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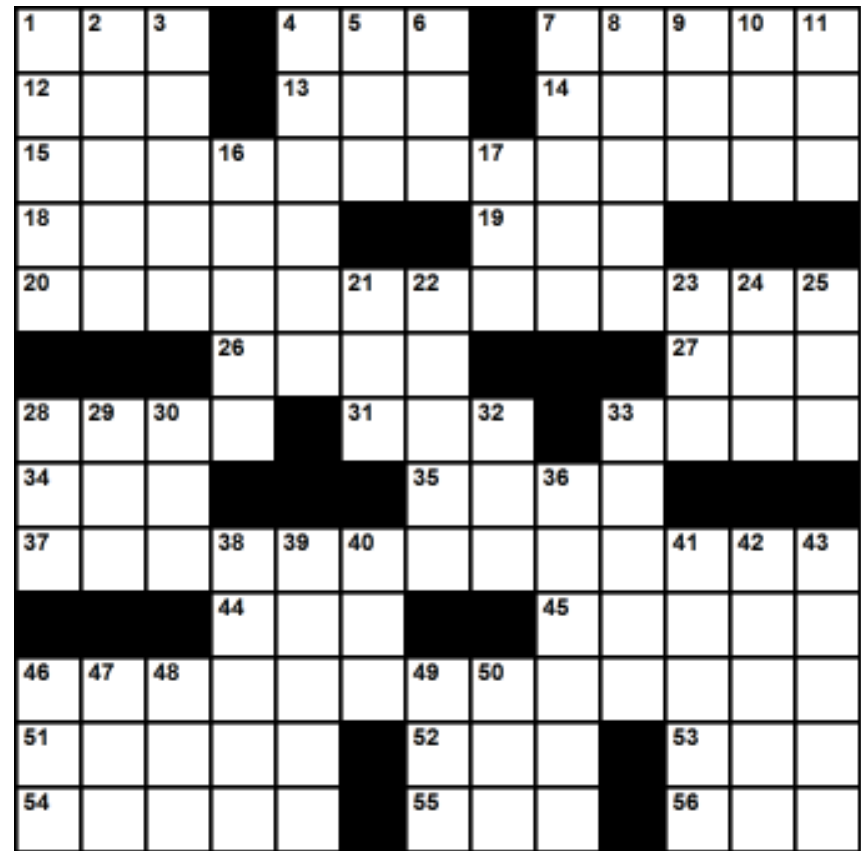


Wishing you a joyous
holiday season...

Across

1. Beast of burden
4. Ravage the cookie tray, say
7. Christmas memento, often
12. Santa has a famous one
13. Place to be pampered
14. Like a kid going to bed on Christmas Eve
15. First part of the message
18. R.L. Stevenson's "Christmas ___"
19. Aardvark's morsel
20. Third line of the message
26. Monopoly card
27. "___ he drove out of sight..."
28. Discounted
31. Put down, slangily
33. Popular seasonal dessert
34. Dr.'s order?
35. Gumbo pods
37. Third line of the message
44. 7'6" Ming
45. Perfect score, in Italian
46. Last line of the message
51. Krispy Kreme order
52. Twilight, to Tennyson
53. VCR button
54. Reckless gambler's loss?
55. ___ nog
56. Sugar suffix

9. Unlock'd
10. Cookie container
11. Like most teenage years
16. Has to have
17. Go for the bronze?
21. "If only ___ listened ..."
22. "Cancel someone's Christmas," for one
23. Cause of a princess's insomnia
24. Tick off
25. Santa's monogram letter
28. Big pooch
29. Bird of indigenous Australian mythology
30. Four days before Xmas, in 2013
32. Predecessor of rock steady
33. Pt. of UCLA
36. Aboard a sleigh, say
38. "A Madea Christmas" star Perry
39. "I ___ thought about that"
40. Waiting period, seemingly
41. Part of MGM
42. High points
43. Dorothy, to Em
46. DJ's array
47. "That feels good!"
48. Action film staple
49. ___-hee
50. Stocking filler?

**Down**

1. Kris Kringle, to Santa Claus?
2. Handled
3. Crick in the neck, e.g.
4. Neverland Ranch or Xanadu 2.0
5. Dr. Zaius, for one
6. Tiny amount
7. Tip of a reindeer's antler
8. Proverbial waste maker

...and a puzzly new year!