

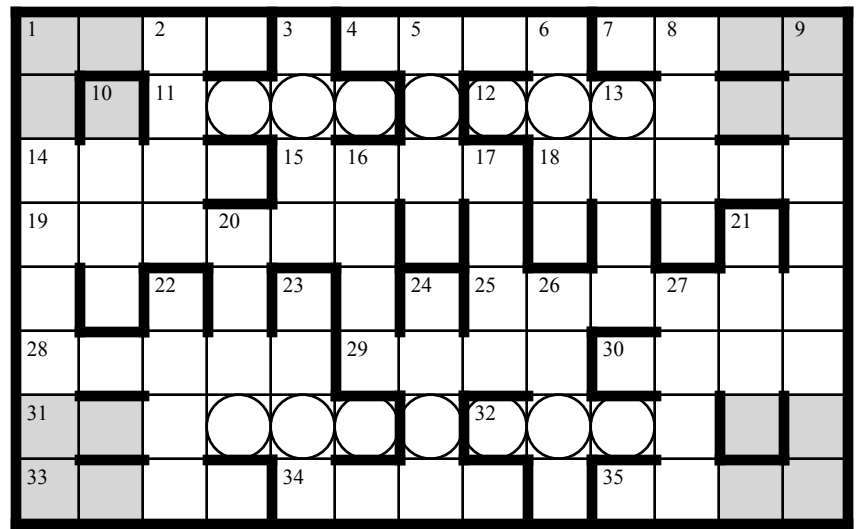
Evening Out by Ucaoimhu

It's November, 2013, and I have been invited out for a couple of big dinners, at which guests will see slightly different items. Specifically:

(I) For 12 of the clues, the answer must have one letter deleted before entry; where the deleted letter is the *m*th from the start and *n*th from the end of the *answer*, write the *m*th letter from the start and the *n*th from the end of the *clue* in the two rows labeled "I" (the former over the latter) directly below the small square containing the missing letter. When all 12 letter pairs have been entered, both rows will say when the first dinner takes place, and the lower row alone will say when the second does.

(II) For 12 of the clues, the answer is entered normally, but one *word in the clue* must have a letter deleted before solving. Apply the same procedure as in (I) to *these* deletions to put letters into the rows labeled "II"; both II rows will then name another event happening around this time.

(III) For the other 12 clues, either (a) the answer or (b) a word in the clue must be anagrammed before entry/solving; if the first and last letter of the original term end up in position *m* from the start and *n* from the end after anagramming, note the *m*th letter from the start and the *n*th from the end of the clue. (In ambiguous cases take the smallest possible *m* and *n*.) The two sets of letters for (a), and then those for (b), will indicate the two letters never deleted in (I) or (II), in a certain manner. (Altered entries for (I) and (III) include two proper names and an acronym.)



A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

I

 II

Now shade in all small squares with deleted letters from (I), and all grid squares with deleted letters from (II) (some are already shaded in); treat the letters from (III) *either* like (I) letters *or* like (II) letters. One way, the grid will enumerate what's in the upper circles and display what's in the lower ones by the end of the second dinner; the small squares will say as per (III) what the upper-circle items (appropriately) do around this time. The other way, you will get the same info for the *first* dinner, and the small squares will say what the lower-circle item does to even things out.

ACROSS

1. He flipped over Mister Schilling's statues, which the ancient Greeks carved
4. Anka's nutty coffee that lacks a stimulant
7. Wallows upset quiet, cloddish guy
11. Admen gutlessly hiding in Charlie's metal cylinders
12. One who rents pots east of the north of the Alps
14. Dakotan city initially gets involved in game
15. Heads of plovers and vacuous ditz in Polish city
18. Carrying a burden from the Castilian lair
19. *Disraeli* procured Zanuck's train, blocking rough lady
25. French noshes spinning around 'em start to alarm one of 1902's physics Nobelists
28. 'Til this moment, Rod chases couchlike item (2 wds.)
29. German zombie's skin is pierced by gold material used in surgical dressings
30. Aged Ucaoimhu includes a term for "cheating" that's abbreviated (*abbr.*)
31. Odd items from only art thief in a city at Kansas's eastern end
32. Fifteenth letter about Iraq ultimately being possessor of Charlie Chaplin's ring
33. Uranium inside strange, cold, gray item in the sky
34. Brothel-keeper is angry at a beginner from Mongolia
35. After reflecting, Moose will seize last of weaponry and ax fellow named MacLachlan from *Twin Peaks*

DOWN

1. Eccentric we had found near half of valleys making a barrier flush with a culvert outlet [NI3]
2. Hacky GMs front for brash Cath. prelate (*abbr.*)
3. Pins boy on top of young Tyne on *Cagney and Lacey*
5. Fathers the Teutonic, round leader of Dubai
6. Genuflect with Mr. Sedaka, who sings audibly
8. Military rifles from our group are chiefly French (*abbr.*)
9. Kip's behind Jed and Mom's brother, displaying a stalk with blossoms
10. Schlub our yenta saw, in the end, will bet grand for someone Scottish
13. Shake bathrooms in London when you shout
16. Cassini, who designed voile Lego
17. Repeat, "Twines from Abruzzi? What a drag!"
20. Groom, barely past the halfway point, must sit
21. Goop you'd use to form a seal around Britain to keep in (primarily) Liverpooldians
22. A phony, perverse, semi-dull sound from an Akita
23. Former cartoon character Rick put dried grass under more than one ring
24. A pair of 'zines endlessly describing what hot rock is
26. Upside-down ICEE covers old name for an agency opposing workplace discrimination (*abbr.*)
27. Kevin's to receive Dutch lace when military move-out orders take effect (*hyph.*)