

Cross WORD

By Fred Piscop, Volume #2

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8 *Crossword Puzzles*

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Dear puzzler,

Puzzles are a good way to take your mind off the outside world. And each puzzle solved, no matter how hard or easy, is a small source of satisfaction in these hard times.

We hope these free puzzles will make a pleasant diversion to pass the time through the day.

Fred Piscop was so kind to contribute for free another 8 Cross Word puzzles. Fred is a New York-based leading crossword constructor and musician.

Have fun and take care,

~Peter

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Decked Out

Across

1. Clean with elbow grease
6. State with assurance
10. Playbill listing
14. "ER" actress Christine __
15. After the bell
16. Height: Prefix
17. Ticks off
18. Division word
19. "Not guilty," e.g.
20. \$10's, \$20's, etc.
23. Anthem contraction
24. "Finito!"
25. Newsboy's cry
27. Dancers in a pit
31. Hefty volume
33. Big Apple tennis stadium
34. Fixations
38. A debit card is tied to one
42. Crackers served with soup
43. "Go back," on a PC
44. Like much music in used record stores
45. Aircraft carrier, informally
48. Chain unit
51. Links selection
52. Yon maiden
53. Creating a ruckus
60. List-ending abbr.
62. Jell-O maker's need
63. Artie of "Beer

League"

64. Florence's river
65. Fit for active duty
66. Maze word
67. Sleazy newspapers
68. "K-K-K-__" (1918 tune)
69. Take care of

Down

1. Feudal drudge
2. Adman's award
3. Tiny stream
4. Hand-me-down
5. Next to
6. Trues up
7. Vivian of "I Love Lucy"
8. Sundance's girl
9. Vintage autos
10. Bit of toy ammo
11. Mete out
12. Take the wheel
13. Papal topper
21. __'easter
22. Blood-related
26. Cancels
27. PC alternatives
28. Job conditions agcy.
29. "Where the Sidewalk Ends" author Silverstein
30. Composer Berlioz
31. Drink with scones
32. Needing no Rx
34. NFL three-pointers
35. Go for game

36. Inner: Prefix
37. Metro station
39. Seven-time homer king Ralph
40. Company name abbr.
41. Homer Simpson's neighbor, __ Flanders
45. TGIF part
46. Chaney, Jr. or Sr.
47. Protractor measurements
48. Clip wool from
49. Neon __ (aquarium swimmer)
50. Borneo ape
51. Speck in the ocean
54. Run __ (go wild)
55. Skye neighbor
56. Christmas candy shape
57. Chip in
58. "... and that's the thanks __?"
59. "Fiddler" of Rome
61. Rock's __ Lonely Boys

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Extracting DNA

Across

1. Wooden shoe
6. On the trail of
11. Just hired
14. "Nana" author Zola
15. Head out
16. Yalie
17. Amiable
19. "Red state" org.
20. Took stock of
21. Fancy pancake
23. Suffix with auction or chariot
24. Was a good boy
26. Carson City's state
30. Calligrapher's embellishment
31. "Metamorphoses" writer
32. Deck protector
33. Lobster __ Diavolo
36. Industrially and economically advanced land
40. Victorian __
41. Hi-fi pioneer Fisher
42. Dry as dust
43. Dutch painter Jan
44. Rock's __ Dan
46. One of a shelf pair
49. Daisy __ ("Li'l Abner" character)
50. Yellow primrose
51. The "J." in J. Lo
56. A sib
57. Nom de plume
60. "To a ..." poem

61. __ Domingo (Caribbean capital)
62. Mel, "The Velvet Fog"
63. Lavatory door sign
64. Tart fruits
65. Hoopster Shaq

Down

1. Nintendo rival
2. "Famous" cookie maker
3. Life stories, in short
4. Word with "ye"
5. Made taut
6. Take in or let out
7. The Hatfield-McCoy affair, e.g.
8. Sealing gunk
9. 12/24 or 12/31
10. Mao's land
11. Israeli desert region
12. Split to wed
13. Applied a rag to
18. On the briny
22. Spitfire fliers of WWII
24. __-eyed (suspicious-looking)
25. March slogan word
26. Junction point
27. "As __" (letter closing)
28. "__ Zapata!" (Brando flick)
29. Summer quencher
30. Howard of

- SiriusXM
32. Risk a ticket
 33. Send packing
 34. Muddy up
 35. Opie's sitcom dad
 37. Tardiness excuse
 38. Pizzeria fixture
 39. __ kwon do
 43. Enjoy Vail, say
 44. With it, mentally
 45. Take care of
 46. __ buddies
 47. Nitrous __ (laughing gas)
 48. Showbiz twin Mary-Kate or Ashley
 49. Much office e-mail
 51. Rope fiber
 52. A party to
 53. Hack's customer
 54. Title role for Gwyneth Paltrow
 55. Walk like a tosspot
 58. Mule of song
 59. __-cone (icy confection)

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In the Dumps

Across

1. Seaside cities
6. Made like
10. Soft seat
14. Be nuts about
15. Pitts of "Life With Father"
16. Apple music player
17. Make more secure, say
18. Way around London, once
19. "Fiddler" of old Rome
20. End debate, perhaps
23. Sot's syllable
24. Morning moisture
25. Checked the ID of
29. Vegas gizmo
31. Letters on toothpaste boxes
34. Big Apple theater award
35. Where Ali kayoed Foreman
36. Brown of renown
37. Go nuts
41. Lines of homage
42. Witherspoon of "Walk the Line"
43. Leeds's river
44. Hi-__ graphics
45. Hard at work
46. London's Downing, e.g.
48. "So's __ old man!"
49. Round Table title

50. Slim down
58. Conk with a baseball
59. Tribal tales
60. Burger topper
61. Go ballistic
62. Succotash bean
63. One of a seagoing trio
64. Bit of pond scum
65. Wine bottle datum
66. Very expensive

Down

1. Cowpoke's pal
2. Baltic Sea feeder
3. __-Rooter
4. Go sprawling
5. Be boiling mad
6. Montezuma subject
7. Links figures
8. Son of Isaac
9. Chic Young comic of old
10. Muscular power
11. Crude org.
12. McHenry, e.g.
13. Botheration
21. Went underground
22. Baseball exec Derek
25. Crayola choice
26. "Humble" place
27. Gets a promotion
28. "Peppermint Twist" singer Joey
29. Smart-mouthed
30. Rickey flavor

31. Kate's TV friend
32. Tractor name
33. It's a good thing
35. Sleep symbols, in comics
38. Shaped into a sphere
39. How impulses are transmitted
40. Tosspot's hangout
46. Nurse, in a way
47. Scouting groups
48. Gossipy sort
49. Say "!@#%\$"
50. Circus horn honker
51. Nail to the wall
52. Pâté de __ gras
53. Witty Bombeck
54. Mil or mile
55. Punch-in time for many
56. __ on (spoil)
57. Piece of cake
58. Uplifting attire

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A Gnutty Puzzle

Across

1. Eddie __ sporting goods
6. Italian auto
10. Jets or Sharks, in “West Side Story”
14. Usher’s beat
15. Poet Pound
16. Perform perfectly
17. Geology?
19. “... lamp __ my feet”
20. Short on cash
21. Gives the slip to
23. Bargain basement abbr.
24. Web spinners
25. Unfed
29. Witness’s place
30. Make amends
31. Blacken, in a way
32. Fridge foray
36. Smallville’s Lang
37. Be skeptical of
38. Inner: Prefix
39. Attempted to score
40. Cultural doings
41. Autumn bloomer
42. Pawnbroker’s ball count
44. Slacks measure
45. World’s largest living thing
48. Since 1/1, to a CPA
49. Ralph of fashion
50. Made another dupe of

55. Narc Eddie (Popeye) __
56. Angriest city in America?
58. Sommer on screen
59. Rickey flavor
60. First name in TV talk
61. Use a spyglass
62. Barks incessantly
63. Return to 000

Down

1. Bellhops’ burdens
2. “And that __ hay!”
3. Tech’s customer
4. Essayist’s alias
5. Take in air
6. Not so many
7. Shirt label name
8. Sheet music abbr.
9. Join in
10. Serengeti?
11. “Biography” network
12. Gunpowder component
13. Lip cover
18. Full of pep
22. Auto registration fig.
24. Guesstimates
25. Dutch painter Frans
26. D-Day beach
27. Toddler’s taboo
28. Lathe-operating bug?
29. “On the Beach”

- novelist Nevil
31. Jazzman Chick
33. Gaming table fee
34. Think tank nugget
35. Panty raid site
37. In a risky manner
41. Phillips Academy site
43. Weeder’s need
44. Result of an insect bite
45. Catch some Z’s
46. Links feat
47. Seismograph detection
48. Toadies’ replies
50. Moving van feature
51. Carpet surface
52. Sorry situations
53. Gen. Robert __
54. Door ding, e.g.
57. Actress Vardalos

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Pink Slips

Across

1. Is wearing
6. Celestial bear
10. Andean land
14. Split to wed
15. Picture holder
16. "Exodus" author
17. A smokejumper may fight one
19. Evening, in ads
20. Blaster's need
21. "In that case ..."
22. Cyber-crook
24. Sushi wrap
26. Dutch actress Nina
27. "Odds ___ ..."
28. Comedians' bits
32. Vegans avoid these
35. Comfy shoes
36. ___ contendere (court plea)
37. Fashion mag
38. Rival of 37-Across
39. Golf club part
40. Bull tosser
41. Fruity quaffs
42. Make ashamed
43. Donna Karan, e.g.
45. Stowe heroine
46. Singer Sedaka
47. Pizzeria freebie
51. Tugs' burdens
54. Board game turn
55. Go bad
56. Crude cartel
57. Shoe for the trail
60. Annapolis sch.

61. Blissful spot
62. Clear away
63. Cel character
64. Florida's Miami-___ County
65. More ticked off

Down

1. Tests the weight of
2. Lacking a mate
3. Somewhat, informally
4. Unlock, to a poet
5. Arboreal home builders
6. Famine-stricken
7. Parade spoiler
8. Round Table title
9. Place for a pint
10. Training gear for a pug
11. Composer Satie
12. Baptism or bar mitzvah
13. ___-friendly (easy to operate)
18. Fare-___-well
23. Take steps
25. Gardener's need
26. Adjust the lenses
28. Radioer's "Got it!"
29. Nick Charles's wife
30. Yalies
31. JV player, perhaps
32. Card game combo
33. Nobelist Wiesel
34. "Woe is me!"

35. Hobby kit
38. Went up in smoke
42. Settles, as a score
44. "Gosh!"
45. 2000 Oscar role for Julia
47. State one's view
48. Loud, as a crowd
49. Oater "necktie"
50. Riverbank frolicker
51. Part of a fight card
52. Lhasa ___ (Tibetan dog)
53. City near Lake Tahoe
54. TV mag listing
58. Rhoda's TV mom
59. Sis's sib

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Pros and Cons

Across

1. "Rise and __!"
6. Fade away
10. Dr. Pavlov
14. Like an icecap
15. Genesis son
16. Terra cotta piece
17. Gridiron elite
19. Mark for life
20. John, formerly of "ET"
21. Wall Street order
22. __ Rizzo ('69 Hoffman role)
23. Start of a classic Christmas poem
25. It takes two
27. Hot dog topper, perhaps
31. __-Kettering Institute
33. A Beatle bride
34. Take third place
35. "Unagi," at sushi bars
36. Hopi Indian doll
40. "__ No Hooks"
41. HS math subject
43. Coiling creature
44. Stein filler
46. Spanish dish made with saffron
50. B&B visitor
51. "Dragonwyck" author Seton
52. Clock climber of rhyme

54. Ararat lander
55. Ingredient in 44-Across making
59. Slices of history
60. Fair exchange
63. Stallion's mate
64. Bring to ruin
65. X-rated
66. Discontinued GM line
67. Org.
68. Positive thinker Norman Vincent __

Down

1. Set-to
2. Pocket problem
3. Sorry situations
4. Petroleum distillate used in solvents
5. Make a goof
6. Dance named for an African people
7. Aid in wrongdoing
8. PBS-funding org.
9. "Slippery" tree
10. "Jumping Jack Flash, __ ..."
11. "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" author
12. [sigh]
13. Notorious "fiddler"
18. October birthstone
22. GOP org.
24. Subtle signal
25. Actress Collette
26. Bard's "in a little

- while"
27. Flag carriers
28. "George M!" subject
29. Durante's protuberance
30. Fancy pitcher
31. Dreamcast maker
32. Wolf's look
37. Rudiments
38. Crotchety sort
39. Comrade in arms
42. Chilled desserts
45. Apple pie order
47. Snore symbol
48. Ford's bestowal on Nixon
49. Peeling spuds, maybe
52. Post-it message
53. Like much testimony
54. Gives a boost to
56. Blue-green shade
57. Break in the action
58. Handy bag
60. Sine __ non
61. Young __ (tykes)
62. Eminem's genre

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Swap Meet

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1. Birdbath slime
6. Profs' degs.
10. White Monopoly bills
14. "I swear!"
15. Muddy up
16. Flat fish
17. Merchant ship's path
19. Bat the breeze
20. Helpful contacts
21. Sharer's word
22. Contacts via smartphone, perhaps
24. Winter melons
27. In pieces
28. Cashless exchange of goods
32. Silvery fish
35. Aussie hoppers
36. Victorian ___
37. Patriot Nathan
38. Bozo or Krusty
40. Prudish sort
41. Source of iron
42. Frame of mind
43. Some wines
44. Number of yen to the dollar, e.g.
48. Tries out
49. Gold or silver
53. Add fizz to
55. Philosopher Lao-___
56. Stadium cheer
57. Blood flow stoppage
58. Sudden reversal

62. It may ebb
63. Hefty volume
64. Tabloid duos
65. Tea leaves reader
66. Lawn starter
67. ___ Hawkins Day

Down

1. Bit of hijinks
2. "___ Doone"
3. Tiffany art medium
4. Lend a hand to
5. Shoebox letters
6. "Swann's Way" novelist Marcel
7. Lecture duration, perhaps
8. Morse bit
9. Considers overnight
10. Prized statuettes
11. Nolan Ryan's seven
12. Flier to Ben-Gurion
13. Gets firm
18. Ocean sound
23. Giants great Willie
25. Up to the task
26. Vampire in flight
27. "... pretty maids all in ___"
29. Wear away
30. Toledo's lake
31. Periodicals, briefly
32. Clog or pump
33. Zeppo or Gummo
34. Current conductor
38. Spelling bees, e.g.
39. Cabin makeup

40. Limerick, for one
42. Sail supporter
43. Numbered rd.
45. Furnace, for one
46. Took a break
47. Actor Guinness
50. Made a boo-boo
51. Watts of "King Kong"
52. "___ were the days!"
53. "Hamlet" has five of them
54. Nobelist Wiesel
55. Umpire's call
59. Doomsayer's cry
60. ___ Master's Voice
61. JFK guesstimate

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Third Rock

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1. Playbill listings
6. Popeye creator Elzie
11. Club __ (resort chain)
14. Mete out
15. Light on one's feet
16. Anthem contraction
17. Movie with the catchword "Not!"
19. Prefix with pod
20. Mauna __
21. Beyond tipsy
22. Get a move on
23. News
27. Sushi wrap
29. Narc Eddie (Popeye) __
30. Chow down
32. Train with a pug
33. Quarterback Manning
34. "__ right up ..."
36. Place in office
39. Acted the ratfink
41. Gin's partner
43. Deduction from gross
44. Georgetown athletes
46. Forbidden thing
47. Did a 10K
48. Surveyor's map
50. __ de plume
51. "Beetle Bailey" bulldog
52. Simón, "The Liberator"

55. Classroom figure
57. Gardner of "On the Beach"
58. Air hero
59. White Monopoly bill
60. Winery vessel
61. Motion picture award
67. Corrida cry
68. Memo that might contain a ":-)"
69. Ready to fall off
70. Aerialist's lifesaver
71. Big band horns
72. One of the directing Coens

Down

1. Crow's cry
2. In the style of
3. Stallone nickname
4. 1964's __ Gulf Resolution
5. Dutch painter Jan
6. Got an eyeful of
7. It can be inflated
8. Brownies, e.g.
9. Axis foes
10. Bureaucratic tangle
11. Nature personified
12. Like Stephen King novels
13. Hung on the line
18. Wise to the max
23. Drilling sites
24. House of blocks

25. Lois and Clark's paper
26. Suppressed
28. Mickey's creator
31. Mortise mate
35. __ grigio (wine)
37. Orange container
38. Andrea Bocelli, for one
40. Painter of limp watches
42. "Hurry up!"
45. Barbaric sorts
49. Puget Sound city
51. Spotted cat
52. Relay race handoff
53. Rudimentary seed
54. Chill out
56. Go for fish
62. Yahtzee cube
63. Overhead rails
64. Circusgoer's cry
65. Jamboree org.
66. Bard's nightfall

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SOLUTIONS

SOLUTIONS

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 SCRUB AVER CAST
 ELISE LATE ALTI
 RILES INTO PLEA
 FOLDING CASH OER
 DONE EXTRA
 MOSHERS TOME
 ASHE FETISHES
 CHECKING ACCOUNT
 SALTINES UNDO
 ONCD FLATTOP
 STORE IRON
 HER RAISING CAIN
 ETAL MOLD LANGE
 ARNO ONEA ENTER
 RAGS KATY SEETO

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 PORTS APED SOFA
 ADORE ZASU IPOD
 RETIE TRAM NERO
 DROPTHE SUBJECT
 HIC DEW
 CARDED SLOT ADA
 OBIE ZAIRE LES
 LOSEONESMARBLES
 ODE REESE AIRE
 RES BUSY STREET
 YER SIR
 SHEDAFEW POUNDS
 BEAN LORE ONION
 RANT LIMA PINTA
 ALGA YEAR STEEP

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 HASON URSA PERU
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 FOREST FIRE NITE
 TNT THEN HACKER
 SEAWEED FOCH
 ARE ROUTINES
 MEATS MOCS NOLO
 ELLE VOGUE GRIP
 LIAR ADES ABASH
 DESIGNER EVA
 NEIL OREGANO
 BARGES SPIN ROT
 OPEC HIKING BOOT
 USNA EDEN ERASE
 TOON DADE SORER

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 ALGAE PHDS ONES
 NOLIE ROIL SOLE
 TRADER ROUTE CHAT
 INS OUR EMAILS
 CASABAS APART
 BARTERS SYSTEM
 SMELT ROOS ERA
 HALE CLOWN PRIG
 ORE MOOD ROSES
 EXCHANGERATE
 TESTS ELEMENT
 AERATE TSE RAH
 CLOT SWITCHEROO
 TIDE TOME ITEMS
 SEER SEED SADIE

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 SABOT AFTER NEW
 EMILE LEAVE ELI
 GOODNATURED GOP
 ASSESSED CREPE
 EER BEHAVED
 NEVADA SERIF
 OVID STAIN FRA
 DEVELOPEDNATION
 ERA AVERY ARID
 STEEN STEELY
 BOOKEND MAE
 OXLIP JENNIFER
 SIS ASSUMEDNAME
 ODE SANTO TORME
 MEN SLOES ONEAL

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 BAUER FIAT GANG
 AISLE EZRA NAIL
 GNEISSWORK UNTO
 STRAPPED EVADES
 IRR SPIDERS
 HUNGRY STAND
 ATONE CHAR RAID
 LANA DOUBT ENDO
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 THREE INSEAM
 SEQUOIA YTD
 LAUREN RECOPIED
 EGAN GNASHVILLE
 ELKE LIME ELLEN
 PEER YAPS RESET

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 TESH PUT RATSO
 TWAS TANGO
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 SLOAN ONO SHOW
 EEL KACHINA USE
 GEOM BOA LAGER
 ARROZCONPOLLO
 GUEST ANYA
 MOUSE ARK MALT
 ERAS QUIDPROQUO
 MARE UNDO ADULT
 OLDS ASSN PEALE

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 CASTS SEGAR MED
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 TIDINGS SEAWEED
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 ELI STEP ELECT
 TOLD TONIC TARE
 HOYAS NONO RAN
 PLAT NOM OTTO
 BOLIVAR TEACHER
 AVA ACE ONE
 TUN GOLDENGLOBE
 OLE EMAIL LOOSE
 NET SAXES ETHAN