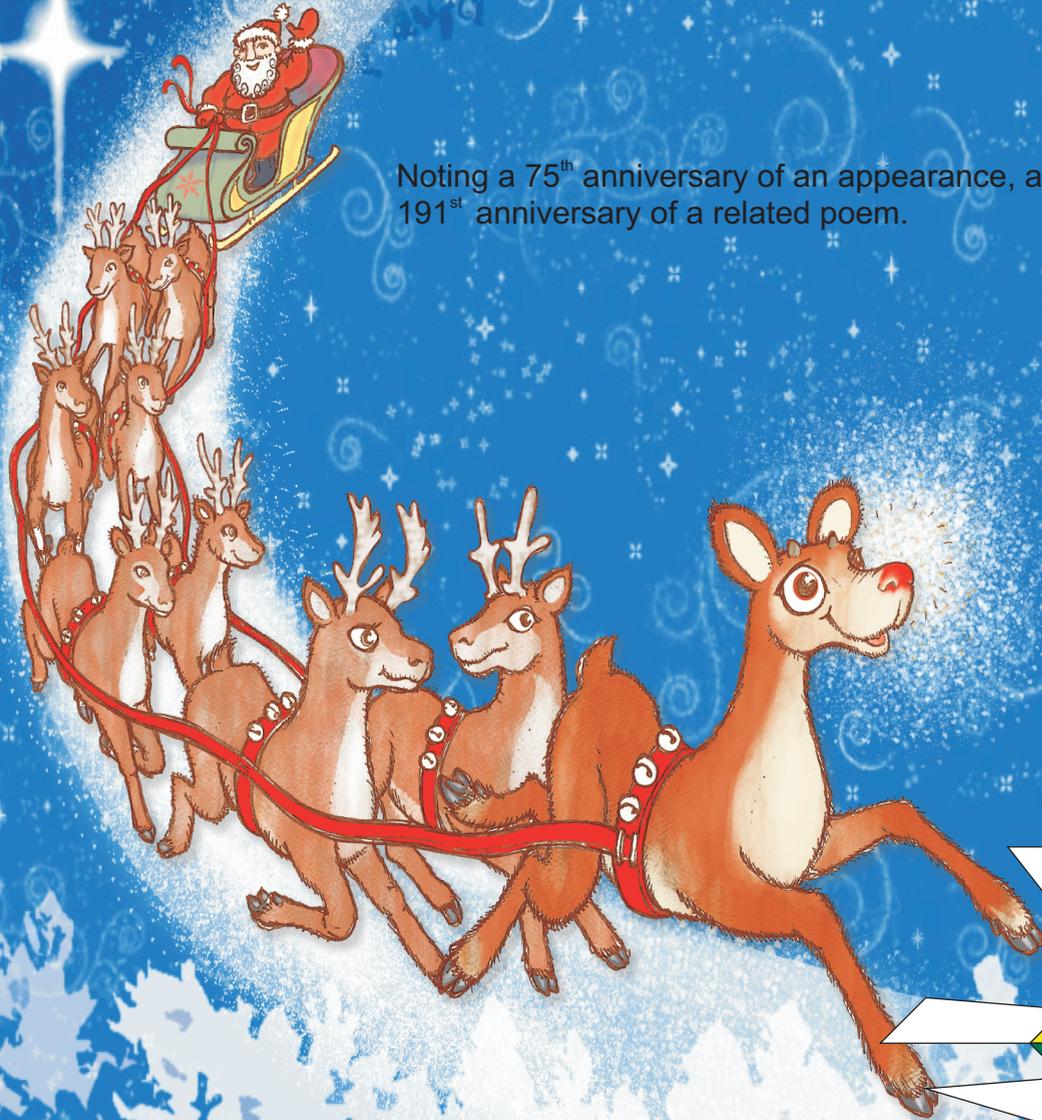


December 2014 Sirius



Noting a 75th anniversary of an appearance, and a 191st anniversary of a related poem.

A vertical stack of ten circular word search puzzles, numbered 1 through 10. Each puzzle is a circular grid of colored segments (red, yellow, green, blue, pink) with a central white oval. The numbers 1-10 are placed around the perimeter of each puzzle. The puzzles are arranged in a descending staircase pattern from top to bottom.

43 13Di
Turn wise in ways of employing words (5)

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
1 4Di Number annoyed after disturbance (7)	2 41Di Make a case and urge a reconsideration (5)	3 21Di Shepherdess taking little peep around bottom part (5)	4 23Di Place buzzing with live return of male Latin quartet - electronic band (7)	5 19Di Zebra is prepared to give measure of support (3,4)	6 33Di Bishop, alert by telephone, is to welcome New Year perhaps (5,2)	7 29Di Cold caught on mountain (5)
8 36up Another nice Indian film (4)	9 15Di Santa heard part of sentence (6)	10 27C-6 Desperate old cowboy at church takes hand of showgirl (6)	11 12d Fast and handsome (7)	12 5d One way system outside Washington: duck down (2:5)	13 9d Investigators discovering many seasonal workers in Queen's entourage (7)	14 17C Intend barn left for conversion to be taken up by dozen reindeer (6,3,7)
15 2Di Present with quality of virtue or burlesque (5)	16 11d Look at end of needle: free-eeeeee speech (3:4)	17 30C-10 Stark staring mad alley binge (10)	18 16Di Foreign Office in contact with Winehouse over bubbly (5)	19 18Di Arrange costing of possession of spiritual knowledge (7)	20 26Di Rice I spilled in chiller (5)	21 3d Hostelry is a no no (3)
22 38Di Len's jig danced ad nausea (7)	23 28Di Mail back "Caught short!" Desperately thumbing instrument (7)	24 24Di Santa forgetting small girl (7)	25 20Di Grandma is confined for a month (5)	26 14Di Journalist's position in theory (2,5)	27 10d Sterol treatment for groom (6)	28 22Di Lady's after bookrest (5)
29 32Di Reportedly arrange liaison for Edinburgh beast (5)	30 34Di Quiet US farmer missing 200 high-stepping reindeer (7)	31 6Di Left cracker with tinge of embarrassment (7)	32 7Di Dried out and decorated again (5)	33 8C Top drawer mix-up. Dense error indeed (3-5,8)	34 8d Socialist papers have fresh vision (7)	35 1d Chap on the pull drives into red light area (7)
36 35Di Caped worker who got stuck up the chimney (5)	37 39up Redman scalps a few in New Mexico (5,2)	38 37Di Female to have little sleep with offensive young gentile (7)	39 31Di With which to inject your skin in burn (7)	40 25Di Take soft drug intent on a laugh (2-3)	41 42C Stretch timeshare rent and pine for yuletide confection 1969 (3,9,4)	42 40Di Little room for mean drunk (5)

