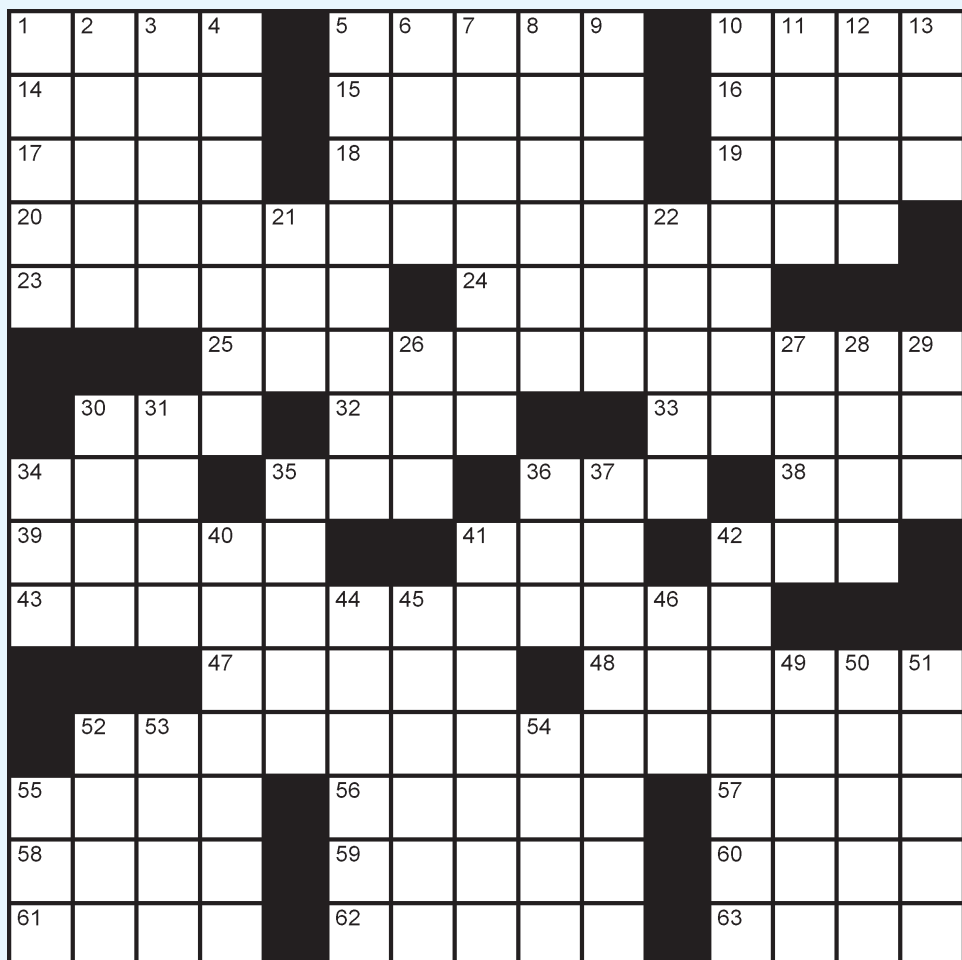


Look Within Yourself by Amanda Rafkin & Ross Trudeau
Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Flaky mineral, 5 Builders of Peru's Sun Gate, 10 Prefix for "soft" or "solid", etc.
DOWN: 1 "Thank you, monsieur", 2 "A penny for your thoughts," for one, 3 Bread nutrients, etc.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021 Planets Portend Person from Porlock

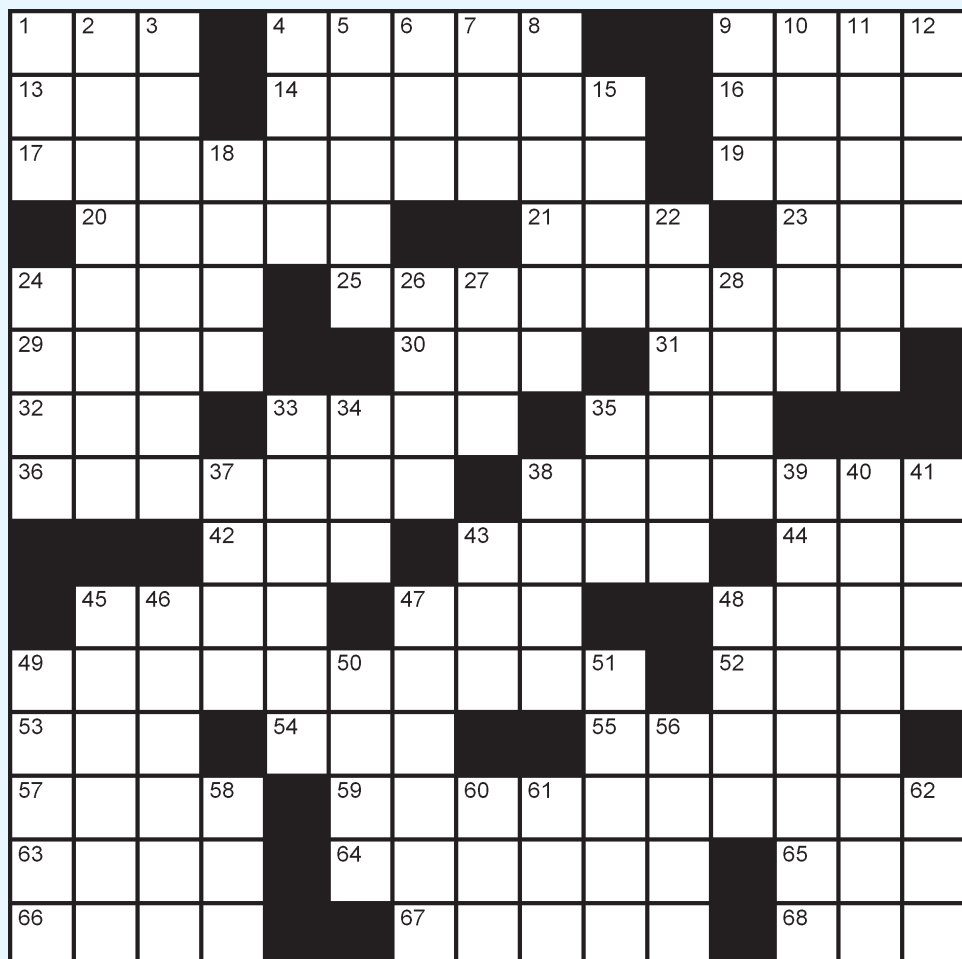


While composing, in a dreamlike state, the poem "Kubla Khan," Samuel Taylor Coleridge was interrupted by a "person from Porlock" and subsequently unable to recall the rest of his vision. Don't let your great work befall such a circumstance. Erect barriers against intrusion of the profound creativity currently implied by Mercury and Pluto.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). The relationship in which each person contributes to his or her own brand of marvelousness will produce a combined power that culminates in a pinata-esque explosion! Sweetness scatters everywhere.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It appears that someone took a big leap forward, when, in fact, this was just a series of small but consistent steps over time - doable for anyone with the tenacity. You are most certainly in the category.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you think you've experienced the full range of human emotion, don't worry - there's much more deliciousness to come. You won't have to seek it, but moving deeper into areas you already enjoy will hasten your destiny.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your standards are high, and you give with great mindfulness. Unless and until you get the feeling that you're adding something to the project that your group would not have otherwise, you will not be satisfied.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Once your heart sets a quest in motion, it's pretty difficult to stop the search. However, since things often show up when you're not looking for them, you'll benefit from a break and a distraction.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're open to the magical, wonderful happenings, but you're also aware of the stomach-churning risks involved. One won't happen without the other, and most likely, the risk comes first.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Anger won't stay with you long. It can't. It's too destructive to carry around. It's a bomb you either have to throw or diffuse. The way to turn it off is to honestly ask yourself, "What has been lost?"
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Thoughts are the seeds of a reality that's as solid as the building you're in. Someone thought, "There should be a building here," and now there is. There's a thought you've had lately that someone will one day stand inside.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You get to make the rules of this game. Whatever you want from the others, give it to whatever degree you are able. You'll get the ball rolling with your example.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Can a person cultivate more compassion, or is it mysteriously bestowed in fixed amounts that he or she can tap into and use or not use? Whatever the nature, your compassion will be fully activated today.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Competition isn't a good use of your energy today. Even competing with yourself is pointless - not a fair game, since you're never the same person two days in a row. Show up and do your best and you've already won.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your internal environment is worth addressing since it's the temperature and lighting scheme you live in all day. Give intentional thought to what would make you feel more comfortable.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 2). Your love-hate relationship with self-regulation is about to change into all love. You'll get into the swing of treating yourself so sweetly and nudging, nay, seducing yourself into the habits that give you the life and look you want. You'll leverage social vibes skillfully; relationships lend a leg up in the professional world and vice versa. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 40, 11, 2 and 8.

Universal SUDOKU
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SOLUTIONS
Grid with the completed numbers for the Sudoku puzzle above.

The Right Fruit by Alex Eaton-Salners
Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Away from a ship's figurehead, 4 Shady spot, 9 "Que ___ es?", etc.
DOWN: 1 Hound's sound, 2 Sport with snap decisions?, 3 Downpours, etc.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021 Aspects of Aeolus



Aeolus, the Greek keeper of wind, is especially fond of the musical moaning, whistling and general excitement of whipping air, not to mention all that's swept up, deposited or eroded by its invisible hand. Four squared aspects today assure that by day's end, we'll have answered to the cosmic version of a howling Aeolian breeze.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no need to hurry. As counterintuitive as it may seem, you'll get there sooner if you slow down. Fast action is unnecessary; it would likely produce time-consuming mistakes.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Being fantastic at a job is one thing. People knowing you're fantastic at it is an entirely different area and very important now. Think of this publicity as a job within your job, thus requiring its own skills and systems.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Happy days will return, but the happiness will be different, as happiness, just like fashion, is contextual - a reflection of the times, always updating, never the same twice.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are environments more and less conducive to your health, and you're very good at projecting which way it will go for you. The trick is in taking that moment to reflect and make a conscious decision.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't feel prepared to go to the next level, and yet the door opens and the brave thing to do is step through - no, jump through - before it slides back closed and the train takes off.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today is a little like a field trip to a theme park in which everyone in the party is wearing the same shirt. You can tell who is in your group right away, and you'll keep tabs accordingly.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Authenticity and transparency have been buzzwords for years now, to the degree that you're starting to doubt anyone who uses them too much. It's similar to how you've learned not to trust people who say, "Trust me."
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Responsibility doesn't burden you in the least today. In fact, you have become so strong through your various roles that you hardly notice the weighty load you regularly carry.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You can feel free and simultaneously follow a schedule. In fact, if you didn't schedule your free time, you'd either have far too much of it or none of it, both unfavorable and unliberated states.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're so attractive when you're doing your thing, and the deeper you get into it, the more attractive you become. You wear your passions like a well-styled, custom look.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sometimes, people who think they are offering you their support actually seem to make things more difficult than when you were doing it all on your own. Watch out for that dynamic today.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Admirably, you want to please others and ease their burdens. The best way to do this now is to please yourself. You may actually find it more difficult, as there will be some investigation involved in knowing your own preferences.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 3). You let people be themselves, and for this tendency and talent, you are showered in the bounty that comes from being beloved and admired. Next season, you'll steer in a completely new direction and learn a different world. You'll bank on your instinct for investing in people and finally find the right person for a crucial role. Libra and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 5, 31, 22 and 17.

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