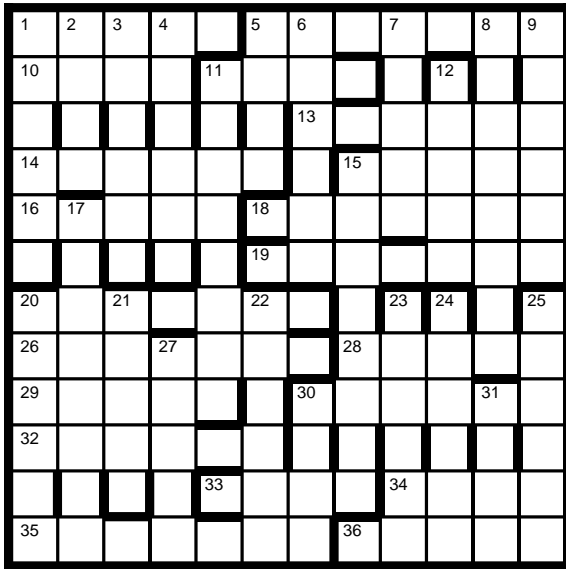


Goodness of Wit Test #18: Plus or Minus (CHANCE Vol. 25, No. 4) by WITZ (Jonathan Berkowitz)

Instructions: Twenty-four clue answers must be altered, half one way, half another way, for entry into the grid. Each resulting grid entry is a dictionary word with a meaning unrelated to the clue answer. The remaining 18 clue answers are to be entered normally; the wordplay for each of these clues excludes one letter of the clue answer. Place those excluded letters in the spaces indicated in the grid below the main grid.



5A 2D 32A 15A 23D 14A 12D 18A 6D 20A 28A 7D 16A 19A 9D 35A 4D 5D

Across:

- 1 Father beginning to peruse Associated Press article
- 5 Drunk florist endlessly gambols
- 10 Favour Elizabeth hugging lady
- 11 Heads of several emergency wards put in stitches
- 13 Mild or cold air perhaps lacks energy
- 14 Share out cut from the East
- 15 Brewery oddly substantial
- 16 Raga music offers wide range
- 18 Assume responsibility for unusually poor shortstop

- 19 Greek god redesigned purses
- 20 Enlightened even though stopped working outside
- 26 Doctor praising matches
- 28 Leave out senior for the most part
- 29 Small group covers time series
- 30 Discovery captures ecstasy addict
- 32 Satie boiled up infusion
- 33 Cleared layer housing unlimited dust
- 34 Take in every second of Marcie's hole in one
- 35 Almost return to original jackets (part of hospital gear)
- 36 Woodcutter pursues Chiclets' original gum lover

Down:

- 1 Shelf placed in front, pointing up, for example
- 2 New era of aircraft
- 3 Conceals manuscript under drink counter
- 4 Club left in total safety
- 5 Starts to foment another public uproar
- 6 Instructions concerning cooked pie
- 7 Director Sidney shortened light unit
- 8 Help create company capital hedging part of offering
- 9 Remarks describing last of abject lechers
- 11 Applying polish might soon hurt
- 12 Silly persons get set losing two times
- 15 Arranged alternative action to frame Republican
- 17 Compulsive act divides incomplete cast
- 20 Big food consumer runs through life as terrorist
- 21 Tax men collecting island flower
- 22 Go back over "Press Losing Pass" Rule
- 23 Pull up holding crown of Jewish prophet
- 24 Broadcast calm composition
- 25 Some preferred German trimmer
- 27 Silly to cage small bats
- 30 Navy bases surrounding lake
- 31 Executed lead off single

