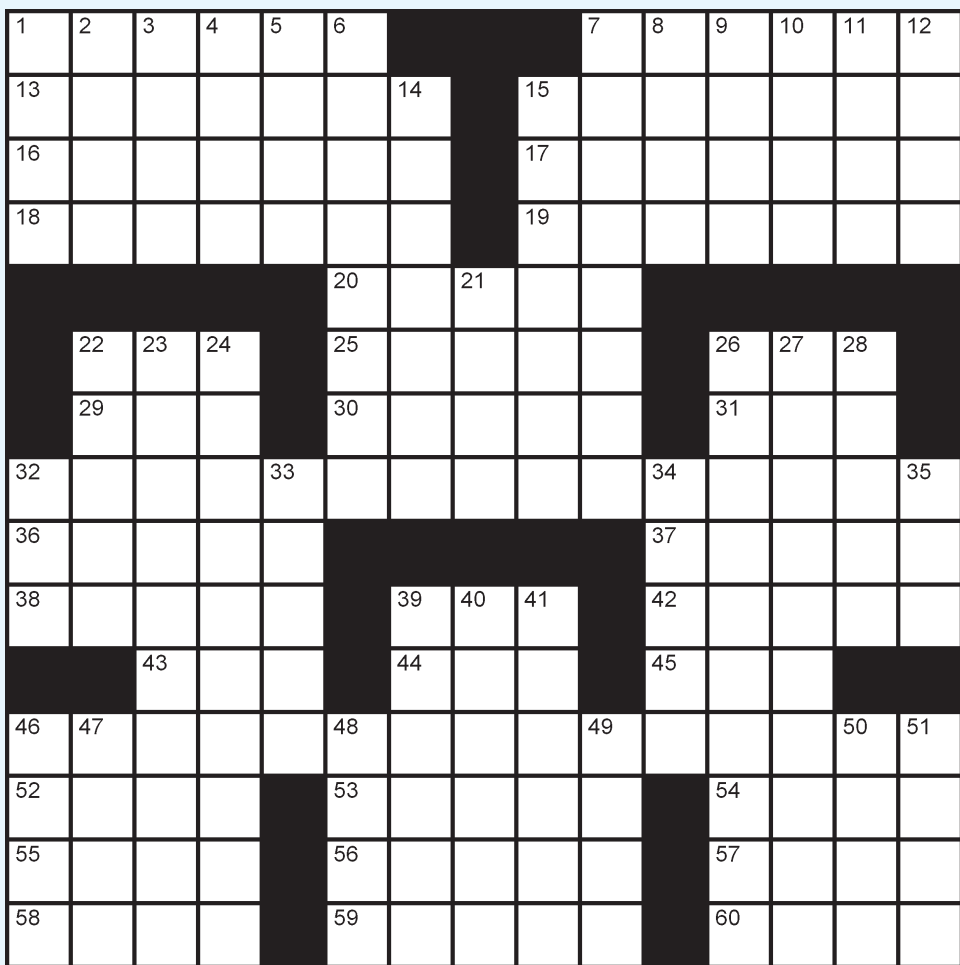


### Disappearing Act by Peter A. Collins

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Stuff in potatoes
  - 7 Like Pinocchio, originally
  - 13 In rows and columns
  - 15 Raider Nation, for instance
  - 16 Inverse trig function
  - 17 Easy chair go-with
  - 18 Cars that aren't green
  - 19 Monetary inflow
  - 20 Roman river
  - 22 "That \_\_\_ easy!"
  - 25 Perfect
  - 26 Hip-hop's \_\_\_ Def
  - 29 Sign, as a contract
  - 30 It stops near the Eiffel Tower
  - 31 Holiday \_\_\_ (hotel chain)
  - 32 Made something scary
  - 36 On edge
  - 37 Pallid
  - 38 Daisy relative
  - 39 Palindromic sister
  - 42 A wedding cake may have many
  - 43 Longtime "Game of Thrones" network
- DOWN**
- 1 One way to go to prom
  - 2 Skater Lipinski
  - 3 They contain the sequence "s, t, u"
  - 4 Word before "hour" or "order"
  - 5 Advertising award
  - 6 Punt
  - 7 Napoleon's undoing
  - 8 Currently airing
  - 9 Bassoon's higher cousin
  - 10 \_\_\_ with faint praise
  - 11 Jacob tricked him
  - 12 "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" alum
  - 14 Leaked
  - 15 57-Across's location
  - 21 Testing stage for an app
  - 22 They transport electricity
  - 23 Operating room number?
  - 24 You may do an ollie with it
  - 26 What some overcommitted people have a fear of
  - 27 Under consideration
  - 28 Mocking look
  - 32 Initials on a Windy City bus
  - 33 Alps region
  - 34 Regarding birth
  - 35 ICU figures
  - 39 Egypt's second president
  - 40 Like a hard battle
  - 41 Constantly pester
  - 46 Disneyland transport
  - 47 Starter \_\_\_ (first house)
  - 48 Numbers to crunch
  - 49 Like -12, vis-a-vis
  - 50 Grumpy workplace?
  - 51 H's, in sorority names

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020 Sagittarius Opening Statements



Humans love familiarity, and it's natural to seek out people who are like you. Novelty is usually a lesser need than security, but the Sagittarius sun makes a strong point: Without new input, we go stagnant. Stagnation breeds toxicity. It's easy to ignore the warning signs that stagnation is setting in. Stir things up proactively.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll be a genius at picking topics of discussion, even with people you don't know well. You aim to uplift. You'll shut down conversations aimed to tear others down.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It's true that you sometimes have to talk yourself into doing the very things that were your idea from the start. To be effective in this, just remind yourself of the many reasons why you want what you want.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** People make time for people they want to make time for. "Too busy" is a way of saying "different priorities," and that's OK, too! Stay aware of the expectation others have of you and how you play into it.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You trust yourself, but that doesn't mean you think everything you do is right. A healthy amount of the right kind of doubt shows more confidence than unchecked conviction.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You won't have to seek helping opportunities, because they will be all around you. Some people are helped by little more than a warm smile. Moments of complete attention and kind words provide more uplift than you know.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The most attractive stance is one of calm collectedness. From that place, you can see and act on opportunities. Rushed people create problems. Believe in the timing of life instead of imposed and superficial urgency.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The sensation that you're

lost can creep along the edges of your psyche, even when you think you know where you are. Breathe. Knowing exactly where to go and what to do next is unnecessary right now.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Watch your energy levels and performance while doing ordinary things. Keeping track of this in daily life (not just in demanding situations) is an act of noticing that supports your health and well-being.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Today comes with a very convenient cosmic gift. People will make obvious efforts to let you know their intentions, wants, needs and feelings. If it's not obvious, it may not be so.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** What's wrong will also be ugly. Gossip definitely fits the category. Many around you will trauma-band over shared disdain. It's not a good look. You'll stay out and stay attractive.

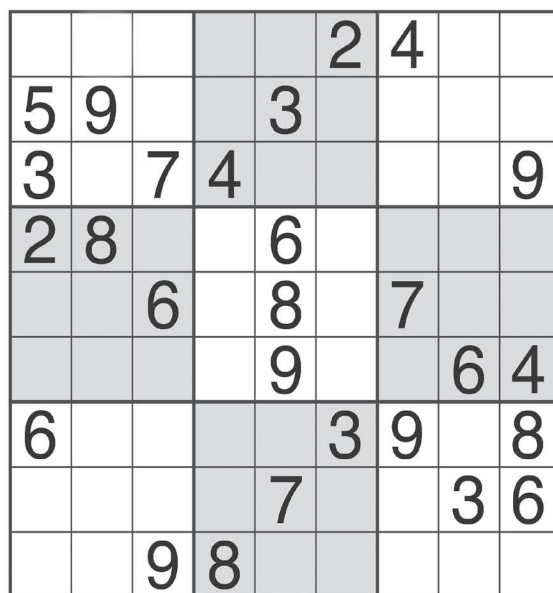
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** People say "just kidding" when they're maybe only mostly kidding. People say "I don't know" when they actually totally do. You're sensitive and aware. You'll get more of the story because you're willing to wait for it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You don't take the connections between people for granted, because you know how much effort can be involved. You've built bridges, crossed them and burned them, too. Today, take a boat. It's temporary but drama-free.

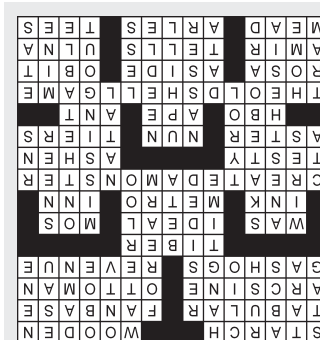
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 22).** You will be rich in emotional commodities such as enthusiasm, hope and love. You'll get excellent at reading people, which will help you assemble productive teams and seek relationships bound for ease and success. What you accomplish in January will attract an audience. Build on it and bank the dividends in April. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 11, 13 and 17.

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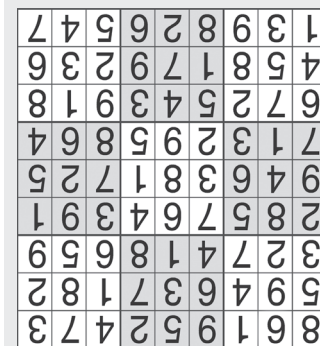
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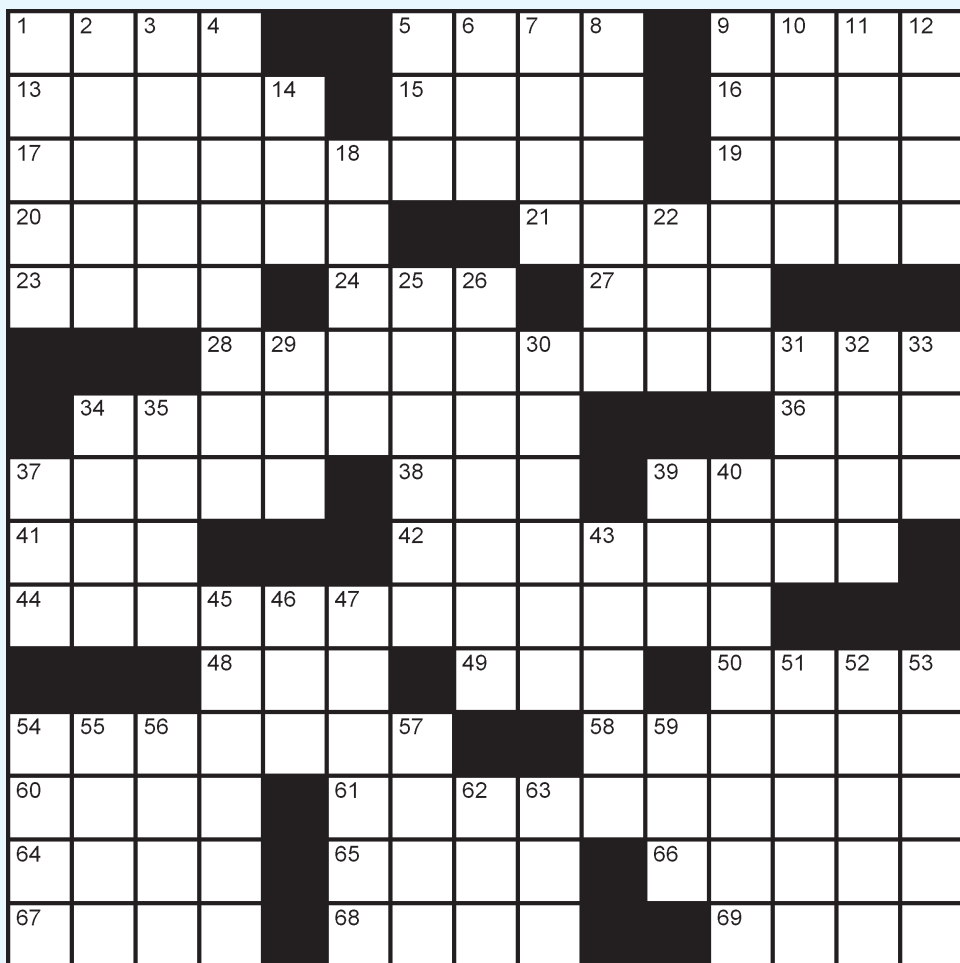


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### Part-y Leader by Paul Coulter

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- ACROSS**
- 1 They may update automatically
  - 5 Happy Himalayan's sound
  - 9 Greeting from Kermit
  - 13 Allegation
  - 15 Quartet minus one
  - 16 Abbr. at the end of a list
  - 17 Really useful
  - 19 1970 Kinks classic
  - 20 Make beloved
  - 21 Let up
  - 23 Caribbean and Mediterranean
  - 24 Fed. fiscal agency
  - 27 Civil Rights Memorial designer Maya
  - 28 Place to keep horses
  - 34 Formal requirement?
  - 36 Author Harper
  - 37 Flows like oil
  - 38 Call \_\_\_ day
  - 39 Customary
  - 41 Friend
  - 42 Provided commentary, as for a documentary
  - 44 Military construction expert, perhaps
  - 48 Velshi on MSNBC
  - 49 Decryption org.
  - 50 Lhasa \_\_\_
  - 54 Through the roof
  - 58 Crow's activity
  - 60 Certain sandwich cookie
  - 61 Big bowlful of stew, perhaps
  - 64 Fodder holder
  - 65 Gift-wrapping supply
  - 66 Mother-of-pearl (CRANE anagram)
  - 67 Deadly Egyptian biters
  - 68 Put your foot down?
  - 69 Call for
- DOWN**
- 1 Hurts all over
  - 2 2D surface
  - 3 It eats shoots and leaves
  - 4 Skid horizontally
  - 5 Grp. that may discuss online classes
  - 6 Ashes holder
  - 7 Fair attraction
  - 8 Kansas City baseball team
  - 9 Capital of Montana
  - 10 Langston Hughes poem whose title precedes "sing America"
  - 11 11, for 22
  - 12 Minnesota's St. \_\_\_ College
  - 14 "Case of the Ex" singer
  - 18 Worked for Uber
  - 22 Meet, like Congress
  - 25 Doling (out)
  - 26 Great place to live?
  - 29 TGIF part
  - 30 Pines (for)
  - 31 Water color
  - 32 Be the captain of
  - 33 Electric \_\_\_ (shocking fish)
  - 34 Have on
  - 35 Captain's place
  - 37 Massage venue
  - 39 Where Dubai is, briefly
  - 40 Intentionally misrepresented logical proposition
  - 43 Change chemically
  - 45 "Gulliver's Travels" brutes
  - 46 Former quarterback Manning
  - 47 Times when most owls hunt
  - 51 One of 1,000 in some puzzles
  - 52 Trap
  - 53 Looked at creepily
  - 54 1998 NL MVP Sammy
  - 55 \_\_\_ Kringle
  - 56 Cry from an injured boxer?
  - 57 Make warm
  - 59 Writer Rand
  - 62 Orangutan, for one
  - 63 Single situp, say

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020 Communication Tips from Mercury & Venus



Venus and Neptune form an auspicious trine, favoring effective communication, which is different from the automatic and sometimes false pleasantries. Voicing positivity doesn't always make for a connection. Think more about listening to others and matching them where they're at. Then it will be possible to lift spirits in small increments.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** One way to leave a party is to slip out without saying goodbye. It's quick, but it only works well in a lively crowd. There's something you want to get out of. You dread a long discussion. Wait for a diversion.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It would be easy to blame a new person for what the old person did. You'll know you're doing this because your reaction will be disproportionate to what caused it.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** If the meaning of life is to give life meaning, you'll be most fulfilled by today's experience. You take it all in, make sense of it and then assign significance accordingly.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** In an effort to be strong, you might tell yourself that you don't care (when you do) or that you're fine with discomfort (that is heading toward unbearable). Get to a safe place where you can rectify your feelings.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** They say what's not given freely is not worth having. On the other hand, some people are never going to give freely or fairly, so you have to extract your dues when you can instead of waiting for benevolent disbursement.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll find it hard to put a price on something, but you must, or you're not going to be able to exchange it for what you need. Value is subjective, but you'll find the sweet spot where a deal can be struck.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You don't need to change anything about yourself today, though you may need

to change who you're sharing yourself with. The ones who get you will be curious, playful and delighted by your quirks.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** We constantly cast one another in roles according to what we each need in our lives. Play the role you were cast in if it suits you, but don't believe for a minute it's who you are. You're the actor, not the part.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Focus and it's yours. Get ahead of potential attention sponges. Think about what might distract you, and then make contingency plans to prevent those outcomes. With disruptions to a minimum, you're unstoppable.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You may say that you don't want to get involved, but you can't help but notice what the people you love are dealing with. Even so, resist the impulse to fix people's problems for them.

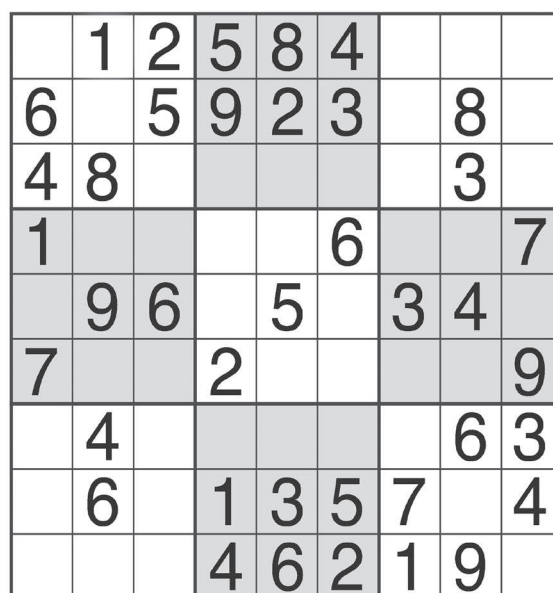
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Presentation is important. Don't leave it up to the fates. The power play is to give people something to focus on. Later, they're going to talk. If you're proactive, you'll greatly influence what they talk about.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** A bit of soul searching will be in order, but it's not a long, deep process. This is a quick check-in to see how the move you're thinking about measures up to basic tenets, such as the Golden Rule.

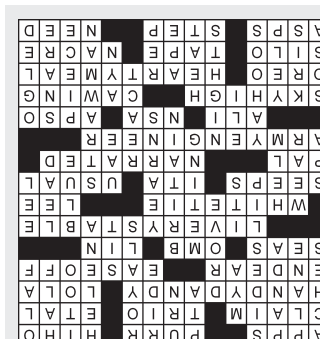
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 23).** The solar journey will be marked by a snappy rhythm: actions repeated, habits established, checkpoints reached to bring your goals to hand. Your schedule and the people you see regularly form a supportive infrastructure to help you accomplish your purpose. In 2021, you will experience a mysterious and beautiful process and learn it intimately so that you may teach others. Aries and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 33, 38 and 42.

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