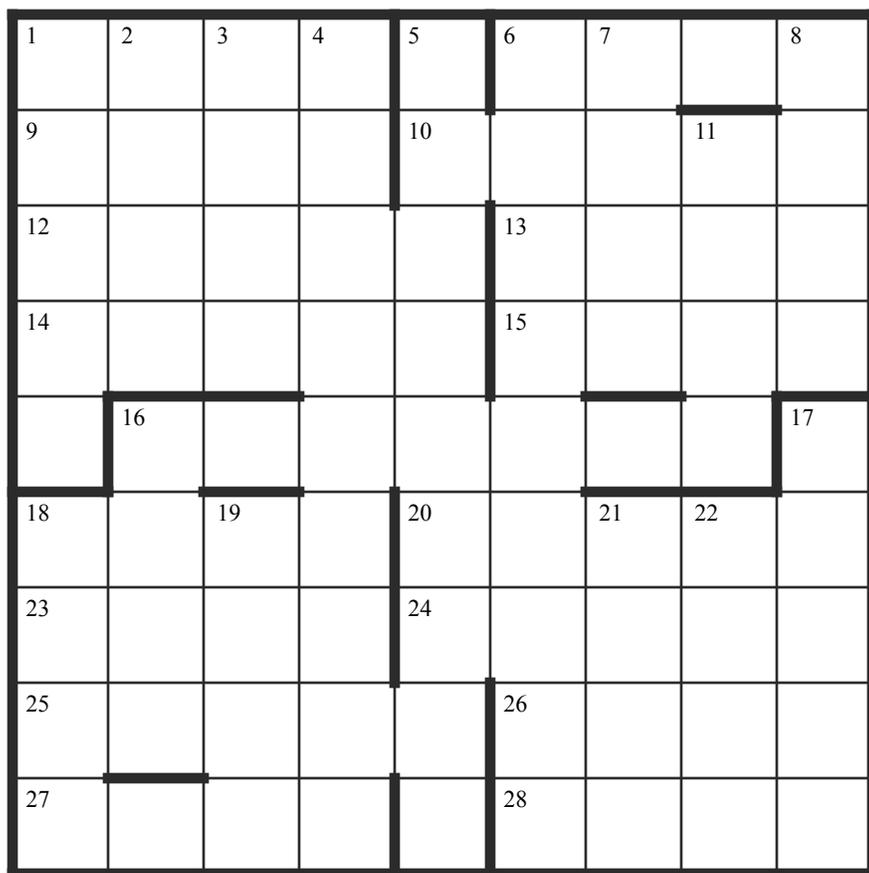


All Greeks To Me

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Our Christmas viewing of *Wonder Woman 1984* is going to be delayed a few hours; Diana of Themyscira is busy carrying certain items (abundant in 1984, but unexpectedly scarce in 2020) from one Grecian city (where they still abound) eastward to another Grecian city (the first's city's counterpart). In nine checked squares in this puzzle, Across and Down answers conflict, one having a bigram (a two-letter sequence), and the other a single letter; enter both in the square. Left to right in the grid, the bigrams will show her path and the single letters her cargo. Also, for each such square, if it is in the n th row from the top of the grid, take the n th letter of the cargo; left to right in the grid, these letters will name the second city. (From all the above, you should be able to name the first city.)

Each clue for an answer *not* involved in the above has one wrong letter that must be corrected before solving. In clue order, the wrong letters will name another person, from a third Grecian city, who will team up with Diana on this task; that is why this person, in his own work this year, will (unusually) make use of the device (not often seen in 1984 *or* in 2010) spelled out by the correct letters.



ACROSS

1. Comment from the other person about couple of sloes forming adornment for one of his colleagues
6. Tokyo is its replacement!
9. Kite's kin love warrior princess endlessly
10. What cats do inside that thing is not appropriate
12. Start with "Affleck pinches exterior of gluten"
13. Plait that goes into the mouth of Mr. Alpert
14. Bod fed with (behold!) food for a camp
15. John Oliver's intro to some French poems
16. Evergreen-scented boxes Mike positioned atop small amount of cash (2 wds.)
18. Bribes that will come before vacuous politico
20. Pizzazz surrounding one kind of band
23. Ought to get sharper when a century starts (2 wds.)
24. Hellos of the Egyptians received by PDA- and bag-maker in Italy
25. Front of toe tag sure is clean (2 wds.)
26. Actor Epps and lama's father circle back
27. Rose requiring you to entertain an army
28. Bar one word that (with "up") means "admit something"

DOWN

1. Moans to pass some time with bishops aboard barge
2. Cut long leaf on the ice
3. Mine constructor in Rome constructing toy
4. Moon Unit's cooked fungus on shallots and such (2 wds.)
5. Italian flower very quietly embraced by twisting Californian flower (2 wds.) [NI3]
6. Dedicated to (e.g.) almost-beheaded John I, perversely (3 wds.)
7. Expressed amazement with eggs he had
8. Cody in concert held in obsolete gambling venues (abbr.)
11. Mark's request to a barterer
16. Pool hall bans every other SF author named Frederik
17. PD nabs wrong drug dealer, perh.? (abbr.)
18. Cut section of marble's raised high
19. What's primarily part of Wales, you see!
21. Musical about Dennis and ma, south of Massachusetts
22. Bans on talking about blue nitrogen (abbr.)