

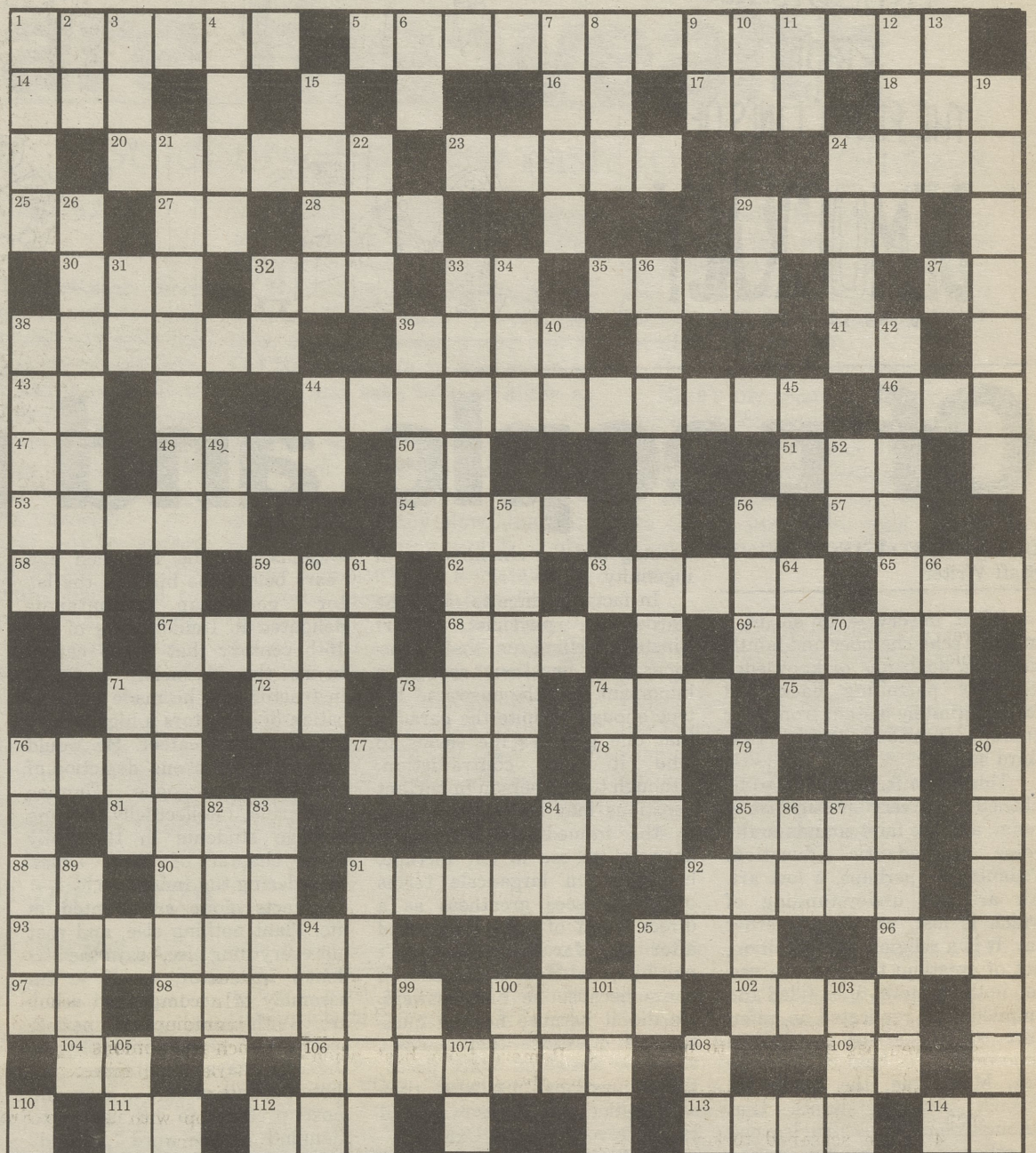
Community Crossword

Holiday fun for the young at heart

Across

1. This 'inspector' has his own Christmas special and lots of cool toys
5. The snowman's second TV special
14. Card game with four colors, skips cards, wild cards and draw two cards
16. Archaic woe
17. A nickname for Delores
18. What kids say when food is good
20. Who is the long-eared Christmas Donkey?
23. Santa's last name
24. Lots of these make up our DNA
25. Holiday song line '.... On the Roof'
27. Baronet (abbr.)
28. Who was kissing Santa under the mistletoe?
29. Foil-covered chocolate candy given out at Hanukkah
30. The 10 commandments tell us to believe in ... God
32. Bill and this guy shared an 'excellent' adventure
33. The frog's TV network
35. White stuff that comes when it's cold out
37. What Santa says
38. This Dr. Seuss character stole Christmas
39. What bad kids get in their stockings
41. Nautical for Water Ballast (abbr.)
43. All right
44. Over the river and through the woods to whose house?
46. Country represented by the red, white and blue
47. Jewish dismay
48. How many computers in the 12 days of Christmas song?
50. North Dakota (abbr.)
51. Stacked candy in a dispenser with a head
53. Repeating action like shopping; i.e. a shopping
54. Most students have at least one of these before the holiday break
57. For some families, watching 'The Wizard of ...' is a holiday tradition
58. First two vowels in the Old MacDonald had a farm song
59. Endless talking
62. Chemical symbol for rhodium
63. This guy beat Goliath
65. Latter-day Saints (abbr.)
67. TV special: 'The Bear Who ... Through Christmas'
68. A hollow false fruit with tiny fruits inside. (hint: would be great in a newton)
69. This mouse wants to take over the world and celebrate the holidays
71. Times before Christ for Christians
72. Goes with myself and I

73. Kids and adults love to have this, especially at holidays
74. Eisenhower's nickname
75. Hindu mediation
76. A tree topper
77. Rudolph and Frosty have Christmas in this summer month
78. Regarding
81. Where is Santa coming to?
84. If Santa didn't have a sleigh, he may have used this to transport gifts
85. Children make these every year to let Santa know what they want
88. What 'a' becomes before a word beginning with a vowel
90. Exclamation of surprise
91. Traditional favorite: 'Ave'
92. Most Christian children wish day was Christmas
93. Who wrote to the New York Sun asking if there is a Santa Claus?
95. When the Maccabees retook the Temple, (the origin of Hanukkah) how many days worth of oil did they have? (hint: not how many days did the oil last.)
96. Final words in many books: The
97. The bible's Ecclesiastes (abbr.)
98. To run the lights on the Menorah or Christmas tree, you need this
100. Somebody who may need a good meal for the holidays
102. The Mets play in this stadium
104. A way for a boxing match to finish
106. What happened on 34th Street?
109. Queen Victoria (abbr.)
110. Symbol for Christ
11. Magazine for young women
112. Hamburger special: Big
113. Type of log used for holidays
114. Last note on a letter.



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Down

1. A teacher, mentor, or very knowledgeable person
2. Abbreviation for 'in the year' in Latin
3. Actor Knotts and a Mafia kingpin share this
4. Beach Boys song line: '.... Coast girls are hip, I really dig those styles they wear.'
6. The Bible's Revelations
7. '..... the night before Christmas'
8. It's not me, it's ...
9. Department of Education (abbr.)
10. Word written on almost every present
11. Utah (abbr.)
12. Russian "no"
13. What NY paper did a little girl ask, "Is there a Santa Claus?"
15. This is where the heart is
19. Jewish candelabra with nine spots for candles
21. The stingiest man in town (two

words)

22. Singer Stewart or biblical: 'Spare the, spoil the child'
24. Candles and pregnant women give off this bright light
26. Which Looney Tune played Bob Cratchit in Bugs Bunny's version of 'A Christmas Carol'
29. Initials of the first American president
31. Chemical symbol for Nickel
32. What day was Seinfeld on prime time TV (abbr.)?
33. Movie: 'It's a life;
34. Santa can tell if you've been good or
36. Famous holiday ballet
38. A fowl sometimes eaten for Christmas dinner
39. Can not
40. Lord mayor (abbr.)
42. New favorite toy in the original movie 'Toy Story' (two words)
44. What a green light means
45. The 'musicman's' real initials
49. Electrical engineer (abbr.)
52. Initials of the actor who plays Al Bundy
55. Rudolph had a very nose
56. An apron for a child
59. A precious ... is generally seen as a nice gift for a woman
60. Like a gorilla
61. Initials of famous tennis player from the 1920s, and early '30s. He dominated the game as Pete Sampras or Andre Agassi do today
64. Drink mixer: Canada Ginger ale
66. Genes that make us each uniquely different
70. Account of (abbr.)
71. You'd find one of these in a belfry
73. Chemical symbol for fluorine plus chemical symbol for uranium
74. Retirement savings
76. An adjective describing James Bond
79. Santa's little helpers

80. These waxy items are traditions for Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa
82. Incessant complaining
83. Fewer than one
84. Holiday singing or a woman's name
86. An example
87. A junior's father
89. Santa's saintly name
91. Sorcery
92. In printing, half an 'em' space
94. Shirley MacLaine play: "..... la Douce"
95. Combining form egg or ovum
99. Year (abbr.)
100. House of Commons (abbr.)
101. Where the children were nestled snugly
103. Night before Christmas
105. Exclamation of surprise
107. An advertisement
108. Me possessive

Fresh fruit: Is it really too much to ask for?

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and a lot of patience. I don't think patience is even in the *American* vocabulary anymore. It has been stricken from the record. Nobody wants to have to wait for anything. That is why we have "fast food restaurants," "express lanes," and "instant oatmeal."

Why is everyone in such a hurry? Is it too much to stop and enjoy "now?" Or would that be too painful? Because then, people would realize how truly unhappy they are. They would realize that they have all these "things" that are supposed to make them happy, yet they are not. They would realize that they are living a lie, that they are feeding themselves. They are liv-

ing the lie that happiness comes from money and what they can buy with that money.

As Benjamin Franklin, one of the founding fathers, said, "Money never made a man happy yet, nor will it. There is nothing in its nature to produce happiness. The more a man has, the more he wants."

Instead of its filling a vacuum, it makes one. If it satisfies one want, it doubles and trebles [sic] that want another way. That was a true proverb of the wise man, rely upon it; 'Better is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure, and trouble therewith.'

Patience is more than just a virtue. Things that you wait for are that much

more enjoyable. Likewise, something easily gained is easily lost, and hence not missed when gone. When you work for something, and achieve it, the pleasure is that much greater. Aristotle knew this, and showed his wisdom when he said, "Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet."

Nobody, it seems, wants to make an effort anymore. They would like to sit and do nothing, yet expect to profit from it. This is in direct conflict with what Thomas Fuller said: "One that would have the fruit must climb the tree." Sir Walter Scott also agreed with this reward, for effort ethic, and said, "He that climbs the tall tree has won right to the fruit."

It is for these reasons that it is not so much the early picking of fruit that is so

odious, but the mentality of this nation, which has let things get to this point. Therefore it is not the fruit of this nation that is foul, so much as the "fruits" of this nation that are truly foul. If this country wants to stay great, it has to come to terms with where it is heading, how it got there, and how it can get back on track from the moral degradation it has been sliding into.

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