

No. → L by Ucaoimhu

In this Yuletide puzzle, (a) some answers will have a positive integer phonetically changed to an L sound before entry, and (b) some clues have an extra word that must be deleted before solving; each altered (a) entry is defined by an extra word from (b) (a fact that resolves an ambiguity in the grid), and the entries thus paired up always go in perpendicular directions. The other 22 clues work normally, just to be mean.

(22? Yes; *all* numbers here are expressed using 1 + 1 + 1 as a base, so we'd say there are "10" Stooges, and "100" Muses, and the day after Boxing Day is the "1000th" of the month. And they're pronounced digit by digit in a unusual way. To see how: If an (a) answer, *before* alteration, has n letters, circle the nth letter of that (a) clue and write the *nth-from-last* letter of the matching (b) clue beside the (a) clue. The result will show, for each digit, what single phoneme it is pronounced as throughout this puzzle.)

Finally, add up all the integers from (a) for Across clues and (separately) for Down clues, and phonetically substitute the two totals for the L sounds of the words seen in the gray squares. This will turn what may seem to be a weird ingredient list (inspired by a certain Quentin Tarantino film) into an appropriate meal.

ACROSS

- 10. Agriculturalist Jethro hugs that male, British Taurus (2 wds.)
- 22. Rich bloke and cantankerous cuss eating caviar
- 100. Cure-all contains (NH₂)₂CO
- 101. The German territories will be surrounded by gold I'm leaving
- 110. Check rule over the phone
- 112. Saint Ives, fleeing lust, longs for a time of calmness
- 121. Metal lounge constitutes clue
- 201. Host upset the author with cold, bare feet
- 202. Left Gilgamesh's country with Romulus's brother
- 211. Eatery I'd flipped over brings in the Spanish meads
- 221. Perverse cad or vacuous softy is blooming
- 222. Subatomic particle orbiting rare petrel
- 1000. Retro comedian Jay Lovett is a person who must learn about torts, etc. (2 wds.)
- 1001. Some characters in robes mutely put soot on [NI2]
- 1002. Antarctic waters are so s-s-silly (2 wds.)

1	2	10	11		12		20	21
22					100			
101				102	110	111		
112		120			121			
122	200	201						
202			210		211		212	220
221				222				
1000				1001				
1002								

Across total:

Down total:

Meal:

DOWN

- 1. 12,201,222 joules don't have to go northward (*abbr.*)
- 2. Capital . . . um . . . party for someone who speaks an Indic language
- 11. Blood component they uncovered near Maine
- 12. Stranger rubs a body sac
- 20. Ale is inappropriate for namesakes of a nonfictional princess who consorts with Jedi
- 21. Added items, ultimately, from isle girt by foam
- 102. To remove a wrapper from every other part of tunnel ramp [NI10]
- 111. Like a *very* wide shoe that's been unwrapped twice
- 120. After stripping, smug, naughty mimes will display well-preserved bodies
- 122. Fear losing basket top would make you a screw-up
- 200. Singer Horne embraces old hotelier Helmsley
- 210. Answer Millie, tossing out fib about bean
- 211. For example, Mary made Jane put uranium into Dr. Goodfellow's nose
- 212. Not-so-large, secondary shopping center
- 220. Involving more than one state nickname that's chic and outwardly tactful (*abbr.*)