

# Celebrate Xmas

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The answer to the meta is what X replaces

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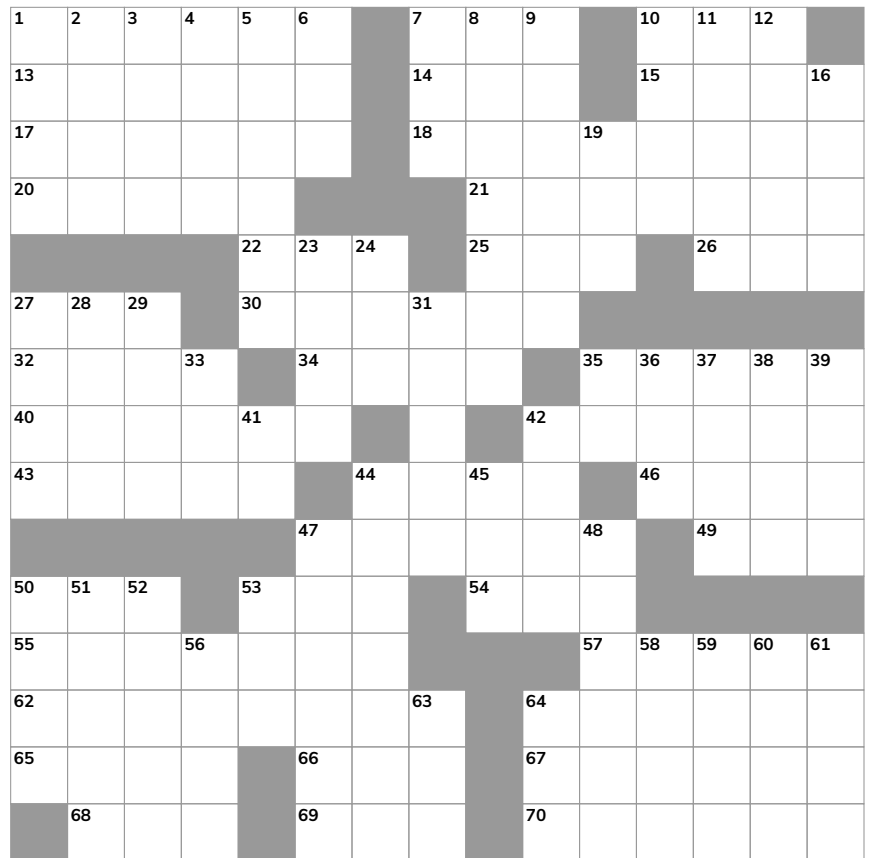
- 1 Plant that is used at Xmas to engineer awkward kissing opportunities
- 7 Prefix meaning "equal"
- 10 Public vehicle
- 13 Jujitsu relative
- 14 Chest bone
- 15 Xmas drink made with rum or brandy
- 17 One of the Wayans
- 18 Da Vinci or DiCaprio or a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle
- 20 Finish by
- 21 Bitter criticism
- 22 Belly
- 25 Sorta
- 26 JPEG alternative with a controversial pronunciation
- 27 US federal purchasing org.
- 30 Christen with oil or water, perhaps
- 32 Spanish greeting
- 34 What you hope to find inside an Xmas turkey
- 35 Nicole Kidman's other half, \_\_\_ Urban
- 40 Former male student of a school or college
- 42 National drink of England (including a serving suggestion)
- 43 Xmas character based on a bishop with a penchant for secret gift-giving, informally
- 44 Apportion

- 46 Fossil fuel
- 47 Some people prefer this on their Xmas pudding instead of custard
- 49 Spanish gold
- 50 Dye container
- 53 Fall back
- 54 Zeta follower
- 55 Popular alternative to a star on Xmas trees
- 57 Arthur Miller's salesman, Willy \_\_\_
- 62 "As God is my witness!"
- 64 "Stranger Things" actress, \_\_\_ Ryder
- 65 Prophet
- 66 East Berlin was its capital (abbr.)
- 67 Odor-reducing plumbing fittings
- 68 Works in a gallery
- 69 Understand
- 70 Festival that Jesus attended in John 10, celebrated around the time of Xmas

## DOWN

- 1 Error
- 2 Property claim
- 3 Barely managed, with "out"
- 4 "30 Rock" actress, \_\_\_ Fey
- 5 The Voice of the Civil Rights Movement
- 6 Eternity
- 7 Offline, briefly
- 8 What you do a lot of panning for gold
- 9 Instrumentalist who helps tune an orchestra
- 10 Person asking for money or food
- 11 Disassemble
- 12 "Me also"
- 16 Game with clubs and caddies
- 19 To the \_\_\_ degree
- 23 Well ventilated (but expressed negatively)
- 24 "Excusez-\_\_\_!"
- 27 Give up the \_\_\_ (die)
- 28 Answer, for short
- 29 German-based supermarket chain
- 31 Deduce
- 33 Start of a 26 letter series

- 35 Bout ender, for short
- 36 And so forth (abbr.)
- 37 "Me also"
- 38 Pull apart
- 39 Circle of light in many paintings of The Nativity
- 41 "I agree"
- 42 Robert De Niro and Al Pacino movie directed by Michael Mann
- 44 Frequent collaborator of Jody Hill, Danny \_\_\_
- 45 Concert souvenir, for short
- 47 One of these took down the Titanic
- 48 Big hit for Courtney Love's band, Hole
- 50 Composer of the "Chariots of Fire" theme
- 51 On the briny
- 52 Babel construction
- 53 Clean air org.
- 56 Sassy
- 58 About .62 mi.
- 59 Person with a tonsure, probably
- 60 "two turtle doves, \_\_\_ partridge..."
- 61 Lead singer of the band Sixpence None the Richer, Leigh \_\_\_
- 63 Uno + due
- 64 City in China that was mentioned in a lot of news broadcasts at the beginning of 2020



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