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LeXman's Cryptic Crossword Page											

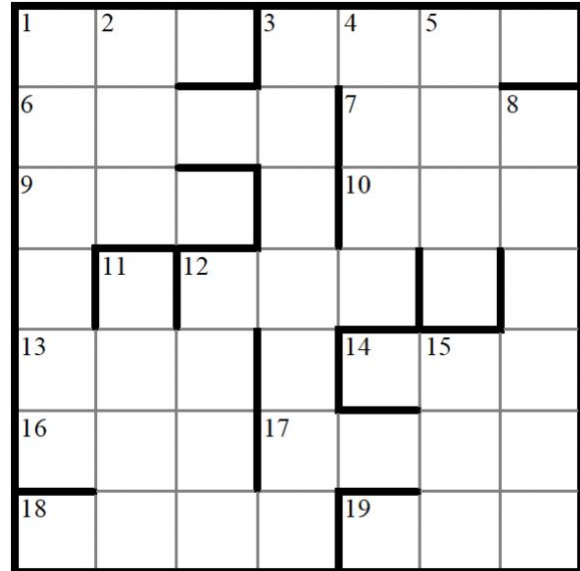
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## HOLIDAY TREAT by LeXman

Several unchecked squares in this grid must pull double duty, either because:

- (a) both the Across and Down entries are too long by one letter, but share a bigram where the two words cross (which you should enter into the grid as "A and B"), or
- (b) the Across and Down entries both have the appropriate number of letters, but they provide two different letters where the words cross (which you should enter into the grid as "A or B").

A pattern will quickly emerge, which will provide a seasonally appropriate phrase. This phrase must be provided along with the completed grid.



### ACROSS

1. Alas, Author Tyler sounds kind of blue
3. Regressing by entering a game room online
6. Network's close captioned coverage of the origins of nuclear bombs (*abbrev.*)
7. TV host Rachael (behold!) sounds kind of blue too
9. Is adopting a bit of tangibility belonging to an inanimate object
10. Contents of your new reliquary
12. Policy strategy supporting growth
13. A normal name!
14. Friend returned ball
16. Little old lady that's funny (*abbrev.*)
17. Encounter heartless destruction
18. Keen to roll a joint
19. Recited outstanding verse

### DOWN

1. Young, record-breaking pitcher nearly tying it up? Doubtful
2. Import extension for bug?
3. Omen? Yes, of course I've heard it points the way
4. Very dry with a bit of balmy heat
5. net-audience.net
8. Whirlwind courtship at first, followed by matrimony – in the end, reproduce
11. When miniaturization technology will come about!
12. Period piece from Czechoslovakia, end-of-century, called "Evens Out"
15. Free trip, never ending