RING TOSS

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Clues for this puzzle are given as Rows and Rings. Row answers are to be entered across the grid in the order given. Ring answers, which are not clued in order, are each eight letters long and are to be entered in a ring of squares around one of the circles. Ring answers may begin in any position within the ring and may run either clockwise or counterclockwise. For each ring tossed into the grid, note the letter it surrounds. Read in clue order, these "ring letters" will name what's waiting for you when you've completed the puzzle.

ROWS

1 • Song-and-dance show

• One who hardly gives a hoot?

2 • January honoree

• Proxima __ (nearby star)

3 • Cloak-and-dagger figures

• Like much hippie attire (hyph.)

4 • Bent over

• In the know

5 • Danger

• Own up to one's sins

6 • Rice dish from the Catalan word for "pan"

• Buns, to a bodybuilder

7 • Office plant

• Relied (on)

8 • Treacherous offshore tug

• Centers of attention

9 • Raise

• Props for Charlie Chaplin and Mr. Peanut

10 • QB's passing option

• One might be obtuse

11 • Rang up

• Protracted attacks

12 •Mercury ore

•Does addition

RINGS

___ Undertake with determination, as a project (2 wds.)

___ Like a "just friends" relationship

___ Where to get Angry Birds or Instagram (2 wds.)

___ Kind of sandwich eaten with utensils (hyph.)

___ What a chop puts on a tennis ball

___ Ridiculously bad (hyph.)

___ Filled up the tank again

___ Promotion at the top of a Web page (2 wds.)

___ Blood feud

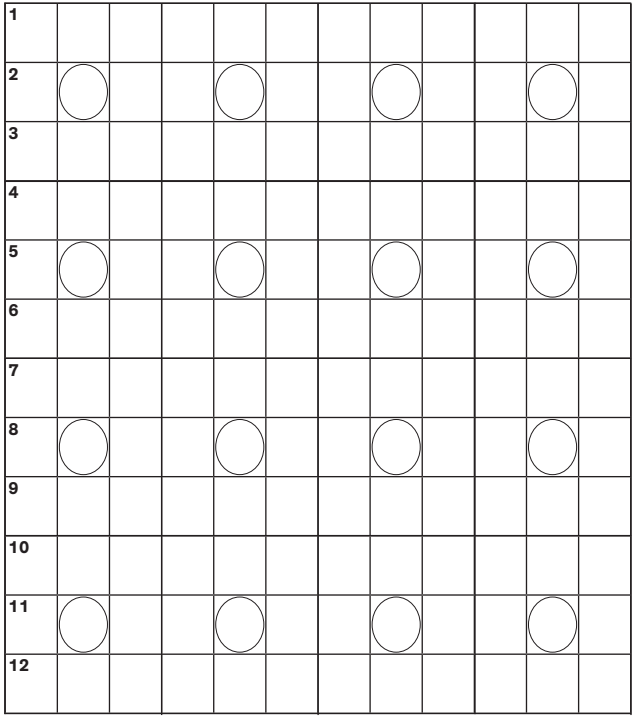
___ Tiles in a mosaic

___ Least comfy accommodations on a ship

___ Collections of weaponry

___ 'Tis the season to be jolly

___ Like an uneven battle or Möbius strip (hyph.)

___ Circus music source

___ Acts as a mule, say