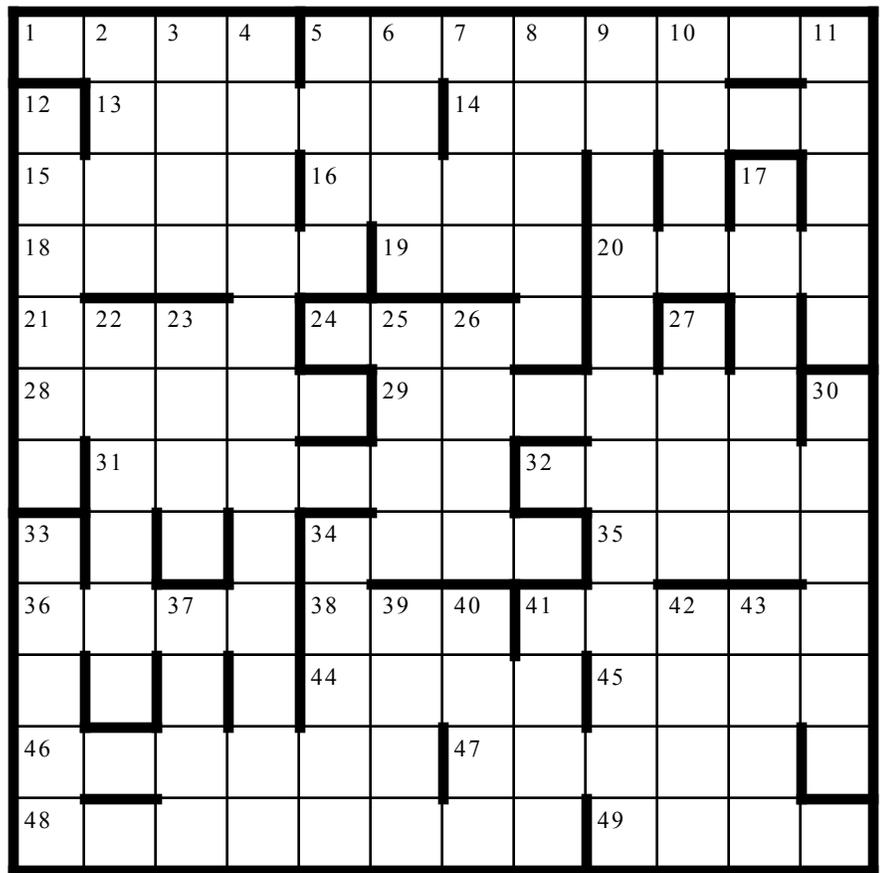


Wedding Toast

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Let us all toast the happy couple! Seven clues in this puzzle have an extraneous letter at the start of a word (which must be deleted before solving), and seven have such a letter at the end of a word; each set of seven (in clue order) spells out something that might be used for the toast. For seven more clues, the sequence of letters the wordplay produces has an extra letter at the beginning, and for seven others there is such a letter at the end; these sets of seven give the corresponding items to be raised when toasting.

All other clues work normally; however, the corresponding grid entries will intersect in pairs at twelve “special squares.” For each pair, one answer will be entered normally, and the other will have an appropriate letter sequence (the same in all cases) replaced by a single letter in the special square so it matches its partner. Left to right in the grid, the letters in the special squares will say what kind of areas those squares are; top to bottom, they will give another key pair of words.



ACROSS

1. Spirit provided to the West End
5. Start to view bisected weight that is most striking
13. Misdirected doxy shuns fifty-five books from the bible
14. Yaks eating a copper calculating device
15. Garr from *Close Encounters* and *ET* left Rhode Island
16. This evening, when the last couple flees singer Basil
18. Mar inside of fool's stockpile
19. Every other character from pieta flees author Norman Vincent
20. Knockout has previously called a low-down joint
21. Labs, er, remodeled hay-bundling machines
24. Places where you speak in favor of blocking Louisiana
28. Mink hat last seized by John's peers
29. Got tight again and announced Witherspoon was hunting lampreys
31. Scan once more before occupying right spot
32. Not saying anything containing a true fact
34. Mr. Gore's last letter for Joe, as well
35. Supplied with fossil fuel that's solid like ice, reportedly
36. Describe and name actress Kunis the wrong way
38. Tolstoy, following Dad's trendy grain-free diet
41. Witticisms about, chiefly, Ian opening for a botanist
44. Thus, actor Mineo is slugger Sammy
45. The author's white lance
46. Rolled-up spelt was in front
47. Part of play interrupted by beginnings of altercation with three different sides
48. Redgrave and Hudgens, the actresses and vehicle users, essentially talk back to back
49. Around 1/3 of his liquor is closed

DOWN

2. Object's location and mass
3. Knick's wife, who also detects a Reagan on the rise
4. Santa irks Glen & irks Dotty (2 wds.)
5. Actor Kilmer is supported by alien's servants
6. A restaurant that sells flapjacks? I wish (abbr.)
7. Not crazy about very flat part of a windmill
8. One business briefly located on a Spanish island
9. Troika-dancer disrupted process that occurs in a plant at night (2 wds.)
10. Hew decapitated Castilian with financial forcaster's tool, in short (abbr.)
11. Ultimately let bassi think he had expressed disapproval
12. Fur adorning actress Salonga is subject to purchase
17. Frenchman's father hugs some French chicken seller
22. A jerk keeps gold inside of a large vessel
23. Said letters after pin would resemble deer
25. The Italian caviar turned up in your mouth
26. Eighths of a Spanish peso invested in cereal, especially
27. Liking a horse with patches of color on its body but not its head
30. Bizarrely mashed line on a page (2 wds.)
33. First quartet of solvers includes a female monarch from Norway (2 wds.)
34. Many an orange, say, festoons small parts of churches
37. Burrowing insectivore imbued with sun god's spirit
39. Mr. Serling's light detectors
40. Ebony body parts seen in glossaries
41. Posed, holding Charlie's pouches
42. Dodge evil couple of monsters when heading north
43. Video file showing yeast of Sam and Margaret (abbr.)