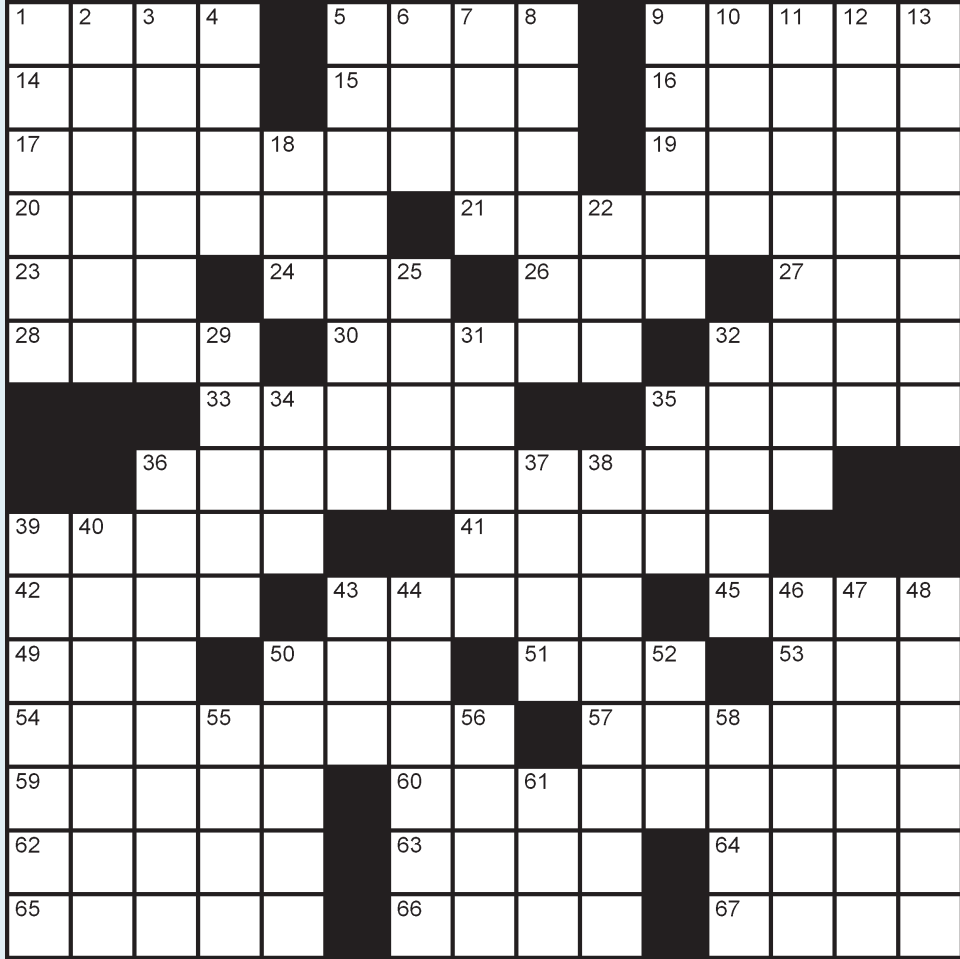


Measure for Measure by Joel Elkins and Andrea Carla Michaels

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Beginning of an idea, 5 Toy dog from China, informally, 9 Italian city where Galileo lectured, 14 Moisturizer brand, 15 Comedian, 16 Barely managing, with "out", 17 Question about where the pain is, scientifically speaking?, 19 Washer cycle, 20 Any one of the two, 21 Attaching, as a patch, 23 "Weekend Update" show, briefly, 24 Unseen before, 26 Voice actor Blanc, 27 Firecracker that doesn't go off, 28 Readied for a drive?, 30 Blot lightly, 32 "___ Lisa", 33 "We're live!" sign, 35 Twists and turns, like a road, 36 Only temporarily, scientifically speaking?, 39 Parking places, 41 Tarnish, 42 "Batman" sound effects, 43 "Pet" bone to pick, 45 Nintendo rival, 49 Lawyer: Abbr., 50 AOC or JFK, 51 Mind reader's "gift," briefly, 53 Name, in Nantes, 54 Spicy sausages, 57 Free-for-all, 59 Davenport resident, 60 Gem safe, scientifically speaking?, 62 Student, at the Sorbonne, 63 Ingrid's role in "Casablanca", 64 Lake touching four states and a province, 65 Decorated again, 66 Small denomination, 67 Virginia ___ (folk dance), DOWN: 1 Classic advice to a young man, 2 Jerry's ex on "Seinfeld", 3 Crib plaything, 4 Story about a Greek god, e.g., 5 Eyed through a magnifying glass, perhaps, 6 Be wrong, 7 First aid sets, 8 Itchy skin cause, 9 Danger, 10 Similar (to), 11 "___! The Witch Is Dead", 12 Not firm, as a foundation, 13 Meeting plans, 18 One of the broody bunch?, 22 Like fresh paint, 25 Child such as Oliver Twist, 29 Fashion faux pas list, 31 "Et tu, ___?", 32 Makes, as money, 34 Negative responses, 35 Shouted "Bingo!," say, 36 Knelt obsequiously, 37 Very positive review, 38 Doesn't stick up at all, 39 More out to lunch, 40 Road hazard, 43 Candy in a dispenser, 44 Winking Face and Sparkling Heart, 46 "Play more!", 47 Masked hockey position, 48 Beer brand named for a Dutch river, 50 Ate in high style, 52 Before, at the start of a word, 55 Shanker who mentored George Harrison, 56 Bottom of a shoe, 58 Affirm confidently, 61 Sch. for Trojans

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2021 Fates and Friday the 13th



A loving Libran lunar trine of good fortune involving Jupiter in the agape realm of Aquarius flies in the face of myth and legend this Friday the 13th. Optimism prevails. Love conquers all. And once the transformational Scorpio vibes take hold of the moon, superstition will turn into super-action. Don't wait to see what happens; make it happen.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Be judicious with your generosity. Give more than expected but not so much that your recipient feels unworthy, uncomfortable or overly indebted.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're brave. Love yourself for it. Many wouldn't even attempt what you've devoted so much life to. Give yourself credit, and let the confidence spill over to other areas of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Is it possible to be extremely moderate? As any jumbo shrimp lover can attest, just because it's an oxymoron doesn't make it a bad idea. Good fortune follows your embrace of life's contradictions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Gatherings highlight different personality facets. Grouped around a table, you'll learn new things about people you thought you already knew everything about.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Are you making choices or being manipulated into decisions that don't benefit you? Follow through with a conscious though slightly absurd choice to assert your free will.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your eyes are bright, and you're looking out for yourself and everyone around you as you strive to bring the higher energies of grace, courtesy, attentiveness and wit to this scene.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your politeness knows no bounds, which is why it takes you a minute to realize you're bored with a situation. Don't worry. The slightest shift will produce a radical difference and bring back the excitement.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your emotional IQ is soaring high. Emotions enter the realm, and you respond. It doesn't matter to you who they belong to; you'll savor the positive ones and mitigate the negative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Before you jump into the next thing, you'll spend some time contemplating your options. You'll think about what the people around you need and how you might fulfill it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because you aim to exceed expectations, you'll make sure not to set them so high that you'd be challenged to fulfill them. In fact, the best-case scenario is a situation in which you have no expectation at all.

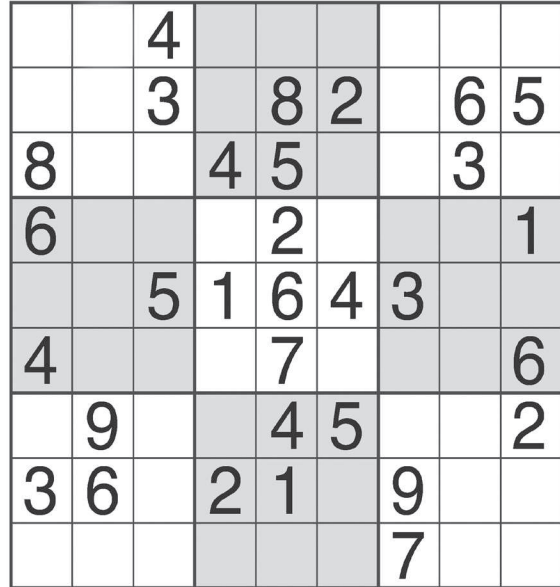
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Not everyone is happy when you act on your own behalf. Some will think your move is an affront to their wishes and preferences. Don't agree to this logic. You can be (SET ITAL)for(EN ITAL) yourself without being (SET ITAL)against(EN ITAL) them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Take a relationship out of context and it will change entirely. This can be accomplished by moving things to a different environment, tackling a unique task together or introducing unusual motivations.

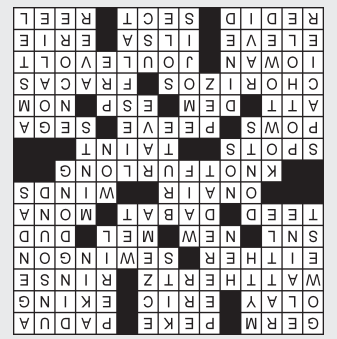
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 13). A spiritual growth spurt will blossom in the realm of creativity and wisdom. You could measure this by the shift in your perspective. Big goals get suddenly more achievable, people more likeable, life more enjoyable. You'll knock out five projects and then find yourself in a position to show others how to net similar results. Libra and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 39, 2, 20, 11 and 15.

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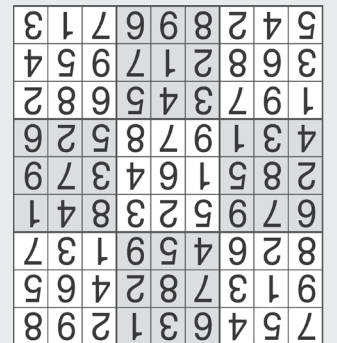
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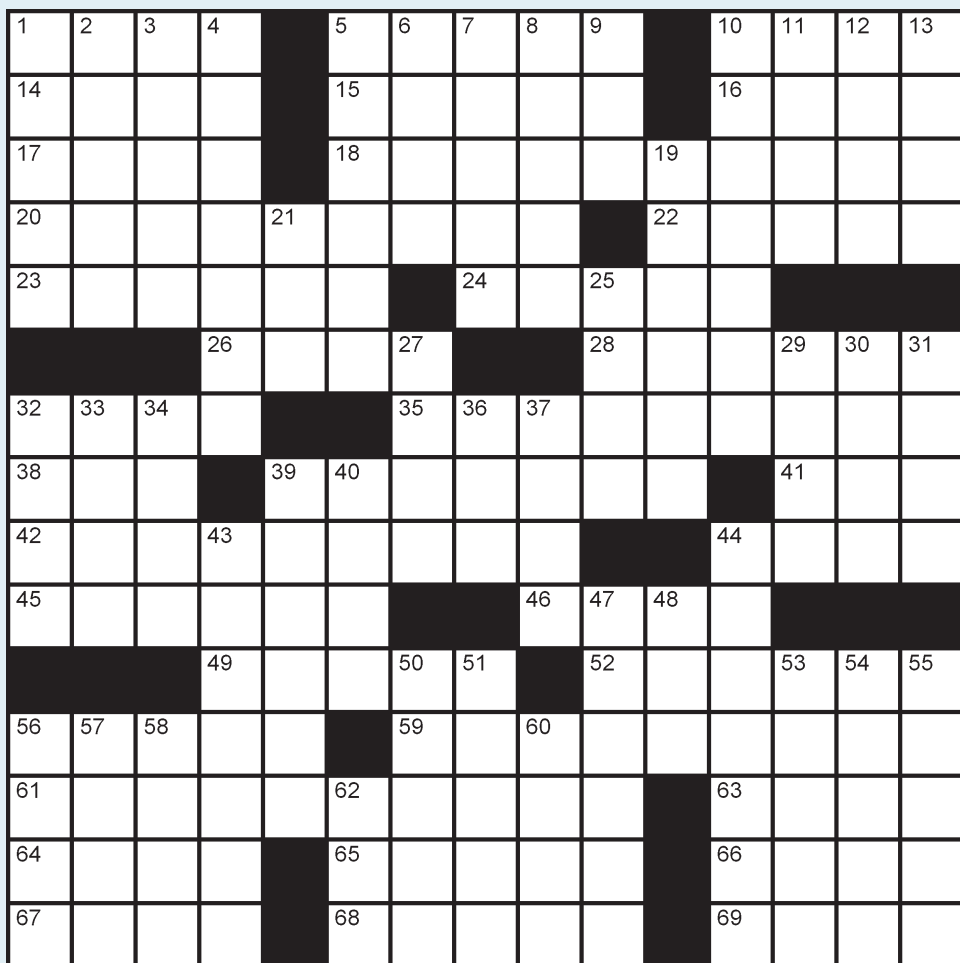


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Uppercut by Lindsey Hobbs

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Get-together, slangily, 5 Studied (up), 10 Santa ___ Beach Boardwalk, 14 "That's hilarious!", 15 Winning slightly, 16 Vacuum extension, 17 Name hidden in "hypnotist", 18 Heart-to-hearts, 20 Salon request that hints at the letters to write (or imagine) above the starred clues' answers, 22 Safe job, say?, 23 Android alternative, 24 Keys in, 26 Makes an offer, 28 Looking at, 32 Lead-in to "back" or "foot", 35 High beams display?, 38 Orangutan, for one, 39 With 59-Across, another theme-appropriate salon request, 41 Spanish shout of support, 42 Situation that's really out of control, 44 Word after "life" or "time", 45 Gymnastics moves requiring flexible legs, 46 Huff and puff, 49 The "N" of TNT, 52 Afternoon refresher, 56 Apple desktops, 59 See 39-Across, 61 One who searches for bugs, 63 Marshmallowy Easter treat, 64 Privy to, 65 Connect with, 66 It might be lesser or necessary, 67 Grand totals, 68 Twenty-fifths of quarters, 69 Refute, DOWN: 1 Japanese paper screen, 2 *Put in the microwave, say, 3 ___ kebab, 4 "No question!", 5 *Shared a border with, 6 Abbr. next to 0, on an old phone, 7 Tag player's words, 8 Them, to us, 9 *Metaphorical lightbulb, 10 Gruyere and gorgonzola, 11 Indian flatbread, 12 *Deceptive schemes, 13 Shavings in marmalade, 19 "___ here!" ("Our guests have arrived!"), 21 Young Skywalker's nickname, 25 Banana "wrapper", 27 Moved on ice, 29 All-day breakfast spot, 30 Crescent City, for short, 31 Pioneering journalist Ifill, 32 Some are checked at airports, 33 Each, 34 "It's been ___!", 36 Put away some groceries?, 37 Train destination, 39 Sculptor or singer, 40 At sea, 43 Low-tech mobile phones?, 44 Brewed, as tea, 47 Houston baseball players, 48 Medical research org., 50 Word War II riveter, 51 Time and again, 53 "12 Years a Slave" director McQueen, 54 Front-wheel alignment, 55 Exert, 56 Sacred bird of Egypt, 57 It may be written daily on a chalkboard, 58 Bit of matter, 60 Boba ___ of "Star Wars", 62 "... you get the picture": Abbr.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2021 Lunar Square and Opposition



The Scorpio moon isn't here to make friends, or perhaps she just has an unusual approach to socializing. The antagonism she brings to Saturn and the challenge she poses to Uranus are like the pinch of bitterness that makes a coffee drink delectable -- or the spikey jewelry that turns a ballgown into high art. The key here is an open mind.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Stay awake even as you repeat an action for the hundredth time. The routine works, but if followed without question, automatically enacted without a mental process, it will fail its higher purpose.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't try to pick the perfect moment to get involved. That's easy. It's always now. There's no way to predict if or how you're needed. Just show up, say what you do and see what happens.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll decide whether to continue a relationship. You could base this on finance or feeling, but those factors change. Are you better for the effort? Does it sharpen you? These are reasons to continue.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The emotional safety inside a relationship will hit levels special and rare. You'll care less about what's acceptable and more about answering your curiosity, expressing yourself and being close.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Work out territorial issues. It's best accomplished quickly, informally and possibly with primal and subconscious communication. Body language and tone convey more than a 10-page contract.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't expect people to take care of your feelings, but you appreciate when they do. It will be obvious who's looking out for you, and they'll quickly rank among your favorites.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The behavior of others is beyond your control, but you'll love your newfound power over your own reactions. Things that used to bother you now just remind you of how far you've come and the cool skills you've picked up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Friction polishes jewels, relationships, projects and endeavors of all kinds. It's the little rubs that keep things interesting. Even so, keep the conflict light and playful. It should scrub, not cut.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The answer to one problem could fix things in multiple realms. Think about what worked before that you might be able to apply in a new way or in a different group of people.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What you're doing may not make sense to people who don't understand the situation like you do. This is why it's best not to try to explain things to them. It will only diminish the certainty you feel. You're right. Go with that.

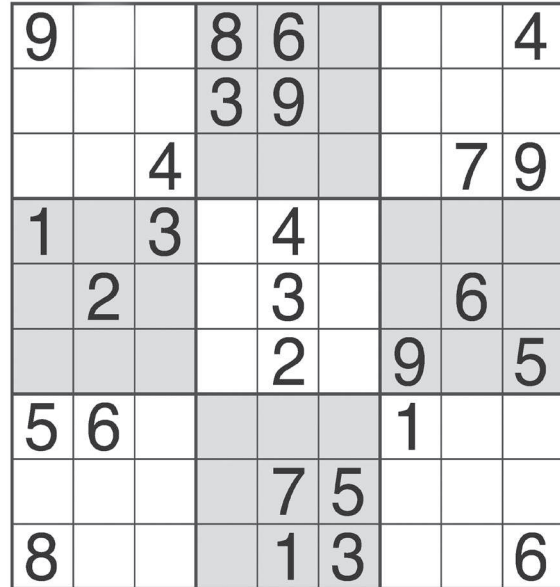
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Impatience is an internal issue -- a false belief that one's timing is superior to the timing of the world. To be internally measured and calm is to align with the workings of the world. This is, of course, the more powerful mode.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be called to fulfill a duty. You recognize the honor in this, even if you're not that excited about the actual work involved. The right attitude can turn anything into a pleasure.

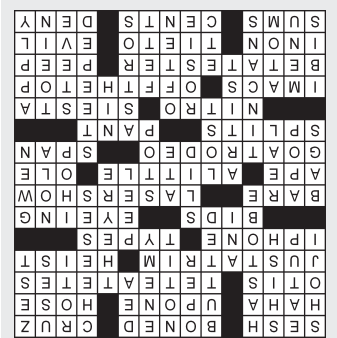
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 14). Here comes a flurry of new people and challenges with a rather steep learning curve to boot. Instead of trying to control and organize the pandemonium, try dancing with it. New ventures are exciting not in spite of the chaos they pack but because of it. You'll travel in October and win hearts far and wide. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 1, 33 and 29.

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