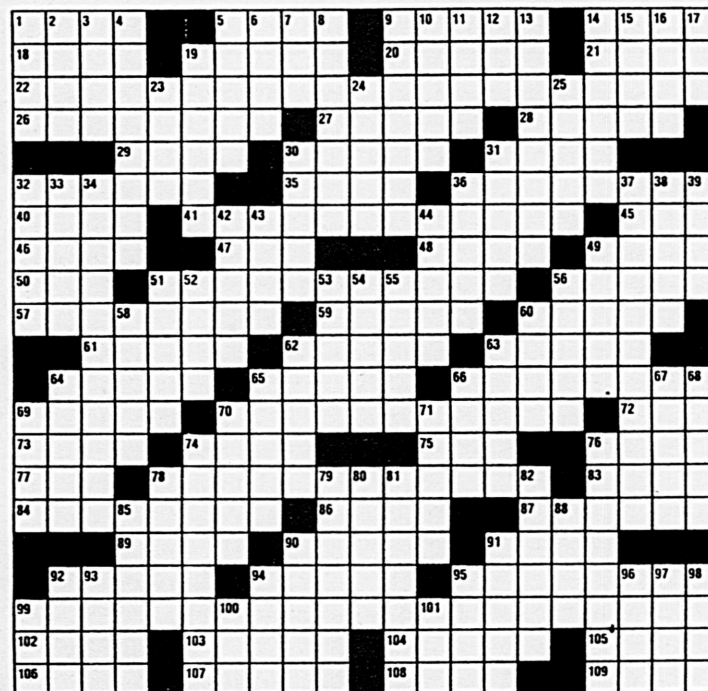


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 1 Stumble
 5 World War II vehicle
 9 Moral precept
 14 Prude
 18 Church calendar
 19 Biblical food
 20 Virginia's governor: 1727-49
 21 Costa —
 22 Christmas gift for Santa
 26 Feeling persecuted
 27 Lenya of "The Threepenny Opera"
 28 Tore down
 29 Robs of vitality
 30 "I Pagliacci" troupe-owner
 31 Weighty book
 32 Birthplace of St. Francis
 35 Rara —
 36 Maugham's "— Ale"
 40 Mods' Christmas presents
 41 Christmas gift for David Copperfield
 45 — disant (self-styled)
 46 "Don't throw bouquets —"
 47 "— got sixpence..."
- 48 Gallery near the Thames
 49 Pale blue-green
 50 1 or 66
 51 Christmas gift for Mike Tyson
 56 Knocks for a loop
 57 Bergen's Snerd
 59 Skater Sonja
 60 Sounds of laughter
 61 Let up a bit
 62 Hot sauce or hot dance
 63 Relish
 64 John Jacob or Mary
 65 Number of Wise Men
 66 Noel-singers
 69 Trembly tree
 70 Christmas gift for Superman
 72 Goddess, to Caesar
 73 Stadium feature
 74 Explorer Vasco da —
 75 Yalie
 76 Visayan island
 77 Varnish resin
 78 Christmas gift for Harrison Ford
 83 Between hic and hoc
 84 Kind of decorator
 86 Lille's department
 87 Odeorous
 89 Shea nine
- 90 Play midsection
 91 Hoodlum's knife
 92 Like Sue of song
 94 Space-related
 95 Spanish dance
 99 Christmas gift
 102 Orange peel
 103 Pompeii tourist attraction
 104 Call forth
 105 Relatives of et al.
 106 Signs, in a way
 107 "Fiddler on the Roof"
 108 "South Pacific" sine qua non
 109 British ballerina Marion —
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 1 Mouth, colloquially
 2 Caesar's base
 3 Hur's highway
 4 Freeloader
 5 "Ball and Chain" singer
 6 Novelist
 7 Chang's Siamese twin
 8 Last shah of Iran
 9 Conceit
- 10 Jay Silverheels role
 11 Table d'—: menu offering
 12 "— bin ein Berliner": Kennedy
 13 Indian song from "Jam Session"
 14 Pulitzer awards
 15 Irritate
 16 Rubbed out, gangster style
 17 Shoot the breeze
 19 Near-sightedness
 23 Ribonucleic acids, briefly
 24 Popular gin mixer
 25 Not so exciting
 30 Bird or Birdsong
 31 Musical beats, from the German
 32 Consternation
 33 — voce (under the breath)
 34 Christmas gift for Rodney Dangerfield
 36 Jalopy
 37 Christmas gift for Donald Trump
 38 Sentence subjects
 39 Cape of Good Hope discoverer
 42 Blended
 43 State firmly
- 44 Airy hotel lobbies
 49 Dramatist Fugard
 51 Plains animal
 52 Tenth part of an ephah
 53 "Lamb Chop" puppeteer
 54 Paris appropriated her
 55 Start of something big
 56 "Stompin'" locale
 58 Spud
 60 "—, the herald angels..."
 62 Bundle of stalks
 63 Indian antelope
 64 Man from the Far East
 65 Largest Lesser Sunda island
 66 Pierre's "that"
 67 Insurgent
 68 Pert
 69 Gudrun's husband
 70 Columbus departure port
 71 Spyri girl
 74 Sparkling
- 76 Small 18th cen. table
 78 "Man is but —," Pascal
 79 Enrage
 80 — home (out)
 81 Bored
 82 "Ain't it —?": Fats Domino hit
 85 Corrects
 88 Marcel Marceau, notably
 90 "— You Glad You're You?"
 91 Appease with liquid
 92 "The — of Our Teeth"
 93 Santa's eye signal
 94 Not "fer"
 95 "— sea to shining..."
 96 Actress Naldi
 97 Half of DCII
 98 Hop-drying kiln
 99 Actress Meyers of "Kate and Allie"
 100 Regret
 101 "Little" Stowe girl



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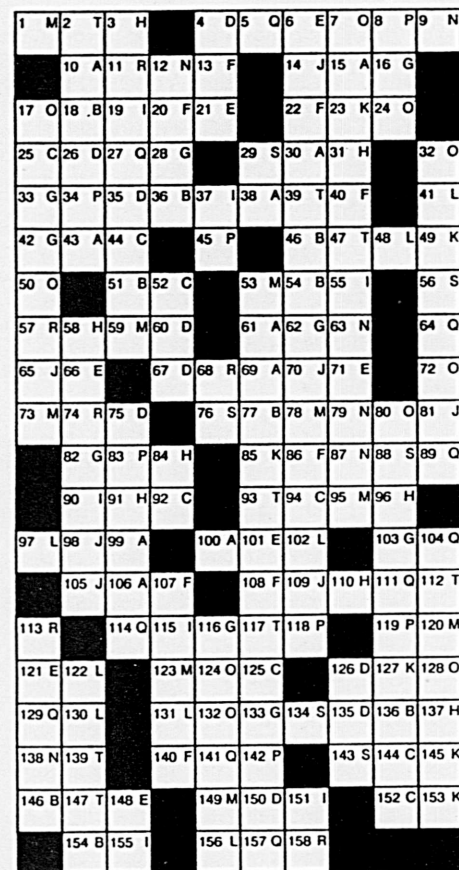
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SYNDICATE

HOW TO SOLVE: Define clues in Words column. Transfer letters to diagram. Quotation reads across; first letters of Words column form acrostic of speaker's name and topic.

CLUES

WORDS

- A. Indo-Iranian language
 B. Playful
 C. Insolvent: 3 wds.
 D. Large snake: 2 wds.
 E. Game of chance
 F. Forward
 G. Wink
 H. Elegance
 I. Slightly demented, coll.
 J. Drug
 K. Avoid
 L. Wind storm
 M. Secret dungeon
 N. Delay
 O. Nikita —
 P. Break
 Q. Beat it: 3 wds.
 R. Something strange
 S. Book of Old Testament
- 69 15 100 61 99 43 38 10 30 106
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DR. CRYPTON'S CHALLENGE

A brainy baby's wisdom of words

by DR. CRYPTON

Three-year-old Isaac, the brilliantly son of my old girlfriend Josephine, recently taught me that the physical arrangement of letters can communicate a phrase. For example, LAWPOCKY could represent the phrase "mixing work and play" because the words "work" and "play" are literally mixed. Can you figure out what Isaac meant by the following?

1. DECISION
2. SRWDRVER
3. NCLE SAM
4. SUI44LT
5. MK
6. WHEATHER
7. TRUSSLE
8. SLOW SNOW STOW
9. 1,001,000
10. XXXXX
XDECX
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Until next time, this Dr. Crypton. Yours in pursuit of truth.

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