

Shells and Bells

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This year's Christmas movie excursion will bring us to *Moana*. To count down to this, each Down answer must be altered in one of four ways before entry:

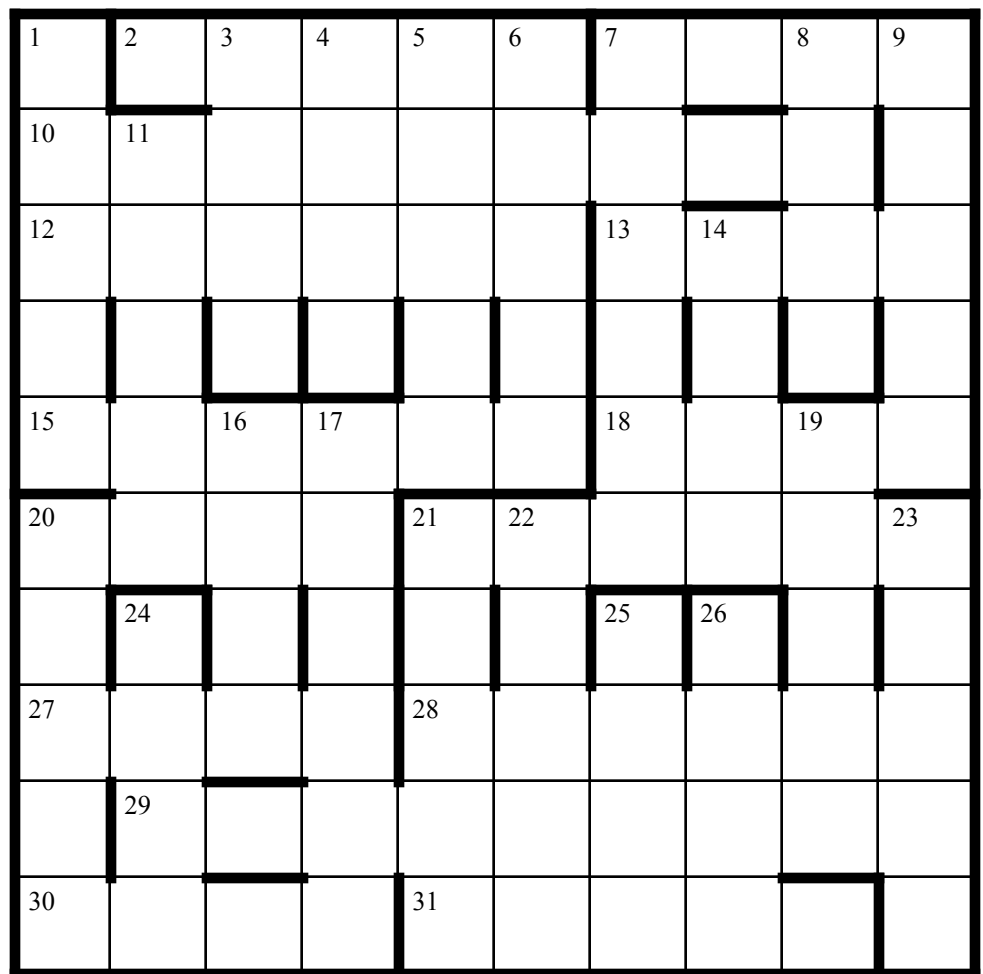
MOAN: Five will be vocalized.

MOA: Five will have unused wings.

MO: Five will be ways of doing things.

M: Five will be multiplied by 1000.

(One altered entry is hyphenated.) The Across answers don't change, but each Across *clue* has an extra letter; delete it before solving. In clue order, these letters will form four words, starting with a seashore denizen, which then undergoes (in some order) three of the above changes. Apply the remaining change to the last word, to get a word that (if you insert / and space) will say how to decorate the empty space on this page.



ACROSS

2. Lisa improperly chides radical fabulists (5)
7. Red piece of corn is black (4)
10. Wrongly alter tuba notation for a staring player (9)
12. Imago's other half turned one indigo and green (6)
13. Dandy, rotund little turkey (4)
15. Pass by hearth near long-vaulted part of church (6)
18. Elmo's trunk — say, at a gym — is sluggish (4)
20. Rubber ring for the British or Lebanese spout (4)
21. Your rath-like beasts getting no energy from a gland in the chest (6)
27. Boy beginning to notice audience (4)
28. Notes where some folks from THX live (6)
29. Everyone meets hero, topless tenor, and doctor (9)
30. About Mel and my TV award (4)
31. Grimy ship's aft section (5)

DOWN

1. Just over two pints drunk by the Queen
3. Bass interrupting seven-stone person who plays a metallophone-like instrument
4. Gore is a lady
5. *Rent* singer rules
6. State song offers a way for people to "get down"
7. Quartet of scruffy freshwater perch
8. Motown singer Marvin is between Maine and Arkansas for a 12,000,000-month period
9. Elevate each agent
11. One army cop's current unit
14. Having the blues singer's aid in fixing a note
16. Lasso muscle-bound trio of Arizonans
17. Edible, often-green seed-bearer, ultimately!
19. Grissom has overthrown 551 craftsmen's associations
20. Mass recited with importance, in a deep voice
21. Immediately claiming guitarist Paul is most hackneyed
22. Buck Rogers's head is festooned with headgear
23. Bit of metal that's been put into die!
24. A hep flag mistaken for a 5.5" x 8.5" sheet (*hyph.*)
25. Meat sandwich, e.g., eaten up by Hamilton's killer
26. Brontë's governess finally made some bread rolls