

Missing Change

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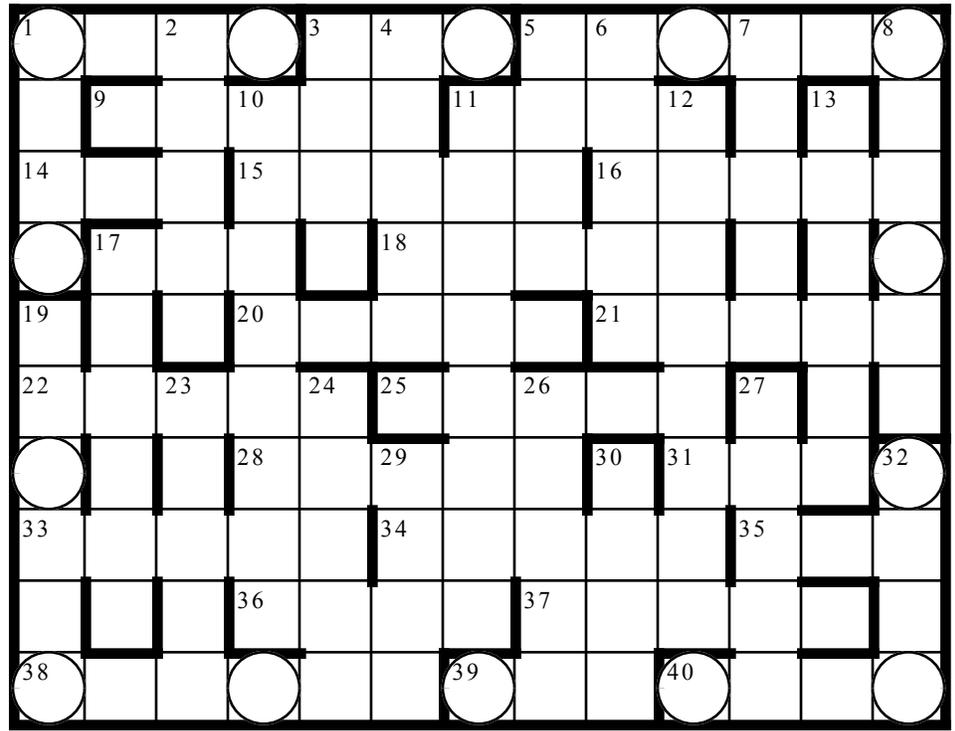
Every year, shortly before the MIT Mystery Hunt, I write a warm-up cryptic. As this year's Saturday night extravaganza is inspired by the Hunt, I figured something similar would be appropriate.

Some of the Across answers in this puzzle, when entered in the grid, will be missing an item; the first letters of the corresponding clues will name that item. Others of the Across answers, when entered, will be changed to reflect a different item; the second letters of the corresponding clues will name that item. Finally, some of the Across answers will be entered unaltered; the third letters of the corresponding clues will name both items, in a more helpful manner. (All Down answers are entered normally.)

The two items mentioned above are both well known for appearing in a certain context. Somewhere in the corridors of the hotel you can find a third item also appearing in that context. The letters in the circles (read clockwise, starting in either of two places) will say what it is; 10, 11, and 12 Down (whose answers are all non-MW, and whose clues contain only the cryptic part, not a straight definition part) will indicate generally where to find it; the circles, used in a different manner, will then enable you to pinpoint its precise location.

ACROSS

1. Tutor at Oxford left small indications of approval
3. Just perfectly capturing host's Garfield-like pet
5. A compound found in earthy mold
9. Em courts unhappy client
11. Armada finally invading the Castilian's country
14. Flipped over bed containing one thousand and one of the particles Democritus discussed
15. *Babbitt's* ending leaves many cold



16. A bit of meat in a place where one analyses meat
17. Freaking out, almost, regarding the pores in a leaf
18. A tiny thing left in a traveler's quarters
20. Run, fleeing from slow cook
21. Afflicted boss weeps audibly
22. Offhand salutations interrupted by British hoodlums
25. He's first hugged by the third person in line
28. Car's sound is low in pitch when making drive back
31. Eccentric Tim comes in to add, "It's a bird"
33. Recap at the end to state the cause of some food poisoning
34. Song Annie sings in drag, about old male hockey player
35. Overly grasping mother initially takes fruit
36. A fowl with merit, reportedly
37. Globes or hollow balls
38. Poets primarily drink in pubs
39. Note unusually gutless mob being shut up
40. Conveniently shows first third of a speech from *Julius Caesar*

DOWN

1. Ultimately mistaken about a school sports group (4, *abbr.*)
2. Pipe contains a gold coin (5)
3. Said to get money for a room (4)
4. Scent of a city in Italia (5)
5. President Tyler's front and back (4)
6. Henry cheers for a matador with flaws (5)
7. Dance with a masculine bishop in Missouri (5)
8. Most solitary lady meets a saint (6)
10. Store's promotional gimmick keeps on working (2 *wds.*)
11. Knowledge about merely adequate male (2 *wds.*)
12. Desperately wants loo (2 *wds.*)
13. A stinging insect worried her not (6)
17. Motto of South Boston's airport (6)
19. Extremely concupiscent woman mentioned game that involves taking out opponent (6)
23. Kind of board one uses in Japanese art, principally (5)
24. Edgar Bergen's dummy Mortimer excited nerds (5)
26. Cook's garment or pan is destroyed (5)
27. Actress Keaton is sent north to help out New England (5)
29. Ages of penniless menials (4)
30. Take up with upright siblings, in brief (4)
32. About one hundred of these are convergence points (4)