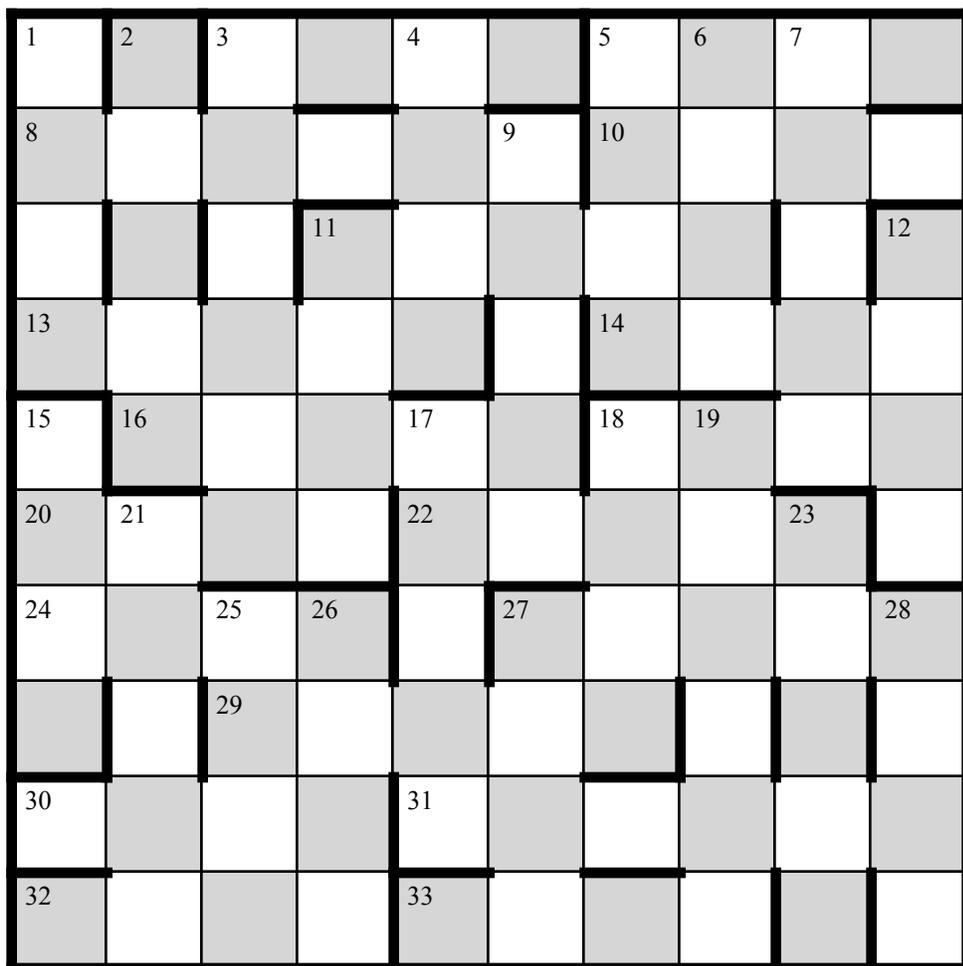


Skipping Ahead

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Here at this puzzle picnic, thoughts of future puzzle events are already creeping in. Specifically, one word in each clue has either (1) a single extra letter or (2) an extra letter pair; either way, delete the extra item before solving. In clue order, the letters from (1) will say where to find a set of letters in the grid; circle these letters. Then use the pairs from (2), in clue order, as coordinates (referring to the circled letters), and in that order read the appropriately-sized set of letters you find. Using one convention for how the coordinates work, you can find out how far off this future puzzle event is; using the opposite convention, you can obtain my prediction about the people who will attend it.



ACROSS

3. A Dadaist org. whose members often have grabby hair (4, *abbr.*)
5. Silverstein, who wrote *The Missing Piece of Carapace in Your Gear* (4)
8. Baking James's books without front covers, mostly (6)
10. He had to protect Aaron's primary flock (4)
11. Pertaining to a future trot that's fine, and others (5)
13. One bait that's essentially improbable (2 3)
14. Ms. Sumac covers average Village People song released eighty years after the seventies started (4, *abbr.*)
16. What may help you get out of a pit or subpit containing no uranium, iodine, nitrogen, oxygen, etc. (5)
18. Two states under the 37th parallel, causing damage (4)
20. Commoner with appetite upset trio of Belgians (4)
22. Write about couple from apple country (5)
24. Lava pieces encasing Qatari's tiny batteries (4)
27. Native American and central Asian tribesman feud by river near ocean (5)
29. Faint symbol signifying "Tina" decorates court (5)
30. Plant that covers up a pert name taken from a land bordering 22 Across (4)
31. George is so full of romance before the third (6)
32. What a future atty. stakes last, in a panic (4, *abbr.*)
33. Circle seat of (e.g.) stenographers the wrong way (4)

DOWN

1. Foursome who sang "Me and It" and baked baba (4)
2. Bishop is holding crosses and posts that tropes are attached to (5)
3. Vaporize boat Lea smashed (6)
4. Bhang on a movie set turned up under red film spool (4)
5. Noah King is in unstable carriage (4)
6. Headgear's edging, containing phlox, initially (4)
7. Jong, who wrote *Fear of Flying and Cooking Rice*, bisected the word "Ahhh" (5)
9. Shouted "Pox!" with volume (5)
11. Soft flesh sample from abashed TV alien is returned (4)
12. Man meets camper/sportscaster Albert (4)
15. Blends of tomato soup, okra broth, and fish (4)
17. Leaden bard, maybe in the west half of Gotham (5)
18. Short play on worlds that might be whirled around (4)
19. Small enough to put on an automobile or wagon wheel stripe's right tip (6)
21. Flake near his uninhabited, narrow wood (5)
23. Behold Mr. Ripken never skipping a saltation (5)
25. Places outside of India, Pakistan, etc. (4)
26. Perspire when getting rid of Earl's shlock (4)
27. Henry, I see a snack cake resembling a Swiss troll (2 2)
28. Naomi's collating the last pair of documents exhibiting minor shortcomings (4)