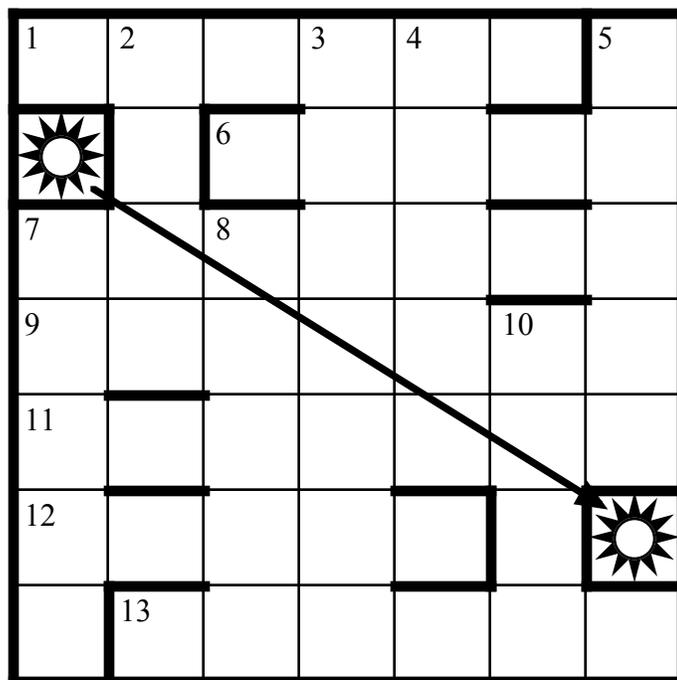


# Septem by Septem

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In honor of an event we are celebrating this evening, several of the Down answers conflict with 9 Across (which itself is clued only pictorially) in the square where they intersect; specifically, each of these Down answers will have an appropriate series of letters there in place of the single letter that 9 Across has. Noting the letters 9 Across has in these squares will ensure a successful corn harvest.

In addition, where m and n are the values corresponding to 10 Down and 2 Down respectively, take the mth letter from the start of every clue, and then the nth letter from the end of every clue; this will name another event we are celebrating this evening.



## ACROSS

1. In caustic tones, Charlie interrupts stranger daily (6)
6. Deceive nutty Eliot (3 2)
7. Dazed diarist Anaïs follows the author holding a viper (2 1 4)
11. Expert gulps down ink-covered uranium to get moving (7)
12. Sailors getting cross with prostitutes (5)
13. Club in bus station where you'd color yarn (3 3)

## DOWN

2. One hundred and three leaders of inquiry will be French for half a decade
3. Degenerate, perverse Sid thus sits on one of the string instruments
4. Coins of Zeus worshippers leapt all about
5. Xbox, say, is working when covered with a bit of chilli fish
7. Seclude Oscar within one layered stone
8. Gold hadn't, in the end, really disheartened Gene the singing cowboy
10. Preminger, who directed *Reverend Mather is Naked*