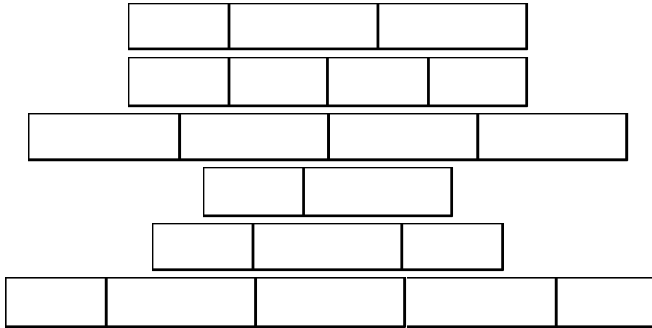


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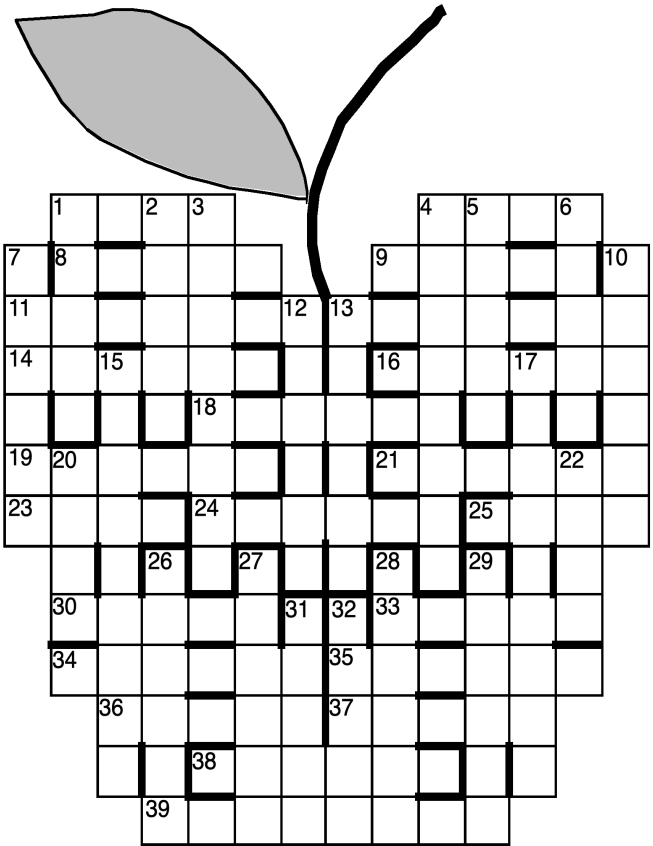
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Half the answers are too long (by two or three letters) to fit into the diagram. Before entering them, you will need to peel them (remove the first and last letter), or core them (remove the letters at the very center). The resulting entry will not usually be a word. Do not throw away the peels and cores! Put them in the compost pile below, to reveal, in alphabetical order, six reasons to say "I ♥ NY". Three answers are capitalized. 13D is NI3, all other answers are 10C. 14A, 6D, 7D, and 27D are uncommon. Enumerations are withheld.



Across

- 1 To run fraudulent operation, politician returns
- 4 Covers much less ground, stopping short
- 8 Boat finally taking on load — that's unusual
- 9 Criticize the Spanish judges
- 11 Out-of-focus cow in photograph — an alpine sight
- 13 Notes fever, not a state of exhaustion
- 14 In the end, seeks no approvals for thumbings of the nose
- 16 In Birds, he renders a part
- 18 Revolving un-star!
- 19 One new dog, completely (two words)
- 21 Strangely keen about pink oil
- 23 Insane Roman, essentially!
- 24 In a depression, a North Carolina hothead is sliding rocks
- 25 Speaker is one torn initially between two alternatives
- 30 Invert border in Spanish seal
- 33 Lack of processing is bad news in radium-sulfur compound
- 34 Skirt cat — tiptoe surreptitiously
- 35 A city to turn back, just the same
- 36 Shake an island
- 37 Was in olive drab clothing
- 38 Bolster dose of medicine before cry of pain
- 39 Unique and wild: expect a lion



Down

- 1 Young man finding TV brand name inside
- 2 Misspelling in O.E.D. word for tree
- 3 Shake and weep, then break last quartz (two words)
- 4 Early shows: vicious meanies host the opening
- 5 Join member of world organization?
- 6 Riding a child's vehicle, U-turned
- 7 Nothing wrong about extremities of spine producing bone collagen
- 10 Break or hesitation for one doing renovation
- 12 Miner secure about bringing up small amount...
- 13 ...small amount of pure refined carbon in New England
- 15 One thousand involved in unfortunate precontest mishap
- 17 At first, cassettes fall around reel-to-reel enthusiast
- 20 Archrival, née "Miss Chaos", ...
- 22 ... zeroes in on thugs, violently
- 26 Explanation for a retail free-for-all taking over
- 27 Lithe Pat: "I care about a woodland plant: ...
- 28 ...yellow flower." It sounds elegant and dishonest
- 29 Seeing nun without a head, you and I will get sick
- 31 His talent? Clueless, trite
- 32 Devour bird