

To Life, To Life

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This (60 + 60)-square puzzle celebrates life multiple ways:

A. The breakfast cereal Life hides its sugar in the center; correspondingly, each of six answers must, before entry, add at its exact center one of two bigrams that is half of the primary chemical subunit of sugar.

B. Milton Bradley's Game of Life assumes life is spent in a particular environment; correspondingly, seven answers must each be put into that same environment before entry.

C. Animation is just a fancy Latinate term for "bringing to life"; correspondingly, seven answers of Germanic origin must each be made more Latinate before entry.

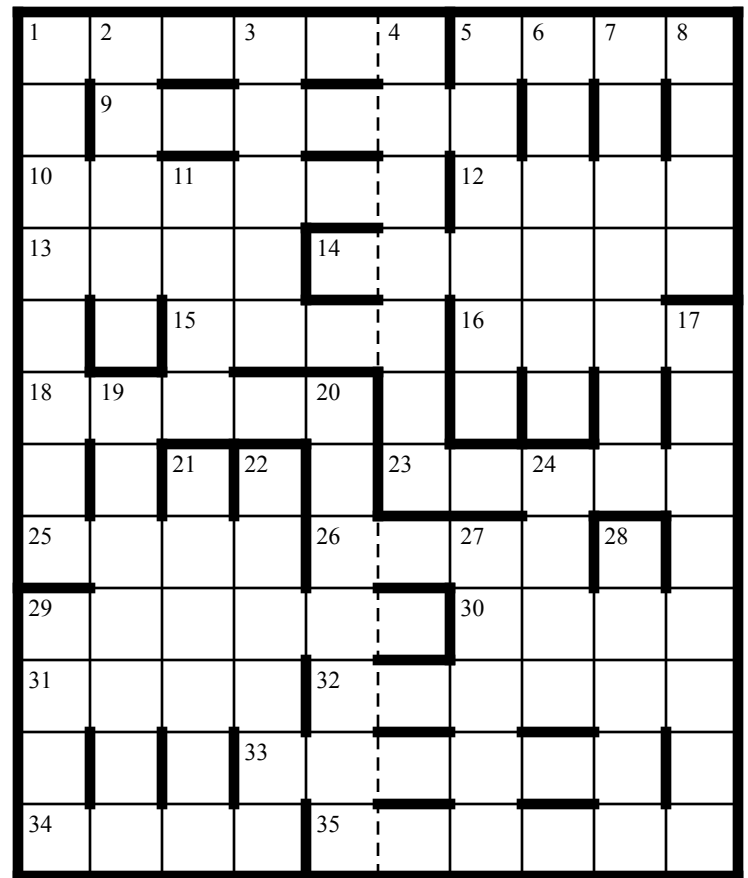
(One altered entry will be capitalized, one hyphenated, and one a two-word phrase; also, each clue for an A, B, or C answer will contain a noncryptic clue for its altered entry.)

Each remaining clue has either (i) an incorrect letter to be corrected before solving, or (ii) wordplay yielding a letter sequence with an incorrect letter. Also, (a) the two bigrams from A, (b) the first letters of the B clues in clue order, and (c) the last letters of the C clues in clue order, will each be a word or two in the same language; to help you (since (b) and (c) may be more obscure than (a) is) the correct letters from (i) in *clue* order, and the correct letters from (ii) in *grid* order, will translate (b) and (c) respectively.

Finally, to get an appropriate song for this particular event (for which I have supplied two identical layer cakes, one in each half of the grid), next to each (i) clue write down (a), (b), (c), or (uncapitalized) the word for "life" in their language, depending on whether (respectively) the first, second, third, or fourth word of the clue has the incorrect letter. (Or read the *incorrect* letters from (i) and (ii) clues in clue order to get a song that may be more familiar.)

ACROSS

1. Size of a half-carton of eggs Ace gets through
5. Centime in (oh!) German fin. inst.'s rec. (*abbr.*)
9. Emulate a lascivious individual and dance around
10. Make the *s* of *singe over* finally end
12. Alice Cooper's largest spring
13. Swap halves of low-quality Hydrox copycat
14. One-word term meaning "That won't happen in about a billion years, Papa"
15. Re: Spell of Rotten Old Bond Villain (2 *ws.*, *abbr.*)
16. Pitcher Young thus inverted the last pt. of a countdown (2 *ws.*, *abbr.*)
18. Smell five couples at church, after second
23. *Tempest's* retrogressive male mugs
25. Not happy with list of her pivotal nutr. figs. (*abbr.*)
26. Level with followers of McKinley and George VI
29. One backer of magus with petite serpent
30. First 80% of coffee drink turned blue-green
31. Affirm Watt's redirected each river
32. Descartes text used to make keener energetic
33. Hook upon thin, outspoken *Clue* actress Brennan
34. Creatively skilled, stern bores vociferate
35. Laterally extending part of a building the Cuban left



DOWN

1. Leaders of reveling one put to work are exciting
2. Notify of fighting west of Napoli
3. 601 hoisted golden, divine fluid
4. Adds new tops to topless region's clothing (oof!)
5. The middle name of Elvis, leader of Athens? Ronald
6. Charge for Jenny or Mare includes small, not large, fee
7. Semi-rosy simian animal whose head is trimmed with stringy stuff
8. Sort of goat that bites John's bottom
11. Give up gym before one encounters unclad Zelda
17. I'm person alongside desert beasts, secondarily fighting
19. Earthman whose body is propelled into an airlock before he confronts HAL 9000 east of Second Avenue
20. Later pay of Louis in *Casablanca* mostly is associated with certain Turkic peoples [NI3]
21. Actress Angela dumping one snake that's most vulgar
22. I find that funny, weak, gutless, predatory fowl
24. Titania, perhaps missing Togo, got a cookie
27. After getting yurt, Lethe resembles singer Merman
28. Biblical food Jack's taken from the titular woman in a Kool & The Gang hit
29. Tun, and ninety more, with Gardner's sparkling wine