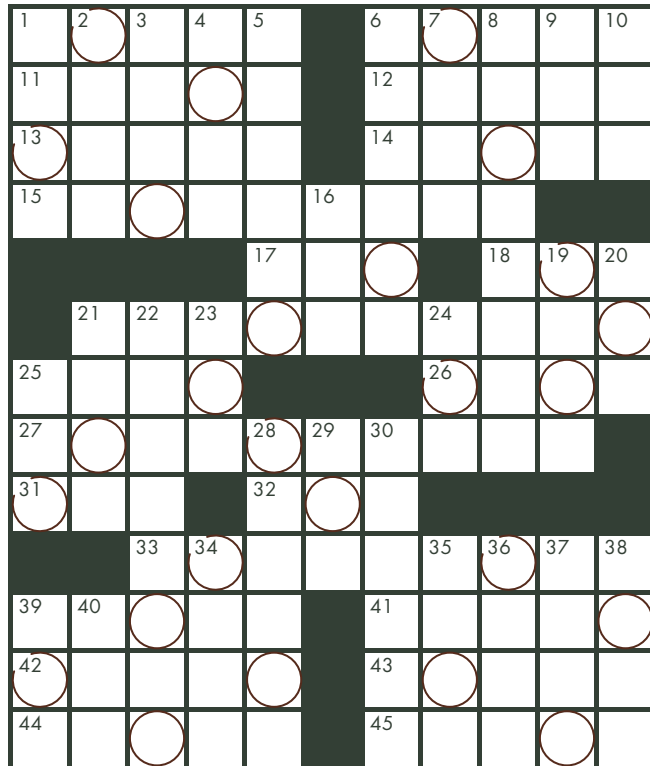


A WINTER CHALLENGE



CROSSWORD PUZZLE BY FRED OHLES

Theme clues are starred. When the puzzle is finished, every letter from A to Z will appear in one of the 26 circles. **Crossword solution can be found on page 16.**



ACROSS

- 1 In 2000 they were hanging in Florida
- 6 Slang for "I messed up"
- 11 Transmission franchise firm
- 12 Eskimo dwelling
- 13 With nothing fancy
- 14 Generous source, as of knowledge
- 15 *When you are the only card player
- 17 Verb modifier: Abbr.
- 18 Edgar Award grp.
- 21 *Where you don't have to share living space

- 45 Alaska city 11 hours from Juneau by ferry

DOWN

- 1 THESE LETTERS
- 2 Floating saintly crown
- 3 Barrister wife of George Clooney
- 4 602 in old Rome
- 5 Sunday in Saxony
- 6 Britain's counter-intel. agency
- 7 Frankenstein movies character (var.)
- 8 Once in a ___ (rarely)

- 25 Go out with
- 26 Drill into
- 27 *What you are when there is no other quite like you
- 31 McKee, Lincoln historian
- 32 Kanga's kid
- 33 *Where nobody else can come into contact with you
- 39 Egg count
- 41 Sri ___
- 42 Letters above ASDFG
- 43 Dish soap brand
- 44 Pick ___ (choose teams)

- 9 Risk/insurance company
- 10 Top of i
- 16 B'nai Brith part battling hate, by the letters
- 19 Any fifth of this clue
- 20 ___ Zion (Afr.-Am. church)
- 21 Health/disease avoidance prefix
- 22 Type of deduction on Schedule A
- 23 -natal (NICU part)
- 24 Hitting stat
- 25 Attorney Gen.'s office
- 28 Cold weather harbingers
- 29 MSN rival
- 30 Bears that are not bears
- 34 Shriveled and dry
- 35 Hired car
- 36 ___ for the long haul
- 37 "Yes, yes!"
- 38 Granny
- 39 Ice cream shops, in short
- 40 DUI in parked car, engine running

