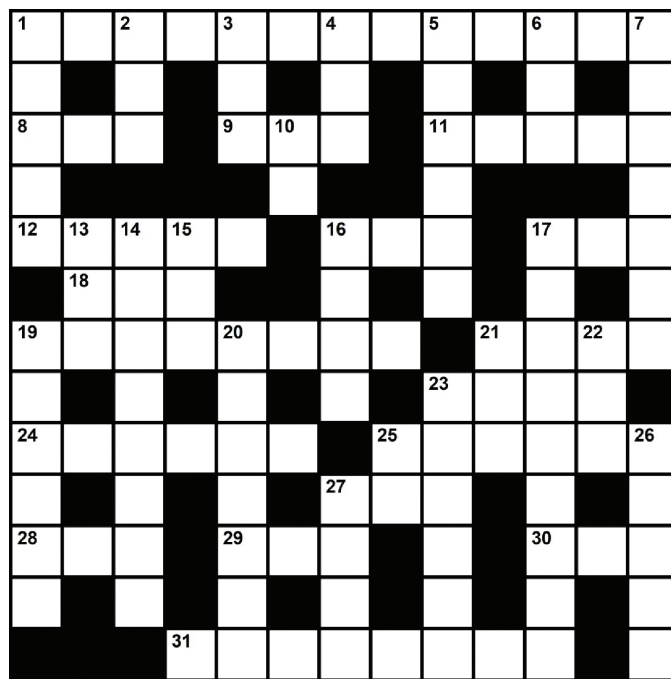


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Our crossword this month carries our message of happy holidays to people of all faiths and backgrounds. Enjoy solving this puzzle and do your best making whatever holiday(s) you celebrate fun. Check districtfray.com for the answer key.



ACROSS

- 1 The holy man who eventually became known as Santa who gave all his money to the needy, 2 words
- 8 Compass point, abbr.
- 9 Month when moms are honored
- 11 It celebrates when Gautama Buddha attained enlightenment (December 8), _____ Day
- 12 Figure with wings in many Christian paintings
- 16 Enjoy a winter sport
- 17 Trophy, often
- 18 Naughty, on Santa's list
- 19 The Jewish Festival of Lights
- 21 Winter shudder (from the cold)
- 23 Soft cheese
- 24 Fundraising letter
- 25 New Year's Eve salutations
- 27 Stan Getz's instrument, abbr.
- 28 Child
- 29 Nada
- 30 Flower short form
- 31 Hot dogs

DOWN

- 1 He brings presents on a sleigh
- 2 Surface for skating
- 3 Turkey
- 4 "The Holly and the _____, When they are both full grown..." Christmas song
- 5 Chutzpah
- 6 Novelist Tolstoy
- 7 Cinderella's footwear, _____s
- 10 Dawn time
- 13 Basketball association, abbr.
- 14 Pancha _____, from December 21 to 25, in honor of Ganesha
- 15 College website ending
- 16 Christmas tree topper
- 17 Day when many exchange many presents
- 19 Family life, figuratively
- 20 African American December festival
- 21 Womxn's undergarment
- 22 Finished with work for good, abbr.
- 23 Day originally celebrated in England on December 26 when the wealthy wrapped up presents for the needy
- 25 British "thanks"
- 26 "The Lion King" protagonist
- 27 Relaxing destinations