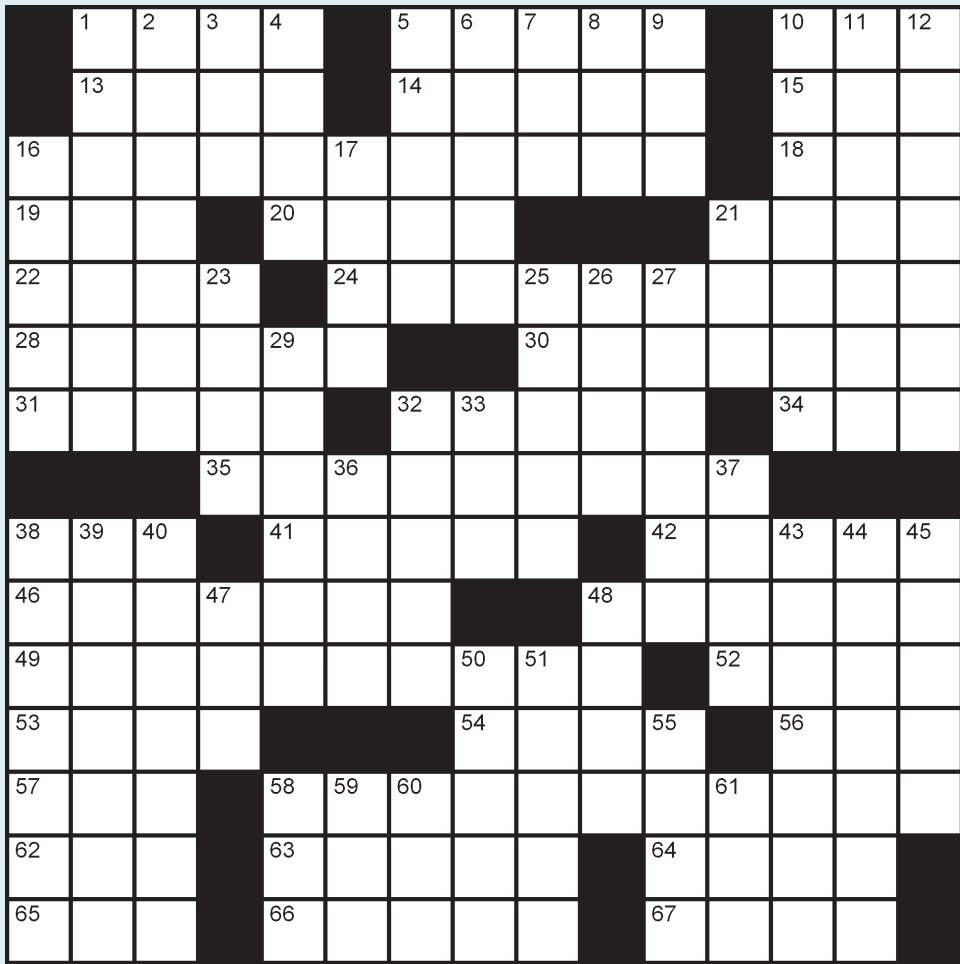


Measure for Measure by Gary Larson

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Mark from a wound, 5 Transmission concern, 10 Donkey, 13 Mythology and such, 14 Come about, 15 Man in "The Matrix", 16 *Seasoning for the Christmas turkey?, 18 Thieves' place, 19 Word after "black" or "photo", 20 ___ gras, 21 White rice's lack, 22 Pointless to discuss, 24 *Part in a play put on at the end of the school year?, 28 Protrudes, 30 Lead singer, often, 31 Oktoberfest souvenir, 32 Rap's ___, 34 Two, in Toledo, 35 *Halloween costume, e.g.?, 38 Yes, in Yokohama, 41 "Bland" color, 42 Kind of fork, 46 Italian football club in a fashion hub, 48 Go in circles, literally, 49 *Condition after hours of lolling in the sun?, 52 Web location, 53 One of 12, in recovery, 54 Job for a body shop, 56 Failed firework, 57 Football Hall-of-Famer Dawson, 58 Luxury hotel chain, and a hint to the phonetic "changes" in the starred clues' answers, 62 Most frequent letters in "lollipop", 63 Ready to film, say, 64 Widespread, 65 Stain, as cloth, 66 Rush hour sounds, 67 Some signable files, 27 Like expressionless eyes, 29 Give the power to, 32 Like someone who may read braille, 33 Fluffy boot brand, 36 King whose youngest daughter was Cordelia, 37 Listening devices?, 38 Bothered, 39 With intensity, 40 Huge, 43 Finally left alone, 44 Makes harmonious, 45 Exploits, 47 Little troublemaker, 48 Chromosome component, 50 Commercial salesperson, 51 Scrapes the peel of, 55 Diamond cover, 58 Watch chain, 59 ___-trick pony, 60 Exploit, 61 Nickname within "president"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20, 2021 Earth Sign Trine



Yesterday, Uranus revolted and bolted. Mercury is the first to get involved in the reversal, inviting us to speak the change we want to see, though in only the kindest, most constructive terms. Be careful not to trigger fear in people by putting them on the spot, challenging them unnecessarily or asking questions they might not know the answer to.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You doubt you can do it, and you move forward anyway, awkwardly, with quivering confidence. Your courage summons a new sense of self. This is your brave tomorrow.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A pattern of behavior is developing. As you enact key repetitions, you set up the anticipation of what follows. Take a step back to consider the appetites and expectations being established.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Decide what you're going to do, and do it. It's easier without the imposition of too many rules. These early stages of a pursuit are not about attaining specific results so much as establishing a routine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Be merciful with your power, especially in the realm of love and romance. Power, if abused, is fleeting. Romantic power, if abused, usually flees on the arm of another.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's not just you; the heat gets to everyone. Whether it's the internal temperature rise caused by anger, passion or desire, or the weather outside, you benefit from measures taken to stay cool.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've created something very different from what you set out to do. You're in good company with this phenomenon. Your creation will buzz and breathe, having had a hand in its own birth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). If you leave the date, meeting or job site feeling exposed, give yourself credit. Relationships aren't forged in strength, but in needing one another. To show your need is to offer others the gift of opportunity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What's on stage isn't necessarily what makes the show. The audience plays a huge part in the energy, thrust and magic of an experience. Consider the teamwork at play in today's drama.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Initial impressions will be unreliable indicators of a relationship's true potential. It takes an entire experience with a person to get an overall picture of where you fit together and how your trust is best invested.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Creative whims seem frivolous because they are. Don't discount the impact of frivolity. Unnecessary fluff can buoy the spirit, providing shimmering motivation and sweet soul sustenance.

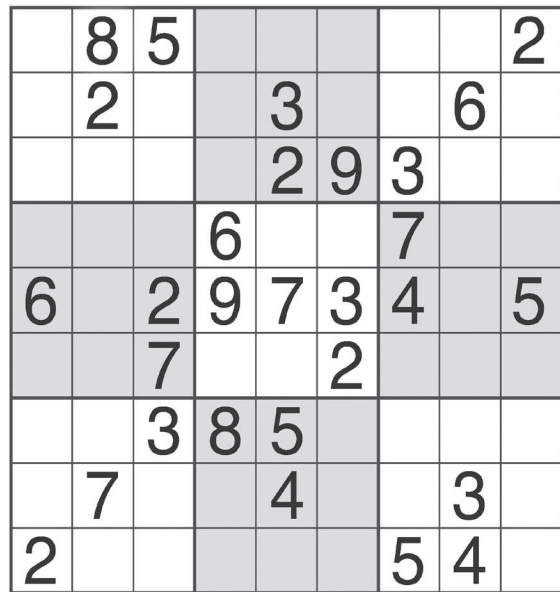
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Someone close is in need of a helping hand but reticent to ask. Keep your awareness open, especially to neighbors and those just slightly outside of your usual circle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Feelings count. Emotions trigger your brain to release chemicals into your blood, and then every cell that is you takes a bath in those chemicals. Even so, you declare the meaning. You decide the next action.

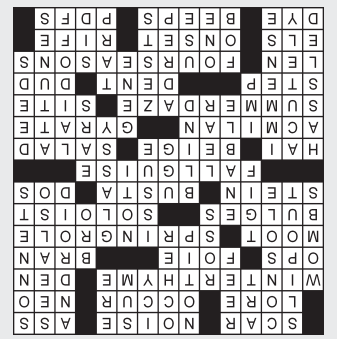
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 20). Your compassion is like a growth serum. You'll be astounded by what this gentle force can accomplish. You'll rain benevolence and watch people heal, sprout, improve and create. You will be the caretaker of a legacy and thrill to seeing its proud continuance. Extravagance follows a windfall at the end of 2021. Sagittarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 44, 2, 15 and 30.

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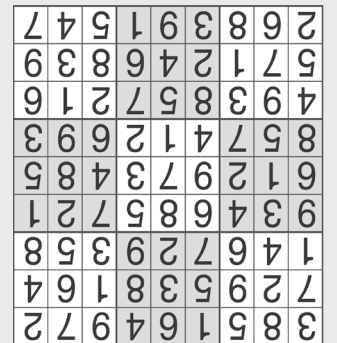
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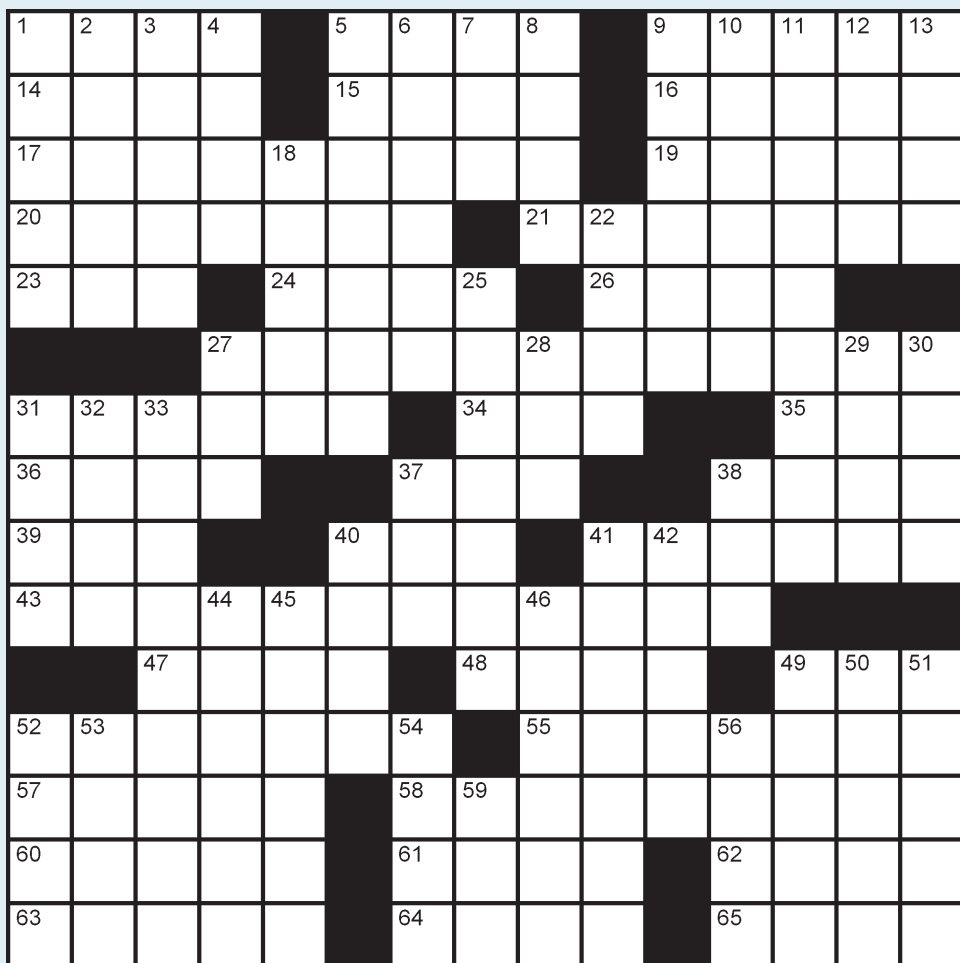


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Baby Talk by Paul Coulter (and Ava Coulter, age 2)

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Website for film buffs, 5 Machine workers?, 9 Splinter groups, 14 Crime film genre, 15 Artificial bait, 16 Be of use, 17 Graduate's school (notice letters 3-6 in this clue's answer), 19 Land, in Lyon, 20 Fat source from a tree, 21 ___ by the light, 23 "Don't give up!", 24 Face-to-face exam, 26 Taking care of business, 27 Became less emotionally involved with (letters 4-7), 31 Disrespects, 34 No longer edible, 35 Name hidden in "Friday", 36 1982 film inspired by "Pong", 37 Dell products, 38 Battery contents, 39 Monk's condition, briefly, 40 Batman and Robin, e.g., 41 Like the Witch of the West, 43 Juliet's words before "That which we call a rose" (letters 7-10), 47 Good kind of market, 48 Loads and loads, 49 U.K. military branch with jets, 52 Hamsterlike pets, 55 Hot, in Vegas, 57 Saved on supper, perhaps, 58 It celebrates 1867's Constitution Act (letters 5-8), 60 Reeked, 61 Syrian, say, 62 Viral internet item, 63 Like a baby's arms, usually, 64 Russo of "Ransom", 65 Deserving a "D" grade, 2 Back biter?, 3 How a bar may be lit, 4 "Dracula" author, 5 Fashion/jewelry chain, 6 Ban, 7 Coll. senior's test, maybe, 8 Belgrade resident, 9 Smooth and lustrous, 10 No matter whether, 11 One might involve making a king disappear, 12 Word before "rotation" or "swing", 13 Coaster?, 18 Sculptor Henry, 22 Amount of work, 25 Garment that sounds like a certain dog's hair, 27 Channel whose first letter stands for "Game", 28 Exists no longer, 29 "Garfield" dog, 30 Road safety org., 31 Tuck away, 32 Curve, as an eyebrow, 33 Irish loaf, 37 Groaner, 38 ___ up one's sleeve, 40 Pickle flavoring, 41 Fame-hungry person, 42 What :- (means, 44 Riding down a river, in a way, 45 Toy used on a staircase, 46 "Babe" director, Chris, 49 Contest with bronc riding, 50 1836 battle site in Texas, 51 Philadelphia hockey pro, 52 Have a sudden inspiration?, 53 "___, Brute?", 54 Lasting mark, 56 Alternative to steps, 59 "Whose side ___ you on?"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021 Lion's Last Call



On this last full day of the Leo sun, with the moon swelling to tomorrow's fullness, Mars and Uranus form a trine of good fortune in the earth sign realms. The message is one of seizing the moment with action swift, direct and well-aligned. Effectiveness dictates its own future. Working for a result is unnecessary; the work is the result.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll summon your courage on behalf of another. A loved one in need or the dare of friend is as good a reason as any to dig deeper and dip into your potent audacity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As you interact with someone in a way you haven't before, there's a sense that you're not entirely in control of your actions... yet. You'll gain skill in this realm with repetition over time.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Part of the story isn't adding up. The good news is, unless you're an accountant, it really doesn't have to. Push your imagination, emotion and intuition into the situation, and let the rest find its own balance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It is possible, though rare, to admire someone without bringing yourself into a comparison. If you must evaluate, it benefits you to do so privately, internally or within your locked journal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your unique relationship with destiny is fortified by the way you talk about what has happened and what you think will happen. Every time you affirm something beautiful and hopeful, it paves the way for more of the same.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You didn't set out for this destination, but this is where the relationship has landed. Even if you were to retrace your steps, you still wouldn't be able to figure out exactly how you got here. Make this the new starting place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've been known to avoid allegedly enjoyable pursuits. You have your reasons! For instance, you've discovered types of work that are legitimately more fun than fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In the past, you've felt as though no one was listening close enough to you, if they were listening at all. That will be remedied today as the influence you hold will be made obvious.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A vision has come to you multiple times now, a gentle but persistent tap on the shoulder letting you know of an alternate reality that could be yours if you want to put the work in.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Because you are curious, social and multifaceted, you have relationships that don't necessarily represent your interests, share your beliefs or serve an obvious purpose except for the exchange of joy.

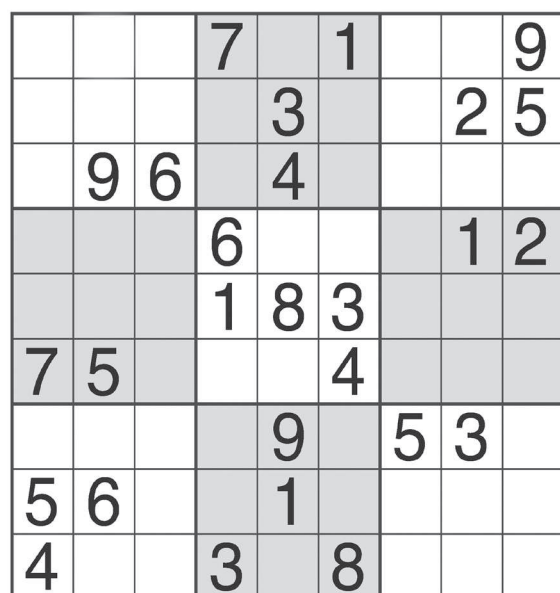
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Places carry the energy of the events that happened in their boundaries. Emotional vibrations have a way of lodging themselves into the ground, walls and atmosphere. Only stay where you feel welcome.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Wanting sets you up for suffering, especially if you want something that is not within your control. You may find it hard not to want at all, though a little easier to want what is within your power to create.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 21). Friendship, love, passion and romance light the candles on this year's cosmic cake. A talent you didn't know about will surprise you. Extend beyond your comfort zone; your amateur status will afford you advantages and freedoms. Definitely be as wild and experimental as you wish. You'll turn pro soon enough! Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 2, 11, 28 and 6.

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