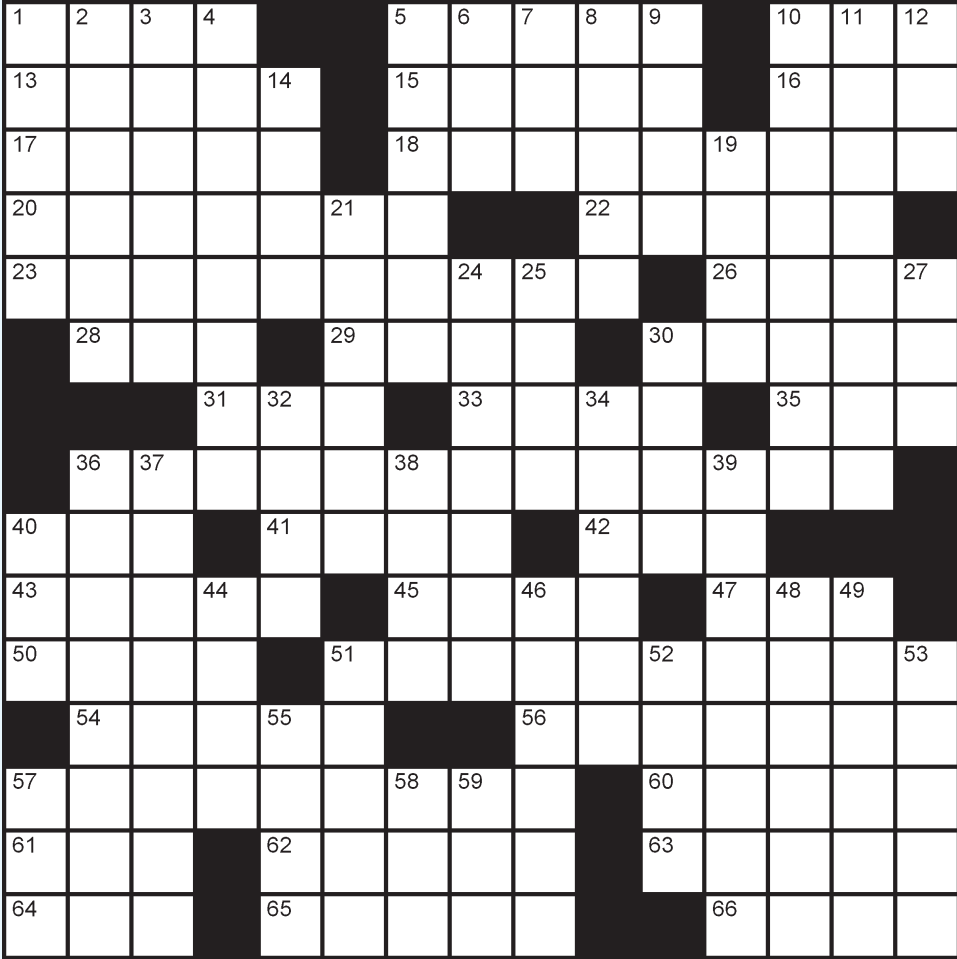


No Vowel Play Intended by Lewis Rothlein & Jeff Chen

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- ACROSS: 1 Org. working with SpaceX, 5 Home for a baseball player?, 10 "100 years... 100 Movies" list org., 13 Five Norwegian kings, 15 Vows, 16 Person who gets into good habits?, 17 Being who may take teeth, 18 Flatter, but not blander, 20 Moderately slow, in music, 22 Peaceful pastoral poem, 23 Mixer, but not blender, 26 Funerary heap, 28 Get the ___ (be chosen), 29 Rae of "Insecure", 30 Open the door for, 31 The "S" of UCSF, 33 Start of a logician's conclusion, 35 SSNs and such, 36 Obstructor of views, but not blinder, 40 Fluffy accessory, 41 A piano has 88 of them, 42 Warmhearted attention, briefly, 43 Hits over the head, 45 Pile of clutter, 47 Paranormal "power," for short, 50 Razor's cutting feature, 51 Lighter-headed, but not blonder, 54 Sheets and tablecloths, 56 Home of Georgia Tech, 57 Slip, but not blunder, 60 World-weariness, 61 Payback note?, 62 Scope, 63 Common flashlight battery, 64 ___-out (poor excuse), 65 Largest fencing weapons, 66 Historic stretches, DOWN: 1 Jack Sprat's dietary restriction, 2 Family support group related to AA, 3 Sent regrets, 4 "I wish it weren't the case", 5 Impersonate, 6 Physicist's principle, 7 Had a bite, 8 Belonging to others, 9 Founded, on a sign: Abbr., 10 Skilled in reasoning, 11 All-inclusive scholarship, 12 Tats, 14 Match up, 19 Use the hunt-and-peck method, say, 21 Pang of guilt, 24 African flies (SESTETS anagram), 25 "Wynonna ___" (TV series), 27 USNA grad's rank, 30 Kick back, 32 Arctic diving birds, 34 Prepared, 36 "Ta-ta!", 37 Quit something for good, informally, 38 Church song, 39 Rink performance that includes twizzles, 40 Letters after some dates, 44 Superman's earthly last name, 46 Ohio and Iowa, 48 Unsaintly one, 49 Clark who sang "Downtown", 51 Dis-cover?, 52 Baldwin of "30 Rock", 53 Train track parts, 55 Ireland, to locals, 57 Insta upload, 58 Odd number that's not prime, 59 "A very high price to pay for maturity," per Stoppard

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021 Lunar Tides of 2021



Sure, we're already 10 days into the new year, but cosmically speaking, it's not too late to delve deeper into your synthesis of 2020 and your intentions for 2021. The lunar tides will be with you. We're headed for the first new moon of 2021, and the cosmic stillness of this day makes it ideal for setting purposes and priorities going forward.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've no interest in being mistaken for the next person, and so, you make sure to have a clear point of view and deliver with a style that's all your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People tend to underestimate how much action is required. You are "people," too. Whatever effort you thought this would take, double that and then step back and decide if this multiplied figure still feels worth the prize.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). This current version of you might be "easygoing" and a "team player," but make no mistake; you're in it to win it. You'll figure out what's working, what's not, and take credit or responsibility accordingly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're a helper. This attention that you give on the regular, it just doesn't feel right to be on the receiving end of it. But try to relax and accept it anyway. People need to give, and it's your turn to take it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). For whatever the reason, this plan isn't coming together. You can see a few ways it's going wrong, but there's not one thing or person entirely to blame. Call it "education" and start from scratch.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There, in the distance - do you see it coming? Consider the classic slapstick fight move: The aggressor charges; the hero sidesteps; the aggressor falls face down with all the force of his own attack.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't spend your time

competing. Spend it dominating the game. The difference is your focus. It's not about crushing them; it's about making yourself so stellar that no one can touch you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you knew less, you took greater risks, being unaware of the danger involved. Now that you've tasted your share of consequences, your willingness to give anyway is more meaningful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have no idea from whence your next good fortune will herald. Don't try and predict it. Instead, enacting is the next right choice. Think 10 steps ahead and you'll get lost. One step is enough for now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Do not set targets for results that are beyond your control. Keep asking yourself what can be done to help this along. Set targets for what you can produce, actions you can take, miles you can move.

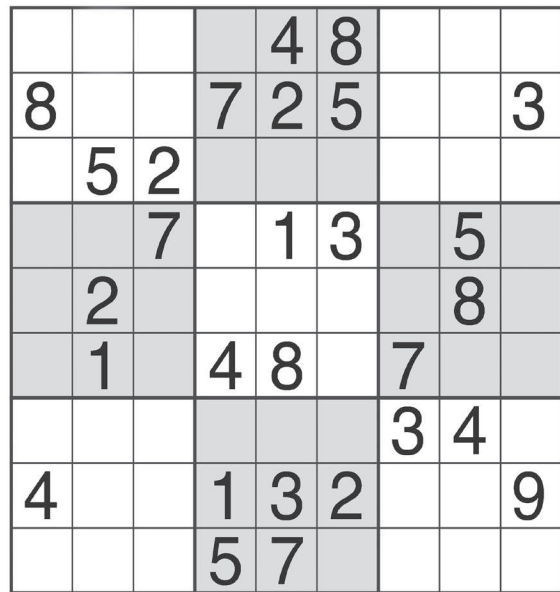
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Magic is created in the minds of those who believe and the minds of those who want to believe, though mostly, it's created in the minds of those who don't believe at all and will do what it takes to amaze.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The math seems wrong, but it so happens that average thinking and average action equal less-than-average results every time. This is why you ramp it up, doing more than what's expected.

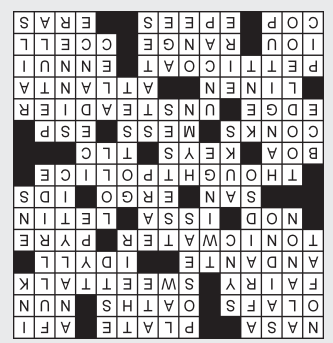
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 10). Your new era is marked by a paradigm shift. Right away, this causes a wave of lucrative business... that's not even the best part. This work is fascinating. It sparks your mind in ways that cause change. The world around you gets better because you approach with brighter awareness, ready to improve it. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 12, 17 & 41.

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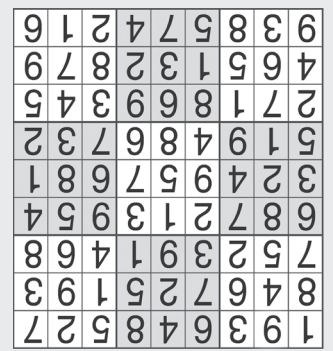
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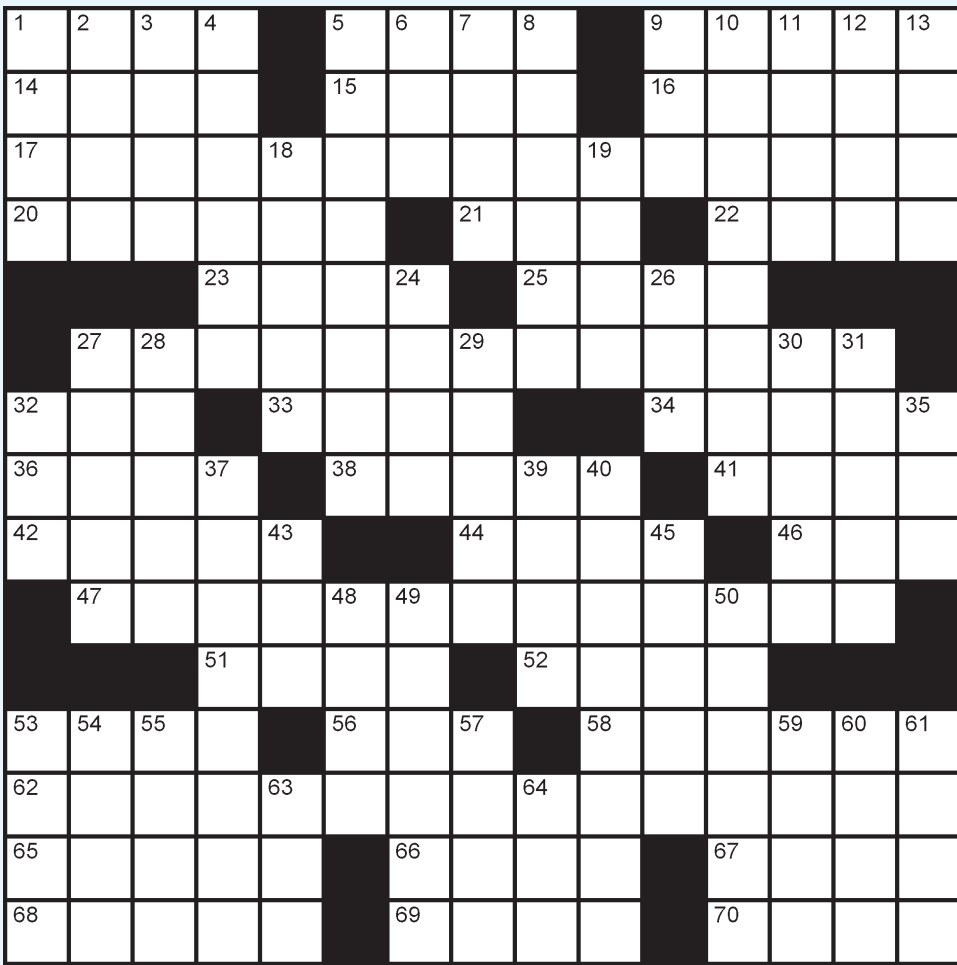


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Enjoy Our Puzzle! by Brad Wilber & Katja Brinck

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 "Well, ___ was awkward ...", 5 ___ Club (wholesaling chain), 9 Disappearing shopping venues, 14 Prefix for "nautical", 15 Be an accomplice to, 16 Get out of bed, 17 Earliest topping for fajitas?, 20 Calm and dignified, 21 Like a lopsided smile, 22 Against, 23 Reason to pull an all-nighter, 25 "Phooey!", 27 Like a baker who works the graveyard shift?, 32 Use a towel on, 33 Toy dog with Chinese origins, familiarly, 34 Dated boyfriends?, 36 Grating voice quality, 38 ___ alla vodka, 41 Queue at a truck stop, 42 One could keep you up ... or put you to sleep, 44 Small Starbucks size, 46 Pull, as a water-skiier, 47 What happens after a charity calls for hand-me-downs?, 51 Region conquered by Caesar, 52 Elsa's sister in "Frozen", 53 Prodder on a cowboy boot, 56 Some map lines: Abbr., 58 Indira who led India, 62 Synchronized obstacle-course running?, 65 Identifying words from a bell ringer, 66 Diamonds, e.g., 67 "White Noise" playwright Suzan-___ Parks, 68 Flirt with, perhaps, 69 Cedar or cypress, 70 CPR providers, DOWN: 1 Spigots, 2 "You are ___" (map phrase), 3 Like a cactus habitat, 4 Ketchup base, 5 Person taking orders?, 6 Plank targets, 7 (More tuna, human!), 8 Solid, like an oak, 9 Genius Bar computer, 10 Florist, often, 11 Property claim, 12 Future atty.'s exam, 13 Final Four game, informally, 18 Relished, 19 Gosling of "The Notebook", 24 Preschooler, say, 26 Part of a barbecue rack, 27 Swiss currency, 28 Disinfectant brand, 29 Leanings, 30 Dominican Republic neighbor, 31 Pull, as a sleeve, 32 Ph.Ds or MDs, 35 Boston-to-Providence dir., 37 Theater handouts, 39 California valley with wine tours, 40 Stretch out, 43 Greek H, 45 Like some eclipses, 48 Fling, 49 Bossy sibling, perhaps, 50 Get under one's skin, 53 Roasting rod, 54 Fancy cracker spread, 55 Bear in the sky, 57 Slanderous remark, 59 Unhappy fate, 60 "This won't ___ a bit!", 61 Flower that may be "bearded", 63 Big name in jeans, 64 Dessert often served a la mode

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2021 Cosmic Simplicity



The cosmic omens foretell a reading process. The Capricorn moon nearing the sun recalls those sayings that help us figure things out... "I before E except after C"; "Thirty days past September"; "Righty-tighty, lefty-loosey" They work because they're simple and catchy. Up your game by reducing it to elementary and sticky-simple rules.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). While you shouldn't be afraid to invest in yourself, do try the free options first. There are many excellent ones. Also, what has worked for your friends? It's a good place to start and maybe as far as you need to go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are things you want to turn down and things you want to turn up. Unfortunately, one dial is handling it all. Focus on what to increase. One gesture starts it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you're not obsessed with the goal, it's not quite good enough for you. When you're hooked into a passion, the next three weeks are incredibly productive.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The PR guru insists that there's no such thing as overexposure and that most people are hindered by obscurity. You could test the theory, as you've lots to show and tell people today. Go wild!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fear is like that boiling pasta pot. If you wait, it will build; it will boil over; it will be a mess. Be decisive, and act fast. Knock down the heat before it becomes uncontrollable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Normally you would trust your intuition, but what about when you have a slew of conflicting hunches? Gather all the information. Keep track. Don't act. You can sort later.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some chocolate is delicious not despite its bitter qualities but because of them.

You can apply it to your relationship sector, which is made dear by sweetness and made interesting by sprinkles of past pain.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When it comes to friends, you'll take quality over quantity any day. In fact, the better a friendship is, the more time you want to give it, which is too hard when there are dozens of people trying to get your attention.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe you can't balance your time so well today, considering how much work there is to be done. You can, however, get clear on your priorities. And at the end of the day, you'll feel satisfied with how you spent it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The healing, and then there's acting like everything is fine and hoping that no one notices the pain. You've done it both ways before, which is why you can spot the difference in others and help wherever possible.

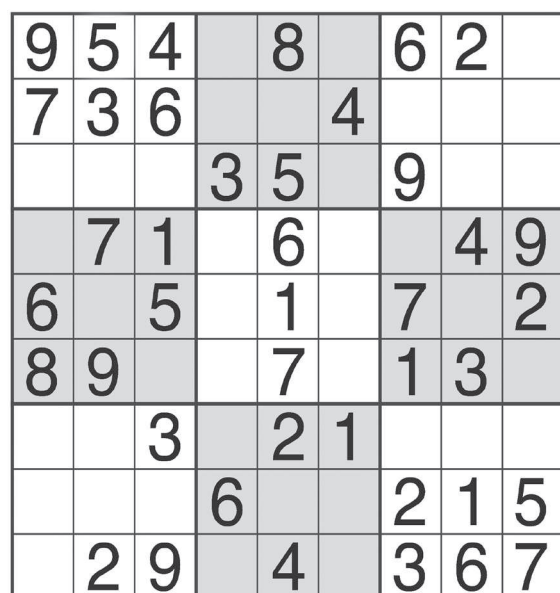
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have the answers, but that's not going to stop you from trying. It's better to do something that might work than to do nothing. One of these times, you'll crack the code.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your generosity will make change happen. It's not just about money - it's more the spirit you bring to the exchange. People will feel you join them, and together you'll be more powerful than you are alone.

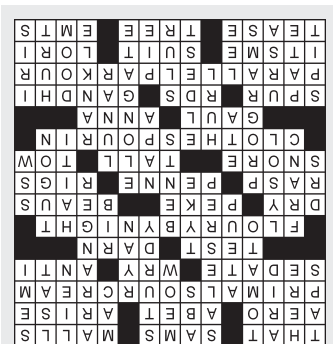
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 11). The sun returning to your natal place will either dissolve the obstacle in your path or give you the powerful mindset to transcend it. The world sees you surging with confidence, though to you, it feels like a supercharged sense of purpose. With clarity and directness, you'll make things happen for yourself and loved ones. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 21, 14 and 17.

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