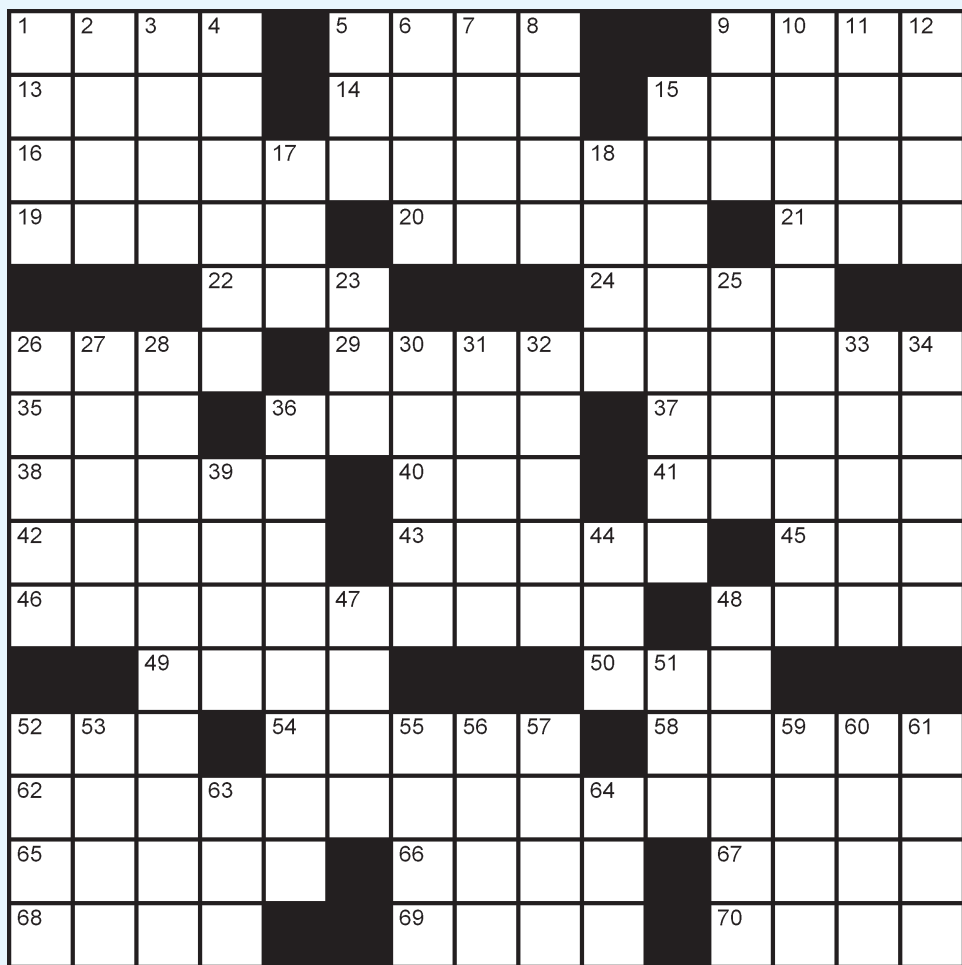


Starting Point by Drew Schmenner
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- ACROSS: 1 Support financially, 5 In the center of, 9 Animals that Goodall and Fossey studied, 13 High woodwind, 14 Streaming device, 15 Position, 16 Words of creation in Genesis, 19 'I Have a ___' (King speech), 20 Simple class, 21 Dawn goddess, 22 End of Google's URL, 24 Hilarious person, 26 Part of a Boy Scout uniform, 29 'Pet Detective' of film, 35 One often overworked in Apr., 36 Brigham Young University's home, 37 Messed up, 38 'Thus ...', 40 Fix, as a contest, 41 More clearheaded, 42 Support for concrete, 43 Skinny and angular, 45 First mother, 46 Divisive issues, 48 Chop or dice, e.g., informally, 49 Prefix after giga-, 50 Knee tear site, briefly, 52 Works at the Louvre, 54 ___ seat (airplane choice), 58 Prolific fabulist, 62 Delivery person's way in, or a hint to the tennis terms at the beginnings of 16-, 29- and 46-Across, 65 Arctic native, 66 Verdi opera set in Egypt, 67 Apt-sounding surname for a Barbie collector, 68 Bit of choreography, 69 Endure, 70 Dalmatian marking, DOWN: 1 Give up, in poker, 2 Lyft competitor, 3 Wine nuance, 4 Unfasten, 5 'You ___ My Sunshine', 6 Toddler's dinner demand, 7 Swedish furniture giant, 8 Nicknames, 9 'Rumble in the Jungle' boxer, 10 Exciting book, 11 Alexa's home?, 12 Collections of furniture, 15 Least decorated, 17 Med. plan option, 18 Literary governess Jane, 23 Tarnish, 25 ___ vez (again, in Spanish), 26 Wrap worn with mittens, 27 Sleeper's ailment, 28 'That's unfortunately the way it is', 30 Welsh dog, 31 French water brand, 32 Madonna hit with the lyric 'Strike a pose', 33 'Superman' actor Christopher, 34 Commercial seller, 36 Senior's yearbook photo, 39 Doorbuster event, 44 Org. that Snowden exposed, 47 Of the flock, 48 Begs, 51 Many clowns can pack into one, 52 Flea market caveat, 53 Musical based on 'La Boheme', 55 Close, as an envelope, 56 Ben Solo's mother, 57 Word after 'loose' or 'tight', 59 Rice Krispies toon, 60 Eight, in Buenos Aires, 61 Hit with snowballs, say, 63 Hotshot, for short, 64 Bit of ink

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
FRIDAY, MAY 28, 2021 Seed Moon



The seeds have evolved to attract the vehicles that might deliver them to fertile ground. They may get there by way of a bird beak, on wispy barbs that attach to animal fur or on sprouted sails that catch the wind. The earthy Capricorn moon suggests we trust that we need only be the way we are and the vehicle will come along.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A busy mind works with many of your intellectual pursuits, though socializing isn't one of them. For that, you'll get into a different mode, one where you're calmly receptive to your environment and the people therein.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You feel like the hero of your story and so does everyone else. Understanding that people serve as their own protagonists will be central to the way you do lucrative business.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Successful spontaneity depends on someone, once upon a time, having had a plan that worked out so splendidly that now others can just show up to what they accomplished.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Play the long game. Perseverance will be essential to the victory. Through sheer determination, you'll not only make a situation work for today; you'll make it matter for years to come.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a little surprising when you don't get the reaction you were going for. But this isn't a movie set, and they didn't get your script. You'll roll with the improvisational moment and brilliance ensues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're on when you need to be, and you feel relief when it's time to power down. The ideal scenario would be to have such congruence of purposes that there is no need to jolt yourself into different modes. Work toward it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your fellow Libra, the

poet e.e. cummings famously said, "I'm living so far beyond my income that we may almost be said to be living apart." A preventive financial review will make sure it doesn't happen to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Material possessions are only important to you because of what they represent and how they enable you to do things with other people. It's those relationships that really matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The day vibrates with fresh potential. You only need to explore one new thing to get the energetic lift that a little novelty can bring. Interaction with an air sign will be fortunate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Fewer opinions mean more room for peace and ease. Bonus: The gentleness of self-forgiveness isn't even necessary if you have the gentleness of nonjudgment going for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like having a partner who votes, eats or recycles differently, it seems your efforts are being canceled out by someone close to you. You'll learn and grow through this relationship and the conflict it brings up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Don't hide or even work on your flaws today. Your lovability doesn't hinge on one isolated feature or fact, rather it's the effect of everything about you coming together to make an impact that could only be made by you.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 28). Love flows and you make healthy relationships the focus. You're more productive than last year even though you'll work less. You've a tremendous talent for setting the right goals and picking people who will help you achieve them. The sale of a property or service will allow you to make one of your dreamy projects a reality. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 44, 28, 2 and 9.

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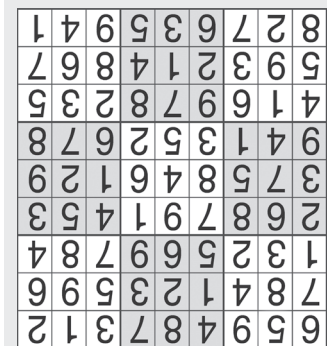
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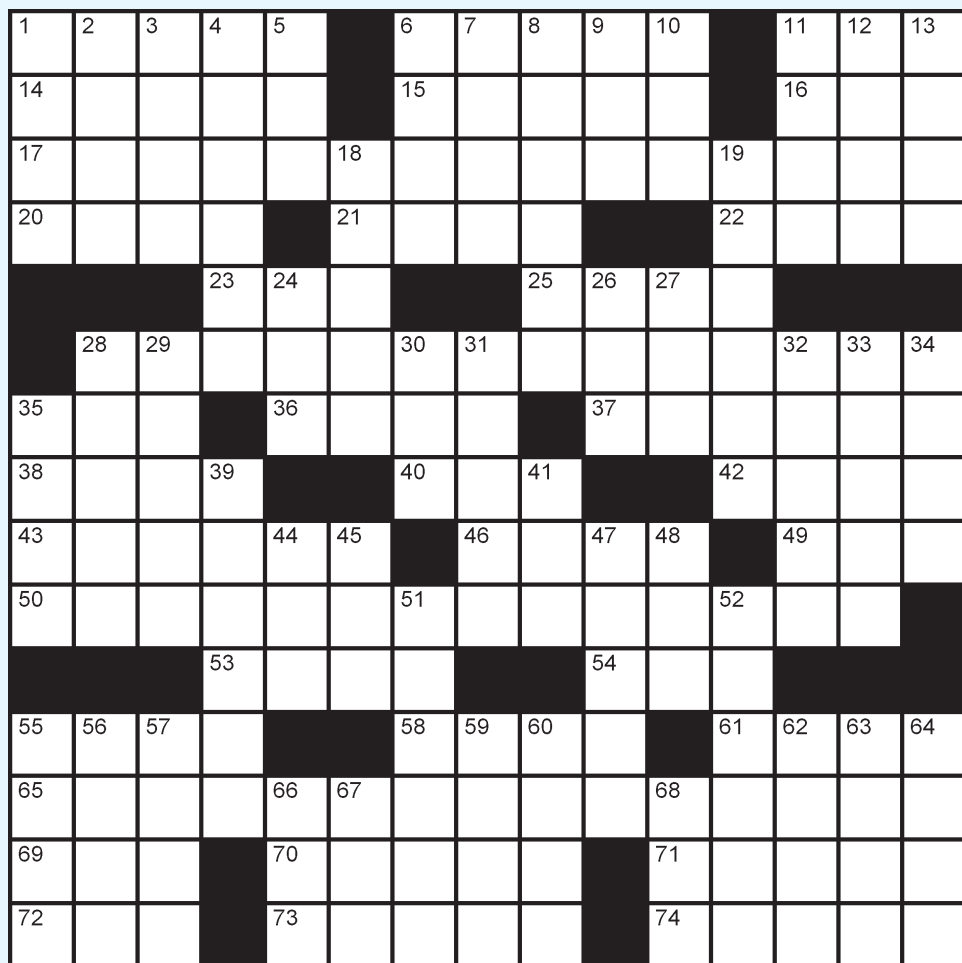
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- ACROSS: 1 Pedometer count, 6 Adds to one's blog, 11 Vowelless order at a deli, 14 In the loop, 15 Label-making giant, 16 Close to the ground, 17 Seoul's landmass (see letters 2-3, 10-11 and 14-15 in this answer), 20 Athletic award, 21 Rowboat steerers, 22 Electric ___ (shocking swimmers), 23 Choose, 25 Praise may inflate them, 28 Washington archipelago with a Spanish name (letters 3-4, 10-11 and 12-13), 35 UV-shielding initials, 36 Wildlife rescue agcy., 37 Think highly of, 38 Substitution for forgotten lyrics, 40 Clawfoot ___, 42 Way off?, 43 Kenya neighbor, 46 Speak hoarsely, 49 Covert ___, 50 Denver backdrop (letters 4-5, 6-7 and 12-13), 53 Fail to keep confidential, 54 Curved trajectory, 55 What liniment eases, 58 Far-fetched, as a tale, 61 Title above viscount, 65 Vancouver's province (letters 2-3, 8-9 and 14-15), 69 Affectedly shy, 70 Sloughs off, 71 Brewer that owns Olympia, 72 Aroma-therapist's workplace, 73 For this reason, 74 Python or viper, DOWN: 1 Drink served with sushi, 2 Deuces, 3 Wyatt of Dodge City, 4 Hunt, in the wild, 5 Aquatic expanse, 6 Bear with a hard bed, 7 Concluded, 8 Karate instructor, 9 Arm muscle, informally, 10 Thesaurus suggestion: Abbr., 11 Sapphire's color, often, 12 Dangle lazily, 13 Start of 'Jabberwocky', 18 Still asleep, 19 Seedy bagel type, 24 Slumber party attire, 26 Fed. management org., 27 Former, 28 Wolfgang Puck restaurant, 29 Insurer with quack-filled commercials, 30 Stop hesitating, 31 Tiny Pacific nation, 32 Cynthia with a pair of Emmys, 33 Faucet troubles, 34 Tennis match divisions, 35 Disparaging remark, 39 Diminutive sock, 41 Refuse to allow, 44 Easter egg treatment, 45 Org. for physicians, 47 Bazaar unit, 48 Predicted golf score, 51 'Yeah, in that case ...', 52 Frosty Marvel mutant, 55 Kindergartners learn them, 56 Field yield, 57 'Howdy!', 59 'Thunderstruck' band, 60 Go down in defeat, 62 Palindromic disco-era band, 63 Game of world domination, 64 Not prompt, 66 'More or less', 67 Pronoun for a hen, 68 Delivery co. with brown vans

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
SATURDAY, MAY 29, 2021 Mercury Retrograde Message



Divides of language exist between regions and countries, between generations and cultures and even between intelligence centers of the body. Our brains and hearts speak two different languages, which ultimately increases our chances of understanding. What cannot be processed in the brain this Mercury transit will be translated by the heart.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The new way of doing things is just the old way sliced and diced and stacked in a different order. Don't overthink it; just get in there and start moving things around until something pleases your aesthetic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As it goes in theater and in life, the environment is not the story, but that backdrop really does set a tone. You feel and act differently when you're inside certain 'sets.'

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Once upon a time, you tried the social technique of hanging around a place until you felt like you belonged there - and it actually worked pretty well! Should you employ it again, this time around it won't take nearly as long.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The easiest debt problem to solve is financial. The math involved in emotional and karmic debts takes a wizard to solve. Luckily, you have some wizarding powers to wield today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Maybe you can't get everything on your list right now, but ideas are more valuable than dollars. Wanting will stimulate your creativity and you'll come up with more ways to bring your wishes to hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even though you're focused on the positive, you still see what needs improvement. Record these insights and, for now, keep them to yourself. You can circle back to fixing things after you've played to the strengths.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When someone pops to mind, you wonder if you have also floated into their consciousness and if you are appearing there on a regular basis. To make an impression is to be two places at once.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are times when too much repetition gets tedious, but right now it's a great help. People need to hear things a few times to understand. Tell your story again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In the same way that a person's ideal weight isn't necessarily their real weight, standards held in theory are not really standards unless they are met.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Doing things together has an impact. It's true that you'll have to compromise, but the progress you make after adding a person or two to your project will be worth it.

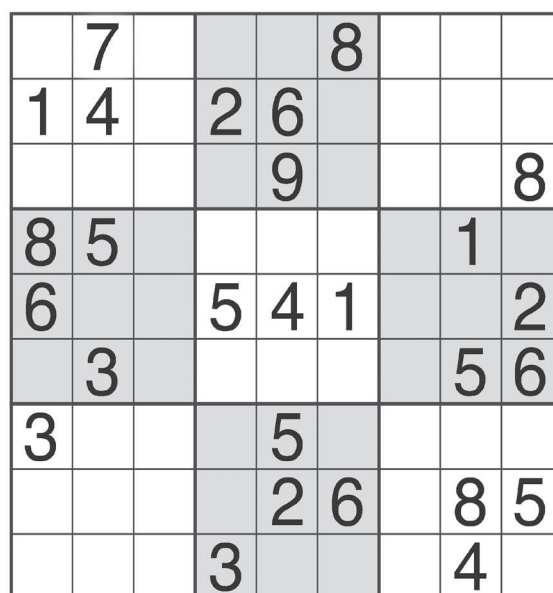
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To compensate for a thing is to draw attention to it. This doesn't have to be an embarrassment. Face and embrace all that you lack or perceive yourself as lacking. Be proud of the work you do to make up for it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Pace yourself socially. You don't need everyone to know everything about you upfront. It's more exciting to give them just enough so that they crave the next detail.

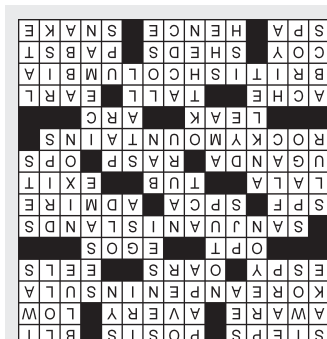
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 29). Your cosmic birthday gift comes in the form of new people who quickly rank among your favorites. These influences will help you to dream big enough but within practical limits. The art of setting expectations is interlaced with happiness in every realm, from budgeting to socializing, working to adventuring. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 11, 28 and 14.

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