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For two-thirds of clues, the word “AD” must be removed from either the clue or the solution.

The first letters of the remaining clues (**highlighted**) spell out “VIEWERS LIKE YOU.”

R	O	B	E	D	S	H	O	W	E	D
A	P	O	R	T	I	O	N	A	C	E
M	A	R	A	R	O	N	N	A	C	
P	L	E	D	G	E	D	R	I	V	E
S	P	E	D	A	N	W	I	D	E	N
T	B	R	O	B	E	E	F	O	R	T
O	A	S	I	S	G	D	B	L	E	D
P	L	E	D	G	E	D	R	I	V	E
I	L	A	P	A	S	T	A	S	E	C
C	S	I	F	I	R	S	T	L	Y	A
S	E	R	E	N	E	S	M	E	L	L

ACROSS

1. **T**rack support of a Democratic bill, initially embraced by Republican – R (O + A + D + B) ED
4. Senate leader used to be in debt, **t**railed behind – S + HAD OWED
8. **S**hare in or **a**dopt arrangement – PORTION *
10. **E**xpert stripped **fa**cad^es – [F]ACE[S]
12. **V**andalize direct marketing center – MAR (H)
14. **I**srael's leader as first of rulers being broadcast – AA + R + ON
17. **T**urned a **be**d down by the end of the day, after bath – SPA + D + E + D
20. **E**xpand victory, taking state with three electoral votes – WI (DE) N
22. Back road is **w**ide – B + ROAD
23. **W**ind up leaving alcoholic beverage at **m**eeting – BEE[R]
24. **E**ndorsing three leaders from Taiwan at one time – FOR[MOSA]
25. The middle of **me**ad^ows, for instance, is a **r**efuge – O + AS + IS
26. Young man in Davenport, for example, **u**sed inline **s**kates – B (LAD) ED
33. **H**igh-carb food, as **a**ddressed in school committee – P (AS) TA
35. **D**ry**a**d in loose clothing – SEC (H)
36. **C**ad is returning for **L**as Vegas **s**how (abbrev.) – C + SI (R)
37. **P**rominent **h**ostess clipping article from *Fashion* last Friday – FIRST LADY [A] *
38. **C**ourt needs are varied – SERENADE *
39. **R**ank quality of Brahms' Fifth in pitch – S (M) ELL

DOWN

1. **S**peaks about male **i**nclinations – RA (M) PS
2. **C**arried before **ore**ad – B + ORE
3. **A**dage is penetrating after all – ERA (H)
5. **L**ocal street thug – HOOD (2)
6. **I**n Iowa, nobody's **p**inched – WAN (H)
7. **L**ush decanted brew – DECADENT *
9. **G**ame bucks **par**aded – [S]TAG[S]
11. Vehicle carrying writer named Barry – **h**e's late – CA (DAVE) R
13. **K**ilimanjaro, for one absorbed in geological phenomena – ALP (H)
15. **T**raitors see danger all over – RENEGADES *
16. **I**con not employed in **a**doration – IDOL (“idle”)

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18. **E**rin's tongue held by her secretiveness – **ERSE (H)**
19. **Y**ankees batboy holding up sixpack – **ABS (R)(H)**
20. Crossed river with dead convertible – **W + ADED ***
21. **O**n reflection, Bio, for example, is inferior to most important subjects – **TOP + ICS (R)**
22. Dance along with sad, disjointed songs – **BALL + ADS ***
27. Slip in seaweed – a vegetable from down below – **EVADE (R)(H)**
28. Tenth scoundrel to break agreement – **DE (CAD) AL**
29. Upswing in Georgia first – **GA + IN**
30. The first of our escap**ad**es – spots sign of alcoholism (*abbrev.*) – **D[O]TS**
31. Key is **lead** – **IS + LE**
32. **Ad**vent in Zaire – **AIR (H)**
34. Bat Masterson stock**ad**ing bank distribution center (*abbrev.*) – **ATM (H)**