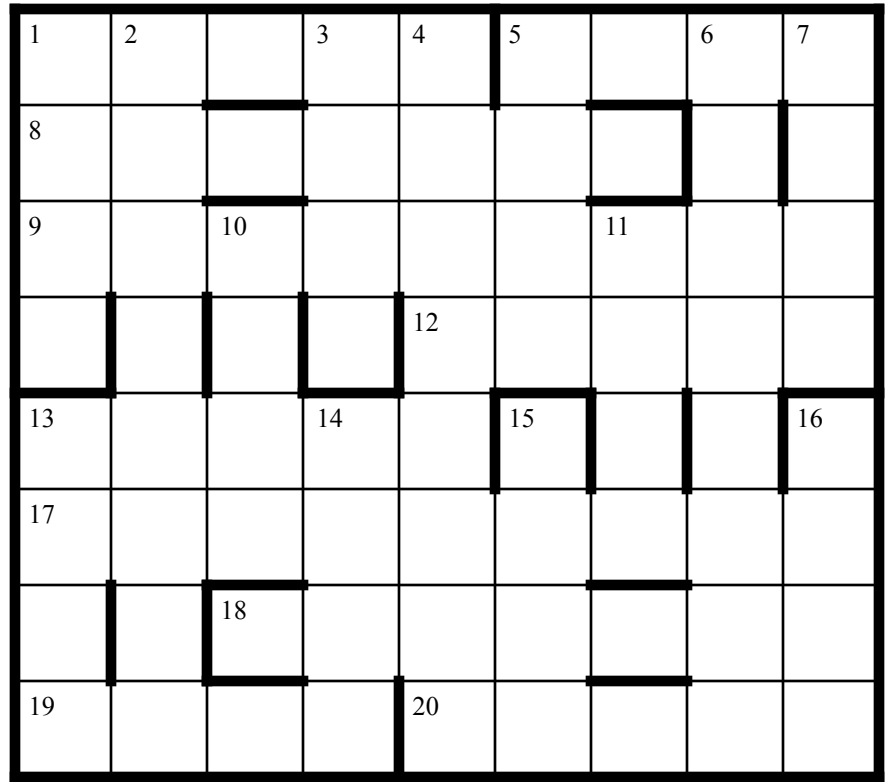


Beast of Buridan

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Brunch involves so many choices! To avoid the fate of Buridan's indecisive donkey, you must "flip a coin" in 16 clues before solving, changing a circular item into one representing heads or tails. If it is heads, and you've changed the *m*th letter from the front of the *n*th word from the start of the clue, highlight the grid square in the *m*th column from the left and the *n*th row from the top; if it is tails, do the same with *front*, *start*, *left*, and *top* changed to *back*, *end*, *right*, and *bottom*.

The other seven clues are still in the discussion phase; alter the clue *phonetically*, turning your coin's sound to one illustrating the yet-unmade choice. Making the same change to the message in the image you've "painted" will give another appropriate message.



ACROSS

1. At DMV, broadcast a Fox program intended to provoke Murrow (3 2)
5. Ace goes after oat later (2-2)
8. Gore disheartened Perot and upset Sue, a Greek river deity (7)
9. Old man and Arco thug punched rolls in an old computer room (5 4)
12. If you coop it up, tuber resembles glass tube (5)
13. Large mole creature often found in a Scottish furrow, somersaulting (5)
17. Airplane equipment the Spanish bigot (smothering true art) overturned (4 5)
18. Tavern's legume- and honey-supplier, near ditch in which Zed's canoed a lot (4 3)
19. Reports about senator seizing 1/6 of Rio (4)
20. What a horse says when you see more than one soar, being endlessly energized (5)

DOWN

1. Pam's resoaped objects a navigator carries (4)
2. Winged, round device that bears a taco ordered separately (1 2 5)
3. Those people with oars up front shout (4)
4. Not allowed, perversely, to put in an action word above "widow" (8)
5. Out with unsatisfactory ballerina's garment (4)
6. Sly pet improperly made husbandless Hugo strip in a printer's shop (4 4)
7. Encourage Barb & Keogh to discard odd letters (4)
10. Start to claim that actress Zadora's oaken, illustrating twelve points (4)
11. Two from Arcadia (oops!) in abode with mideasterner (4)
13. T in Joon's sign resembles a globular cluster (1-3)
14. Perhaps shoos initially rattled prog rock band (4)
15. Excellent and awesome Marco towards the north, offering a challenge (4)
16. Hebrew letter a lady omitted from "hello" (4)