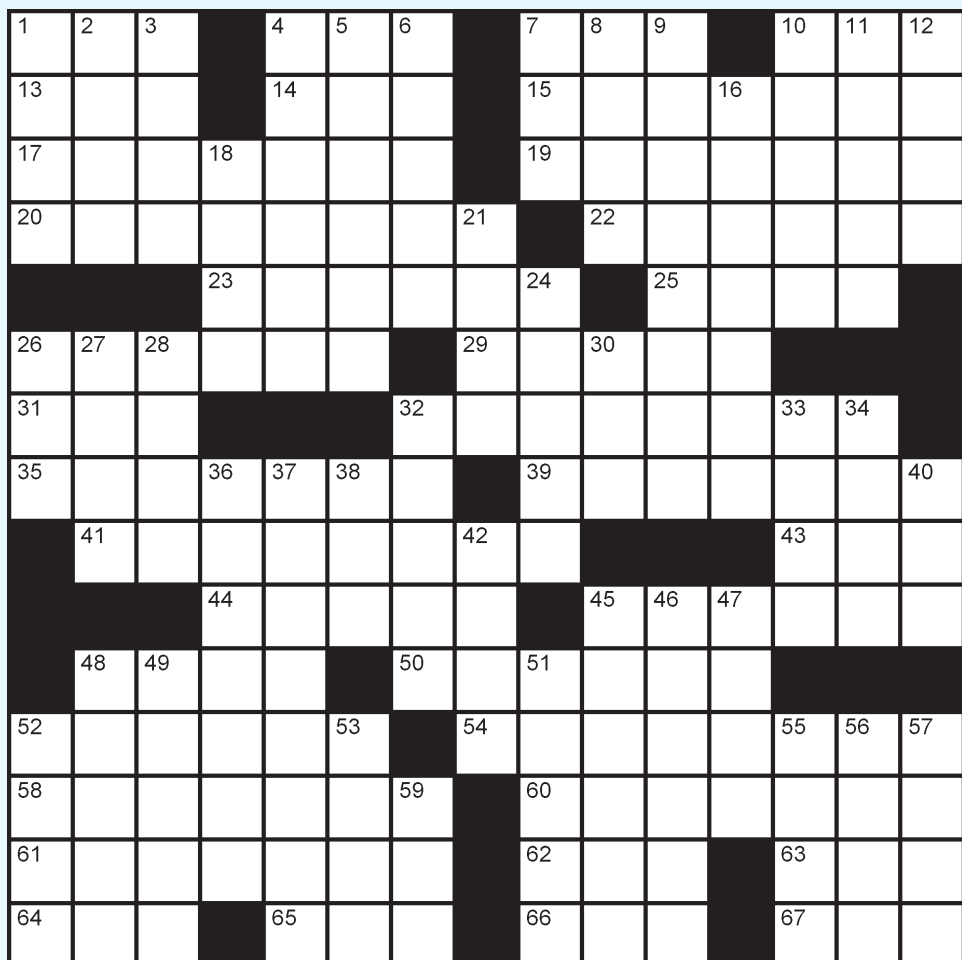


Changing the Wor(l)d by Deeksha Gaur

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Alphabetical nickname
 - 4 Belly, to a tot
 - 7 Incoming flight stat
 - 10 Org. concerned with teeth
 - 13 Schlep
 - 14 Spanish for "one"
 - 15 *Rest against
 - 17 Zazie Beetz show set in Georgia's capital
 - 19 It's hotter than a jalapeno
 - 20 See 22-Across
 - 22 With 20-Across, constructing a country's identity ... or what's happening in the starred answers? (Note: Read the extra letters in order for a bonus)
 - 23 Make a priest, say
 - 25 Waterfall spray
 - 26 **"Not a chance!"
 - 29 Estimate
 - 31 Lead-in to "carte"
 - 32 They were big and woolly
 - 35 Story with a lesson
 - 39 "Good evening," in Nice
 - 41 Shortcomings
 - 43 Sprinted
 - 44 Washer cycle
 - 45 *Longtime U.S. airline
 - 48 ___-Carlton
 - 50 Andean relative of a camel
 - 52 *Misrepresent
 - 54 *Jones is a common one
 - 58 Like Morehouse
 - 60 Rode a bike
 - 61 *Spain's main airline
 - 62 Singer DiFranco
 - 63 How technology quickly starts to feel
 - 64 ___ cream social
 - 65 Feature of "i" or "j," but not "k"
 - 66 List-ending abbr.
 - 67 Plaything
- DOWN**
- 1 Chunk of marble
 - 2 South African Nobelist
 - 3 Unattractive-sounding fruit
 - 4 Largely treeless Arctic region
 - 5 Not neat
 - 6 Disney film whose title is Maori for "ocean"
 - 7 Chi-Town trains
 - 8 Future twenty-something
 - 9 Jill who was The New York Times' first female executive editor
 - 10 Mitchell or Nin
 - 11 Prohibition's beginning?
 - 12 Soon, quaintly
 - 16 Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera
 - 18 "That was ___ blow!"
 - 21 Billion: Prefix
 - 24 Desensitizes
 - 26 Siesta
 - 27 "Frozen" snowman
 - 28 ___ avis
 - 30 Angsty rock style
 - 32 Genius' organization
 - 33 "Hava Nagila" dance
 - 34 Thailand, once
 - 36 Expensive slot in the Super Bowl broadcast
 - 37 Major snowstorm
 - 38 "Fast & Furious 6" director Justin
 - 40 Molecule in a cell
 - 42 Hair goops
 - 45 Source of life?
 - 46 Tart to the taste
 - 47 Granny
 - 48 The Holy Grail, for one
 - 49 Exclamation of amazement
 - 51 Cocoon occupants
 - 52 Indonesian vacation destination
 - 53 Boy in "Call Me by Your Name"
 - 55 Tons and tons
 - 56 NBA star
 - Anthony, for short
 - 57 Small whirlpool
 - 59 Consume

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021 *Listening Moon*



As the moon moves into the sign of partnership, bone up on interpersonal skills such as listening. Being a good listener is neither free nor easy. The cost – your full attention and a measure of time – involves things you cannot get back. And this is why there are so many poor listeners in the world, and why the value of listening is extremely high.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Being on a quest certainly brings a high, though not all quests are created equal. Who is the mission really helping? The potential for momentum increases with each person helped.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Remember when they tried to make you believe their misbehavior was your responsibility? It's almost comical to you now. Almost – but not quite. The point is that you're free. Enjoy and protect this freedom. It was hard-earned.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When was the last time you spent hours on end *not* demanding anything from yourself? Such time to yourself is a rarity that, funnily enough, only happens when you schedule it. What's stopping you from putting it on the books?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's not the new activities that are prone to error; it's the things you've done a thousand times. But you can avoid inconveniences of lost keys and the like by double-checking the easy stuff.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll enjoy a few of your favorite things: the smell of a certain spice, the sound of giggles or the soft breathing of one who naps in a warm pool of sun as your heart bubbles over with satisfaction.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Dealing with the people you already know is less work than opening your emotional doors to the untested newbies. However, right now, you'll be missing out if you don't give a stranger a chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't feel like you have to be the smartest person in the room. In fact, you prefer a room you can't dominate like that. Picking the right (read: challenging) room in the first place – that's what makes you smart.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are adapting to the current circumstances and making the next logical move. Perhaps it seems obvious to you, but those observing find you wondrously original.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Comedians are often funny because their jokes make us aware of what would normally be automatic, nonchalant action. You'll be a bit of a comedian today, observing the ordinary in a new light.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You think different things in the vicinity of different people. That certain dazzling person though – that one doesn't even have to be around to elicit your shiniest thoughts.

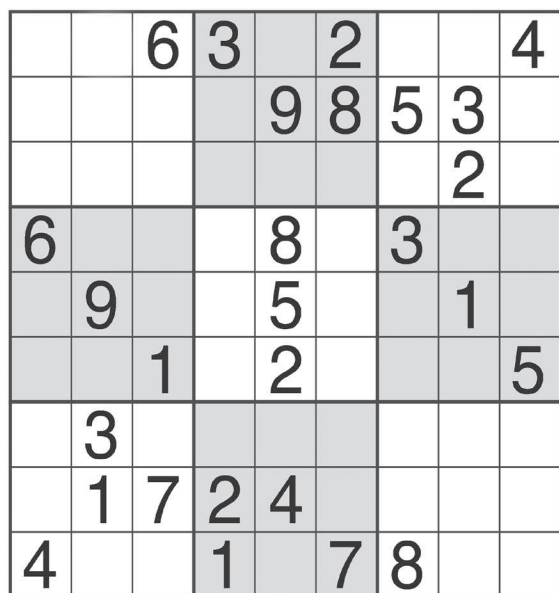
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's a time to ask why? a time to ask why not? and a time not to ask anything at all. Questions are openings. When there's an abundance, close the gate and sort what you've already got.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When rejection is a possibility, most people are risk-averse to a degree. But since you've had such a variety of results from putting yourself on the line, you've become socially adventurous. That pays off today.

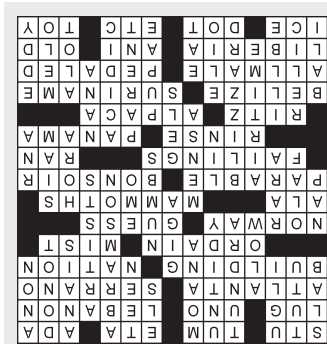
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 28). You know what it's like to love big and imperfectly, and how wonderful to feel the other side of such adoration this year. You've a talent for interpreting and adjusting to the way others communicate. For this, you'll be handsomely rewarded. You'll be included in astounding projects and wins. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 14, 38, 11 and 19.

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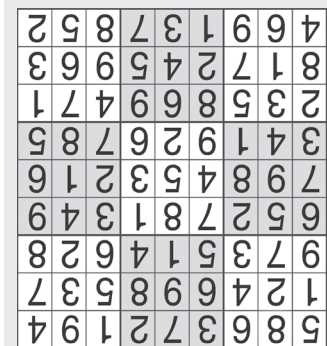
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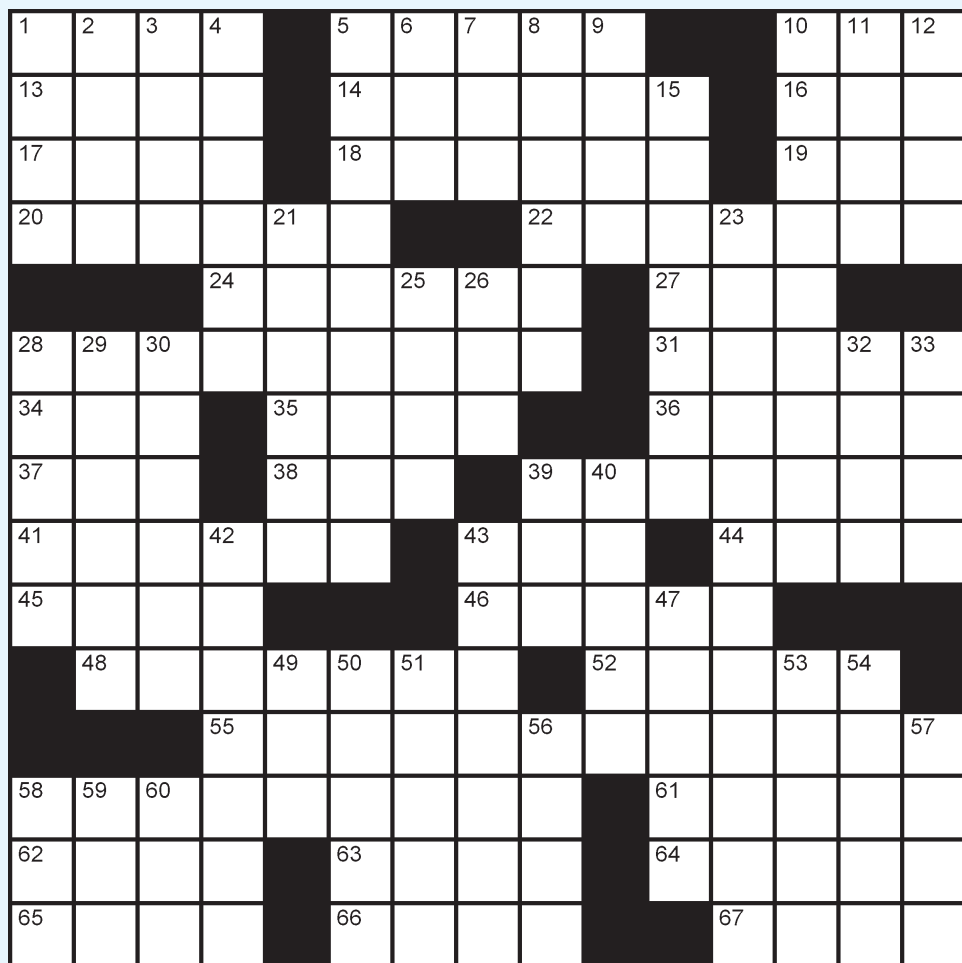


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BB-8 by Matthew Stock

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Natural Band-Aid?
 - 5 Grim
 - 10 Brevity is the soul of ___
 - 13 Greiner on "Shark Tank"
 - 14 Sleeve type
 - 16 Weeding tool
 - 17 Early Sacha Baron Cohen character
 - 18 Change, like a Pokemon
 - 19 Female sheep
 - 20 Pair of 19-Across sounds
 - 22 Fibrous cereal base
 - 24 "That's for sure!"
 - 27 Charge that might be hidden
 - 28 Lip balm company that once sold honey
 - 31 Muhammad's undefeated daughter
 - 34 Stock debut, briefly
 - 35 Word before "guess" or "West"
 - 36 "To wrap up ..."
 - 37 Multimedia artist Yoko
 - 38 Redundant follower of "tail"
 - 39 Vehicle associated with tricks
 - 41 Directs (to)
 - 43 Sweetheart
 - 44 Great Basin natives
 - 45 People you used to date
 - 46 Trash TV character?
 - 48 Vehicle associated with tracks
 - 52 Say a swear word
 - 55 They help fidget spinners spin
 - 58 Dish whose greens should be massaged
 - 61 Company that buried thousands of unsold video game cartridges
 - 62 Repairing vows
 - 63 Wedding
 - 64 Sophia of "The Life Ahead"
 - 65 Secret admirer's sign-off
 - 66 Pop artist Warhol
 - 67 Matching groups
- DOWN**
- 1 Large piece of fudge
 - 2 Coca-___
 - 3 Opera solo
 - 4 Heavy hitter, in baseball slang
 - 5 Brits' boxes for loaves
 - 6 Loo
 - 7 Self-importance
 - 8 Green-lights
 - 9 Bitter Polynesian beverage
 - 10 Search query?
 - 11 State north of Missouri
 - 12 Malala Yousafzai was one when she won a Nobel Prize
 - 15 Hulu competitor
 - 21 Question, in "Jeopardy!"
 - 23 Vegetarian Mexican foods that are rolled
 - 25 Clung onto
 - 26 Ref. with thousands of definitions
 - 28 "Free your pores" brand
 - 29 First in the queue
 - 30 Person whose work goes over your head?
 - 32 Cage or Skywalker
 - 33 College town in 11-Down
 - 39 Many four-year degs.
 - 40 City home to the Kaaba
 - 42 1962 Paul Anka song subtitled "(That Kiss)"
 - 43 BTS or the Jonas Brothers
 - 47 Hearing-related
 - 49 ___ Cruces, New Mexico
 - 50 Peruvian pack animal
 - 51 Comic DeGeneres
 - 53 Small drum, informally
 - 54 White-plumed wader
 - 56 Vortex
 - 57 Wrath and sloth
 - 58 Puffed corn cereal
 - 59 Brouhaha
 - 60 Smoky topper for a bagel

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021 *Aesthetic Side of the Libra Moon*



The scales are the only inanimate object of the zodiac and a symbol of the sort of objectivity that will be put to good use today as we decide what's fair, where the balance is and how to make things more pleasing and user-friendly. Now the moon highlights the aesthetic side of Libra. We seek beauty in the world and hold high standards for it, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Most of the games do not follow a zero-sum model. Today's situation will definitely have far more nuance, with hidden gems, trick doors, group wins, ladders disguised as chutes and chutes that pass for ladders.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Those who play it too safe wind up in familiar company and the circumstances they know best... which would be satisfying enough if not for the nagging feeling that what you're supposed to learn is somewhere out there.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Guitar strings cause blisters; skiing will cost a few tumbles. Getting good at a thing often requires discomfort, and in the case of love, pain is mandatory and a given. Without a low, there is no high.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is challenging to change modalities when you really enjoy and favor the role you're playing. But no one gets to be the same person in every scenario. Today, you're flexible and you will match your attitude as various roles demand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Those who need a lot of control can become frustrated with anything that threatens their sense of being in charge. You'll deal especially well with these types today, phrasing your ideas just right and earning trust.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're brave, but it's not always courage that causes you to move in a nonconforming direction. In fact, most times it's been a curiosity that wouldn't quit until it was satisfied. And that phenomenon continues now.

but right now you'll do your best work when the stakes are low, not high. A relaxed feeling, your lack of defenses and a playful vibe all contribute to this brilliance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When things change and you don't know why, it is only natural to want to find out. However, right now this will be best accomplished with deft observation instead of a direct line of questioning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe you didn't consciously set out to test yourself, and yet here comes the pop quiz, handed to you from life. Don't worry, you've been paying attention. You'll do well, maybe miss a few... room to grow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll benefit from being ever aware of who you're trying to benefit, serve or influence. With the end user in mind, you'll deliver a much different result than you would if you only had to please yourself.

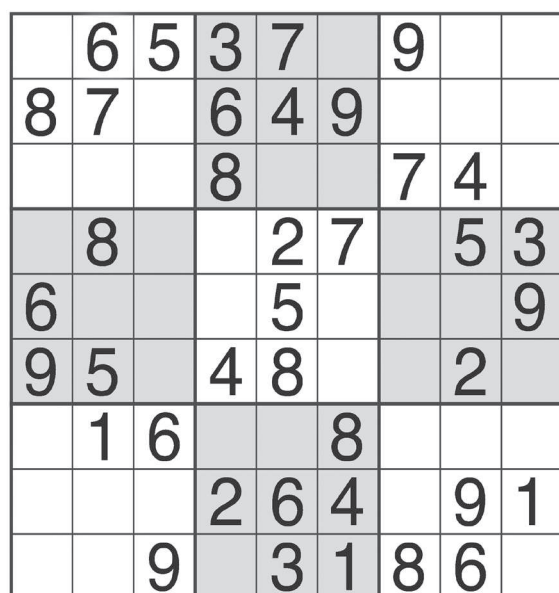
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll love the speculation that goes along with the events of the day, which serve to bring up a good point: Everything in life is a good news/bad news story, depending on where the thing ends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't always get to choose your teammates, but when you do have a choice, you'll avoid people who require you to work harder than you should, especially emotionally.

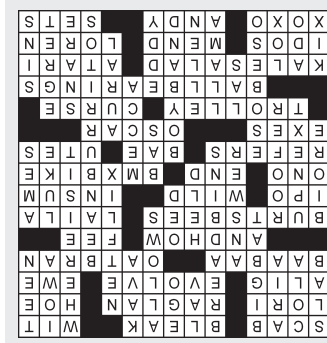
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 1). You embody the spirit of play! Playmates challenge you to new creative heights. As the energy gets lighter, the ideas flow stronger. Love becomes leisure; leisure becomes work; work becomes a joy. Many improvements come from subtracting instead of adding. Just let your emotional intelligence lead the way. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 30, 9, 5 and 17.

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