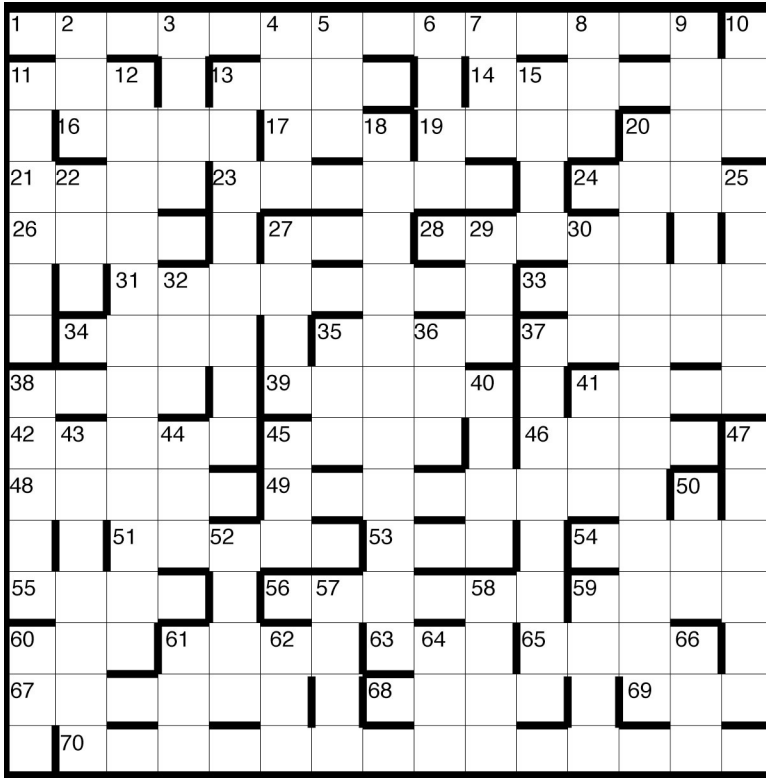


NOM CHANGE — by (nom and address withheld)

Prompted in part by an event that occurs on the equinox this month, I'm considering changing my nom. My new nom would be easy to determine; I'd simply adapt my existing nom in the same way that half a dozen answers must be adapted before being entered in the grid. Another five answers must be altered in an entirely different way (neither type of alteration results in a legitimate word). These altered entries each rubriciously describe the event specifically (\*4'1 7 5; \*4 = non-MW usage). An extraneous word in the cluing for these entries might assist in the transformation. Finally, another seven thematically-related answers, to be entered into the grid normally, are clued by wordplay only. The first and last letters of their clues, in clue order, provide a more general description of the event. Enumerations have been withheld.



ACROSS:

1. Down-in-the-mouth doctor illicitly tried French potions
11. Joey expressed remorsefulness
13. Sale excited Schiaparelli
14. The ray, dispersed, is not celestial
16. Chaff from endless stigma
17. Put out brief quotation
19. Wagon's chucking head of ranch
20. Carol attended to that fellow
21. Alpha male? A little bit
23. Vault over center of crypt is hard and not at all feminine
24. John imbibes excellent Norman port
26. Good luck eradicating lake slime
27. Tool used by some wood cutters ( a dozen)
28. About-face for guy in pub!
31. Tart, fruit corrupted NY robber? Yes
33. Heartless offspring always show contempt

34. Business offering yearly contracts on the table faces consumers' protest
35. Brood, orally surrender
37. Principal just accepting returning upperclassman
38. Bereaved women ignoring some subconscious sensations
39. Yours truly is adopted by fat Scottish landowner
41. Bachelor of letters, I see, is pretty dull
42. Grimace after earliest stress
45. Vice primarily at heart of base yen!
46. Increase unknown value in gold ring (*prefix*, NI3)
48. In the countryside, under-groomed horse
49. Moms once stirred soup
51. King Arthur's chief cut off hunks of lamb, maybe
53. Shadowy male trailing princess

54. Vocal pastor a lamb on the inside  
55. Get upset about souses  
56. Buggy has gone by in Wisconsin city  
59. Brook Republican evil  
60. Old rabbi having a row  
61. Pale, shaken, guilty perhaps  
63. Stir up excitement in extremely truncated western  
65. Nut rejecting one smooth bit of tobacco  
67. Eliot follows close upon  
68. Loge entry features elaborate molding  
69. Survivor's opening mouth in cry of distress  
70. Unhealthy oil's counted sin in venues banning Russian dressing (2 wds.)

DOWN:

2. Boat that moves slowly, except for surges  
3. Losing her head, lady shows human sinfulness  
4. "La" left to choral singer  
5. Nation, under siege, attacked initially  
6. Perverse act: taking 500 small chances  
7. Maidens of Naples eagerly applaud cultural funding  
8. Tax collectors skinned Premier  
9. Losing composure, Steve swallows "Hi"  
10. Clergyman's hiding place: full of jocks  
11. Fire a gangster's piece  
12. Custodian's job: guarding over at American kindergarten  
13. Ten tense, structured agreements  
15. Indeed, a hot nurse  
18. Cryptographer takes in mate at first, then fellow German officer  
20. "Roman menswear markets are here," Arab hissed covertly  
22. Evening dress folds neatly, I hear  
25. Bite into center of finnan haddie  
27. *The Third Man* is effective broadcast  
29. An organ? Sure sounds like it  
30. Cuckoo one? Me  
32. Television, start to finish: *ALF*, *Mork* . . . , etc.  
35. Terminate Fanny  
36. Exhausted doctor last one in surgery  
37. A balcony wrought in iron featuring hint of Mucha's florid style  
38. Gain a bit of karma at dawning of satori  
40. Tragedy upset spirit  
41. Poor quality loaf  
43. A cretin's disorganized, in particular  
44. College thanks acting teacher Hagen  
45. *Remembrance of Things Past* read aloud by novelist  
47. Notice rising storm front (everything rises)  
50. Familiar gem no goose egg  
52. Greedily consume roll of fabric  
57. Laughter at club about unharmonious tuba and oboe

58. Note southern state, northern state  
59. Some Athenian characters took up arms in revolt, reportedly  
60. Unit of money!  
61. Rang up single absent doctor  
62. Zigzag path: east, south, south again  
64. Oregonians evincing self-esteem  
66. You and I comprehending love, heartbreak