

It's a Strange Sing by Ucaoimhu

This competition has some peculiarities, each of which affects four Down answers before entry:

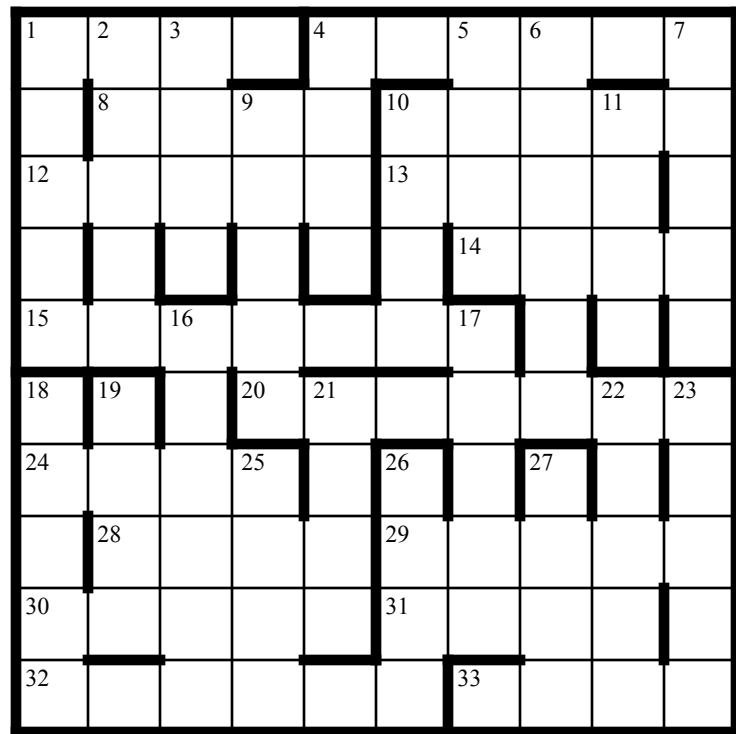
No US. You must remove U and S.

Complicated point counting. A Roman numeral in the answer must be doubled, increased by 40, and put in front.

The ultimate in retro-futurism. The last letter must be moved two places back in the alphabet, and a copy of it, moved two places *forward* in the alphabet instead, must be inserted two places back in the *answer*.

(Three altered entries will have hyphens, capitals, and/or multiple words; in addition, each altered entry is clued by some sequence of words in the clue.)

Once the grid is filled, one main diagonal in the grid will contain an important term; apply all three rules in order to this term to get a second important term. In addition, all other clues have an extra letter, which must be removed before solving. In clue order, the extra letters from Across clues will name a third important term encompassing the second; if a form of this third term has the extra letters from the Down clues added, it will form a fourth term, for some key people involved in this competition.



ACROSS

1. Pair of stinkers in former staff sergeant's grade (1-3)
4. Sy and Hal and Ed rotated stalls (6)
8. Niece's version of one California honorific used by Scrooge McDuck's nephews (4)
10. Fish suit (5)
12. Then Austrian Ray emptied Northern Irish city (5)
13. After Turin, ogle dance (4)
14. Orator's exhibiting tire and fly (4)
15. Get better result from bearing dreck again (7)
20. Dare to wear nickel waistcoat that is most green (7)
24. Rank behind India and Persia (4)
28. What *that thing near Ali* is, briefly! (4, *abbr.*)
29. Ravi, none includes a word after *par* on airmail (5)
30. Gold sign on some loos, alongside secondary signs (5)
31. Randomly put back in Herod's till (2 2)
32. Ono touching mostly dull indigo anatomical bumps (6)
33. Milk that's destroyed new oven (4)

DOWN

1. People that avoid weird duel with English senior left
2. Leather went back and forth, hitting your rear
3. Rages about normal, unsatisfactory steels
4. A month's ideas and such are confusing, reportedly
5. Times when Sol no longer remains within sight of Seth's mother
6. Note cheers after one unwrapped Bud Lights for saints
7. Peasant starts to fragment Elias's clothing stands
9. What you get when you sing "Car Shed"
10. Iliion group doesn't use derivative word that, when combined with "dieu," means "kneeling bench"
11. Vealy stew left by earth actor Moore on *Green Acres*
16. Blue Cross repeated "That prescription's boxed up," overshadowing Ace and Ted (2 *wds.*)
17. "Don let us know your answer quickly!" raves a VIP, ignoring every other letter (*abbr.*) [NI3]
18. Vid not showing large kind of battery atop charged bit of element 23 (2 *wds.*, *abbr.*)
19. Holiday encapsulates some initially priggish outlook
21. Bothers with drinks that Hopis will flavor, reportedly
22. No hoops to wind around in the near future
23. Bit of wood that connects seat of nine wheels
25. Band arrangement of *Una 'n' Mork's Word*
26. Bird that might inhabit a northern island or a country that this puzzle features
27. Blemish on piece of Siberian pasta