

Symmetrically Framed by Ucaoimhu

Happy b-day, B-Side! Four fans of some previous movies are joining this movie expedition, causing changes to four Southwest answers apiece before entry:

(A) One is crescent-shaped. Hence, in each of four answers, one letter gains a crescent, thus turning into another letter (the two letters are the same in each case).

(B) One is *disant* (French for “speaking”). Hence, four answers are changed into homophones.

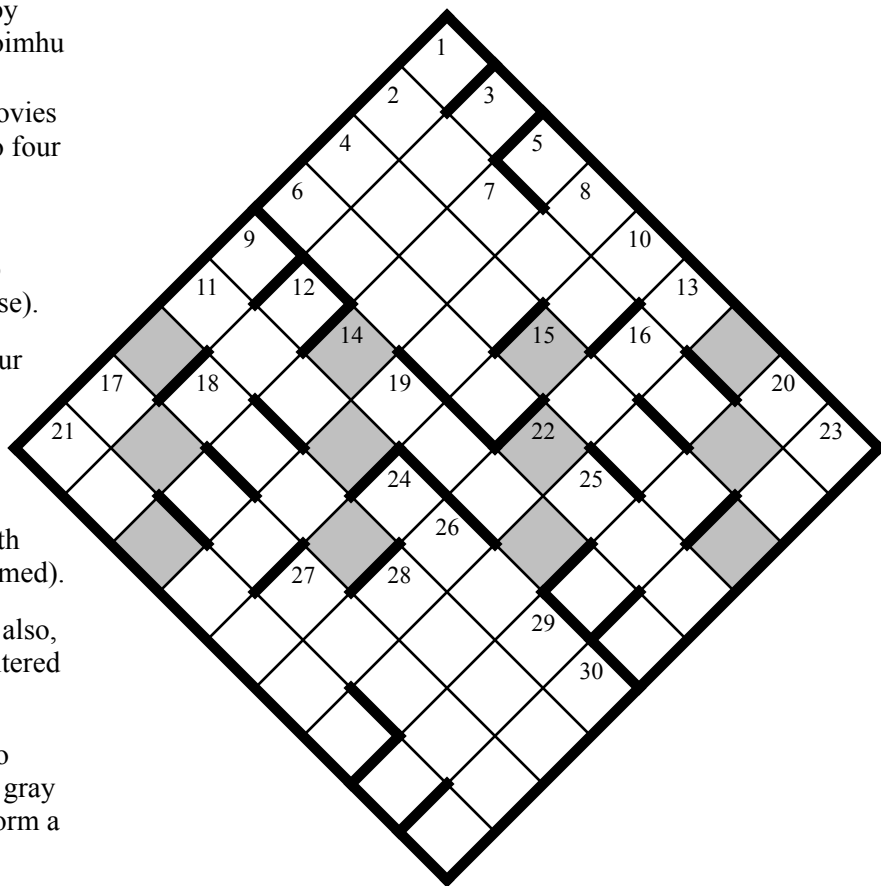
(C) One avoids a bitter dog-and-cat war by being a bird. Hence, four answers gain an egg.

(D) One serves up treats *mit schlag* (German for “with cream”). Hence, four answers are creamed (anagrammed).

Altered answers include two phrases and a surname; also, each Southwest clue contains a straight clue for its altered answer.

Once the grid is filled, nouns or pronouns referring to these four fans will appear in the nicely symmetrical gray columns in the grid; they can be read differently to form a relevant phrase.

Finally, all Not Southwest answers are entered normally, but each of their clues has an extra letter (to be deleted before solving); in clue order, these will spell out what specifically we are celebrating, which is also something another part of this expedition might be a small part of.



SOUTHWEST

1. Podium with 500 relatives of unaus
3. *Our Dogs* ultimately beat *Trek*
7. Not so much of the Belgian soil, at first
8. Very Gallic object on which dishes sit, reportedly
9. Northern people said “That is trimmed, and that also describes me” initially
10. Diminutive scraps hit class
12. Quiet piece of aria by Rhode Island puppeteer Lewis
13. Fool is cross with (for example) Oscar Wilde
19. Cobalt and calcium might be stimulating stuff
20. Helped Ucaoimhu put in a trio of deductions
23. New poet barely taking in one’s din
24. Blue item at center of funeral . . . er, provides brewski
25. Sailors devouring, at the beginning, twenty pies
26. Behold! We’d said stuff that cows say
29. Ken, Dotty, and Ed must be kicked
30. Skye, the actress/cowgirl is over Nebraska

NOT SOUTHWEST

2. A cheer, ultimately, for an early *nyet* user (5)
4. Does concealing uranium braces (4)
5. Polymorphous fungus Molly put into fraying device (7)
6. Prevents changes to 5/7 of hart (5)
11. Very old horses alongside Ringo (2 2)
14. Ridley, who made *Body of Flies* and *Bed in Street* (5)
15. Dolt heading northwest, skirting women’s flat (3-1)
16. Word after “Novus” on a single door is “maid” (4)
17. Video-game character is stranger for MD (2. 2)
18. Spore ceases to be found inside fascinators (4)
21. 1,600 ads about areal photos on bits of stiff paper (2 5)
22. Slinger’s chilly “Aha!” (1 3)
24. Tasteless second-rate stuff a pilot consists of (5)
27. English vamp with great beauty is taken in (5)
28. Rock disk or disks split by nonbeastly feat (4)