

### Don't I Count? by Michael Wiesenberg & Andrea Carla Michaels

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Agcy. with a "Where's My Refund?" web tool
  - 4 Cashew or filbert
  - 7 "Open sesame" speaker
  - 14 Word after "ice" or "shower"
  - 15 Blood type letters
  - 16 Exist to experience
  - 17 Coped with change
  - 19 "There's no truth to that!"
  - 20 Enjoy leisurely
  - 22 Mars mission org.
  - 23 "The Simpsons" girl
  - 24 Number before "Liftoff"
  - 25 Holy Fr. women
  - 26 Some walk on hot ones
  - 29 "Spider-Man" director
  - 33 Song of worship
  - 38 What you sign to acknowledge risk
  - 41 Name that rhymes with "Lauren"
  - 42 "Excuse me for going off topic"
- DOWN**
- 1 Poker declaration
  - 2 Lines going out in all directions
  - 3 Wing measurements
  - 4 Silver of FiveThirtyEight
  - 5 Mobile app?
  - 6 Chore list heading
  - 7 Venusians or Martians
  - 8 Measure for petrol
  - 9 Hosp. hookups
  - 10 Jack traded for them in a fairy tale
  - 11 Black key above G
  - 12 Capital of Idaho
  - 13 Zones
  - 18 Org. for athletes who putt
  - 21 Acts of choice
  - 26 Eve's firstborn
  - 27 Kind of painting
  - 28 See 48-Across
  - 29 Lead-in to "mo"
  - 30 Run on TV
  - 31 Scratch up, say
  - 32 MLB stat
  - 33 Capitol Hill aide
  - 34 Polite address
  - 35 Many a Monopoly rd.
  - 36 Paul of guitar fame
  - 37 \_\_\_ Fields cookies
  - 39 Running back's units: Abbr.
  - 40 Nintendo console
  - 43 Become part of a sing-along
  - 44 Transported by plane
  - 45 Print often made using a stone, briefly
  - 46 Visit, as a diner
  - 47 Milk a scene
  - 48 Point a finger at
  - 49 Cook in a pan, maybe
  - 50 Ebony's partner
  - 51 Gently shift to a new topic
  - 52 Mine transports
  - 55 Unfreeze
  - 56 Pop in a bottle
  - 57 Handmade craft site
  - 59 Dallas NBA player, for short

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2020 *Scorpio Sun Lends Future Vision*



The time to prepare for adversity is during prosperity. But people in prosperity are so happy to be there at first that they don't want to imagine hardship, or they have been there long enough to get lulled into the delusion that comfort lasts forever. It takes special keenness to wake up and look ahead. The psychic Scorpio sun will assist!

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Whatever the issue, at its very root, it's as old as people. What's been written about it? Look it up and you'll find that the problem has been as well-addressed in the last decade as it was in the last millennium.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You feel like you're just making up reasons to celebrate, and maybe you are, but if you don't do this, when exactly will celebrations occur? Not nearly often enough.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Fear is not the enemy; it's just a message that goes off when triggered, like a car alarm. Also like a car alarm, it often goes off for reasons other than it was designed for.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Your body has a deep, ancient and intuitive intelligence, which is separate from your mind. Your health gets better when you think less, listen to your body and give it what it needs.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The key to amassing friends who truly enrich your life is to be excellent at spotting the stranger or acquaintance who has great potential. First impressions are key. You can trust today's perceptions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The way to win the competition will be to not compete. If you sense someone is trying to outdo you, give them the props they are looking for, and then take yourself out of the game.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Is it possible to be always at peace in a world that is not? Well, if anyone can do

it, you can. As you accept, bit by bit, the reality you're living in, you see ways to work with what is in order to create what might be.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** They warn against burning bridges. What about just disappointing the bridge a little? It may be impossible not to. It's inevitable that a bridge will get a bit worn out by the crossing, and that's the nature of the journey.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** To enjoy pleasurable moments and then let go makes for a happier experience, though it's difficult to pull off. It's only human to try to keep pleasure on the line, even though pleasure will always cut bait.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Reconsider your shopping cart before you press the buy button. As the scholar Roger Corless said, "Trying to be happy by accumulating possessions is like trying to satisfy hunger by taping sandwiches all over your body."

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** As much as you'd like to be sure that committing to an action will bring the intended result, such assurances are not always on offer, and even when they are, they are not always true. Take the next step and see what happens.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Every decision has an obvious price and a payoff, as well as many subtle effects that are not obvious at all. But you, being astute, will pick up on them and account for them accordingly.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 23).** Inspired by strange muses, you'll veer from predictable outcomes and make a series of incredibly interesting choices. You'll enjoy new relationships of all kinds. In a most satisfying turn at the start of 2021, an old story gets a twist. You'll have command of something you never thought you would. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 18, 3, 33 and 10.

### Universal SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

### SOLUTIONS

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### Opening Moves by Arthur Klaassens

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Blame
  - 6 Green carpet?
  - 10 Not nearby
  - 14 Give permission
  - 15 Kapoor of "Slumdog Millionaire"
  - 16 Director Ephron
  - 17 "Last Beatle to join the band"
  - 19 Departs
  - 20 When you should get in: Abbr.
  - 21 Major financial services company, informally
  - 22 Was ahead
  - 23 "Sound storage option"
  - 28 Africa's westernmost capital
  - 31 "And \_\_\_ I ever!"
  - 32 Ambient composer Brian
  - 33 Violinist Leopold (sounds like "hour")
  - 34 Regretting
  - 36 The "S" of STEM: Abbr.
  - 37 "One may change the color of milk"
  - 41 Alley-\_\_\_
- DOWN**
- 1 Lyft cost
  - 2 Came down on a leaf, say
  - 3 Bone by a radius
  - 4 Record book
  - 5 Common type of garage
  - 6 Finish that isn't shiny
  - 7 Studio sign
  - 8 Title for 17-Across
  - 9 Camera initials
  - 10 Ire
  - 11 Area with limited access to affordable groceries
  - 12 "\_\_\_ you sure?"
  - 13 Dorm heads, for short
  - 18 Nurse, as a drink
  - 22 Skier's hangout
  - 23 Lipinski or Reid
  - 24 Fixes the grammar of, maybe
  - 25 POTUS, for the military
  - 26 Confine, as a cockatoo
  - 27 Stirred up
  - 28 Totally rad
  - 29 \_\_\_ borealis (northern lights)
  - 30 "Don't give up!"
  - 34 It can detect speeders
  - 35 "What's the \_\_\_ of that?"
  - 38 They're bent when crouching
  - 39 Ire
  - 40 Viking character
  - 46 When breakfast is served at IHOP
  - 48 Basic ones should be met
  - 49 Damaging part of a sunbeam
  - 50 Outdoes
  - 51 Halloween animal
  - 54 Oklahoma city
  - 55 Apex
  - 56 Move dizzily
  - 57 She-sheep
  - 58 Part of a homemade doll, maybe
  - 59 Only a handful
  - 60 Roth or traditional plan
  - 61 "It's \_\_\_-win situation"

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020 *Venus Harmonizes with Saturn*



Everyone needs security. Everyone needs some amount of control. We cannot function properly without believing that we are safe and that we have choices. The harmonious agreement of Venus and Saturn highlights the heroes among us who feel secure and in control in the widest variety of circumstances... or act like they do.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Early on, distractions abound, and it feels impossible to get anything accomplished. Don't fight the flow. Relax and wait for the productive hours that open up in the evening.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You don't always get a choice in the company you keep, but today, you absolutely have control over the social lineup, and your preference will make the day most enjoyable.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You wanted it to be one way, and therefore, you saw it that way for a time. Delusion is a natural stage of the learning process. Then came an awakening, and now you're in the readjustment.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Something comes up to remind you of honor's role in day-to-day life. Your personal honor code is unique, but what's not unique is how living by it is absolutely crucial to your sense of self.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You'll have a degree of control over people's perceptions. Avoid talking about yourself. Think of a way to get others to do the talking for you. Is there something akin to promotional material that you can send ahead?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Happiness is an off-menu item and can't be ordered up. So just order something likely to fortify you, and, if you're lucky, the chef will send out a surprise side dish of happiness on the house.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Be careful what you wish for, as you'll get it quickly – especially if a Leo has anything to do with it. Social stars are on the rise. New people add a flirtatious excitement to the mix.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Something you tucked away will now have a perfect use. It makes you think that you're a bit psychic, and indeed, you have an excellent sense of what you'll need in the future.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're in a rebellious mood, but don't rebel against your own better angels. You can go off in the direction of freedom and do the righteous thing all at the same time.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** When you try to tame that wild part of you, you meet yourself with stubborn opposition. No one can resist you like you! Counterintuitively, the way to get yourself in line is to allow more leeway.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** All your searching ends back at you. Your journey to reach this destination and that, but the prize is always the same: a deeper knowing of who you are and always were.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your enthusiasm is omnidirectional. You don't choose a target on which to place your support. Rather, you stand in the middle and give something to anyone who needs it.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 24).** Your charisma and popularity grow in the weeks to come. You'll like having all kinds of social bonds – some cemented, others tied with paper streamers, colorful and easy to break free of. You'll get top buyers for what you're selling, especially in November and February. Promises will be made and kept in May. Aquarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 22, 31, 9 and 16.

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