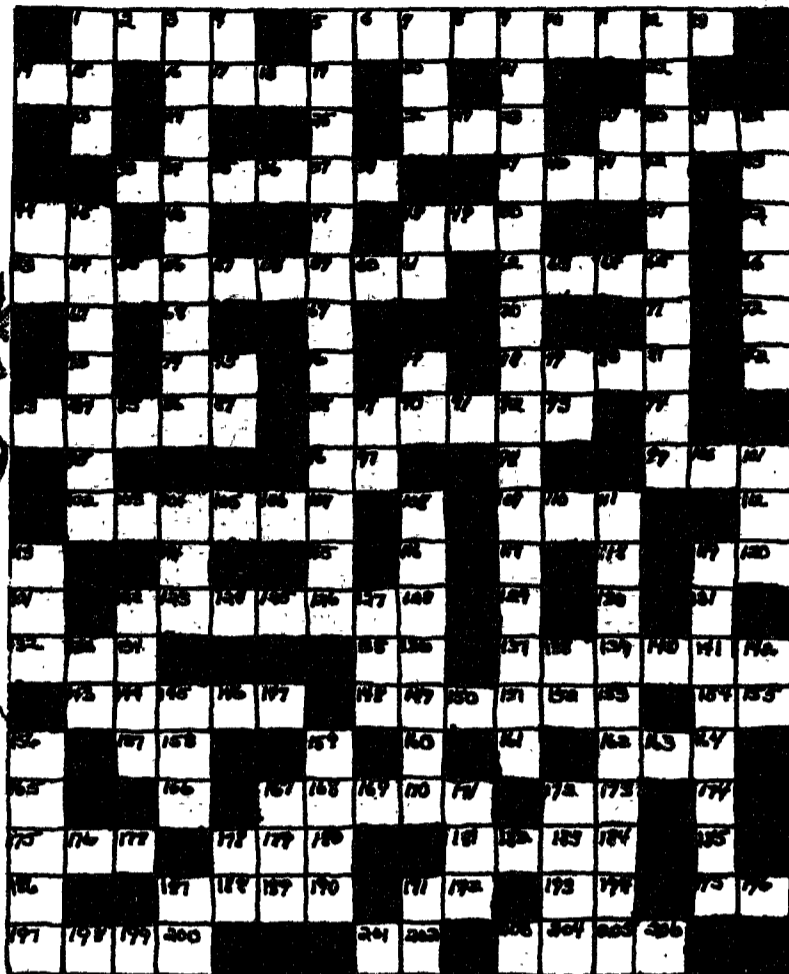


Feature



Crossword puzzle by Cindy Evancho

DOWN

- 1. Young male
- 3. Joyous winter occasion
- 4. Knock Out (abbr.)
- 5. Christmas song — Three Dog Night
- 7. Feline
- 9. Smokes a corn-cob pipe
- 12. Suzy and her six-sided friends
- 29. After one (syn.)
- 32. What Santa drives
- 44. Morning
- 45. Bob Cratchet's son
- 48. Us
- 75. Quiet
- 77. Spell 14 across backwards
- 79. Either; _____
- 89. Not out
- 101. Frozen
- 104. _____ for two
- 108. Name of Professor; also the name of a reindeer
- 111. Christmas flower
- 113. Packages are tied with a _____
- 119. Found under your tree
- 122. Christmas in French
- 127. Triumphant exclamation
- 133. High School (abbr.)
- 138. Cows eat h _____
- 142. Chemical symbol for radium
- 145. Enclosed truck
- 156. "Haul out the _____"
- 159. Known for singing "White Christmas"

- 167. Long, indefinite period of time
- 171. Dynamite
- 172. Is not (conj.)
- 178. Spanish yes
- 187. "_____, a drop of golden sun."
- 191. South East (abbr.)

ACROSS

- 1. Front (opp.)
- 5. Man made of ice
- 14. Yes (opp.)
- 16. What Santa says
- 26. 7 + 1 - 4 + 1 - 3 equals ?
- 29. What Santa brings for good girls and boys
- 33. Mexican Christmas tradition
- 39. White _____
- 44. Air Tight (abbr.)
- 48. Snow is _____
- 53. If caught under this you will get a kiss
- 62. Scream
- 74. Equally
- 78. What your horn does
- 83. What parents do with presents
- 88. Old Man _____
- 96. Same as 77 down
- 99. Glide down a mountain

- 102. Everyone has one
- 109. Cat _____
- 119. Physical Education (abbr.)
- 122. Christmas in Spanish
- 132. Musical group
- 135. Half of 16 across
- 137. Baby's crib
- 143. Wisemen + Golden Rings - Partridge in a Pear Tree equals
- 148. Never (opp.)
- 154. Salvation Army (abbr.)
- 157. Fa la _____
- 162. Christmas _____
- 167. Number of Santa's Reindeer
- 172. "TAG"
- 175. High (opp.)
- 178. Daughter (opp.)
- 181. Bird's _____
- 187. Bells do this
- 191. Street (abbr.)
- 193. Chemical symbol for nickel
- 195. "_____, a needle pulling thread"
- 197. _____-tide greetings
- 201. 1
- 203. Wisemen followed this

It never snows in Arizona

by Jerry Trently

Randy moved to Hazleton in August and, being from Arizona, had never seen a flake of snow, let alone a full-scale snowstorm. Fellow students repeatedly warned Randy of the hazardous driving conditions during snowstorms, but Randy had driven through the Arizona desert sand and his ignorance and thick-headedness let him believe that snow was something like cold sand.

He was one to complain from the first day he set foot on campus. Tuition was too high, traffic moved too slow, and the hill from the cafeteria to the Memorial Building was far, far too long and steep. The hill bothered Randy so much that he once boasted to friends that under no circumstances would he climb the hill. He even arrived at campus before anyone else just to assure an upper lot parking space and avoid walking the hill.

The bald tires and rusting fenders on Randy's car were characteristic of the type of guy he was. Warnings of coming snow never intimidated him until one of the warnings became a reality.

When Randy woke up on December 9, everything was covered with snow. "So this is the white stuff they're so afraid of?" he asked himself. "Well, let's see how it stands up to Randy."

Visibility was poor as he left his driveway and his private battle against Mother Nature had begun. He "fishtailed" up Broad Street until he luckily wound up behind a PennDOT truck, that he followed all the way to the campus.

Randy turned off Route 93 and made his way into the entrance at Penn State, going no more than five yards until he was sideways

on the driveway. He backed onto 93 and got a running start for the hill, this time making it as far as the entrance to the lower parking lot.

He should have been satisfied making it that far, but he was still determined to keep his vow not to walk up the hill.

By now a crowd of students had gathered by the windows of the dorm to watch the antics of the Arizona native as he spun his car in circles so fast it made them dizzy.

After a half hour of futile attempts, Randy's engine overheated, probably because he had never put anti-freeze in it and chunks of ice blocked his radiator. Still he persisted until the car spun off the road into a ditch.

About fifteen minutes later, a campus guard came across the abandoned car off the road with a cracked engine block. The guard followed the lone footprints from the car up the hill to the Classroom Building where Randy stood, his body motionless and eyes wide, staring at the sign on the door which read, "Classes Cancelled Today."

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