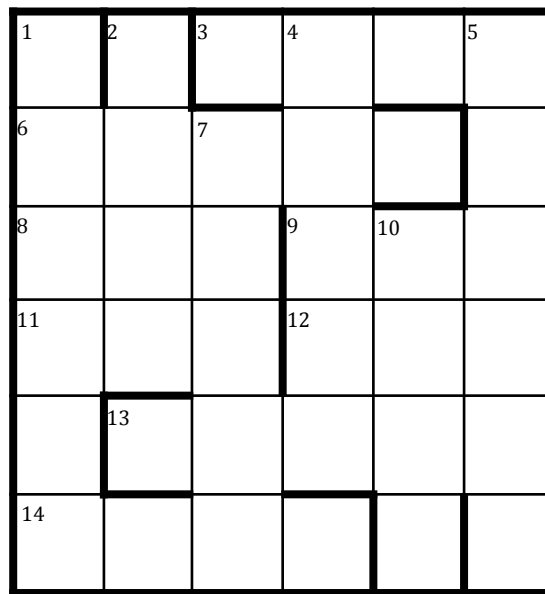


Reflections by Binder

As the new year looms, it's time for me to reflect on how I've been both flexible and efficient.

1. In this puzzle, some entries undergo reflection upon entry (all resultant grid entries are valid words). The points of reflection, top-to-bottom and left-to-right, indicate a relevant area where I need to work on being flexible as I get older.
2. For other entries, a different form of reflection is required in their clues before solving. If the *n*th word of a clue is impacted, take the *n*th letter of that clue - in order, those letters will spell how I've been efficient with this theme.
3. The final, fitting entry shows what, at its heart, is really being reflected in this crossword and its clues.



Across

3. "People" person often seen on stage with wand and cups
6. Sly dude found duelling within program boundaries
8. Time to reflect 2D broadcast
9. National rugby union leaders suing for cup
11. Hulled suede came together
12. Case of ambling/following one instance of a U-like shape!
13. Detective *honk shoo* with a *honk shoo* vivacious, energetic quality
14. Train track vehicle that transports goods in either direction (2 wds)

Down

1. Lou Bega finishes "little bit of Rita," chasing dodgy rep before fighting (hyph.)
2. The place for the fallen leaves without us, we wave
4. Very busy from a circling foul, up to the midpoint
5. Sonic voice actor Schwartz sitting beside young female member of a pack with Tails and Claus
7. Sick mice died - it's a form of euthanasia
10. Level and taste bleu cheese's top