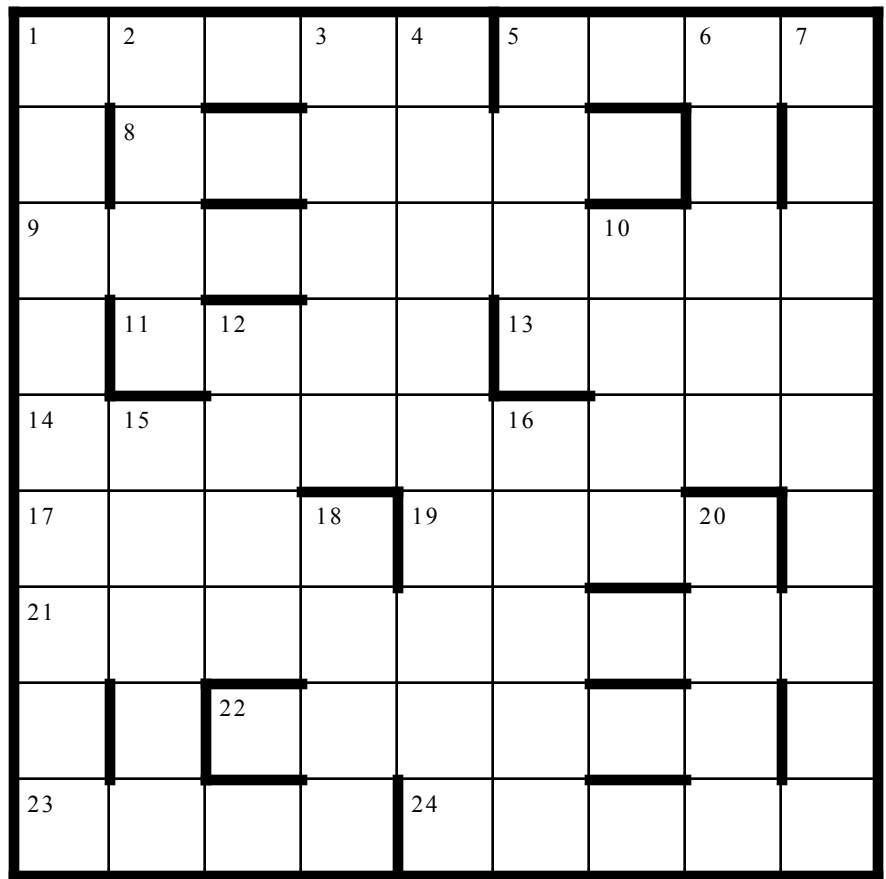


# Triplet Around

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This evening will end with comedy, and then improvisation. So for the next sketch, we're going to need an object, three creatures (one significant) that can travel around that object, and a non-geographical location. To get that, note that in half the clues, the letter sequence produced by the wordplay has one letter incorrect; when you enter the (correct) answer, shade in the square where this substitution takes place. Also, separately, list the correct letters in order by their incorrect partners. Together, these will give everything we need.

All other clues work normally. In each such clue, where the answer intersects n answers from the previous paragraph, circle the clue's nth letter; the circled letters will form an appropriate message.



## ACROSS

1. Howard, who directs someone who plays songs and part of a symphony (5)
5. Five-carat ruby originally sported by showy actor (4)
8. A chit one found east of South Dakota, say (6)
9. One hanging bit of cloth disrupted this trial (9)
11. A plastic item that protects your clothes for a lunar month (4)
13. Potassium-filled, 30% semiporous kind of ball in an arcade (4)
14. Long narrative poem about canine one's gourmetlike practices (9)
17. Diary describing Romeo as desolate (4)
19. Philosopher Descartes beheaded actress Ryan (4)
21. Greenish diet soda almost gets into air duct (9)
22. By wearing it, Ed appears to be wearing a cap (6)
23. Mysteriously opts to cease operations (4)
24. About the Spanish rounds and individual songs (5)

## DOWN

1. Note: That woman's claiming the First Lady does some library work (9)
2. In the first place, Ophelia has parodied an org. concerned with workplace conditions (4, *abbr.*)
3. Cora & I smashed a kind of Greek column (5)
4. If the odd items are removed, no dusty bakery sites will exhibit explosions (9)
5. Lass possesses tritium weapons (4)
6. Mars mentioned an astrological sign (5)
7. Lamb meets wild, sled-pulling canines (9)
10. Stripping, forging, building, etc. might be similar (4)
12. A thing a cold person says about the author's currency in Ethiopia (4)
15. Indicate something round inside two cups (5)
16. Smash digit, reportedly, with the front side of a piece of paper (5)
18. Dean misdescribed a kind of tide (4)
20. Dynamism initially seen in one North Greek prefix meaning "inside" (4)