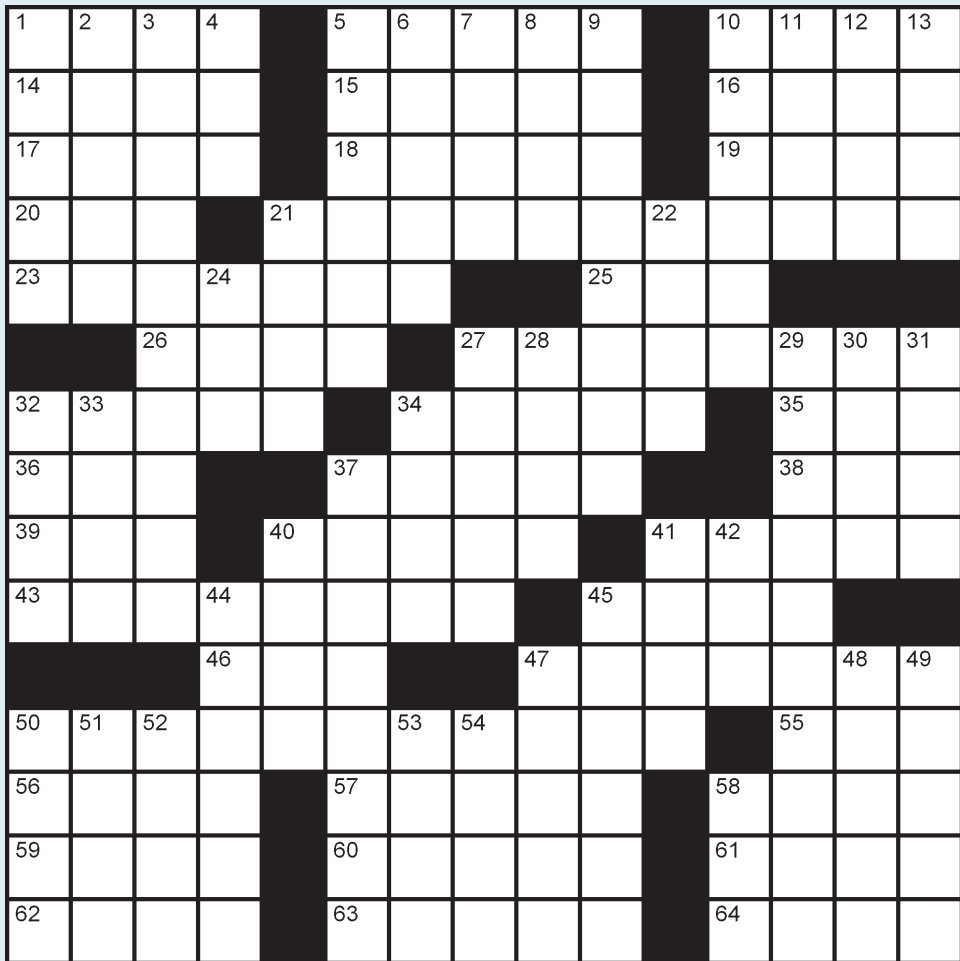


Simply Delicious by Susan Gelfand

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Leap
 - 5 Like the Pantheon's top
 - 10 Sunflower stalk
 - 14 Jacob's twin
 - 15 ___-average effect (psychological bias)
 - 16 Smoke with e-liquid
 - 17 Balkan native
 - 18 Vatican leaders
 - 19 Offramp
 - 20 Place to cross words made of foam letters
 - 21 Burger patty topper
 - 23 Lymphatic organs
 - 25 Boring routine
 - 26 Vogue competitor
 - 27 Type of stove
 - 32 Winery vessels
 - 34 Sheltered inlets
 - 35 ___ de cologne
 - 36 Short, for short
 - 37 Like a newborn
 - 38 Soccer great Hamm
 - 39 Org. concerned with pearly whites
 - 40 Remover of raindrops
 - 41 Like court testimony
 - 43 Surfers' destinations?
 - 45 Benefit
 - 46 Goof
 - 47 Tree-lined road, perhaps
 - 50 Something easy ... or what
 - 55 Fleecy farm female
 - 56 Zero, in tennis
 - 57 Tire pressure tool
 - 58 Driver in movies?
 - 59 Carried a balance
 - 60 Glowing remnant
 - 61 Fairy-tale monster
 - 62 Diminish
 - 63 Requiring lots of attention
 - 64 Sharp
- DOWN**
- 1 Kids around
 - 2 Burn through
 - 3 Kitchen island countertop, perhaps
 - 4 Watering hole in Bath
 - 5 Nymph who rejected Apollo
 - 6 Instruments related to heckelphones
 - 7 Sulk
 - 8 Pre-holiday nights
 - 9 Like the islands in many New Yorker cartoons
 - 10 Gracefully slender
 - 11 Approach the arrival gate
 - 12 Grander than grand
 - 13 Apportion
 - 21 Animator's frames
 - 22 Long lunch offerings, briefly
 - 24 Antlered animal
 - 27 Jobs
 - 28 Finished
 - 29 Citrus garnish
 - 30 Lion's retreat
 - 31 Chinese currency
 - 32 Not-so-fluffy part of a cat
 - 33 Congressional staffer
 - 34 Superman's wrap
 - 37 The majority of air
 - 40 Current conductor
 - 41 Feeling yesterday's workout
 - 42 Pan for kung pao chicken
 - 44 Formally withdraw
 - 45 Gingerbread house's home
 - 47 Flipped (through)
 - 48 In the loop
 - 49 Country by the Red Sea
 - 50 Snow clearer
 - 51 Hawkeye's home
 - 52 Neck and neck
 - 53 Celebrity
 - 54 Sugar shape
 - 58 Fine and dandy

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 Lunar Tips for Maximizing Opportunity



Turning lemons into lemonade takes sugar. But what if you just accepted the lemon for what it is without adding anything to change the direction it naturally takes? As the lunar energy progresses to Sagittarius, every challenge is an opportunity. You don't have to change or improve anything to make it so; you need only use what's before you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are not strong in spite of your pain but because of it. Reinforcing this will take the edge off. If it's not too much of a stretch, try this mantra: "This pain is making me awesome."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The power of myth and entertainment cannot be underestimated today. A story will change the power dynamics. The meek will become mighty; you can use this to your advantage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will think more about what's not going well when you are amidst unwanted circumstances. Boredom, tedium and irritation fuel their own existence by attracting more of the same, unless you interrupt the pattern.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Experts can get confused and believe their mastery of one area of life carries over to all realms. A system of checks and balances will render this pitfall of power avoidable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Jealousy can help or hinder your process; it all depends on what you do with your feelings. Acknowledge them. There's excellent fuel here. If you direct it well, you can use it to do your most competitive work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your brain, being efficient, sees no reason to examine things that are very familiar to you. But look twice today because there's a change -- something small, but worth noting.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're still deciding if and when to transform. The process takes a lot of energy, so preparations must be made first. Before it happens, you're like the famously hungry caterpillar, storing the fuel necessary for change.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Even though it's a ride that most people would say they don't want to take, the emotional roller coaster has a line just like all the others. Learning the range of human feeling has its thrills.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The circumstances will shift and so will the way you think about them. Try to get into situations that will afford you the flexibility to act on new opportunities as they arise.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even though it seems like you'd benefit from letting someone else handle some of your workload, it's all a little trickier than it looks. This will only go well if they do things exactly as you would.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The thoughts and input of others will strongly influence the direction things take. You can shape these impressions. Be forward-thinking. How do you want to be perceived?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is not your style to automatically assume leadership. However, you are the best one for the job today. You can lead the conversation that challenges and excites but doesn't ruffle feathers.

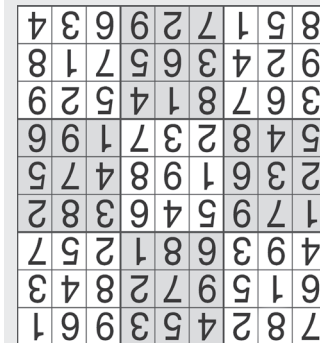
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 12). A strong bout of beginner's luck accompanies this solar return. You'll be good at things you've never done before. You'll hit it off with new people and have remarkable wins in fresh scenes. Respect, love and connection with those of a different generation is featured. A reward in November will kick off an adventure. Taurus and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 2, 22 and 16.

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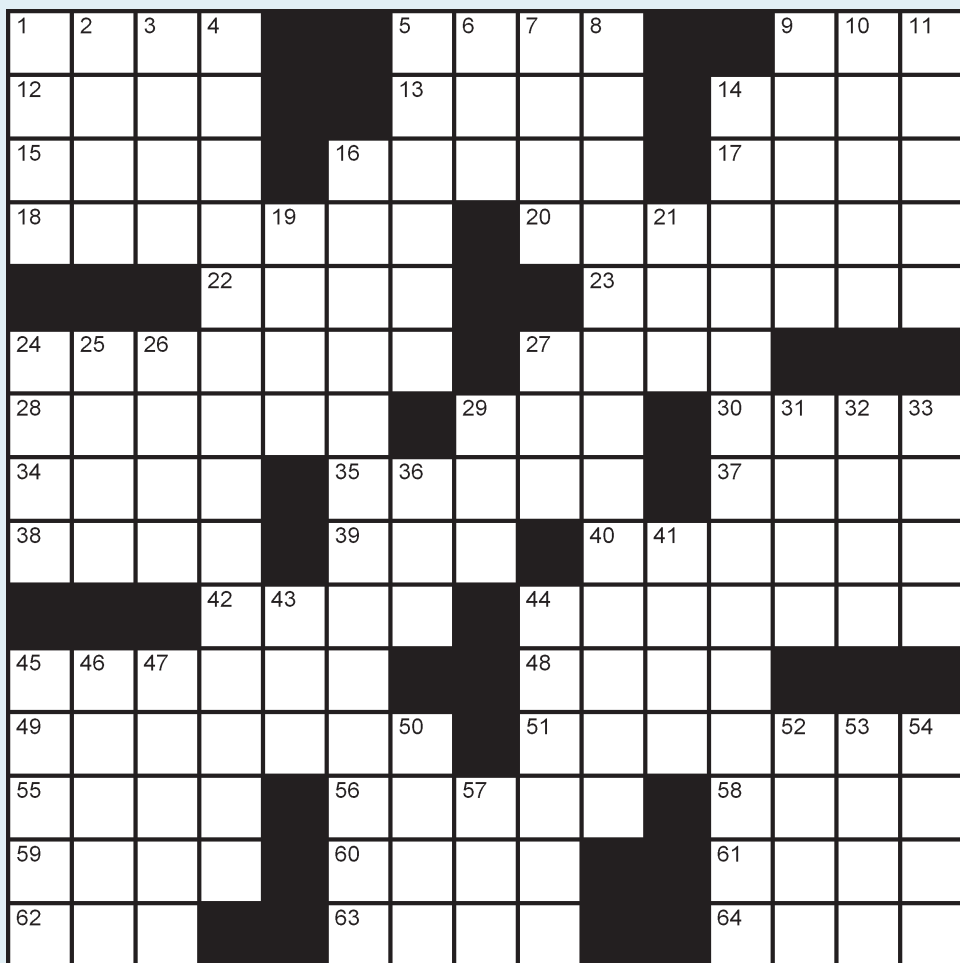


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Strong Chance of Showers by Jeffrey Wechsler

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Site with film ratings
 - 5 Informal attempt
 - 9 "Nanny" or "kiss" follower
 - 12 Concert hall section
 - 13 Brit's "See ya!"
 - 14 Draped Indian garment
 - 15 Swedish furniture chain
 - 16 It's often hard to tell
 - 17 Turkey ___ (November race)
 - 18 Part-time athlete
 - 20 Comfortable chair feature
 - 22 Patricia of "Hud"
 - 23 Banded stones
 - 24 Application for the very young
 - 27 "Bosch" actress Rogers
 - 28 Womack of country music
 - 29 Ceiling fixture
 - 30 Catches a few Z's
 - 34 Country by the Caspian Sea
 - 35 Planet in the Pale Blue Dot photograph
 - 37 Natural skin soother
 - 38 Tadpole habitat
 - 39 Not sweet, to a wine lover
 - 40 In utero
 - 42 With 50-Down, body of water by the Ontario Peninsula
 - 44 Processed, as iron ore
 - 45 When many parks open
 - 48 High wind instrument
 - 49 ___ Brown (Snoopy's owner)
 - 51 Dresses for cold weather, with "up"
 - 55 Triangle sound
 - 56 Composer of two "Peer Gynt" suites
 - 58 Tiny amount
 - 59 What Zapzyt treats
 - 60 Classic sound system, for short
 - 61 Vigorous spirit
 - 62 Zodiac's setting
 - 63 Check for quality, maybe
- DOWN**
- 1 Words before and after "what"
 - 2 Apt name for an audio technician?
 - 3 Consider
 - 4 Like Mensa?
 - 5 Enjoy a wooded path
 - 6 It precedes epsilon
 - 7 "___ girl!"
 - 8 Nonsense in a Persian Gulf country?
 - 9 "Insert this" indicator
 - 10 Came up
 - 11 Oven gloves
 - 14 Food intake for the very young?
 - 16 One in a medieval joust, presumably?
 - 19 Low-level worker
 - 21 Film studio Amazon acquired in 2021
 - 24 Radar screen spot
 - 25 British plane attachment?
 - 26 One of many in a chili
 - 27 Rug relative
 - 29 Prepare, as empanadas
 - 31 Very much
 - 32 Sponge opening
 - 33 Mail out
 - 36 "___ we there yet?"
 - 41 Glowing gas
 - 43 Leatherworker's tool
 - 44 "I accept that"
 - 45 Play the role of
 - 46 Like a good shake
 - 47 "___ Boy" (beloved Irish tune)
 - 50 See 42-Across
 - 52 Title woman in a Kinks song
 - 53 List-shortening abbr.
 - 54 Certainly wasn't seaworthy
 - 57 Uncertainties

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 Sacred Lunar Tides



As the lunar tides form angles both holy and unholy, there's confusion about the sacredness of things. Nothing is inherently meaningful. If it has meaning to you, then it has meaning. It doesn't matter how small the item or how inconsequential the issue may be in the big scheme. The "big scheme" is made up of what matters to people, i.e., you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Among the most magical things you can give another person is your sight. You may see a rarely noticed talent, a secret pain or undiscovered potential. You don't have to speak of it; just seeing is a gift that can be felt.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You think you know the boundaries of you, who you are and what you would and wouldn't do ... but those borders are as changeable as lines on a postwar map. Keep an open mind because your shape is changing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Stress levels get uncomfortable. It's an opportunity to look at your general management of these things. Everyone needs an arsenal of coping mechanisms for modern life. What are your top five?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're learning someone. Context will play a huge role. You can tell more about a person through overhearing five minutes of their conversation with an intimate friend than you can from spending five hours together in public.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No matter how much you like someone, if they act selfishly and take advantage of your kindness, their presence in your life will diminish, instead of contribute, to your good energy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll soon be around your favorite type of people: The sort who take charge of their own happiness. They know what they want, take pleasure in their pursuits and make fun wherever they are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Like a rock star, boxer or firewood chopper, you'll channel your anger into something that brings people together. The way you turn bad feelings into entertainment and warmth is downright magical.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It won't take much to tip the ordinary into the realm of extraordinary, though it will be hard to pinpoint exactly what it is that tips it. It could be as subtle as lighting, fickle as mood or soft as a smile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes it's hard for you to say no to people, but you'll have a much easier time of it as a new purpose takes hold of your scene. Knowing what you're saying yes to makes all the difference.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The best part of your routines get even better as you leap up in skill, connect with others and find comfort in the realm. Hard to believe this wasn't even a part of your life not so long ago. And you'll soon add even more fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There are many ways to ask for what you want. You like the mystery of hints and implications. Those on your wavelength will pick up on your cues. The others need more direct communication.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). All that's standing between you and your goal is a discovery. But this discovery won't happen until you're in the process of work. So go forward blindly using the tools you have. Your intent will get things moving.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 13). Put your hands on your hips and let that hero cape flap in the wind. There's a situation to save, and you're just the one to save it. Take a chance in October. A pay-off will allow you to expand in one area and wrap-up an endeavor that has already served you well. Music, children and celebration bring you into 2022. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 48 and 17.

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