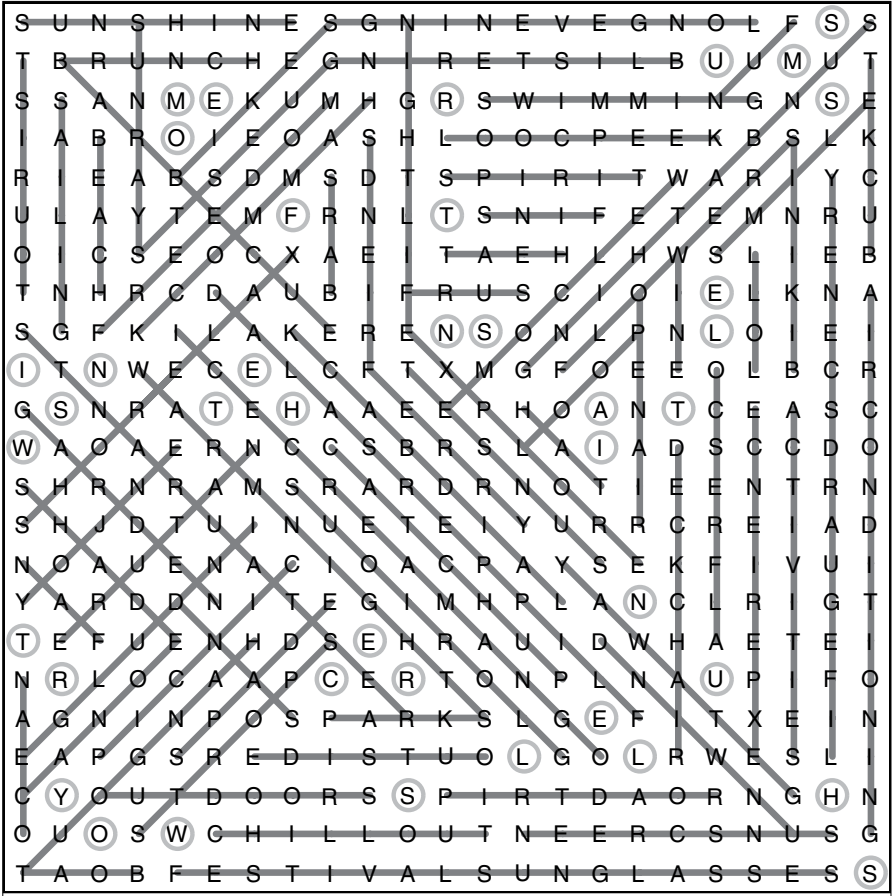


MONSTER FIND-A-WORD
SUMMERTIME

Come out of hibernation and luxuriate in this lovely season. The listed words relating to it are scattered in the grid like shells at the seaside. Cross them off where you find them and the letters left over will spell out a quote from John Geddes.



SOLUTION
SUMMER SOFTENS LINES THAT WINTER
CRUELLY SHOWS

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues to solve this crossword with a twist.

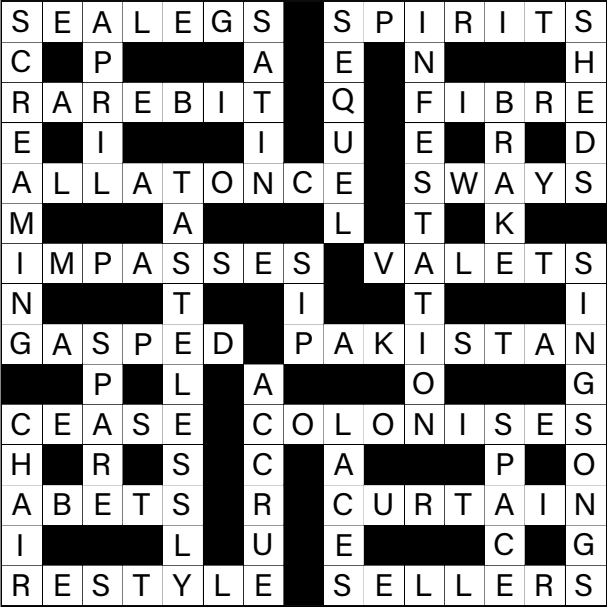
ACROSS

- 1. Seals have, for example, typically good balance on the waves (3,4)
- 4. Cheer for rum, brandy and vodka (7)
- 7. Unusual piece of cheese on toast (7)
- 8. Lie about strand (5)
- 10. Suddenly see everyone at the same time (3,2,4)
- 12. Influences southern paths (5)
- 13. Naughty child and donkeys in stalemates (8)
- 15. Virginia introduces permits for parking attendants (6)
- 17. Gulped when Al came off gas pedal (6)
- 19. Pa kissed Stan, we hear, somewhere in Asia (8)
- 21. End in peace as expected (5)
- 22. Settles so close in unfortunately (9)
- 25. Illegally helps sailor set out (5)

- 26. It comes down when playtime is up (7)
- 27. Try Lee's makeover (7)
- 28. They offer goods for sale in basements, say (7)

DOWN

- 1. Sing about cream howling (9)
- 2. Girl behind march (5)
- 3. Silk shows stain badly (5)
- 4. Seek well, loudly, for the follow-up (6)
- 5. Lots of vermin in iron post (11)
- 6. Gets rid of outbuildings (5)
- 9. Slow down! Baker is confused (5)
- 11. Tests alleys out without great style (11)
- 14. Short drink from Mississippi (3)
- 16. Gatherings around piano thing, thongs no longer have lisp (9)
- 18. Refrain from killing time, or ribs (5)



- 20. A gang of workers said to grow by addition (6)
- 21. Sedentary position for professor (5)
- 23. Spikes and cords for shoes (5)
- 24. Paces out gap (5)

LATERAL THINKING: CRYPTIC

Use the cryptic clues to solve this crossword with a twist.

ACROSS

- 1. Stake arm said not to panic (4,4)
- 4. Fastening tape into travel crossword (6)
- 8. Run! Pie in a mess and not ready to eat yet! (6)
- 9. Heard barber queue for outdoor meal (8)
- 12. O, so now in Crete to get coal tar liquid? (8)
- 13. Mia ran around mooring site (6)
- 14. Power of small squad (5)
- 16. "Plait it!" you'd report, a trite remark (9)
- 18. Consequences following a bit of arithmetic (9)
- 20. Cross-examine cook, under fire (5)
- 22. Accident happened during skirmish, apparently (6)
- 24. Harmful weir getting old (8)
- 27. Reap rye? Sal says it's tit for tat (8)
- 28. Learner has no bad habit (6)

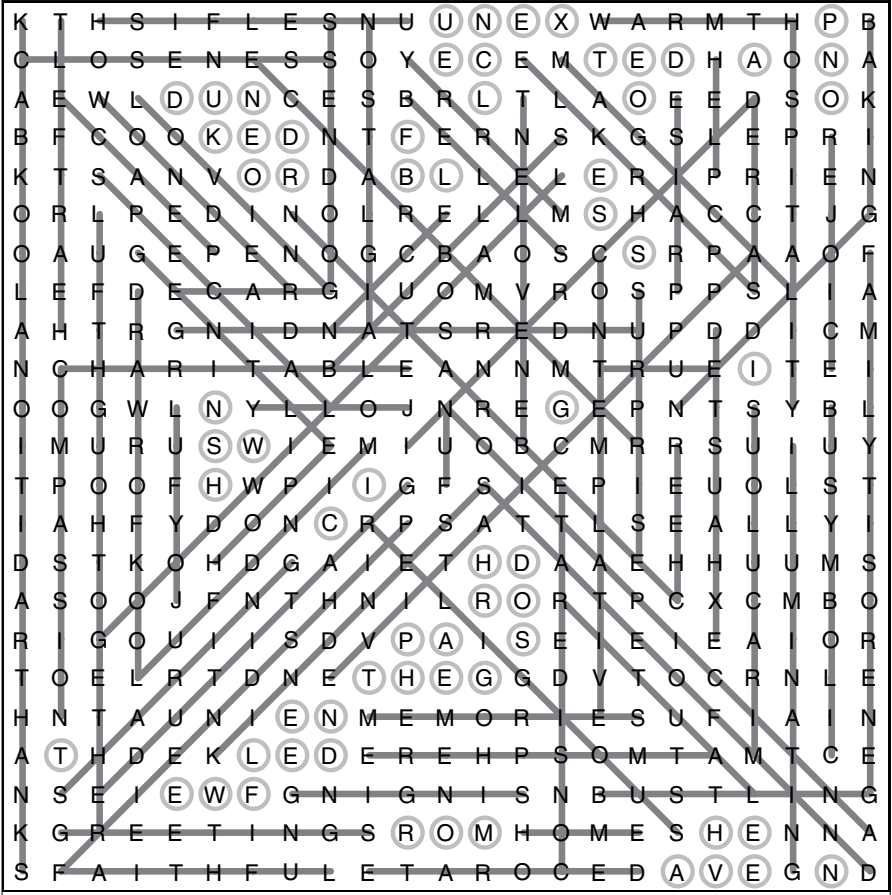
- 29. Rest is impossible for one under orders (6)
- 30. They use keys to follow the score (8)

DOWN

- 1. Informants told saucers were needed (7)
- 2. Teenager gets confused with end of term deal (9)
- 3. Cloakroom has arranged space for them (5)
- 5. Hugging big Carmen by mistake (9)
- 6. Manage to perform surgery (7)
- 7. Able to locate odd cranny (3)
- 10. Energy shown by some Chinese (3)
- 11. Walk pets back (4)
- 15. Oil spread when US sailor held rag the wrong way (9)
- 17. You can buy one of these public services if you have monopoly (9)
- 18. Likes ads about mud (7)

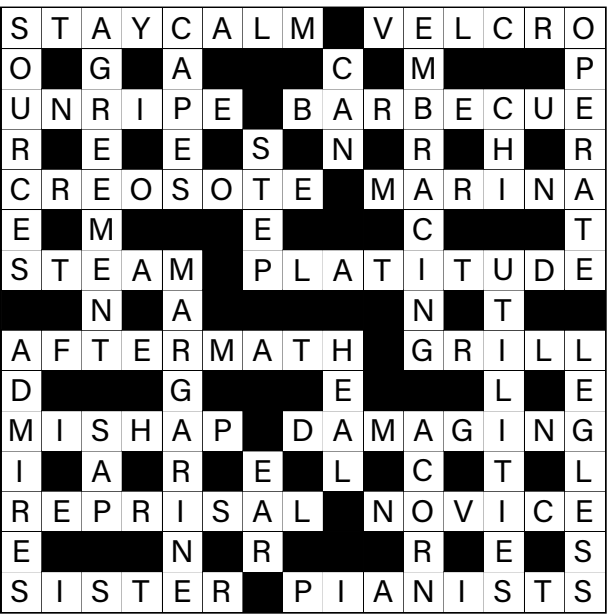
MONSTER FIND-A-WORD
FESTIVE SPIRIT

Make this season personally meaningful. Cross off the listed words where you find them in the grid to reveal a wish for you, in the words of Californian writer Margaret Collier Graham, spelled out in the letters left over.



SOLUTION

UNEXPECTED AND UNLOOKED-FOR BLESSINGS,
WHICH DROP AS THE GENTLE DEW FROM
HEAVEN



- 19. Cure heel orally? (4)
- 21. Drunk without a limb to stand on (7)
- 23. Drain juice from plant (3)
- 25. A cob cereal for squirrel to eat? (5)
- 26. Listener hiding in rehearsal (3)