

Calendar Arithmetic

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This puzzle, conceived and created in 2025, is designed for annual dissemination shortly prior to the vernal equinox. After solving the puzzle, enter the appropriate letters into the boxes underneath the symbol at the bottom of the grid.

You will be rewarded with a timely warning to pastry chefs (and to crossword solvers).

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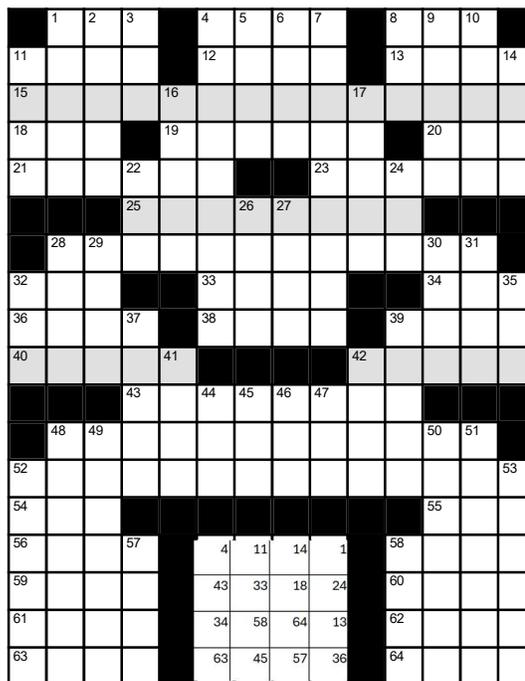
1. Pose
4. Instrument whose players only sometimes take a bow
8. First half of 11-Down, in English
11. Phenomenon bats use to "see"
12. ___ *perpetua* (Idaho's motto, which means "it is forever")
13. Movie mogul Marcus associated with 32-Down
15. Ominous calendar date for Julius Caesar (and start of a timely quip)
18. No-win situation
19. What's left?
20. Miss Piggy's pronoun?
21. Vocal inflection also known as "high rising terminal"
23. Musical note much beloved by optometrists?
25. i^2 (continuation of quip)
28. Masking during the COVID era, e.g.
32. Proverbial apple-using American baker
33. Coin with a common side and a national side
34. TV's Mork, Superman, and Alf, for three
36. Unappetizing cafeteria fare
38. Betelgeuse, or Keaton vis-à-vis *Beetlejuice*
39. Subtraction, e.g.
40. Trade names (continuation of quip)
42. Punning way to refer to 3/14 (end of quip)
43. Something left after subtraction
48. Motorcyclists' backup fuel stores
52. Consideration when scheduling an international Zoom...or the relationship implied by the shaded words in this grid?
54. Prefix for the birds?
55. Water under *le pont?*
56. + or -, e.g.
58. Klinger on *M*A*S*H*
59. Parched
60. "Thus with a kiss ___"

61. You are in San Juan?

62. *Barton* ___ (black comedy thriller by the Coen brothers)
63. Not so nice place?
64. Young Frankenstein's love interest

Down

1. Burden that some resentful person might have to shoulder?
2. Toga party garb
3. Fish that sound as though they are fishing for compliments?
4. Cat's pajamas
5. Kind of prof.
6. Pythagoras's portico
7. Muted pastel, e.g.
8. ___ mode
9. Second word of "Candle in the Wind" (Elton's tribute to Marilyn)
10. Home style
11. "___, Brute?"
14. Word in meringue recipes
16. Pastrami purveyors
17. Intervening, in law (sounds pretty average?)
22. 1 and 4, for H and He, respectively
24. Torah lang.
26. Hairdo with a rounded shape in back
27. Hospital fluids
28. Refreshing quaff no longer likely to contain cocaine
29. Out of control
30. Something one can do to lips or palms, but not to feet
31. Jazz singer Jones or James
32. Studio of *Rain Man* and *Singin' in the Rain*
35. Timid
37. Latin for "in itself"



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39. Author whose son's full given name was Christopher Robin
41. Thing on an everything bagel
42. Early late-night name
44. Sanskrit honorific
45. Science-assisted reproductive proc.
46. Indubitably, in slang
47. Indigenous people whose name for themselves (*Nuc*) means "The People"
48. Nice place?
49. Historically, many Americans before becoming US citizens
50. Pastry chef's step
51. Haunted house employees' job description
52. Loafer dangler
53. Cry from Archimedes
57. What Matryoshka do
58. Spot : Dalmation :: ___ : poodle

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