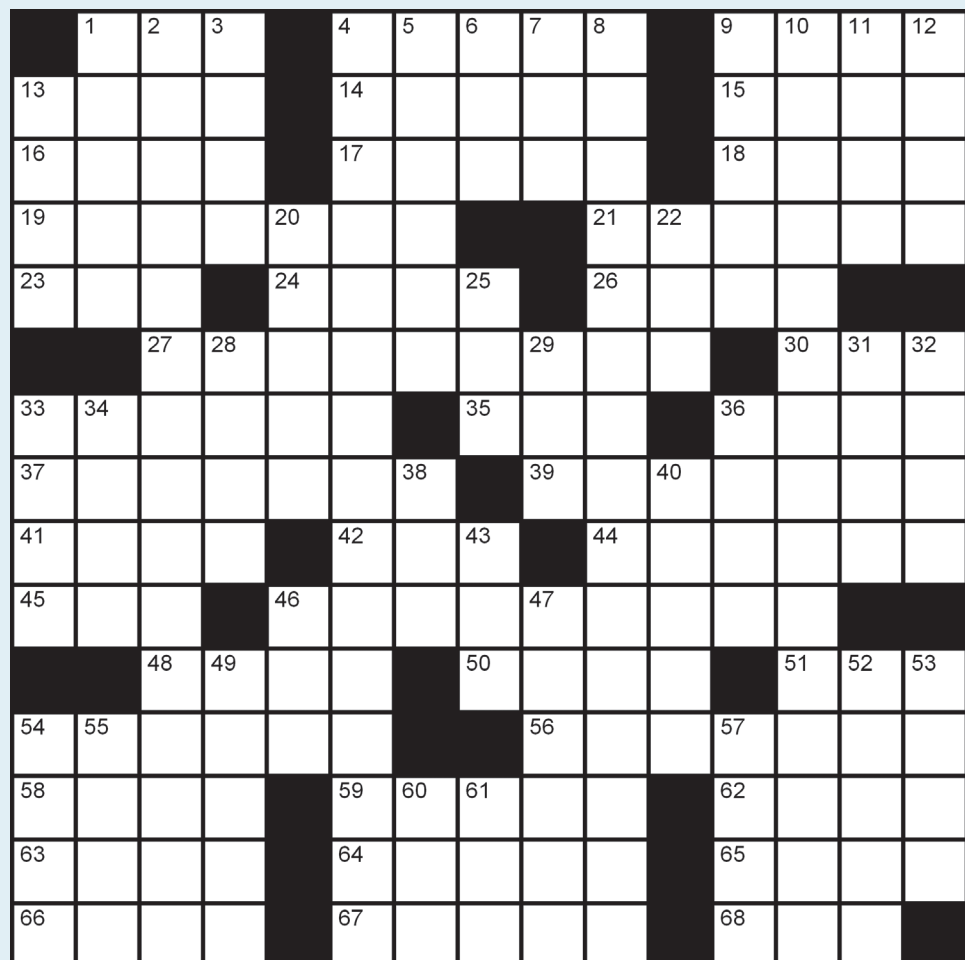


Going Through the Emotions by David P. Williams

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Possesses
 - 4 Baby bird?
 - 9 "Hey you!"
 - 13 Start to drip, as ice cream
 - 14 Prepare for a selfie, perhaps
 - 15 Irritate
 - 16 ___ Emhoff, fashionable Second Family member
 - 17 Movie's sound portion
 - 18 A party to
 - 19 "Think different" and "Just Do It"
 - 21 Fails during a crucial moment
 - 23 ___ lane
 - 24 '90s Poet Laureate Dove
 - 26 "The Americans" star Russell
 - 27 Biosphere component
 - 30 Zero, in soccer
 - 33 Flail
 - 35 Like a sorry sight
 - 36 Taj Mahal's city
 - 37 Grilling spot?
 - 39 Cheer on
- DOWN**
- 1 Greeting from Lionel Richie or Adele?
 - 2 Scattered everywhere (In this clue's answer, notice letters 3 to 6)
 - 3 Deer with a rack
 - 4 Like the Rough Riders' war (... 6 to 10)
 - 5 Reliable
 - 6 Ref. to which "adorkable" was introduced in 2020
 - 7 Camping gear co-op
 - 8 Punched out at lunch, maybe (... 10 to 13)
 - 9 Earlier
 - 10 Bad premonitions ... or a hint to 2-, 4- and 8-Down
 - 11 ___ gin fizz
 - 12 X X X
 - 13 Holy material
 - 20 Surfaced
 - 22 Fashion line?
 - 25 One of a mule's parents
- ACROSS**
- 41 1975 Wimbledon winner Arthur
 - 42 Cosmo, e.g.
 - 44 Enemy of an enemy, maybe
 - 45 Peg for a golf ball
 - 46 Play with fire
 - 48 Substandard
 - 50 Silverstein who wrote "The Giving Tree"
 - 51 Site for experimentation, briefly
 - 54 Cured sausage
 - 56 Congresswoman Tlaib
 - 58 Spans sometimes named for presidents
 - 59 Apple product
 - 62 Burnt ___ (barbecue morsels)
 - 63 They scurry ... or scroll
 - 64 Fontdesigned in 1982
 - 65 Matures
 - 66 Pi Day follower
 - 67 Very mean
 - 68 Acid Tests drug
- DOWN**
- 28 Gumshoe's undertaking
 - 29 ___ Heel State (North Carolina)
 - 31 Golfer's alternative to a wood
 - 32 Pig fat
 - 33 Not this
 - 34 Kinky item in a yard
 - 36 Quarreling
 - 38 Scottish cap
 - 40 Apt exams to take in dental school?
 - 43 Navigation device, briefly
 - 46 Male turkey or cat
 - 47 Danger
 - 49 Camels' watering holes
 - 52 Used an abacus
 - 53 "Upright" instrument
 - 54 Big rig
 - 55 Like much of New Mexico's climate
 - 57 Get better
 - 60 Lyricist Gershwin
 - 61 Prefix for "union"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 The Challenge of Fun



Action hero Mars is moving into an opposition with Neptune in Pisces, challenging our ability to let loose. It would seem like fun should be innate -- a natural default for relaxation. Alas, it's not always the case. Sometimes you have to find fun. Today, it's a matter of identifying what's (SET ITAL)not(END ITAL) fun and then figuring out how to avoid or work around it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A good meal, interesting conversation, a peaceful walk... such simple pleasures will be savored when you stick to the original plan. Sidenote: What if you adopted a zero tolerance policy for flakey people?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Care, love, tenderness, ambition, obsession... all are forms of attention that manifest in action. Where there is no evidence of attention, there is no evidence of love.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll spend time with people who make you want to work with them. Good people will learn who you are and will work with your strengths to create something unique with you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Before things get interesting (and they will), cherish eventless times. There's beauty in an uninterrupted routine and loveliness in the unfolding of a predictable day.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's easy to think of yourself as the wave -- riding ups and downs, feeling at times like the crest and then like the trough. But those are just states. You are not the wave. You are the water.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Who cares the most about the situation? It's the one who has to live with it day to day; not the temporary agent. You'll make sure the right people get their say -- the ones affected.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have a communication breakthrough. It's satisfying because of the times before when you struggled to chase down the point and missed. Now you know what you're trying to say, and you say it well.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's a difference between teamwork and the operations of a dictatorship. Tune into the subtle ways people try to control one another. Avoid anyone focused on making others do their bidding.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be often making plans, remembering something or observing a reality that is representational of another moment. Each time that you bring yourself fully to "now" is an enrichment.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Reality and imagination will blend together for you. You will live what you imagine, and you will imagine based on what you live. Your creativity is shaping your experience, and others want to be a part of what you make.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You crave adventure, but your idea of it is not the same as another person's. So before you share in the quest, get clear on your preferences. The best mark to hit will feel safe, but not too comfortable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you bring to relationships is unique; you make sure of it. A winning strategy for creating memories: Make big moments small, and make small moments big.

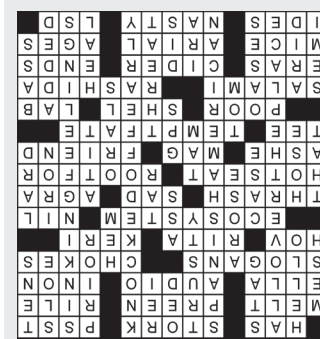
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 1). You will succeed because you love the essence of an endeavor. Put that at the center of your practice, and make it the focus of every plan. You will not only be happy in the quest, but you will also attract bounty beyond your wildest dreams. Relationships thrive as you find new ways to express your heart. Cancer and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 44, 36, 10 and 14

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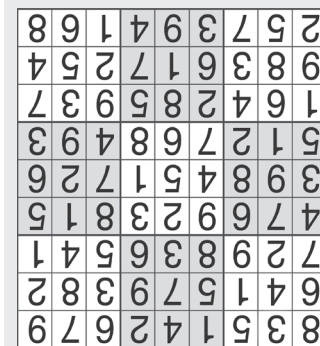
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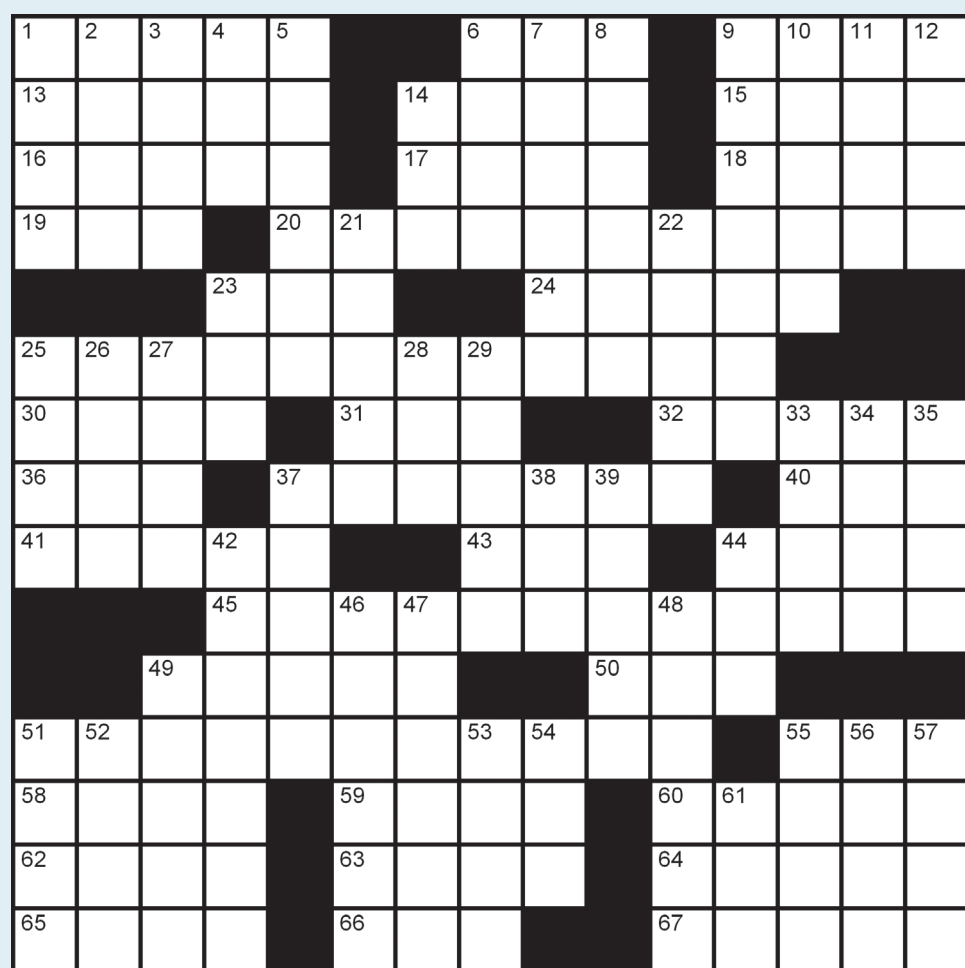


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Noodle Around by Bruce Venzke

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Off drugs
 - 6 Old movie channel
 - 9 Popular tablet
 - 13 Fibber McGee's broadcast medium, once
 - 14 Warsaw native
 - 15 Equine 23-Across
 - 16 Etching agents
 - 17 Truckloads
 - 18 "No contest" or "not guilty"
 - 19 Derby transaction
 - 20 Hang on to first place
 - 23 One has a day in May
 - 24 "___ thy father ..."
 - 25 Employer's posting
 - 30 Where Arches National Park is
 - 31 ___-to Park
 - 32 Homophone for "sense"
 - 36 Dallas NBA player, briefly
 - 37 Most cautious
 - 40 Lubricating medium
- DOWN**
- 1 Grouch
 - 2 Queen Anne's ___ (white plant)
 - 3 Tweak the wording of
 - 4 Subsidies and such
 - 5 Person who never arrives
 - 6 Informed
 - 7 Get into gear?
 - 8 Netflix's "The Kominsky ___"
 - 9 Burst inward
 - 10 Not as ruddy
 - 11 Surface calculation
 - 12 In need of a recharge
 - 14 Friend
 - 21 Steak city of Nebraska
 - 22 Pass, as a bill
 - 23 Abbr. on a citation, perhaps
 - 25 Sounds of well-tuned engines
 - 26 Abbr. in a citation
 - 27 What flows from Mount Etna
 - 28 Neither this ___ that
- ACROSS**
- 41 Reduce drastically
 - 43 Bit of cote chatter
 - 44 Where a pig might be found?
 - 45 "Don't let it happen!"
 - 49 Take care of, as duties
 - 50 Common words of commitment
 - 51 Big ego, or what encompasses 20-, 25- and 45-Across?
 - 55 Serve that gets you a quick point
 - 58 Like a certain tale or order
 - 59 Similar
 - 60 Full of holiday spirit
 - 62 Tiptop
 - 63 What gets into a beachgoer's shoes
 - 64 Noticeable navel
 - 65 Where a fork might be encountered
 - 66 Guess: Abbr.
 - 67 Bunch of baby birds
- DOWN**
- 29 Once again?
 - 33 Neophyte gamer
 - 34 Polynesian image
 - 35 Toy such as Rosebud
 - 37 Roulette necessity
 - 38 Geological span
 - 39 Bulgaria's most populous city
 - 42 Freed, like peas
 - 44 Debate position
 - 46 Feeling relaxed
 - 47 Grey Goose liquors
 - 48 Occasional bit of work
 - 49 Alabama city in civil rights history
 - 51 Red carpet figure
 - 52 Dr Pepper Museum's Texas home
 - 53 Clue
 - 54 Word after "deep" or "defensive"
 - 55 Voice above tenor
 - 56 Award talked about on "Mad Men"
 - 57 Gave the once-over
 - 61 Hemingway's "In ___ Time"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 Cosmic Call to BYO Happiness



Some think that their disdain for the less-than-optimum is proof of having elevated taste, though often it's just a bad attitude. There is really nothing attractive about constant dissatisfaction. As the Martian opposition to Neptune challenges our sense of fun, those who bring their own happiness with them wherever they go are cosmically favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Structure gives you a sense of grounding. In a sense, it is because of this deep security that you are able to ultimately make some of your more exciting and spontaneous moves.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Stick with the one you who brought you to the dance. Your loyalty will be rewarded. Working with a partner, you'll accomplish what you couldn't do alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There was a time when you had to ask permission or go through someone else to get what you needed and wanted. Now you'll celebrate your sweet autonomy.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People around you come together or go their separate ways; you'll be open-minded about these new configurations of a shifting social landscape, which tends to favor you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be drawn to the bright lights and noise of the crowd. This doesn't have to be expensive. Resist the social pressure to spend money as a form of showing off. You won't regret spending just enough to participate.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). In a highly reactive environment, all it takes is one impulsive move to set off an entire string of events. You have more power than you realize, so go slow and calm, eyes wide open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be dealing in an area you could easily overthink. Instead of analyzing it to death, give it the old duck test. If it looks like a duck and

quacks like a duck, it's probably a duck.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Only a writer or director gets angry when people go off script. You shouldn't feel like you're playing a bit part in someone else's movie. Ideally, interactions are more like an improvisation team building the scene together.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Pay attention to how relaxed you feel around people, as it's very telling. An unconscious part of you opens up with certain people and closes off with others. Becoming conscious of this leads to greater self-knowledge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Avoid getting stuck in a story that isn't helping you. Give it a rewrite. This isn't about falsifying what happened; rather, it's a challenge to find different, more empowering and useful aspects to focus on.

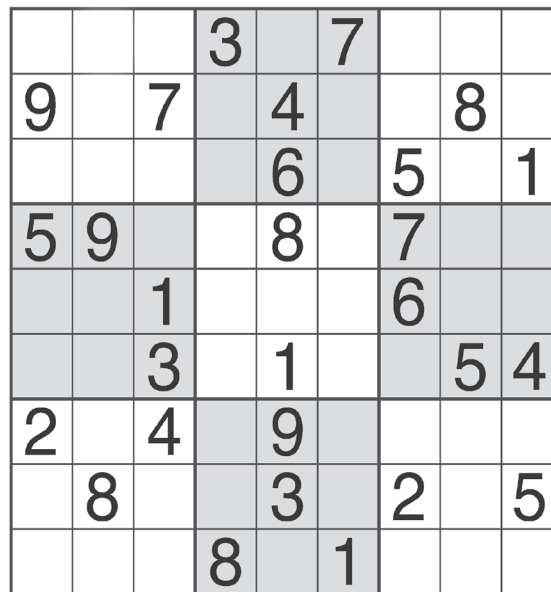
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Everyone needs attention and validation, but the question is, how much? You're careful not to wear anyone out with this or to let your energy be commandeered by the excessively needy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today will highlight the difference between getting love *from* others and *sharing* love *with* others. It takes work to nudge relationships toward health and interdependence.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 2). Good relationships are worth fighting for, and you will go a few valiant rounds for your loved ones and make a brave difference for all. A competition ignites your passion and brings out the best in you. Plenty of attention comes your way, some of which you can parlay into financial and practical resources. Pisces and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 8, 31, 37 and 50.

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