

Holiday Picnic by Ucaoinmhu

(Crossouts reflect another wacky fictional delay.)

This ~~holiday~~ picnic is taking place where (a ~~little~~ while ago) the Hanukkah round of BAPHL 12 occurred. This round consisted of four puzzles that ostensibly were meant to appear near the holiday, but were being presented “late”; they involved:

- (1) Gelt; that is, chocolate coins wrapped in **shiny metal that must be removed**,
- (2) Latkes, each of which is “late” **with a K in it**,
- (3) **Singing**, and
- (4) Ice sculptures that were, alas, apt to **melt**.

For each of (1)–(4), four Across answers must undergo a relevant alteration before entry. (Altered entries include two phrases and a proper name.)

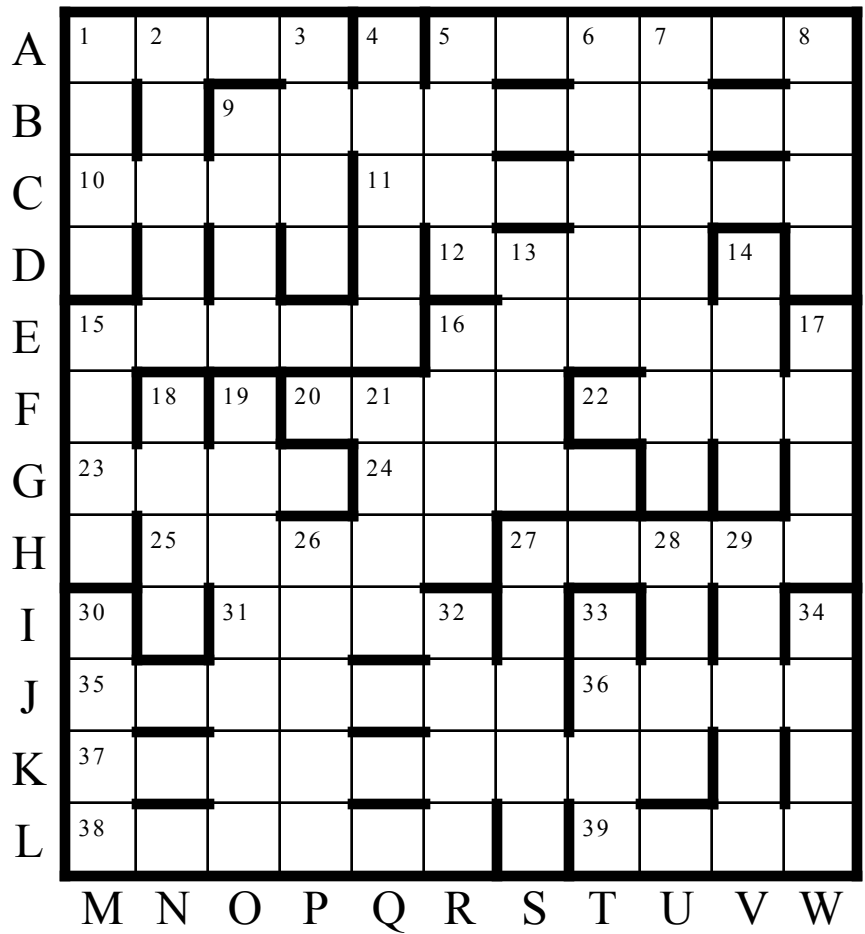
Down answers are all entered normally, but in each Down clue the wordplay will yield a letter sequence that is incorrect in one of two possible ways:

(A) In some cases, the sequence will have one letter changed to another; use the correct and incorrect letters as coordinates and shade in the square they indicate. The shaded squares will collectively form four representations of the same thing; the four Across answers not used in (1)–(4) (which are entered normally, but have clues that are wordplay only) will describe, in grid order, all these representations. The letters in the shaded squares, read left to right and top to bottom, will repeatedly say what they represent.

(B) In other cases, the sequence will have an extra letter in front. These letters, read in clue order, will say what error occurred in the construction of the repeated phrase from (A), detracting from ~~both this picnic and this holiday~~.

ACROSS

1. Sore German’s complaint in German
5. Touching a Volkswagen containing a bit of this metal
9. Hear poems badly
10. West achieved victory immediately
11. Underwear I shall tie in back
12. Pivoted a ship’s deck at random
15. Stand at a funeral with suds on your lips
16. Waves coming from companion’s dock
20. Incorporated some old Peruvian people
22. Singer Elliot had heard a bunch of players
23. A female singer disrobed a guy who portrayed Bond
24. Piece of indeterminate size and length hitting referee
25. Shemp’s brother embraces Romeo’s
27. ABBA putting out its second or third carol is degrading
31. The Austrian has a sweetheart
35. Initially-somewhat-large-cake preparer!
36. Irrational number in works by Galois that are exciting
37. LA’s nasty, nasty number crunchers
38. Person hired to check things out quietly, in general
39. Like, say, Wenceslas making a request



DOWN

1. New England has acceptable soda pop (4)
2. Clue originally in a South Asian language (5)
3. A small number of small items in the paper (4)
4. Two poetic syllables were, at heart, sappy gems? (5)
5. British actor on *The A-Team* portrays Homer’s son (4)
6. Dense core of atom Nicky unveiled (5)
7. FTC’s nabbing tole-bending Mesoamericans (7)
8. Must have Bill portraying George and Edward (4)
9. Drench half of foes north of Alaska (4)
13. People from Japan shower with naked guy (4)
14. Gal has eaten or spoken (4)
15. On returning, they finally spot Mr. Diddley’s informal yearly celebration (1-3)
16. Stack E-52 is overturned (4)
17. Thus, when empty, 4,032 cups are astounding (4)
18. Keebler employee’s trees (4)
19. Putting headgear on porcine animal that is worn by ovine, mostly (7)
21. Unwanted email about eastern part of a church (4)
26. Summary that is upsetting, regardless of what an Egyptian sun god may say? (5)
27. New Testament claims Ur’s exploded (5)
28. Takes someone to court about iron steamship (4)
29. Mideastern ones maintaining FAQ (5)
30. Dad (for example) somersaults without delay (4, *abbr.*)
32. Control mineral that supplies, say, iron and indium (4)
33. Makes a choice of shirts (4)
34. Related weird koan (4)