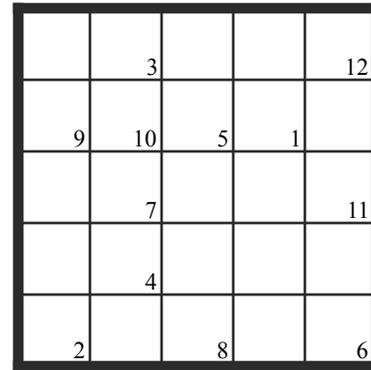
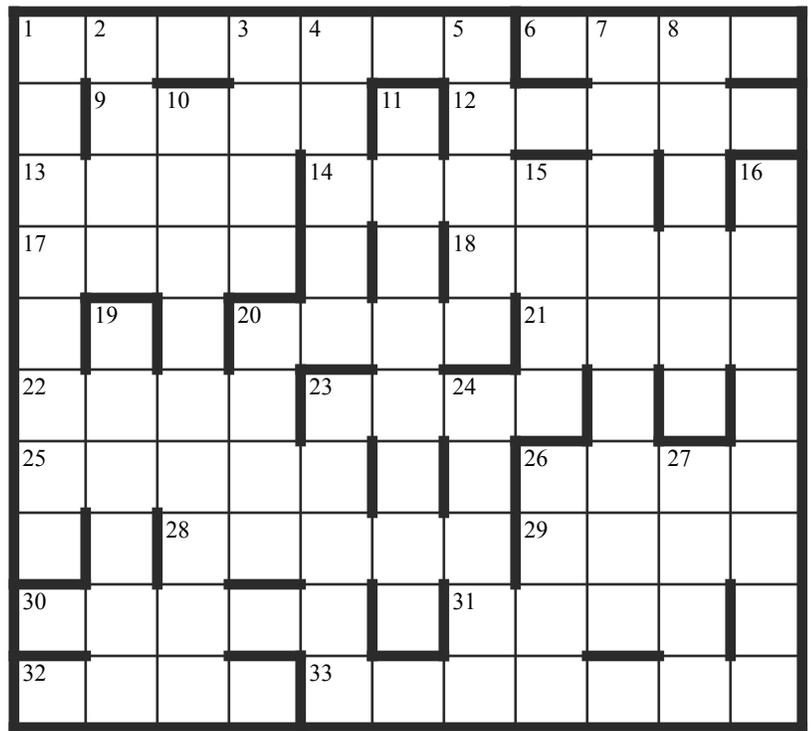


Beach Blank Bingo

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Welcome to our beach movie (with a special musical guest star)! The long Down entries (whose clues are wordplay-only) will really need the beach after all the work they will be doing. Specifically, each will affect four Across answers before entry, so that they, in no particular order, (i) gain an origin, (ii) lose material on both sides, (iii) turn one letter into two linked by a narrow strip, (iv) turn to the “distaff side,” as you might say in the Queen’s English, or (v) get untidy (i.e., anagrammed). Altered Across entries include three proper names, denoting a person, quasiperson, and people.

Each of “Down”’s other clues has an otiose letter to lose; written out, these will say what that “beach” to which I have referred is; if you use it on each of the five longer entries, that “beach” will produce, in that way, one new word. Once you know what each word is, all must fit into the blank “Bingo card” (use your wit in seeing how they’ll be written). If you read every square that is numbered, in order, what’s there will attest who’s our great special guest — who, I state, could really make this paragraph resound, and who seems to be someone that beachgoers here might have found!



ACROSS

1. Less white eggs occupying second level
6. Girlfriend wearing tie
9. Old knight is object of worship in Egypt
12. Study clarinet or oboe’s sound
13. One finally trains fish
14. My group’s times will be announced
17. Art performing with Penny and Oscar Stone
18. Those who say “Greek coins”
20. Violet embraces lover of Hercules
21. King flipped over quartet of veggies stuffed with caviar (2 wds.)
22. Soldier gets silly over, e.g. a Colin Firth character (2 wds.)
23. Live amongst ones with fins
25. Large southwestern native’s instrument
26. Somewhat older child brings bronny’s odd items (2 wds.)
28. Did father return insult again?
29. Long to kill bugs
30. A peer, in part, gave Arlo F’s? Now, don’t . . . (3 wds.)
31. . . . angrily wire David, Kevin, Charles, Andrew, and Anne’s great-uncle (2 wds.)
32. Fast Parisian is captured by Ace
33. Many a magazine belongs to Ms. Glass?

DOWN

1. Observe S&M in lair (8)
2. Sloops going around small little Norwegian city (4)
3. In France, every flat food-carrier is mentioned (4)
4. It’s in tan Old-World river! (5)
5. Vocally cheer for a bunch of pathos all put together (5)
7. Weird toes on actor Seth (9)
8. Attack with samples of venom one concealed inside haft (4 2)
10. This remarkable ennead of goddesses (9)
11. Wise people ingesting fat (8)
15. Right time to be maid (4)
16. Some resistance seen up in van Gogh’s former home (8)
19. Disapproving remark about Albert’s bran filler (6)
20. Beardeth actor Ledger without energy (4)
23. Erie tribe’s leader gets capped with blue headgear (5)
24. Very unhappy about mixtures of H₂CO, CO₂, etc. (5)
26. Massless mice near American hosp. rms. (4, *abbr.*)
27. Champ’s going both ways on vacuous stablemate (4)