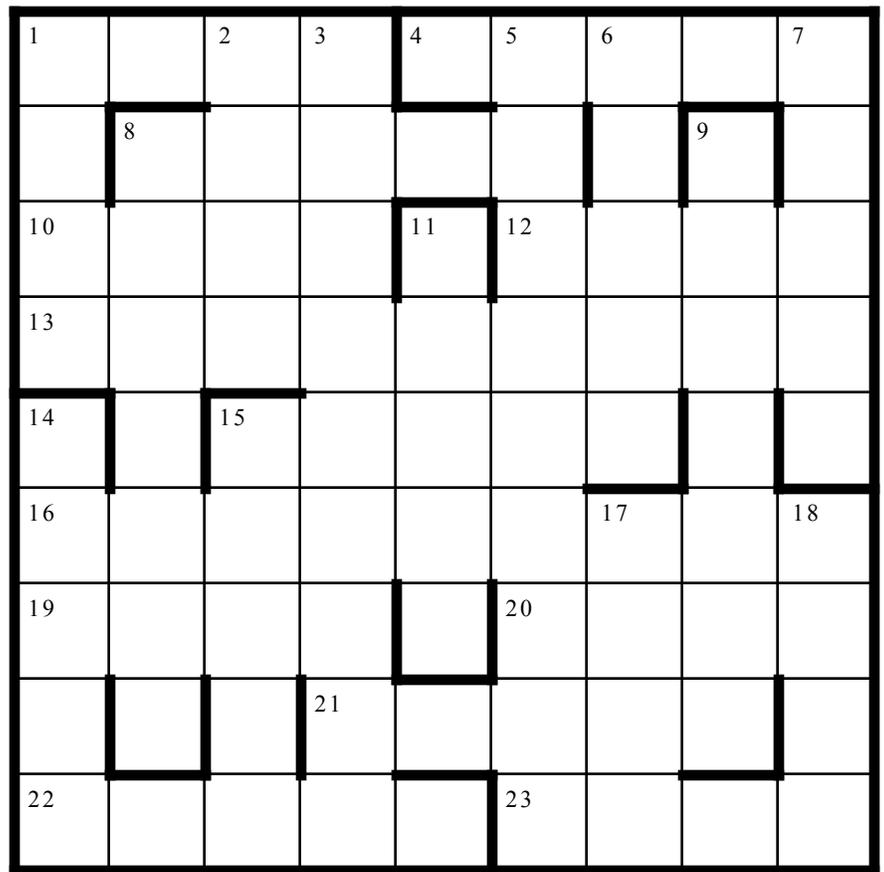


To Pin Or Not To Pin?

In this puzzle, half of the clues work normally.
As for the rest:

(A) For some clues, you must add a letter to the answer before entry, in tribute to a well-known birthday-party game involving pins. This will always yield a new word, possibly abbreviated.

(B) Each of the other clues contains an extraneous word that must be removed before solving. This extraneous word is always the definition of one of the new words formed by adding a letter as in (A); taking these extra letters, in order by (B) clue, will yield another thing you can do at a birthday party, which requires no pins whatsoever.



ACROSS

1. A Sumerian city with a vibe
4. Secy. that ultimately wears a sheet the right way
8. Fish like to be surrounded with hot air
10. Dry town's primary religious group
12. Finish *Othello* by writing fluid, hammy dialogue?
13. The rue not tossed at those singers
15. Flirtation is not French kissing, essentially
16. Descartes would take notes about a wonderful time
(2 wds.)
19. Unfashionable, retro singer is hot
20. Greek deity's father spun lariat
21. Unfortunately, Sal's a girl
22. Actor Beatty goes around Alaska with no clothes on
23. Stitched in all directions?

DOWN

1. Fool around in Thessaly
2. People run org.
3. With one leg on either side of molded lead darts
5. Being devoted, detectives will hug unhip individuals,
including you and me
6. Prong snags white string
7. Canadian region that includes London, etc.
8. Are suitable to ensnare live horse's feet, mostly
9. Canadian region that includes London, and Iran too,
oddly
11. Put back matter from Rome and from Paris
14. Gp. can barely win one more time
15. Small noise from quiet part of a web page
17. Gaelic seer gets cryptic
18. A saint's rear end