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 Anais 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*