Watch for Trickery *by Jerry Edelstein*

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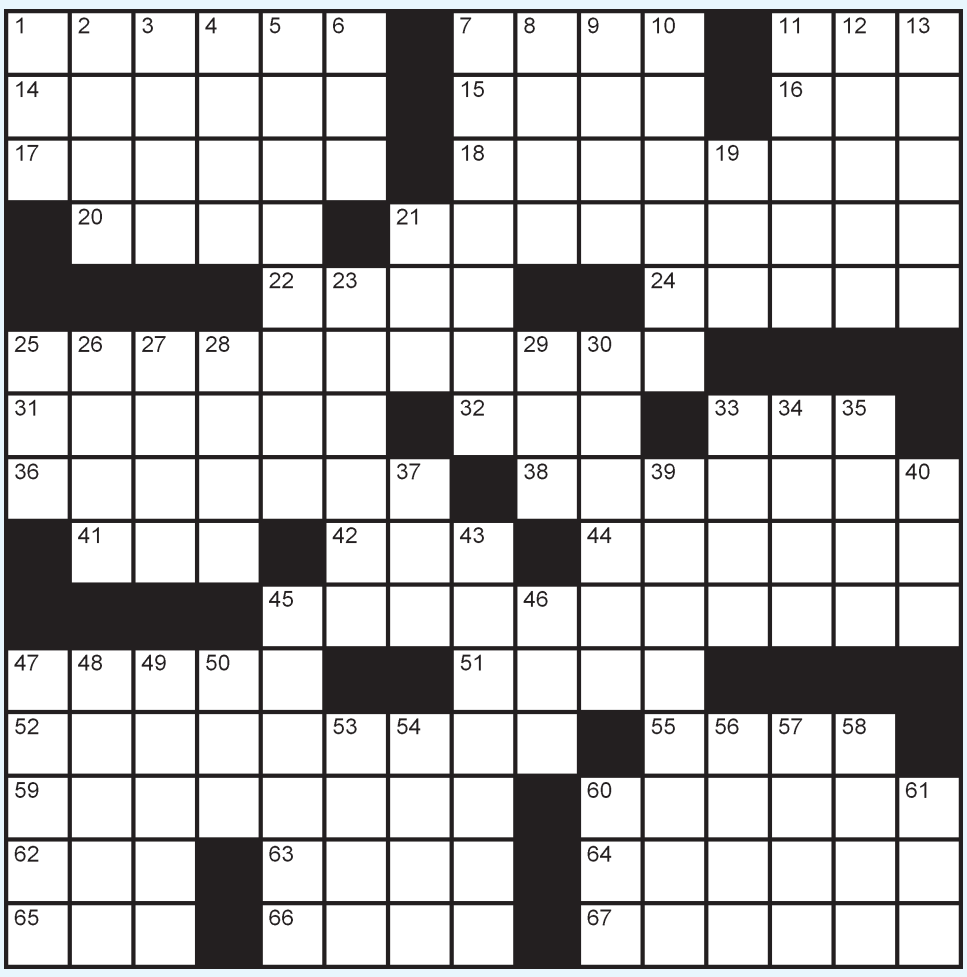

ACROSS

1 Battle plan element
7 Word with "reading" or "oil"
11 Crew member's need
14 Benjamin's love in "The Graduate"
15 Mine, in Marseille
16 ___ sighting
17 "In this manner"
18 Overthink, maybe
20 Md. athlete
21 Deejayed?
22 Egyptian fertility goddess
24 Motionless
25 Concert worker who kicks out overzealous fans?
31 More weird
32 One may have a hole for a straw
33 Touch of rouge
36 Changed, as the Constitution
38 Stop meeting indefinitely
41 Kung ___ chicken
42 Nyets, in New York
44 Stranded by a winter storm
45 Overcharge?
47 Common reaction to dust
51 Lessen, like a burden
52 Result of a cereal factory malfunction?
55 4,132-mile-long river
59 Be free
60 Stubbornly demand
62 Peace activist Yoko
63 Hydrox competitor
64 With 67-Across, stay alert (for) ... and a phonetic theme hint
65 ___ center (community space)
66 Sheep enclosures
67 See 64-Across

DOWN

1 ___ Aviv
2 Landed
3 Wedding dessert
4 Wedding dessert layer
5 Motivated
6 Boss's boss's boss, perhaps: Abbr.
7 Umbrella that isn't designed to keep you dry
8 Church affirmation
9 Fill, as a truck
10 Off the ground
11 Sixteenth of a pound
12 Later than
13 What chickens come home to do, in a saying
19 End of many a hotel name
21 Grand Canyon viewing location
23 Sister of Venus
25 The moon's ___ of Tranquility
26 Office fill-in
27 It may be metropolitan
28 Boy, in Bogota
29 By way of
30 Little whirlpools
33 Thinker's counterpart?
34 BMW rival
35 ___-a-brac
37 Pentagon org.
39 Department store chain
40 Philadelphia-to-Albany dir.
43 Sound systems
45 Recovering from surgery, informally
46 Meat at an omelet bar
47 Detest
48 Construction site sight
49 Chaos
50 Number within "loneliest"
53 Lose steam
54 Sign for the superstitious
56 Common response from a therapist
57 Fat removal procedure, briefly
58 Jacob's brother
60 Prez who served in WWII
61 Blasting letters

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021 *The Moon is a Casting Director*

Babies and puppies aren't trying to be cute, but everything they do is colored by who they are. Communication is always colored by the personality delivering it. In some cases, the messenger makes all of the difference. This Pisces moon, many find themselves in casting director mode, searching for the right person to voice an idea.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll hit it off with new people. Don't be afraid to be the first to call and establish a relationship beyond the original circumstance that brought you together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Treat your mind by feeding it the stories and equations, art and movement that gets the mental wheels whirring. Your receptive synapses will spark with brilliant ideas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll likely bear witness to graciousness and good manners, but if you don't see such behavior, it's a signal to start the cycle. One good-hearted action will ripple out to the whole world.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). How you get things done will be more important than what you get done. Approaching mundane tasks with great and fanciful gusto is so you – shine on!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone wants to feel better and there won't be a lot of consensus as to how it's best accomplished. Today will bring new things to try and you'll have fun experimenting to find out what's best for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The moment is with you everywhere. It's a portable power source. By trying to run on your own power, you run your battery down needlessly. But when you plug into the moment, you are supercharged.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Everything you do bears your signature, so there is no such thing as an anonymous act. Even when you go undetected by others, the witness inside you keeps very thorough notes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Because of your excellent relationship with yourself, you're able to have satisfying friendships with others. Whatever you do that brings you enjoyment is for them, too, even if they aren't there with you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've a gift for seeing the potential in things and getting excited about their development. It's not that you want them to be otherwise though. Every stage has beauty in it. Don't push or rush to results.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You don't have to go anywhere exotic to find beauty and, in fact, you don't have to go anywhere at all. Because you've learned to see that beauty is everywhere.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Giving advice is a kind of pleasure. So, to ask for advice is to give a gift. Older family members will be especially deserving of this kindness from you today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You become quite aware of the energy flow – who adds to it, who sucks from it, and how things tend to unfold depending on who gets involved. Think of this as good data. Collect it and refrain from judgment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 9). As for the long-term goal you're devoted to, you'll reach seven important milestones within the year. You will thrive in a community that assembles around you as you share what you love. There's a method you'll follow to money in the summer. Perfect the system and make it your own. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 40, 1, 33 and 19.

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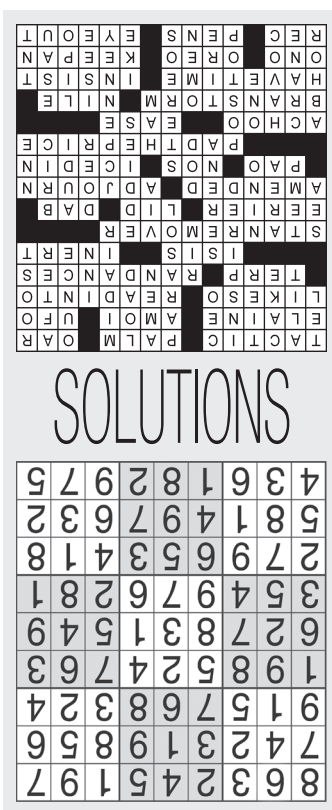

Left Side *by Brian Gubin*

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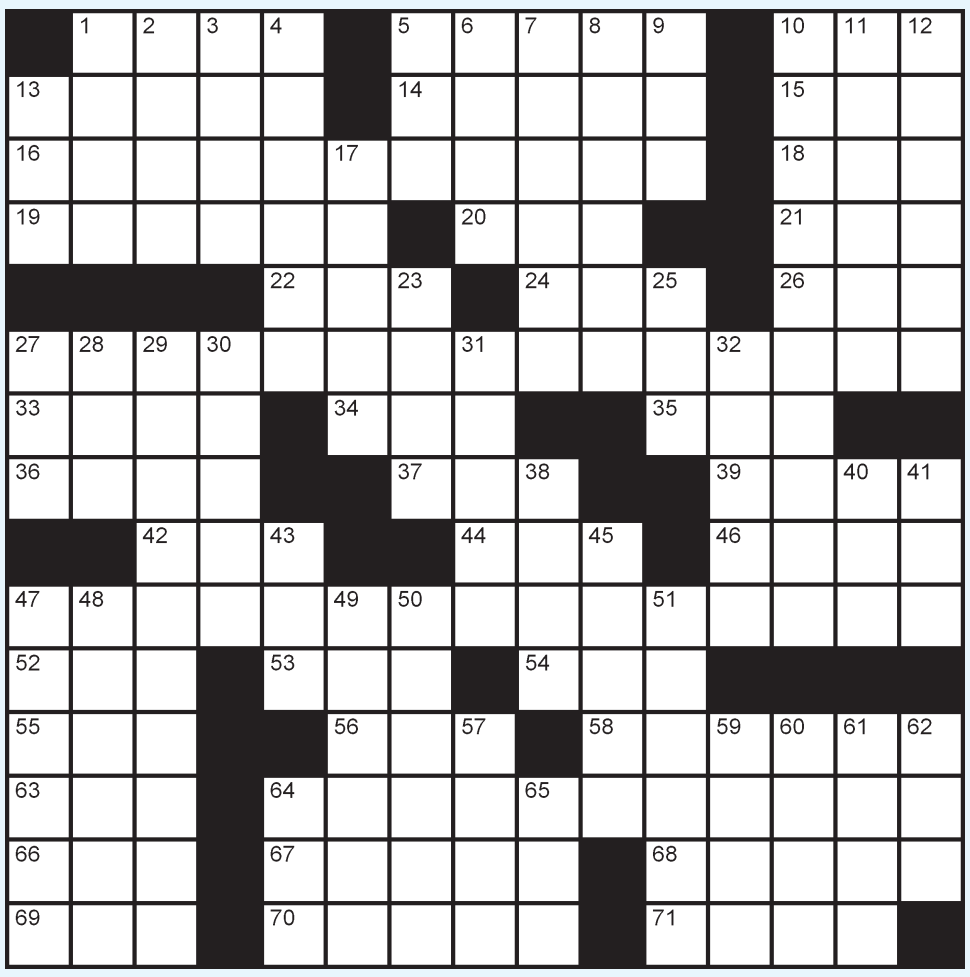

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1 Epic tale
5 Comedian/actress Tyler
10 "For sure," informally
13 Sesame or blueberry food
14 Was overly fond
15 One may be pierced
16 *Youngest Stooge
18 Tire measure: Abbr.
19 Top-notch
20 Org. for physicians
21 Assistance
22 Show with Digital Shorts, briefly
24 Common shade tree
26 "Binging With Babish" YouTuber Andrew
27 *Business run from home
33 Naked
34 Title for Galahad
35 Word hidden in the Wendy's logo
36 ___ team (dance group)
37 Gunk on a log
39 Have to have
42 Carefully evaluate
44 Sine ___ non
46 Crushing on
47 *Close-to-the-ground baseball play
52 "The Star-Spangled Banner" contraction
53 Hyundai subsidiary
54 Spanish for "aunt"
55 Fraction of an hr.
56 Protein synthesis molecule
58 Toast in Tel Aviv
63 ___ trip (vain journey)
64 *Restaurant chain that uses a lot of syrup
66 "I've got it!"
67 Really, really love
68 Break things off
69 Highest degree in math?
70 Copy, like a test?
71 Hits the slopes

DOWN

1 "Better Call ___"
2 Indian city that anagrams to "raga"
3 Comes together
4 Milano who's a leader in the #MeToo movement
5 Big fuss
6 State known for caucuses
7 Pollen source
8 Royal messenger
9 Tack on
10 One gets a head in school
11 More doable
12 When you're likely solving this puzzle, and a phonetic hint to the starred answers' starts
13 Secretly loop in
17 Dangles
23 Garlands of flowers
25 Silent
27 "I Love Lucy" channel, once
28 Grain that can lower cholesterol
29 "Born a Crime" memoirist
30 Home on the Plains
31 Baghdad resident
32 Justice Sotomayor
38 Kick from a football team?
40 List-ending abbr.
41 Catchphrase for Homer
43 Chiding syllable
45 Spry
47 "Nasty!"
48 Asset for most NBA players
49 Angry speech
50 Sought, as office
51 Secret hoards
57 Hairstyle for The Weeknd
59 Show displeasure from your car
60 Its logo is four interlocking rings
61 Goddess who resurrected Osiris
62 Got together
64 Hair removal choice
65 Supervillain Luthor

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021 *Preparing for Launch*

Navigating is a lot easier when you know where you are. Without that information, the map may as well be just a random pretty picture. Getting places is simple: Know where you are, determine where you want to be, and then solve for the difference. Tomorrow's new moon in Aries lends beginner's luck to anyone who's "going places."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll help someone and it helps you twice as much. Giving your love brings a similar outcome. If your aim is selfless service, then you're out of luck. Every generous act will enrich and benefit you!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are no perfect pairings, but there are more or less compatible people. You're in luck. Life will show you who fits into which category. You're in the mood for a smooth ride and that's what you'll get.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Some things are worth doing even though they might be difficult, and some things are worth doing because they're sure to be difficult. No one ever got strong lifting feathers.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). An ambitious mood strikes. Ambition requires you to take risks, and risks come with fear, and fear feeds into thrills, which can be addictive. This is only the start of the excitement.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When your gift doesn't make the impression you wanted it to, this is nothing to take personally. People receive when they are ready to receive. Let time do its part. Anyway, you're richer for giving.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your smile creates community wherever it goes. Your smile says, "this is a good place to be" and it also says, "I'm glad to be here with you." Your smile makes others share that gladness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A tangent will turn into a main focus, mainly because you keep getting attention, money and props for it. This is actually starting to feel like a calling, if not an obsession.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Good questions get direct answers. Write and rewrite your question until it rings with truth and then ask your heart for answers and write down what it says. Move your hand across the page unthinkingly; the words will come.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You say "thank you" in many ways that do not involve those actual words. Your enjoyment, the time you spend lingering with a person or an idea and your willingness to help are all expressions of gratitude heard loud and clear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll dance with a deal – not because the deal asked you to dance but because you were already on the dance floor together. Keep dancing and see what else comes. There's soon to be a crowd.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Don't let the ideal in your head block the reality in front of your nose. There is something very useful close at hand. You can do amazing thing with this scene exactly the way it is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Do you have the feeling there's someone out there waiting for someone like you to show up? Well, that's certainly the case, and the more outreach you do, the faster the match can get made.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 10). You don't feel courageous, but you are. At first you get things done regardless of whether you believe you can or not. Then you start a streak. The more wins you rack up, the more confidence you gain. You'll go public with your idea and glow in the spotlight. Summer brings magical connections and a financial lift, too. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 3, 33, 8 and 40.

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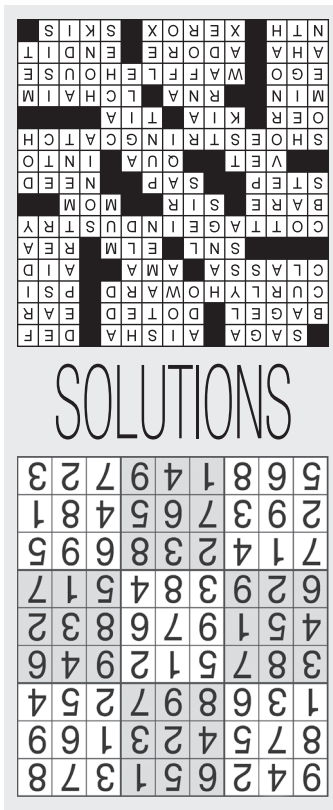
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