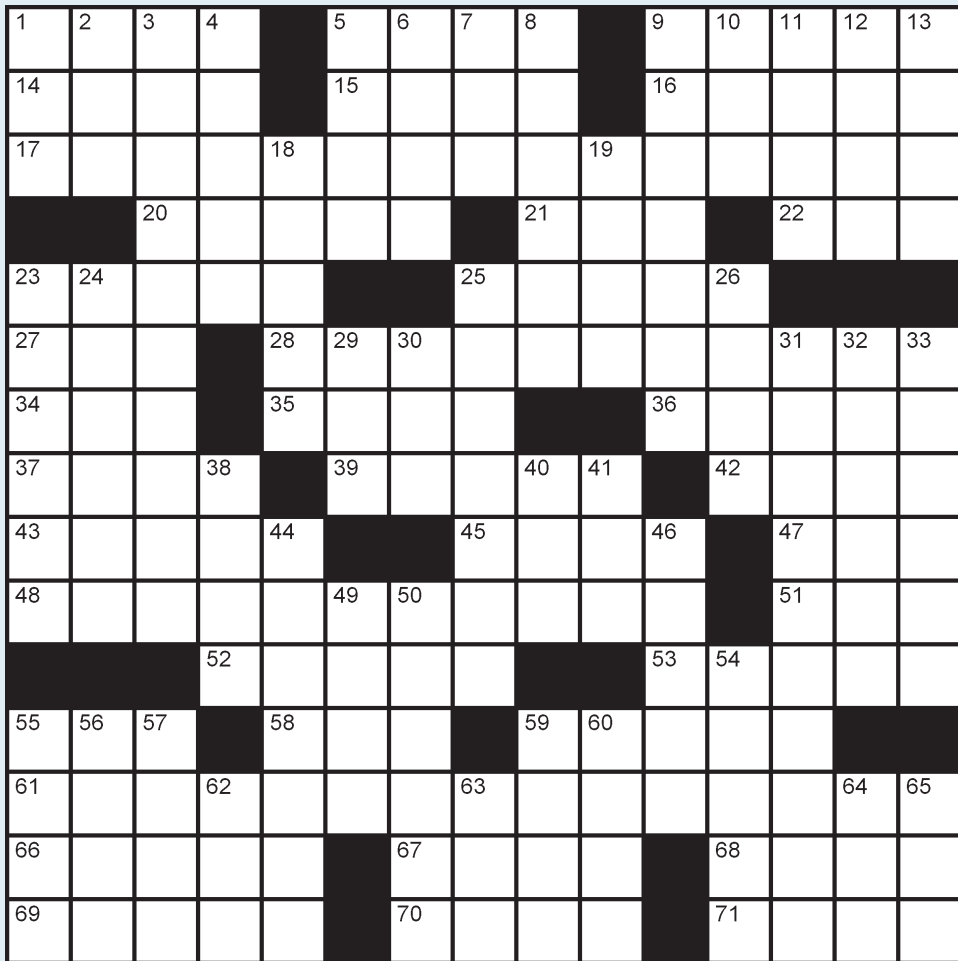


Making Progress by David Alfred Bywaters

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Rainbow goddess, 5 Anti-censorship grp., 9 Really bad, 14 'A dolphin sleeps with one eye open,' e.g., 15 In a few minutes, say, 16 Employee's annual goal?, 17 Janitorial innovations?, 20 Novelist's language, 21 Smile segment, 22 Sophs., in two years, 23 Horses with speckled coats, 25 'Boo-hoo!', 27 Address that contains dots, briefly, 28 Revolutions in playground design?, 34 Name that sounds like an insect, 35 Lack of difficulty, 36 Pungent bulb, 37 Costa ____, 39 Fail to save, 42 Miss, in Mazatlan: Abbr., 43 Notions, 45 Word after 'sitting' or 'waiting', 47 Mask holder, usually, 48 Improvement that makes paper money harder to counterfeit?, 51 Tiny, magical being, 52 'Dang!'", 53 Collect together, 55 Mud bath venue, 58 Tuna type, 59 Approach hastily, 61 Positive outcome of child psychology?, 66 Very, informally, 67 Ages and ages, 68 Steep, as tea, 69 Gather little by little, 70 One may jump into a garden, 71 'Now, about ...'

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021 Sensibility Trine



The Libra moon flirts with Saturn in Aquarius, favoring friendships with shared sensibilities. People bond over liking the same music, enjoying similar foods or having favorite artists in common. Such connections happen regardless of location or generation and defy socioeconomic differences, too. Aesthetic sharing is sharing of the soul.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have been known to do things to make other people happy, but try something different just for today. Selfishly delight in the satisfaction of giving satisfaction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be drawn in by attractive people. Stay alert to red flags to avoid wasting your precious time. Qualities like flakiness and insincerity have a high potential to prevent smooth proceedings.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Communication is your gift and your passion. It's a skill that always needs updating as language and culture evolve. The right words said the right way will get you in to and out of situations.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The task at hand is one you've had to grapple with many times before. Don't let your experience blind you to new approaches. You already know one way to solve it. Think of 10 more and things get really interesting.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You appreciate this time when everyone is getting along and working toward the same aim. Even so, you remain observant, and you know whose side you would choose if it came to it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Logic doesn't always rule. Relax your reason. What about poetry? Your abstract ideas will be touched with brilliance. They may not be the solution, but they lead you to the next good idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll wonder how much something is worth. Perhaps the more pertinent question is, what's it worth to you? Possessions, relationships and skills have the value you give them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It doesn't even take much courage for you to embrace change now because it's become such a way of life for you lately. However, it will benefit you to seek council about the general direction things are headed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Mounting tension builds up energy that will eventually find release. It could fly out in a burst of aggression, celebration or creativity. Decide ahead of time how to best use this fuel. Plan for its expression.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You have the drive to revitalize a tired scene, rekindle a lost feeling or renovate an environment. There are helpers in your midst who will gladly join in once you get the job underway.

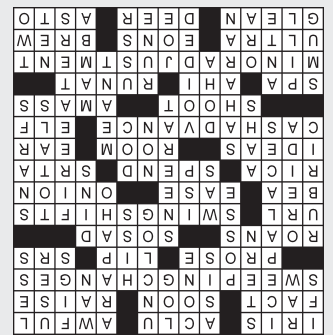
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Even though you're among the friendliest in the zodiac, starting a conversation isn't always easy. There are times you just don't feel like trying. But you'll be better for making a connection, so just reach out.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Usually, strong feelings will find their own outlet, but you needn't leave that to chance. Putting an array of tools and options on your table gives the best chance at creating something really beautiful when the mood strikes.

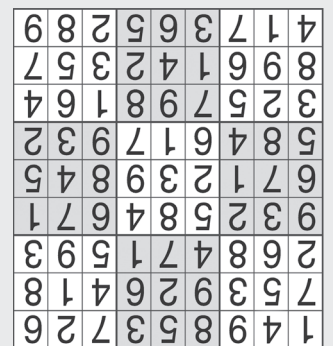
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 8). Community activities bring out the best in you, and you have a knack for drawing in people who can get the most from your contributions. The most important generosity you'll give is spiritual. People gather to your warmth and are inspired by your work. You'll enjoy hard-won prizes at the turn of the year. Aries and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 22, 4, 39 and 17.

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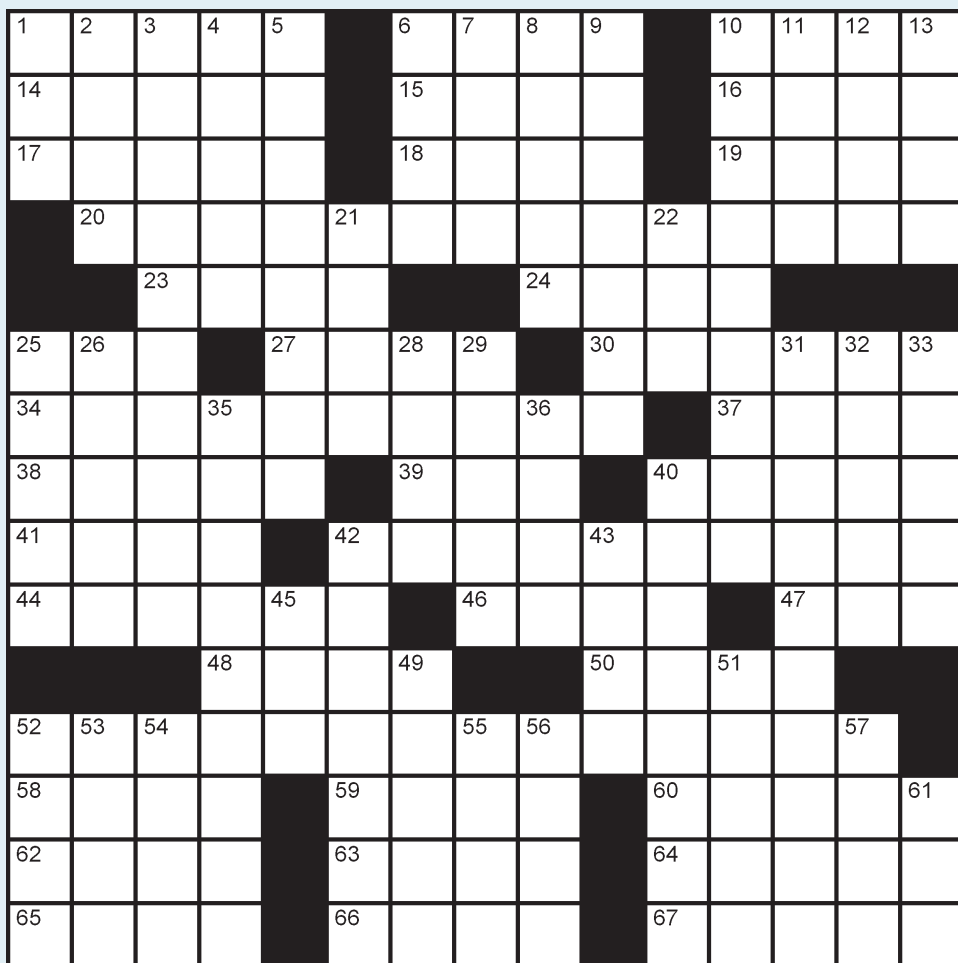


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Auto-Incorrect by Rich Proulx

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- ACROSS: 1 Cold-weather jacket, 6 And people who didn't make the list: Abbr., 10 Sage or fennel, 14 Clock radio feature, 15 Untainted, 16 Burn balm, 17 Candidate who lost to Truman, 18 'Really?', 19 Little bit of land, 20 Pause mark that blends in with its surroundings?, 23 Last part of a date?, 24 An ant has six of them, 25 The 'S' of GPS: Abbr., 27 Author Ayn, 30 Lowest point, 34 Section-oriented section of lease?, 37 'That's terrible!', 38 First Hebrew letter, 39 Vow at a vow renewal, 40 Blew it, 41 Dangerously serious, 42 List of starters?, 44 Seedy bagel type, 46 Word on an octagonal sign, 47 YouTubers' money sources, 48 Boorish, 50 Fit together snugly, 52 Word processing feature that went haywire when correcting 20-, 34- and 42-Across?, 58 God who 'died' in multiple Marvel movies, 59 Long vehicle for a celeb, 60 Hazards when unloading silverware from the dishwasher, 62 'Sign me up!', 63 Supply-and-demand subj., 64 'Lovergirl' singer Marie, 65 Warped, 66 Mildewy, perhaps, 67 Surgeon, informally, 29 Bros, 31 Like an endangered species, 32 Standing up, 33 ___ operandi, 35 Refreshing gum flavor, 36 Squishy, 40 Most likely will, 42 Spun one's wheels?, 43 Skye of 'Say Anything', 45 Mother, to a Brit, 49 'Fear of Flying' author Jong, 51 One may need a lift on a snowy day, 52 Smooth-talking, 53 City built on seven hills, 54 Related by blood, 55 'Let's go!', 56 Traffic sound, 57 Nevada's third most populous city, 61 Squid's ink holder

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 Trine of the Everyday Hero



The lunar trine to Jupiter in air signs suggests it's auspicious to tend to the handful of people who make your routine sing. Without these everyday heroes, your ride down life's road would be rickety at best. Don't wait to do something special for these people. It counts more when your thoughtfulness comes as a surprise out of the blue.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your progress will inspire others. But if you devolve instead, that will, in time, be inspiring, too... just as long as you don't give up. The difference between a comedy and a tragedy is where you end the story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Even though you like a degree of bustle and noise around you, you also require serenity to thrive. You're super productive as a result of getting different distinct moods into your day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your cheerful attitude is infectious and attractive to the likeminded. You'll have interesting conversations and pick up fun facts and helpful social information to connect you to new prospects.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You expect people to spin their stories to the most flattering effect and will be caught off guard by more honest types who would rather connect with you in their vulnerability than try to impress you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There is no true fulfillment in conquest or winning the games of love. There may be momentary exhilaration and ego inflation, which is not the same as the wholeness experienced in healthy reciprocal connections.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Swimming against the current, you will stay in one place at best; at worst, you regress and tire yourself out in the process. This flow is too strong. For now, go with it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When you're doing what you must, it seems to take forever. Meanwhile, you feel like you have to steal your brief moments of pleasure. Is it possible to give yourself much more time for delight?

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The relationship has gotten vague, imperfect, unreliable and full of paradoxes. In other words, it is in a good place -- a place where anything can still happen.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You give interactions your own personal touch. If you knew you'd be celebrated and remembered for this, would you take it one step further? Or perhaps three?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You appreciate and attract those with an enthusiasm for turning life into fiction. This is much better than listening to someone complain on and on about a dull reality.

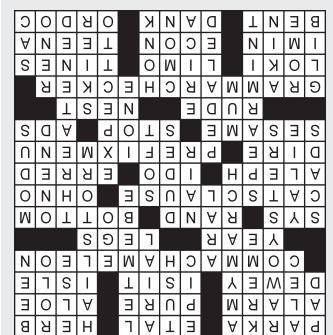
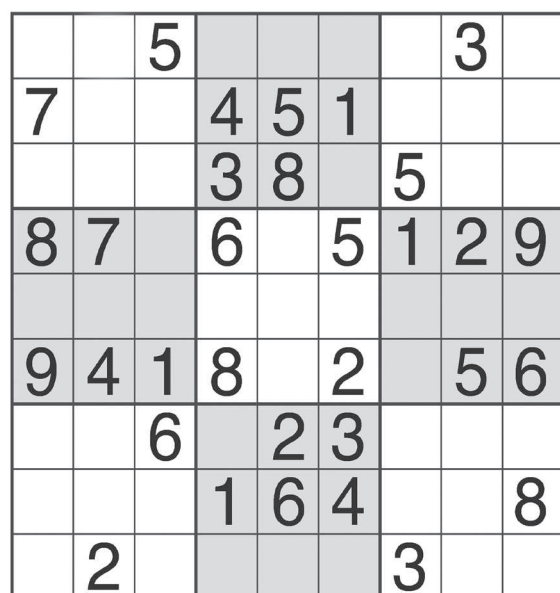
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You would dispel the mystery if it weren't so fun to watch people try and figure it out. Actually, transparency would only ruin the fun. What if you kept the secret forever?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've earned the trust that comes with doing what you say you will, at times knocking yourself out to keep the agreement. Now you know to limit your commitments to only what you can handle with ease and pleasure.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 9). You live alongside others, but you don't live for them. The adoring eyes of loved ones will sparkle up your days, though the path is illuminated by something coming from inside you -- an inner drive and clear purpose to give society something unique. After your move in January, you'll be getting around in style. Sagittarius and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 12, 20, 6 and 4.

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