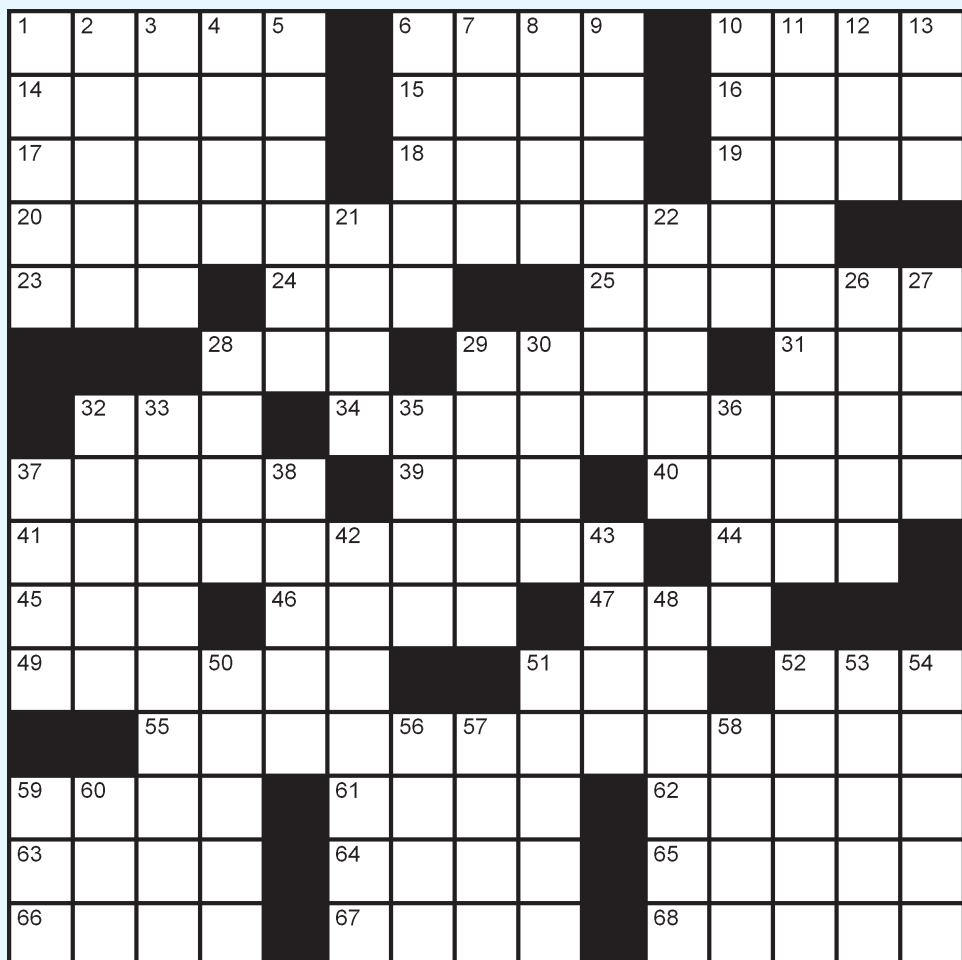


Mixed Grains by Enrique Henestroza Anguiano

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- ACROSS: 1 Wintertime wrap in Hawaii, 6 Lose, as fur, 10 Heed, 14 Brief appearance in a film, 15 Home of Machu Picchu, 16 Plant, or a garden pest, 17 System overseer, for short, 18 Dog food brand, 19 Prepare to publish, 20 Concern for an advertising team (see letters 3 to 6 in this answer), 23 Raphael Warnock is one for Ga., 24 Country with the world's largest mall: Abbr., 25 Functional, 28 Part of a relay race, 29 "My bad!", 31 Was in charge, 32 Not yet scheduled, briefly, 34 Forwards, as a message (... 3 to 6), 37 Spot to look down from, 39 Gift upon arriving in Hawaii, 40 "Ouch!", 41 Took time for self-care, perhaps (... 6 to 9), 44 Info on a 1040 form, 45 ___ Lanka, 46 Christmas carol, 47 Portable bed, 49 Hindu doctrine, 51 Negroni ingredient, 52 Tree substance, 55 Unpredictable nature, and a theme hint, 59 Religious ceremony, 61 Del Rey who sang "Young and Beautiful", 62 Italian fashion house, 63 Imitates, 64 Flower that's often purple, 65 White wading bird, 66 Need for a newborn, 67 Way to go?, 68 Common bugs, DOWN: 1 Signs of healing, 2 Training group, 3 Jordan's capital, 4 Word that bookends "restrain", 5 Dish served with special forks, 6 Vindictiveness, 7 Give an audience to, 8 Longtime columnist, 9 Rough encounters, 10 Alpha : first :: ___ : last, 11 Big punches, 12 Giants legend Manning, 13 "Are we there ___?", 21 Droops, 22 It can set a college application apart, 26 Russian Revolution figure, 27 Sharp quality, 28 Like a doily, 29 Lakers legend Shaquille, 30 Norse god with two ravens, 32 Colorful aquarium fish, 33 Natural sleep aid?, 35 Otherwise, 36 Needing a map (Hey you!), 37 Cartier-Bresson or Rousseau, 42 Add acrobatics to your dance routine, say, 43 Vaping device, for short, 48 How freelance work is often done, 50 "___ things happen", 51 Grind, as teeth, 52 Warning from a dog, 53 Found the sum of, 54 Some H.S. exams, 56 Skating champion Lipinski, 57 Not out of the game, 58 Jason's ship, 59 Vied for a seat, 60 Hoppy brew, in brief

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 A Know-It-All Alert from Mercury



These early stages of Mercury in Gemini come across as an open invitation to know-it-alls. Keep in mind that nobody cares how much another person knows. A person could be the smartest person in the whole wide world and everyone around would still be just wondering about the things of relevance to their own curiosity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'd love not to think of yourself at all - to be entirely self-consciously immersed in a state of flow as you execute the various activities of your day. Isn't that what true confidence is? You'll attain it for brief moments.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though it's easier to think things through than it is to carry them out in practice, you're in a mood to skip the plan and get right into action. It's an instinct that won't let you down.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are thoughtful and will focus on what fits a situation instead of on all the things you could possibly bring to the table. This shift of focus is what sets you apart as a mature and effective leader.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is good to feel the yearning. Otherwise, how would you know what you deeply want? But once you realize just what that is, you'd do well to shift to a more active method of making things happen.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In critical moments, your private self and public self will be equal. You will make the same choice alone that you would make if millions of people were watching.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've done things for other people that you wouldn't allow them to do for you. There's an adjustment to make in this regard because relationships will thrive best on a two-way street.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Worry is a product of time travel. Jumping to the future prematurely causes worry and dwelling on the past does, too. In the operative moment - this one here - there is no room for worry, only action.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're getting so used to finding something to like in those less-than-ideal situations that your thoughts automatically gravitate to the positive things, the advantages and your points of leverage.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The answers don't always have to come from you. Try a proven strategy from a friend/mentor/book/program. You'll find that you have a knack for duplicating success formulas.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Different brains come with different styles of thought. Some have an audible running narrative in their head and others just feel the impulse and move. You'll enjoy working with those whose style is diverse from yours.

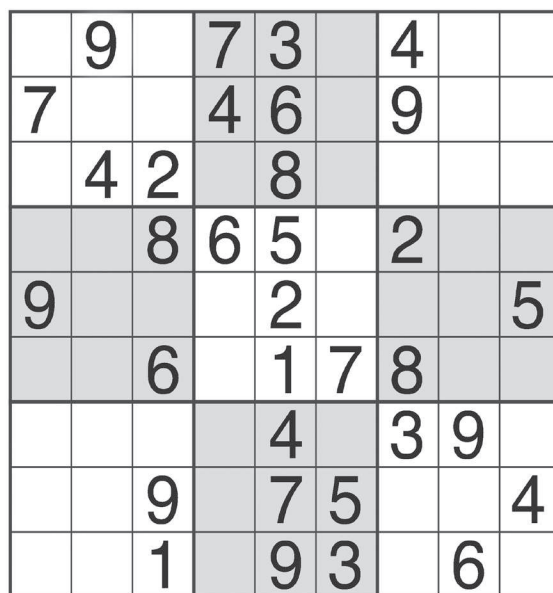
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The laws of leaning suggest that laying your weight into things that you have no control of puts you at risk for a fall. How can you emotionally, physically or financially prop yourself up better?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you do what you enjoy, highlight the parts you love and revel in what you find exciting, you won't have to wonder if the others are digging it, too. They will follow your lead.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 5). Your style radiates and people give you lovely feedback that lets you know they are experiencing you on multiple levels - from their five senses to their intellect to more intangible modes of appreciation. The wondrous impression you make will help you open new relationships, resources and avenues for adventure. Aries and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 2, 30, 12 and 26.

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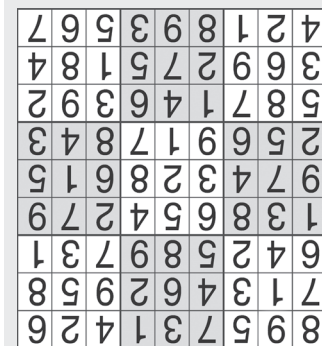
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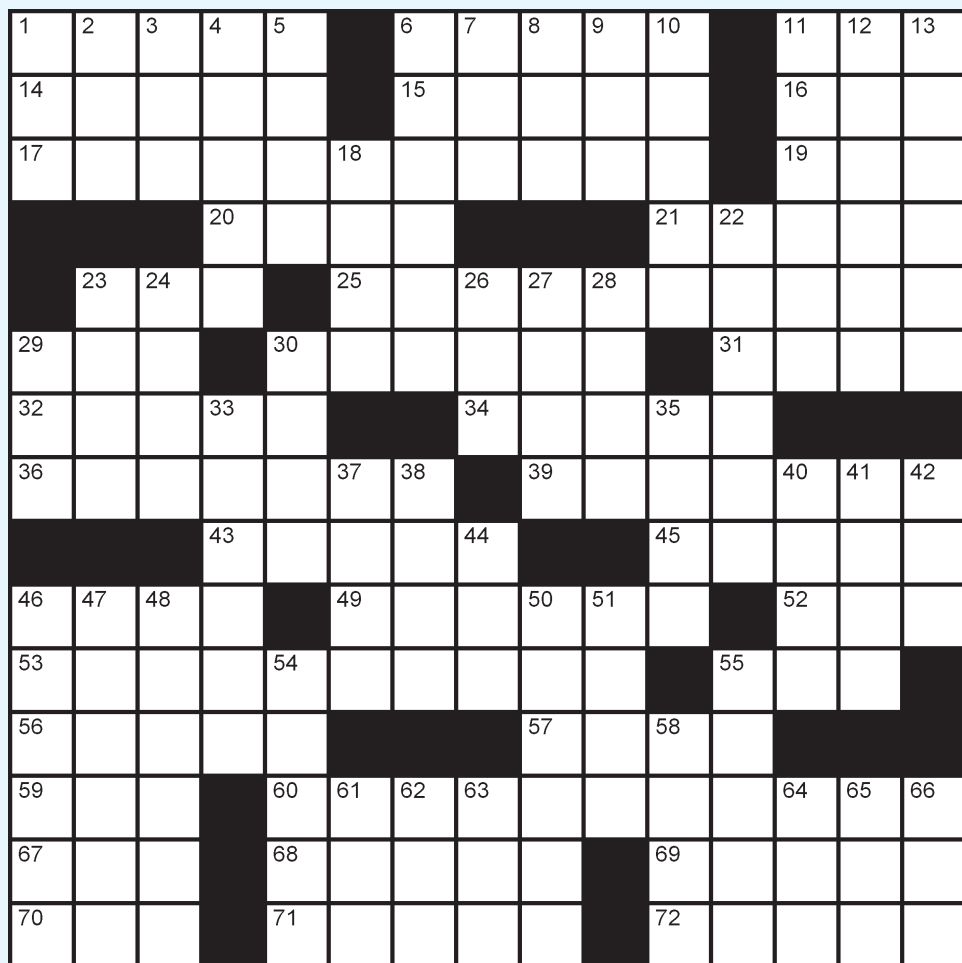


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Gotta Split! by Roland Huget

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- ACROSS: 1 Desert haven, 6 "Door number 1, 2 or 3?", 11 Conducted, 14 Moan and groan, 15 Main artery, 16 A third of tri-, 17 Throw to the side, say? (see the last 4 letters in this answer ...), 19 Time in history (... + all 3 in this one), 20 Formal deal, 21 Forearm bones, 23 Ran into (all 3 letters in this answer ...), 25 Mishmash (... + the first 3 in this one), 29 Plum's center, 30 Highest peak in Alaska, 31 Highlander (rhymes with "Braille"), 32 Hacienda brick, 34 ___ box (Japanese lunch), 36 Certain football player (the last 3 letters in this answer ...), 39 Clash with foam ammo (... + the first 3 in this one), 43 Orange, but not apple, 45 Submit taxes online, 46 2012 film that won Best Picture, 49 Drop in, 52 Hack (off), 53 Overnight sensation's trajectory (the last 2 letters in this answer ...), 55 Salt Lake City student (... + all 3 in this one), 56 St. Teresa's Spanish birthplace, 57 Humorist Lebowitz, 59 Rapper ___ Nas X, 60 Ending a relationship, or a theme hint, 67 Snaky fish, 68 Fire remnant, 69 Fix, as a hair bow, 70 Blow away, 71 Honey Smacks frog, 72 Very proficient, DOWN: 1 Hogwarts messenger, 2 "I get it now!", 3 Take a load off, 4 Not at all proficient, 5 Vaccine fluids, 6 Sam of Sam's Club, 7 Short flight, 8 Spousal ___, 9 Pennies: Abbr., 10 Invites to the penthouse, 11 Angola's capital, 12 Hold the attention of, 13 Semi fuel, 18 Massage target, 22 Sign out, 23 Calf-length skirt, 24 English prep school, 26 Apply gently, 27 Secluded valley, 28 "___ kleine Nachtmusik", 29 Buddy, 30 Floor model, 33 "Keep your shirt on!", 35 Card that beats a deuce, 37 Not to mention, 38 Chris of "The Good Wife", 40 Become limp, 41 Lotion additive, 42 Single exercise, 44 Sushi eggs, 46 Flowering shrub, 47 Critic's write-up, 48 Front piece on a car, 50 Image-building group, 51 Brought into being, 54 Wrapped, as an ankle, 55 Like a groom-to-be, 58 Taj Mahal's city, 61 French friend, 62 Late SCOTUS great, 63 Casual shirt, 64 Absorbed, as a loss, 65 Toy's sound?, 66 Group of exercises

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021 Venus and Pluto Power Vortex



How much of a relationship is transactional, and how much is inspired by genuine feeling much deeper than the deal of the moment? Such questions become interesting as Venus in Taurus angles Pluto in Capricorn in such a way to draw focus to the intersection of love and power. Hearts will be warmed when limits and loyalties are tested.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're already thinking about what's on the other side of today's task, and the thought of moving on will motivate you to do what it takes to get a job done efficiently and completely.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll have a sense of it today: "You are loved. There's an invisible world all around you. A kingdom of spirits commissioned to guard you, do you not see it?" from "Jane Eyre," by your signmate Charlotte Bronte.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Beware: Meeting the expectations of powerful and enthusiastic people is its own kind of thrilling experience, so potent that it becomes easy to confuse who you are with who they want you to be.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The plot will highlight your expertise. Your wins are partly due to good planning and partly due to good instinct and you'll seamlessly swing between these modes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Speak your mind. This may be the very thing the other person is thinking but hasn't said. Or it may be that you've synthesized ideas that the others haven't quite put together yet. Either way, the world needs your voice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). At some point, you have to stop learning and planning because action will teach you the rest. You're almost there. Give yourself the deadline and start the countdown.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Avoid those bored people who have nothing better to do than work up one

another's emotions over petty things. You benefit from sticking with the kindred souls with varied interests and wide horizons.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Caring people bring out a soft, sweet side of your heart. Uncaring people do the same, as you consciously decide to oppose their bad example. So, what calls out stoutness of heart? Being needed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who point out the faults of others would imply that they have fewer by comparison, which is rarely the case. The need to impress is itself a fault to be examined.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Once upon a time, you launched yourself into the unknown for adventure's sake. Now, you're much more purposeful. You want answers! New friends! Resources! Adventure is just a byproduct of the quest.

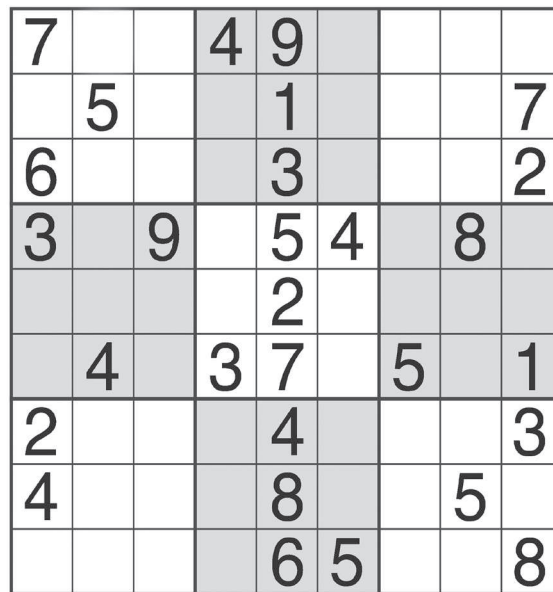
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't take the focus of others for granted. You expect to earn any attention you get. You'll deliberately structure interactions so as to keep things interesting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who bite off more than they can chew are at risk of choking. But there are safer ways to approach ambition, for instance, cutting and saving the big portion to slice into manageable segments.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 6). Your optimism is a choice, a habit you lead with and part of an overall strategy for your new solar year. You'll attract like-minded people and enjoy celebrating each other's victories in the months to come. Putting the effort into relationships to keep them interesting and sweet will be an effort that pays you back all year! Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 40, 23, 18 and 21.

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