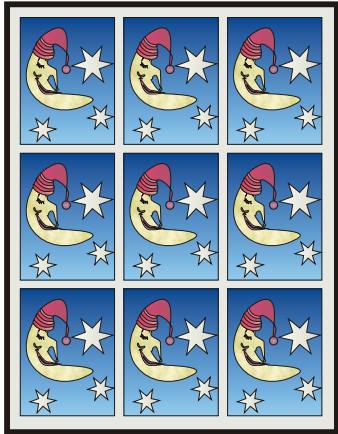


This is the first half of a jumbo puzzle that combines with December.
 Clues 1-30 are only in a suggested order.
 Full co-ordinates are given.
 The ***** solution to 1 ac is marked..
 Note 3 additional unassigned visual clues.

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November

Sirius



Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
					1 1 ac Bin-man lost direction ending up in this desert, blurting out 'New am I born!'. (5)	2 1 d Drake reported on the roof making an evening of it? (5,2,3,5)
3 1 aw Dynamite prize for coming second to Alfred the First (5)	4 2 d Wail from whale? (7)	5 3 d Flot and tolf for example (4,11)	6 4 aw Billy, the tetchy goat, sounds satisfied in wind break. (5)	7 7 aw Spanish drug dealer exhibits a deep shade of brown (5)	8 10 aw Woman habitually found outside operating room does not trouble the scorer (2,3)	9 11 aw Colloquial heroine out East used to hang out and saw wood (5)
10 12 d Deposit in pipe should be seen to be believed (7)	11 13 aw A light blow and a soft behind make appetising Spanish accompaniments to a drink (5)	12 16 aw Release permit and advance to destination (3,2)	13 19 aw Aligns with teams. They might be split with laughter (5)	14 2 ac Soldier found in flowerpot arranged to share 1 aw with 19 across (5)	15 3 ac Left winning hand, weaves in and out and streaks (5)	16 4 ac I drag out speech on shore of Lake Chad streaks (5)
17 5 ac Ruining dismantling of ship's tackle (5)	18 6 ac The last word in ties? (5)	19 7 ac Gene was only a day away from bringing back a slut (5)	20 8 ac You might examine how you could be so tantalising to generate such foolish affection (5)	21 9 ac Object of ogler's admiration? Must be round the bend (5)	22 13 ac Direct expression of sympathy (5)	23 14 ac Is it Pat I love or the hard standing? (5)
24 15 ac Hide away second little moustache (5)	25 16 ac Unrestrained ecstasy on toilets (5)	26 17 ac Time every train (5)	27 29, 18 ac Stars making a belt for old futuristic car (6)	28 19 ac Unhappy at former Egyptian leader (5)	29 20 ac Guest at evening meal sounds uncertain following a big noise (5)	30 21 ac 'Stays in a twist' Shakespearean said (5)