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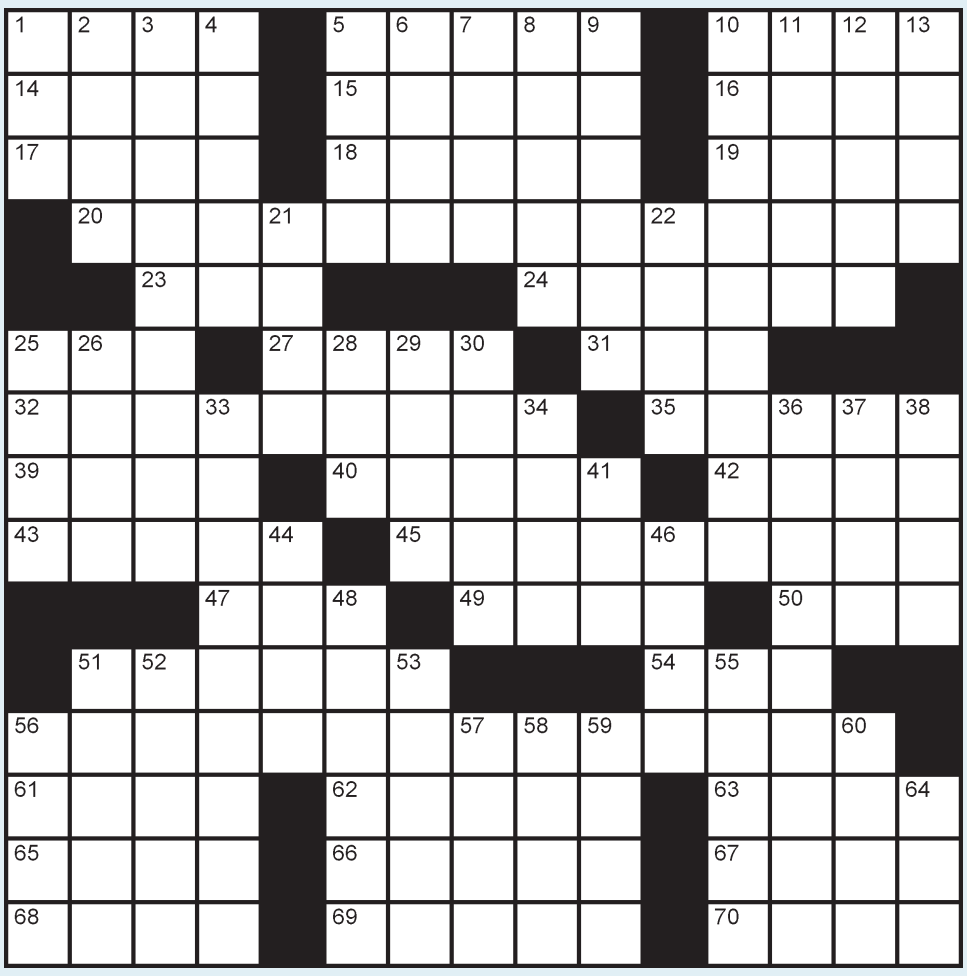

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1 Goofs
5 Teen's unsettling feeling
10 Not right at all?
14 "No ice"
15 Kind of, informally
16 Actress Falco
17 Food that bookends "Tabasco"
18 Signs of sadness
19 Burst of wind
20 Thin line of facial hair
23 She/___
24 Tea brand
25 Sign of summer?
27 Dinghy propellers
31 Parking space, or a parking space's place
32 PC gamer's controls
35 Fish related to a walleye
39 Blu-ray storage device
40 Antidotes
42 Prefix with "dynamic"
43 Mocking expression
45 What you'll need at the ATM, redundantly
47 William Tell's forte
49 Bunches and bunches
50 Kylo ___ ("Star Wars" villain)
51 Small Chinese dumpling
54 CSI team's find
56 "That's fair to say," and a clue to the starts of 20-, 32- and 45-Across
61 Prefix with "potent"
62 Wed
63 Menu with a Copy command
65 "Arsenic and Old ___"
66 Lime relative
67 Relinquish
68 "Who ___?" ("Isn't that surprising?")
69 Flower holders?
70 Where the forbidden fruit grew

DOWN

1 Tonsillitis doc
2 Gather in
3 Speedy animal such as Man o' War
4 What David slung at Goliath
5 Italian sparkling wine region
6 Playwright Coward
7 Mom's mom, e.g.
8 Walk with swagger
9 Fez or loafer feature
10 Group of attorneys
11 Elicit
12 Like a red herring
13 Head, in France
21 Brag
22 'Vette roof option
25 Some Scottish children
26 Name contained in "tangerine"
28 Dog show org.
29 Sign on again
30 Home to Damascus
33 Beach house asset
34 Email folder
36 Adopted a new logo, say
37 Canadian First Nations tribe
38 Brass instrument, perhaps
41 ___-Caps
44 Bat or bar mitzvah
46 "Reverse that" command
48 Skiers' challenges
51 Spelman or Smith student
52 "There isn't an ___ of truth to that"
53 Octet plus one
55 Medea, to Circe
56 Egg part
57 What keeps everything from happening at once, some say
58 Particle that may be smashed
59 Writes
60 It ebbs and flows
64 Olympic gymnastics score first achieved by Nadia Comaneci

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 Solar Detail

"Don't sweat the small stuff" was an adage of the Leo sun, but the new season calls for a different approach. As solar beams reach into Virgo -- the sign of minute detail -- the small stuff makes the biggest impact. You might even go so far as to devote yourself to the small stuff, which will be both a pleasure and a payoff.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The financial aspect of your day is important to tend to. But with so many more meaningful matters at hand, the issue of money will settle into a position far down your list, which is where it belongs.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you didn't think of yourself as powerful and wonderful, these new responsibilities you are gearing up for would seem overwhelming indeed. Allow yourself a moment of ego building. It helps!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll reach a level of objectivity that previously eluded you. The ability to remove yourself from your attachments and see the scene from a new position will quite literally be money in the bank.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life comes at you in the manner of a snake oil salesman -- promising beauty and vitality in a bottle for $100. Research will reveal an equally effective $3 version.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Apply logic, abstract thought, creative hypothesis or deductive reasoning; the result will be the same no matter how you approach it. Nothing will happen unless you act.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll do what you're so good at and keep going with it until you're the last one standing -- and then you'll take it even further. Why stop? You may even set a record.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You connect with other people's needs and become important to the attainment of their goals. It's a busy position, but hopefully not too busy to take a beat to revel in your relevance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It may not feel like you're doing anything of note. But because you're engrossed in life, you're learning more than you're aware of. Later, you'll combine your talent with what you absorbed today and you'll give a top performance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're locked, loaded, suited, booted and ready to go. But until the others on your team are on board, this ship will stay grounded. Figure out what the holdup is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Tell a story; give a performance; or teach. Your cosmic gift for the day will be a receptive audience. Evening brings the perfect conditions to forge a lasting bond.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There will be a temptation to anticipate interest, jump on opportunity and provide the answers before the questions are even asked. The lucky way will be to play it cool. Lay it back, and wait to see what others come up with.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have what they need, but if you offer it too freely or reliably, you will be taken advantage of in time. Be easy but not effortless. Make it subtly known that you understand the high value you add.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 22). Here comes a thrilling sense of progress. Innovation is a strength. You'll solve problems and modernize where it makes sense. Friends, supporters and customers will be attracted to what you're putting into the world at the end of the year. December brings a purchase to write home about. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 22, 1, 19 and 48.

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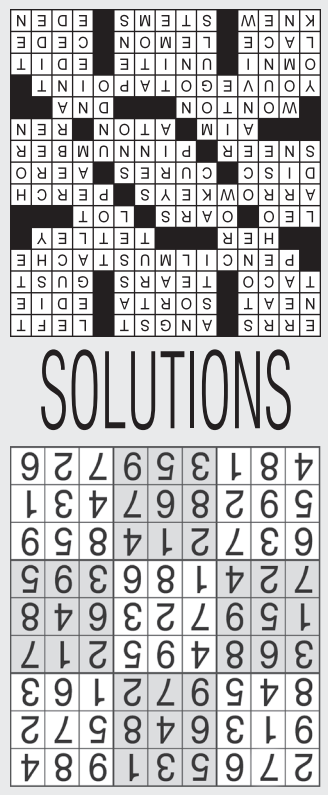

Finding That Niche Job *by Pam Klawitter*

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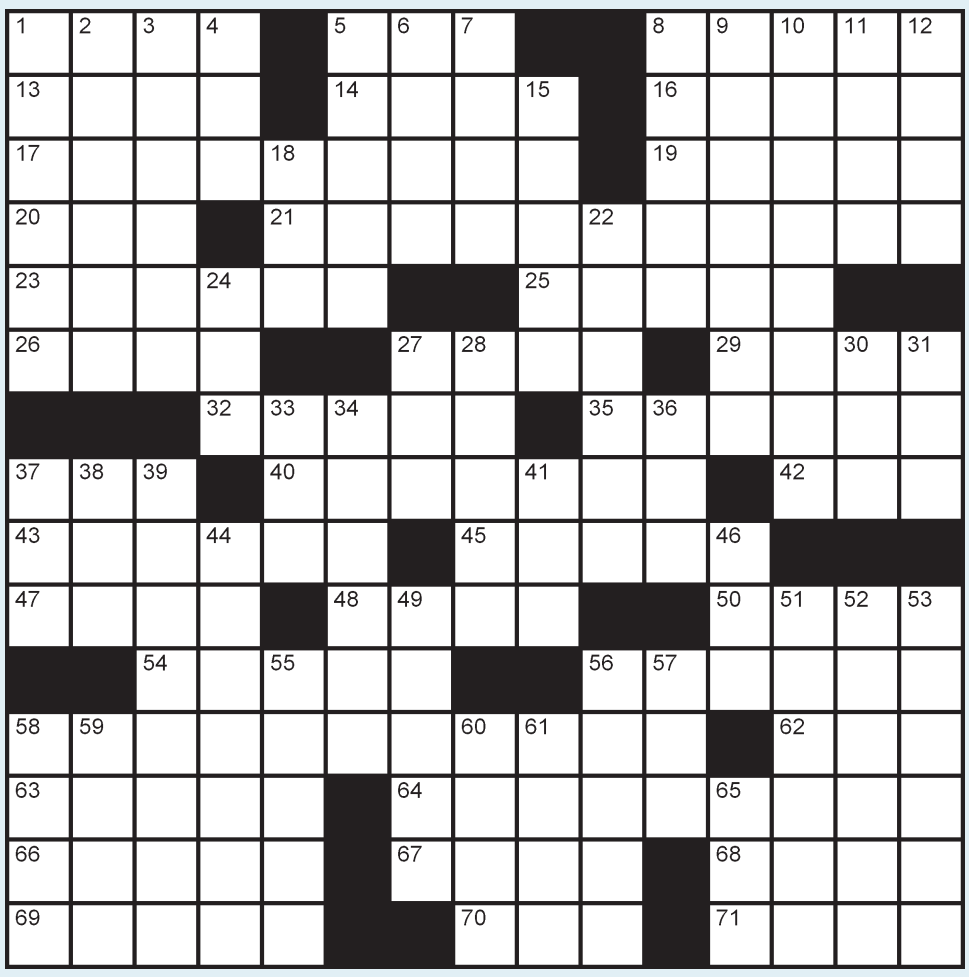

ACROSS

1 Fill beyond full
5 Women's basketball great Mulkey
8 Not quite right, perhaps?
13 Give the job to
14 Name that sounds like a tiny particle
16 "Olympia" painter
17 *French novelist involved in the Dreyfus affair
19 Solos for Leontyne Price
20 Psychic "gift," for short
21 *Currency in Warsaw
23 Place to make tracks?
25 Secure, as an obi
26 Navajo's neighbor
27 Catch some rays
29 Cinco menos dos
32 Flannel pattern
35 Bee or beetle
37 Arborist's cutting device
40 **Where to do a touchdown dance
42 Genre for Ariana Grande
43 "Go on to the next one!"
45 Enthusiastic
47 Wendy Darling's dog
48 Halloween costume part
50 Fundamentals
54 Acquired relative
56 Maker of pianos and snowmobiles
58 **Places to play with alpacas
62 Disapproving vote
63 Toothbrush brand
64 Simple, or a hint to the initials of each pair of starred clues' answers
66 Edmonton hockey pro
67 Return call?
68 Reflex test joint
69 Hagar the Horrible's wife
70 Consists of
71 Units of corn

DOWN

1 "Puh-leeze!"
2 Hopes one will
3 Throw off
4 Slippery swimmer
5 Instrument with a vibrating membrane
6 Adored celebrity
7 Niger neighbor
8 Leave speechless
9 Dealership regions
10 Collective bargainer, briefly
11 Milker's handful
12 Online craft market
15 Sail supports
18 Lead-in for "glottis"
22 Appalachian Trail activity
24 Small downturn
27 Two hearts, e.g., in bridge
28 Barrel-making tools
30 Earth-friendly prefix
31 Indy 500 initials
33 Island chain?
34 "___ and the Wasp"
36 Hillary Clinton, ___ Rodham
37 ID on a W-2
38 Otherwise called, for short
39 Take home everything
41 Tree sacred to Druids
44 What a toddler might tug on
46 Smash into
49 "Well, golly!"
51 Fruit that develops spots
52 Drink after a shot
53 Answer in the affirmative
55 Cosmic balance?
56 Toys with strings
57 Small Egyptian snake
58 Bear who's friends with Piglet
59 Cleveland's lake
60 Emmy winner Galifianakis
61 Govt. labor watchdog
65 Squeeze (by)

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, AUGUST 23, 2021 Venus and Saturn Welcome Wagon

Venus and Saturn roll up in a welcome wagon to offer a lucky trine to the Virgo sun on her first full day on the job. There's an intellectual air sign energy zinging between the love planet and the lessons planet which is swirling up all kinds of speculation for the earthy solar transit -- though the message can really be distilled to three syllables: "Get to work."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). In-person meetings are the best way to go if you can swing it. What happens face to face will be completely different from anything that could transpire otherwise.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The truth about any moment or state is that it is impermanent. Any sense you have of yourself inside that moment is equally ephemeral, so ruminating is essentially useless.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). While it's true the world wouldn't run right without give and take, the onus to compromise shouldn't always have to fall on you. What would really happen if you more often dared to do what you wanted?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's safety and security in feeling you belong and are more or less like the others in the group. However, the ways you are different will not set you apart; they will instead be cause for fascination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your talent for persuasion and negotiation gets stronger every time you use it. You're still learning what buttons to push. Though this changes with every deal, your intuition on the matter gets keener with practice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The word "yes" -- being just what you wanted to hear -- will make you smile. This affirmation is cause for relief, relaxation and celebration. It's also a signal. The real work begins.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't tell all you know or show all you have. A glimpse is more interesting than a reveal, which should be saved until the very last moment for the audience who has earned it. And for the rest -- never.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As the sign of transformation, you welcome the fascinating evolution of your own nature, which often occurs without your control or interference. However, the change is solely your invention today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Expectation has a way of blinding people to the possibilities outside of what they anticipate. Don't let this happen to you. Drop your preconceived notions and open up to more mysterious realities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are used to obeying the driving force of your ambition. It benefits you to change it up. Give that ambition a rest and it will still be there when you come back to it. Settle into a process. Let that be enough.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Because you don't expect people to behave like you would, you'll see their unique gifts and earn the reciprocal attention ignited by the tender power of your quiet observation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It feels like you're giving absolutely everything to love. But if you stop to consider the real-life limits and practicalities, the feeling changes. So don't stop. If you can't romanticize love, what can you romanticize?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 23). Relationships take unexpected turns -- especially ones tied to your livelihood. You're in for a ride. What you receive will be different and more than what you ever thought you would take away from a situation. Tweaks to your routine lift your vitality. Someone new helps you get unstuck from what held you back before. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 22, 28 and 13.

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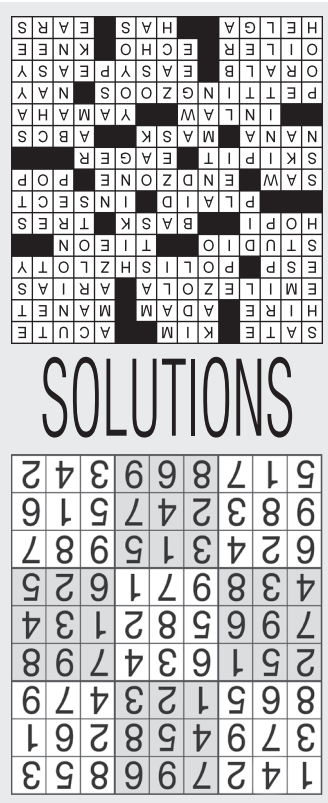
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