
  - 49 Assuaged
  - 50 Grizzled
  - 52 Ice pellets
  - 53 Omen
  - 55 "Soapdish" actress
  - 56 Red giant in Cetus
  - 57 Cry of woe
  - 58 Tilt to one side
  - 61 Law, to Livy



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