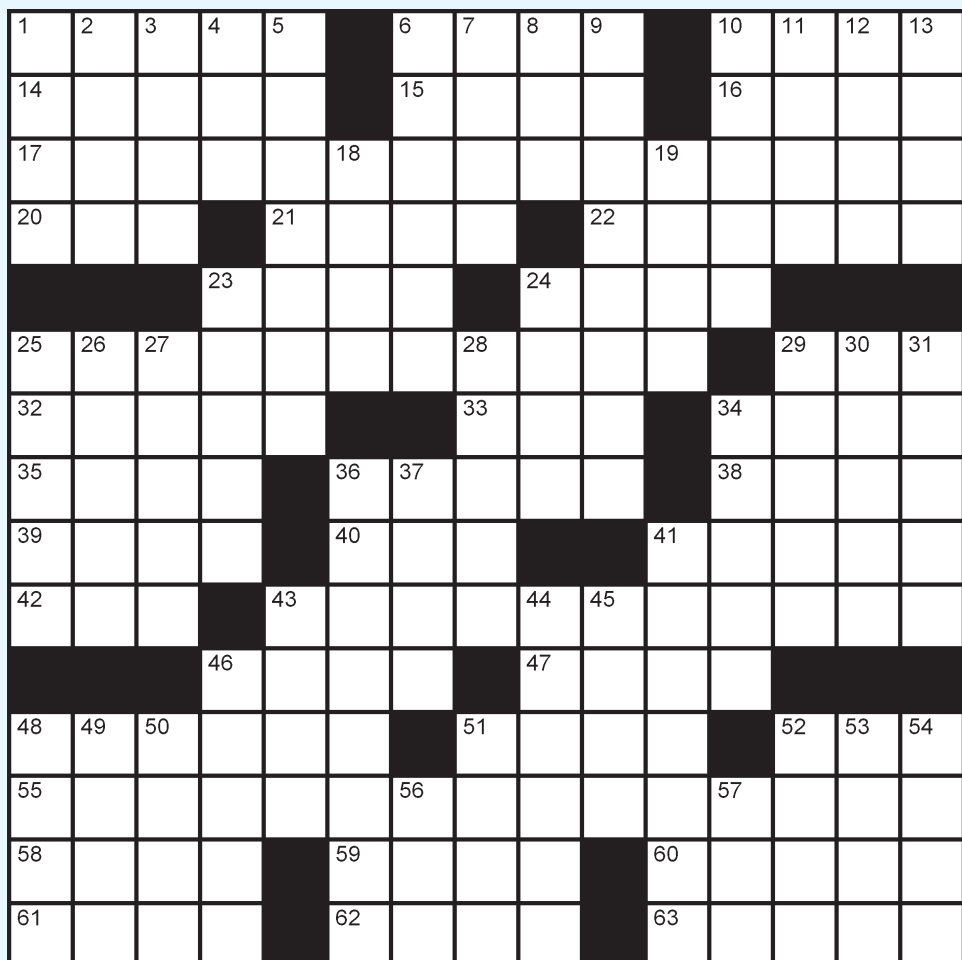


Interior Design 101 by Steven L. Zisser

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- ACROSS: 1 Sky blue, 6 Seat at a hoedown, 10 Sun-\_\_\_ raisins, 14 Swiss watchmaker, 15 Apple product that may have 10 cores, 16 "The Graduate" star Bancroft, 17 Apt furniture for a car salesperson?, 20 Government number source: Abbr., 21 \_\_\_ to grips with, 22 Like some patches, 23 Cat also called a cougar, 24 P.R. firm specialty, 25 Apt furniture for a baker?, 29 Single squat, say, 32 Happen afterward, 33 Wonderment, 34 Notorious Roman fiddler, 35 Actor Hemsworth, 36 Tied up, 38 "Hmm, I guess so", 39 Play parts, 40 Tall, curved vase, 41 Word before "school" or "war", 42 Affirmative answer, 43 Apt furniture for a candidate?, 46 Capitol \_\_\_\_, 47 Burden, 48 In and of \_\_\_\_, 51 Middle Earth monsters, 52 Grain in a chewy cookie, 55 Apt furniture for a Big Ten coach?, 58 Shoelace problem, 59 Garfield's frenemy, 60 Like a SEAL or Green Beret, 61 Trees with poisonous leaves, 62 Chutzpah, informally, 63 76ers manager Brand, 31 Jabbed with a finger, 34 Behavioral standards, 36 Animal that can jump 10 times its body length, 37 Thermometer type, 41 Person at a board meeting, 43 Tidy or untidy stack, 44 Compels, 45 Back in the day, 46 Tests the weight of, 48 Like creepy-crawlies, 49 "Leave a message at the \_\_\_", 50 Fall associated with winter, 51 "I'll get busy!", 52 Somber bio, 53 Palo \_\_\_\_, 54 Learner's permit holder, often, 56 End of a prof's email address, 57 Word before "for one" and after "one for", 21 Pieces of 8?, 2 Places to find lions and tigers and bears, 3 Alphabetically last arm bone, 4 Gun, like an engine, 5 Sign, as a will, 6 Digital image format, 7 Friend, in French, 8 "Frankenstein" workplace, 9 Overshadowed, 10 Grand Lodge member, 11 Common screen name for a troll, 12 Stats and the like, 13 University honcho, 18 Quarterback-turned-broadcaster Tony, 19 Explorer \_\_\_ the Red, 23 Prunes, formerly, 24 In stitches, 25 4x400 race, e.g., 26 Not neat, at a bar, 27 Hurdles for future JDs, 28 Intimidate, 29 Detox facility, 30 Eat away at

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021 Mars Wears an Apron



What happened at home used to set us up for success in the field. That was before the home became the field. Many now must task the domestic environment with double-duty, which the current cosmic mood supports. Busting into the realm of domesticity, Mars trades the armor for an apron and whips the home base into shape.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't set out to be original, but you're working with something other than what was available in the example. Using different ingredients and techniques yields unique results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You could dismantle a thorny challenge by untangling one vine at a time, or you could do it like the goats and gardeners, not bothering to pick anything apart. Whether your chew it down or cut it up, you'll make quick work of this.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). They say, "Work smarter, not harder," though we can only work to the level of intelligence we have. It's not about working smarter; it's about being smarter. Take time off of work to read, get other experiences and develop skills.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It will be better to err on the side of assertiveness. If you don't get the response you hoped for, at least you'll feel good about speaking the truth and giving everyone a chance to know and participate in your reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People run, but really there's no way to avoid it. Pain is as entwined with existence as is breathing. Accepting this inevitability makes pain-free times, such as you'll have today, all the sweeter. You'll live on wings of exuberance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The thing about blame is that it's only one of many ways to package an outcome, and today it's an entirely unnecessary one at that. Forget about blame. There is only what happened, and various ways for it to not happen again.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You are not sure what

you want from someone, but you're pretty sure it's not what you're getting today. This is worth thinking over. Give it a brainstorm today. What is your fantasy outcome?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Can there be peace without understanding? Of course! Sometimes peace is accepting what is, whether or not you get it. Consider giving up the need to process every bit of information, at least right now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are many ineffective ways to handle fear, which include ignoring it, running from it, pretending to be cool about it or letting it stop you. The proper way is to accept fear so you can harness it and make it work for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's like your heart is a searchlight, scanning for the heart that reflects back a kindred glow. You'll illuminate other things along the way, though it's best to keep moving until you alight on what you were originally looking for.

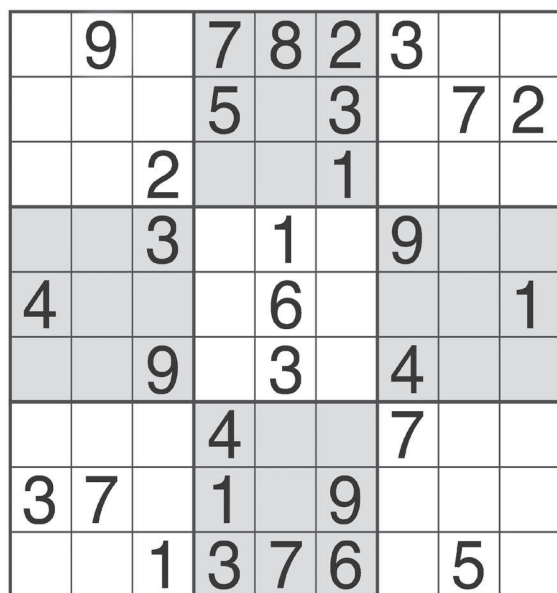
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's amazing what you can solve when you put your mind to it. Don't even think about backing down from the wildly divergent problems because they will be the stage from which you shine brightest.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who believe that the universe speaks in mocking laughter may be selling themselves short with such cynicism. As for you, life seems to be, at this time, respecting many of your plans.

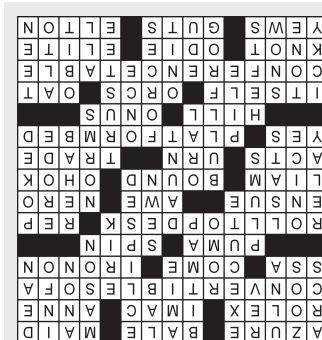
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 23). Though you don't feel like you're missing anything big, the exciting things that land in your world this year will inspire you to wonder later what you ever did before. A relationship will be sweet music, and then the song gets further orchestrated by an entire group playing along. You'll sculpt a new professional scenario in 2022. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 20, 1, 4 and 8.

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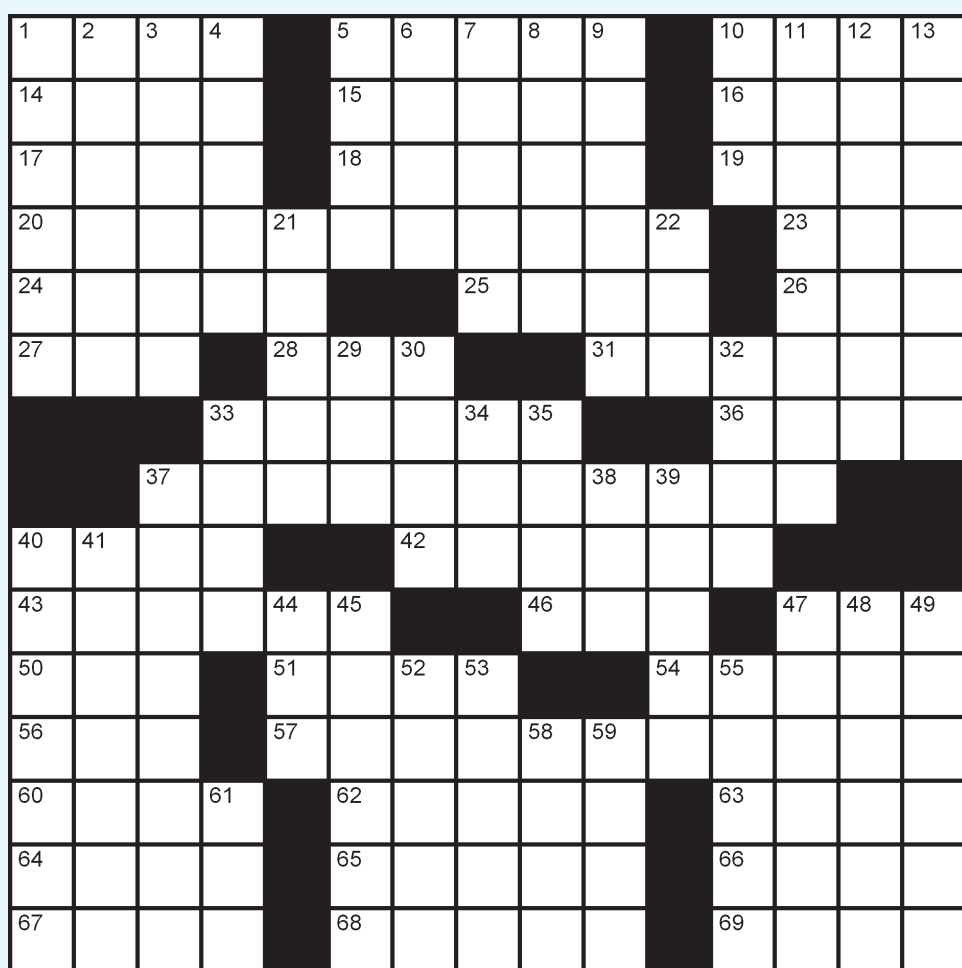


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It's All Greek to Me by Chris Gross & Mark McClain

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- ACROSS: 1 Venus de Milo's lack, 5 Borrowers' obligations, 10 Uncoordinated people, 14 Word with a double meaning?, 15 Put forth, 16 Condo, e.g., 17 Oscar winner Paquin, 18 Cabinet department concerned with unpaid overtime, 19 Bean curd, 20 The "Terminator" remake featuring Achilles won a Saturn Award for best ..., 23 "\_\_\_ be my pleasure!", 24 Oklahoma's second-largest city, 25 Bic offerings, 26 Formerly known as, 27 Spot for some me time, 28 Microwave, 31 Wheat protein, 33 Tricky, 36 Musical about a group of artists, 37 When Zeus was unhappy with life, he was ..., 40 Perseverance rover's planet, 42 Gets down to propose, 43 Calls to mind, 46 \_\_\_-Caps, 47 Muscle twitch, 50 Cut the lawn, 51 "Bye-bye," to a Brit, 54 2021 Australian Open winner Osaka, 56 HP products, 57 When Athenians settled on the Nile, they named their town ..., 60 Musical about a group of hippies, 62 Grant permission for, 63 Three-vowel word, 64 "I had no \_\_\_!", 65 Witherspoon of "Home Again", 66 Light-colored, 67 Put in order, 68 Beasts of burden, 69 Some are named for monarchs, 34 Relative of a B&B, 35 Mon. follower, 37 More sleepy, 38 Farm layer?, 39 "Home \_\_\_" (classic Christmas comedy), 40 Beale Street's locale, 41 Guacamole need, 44 "Yada, yada, yada": Abbr., 45 Much of North Africa, 47 Matchbox plaything, 48 Longtime Chevy named for an antelope, 49 Minneapolis and Saint Paul, 52 Parts of sliding puzzles, 53 Where Van Gogh painted "The Night Cafe", 55 Open-mouthed, 58 Firefighter's need, 59 Has a mortgage, say, 61 Pack \_\_\_ (hoarder), 1 Alters for a new purpose, 2 Adds to, as a tab, 3 The Philippines' capital, 4 High-five sounds, 5 Assembly place for heroes?, 6 Final or oral, 7 Jazz genre, 8 Valuable stash, 9 Word before "bean" or "cheese", 10 Umpire's cry, 11 Chosen divinely, 12 Age for a quinceanera, 13 Pupil, 21 Rare eye color, 22 Immigrant's class, perhaps: Abbr., 29 Congressional output, 30 High point, 32 Many have round bodies and narrow necks, 33 Oval Office's Resolute \_\_\_

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021 Uncomfortable Cosmic Comforts



Getting comfortable with being uncomfortable? It's a good sign. What comes out of the meeting with Mercury and Uranus is this message for the lifelong learners: To be committed to growth is to agree to certain levels of discomfort. Constantly improving means constantly stretching to deliver something outside of one's area of expertise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because you feel competent in your ability, you will perform well regardless of what else is going on - the circumstances in the room, the condition of your tools, even trepidation and nerves will only enhance your show.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are loved and prized. While you soak in the love, being prized comes with all manner of implications that feel strange and wrong to you. Shun with impunity. No one owns you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're torn about whether to invest in a new tool. Definitely, using something different will amplify your capacities. Don't rule out that which you make yourself. Tools of your very own will open up fresh avenues of exploration.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Try not to get hung up on having a final, polished result because your time is better spent solving a number of problems, which you'll never get to if you try to make any of them perfect.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll end up throwing something you thought you knew out the window. This is, ultimately, where the idea belongs - dissipated by the open air. You're onto more relevant things.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). If you keep the same rules, you'll get the same shaped result. You're going for something else. Your process is evolving. Take away one of your rules to let it expand unimpeded by previous limits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Fear is as normal a part of the human experiences as is having thumbs. You may eliminate emotional neediness and still be fearful. Just don't let that fear define you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Many say they value humor, but you don't have to say such things. Your entire point of view says it for you. Someone finds this extremely attractive, and you'll know what it feels like to have a fan.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Do you have to look beyond the myth to find the love or are you in love with the myth? To some degree, both of these principles can be true at the same time in the same relationship. It's worth pondering with an open heart.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Mindfulness gets plenty of play in your world lately - so much so that one might forget about the utter joys of the opposite state. Mindlessness certainly has its merits, especially in the sunshine of spring!

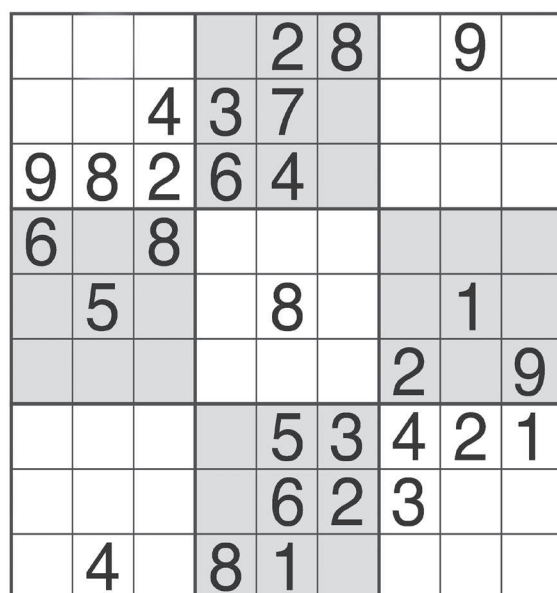
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you make your way through the labyrinth, don't worry too much about getting it right. Deep down, you know that this thing is just made of shrubs, and it's scalable, should you get tired of the maze.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). This problem you see is like a wave that rises high and breaks on your shore and then reassembles with the ocean of life like it was never anything other than that, which it wasn't.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 24). As accomplished as you are, you still feel raw and undefined in many regards, and you can be sure that it's this scrappy spirit that attracts scenarios that allow you to shine. You'll earn the respect of students and the patronage of dream customers. In 2022, your team wins and your favorite investment pays off. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 12, 30, 4 & 15.

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