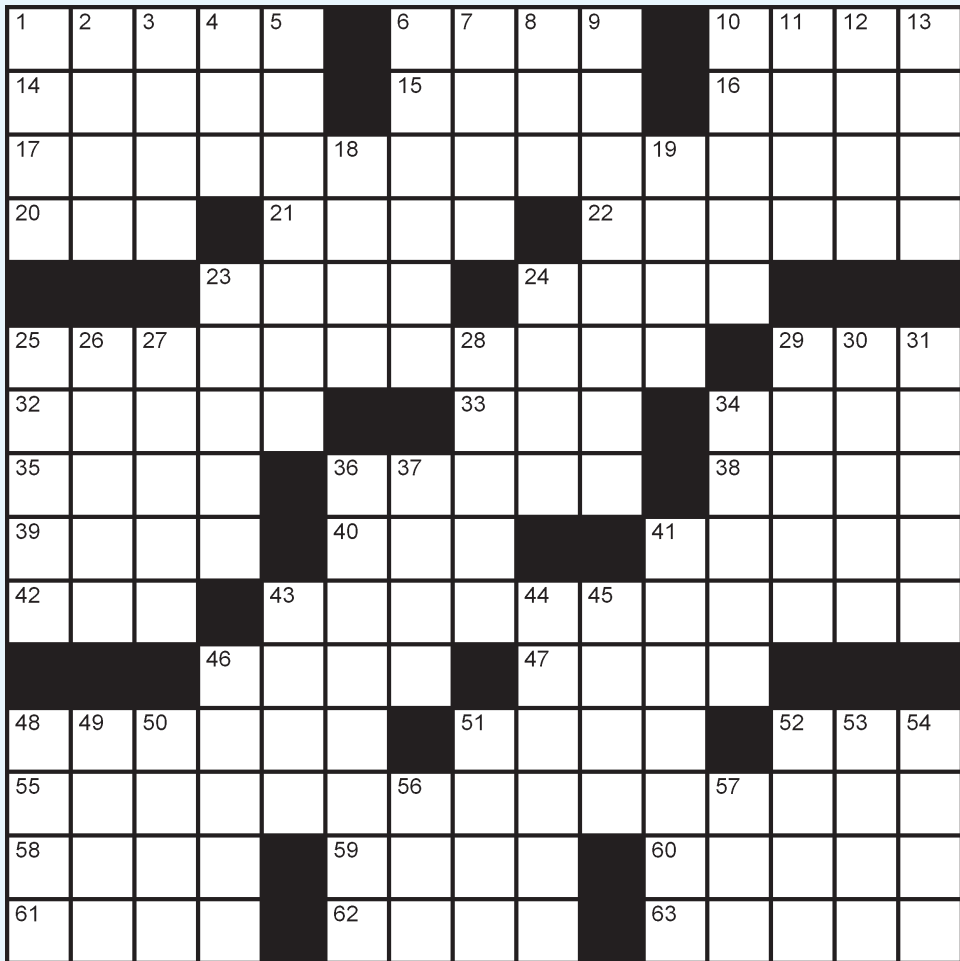


Broken Promises by George Jasper

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
1 One way to serve prime rib
6 Place to dock
10 Treble or bass
14 Avoid, as work
15 "Next one's ___!"
16 What stowaways do
17 Anyone can learn it (notice this answer's first 1 + last 5 letters)
20 Pronoun for Batwoman
21 "The Bridge of San ___ Rey"
22 Apple or potato variety
23 Goodyear product
24 First date no-no, for some
25 Short-winded (first 1 + last 3)
29 Vegas opener?
32 Photo session
33 Austin-to-Kansas City dir.
34 Pants support
35 Disrespectfully brief
36 Fine-tunes
38 Secret retreat
39 Missouri state quarter image
40 ___ de cologne

- 41 Refinement
42 Cheering fan's syllable
43 TV program with many acts (first 1 + last 2)
46 Wine menu heading
47 Electric Chevy until 2019
48 Cuban woman, perhaps
51 Right-hand person
52 Mincemeat dessert
55 Touch, essentially (first 1 + last 3)
58 Down the drain
59 Real knee-slapper
60 "That's for sure!"
61 Favorable votes
62 ___ out a living (scrapes by)
63 Full of passion

- DOWN**
1 Egyptian biters
2 "Nah"
3 See eye to eye
4 www.wikipedia.org, e.g.
5 Way up in the mountains?
6 More sluggish
7 Roadside stopovers
8 Angst-filled genre
9 Big jobs for editors
10 Game that can end in two moves
11 Tops at coffee shops
12 Slight advantage
13 Word after "flat" or "square"
18 Hold in check
19 Rife with greenery
23 Nail's partner
24 "Citizen" who said "Rosebud"
25 Award for a movie
26 Shipmate of Sulu
27 It's held up in New York Harbor
28 The blahs
29 One may guide a guide dog
30 Kagan's colleague
31 Scatter, as rose petals

- 34 ___ furnace
36 Source of worry
37 Dinghy propellers
41 Pain relief brand
43 Start of Caesar's boast
44 Forces off the premises
45 Heading for a list of errands
46 Follows a court order?
48 Lydia Ko's sports org.
49 Greeting at sea
50 Daly of "Judging Amy"
51 Common succulent
52 Hard work ___ off
53 Cool-sounding rapper?
54 Site for crafters
56 NASA approval
57 Day of Thanksgiving: Abbr.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021 Venus Communicates Through Mother's Day



Each of us is born from a mother whose being remains etched on our very essence. This Mother's Day lands on the first full day of Venus in Gemini. For those who have a special language with their mother, that identifying banter will be in full force, as will shared aesthetics, recipes and other matters of style and much more.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It may seem far-fetched, but the truth is there are people in the world who are happy just knowing *you* are happy. In this light, prioritizing your own happiness serves many.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). For the keen observer, observation can be just as empowering as action. With your eyes wide open and bionic ears that pick up on both subtlety and subtext, you'll learn many useful things.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Never doubt your ability to influence the outcome. Today, it is stronger than ever. You won't have to say the right thing or make the right move. All you'll have to do is show up.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). So much that the world asks you to do will be neither productive nor necessary. What if you just did the bare minimum? There's nothing to gain from filling all of your time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Hospitality is sacred to you, and you tend to your role as a host and as a guest with forethought, creativity and restraint. Social arrangements will go well, adding an extra sheen to an already-shiny reputation.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While the need for attention is a commonality among humans, the amount that satisfies varies widely among individuals. You'd like as little as possible now, as there's freedom in making moves without an audience.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Feelings, like water,

move over the scene, some lasting longer than others. Though eventually, everything passes through, over, on... This is bittersweet in the case of passionate intensity but a deep relief in the case of grief.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). While some cannot seem to recognize the magnificence of a thing until it's gone, you add foresight to the matter, imagining the thing gone in order to better appreciate the impact of its presence while you have it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It took awhile for you to make a decision, and now that you've made it, you have no intention of changing your mind. Your commitment is admirable. Note that it is possible to stay at once committed and open.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have a vision, and you can make it come to life. Do not doubt your taste or your ability to create things that are beautiful for all who experience them.

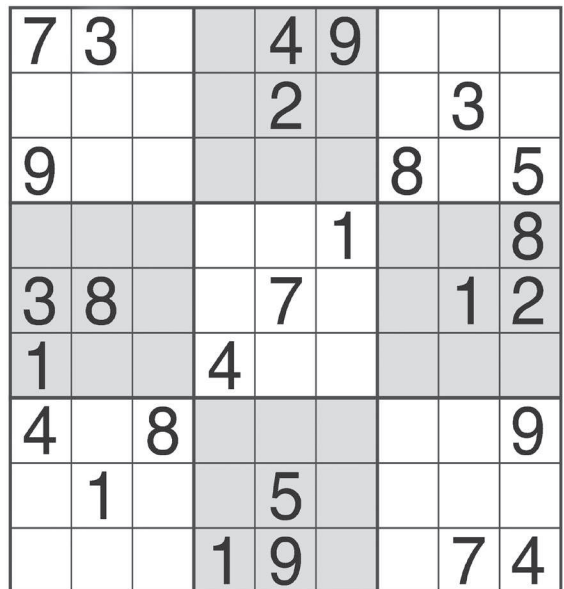
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've an amused indifference to nonsense that others seem to think is crucial to the rotation of the world. Your lighter touch is inspired from something you learned long ago: Cry or laugh, the world spins on.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It would be a mistake to pass blame to those who show poor judgment for acts that occurred quite beyond the realm of judgment. Being in control at all times is not possible for anyone on the planet.

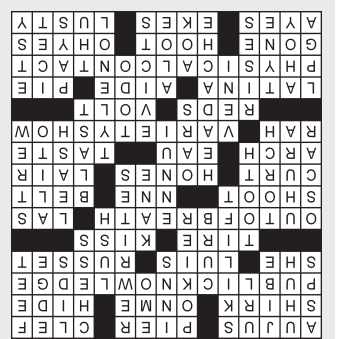
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 9). You've been starry eyed and eager for certain experiences, and this year brings the chance to set sail, like an explorer bound for new emotional landscapes. You'll give in a way that follows tradition and in ways that you wish others had given to you. Your generosity will lift and move people. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 1, 11 and 17.

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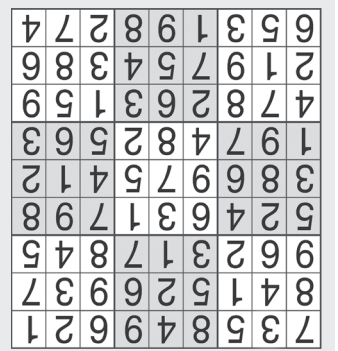
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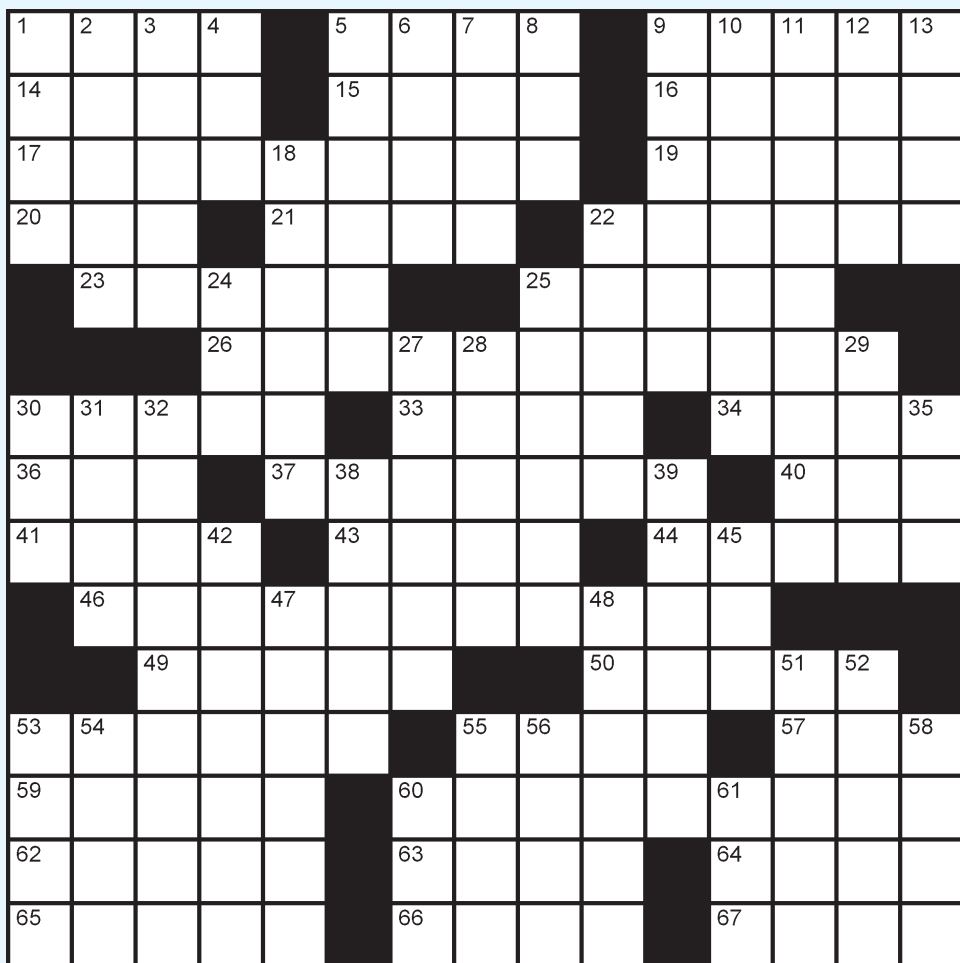


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Form a Bond by Karen and Matthew Stock

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
1 True statement
5 Improve in jazz
9 Strongly suggests
14 ___ vera gel
15 Scandinavian furniture store
16 Medieval Scandinavian language
17 "What studying many pages makes you good at?"
19 Old-timey chalkboard material
20 "Code Switch" network
21 Totenberg or Simone
22 Alternative to a ballpoint
23 U.S. Poet Laureate Joy
25 Wipe clean
26 "Chores assigned by a spouse, collectively
30 Irk
33 Closing musical passage
34 Miley Cyrus' musical sister
36 Chest muscle, informally

- 37 Bicycle brand
40 Bert and Ernie, e.g.
41 "___ the night before ..."
43 Move like sap
44 Make a speech
46 *Tool with inch marks
49 April payments
50 Stevie of Fleetwood Mac
53 42-Down calls
55 Not that?
57 Haven't yet paid
59 Archaeological city in Jordan
60 Words of encouragement that also hint at each starred answer's start
62 Mete out
63 "Jane ___"
64 Priority Mail org.
65 Ejects forcibly
66 Treble, for flute music
67 ___/them pronouns

- DOWN**
1 Bambi, for one
2 Hebrew letter before bet
3 Serpentine yoga pose
4 ___ Talks
5 Eyesight
6 Related to)
7 Humongous: Prefix
8 Word after "frying" or "pie"
9 Steam open, say
10 Arrives like fog
11 Drink that might turn your tongue purple
12 East of Spain?
13 "I feel ___ and heard!"
18 Delights in
22 (That was corny!)
24 Greek P
25 Circular currents
27 Reverberates
28 "Holy guacamole!"
29 Stretched tight
30 Like the name Joe, for a barista
31 Little salamander
32 One of 11 for the UConn women's basketball team

- 35 Tool stored near a shovel
38 Tags along
39 Completely safe
42 Bird with a house variety
45 "Parks and ___" (2009-15 TV show, informally)
47 Americans living abroad, for short
48 Youth-assisting org.
51 ___ ball (toy with strands)
52 Make a choice on Tinder
53 Pros at 49-Across
54 "Rescue me!"
55 Texter's "Bye for now!"
56 Bring on board
58 Site with handmade Mother's Day gifts
60 "Just a ___!"
61 Chiding syllable

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2021 Genie's Lunar Lamp



Tomorrow's new moon in Taurus, the sign of money, is among the year's luckiest days for setting financial and material intentions. Those inviting abundance will take a moment to consider what they want and get their mindset right for it. Imagine the moon as a genie in a lamp, ready to grant a wish. If the fairytales are right, phrasing is key!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You've come to the point in an interaction where a softer stance will benefit all. Seek resolution, not conquest. This frees up energy to spend on more important and uplifting things.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The intensity of emotion you feel can be disproportionate to your actual investment in the relationship, indicating a bit of unresolved historic pain in the mix. It's an opportunity for dealing and healing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Children like to be treated as though they were older, and adults like to embody the liberties of youth. Both will get their wish today, a day that favors closing generational gaps.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's counterintuitive, though you'll witness it firsthand and understand the truth of it: Things can be dark in a way that lets the light in. You'll see very clearly and know exactly what needs to be done.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though you carry yourself everywhere, the conscious awareness of what it's like to be you waxes and wanes within. It's strong today, this unequivocal feeling: Home is where you are welcomed to a place you never left.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you do what's good for you, you'll also help someone else. The opposite is also true, so take precautions against working too hard and doing too much. The burnout would not only be your own.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Because everyone is

doing the same thing, it seems acceptable to miss the point. You'll step back, only to see how appalling certain "normal" behaviors really are. Ultimately, this clear-sightedness will lead to change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's acceptable to make the wrong choice. People do it every day. Holding compassion in your heart for human error allows you to learn quickly. Wrong choices lead to right choices.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The person who challenges your ideas is helping you broaden and strengthen your mind. The challenger could come in many forms - gentle, antagonistic, intelligent, tuggish. There's something to learn from all.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). As for the thing that is weighing on you... don't forget that you are part of the equation that gives it a particular kind of gravity. Change your position or drop it. The thing weighs the same, though not to you.

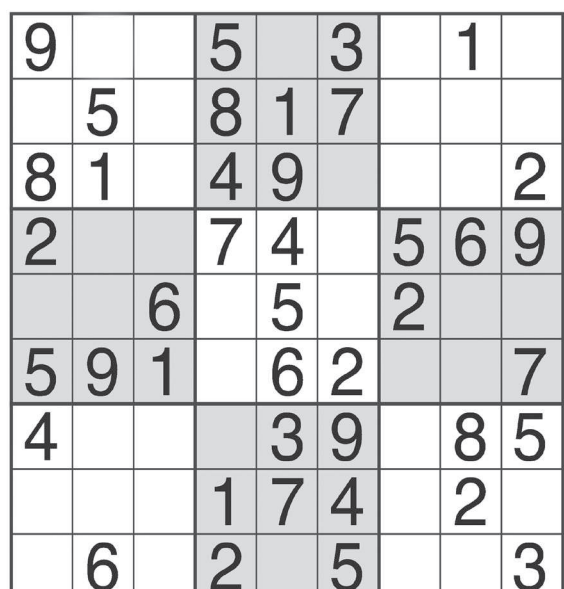
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll suddenly see the answer to a puzzle. It was there all along, of course, mixed in with the other pieces, just waiting for you to pick it out. Once seen, it's so obvious you can never unsee it - a perfect fit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A quiet joy lightens your step now. You are buoyed by your undertakings, honored by your responsibilities, and you feel the full gift of your current position.

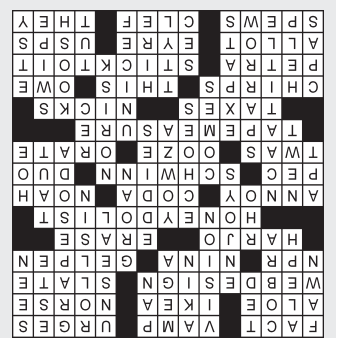
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 10). Not only do you have a clear vision for the good of the group; you have the amazing talent of managing and leading others in a way that's virtually undetectable. You and your friends will help one another without keeping score, though all will be equitably balanced. Nurturing relationships naturally come together. Cancer and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 30, 11, 20 and 15.

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