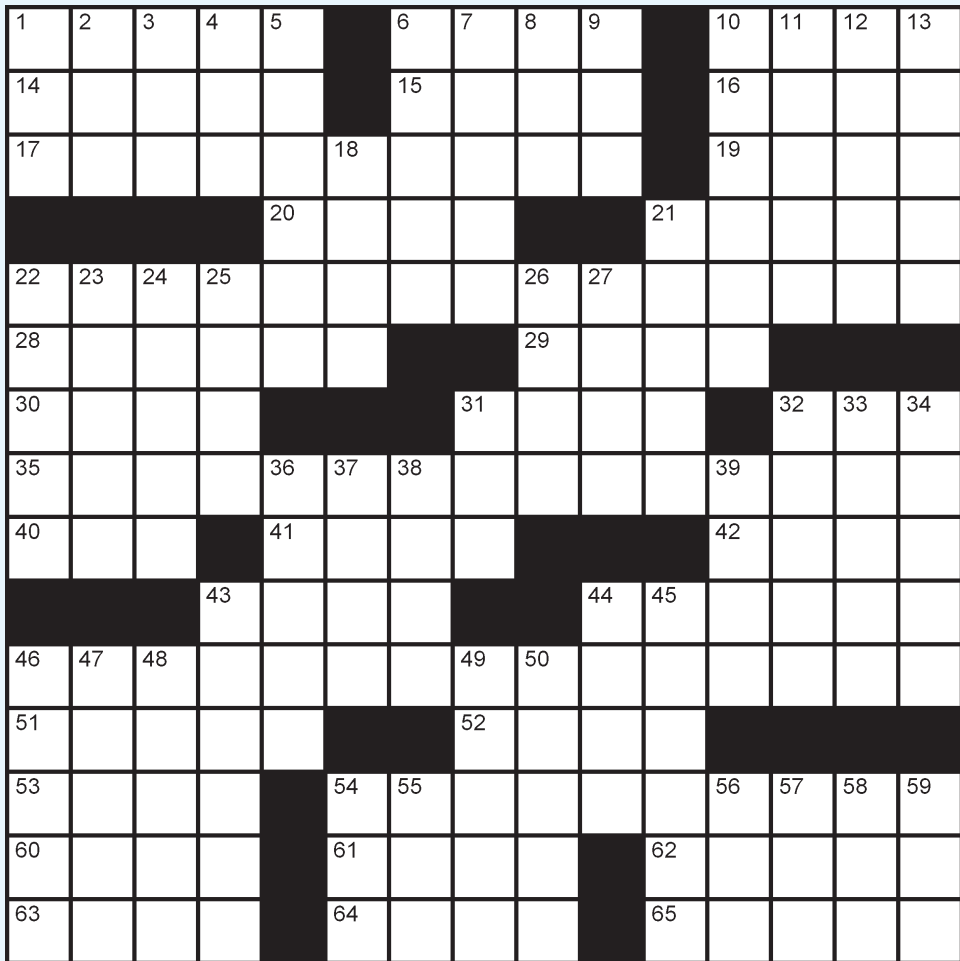


### Shifting Gears by Sally Hoelscher

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "A Light in the \_\_\_" (Shel Silverstein book)
  - 6 Dry, as a desert
  - 10 Tablet with a mini model
  - 14 Clingstone or freestone fruit
  - 15 Art \_\_\_ (architecture style)
  - 16 Created
  - 17 Manhattan boulevard known for luxury penthouses
  - 19 Food Network star Goldman
  - 20 Leafy cabbage
  - 21 "Look for yourself"
  - 22 Take apart to understand
  - 28 Whoopi's role in "Ghost"
  - 29 Top-notch
  - 30 Jamaican tangelo
  - 31 School orgs.
  - 32 \_\_\_ Lankan cuisine
  - 35 Substance with a pH of 7
  - 40 Nickname that drops "An"
  - 41 Group of troops
  - 42 Green Gables girl
  - 43 Black-and-white animal hidden in "colorcast"
  - 44 Church fundraising event
  - 46 Emphasize one's message
  - 51 Potato gadget
  - 52 U.N. Women Goodwill Ambassador
  - 53 Declare
  - 54 Last message from a smartphone?
  - 60 \_\_\_ of honor
  - 61 Word following "moving" or "sidewalk"
  - 62 Sharpens
  - 63 Range between soprano and tenor
  - 64 Cold War letters
  - 65 Sing "The Lonely Goatherd," for example
- DOWN**
- 1 Yelp or Zoom
  - 2 Darjeeling, for one
  - 3 La Brea goo
  - 4 "Ew!"
  - 5 Energy point in yoga
  - 6 "Send My Love (To Your New Lover)" singer
  - 7 \_\_\_ Elise Goldsberry ("Hamilton" cast member)
  - 8 Hosp. area with many monitors
  - 9 Mama deer
  - 10 "That's it for me!"
  - 11 Halt for a moment
  - 12 Commercial charge
  - 13 Put off
  - 18 Flower holder
  - 21 Knife brand in infomercials
  - 22 Circular
  - 23 Lawn tool used near a sidewalk
  - 24 10 cents, for a dime
  - 25 Give off
  - 26 Intl. alliance since 1949
  - 27 Losing 10 pounds, perhaps
  - 31 "Gangnam Style" rapper
  - 32 Egyptian peninsula
  - 33 Saoirse of "Lady Bird" and "Little Women"
  - 34 Like a nonreactive element
  - 36 Less common
  - 37 St. Louis' Gateway \_\_\_
  - 38 "U r so funny!"
  - 39 2-Down brand
  - 43 Go to extremes with
  - 44 "Roll Tide!" school, informally
  - 45 Lack of enthusiasm
  - 46 Emotional conflict
  - 47 Competitor
  - 48 Advice for treating a sprained ankle
  - 49 Kitten cries
  - 50 Glowing remnant
  - 54 Baton Rouge sch.
  - 55 Intl. alliance since 1948
  - 56 Also
  - 57 Finish
  - 58 "Charlie the Ranch Dog" author
  - 59 Fashionable initials

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021 Cosmic Conflict for the Culture Queen



As Venus, the queen of culture, breaks into the sign of the warrior, we are reminded that culture is created by people agreeing and disagreeing with one another. It cannot exist without conflict. The culture, like a river, is never static, currents rushing from the highest to lowest point and ascending through mist back to the highest point again.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Just because nobody objects to an idea doesn't mean it's a good one. Controversy gives things heat, which makes things happen. You'll thrive on the energy of diverse opinions and opposing points of view.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** A problem has increased your awareness to the point where you see a pattern that others don't notice. More remarkably, you have the insight to understand what the pattern reveals and apply it to your solution.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It does sound simple: Know what makes success and follow that plan. And yet, there are wild cards to navigate. For instance, the tools, resources and abilities are not yet at your disposal. Go forward in faith. They will be.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** In today's situation, words – however eloquent, apt or well-delivered they may be – will not suffice. Everyone will be watching what you do for cues to their own behavior.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** It's like trying to park your car into a tight spot. Getting in doesn't mean you're going to get out, and you might irk the owner of the car to your left. Why set yourself up for future difficulties?

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** People go about their business intent on armoring their vulnerabilities and hiding weaknesses, but that will not stop you from seeing. In fact, your compassionate eye will be drawn to the cover-up.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Alert: What flies in on

tiny wings and lands on you with the enchanting lightness of a butterfly will, in fact, be a humongous responsibility. Perhaps it's worthwhile. Just know that if you agree to it, this will take up a nice hunk of life.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The sun came up, but there are people around you who still need someone to turn on the lights. Be that person. You already have your hand on the switch. All you need to do is give it a flick.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** There are still so many "firsts" to be had that spending a day without executing one almost seems like a waste to you. You'll peruse a whole host of possibilities before the sun sets.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You are not immune to the reaction of others, and were you so, it would be difficult to do such things as make money or contribute to mutually pleasing experiences. That said, only a few opinions really matter today.

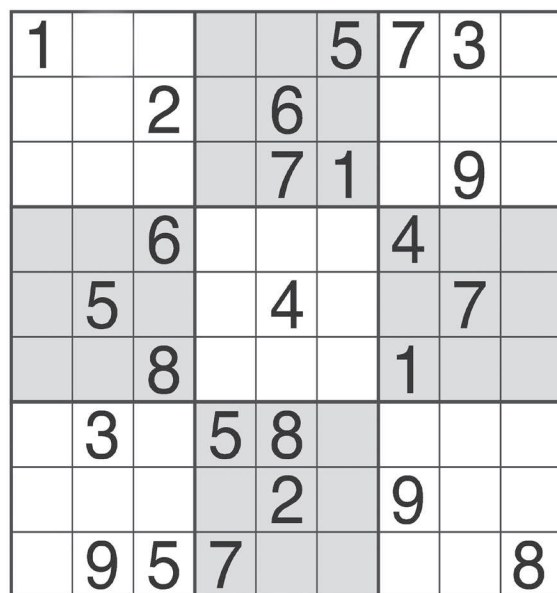
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You enjoy those relationships that are always evolving, never static. This could technically describe all of them, though some move faster than others, as you'll witness today.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** While there's nothing you can do to ensure tomorrow goes to plan, keeping track of what did and didn't work in the past gives you greater control over the impactful elements.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 21).** If you ever doubted it before, this solar return will reinforce the concept: This world is for you. You'll participate with the reverence, responsibility and pride of ownership. You'll be the recipient of an honor. The pursuit of a curiosity will blossom into a full-blown mission. New friends educate and entertain. Sagittarius and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 1, 11 and 14.

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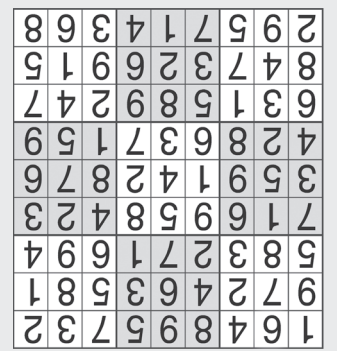
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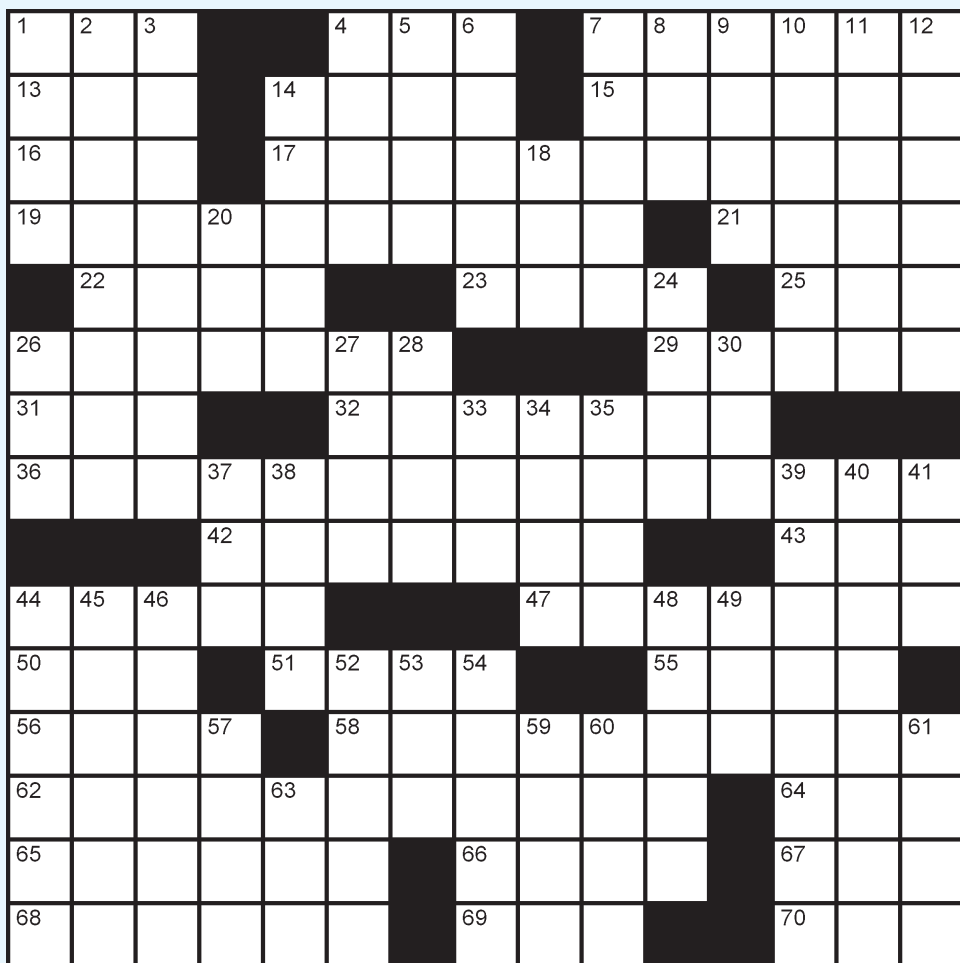


## SOLUTIONS



### Three Parts by Jeffrey Wechsler

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fancy hotel facility
  - 4 Sends a text, briefly
  - 7 Like the tortoise, vis-a-vis the hare
  - 13 Sturdy tree
  - 14 "Insecure" Emmy nominee Rae
  - 15 Group's spirit
  - 16 Guy
  - 17 Lead actress in "The Dark Angel"
  - 19 Commit a hockey infraction
  - 21 Testy mood
  - 22 Actor Morales
  - 23 Pigeon tail?
  - 25 Detroit-to-Cleveland dir.
  - 26 Small excerpt
  - 29 Of earlier vintage
  - 31 Give \_\_\_ whirl
  - 32 Skin used for some traditional Native American clothing
  - 36 Harmful competition
  - 42 Charming, as a smile
  - 43 Certain craft brew, informally
  - 44 Shrimp relative
  - 47 Received top billing (in)
  - 50 Cherry
  - 51 Starburst's color
  - 51 Gunk on a pond
  - 55 Creepy look
  - 56 Nouveau-Mexique or Dakota du Nord
  - 58 With 62-Across, Shakespeare play with the characters found at the ends of 17-, 19- and 36-Across
  - 62 See 58-Across
  - 64 Had pitas with hummus, say
  - 65 Antsy feeling
  - 66 They often hang out at garage sales
  - 67 Numbered rd.
  - 68 Ziti and others
  - 69 TV schedule divisions: Abbr.
  - 70 Penn of "Designated Survivor"
- DOWN**
- 1 Transport vehicle
  - 2 Prenatal
  - 3 nourishment source
  - 3 Person experiencing memory loss
  - 4 "Understood"
  - 5 Car sticker letters
  - 6 "Bonjour" relative
  - 7 It rises from a pipe
  - 8 Setup for a smash, maybe
  - 9 Metal holders?
  - 10 Gave a heads-up
  - 11 Literary girl in Paris and Moscow
  - 12 One may subtlet "Understood," to a beatnik
  - 14 Environmental prefix
  - 20 Water source
  - 24 Extinct bird
  - 26 Prestigious British address?
  - 27 Subj. with opportunity costs
  - 28 Preschoolers
  - 30 Net-touching serve
  - 33 Personal question?
  - 34 \_\_\_ and haws
  - 35 "Oh, su-u-ure!"
  - 37 "Gross!"
  - 38 Altoids containers
  - 39 Evidence of skidding
  - 40 Short work with arias
  - 41 Former humor magazine
  - 44 Contract before marriage, informally
  - 45 Where to find many small cones
  - 46 Pithy sayings
  - 48 Those with Ph.D.s from MIT, say
  - 49 Dream sleep initials
  - 52 Large wine orders
  - 53 College Park sch.
  - 54 Merriment
  - 57 "Be like \_\_\_!"
  - 59 Beloved
  - 60 Loses firmness
  - 61 Fishing rod attachment
  - 63 Org. at JFK

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021 Venus Advises the Open



Many find themselves in the planning phase of projects on this first full day of Venus in Aries. A good way to start is with the end in mind. Starting and finishing strong will be tied for importance. Think about what might make a satisfying button so you can close things on a high note that rings and rings long after the final credits have scrolled.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** There's no definitively correct way to run your life, but it does go better when you follow your own code. If you can't seem to stick to a rule, change it to one you'll be more likely to keep.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It takes courage to be oneself, especially where a strong authority figure is present. Even a benevolent leader creates an atmosphere of compliance. Give yourself props for each time you are daringly yourself.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Your life holds many reward systems, most of which have been unconsciously set up. Now that you know what outcome you'd like to see, you can consciously set up a reward system aligned with that outcome.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** People won't mention problems if no one asks. You have a spidey sense about such things and should definitely follow it. You'll save yourself from the trouble that would come if small, easily handleable problems went ignored.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** The reason justice departments have anonymous tip lines is that the truth often comes from anonymous sources. You can effectively apply this principle to solving a mystery.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll come to an impasse – as good an excuse as any to return to the fundamentals. Some of the foundations laid long ago have settled badly. This can be fixed! Foundation jacking isn't just for old houses.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** A key part of relationships is watching out for one another. You'll definitely show

up to the task, though you might do so quietly and from a supportive distance, ready to assert yourself only as needed.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Just because you can make something work doesn't mean you should. What if you knew that what you really wanted was guaranteed to come with only a few more changes, a little more work and a willingness to hold out? Well, it is.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Perhaps it isn't possible to get to the bottom of a mystery. However, you could definitely learn enough to advance to a more secure place where the wilder speculations have been resolved.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You've a strong appetite now, not for food but for other things that make life delicious. Approach as you would a buffet, taking taste-sized samples so as not to make yourself uncomfortably full.

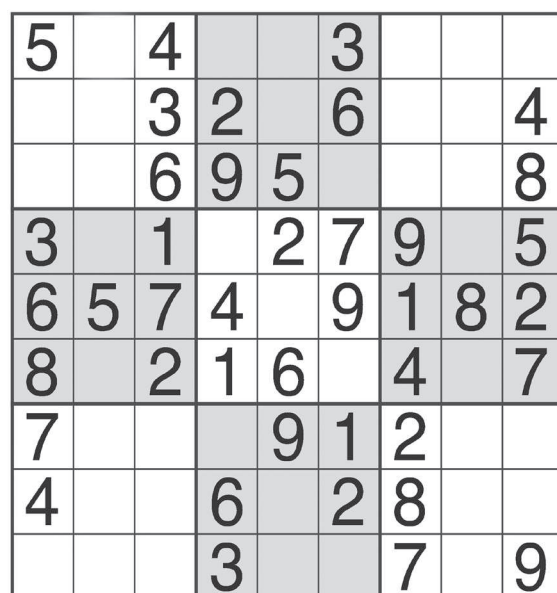
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You could piece together your own education on the matter for free, but you've done so much of this. Give yourself a break and save yourself time. Pay for quality training.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Because you listen to people, they tell you things they wouldn't mention to other people. Today, your best responses will be nonverbal and have to do with holding a soft, receptive space.

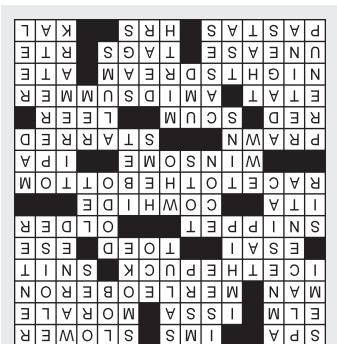
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 22).** You'll exchange what's more valuable than money and be richly rewarded beyond what can be bought for dollars, though money will also frequently be a part of the bounty. A new group of brightly minds figures into your plans. You'll experience exciting environments as you flesh out interesting causes. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 13, 1, 9 and 40.

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