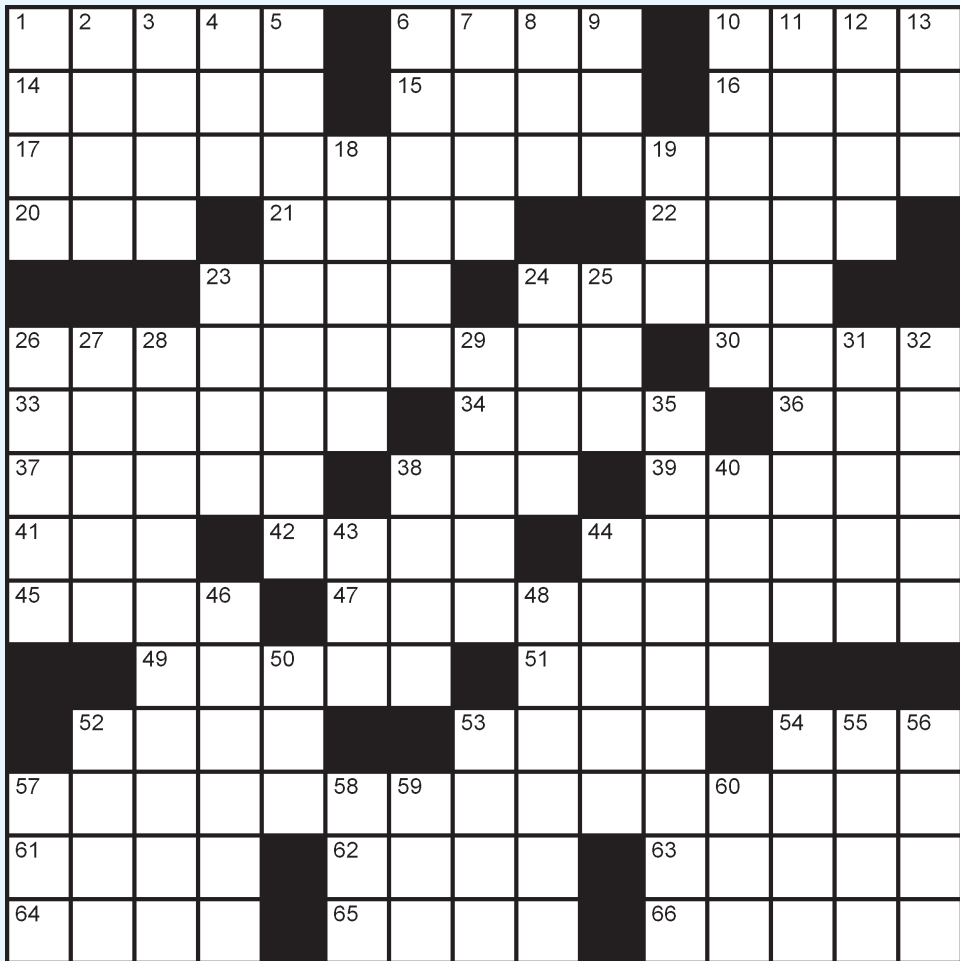


### Wrong at the Start by Zhougin Burnikel

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Strong suit
  - 6 Peeved
  - 10 Parentheses' shapes
  - 14 One may behave childishly
  - 15 Mournful cry
  - 16 Word that can precede or follow "dish"
  - 17 Workplace antics?
  - 20 Laryngitis doc
  - 21 "No ifs, \_\_\_ or buts!"
  - 22 Adjective for a shoppe
  - 23 In former days
  - 24 Lazy person
  - 26 Chain of Japanese restaurants in Ottawa's country?
  - 30 Mongolian tent
  - 33 World's largest rain forest
  - 34 Corn castoffs
  - 36 Informal turndown
  - 37 Brawl
  - 38 Feel rotten
  - 39 Pasta with slanted ends
  - 41 Certain batteries

- 42 Stereotypical techie
- 44 Orbiters with tails
- 45 Go ballistic
- 47 Tightfisted
- 49 Island nation near Tunisia
- 51 Graffiti signatures
- 52 Artist's inspiration
- 53 Skin woe treated by Retin-A
- 54 No. on a college transcript
- 57 Longing for B.B. King's performances?
- 61 Garfield's dog pal
- 62 Plant that soothes burns
- 63 Vigor
- 64 VSCO uploads, slangily
- 65 Opens, as a hood
- 66 Classic cow name

- DOWN**
- 1 Fortune's partner
  - 2 One-eyed Norse god
  - 3 Buildup on some old Tonka trucks
  - 4 "No Scrubs" girl group
  - 5 "Burn After Reading" co-director
  - 6 Most populous Nordic country
  - 7 Clumsy sorts
  - 8 Kia subcompact
  - 9 North Pole assistant
  - 10 Rick who sang "Never Gonna Give You Up"
  - 11 Speedy bird
  - 12 Place to order a croissant
  - 13 Lip balm stat, perhaps
  - 18 Like some Andean artifacts
  - 19 Note before la
  - 23 Flow slowly
  - 24 Celebrity with a huge following
  - 25 Bit of eye cream
  - 26 May honorees, informally
  - 27 "Just to clarify ..."

- 28 Latin genre featuring congas
- 29 Bases' opposites, in chemistry
- 31 Tirades
- 32 "Kids \_\_\_ days ..."
- 35 Squidward's neighbor
- 38 Solo for Lisette Oropesa
- 40 Birds that are too heavy to fly
- 43 Defib pro
- 44 Construction site hoist
- 46 Doesn't get an F
- 48 Carves in glass
- 50 Luau garland
- 52 Skirt that covers the knees
- 53 Perched upon
- 54 They surround the roots of teeth
- 55 Livens (up)
- 56 Like a dirty fireplace
- 57 Cleaner in a bucket
- 58 Toddler's break
- 59 Day-\_\_\_ paint
- 60 Bathroom, to Londoners

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021 *Anticipating the Mercury Change*



Can you feel the intentions of last week's new moon manifesting? Tomorrow brings the Mercury change that will have you witnessing your progress in a different way. If you were to, very scientifically, log recent happenings by writing them down, taking pictures, etc., you will have an accurate (and repeatable) record of your success climb.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Power depends on alignment. Misaligned values provide a friction-filled experience. But when belief, word and deed coincide beautifully, all rolls smoothly forward.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When opportunity knocked confidently at your door, you answered. Opportunity's current signal won't be so easily detected; it's the flicker of feeling across someone's face, a clip of passing dialogue. It's as subtle as a pulse.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Accept and enjoy what you've made of things. Don't let yourself obsess over what could have been different. That would only disempower you. It's a tricky way of sabotaging the present. All good comes from loving what is.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You know what it feels like to be contractually obligated, and you know what it feels like to be in love. A relationship from one category surprisingly feels more like it belongs to the other.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Relationships get better when you slow them down a bit. Some strategies to consider: talking less, listening more, being slightly less available, making fewer, but more interesting, plans.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The fear you avoid worsens. Confront it, and it will be scary at first, and then gradually get a little better each time until you genuinely can't relate to the "you" who was afraid of the thing.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** There are few indications of character that are more defining than how a person responds to loss. As you learn about people, pay special attention to this aspect of their story.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** A group is going to help you with what you wish to accomplish. It will be up to you to seek these connections, to participate in different gatherings, to find the right fit or to cherry-pick your team from different places.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You have the opportunity to redefine yourself. One small habit opens the gate. Amazing things will be accomplished with mundane but decisive acts that have been systemized to the point of being automatic.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Getting the right amount of sleep will make a huge difference in how the plot of your life develops this week. You can set yourself up for it with today's thoughtful acts of self-care and planning.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** While others turn the conversation back to themselves, you'll be the first to say, "Tell me more," thereby opening the door to deeper and more intricate knowledge. No wonder you're so smart.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** To be warmed by a drink, by the sun, by the knowledge that you are loved. Just one of those temperature changes would be luxurious, but all three in a single radiant moment is to feel you are missing nothing.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 14).** You move inside a setting too familiar for you to see as glamorous, but others will. Entranced with how you work, they'll want to join your scene. The making of adjustments and accommodations will be educational and emotionally fortifying. Financial moves are your summer forte - fortune will favor your boldness. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 10, 44, 3 & 15.

### Universal SUDOKU

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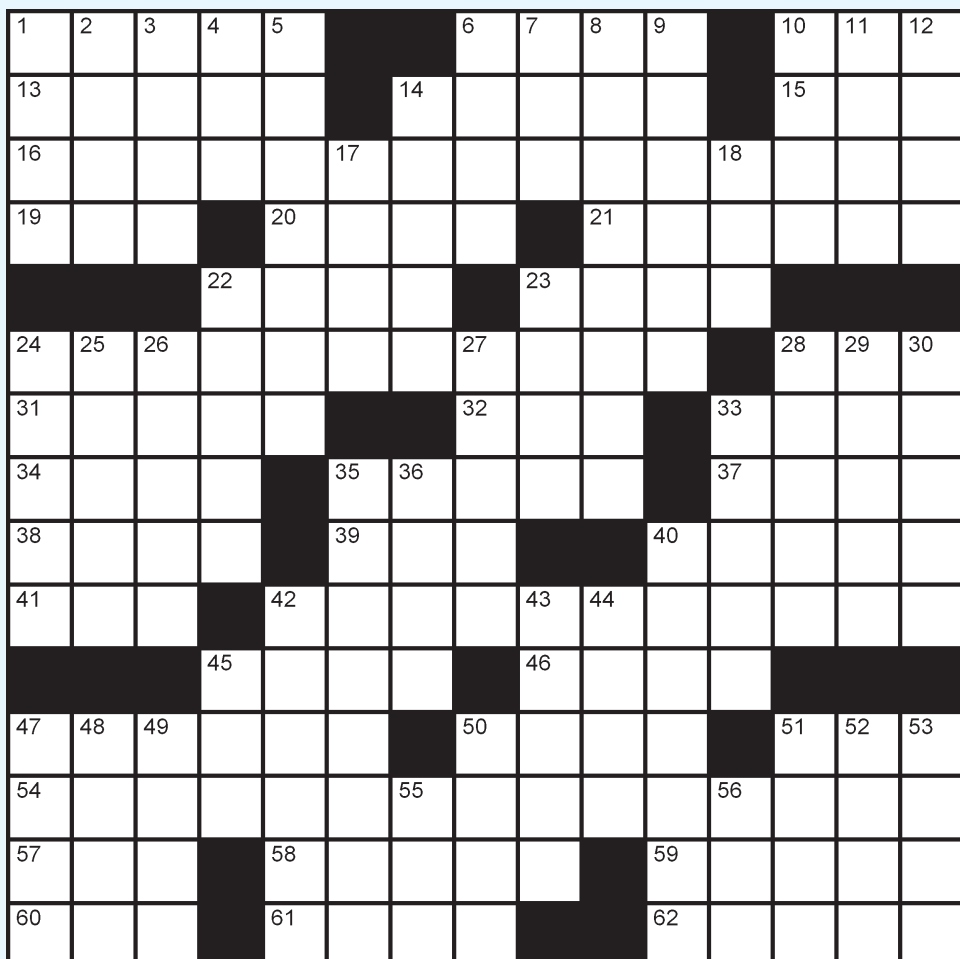
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### Cryptic Clues by Ed Sessa

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Walk leisurely
  - 6 Bathroom fixtures
  - 10 Possible sib for a sis
  - 13 Response to "Am not!"
  - 14 Medium's deck
  - 15 Years and years
  - 16 Sellers' inspector? (unscramble letters 5 to 9 in this answer)
  - 19 Ctrl-\_\_\_-Del
  - 20 H.S. exam
  - 21 Classic Ford cars, for short
  - 22 Dishonest person
  - 23 Financial liability
  - 24 Family court decree (3 to 7)
  - 28 Defense policy grp.
  - 31 Minor adjustment
  - 32 Astros, on scoreboards
  - 33 \_\_\_ Men ("Who Let the Dogs Out" group)
  - 34 Stouts and porters
  - 35 Bite down
  - 37 Basic shape for a toy train track

- 38 "Chicago" actor Richard
- 39 Nomad who threatened Rome
- 40 "I'm here to help"
- 41 Trough spot
- 42 Place to get a date ... but not to bring one (6 to 10)
- 45 Dead set (on)
- 46 Large Australian birds
- 47 Cream-filled pastry
- 50 Boy in "The Kite Runner"
- 51 Burglarize
- 54 "The Thinker," for one (6 to 10)
- 57 Vehicle that may be articulated
- 58 Perfume compound
- 59 "Fear of Flying" author Jong
- 60 China collection
- 61 Poker type
- 62 Iraqi money

- DOWN**
- 1 Goya's "The Clothed \_\_\_"
  - 2 Like some traditions
  - 3 Religious branch
  - 4 Lawyer's title, briefly
  - 5 "I don't have a preference"
  - 6 Diplomatic skill
  - 7 Online address
  - 8 Turned on, as a computer
  - 9 Short and thick
  - 10 "Cold one"
  - 11 One way or another?
  - 12 Burden
  - 14 Bygone Russian leaders
  - 17 Hairy twin in Genesis
  - 18 Watch the baby
  - 22 Rental document
  - 23 Gloom's partner
  - 24 Fawns' fathers
  - 25 Little bird that hoots
  - 26 Mistrusting
  - 27 Flip-flop
  - 28 Belly feature
  - 29 Former 52-Down attraction
  - 30 Name hidden in "scale back"

- 33 Anjou alternatives
- 35 Violin part that touches your face
- 36 Pursue game
- 40 Took by force
- 42 Takes by force
- 43 Madagascar primate
- 44 Name that's a sour fruit backward
- 45 Prohibition
- 47 Slowly recedes
- 48 Heavy metal's Motley \_\_\_
- 49 Extremely confused
- 50 Got a perfect score on
- 51 Devastation
- 52 Killer whale
- 53 Word after "polar" or "teddy"
- 55 VW precursors?
- 56 Prefix with "angle"

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, MARCH 15, 2021 *Mercury in Pisces*



The messenger of the gods turns in his winged shoes for a surfboard and rides the waves of Pisces through April 3. These Pisces weeks will show you just how well you know people. Already tight relationships will get so close that you will seem to share the same head at times. Reading one another's thoughts and co-dreaming are normalized.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Everyone has a difficult job to do. Mistakes are likely to occur that will require your understanding. You'll be appreciated (celebrated even) for your ability to go with the flow.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Today will point out the difference between investing, sacrificing and wasting. If you don't hope to get a return, and you're not taking a loss for the betterment of someone or something else, then it's probably a waste.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The need for glamour is legitimate. Other legitimate needs include, but are not limited to: fun, novelty, thrills, delicious anticipation, adventure flirtation, silliness, frivolity, levity, ridiculousness and hilarity.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Sure, you'd like to be traveling, taking in big events or elaborately designed cities, exhibits and culture. But in the meantime, there are wonders available to you right now. Look up. The sky is a masterpiece.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** So much of your success will be a function of shifting the focus from yourself to others. When in doubt, you throw the conversational ball back, or you simply allow for silence, which in and of itself can be a lovely gift.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You are the authority of you. You're not looking for anyone else to lay down the plan or manage you in any way. However, you will gladly take guidance from those whose methods have worked. A mentorship is in your future.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Do you get the feeling you'd better prepare for an upcoming conversation? Do you sense something crucial is at stake? You're right. There's something wondrous in it for you, and you'll be glad you were prepared.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Love that is new needs to grow roots before it will sprout. Don't expect to see anything on the surface when you're clearly still in the "water it and hope for the best" stage.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Powerful humility is the oxymoron of champions. You show up and people feel your presence though you don't declare it. You're more likely to take a helping role, even the bottom rung, and lead from below.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Life is too unpredictable to waste time waiting for the ideal moment. Just go. You'll find out some of the trouble you anticipated isn't even a thing. Problems get small once you grow.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** As far as you're concerned, useless things aren't pretty. What's beautiful is functional, and what's functional is beautiful. These are the guiding principles by which you'll improve your environs.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** What you begin today won't be finished tomorrow, but start it anyway. Once it's underway, it will have a force of its own and momentum will be on your side.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 15).** Being inside yourself, your qualities are impossible to fully appreciate. But if you could dance with your own personhood, you'd find yourself witty, wise, graceful and strong - characteristics that are only getting better this solar journey. Someone new contributes to your sharper vision and more ambitious plan. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 29, 4, 44 & 16.

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