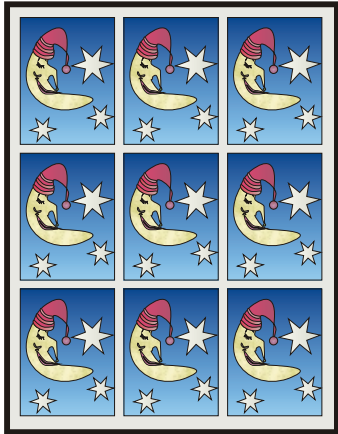


This is the first half of a jumbo puzzle that combines with December.  
 Clues 1-30 are only in a suggested order.  
 Full co-ordinates are given.  
 The \*\*\*\*\* solution to 1 ac is marked..  
 Note 3 additional unassigned visual clues.

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# November

## Sirius



NIGHT ON THE TILES



BEGIN

Billy Graham



LOFT CONVERSIONS (Man enters attic and is inverted by BG)

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