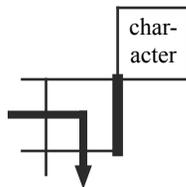


Decade of Reflection

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Pondering the past has made one character reflective. Specifically:

(1) Six Across answers will be reflected by this character in the grid, as shown to the left. (All other answers will be entered normally.)



(2) In most Across clues, the wordplay yields a letter string containing one extraneous instance of the reflective character; where this character is in the n th position, underline the n th word in the clue. In clue order, these words will form two wordplay-only clues (with enumeration), whose answers describe (a) what each reflective character in the grid represents, and (b) what the reflected Across entries and the characters that reflect them form.

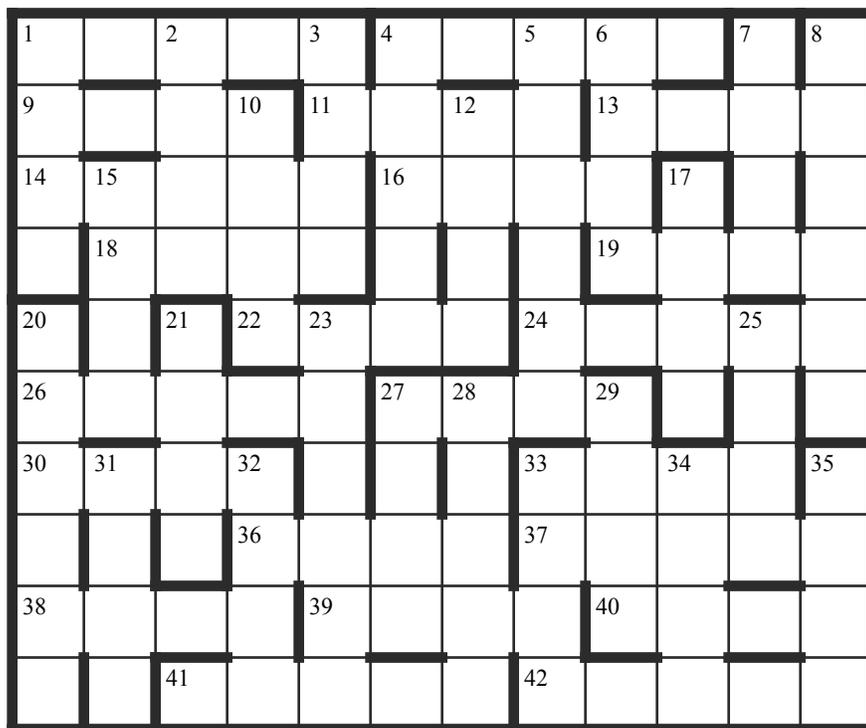
(3) The remaining two reflective characters reflect the paths through the grid (shaped like two letters relevant to this occasion) of two phrases that are appropriate all these years on, and also suited to the items clued in (2).

(4) In most Down clues, the wordplay yields a letter string with one extraneous instance of one of the two letters from (3); underline words based on these letters as in (2). For each letter, the corresponding underlined words, in clue order, will form an *ambiguous* cryptic clue with enumeration, whose two answers together will denote *one* person who would utter the phrase on that path.

(5) Each reflected Across answer shares its vertical segment with a Down answer; if this segment is q letters long, circle the q th letter from the *end* of *both* their clues. In clue order, these circled letters will denote one person twice. Also, if *any* answer in the grid has the reflective character in the p th position from its *start*, circle the p th letter from the start of its clue; in clue order, *these* circled letters will spell a phrase appropriate for the person denoted.

ACROSS

1. Northern Italian flower pot he destroyed (2 wds.)
4. Asian model mentioned mistakes
9. Counseled one cadet stripping grasping tool with jaws
11. A piece of sulfur on a metal "A"
13. Final parts of insult Roy sent around six trillion mi. (2 wds., abbr.)
14. Stems I modified to be word-splitting
16. Winslet's support for *Swan Lake* dancer east of west Alaska
18. Papp ropes completely powerless war god
19. Shackle five in brig? Oy vey
22. To perceive Wheeling or Berkshire school
24. Normal sloth with four three-toed limbs goads nude water nymph
26. Mr. Gwynne claims weird ol' Liv acted in a trifling way
27. Second invading king who was Norse or Russian, say
30. Gallic monarch has churl outwardly lie
33. Lasso an Egyptian deity put around gorge



36. Happening (at the midpoint) to fill in fat "U" characters on a Romanian banknote (2 wds.)
37. Calm adult that makes me guffaw at Anthony's clothing
38. Charged calcium atom is the cause of Abel's demise
39. Jacob's brother Saul's cut short in the middle of León
40. Seven times eight times nine extremists in espresso bar
41. Was bringing false hope to the French professor (2 wds.)
42. Field, perhaps with American flower

DOWN

1. Mirrored one true "alt" director named Jacques
2. Ignoring thousand elk, twirled gun constantly
3. Rearmost subsection in some medical words is so sketchy
4. It beheaded so-so duo from Yokohama city
5. Hit iodine-and-sodium coating
6. Daft Lego-designer Cassini
7. City to Georgia's northwest with quintet of flaky viviparians
8. Star Wars character shot by Han, Dotty, or Ed, e.g.
10. "Aha" is uttered without emotion (2 wds.)
12. Gnat dropping outside vehicle that transports Indian bread
15. One third of MeV piercing object internally inscribed with word after "Bryn"
17. Brooklynite's tailed one in vain, showing character worthy of Ezra?
20. Senegal and Kenya's location starts to affect cleric bottom to top
21. Initially would touch one's tongue to part of a candle
23. By ringing, made sounds calculated to be heard
25. Rastafarian holds Nick and Nora's dog
27. Big car circling southeast takes someone to court
28. Secondary characters from play make cute tables, all in Philippine mahogany
29. Open grassland's borders to vice and bad cholesterol
31. Test frontal brace of excellent aluminum-clad meter
32. Flipped over Zero Mostel's penultimate bit of drama
33. Actor Julia's rare gold vessel emptied out
34. Six (including Albert and Troy) landed
35. Colors Elsie's first three after Andy's last two