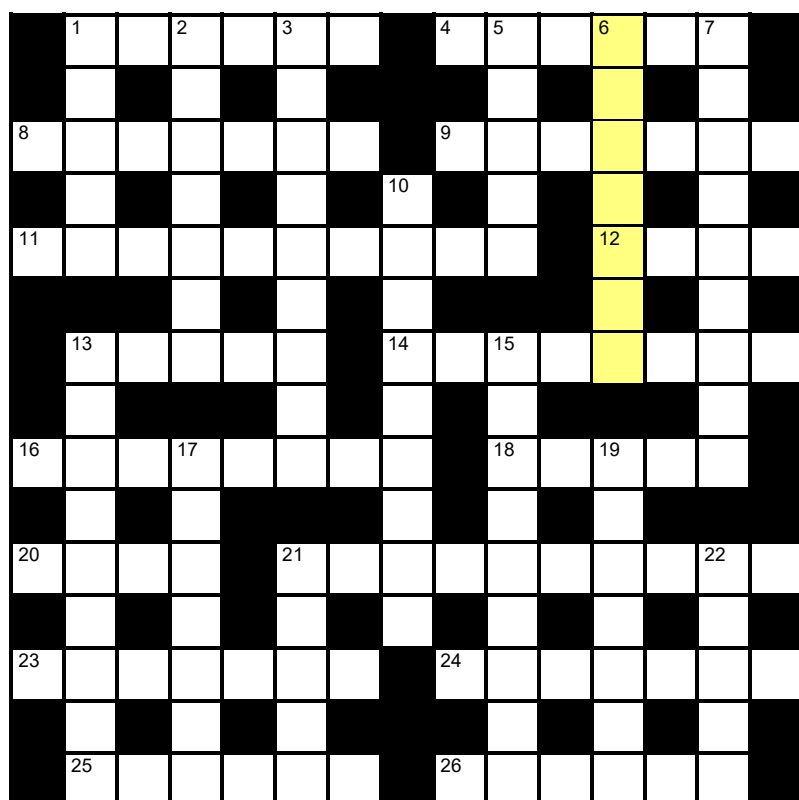


2023 Holiday



Across

- 1 ?
Probably/Possibly/Presumably this Spanish political group like the mark /group's currency (6)
- 4 Carve steak cooked using lowest possible temperature initially/to start with (6)
- 8 Kindle found fame within and at the start of lockdown (7)
- 9 Crease in the skin of a snail with a proper tail (7)
- 11 I sell about a hundred? Many have included this mixed assortment (10)
- 12 Dated part of Latin statue (4)
- 13 Country which backs aid to Northern Ireland (5)
- 14 Breaks sexy picture //quick picture /brief summary/look/photo //TOHSPANS
///S(NAPS)HOT=sleeps surrounded by drink - what a picture /that's a brief summary
///SNAP=break+SHOT=s

hort drink /SNAPS+HOT =breaks sexy /erotic picture //hot=live / spicy /radioactive / snaps hot (8)

- 16 Small book produced by little brother - sure sounds like it! (8)
- 18 Suitably, but abruptly, rub out (5)
- 20 Rice cake made from rancid limes (4)
- 21 Just in time for making tiny shoes? (4-6)
- 23 Is being in a tent effeminate?(7)
- 24 Very loyal but not re-elected?(7)
- 25 The French back still makes the team (6)
- 26 Church officials are dealers? Not a possibility! (6)

Down

- 1 Small pool of water I found near Chennai (5)
- 2 Married? Some people live independently:

Carolyn, even David, for starters (7)

- 3 Miserable adult in a terrible state (5,4)
- 5 Dog gets the ends of dinner - fancy food (5)
- 6 Seeds can be slit up after removing the middle of whole nuts ??dal /vegetable seeds \$SLITNEL= SLIT+NEL/LEN ///husk from polenta //extracting the middle of polenta whole nuts //the finest I middle of polenta outside of #many anags eg lintels #tells in #TELL SIN//Seeds the French (Napolean) never start to slit up (7)
- 7 Politician has every street covered - an unlikely tale! (4,5)
- 10 Tip for someone fluid? Better ask he/she! (9)
- 13 ??shine a light on /lighten /enlighten/illuminate/brigh ten (up) bombard with nuclear waves //ETAIDARRI //IRATE+RAID =angry

about raid gone wrong //tirade IRA #tirade IRA #tirade air #radar tie I #raita dire #tired aria #tread air #I area dirt #I area rid it //Brighten up after digesting dire raita//Shine a light on dirt area I hoovered up /IRRITATE -IT+ADI (9)

- 15 In the mall, blare out a danger signal (5,4)
- 17 Can a small wave cause serious damage? (7)
- 19 Had top temples: Alan, not Joyce, oozed real excitement (7)
- 21 Clean around the weapon (5)
- 22 Juveniles are loth to leave telethons (5)