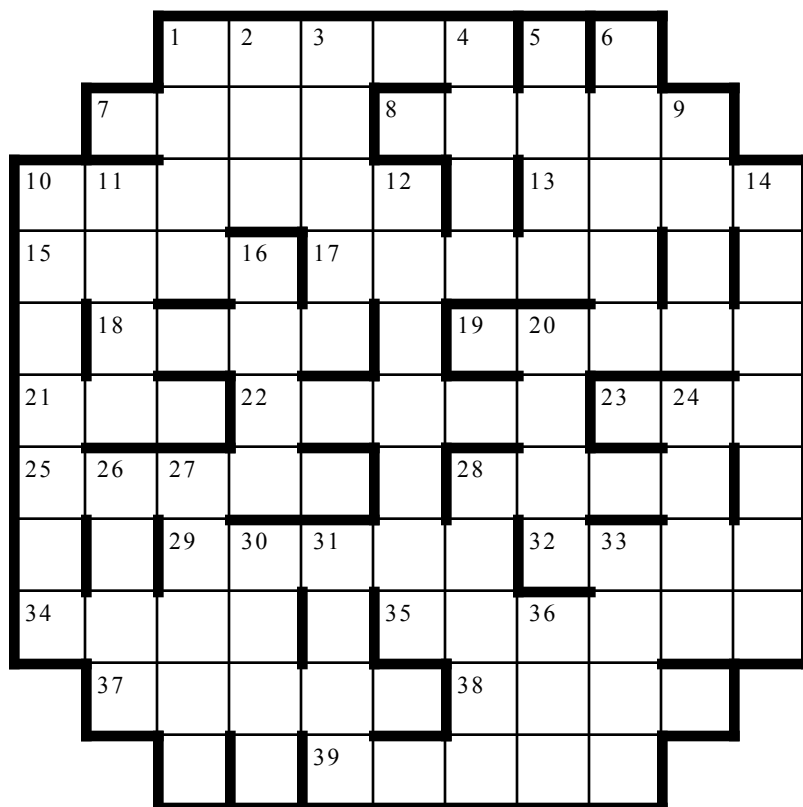


Oct. Gone

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In the spirit of this holiday weekend, many of the clues here involve disguise: Where the answer has a particular pair of letters (the same in every case), the cryptic part will yield only the single letter that pair is “disguised as” (which varies). In order to fit the allotted space and the crossing entries, you must enter the disguised version (which will not necessarily be a word) in the grid. But be sure to label the disguised square (by shading, circling, or the like) for future reference; this label may be considered a 22 Across.

When you have found the complete set of disguised clues, reading their first letters in the logical order will reveal another seasonal item involving disguise; reading their last letters in that same order will tell you what to read in the undisguised clues (in clue order) to get further instructions. By following these, you can find out where this item was recently seen.



ACROSS

1. Starts to verify every questionable enterprise Diana *did* endow
7. German woman beginning to utter barking sound when somersaulting
8. Viewing males and females as unequal, finally divide “unknown” into “sis” or “bro”
10. Eccentric URL fit someone who might play a piccolo
13. Ailing swallows head to animal shelter suitable for a palomino
15. Author of this puzzle note unveiled a small hint
17. Knowledge about heart of Maria Ugarte’s portrayer in *Casablanca*
18. Fled from white and green Tolkien creature
19. Some wood and samarium spilled by corporations
21. Individual dance move twisted muscle in the chest
22. Gem box abandoned by excellent evangelist of old (2 wds.)
23. Legendary actress West is a Pole
25. Ezra’s second to interrupt Mr. Solo with a bunch of poetic lines

28. Four characters in Korea lecture Mr. Guinness
29. Made changes to river Edward I had
32. Trimmed English yew or oak is to be Frenchified
34. To fix wages after Sunday
35. Romantic partner you finally married fought in a manner chivalric
37. Romance set in spa detailed acrobatic maneuver
38. Conduct attacks on vacuous Rita with finger
39. Mr. Starr bared arm before stuffing game

DOWN

1. Airily walk — or, in Vermont, almost run
2. Eta drifts rightward
3. Comforter perhaps for Nero, who left Troy
4. Longhorn maybe upset Rush
5. Active hack beheaded radical
6. Again point north, bub
9. Assign culpability to endlessly strong wind

10. Assembles cloth suits worn by a revolutionary Argentinian
11. Sordid East Vermont location where people ski
12. Lori & Jay thrashed a supporter of a hereditary chief
14. Vicious lies Mr. Flanders tried to hear
16. Existential unease of half of Anzacs taking in game
20. Lady clothed by Eisenhower in fiber that cordage is made from
24. One czar’s first daughter escaping Communist plot
26. They bite more than one aide (*abbr.*)
27. Imbibers may suck on them first to stay alert when heels-over-head
28. After twirling staff into Xena’s right side, get decked
30. Don’t permit pair of Ephesians to embrace most of you
31. Way to get inside and cross over
33. Number about one strip of citrus peel
36. Perverse, semi-gauche relative of a wapiti