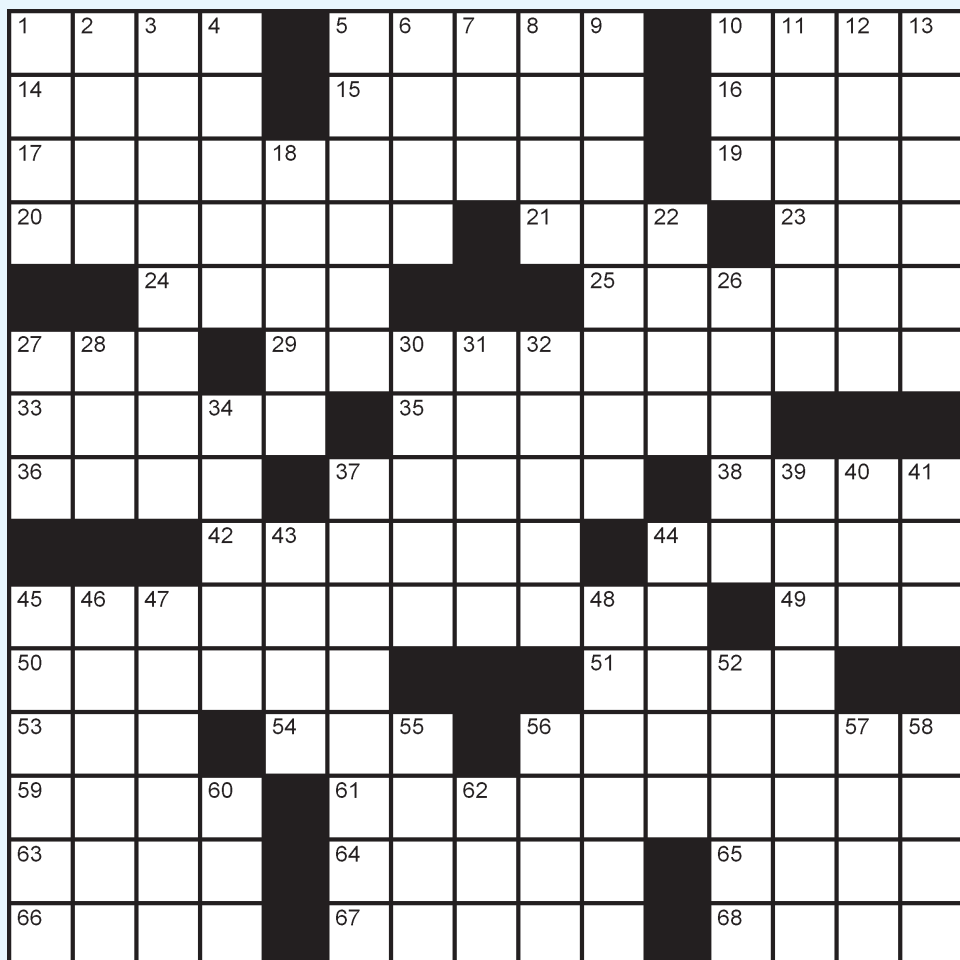


Bighearted by Kyle Dolan

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- ACROSS: 1 Stage after larva, 5 Measures in an old Tootsie Pop ad, 10 'The Winner Takes It All' band, 14 Bedroom poster figure, say, 15 Oscar of 'The Last Jedi', 16 Wood strip, 17 What you're standing on (see the middle 4 letters in this answer), 19 Writer Vonnegut, 20 See 10-Down, 21 Defib expert, 23 Softball stat, 24 Heat shield?, 25 Shellfish sometimes swallowed whole, 27 Grammy winner Lipa, 29 Red sauce ingredient (middle 3 letters), 33 Unable to sit still, 35 Prime Video's company, 36 -chic, 37 Animal with a forked tongue, 38 Fight about the dishes, perhaps, 42 Catlike, 44 Black-and-white bear, 45 It connects the Atlantic and Pacific (middle 3 letters), 49 Word before 'bod' or 'joke', 50 Lagasse of New Orleans cuisine, 51 Adjust, as a radio, 53 Dashboard device: Abbr., 54 Drag behind, 59 Nothing \_\_\_ than perfect, 61 Complain loudly (middle 4 letters), 63 Toledo's lake, 64 They're just not good, 65 Titillating, 66 'Oh, man!', 67 Coped (with), 68 Word in a shoppe name, 37 Weaved downhill on skis, 39 Refusing to accept something, 40 Vaccine-approving org., 41 Grapefruit diet, e.g., 43 Release, 44 Fruits that flavor some Japanese liqueurs, 45 Certain artificial limb, 46 Watt per volt, 47 Loch monster, familiarly, 48 'Raise your glasses ...', 52 Dragster fuel, briefly, 55 Slight curl in long hair, 56 Small hollow, 57 Readable with a laser, 58 Scottish isle where a terrier originated, 60 Utters, informally, 62 Seoul-based Soul maker, 26 \_\_\_ Ana, 27 Bit of gel, 28 Game with Wild cards, 30 In a frenzy, 31 JennAir alternative, 32 Occupied, 34 Until now

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021 Venus and Jupiter Call for Acceptance



As tensions line up between Venus and Jupiter, thoughtful work is unlikely to flow with a regularity that can be counted on. Inspiration rushes then halts; ideas come in bursts and fits. Abundant productivity is available for those who treat creativity like weather, responding to its seasons and moods beyond our command.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you're talking to someone you're trying to understand where they are coming from. You can picture their life outside the interaction with greater accuracy because of the excellent questions you ask.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You like to be the one giving, but if you don't let others help you, you deprive them of something meaningful. Part of generosity is being a gracious receiver of what people contribute to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You don't have to be overly sensitive to every little internal distress signal or constantly let yourself off the hook. But do acknowledge when the hard work hurts. That acknowledgment is enough to avoid burnout.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The rules are in place for a reason, but it's not always a good one. Today, you just may find that it's not a very solid or enforceable one either. If someone is going to make an exception, it will be for exceptional you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Emotional investment is like any other investment - a risk. One thing you can count on is that, sooner or later, everyone gets hurt in love. If there's no hurt, it's not love. So the question is, who are you willing to hurt for?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). What you like will agree with you, make you look good, and inspire lots more of the good stuff. Who you love will love you back. What you do will matter. It's an all-around fantastic day.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Projects have a beginning, middle and an end, though that is not the best order

of approach. Begin with the end in mind. If you don't have an end in mind yet, assist someone who does and you'll learn a lot.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be extremely careful which collective you align with. Groups can be incredibly destructive and stupid or, under the right circumstances, highly intelligent and even brighter as an entity than the most intelligent person within the group.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trying to connect with an emotionally distant person is like grasping the wind - futile. The wind touches you; you do not touch it. But if you position yourself well, you can use its power to do any number of things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). An old joke: Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana. So make like a fruit fly and get into the sweetness of the day. It's going to take a little work to get past the peel and a little humor to get past this horoscope.

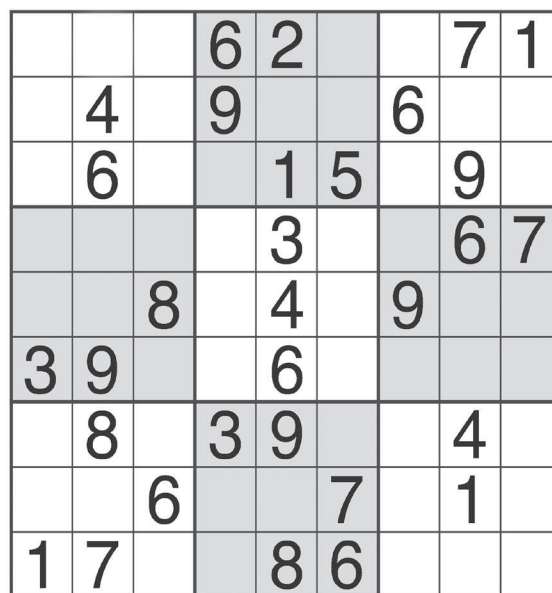
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be like the honeybee. Send out scouts in every direction so that later you can concentrate all your efforts on only the direction where the flowers are open and inviting.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even though you are affiliated with a group, you will act freely and independently, cooperating as it suits you and compromising when you deem it beneficial. The approach produces coordinated results everyone will be proud of.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 7). In a way, following your bliss is the most responsible thing you can do. For one thing, it pays. Lucky financial moves will be the result of a stellar perspective, which comes from delving deeply into your delights. You'll work with your emotions to create circumstances that ultimately benefit many, a skill that rubs off on others. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 18, 9 and 45.

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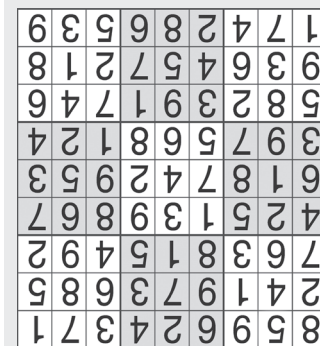
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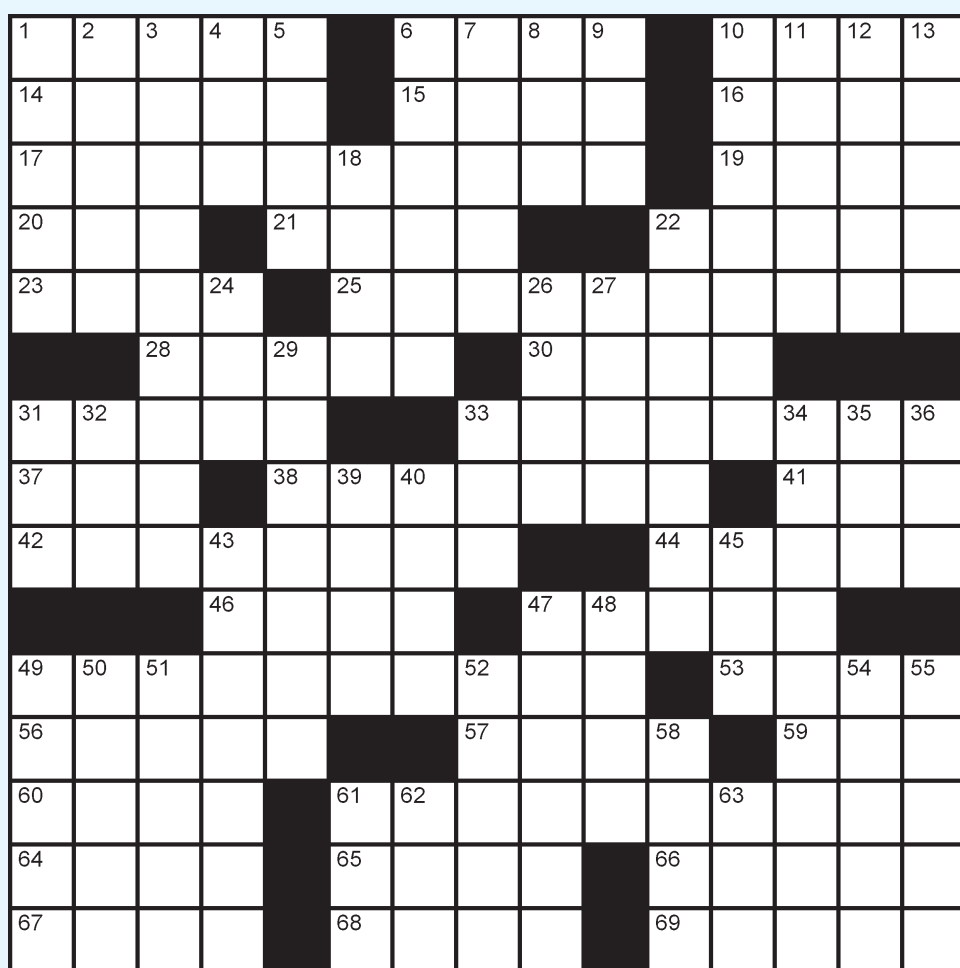


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Tennis Open by Catherine Cetta

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- ACROSS: 1 School year divisions, 6 Fill with food, 10 Frosts, as a cake, 14 Use one end of a pencil, 15 Soothing succulent, 16 \_\_\_ pit (slam-dancing area), 17 Like a blunt refusal, 19 Button you may click before a Zoom lecture, 20 SSNs, e.g., 21 Pick up sound waves, 22 Free-for-all, 23 Word before 'freeze' or 'fry', 25 One who catches poachers, 28 Abyss, 30 Makes 'it', 31 Loads (of), 33 Body of water between Cleveland and Detroit, 37 Sushi tuna, 38 'Time for a short break!', 41 Not well, 42 Cookie with a green filling, 44 Poster fasteners, 46 Dromedary camel feature, 47 Gawp, 49 Unchangeable, 53 Froyo chain, 56 Adjective for Al Yankovic, 57 Tempo, 59 Pie \_\_\_ mode, 60 Galena and magnetite, 61 Fixer-upper?, 64 Ridiculously funny person, 65 Composer Satie, 66 'To clarify ...', 67 Refuse to admit, 68 Chicks' mothers, 69 Items on a to-do list, 39 Octopus parts, 40 Best-\_\_\_ secret, 43 In need of a drink, 45 Sunflower oil, perhaps?, 47 Chips and pretzels, 48 It's part of IT, informally, 49 Zorro's weapon, 50 Like a haunted house, 51 Attach, as with string, 52 Choose to participate, 54 Gloomy, 55 Sailors' tales, 58 Send forth, 61 'I've seen better', 62 'You really \_\_\_ too much!', 63 Dr.'s org., 26 French for 'state', 27 Stop sleeping, 29 Amaze, 31 Patriotic uncle, 32 Chinese life force, 33 Sign of summer?, 34 Crunchy, puffed foods, 35 Type, 36 Golf champion Ernie

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021 Venus & Jupiter Examine the Gamemasters



Remember when you felt that you didn't have a choice, and then later looked back to see many potential options you didn't initially notice? Among other themes, the tension between Venus and Jupiter cautions against accepting the choices others lay out for us as though they were the only ones. The game-creator usually has the advantage.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It won't take you long to subtly establish your influence. If you were to exert your influence more obviously, you would be met with a resistance that would take forever to overcome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you were younger you heard that life isn't fair, though many of your experiences of late have shown evidence to the contrary. For instance, today's bit of poetic justice is nothing short of delicious.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A few people will make an initial decision and many others will uncritically accept it. You, however, will push pause and do your own evaluation. You can't personally examine everything, but this is within your realm.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The more they need you, the better you perform. You don't worry or think about it; you just do it. Something about people depending on you makes it easier, not harder.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your wisdom shines through your choice of what to get involved with and when. Trust those initial prescient instincts, even when (especially when!) you can't reason them out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't like to tell the others what to do. You prefer to do it yourself, and you'll make it look so cool in the process that you attract helpers, fans and partners of all kinds.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know how to work on things sequentially and get results one at a time.

But the point of arrival is when everything happens at once. This will occur when it's supposed to. Keep doing what you're doing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). According to your innate sense of fairness (shared by all around you today), rewards will correlate to efforts and accomplishments - as it should be. Since it isn't always so, you greatly appreciate the justice served today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). No one likes to have to work hard to understand something they are not that interested in to begin with. But today, there's a complexity at hand that needs to be dealt with and you're ready to do what it takes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though most of the jobs your team will do are not so difficult, the possibilities will broaden in the future. So you'll work to expand the outer edges of your own capabilities and inspire those around you to do the same.

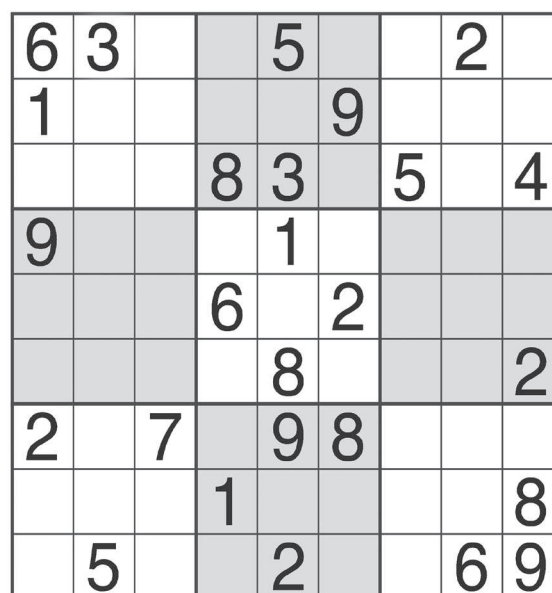
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Knowing that someone will only remember two or three things you talk about, you pick the most important topics and find an artful and memorable way to put those ideas across.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll take your own desire into account, though, ultimately, much of what you do with your day will depend on what the people around you need and want. Doing things together will bring the most joy.

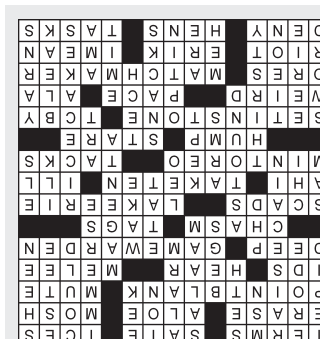
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 8). There's a liberation taking place. A year from now, you'll look back and celebrate this moment when you cease to needlessly judge yourself. You'll opt for new ways of pulling your habits into line. You'll enjoy what you create because you dared to go in a new direction. Work leads to new interests; new interests pay you. Capricorn and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 1, 33 and 18.

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