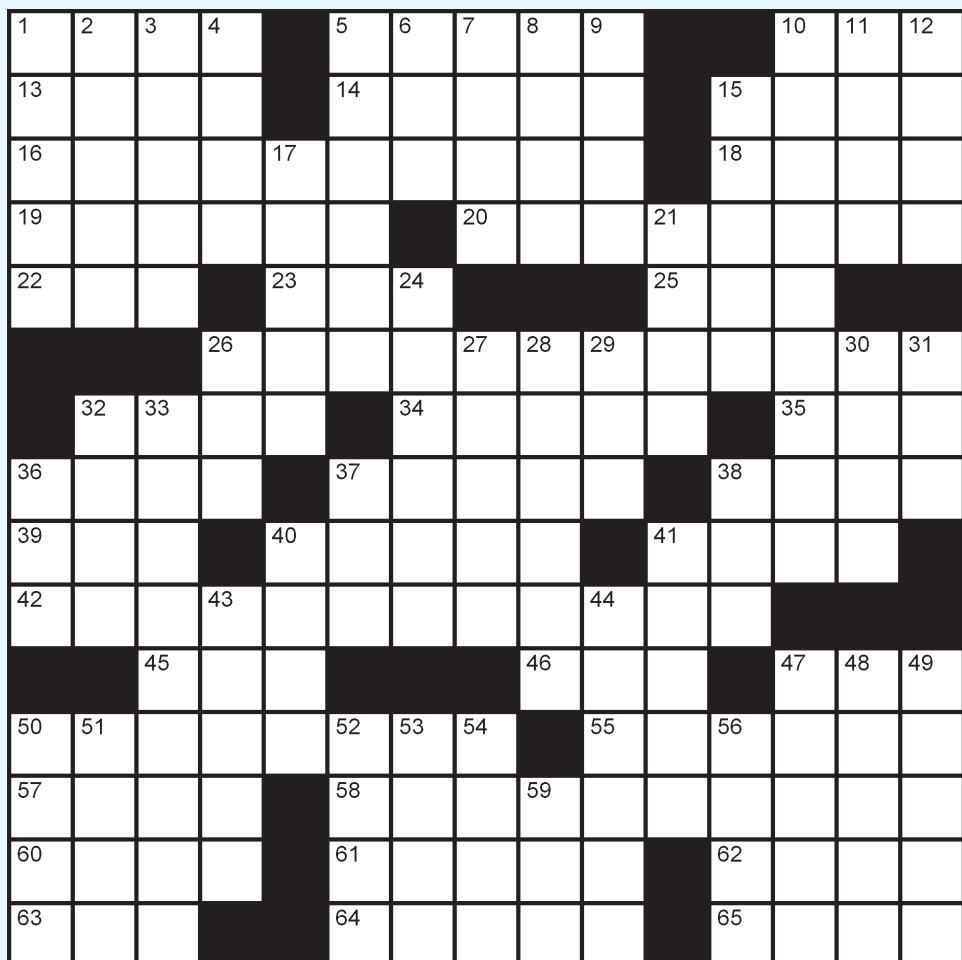


In the Fold by *Evan Kalish*
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- ACROSS**
- 1 (OMG!)
 - 5 Straightforward
 - 10 Flaky fish
 - 13 "Feel" a barre class
 - 14 Get away from
 - 15 Place to see stalagmites
 - 16 Invisible protection in sci-fi
 - 18 Natives of southwestern Colorado
 - 19 Painting on plaster
 - 20 Plant breeder's repository
 - 22 Extremity
 - 23 Radius' place
 - 25 Squeak-squelching stuff
 - 26 Below zero, perhaps
 - 32 Alternative to a ring or a hoop
 - 34 Product samples
 - 35 Prefix for "cache" or "politics"
 - 36 Lion's warning
 - 37 Strands of smoke
 - 38 Flexed
 - 39 ___ Young Band (country group)
 - 40 Waze suggestion
 - 41 Pharma products
- DOWN**
- 1 P.R. blunder
 - 2 Part of a squirrel's store
 - 3 Destroy, as a sensitive document
 - 4 Chest muscles, informally
 - 5 "I've said it ___"
 - 6 Comedian Wong
 - 7 Takes to court
 - 8 Just sitting there
 - 9 Yield by treaty
 - 10 Made a list of
 - 11 Tandoor, e.g.
 - 12 ___ jockey (slang for an office worker)
 - 15 Shaped like a regular die
 - 17 Digital birthday greeting
 - 21 Some are adopted from shelters
 - 24 Channel of communication
 - 26 Sphinx cat's lack
 - 27 Like food with a kick
 - 28 Pushes into action
 - 29 Denials
 - 30 Magnifying glass, for one
 - 31 Part of a URL
 - 32 Without backup
- ACROSS**
- 42 "Do what I do"
 - 45 Bawl
 - 46 Slowly nurse
 - 47 "Fresh Off the Boat" network
 - 50 Afro-Brazilian martial art
 - 55 Gaynor with the hit "I Will Survive"
 - 57 Budget-conscious company?
 - 58 Be a good example?
 - 60 Number of square feet in a square yard
 - 61 "Move over!"
 - 62 "Gotcha"
 - 63 Gridiron six-pointers: Abbr.
 - 64 Exciting quality
 - 65 Review session focus
- DOWN**
- 33 Emotional upheavals
 - 36 Red flag tosser
 - 37 "That's incredible!"
 - 38 Where to plant flowers
 - 40 Judge's garment
 - 41 Syrup source
 - 43 Not bound together
 - 44 Amendment prohibiting cruel and unusual punishment
 - 47 Came up
 - 48 Simone who won four Olympic gold medals in 2016
 - 49 West Point student
 - 50 "I ___ take you anywhere!"
 - 51 Enthusiastic
 - 52 "Should that be the case ..."
 - 53 Puerto ___
 - 54 Particle once modeled as "plum pudding"
 - 56 Leave out
 - 59 Dreidel, for one

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021 *Double-Fresh Moon*



The new moon in Aries is wrapped in the shiny cosmic foil of lunar sextiles, so besides the double-freshness of the first phase of the moon in the first sign of the zodiac, this moon also has the benefit of being activated by some air sign love from Saturn and Venus. Its message of joyous welcome is like a sky-written birth announcement.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once you find points of connection between you and another person, you're off to a beautiful exchange. Before finding those points, you won't proceed far, so it's worth looking for them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You have a right to ask questions. Anyone who makes you feel otherwise either can't answer those questions for a lack of knowledge and understanding or is trying to control you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Friends who are on a superstar trajectory are fun to watch. When the gold dust of big success is in your realm, it rubs off on you, too. This feels like destiny because it is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll make a proactive and deliberate attempt to achieve an aim that is not achieved by most people. It's nice when this gets noticed today, but honestly, you're doing it for the challenge, not the glory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People say and do things to get a reaction but often don't get the one they wanted. You have a strong instinct for the sort of response people are craving and will deliver it on cue, laying the groundwork for mutual enjoyment.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Maybe it is not your purpose to incite curiosity and show people less obvious truths, but that is the natural result of your devotion to a meaningful interest that, in some way, pertains to us all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Before you ready yourself

to battle the day, consider what's necessary. A moment of neutrality will bring all into harmony. There is beauty in defenselessness; gentleness is the winner that casts no loser.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Generic sentiments, however true or well-intended, will fall flat. There's power in a specific focus and intent with your sharing. Aim your efforts to someone who matters dearly to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trusted friends help you get outside of your own head. You'll talk to people, bounce notions off of them, get their reactions and use that to figure out the weak and strong points of what you're sharing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The people you'll deal with aren't entirely rational. You understand them anyway because neither are you. Also, there's a good chance that the seemingly illogical equation figures out perfectly on deeper levels.

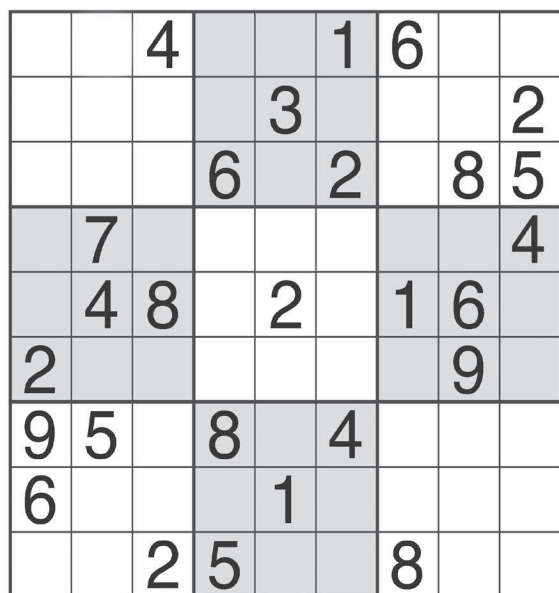
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Physical vicinity invokes different rules. Some prefer text and email because they are afraid of being influenced by a face-to-face encounter that is sure to bring more of the real stuff to the table, including empathy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though you've never had a particular experience, your empathic talents allow you to summon the appropriate (if not downright healing) response to another person's emotional state.

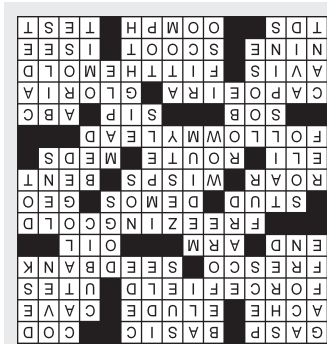
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 11). You'll entertain and amaze! They want rabbits, and you'll pull an endless supply from your hat. This drive to please will bring great excitement to your life when you focus it on the generous, compelling and deserving. You'll build with great determination and, in time, many will live inside your dream. Sagittarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 5, 15, 49 and 31.

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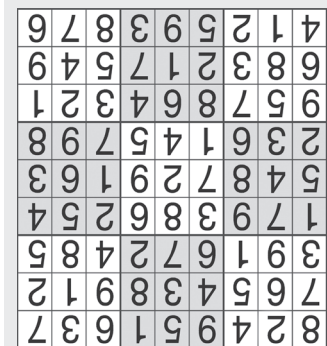
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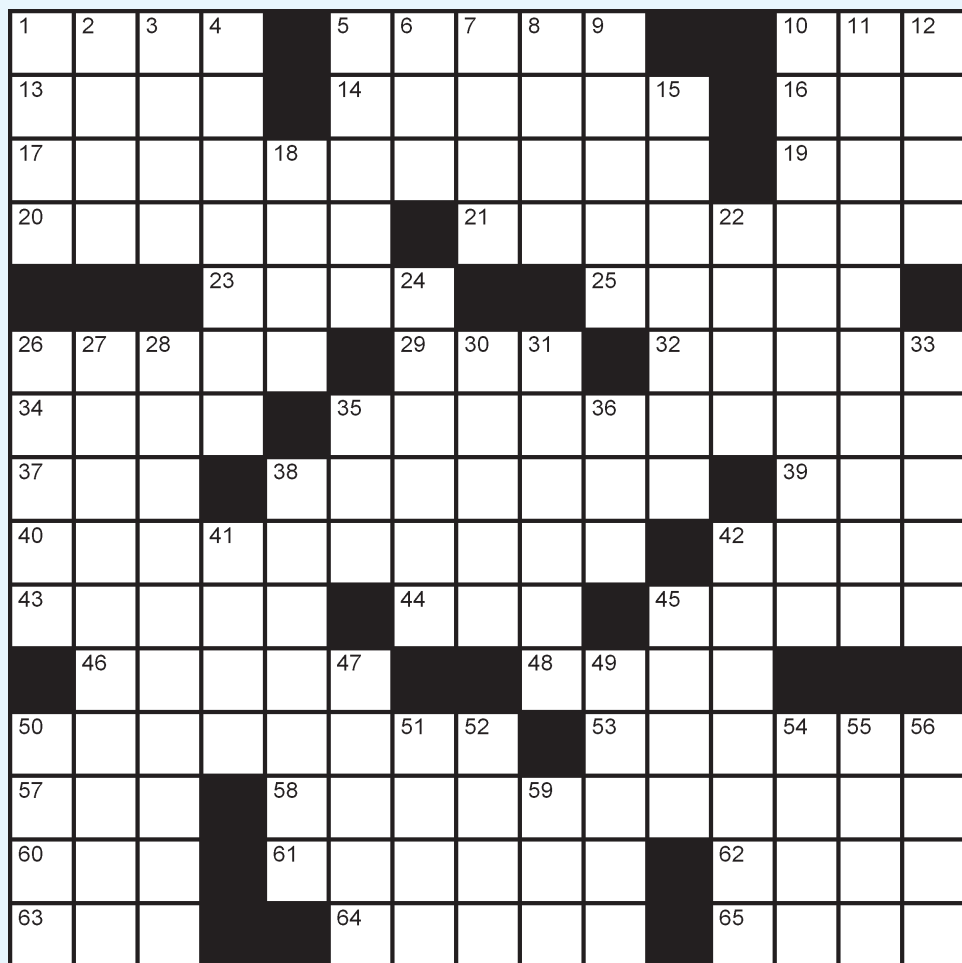
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A Little Different by *Rich Proulx*
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Fail to maintain
 - 5 Like some greens
 - 10 Grp. organizing read-a-thons
 - 13 Fallopian tube traveler
 - 14 Fighting on the same side
 - 16 Pointy feature of a 6-Down
 - 17 "Don't change the main benefit of Raisin Bran in that ad?"
 - 19 Org. concerned with pedigree
 - 20 Charge with a crime
 - 21 Evaluate
 - 23 Snorkeling destination
 - 25 Yoga variety
 - 26 Summoned via P.A. system
 - 29 Beach ___ (seashore regular)
 - 32 Animal whose name sounds like a dessert
 - 34 "___ fair in love and war"
 - 35 "Collide with the latest messenger at Hogwarts?"
- DOWN**
- 1 Norse trickster god
 - 2 Where to bake naan
 - 3 Went after in court
 - 4 Kingdoms
 - 5 Espresso drink
 - 6 Tiny, mischievous being
 - 7 Et ___ (and others)
 - 8 Little lies
 - 9 "Geez!"
 - 10 Toy with tiny projectiles
 - 11 Try to hit something
 - 12 Rainbow shapes
 - 15 Played fantasy football, perhaps?
 - 18 Added frosting to
 - 22 Pack away
 - 24 Facility in Quantico, Va.
 - 26 Typically low-carb diet
 - 27 Host who heard many questions
- ACROSS**
- 37 Hawaiian welcome gift
 - 38 Hospital roof feature
 - 39 Aunt, in Argentina
 - 40 "Additional shopping centers?"
 - 42 Apartment expense
 - 43 Weasel's aquatic relative
 - 44 Flower visitor
 - 45 Come together
 - 46 Harvests
 - 48 Tater
 - 50 Granger in "Harry Potter" movies
 - 53 Real
 - 57 "Defending Liberty, Pursuing Justice" org.
 - 58 Treat unfairly, or a hint to each starred answer's scrambled last word
 - 60 Encountered
 - 61 Sticky part of a frog
 - 62 Some are filled with mincemeat
 - 63 Binding attachment?
 - 64 Horn sounds
- DOWN**
- 28 Dazzling people
 - 30 Scrabble piece used in many Q words
 - 31 Trees prized in Vermont
 - 33 Send over the moon
 - 35 Sewn border
 - 36 Lil ___ X ("Panini" rapper)
 - 38 One who pulls some strings?
 - 41 Paper quantity
 - 42 Excessive bureaucracy
 - 45 A large amount
 - 47 Really sexy
 - 49 Duel measurements
 - 50 Actors who often emote
 - 51 Having candy before dinner, say
 - 52 Cogito, ___ sum
 - 54 Early operating system
 - 55 "A Death in the Family" author
 - 56 Minus
 - 59 Disapproving sound

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021 *Gung-Ho Moon*



The first day after the new moon in Aries highlights the steps needed for goal-getting. Habits we desire are built just like our established habits were: They accumulated over time with incremental adjustments, some conscious, many a product of the environment. Hot Tip from Venus: Make it easier. Change the environment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have a strong sense for other people's feelings, and it's taxing for you to inhabit highly emotional environments. Even so, the rollercoaster beats being bored every time!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll need to pick up a skill to resolve today's problem. You learn fast, perhaps because the emotional stakes are high. These new abilities contribute to your awesomeness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's as though there's a plot inside the plot. You not only understand the action; you understand what's going on under the action, and that's the level to engage with.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The only opponent you have today is inside you — a persistent and unhelpful voice. Acknowledge it and set it free like you would an unqualified job applicant. "Thank you for applying. We're going a different direction..."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're in an imaginative mood, and you will apply great creativity to your love life. The one who is really in tune with you is practically a mind reader, and it's nice that you don't have to overstate things to communicate clearly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The right amount of space that's the magic ingredient that makes the dance of relationships work. Negotiating that space is best done through movement and tuning in to subtle cues (not words).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The attributes you want

to infuse your life with exist in the people you adore, admire and study. You have the same qualities, though some have been muted. You'll unmute and amplify them today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Limiting beliefs are like tinted glasses that color your whole view. Looking for the culprits "out there" won't work. The light will pour in once you reach up and pull the problem from your own head.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The muscle of willpower is like other muscles. It needs a warmup, and there's a period of peak performance before it gets fatigued and burns out. It would be silly to blame yourself for not having more of a finite quantity.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make mischief, though not out of a desire for rebellion; rather, you'd like to lighten the mood with the sort of playfulness that is the very effervescence of life.

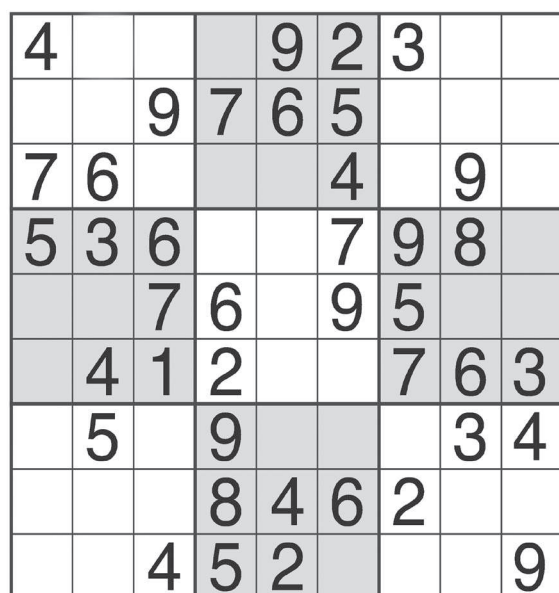
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Those who are not self-aware are also not going to be aware of you, and you are wise to set your expectations accordingly. At the art of calibrating your expectations, you are becoming an aficionado.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). An acute and nostalgic pang will accompany your thoughts about the gathering aspects of life, and you'll spend time making grand plans for better eras.

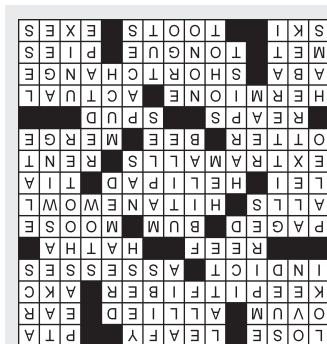
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 12). Now more than ever, you are the captain of your own ship, with an entire crew working to make things go smoothly. As involved as they may be with their own journeys, when you need support, it's all hands on deck. Don't be afraid to delegate, seek mentorship and absorb the kind of care that will be heaped on you. Taurus and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 38, 17 & 6.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆



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