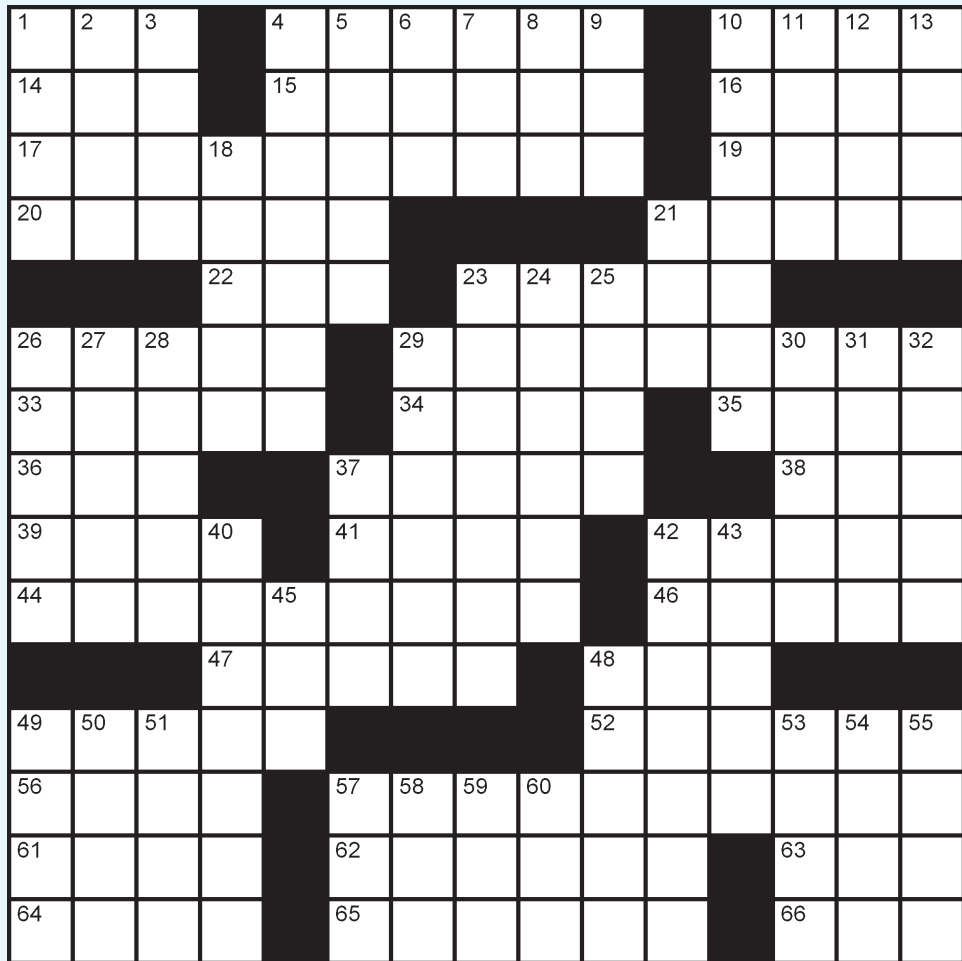


Has ty Conclusions by Winston Emmons

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Show agreement
 - 4 Easy to bend
 - 10 Legendary Yankees shortstop, informally
 - 14 Dominican lover's word
 - 15 Hang around
 - 16 Manage somehow
 - 17 Devotion to circular take-out food?
 - 19 Group of families
 - 20 Feeling relaxed
 - 21 100%
 - 22 "___ up to you"
 - 23 Distinguished British women
 - 26 Have mercy on
 - 29 "Of course, Ms. Boop"?
 - 33 Less feral
 - 34 Skirt lines
 - 35 Starter for "horn" or "string"
 - 36 ___-Wan Kenobi
 - 37 Ruckuses
 - 38 Hammer's cleaning partner
 - 39 Bone that's longer than a radius
- DOWN**
- 1 California wine region
 - 2 Exclude
 - 3 Nod off
 - 4 It may contain lime and water
 - 5 Moves with long strides
 - 6 Three, on a sundial
 - 7 Enjoyed empanadas, say
 - 8 Work without a ___
 - 9 Make an effort
 - 10 Points a finger at
 - 11 Piece of sushi
 - 12 Outback gemstone
 - 13 Reject as false
 - 18 Democratic Republic of the Congo, once
 - 21 What starts with 2/1: Abbr.
 - 23 Assignment information
 - 24 Site of stored weapons
 - 25 State of untidiness
 - 26 Heavily built
 - 27 Cellist Casals
 - 28 ___ acid (protein component)
 - 29 Emergent plants
 - 30 Bangkok residents
 - 31 Abdomen's body section
 - 32 Oman neighbor
 - 37 Group such as Emerson, Lake & Palmer
 - 40 Not yet proven
 - 42 Some Arizona natives
 - 43 Speak pompously, perhaps
 - 45 Boxing stats
 - 48 Wear away
 - 49 Its teeth may touch a brush
 - 50 With 51-Down, soothing plant
 - 51 See 50-Down
 - 53 Something purchased
 - 54 Palindromic German name
 - 55 The Big Board in the Big Apple: Abbr.
 - 57 Quickly note (down)
 - 58 State sch. southwest of D.C.
 - 59 "Unimpressive"
 - 60 "Dude!"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2021 *Fun Games on the Last Day of the Pisces Sun*



On the last day of psychic Pisces sun, try and read the mind of someone you know well, and then check the answers. Try to read the mind of someone you don't know at all. Imagine where your next text will come from. Guess what the next 12 months hold. Write it down and seal it in an envelope you won't open until the spring equinox 2022.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A person with a good attitude sees a mixed-bag opportunity and thinks of making the most of it. But you don't have a good attitude. Your attitude is stellar. You absolutely know you'll crush the coal into a diamond.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Looking past people's limitations, searching for their beauty, seeing it, pointing it out... these are some of the ways you make others happy. So much of that happiness will splash back onto you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The work of love isn't a doing/acting/fixing job today. The work of love is a listening gig, an "entering in the spirit of another" practice, a task that encompasses receiving and relaxing.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What you're hearing will mentally trigger a story about the time it happened to you, but you won't tell that story. Instead, you'll give your support generously without flipping focus your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You like to know what others are doing, but even more interesting to you is why they are doing it. You're not content with the first reasons that surface. Your fascination kicks in with the deeper ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You would like it if people would understand what's important to you, but when they don't, you simply show them again, no fuss. People often need multiple examples to internalize knowledge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As the second air sign of the zodiac, you have intimate knowledge of the kind of wonders that can arrive on the wind. Psychic breezes will kick up today, not so hard as to blow you off course but just strong enough to gently rock you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Setting things straight works wonderfully in a linear situation, like a library shelf. As for the biological and emotional world, circles and wiggleness are the norm. There's no sillier futility than trying to set wiggly things straight!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The silence between two people is as unique as the sound of their shared language. As you listen to a quiet punctuated by words, you'll hear clearly the heart's intention.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What do you want? You've been choosing for the good of others, but if you're not happy too, no one will be happy. Make yourself smile first, and then watch the other faces align.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Integrity is power. Loyalty, honor, stoicism, duty – all the qualities that could fit into the themes of heroic drama will also apply to your role and the current scene of which you are definitely the hero.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even great beauty isn't recognized by all. Some see it. Many miss. You have the sort of thoughtful, intelligent eye that can and will see many different kinds of beauty, even when it's enshrouded in ordinariness.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 19). A guiding realization: Other people's definition of success is great for them but would be a hollow win for you. You have your own version and will embody it. You commit to what's important, and life shifts to support those priorities. You'll have excellent luck attracting the right resources and relationships. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 30, 22, 27 & 16.

Universal SUDOKU

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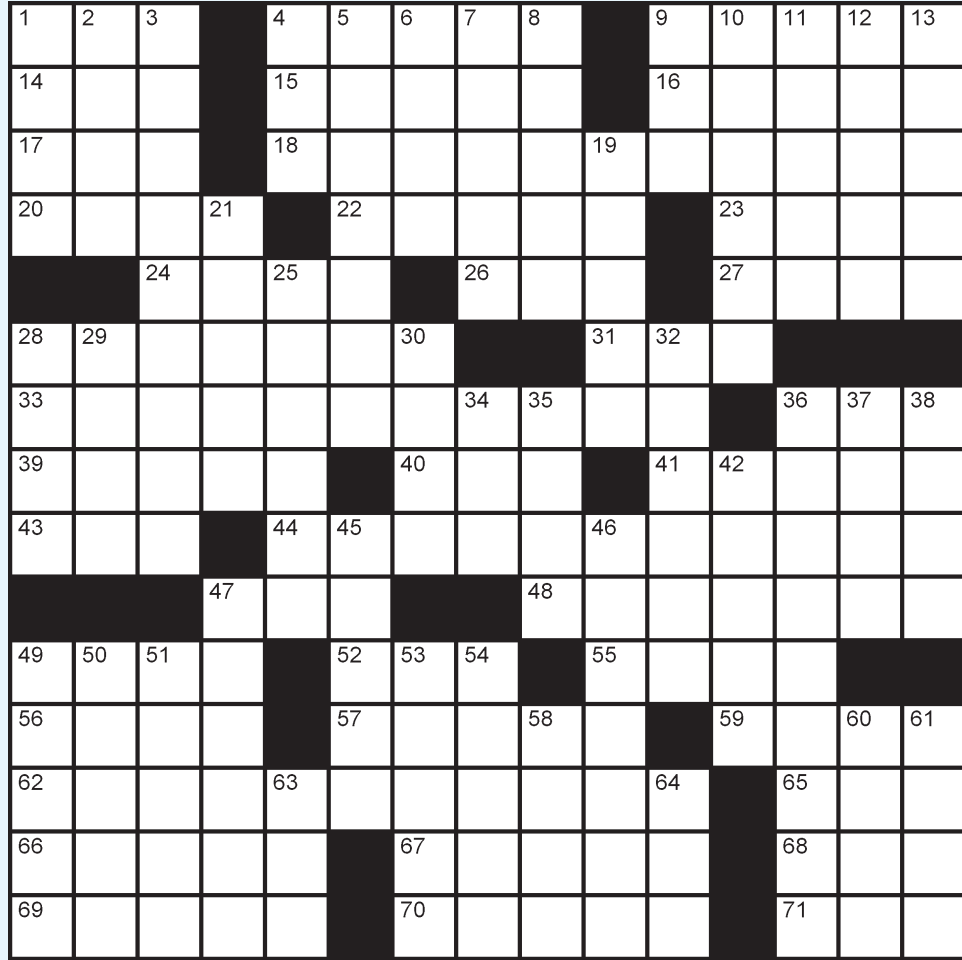
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Not So Musical by Alex Rosen

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Fizzy drink
 - 4 Like a stereotypical teen's room
 - 9 French pancake
 - 14 Tribute in verse
 - 15 Eschew a big wedding
 - 16 Bed cover
 - 17 Do a floor chore
 - 18 *Shakespearean sleepwalker (see letters 4 to 7 in this answer)
 - 20 Make ready, for short
 - 22 Like a bank account, vis-a-vis the stock market
 - 23 Empire that treasured alpacas
 - 24 Disoriented
 - 26 Cozy place to stay
 - 27 Elite English boarding school
 - 28 Doubter
 - 31 "How r u?" and others
 - 33 *Satisfied person (5 to 8)
 - 36 ___ KING
 - 39 Top-flight crew
 - 40 Sixth col. on a cal., perhaps
- DOWN**
- 1 Splendor
 - 2 Skunk's defense
 - 3 Love-starved cartoon skunk
 - 4 Blanc who voiced 3-Down
 - 5 Stretchy
 - 6 Fizzy drink
 - 7 Genre for Bond movies
 - 8 Neighbor of Saudi Arabia
 - 9 Public health agcy.
 - 10 Red gems
 - 11 Happening
 - 12 Chain that sells dog food
 - 13 Hawke of Hollywood
 - 19 Golfer Palmer, to fans
 - 21 Momma's partner, maybe
 - 25 Thwart
 - 28 Phony
 - 29 Duchess Middleton
 - 30 Place to drink a flat white
 - 32 Dr. Jekyll's alter ego
 - 34 ___ Robinson ("The Graduate" role)
 - 35 Chasms
 - 36 Meetings arranged by parents
 - 37 "Do it or ___!"
 - 38 Like blue hair
 - 42 Singer Billy or Frank
 - 45 Dominion
 - 46 Wine in an Italian chicken dish
 - 47 Engaged in swordplay
 - 49 Playful river mammal
 - 50 Carried, as by wind
 - 51 Take the podium
 - 53 Explosion sounds
 - 54 Everglades bird
 - 58 Fairy-tale villain
 - 60 Yea or nay
 - 61 Popular sing-along song that's butchered in the starred answers?
 - 63 Mos. and mos.
 - 64 Marge's neighbor

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 *Opening Notes of the Spring Equinox*



The sun glides boldly into Aries with the swagger of a rock star wailing the opening note that begins the astrological concert. This is the transit of birth, new starts and the fresh fortune that goes with it. Beginner's luck springs from this paradox: When you have nothing, you have nothing to lose. 'Tis the season of enterprise, risk and hope.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even as you long for things to be different, recognize the preciousness of this time. Long stretches of sameness are a necessary backdrop to change. The movement and the stillness are equally lovely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're focused on what you *get* to do instead of what you *have* to do. Of course, they are the same action items, but that one-word change makes all the difference.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In relationships, what succeeds or fails isn't in the actual real-world exchanges but in the participant's heads. You'll increase the impact of your actions by focusing beyond them and into the mind of your counterpart.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You can climb the success ladder higher and higher until you touch every rung, but it's only going to bring you fulfillment if that ladder is leaning against the right building. The burning question: WHAT'S worth the climb?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The smile-thief named "unmet expectations" is a prodigious and stealthy collector. Many robbed never even knew they had expectations in the first place. Being truly expectation-free offers impenetrable security.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Why would a person try, on purpose, for a goal more likely to bring failure than success? The short answer is because that person is extraordinary. Building muscles around rejection is a move that pays off.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You keep picking up more

skills. Today, it's soft skills such as reading the room, guessing what another person is feeling and needing, and then finding that cool way to offer up just the thing that would make the difference.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Memories bubble up. You'll learn by examining things in the past that didn't go so well. Why now? Because this is the moment of optimum readiness. Everything needed for the processing is right here.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). As for psychic pain, it's a symptom like any other. If the wound were healed, then you wouldn't be hurting. This day comes with an emotional x-ray to show you exactly what the problem is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Just know that if you reach, you're going to be off-balance; the precariousness is just part of it. Seasoned reachers stay rooted in the ground, even as they open their arms, ready to receive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Do you know your purpose with a person? Once you've nailed that, you can choose ahead of time what to focus on. When you do get the chance to connect, your connections will flow in the direction of your purpose.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will use positive words to describe yourself and your life because you really feel that way. Really feeling that way isn't a function of being a positive person; it's a function of having the discipline to focus on the positive.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 20). Despite the times, your social swirl still manages to heat, fortify and fascinate you. Then, what a thrill when your work receives an acknowledgment from those you admire. But the best part is when you realize that you've evolved to a place where the quest is actually the prize. Creativity and purpose rule the show. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 12, 40, 4 & 13.

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