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Foretelling the Future

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ACROSS:

1. To put forward a theory or idea in detail [7]
5. Leave out [4]
10. Job title for one who interprets omens by inspecting the entrails of sacrificial animals [8]
12. Substantial repast [5]
13. Scores or accrued amounts [7]
17. To forecast the future from present indications, not necessarily in a mystical way [13]
20. Lizard with adhesively-padded feet [5]
21. Severe, strict [7]
22. To change direction suddenly [4]
24. Foretell or foresee a particular outcome [7]
25. To approximately predict a future quantity or quantities based on experience and/or information currently available [8]
27. Deity [3]
28. Violent disturbance of the peace by a crowd [4]
29. Sensible or prudent (course of action) in the circumstances [7]
31. One who had a reputation for paranormal skill [5]
34. Letter of an ancient Germanic alphabet, often with occult associations [4]
35. Cereal plant [3]
36. Epic poet [4]
37. A sign of what will happen; originally from the flight patterns of birds, as performed by a Roman priest acting in an official capacity [6]
39. Repeated sound caused by reflection of sound waves [4]
40. Amusement, conviviality [3]
41. Male part of a flower; pollen-containing anther plus filament [6]
44. Priest or priestess who acted in antiquity as a medium for a specific god; or a shrine where that occurred [6]
45. Consume [3]
46. Error [7]
49. Locally-produced varieties of this wine style must be labelled "Apera" in Australia [6]
50. Viscous mixture of hydrocarbons, resins, alcohols, and other compounds [3]
51. Device for propulsion through water [3]
53. Sign or warning that a momentous or calamitous event is likely to happen [7]
54. Many-tailed whip [5]
55. Favourable signs or propitious circumstances [8]

- 57. Notion [4]
- 63. The "science" of predicting election outcomes [10]
- 64. To enter property without permission [8]
- 66. Medication for relieving pain [9]
- 67. Head nurse [6]
- 68. Open-air public swimming pool or beach [4]
- 72. Describes a tide with the least difference between low-water and high-water marks [4]
- 74. Relating to Earth's largest and most populous continent [5]
- 76. To discover, locate or understand something (including future outcomes) without having direct evidence [6]
- 77. To look forward to the probable occurrence of some future event [10]
- 78. Olfactory organ [4]
- 80. Alternative term for palmistry [10]
- 81. Illegal payment to a person in an official capacity as a means of influencing his or her actions in one's favour [7]
- 82. To act as a medium for disseminating the authorised spiritual advice of a specific dead person [7]
- 83. Hunch, conjecture [5]

DOWN:

- 1. Prognosticate about the future on the assumption that current trends will continue [11]
- 2. Buff to a smooth shine [6]
- 3. Centre of higher learning [10]
- 4. & 26 down:
- 5. Single musical composition or piece of artwork [4]
- 6. First person pronoun [2]
- 7. Roman nine [2]
- 8. Scanty, inadequate, lacking in quantity or quality [6]
- 9. One who allegedly possesses paranormal powers [7]
- 11. One who claims to have a supernatural ability to perceive events in the future [11]
- 14. Identify or stipulate with clear, definite and precise parameters [7]
- 15. Central Greek site of a famous 44 across [6]
- 16. & 43 down: Clairvoyant often depicted as a Gypsy using a 30 down [7, 6]
- 18. A null result for a date prediction [5]
- 19. Trick-taking card game whose deck is often used as a fortune-telling prop [5]
- 23. Self-centered, selfish, conceited person [6]
- 26. See 4 down

30. & 62 down: a.k.a Orbuculum; Solid transparent globe used as an aide to predict the future [7, 4]
32. Saying that a specified thing will happen in the future [8]
33. Degrade, humiliate [6]
36. Inter [4]
38. The Twins [6]
40. Prognostications based on data and records [9]
41. One who has supposed supernatural visions of the future [4]
42. Home planet [5]
43. See 16 down
47. Of a solid which is easy to mould, cut or compress [4]
48. Member of an ethnically Semitic race, inhabiting much of the Middle East and North Africa [4]
50. This beverage is required in the performance of prediction by tasseomancy [3]
52. Trojan prophetess, always accurate, never believed [9]
56. Dark brown tone associated with early photography [5]
57. An event or object which is a forerunner and fore-warner of some later event or object, usually of 59 down. (Comets were once thought to be these) [9]
58. 16th Century French apothecary and reputed seer in verse [11]
59. Destiny, fate [4]
60. A person supposed to be able to foresee the future [10]
61. Divination about the future using cheese [9]
62. See 30 down
65. Pundits who attempt to professionally predict the outcome of an event such as this rely on techniques of 63 across [8]
69. Folly, stupidity [6]
70. Portent of good or evil [4]
71. That which is yet to be [6]
73. In Greek and Roman mythology, any one of ten prophetesses of great age [5]
75. Traditional Japanese masked drama with dance and song [3]
79. Vocalise musically [4]

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