

# Steady Stream

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This puzzle notes the steady stream of holidays ([9 Across], [38 Across], and Hanukkah) now beginning. Specifically:

(1) Each Across clue's wordplay yields a letter sequence that has one extra letter. In clue order, these letters will say what a certain cryptic livestream will contain, which sounds like something associated with Hanukkah gelt.

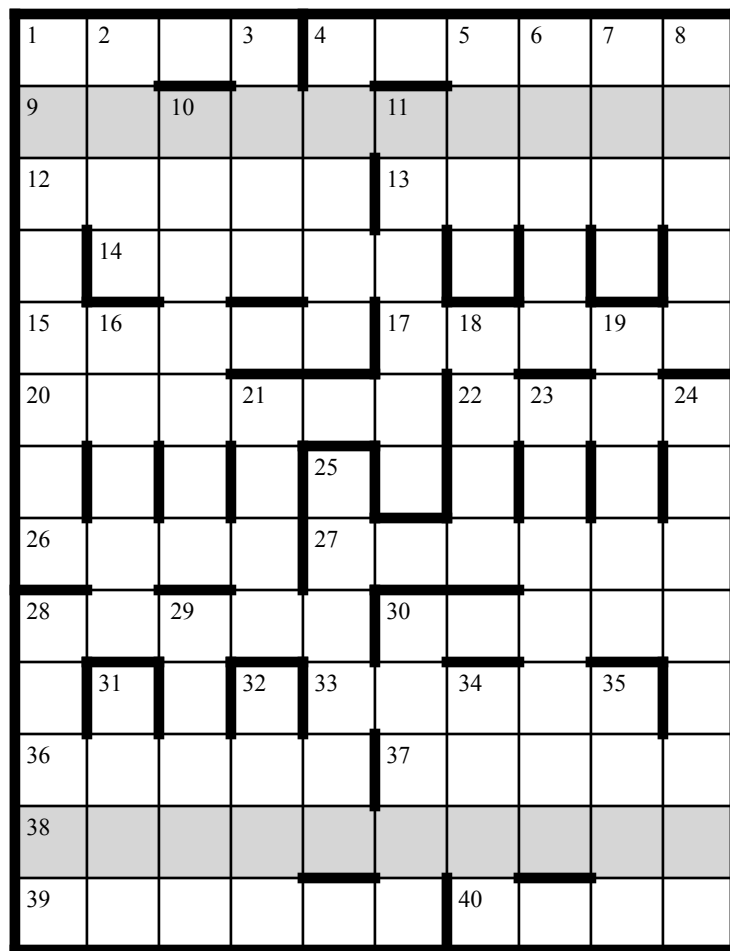
(2) Other presents are also presented. Nine Down clues are "giving"; the answer to each must have a (non-central) letter removed before entry (one altered entry will be capitalized). Nine other Down clues are "receiving"; in each, one word must have one of the "given" letters put into its center before solving. Also, the straight definition in each "receiving" clue should be read in the context of a certain [9 Across] honoree.

(3) Each Across clue has a sequence of one to ten words that is a normal straight clue for a "giving" clue's entry or for a "receiving" clue's answer. All the letters "given" by "giving" clues, and then all the letters "received" by "receiving" clues, *each ordered as per the corresponding Across clues*, will say what present (suitable for [9 Across], [38 Across], or Hanukkah) is now getting festooned with ribbons, foil, etc. If instead of the "received" letters you instead order the first letters of the answers to "receiving" clues, you will see the honoree from (2); if instead you order the *shaded* letters of those answers, you will see another upcoming honoree.

(4) Finally, if you read (in clue order) the first and last letters of the six Down clues not used above, you will see what you can do after you have finished this puzzle.

## ACROSS

1. One's first date with half-Finnic Norse god (4)
4. That Italian very definitely describes street users (6)
12. Observe large error by red moray catcher (5)
13. Hoe with no end next to this second flower (5)
14. Earliest of steamships among Channel-crossers is overtly anarchist (5)
15. Vole covering head of vole school with a little egg (5)
17. Son going after the mantle of Empress Catherine, for instance, emulates Ella Fitzgerald (5)
20. Nudges last of such items essential to squad's leader at Jericho (6)
22. Pot securer ultimately clamped by that guy Derek (4)
26. Seize the day — and what money ol' Louis would stash (4, *abbr.*)
27. Type of talk held by author or falling star (6)
28. Middlemost of twenty-two semidisks bisected Kriss's mushroom (5)
30. Mostly hurl bit from Schiller at author Fannie (5)
33. Erotica's preceded by trailer for *Roman Goddess Group Controlling The Fates Of The Norse* (5)
36. I stop assuming primary Odyssey character will make childish retort (2 3)
37. Allen key perhaps captivates Ali Dahl, the writer (5)
39. Time unit Romeo deleted from nurse's dispatches (6)
40. Stupid threesomes in back leave dodgy pork gyros (4)



## DOWN

1. Are mediated too much by alien peeper and Spanish chorus with soloists (3 *ws.*)
2. Acts of French editors
3. Age over eight quintillion end-pieces of cheese in the mist of North Carolina (*abbr.*)
4. 101,150 rings right on top of empty ring
5. Not, for example, about to be friendly (2 *ws.*)
6. Parisian is filing in Virginia's name — which appears in unfinished opera's title
7. With that said by one Sasquatchlike creature from Asia
8. Xmas nap schedule, in part, is broken
10. Of word sequences exhibiting jollity and elfishness?
11. Trained ox & ass carry leader of holy people in Africa
16. Lousy alien poet mentioned in the *Hitchhiker's Guide* voiceover spilled nog
18. Sing with church worker
19. Three-carbon sugar rots — i.e., decays
21. Henry stuffs roast chicken in the Antipodes
23. CO unveiled flyer with a long-beloved description translated differently
24. Third bay is treated like garage for [9 Across]
25. Opus 90 is in this city Italy has tossed cots in (2 *ws.*)
28. 1810 dedicatee is Yale's chef, for example
29. Informal term that means "lacking tau" to mystic
30. Roué shorn with instruments Opus 103 features
31. Wigs of this amir or Opus 30's dedicatee
32. That US character near the fore in marches!
34. Wide spot beneath rotating sphere
35. Long Island town is on edge