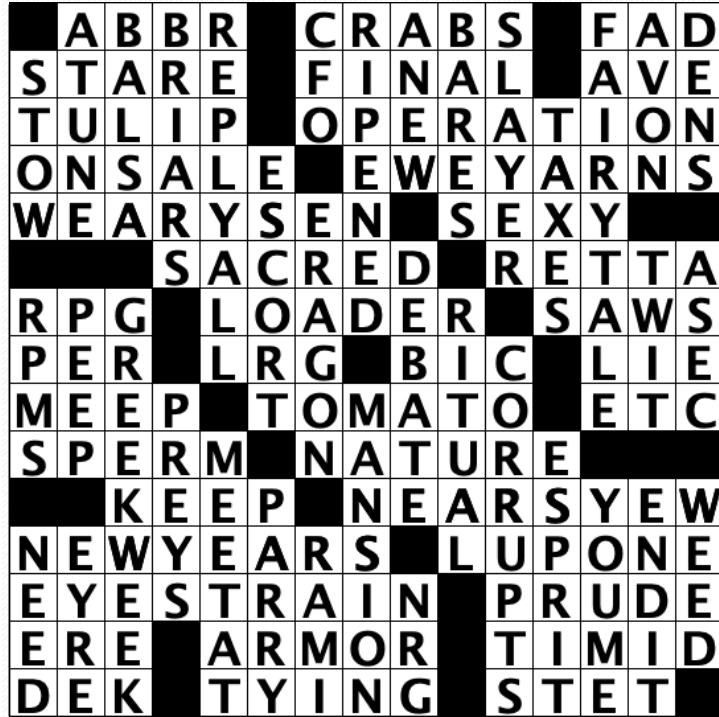


A MESSED-UP HOLIDAY

BY EM HANDY

ACROSS

1. Short version of word that means short version
5. Ultimate forms, according to carcinisation (Not for humans, but one can dream)
10. Poodle skirt or JNCO jeans
13. Look
14. As in boss or countdown
15. ___ Maria
16. Flower you might tip toe through
17. I'm not a doctor, but I played one with this board game
19. Discounted
21. Skeins made from female sheep
22. Chihiro about halfway through "Spirited Away"
24. "I'm ___ and I know it": self-congratulatory song lyrics
25. Some bones, to Catholics
27. She plays Donna in Parks and Rec
30. Fallout or Mass Effect, informally
33. Bagger, to your car
35. Separates, as in a log or limb
36. By the each
37. Big word made small
38. ___:pen :: kleenex:tissue
40. Tell a tale
41. Beaker outburst
43. Fruit commonly mistaken as vegetable
45. Short list ender
46. Origin of some life
48. Mother of all life
50. Castle safe spot
52. Approaches a berry tree
56. Holiday we keep putting our hopes into for some reason (also the foundation for this puzzle's theme)



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59. Patti who's a Gem on tv (and Broadway)
 60. Workplace injury?
 62. One who's strictly modest, usually as an insult
 63. "Give my regards to Old Broadway, and say that I'll be there, ___ long!" (Helpfully a homonym with 57-down)
 64. Henry VIII's came with a huge codpiece
 65. Shy, like Piglet
 66. Subhead, in the news biz
 67. Lacing
 68. Copy editor's disregard
- DOWN**
1. Something you might hum or whistle
 2. Light wood
 3. Shrubs, like what surrounded Sleeping Beauty
 4. Internet podcast
 5. Co. money man
 6. What 43-across did on the vine
 7. Began again, but differently
 8. Exposes
 9. Buffy is one
 10. Cinderella or The Goose Girl
 11. Brand a lady might sell door-to-door
 12. Fox holes
 13. "The vision to see the treasured past comes as the timely shadow crosses in front of the House of Pass and ___" (Yes, this is a National Treasure reference)
 18. You're supposed to pay them
 20. The worst kind of video game mission
 23. Dragon book with a dissapointing film adaption
 26. Argue, but officially
 28. Foolish Dahl character
 29. "Gimme ___": request response
 30. Spinning speeds, for short
 31. Easter candy
 32. Unfortunately NOT an event where college kids dress up like Olympians
 34. Goat sacrifice, for one
 39. Damages, as data
 42. Hunts, with "on"
 44. Haunted residence
 47. "Let's ___ the bar" (scheduling suggestion)
 49. Previously trendy fashion brand with disconnected logo
 51. Deflect, with a sword
 53. The puzzle solver and the puzzle writer
 54. "You can never see him again!" (Old-timey mother talking to her daughter)
 55. Unwanted flower
 56. Water, for living things
 57. Jane who loved Rochester
 58. Malek who played the handsome pharoh in "Night at the Museum"
 61. Clever brand name that sounds a lot like their utility