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12 days of gifts for our readers

DAY 12

HOLIDAY FUN & GAMES

**PUZZLE CARD**

Here's a neat stunt. Challenge a friend to take a playing card and place it flat against the wall so that it stays there without falling to the ground. Nothing such as glue or tape can be used to make it stick.

Secret: To make it stick, stand in front of the wall, scuff your feet several times on the carpet, and then slap the card against the wall. Static electricity will cause the card to adhere to the wall.

**A PUZZLE FOR THE BIRDS**

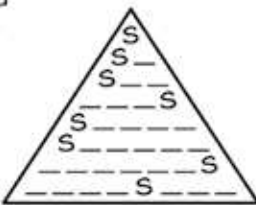
"Tweet, tweet, tweet, tweet equals tweet-tweet." This clever bird challenges you to make four 3's equal to 33!

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Answer:  $3 \times 33/3 = 3 \times 11 = 33$ .

**THE "S" PYRAMID!** As you move down the word pyramid shown here, each word contains the same letters as the word above it, plus a new letter. We give you all the S's. Here are some hints from the top down:

1. Symbol for sulfur.
2. Compass direction.
3. Group of games in tennis.
4. Part of foot.
5. To tend a fire.
6. A bulb holder.
7. Kangaroos have them.
8. Close marching order.

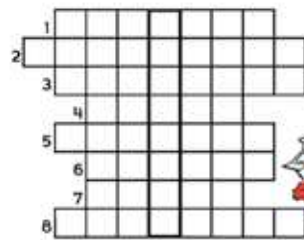


Answers: The words are: S, SE, set, set, stoke, socket, pockets, lockstep.

**Junior Whirl**

by Charles Barry Townsend

**CHRISTMAS DAY FUN**



Here's a "word" present for you. There's room in the grid on the left for eight words about the holiday season. Here are some hints to light the way:

1. Great for tandem snow fun.
2. This dessert is made with many ingredients.
3. The joyful sound of Christmas.
4. Enjoyed in front of the fire.
5. Mom and Dad need plenty of help with this two-day activity.
6. A type of toy airplane made of balsa wood.
7. Found hanging on the Christmas tree.
8. This is the season for joy and \_\_\_\_\_.

There's a dark frame around one column of the grid. If you have correctly solved the puzzle, it spells out the name of an important

The dark framed column spells "Stocking."

Answers: 1. Bobsled. 2. Fruitcake. 3. Caroling. 4. Cocoa. 5. Cooking. 6. Glider. 7. Candy. 8. Laughter.

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Arrow. 2. Boots are different. 3. Arrow is longer. 4. Brick is missing. 5. Coat is shorter. 6. Belt is different.

**WORD SLEUTH** 'Twas the Night Before Christmas

C R P N K I G D B Z X V S Q O  
M K I G E R R C A Y W U K S S  
Q P N L J E H C L A T T E R M  
F E C A H C H I M N E Y R E U  
Y X V S U N N S Q L A E C C L  
P N A M E A W K U W E K H N P  
J D H X F D A F A D C T I A R  
E C I B Z Y L H N I X E E R A  
V V U T R W S I N Q P M F P G  
O M L K O A E T I S Y O T H U  
G E D B D R S G N I K C O T S

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- |         |           |           |             |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| Bowlful | Dancer    | Prancer   | Sugar-plums |
| Chimney | Dash away | Reindeer  | Toys        |
| Clatter | Kerchief  | St. Nick  | Vixen       |
| Comet   | Lawn      | Stockings |             |

**CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- 1 Christmas song
- 6 Christmas Eve traveler
- 11 "O come, let us — Him"
- 12 Rose hazard
- 13 Singer Summer
- 14 Sprinted
- 15 Region
- 17 Lock opener
- 18 Entries for 6-Across
- 22 Impolite
- 23 Acquit
- 27 Hollywood deal maker
- 29 Andrea — (ill-fated ship)
- 30 Confer

- 32 Piece of Christmas mail
- 33 Glitters
- 35 "Honest" president
- 38 Eins und zwei
- 39 Cowboy contest
- 41 Uses shears
- 45 Basketball star
- 46 Wading bird
- 47 Winter gliders
- 48 Russian rulers

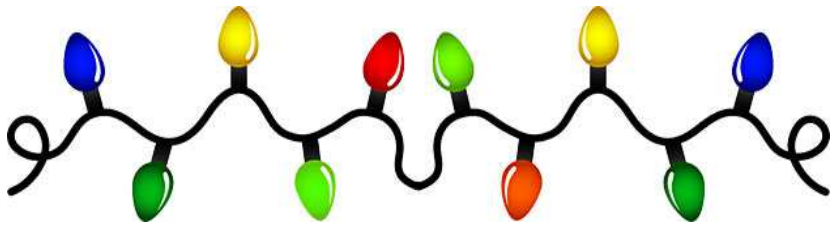
**DOWN**

- 1 Scoundrel
- 2 Brouhaha
- 3 Harry's friend
- 4 Tree decorations
- 5 Get smart
- 6 Wandered

- 7 Cry of insight
- 8 Fit an arrow to a bow
- 9 Christmas symbol
- 10 Tennis star
- 16 Twisty fish
- 18 Zodiac animal
- 19 Colossal
- 20 Midmonth day
- 21 They're hung before Christmas
- 24 Test type
- 25 "Chestnuts roasting on an open —"
- 26 Crazes
- 28 Dominant ones

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- 31 Simple card game
- 34 Stopwatch button
- 35 God of war
- 36 "...like a — full of jelly"
- 37 TV's Falco
- 40 Wrap up
- 42 Writer Levin
- 43 For each
- 44 Ave. intersector



HOLIDAY FUN & GAMES SOLUTIONS

