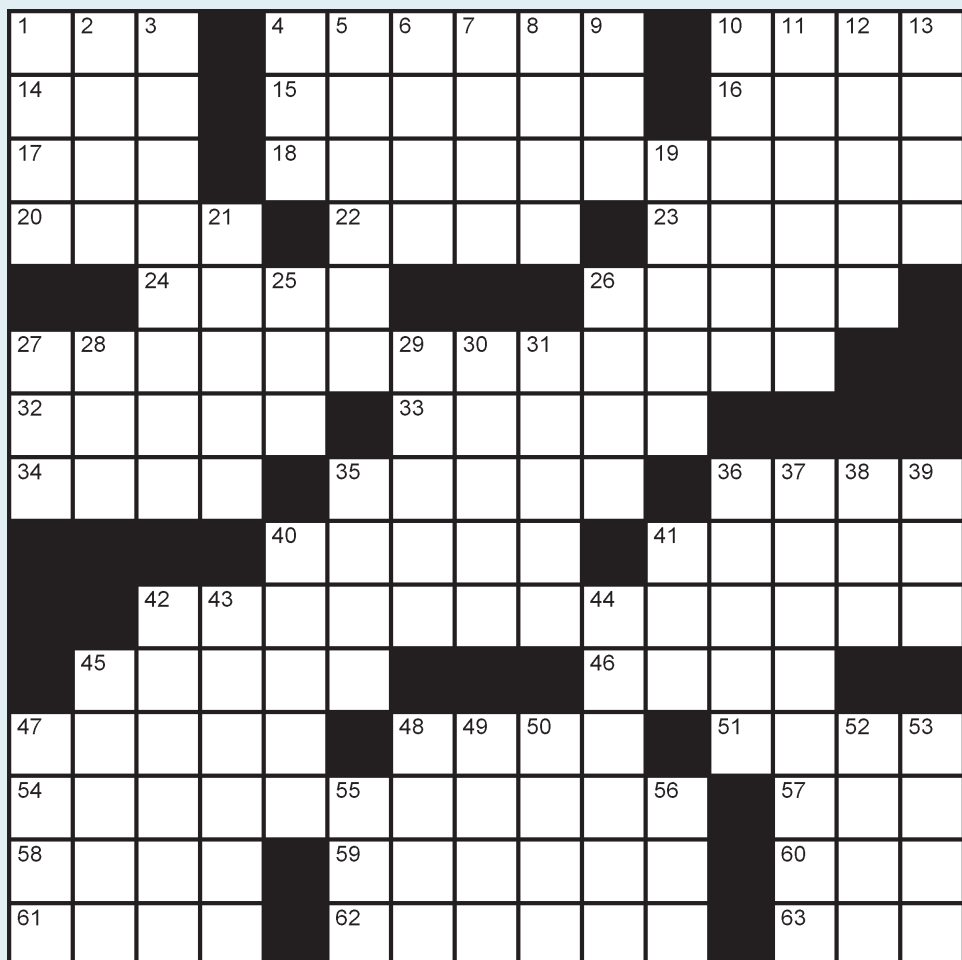


Now I See by Jeffrey Wechsler

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Warm up on a treadmill
 - 4 Most common volcanic rock
 - 10 Obscene writing
 - 14 Gibbon, for one
 - 15 Is compatible (with)
 - 16 "Please, please, please?"
 - 17 Halloween critter
 - 18 Result of an oil shortage at KFC?
 - 20 What may give a burger crunch
 - 22 Toucan's pride
 - 23 Sends forth
 - 24 Buddhist spiritual leader
 - 26 Certain medical fee
 - 27 Fast-food outlet with excessive expenses?
 - 32 Add on
 - 33 Suburban street sights
 - 34 Shakes, like a tail
 - 35 "Jurassic Park" creations, informally
 - 36 The ___ of the earth
 - 40 Funny Viking
 - 41 Drive to action
 - 42 Something discussed during an indoor cycling course?
 - 45 Overcharge
 - 46 Seeks information
 - 47 Word before "coffee" or "stew"
 - 48 Westernmost U.S. territory
 - 51 Dig into?
 - 54 Euclid's "Elements," for example?
 - 57 Grand ___ Opry
 - 58 Dog in "Garfield"
 - 59 Like Switzerland, topographically
 - 60 Kick oneself for
 - 61 Legendary loch
 - 62 Turn a corner in Monopoly
 - 63 Enhdangered fish
- DOWN**
- 1 Vaccinations, informally
 - 2 Multicolored gemstone
 - 3 Be compatible (with)
 - 4 Good buddy, for short
 - 5 Device that a crash test tests
 - 6 Eyelid affliction
 - 7 Where the Mekong flows
 - 8 Join together
 - 9 1987-94 "Star Trek" series, briefly
 - 10 Buttery shrimp dish
 - 11 Song featured in "Flashdance"
 - 12 Cohesiveness
 - 13 Repetitive motions
 - 19 Low-level workers
 - 21 Uses the kiddie pool
 - 25 Cake recipe instruction
 - 26 Pros and ___
 - 27 Hound's "hand"
 - 28 Genetic messenger
 - 29 Set straight
 - 30 Hawaiian island near Maui
 - 31 Bound by oath
 - 35 Hamlet, nationality-wise
 - 36 Prepare, as Nova lox
 - 37 Marketplace with many free offerings
 - 38 Necklace on 30-Down
 - 39 Doting attention, briefly
 - 40 Impressive note for a soprano to hit
 - 41 "___ not fair!"
 - 42 "Looks like you're right"
 - 43 Hypes, as a product
 - 44 Playing "Madden NFL," perhaps
 - 45 Letter from a teacher?
 - 47 "There's my cue!"
 - 48 Big bash
 - 49 Org. challenged by email
 - 50 Warts and all
 - 52 Hint for Holmes
 - 53 Dog walker's command
 - 55 Track circuit
 - 56 Corp. leader

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 Projections of Venus in Scorpio



In these first degrees of Venus in Scorpio, what sometimes passes for love is not love at all, but a projection of what we wish love to be, streaming in yellow light from the click and whirr of old-timey mechanics within our own hearts. If we're to experience the real world of other people outside the theater doors, we must turn off the movie.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today brings you an abundance of original ideas. Regardless of how good they are, because of the speed by which they pour in, they will be quickly forgotten unless you capture, contain and catalog them.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're a natural leader and you'll shine with executive ability, which is to say you're good at running the show. You can be tough, tender, warm or direct as you adapt to the show you're running.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Misreading a situation can cause minor mistakes or major pain. You can avoid any and all trouble with this by paying close attention, and then paying attention from a distance as your awareness grows with every new angle on it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your world is saturated with an overabundance of opinions. Your restraint on the matter will lead to serenity. It will come as a relief to hear to share fewer opinions, and to find that you have fewer of them to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have a choice about how to encourage follow-through with the actions that will net a desired result. You can motivate through fear or inspiration. Fear is faster. Inspiration is healthier and more pleasant.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Even though you can't change another person, as you change yourself, if the other person has the least bit of awareness and empathy, a countermove will be made to adapt to yours.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life is the kind of teacher whose lectures seem to drift off-topic, but there's magic in this. You'll get a clue as to your most profitable move -- a sign from the natural world pointing your mind to an answer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Life is a song. Sometimes you dance to it and sometimes you sing along, but right now, you're in the mood to listen, learn and see what happens when others make the moves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to accept what's in your head as the truth. You can change your thought, pick a new one or create one from scratch. Whatever your mood, you are one thought away from lifting it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love's display isn't always a bouquet of romance or a glamorous foreign holiday. You'll give your love in doses as small as a spoon, as diligent as washed a dish and as moving as a carpool.

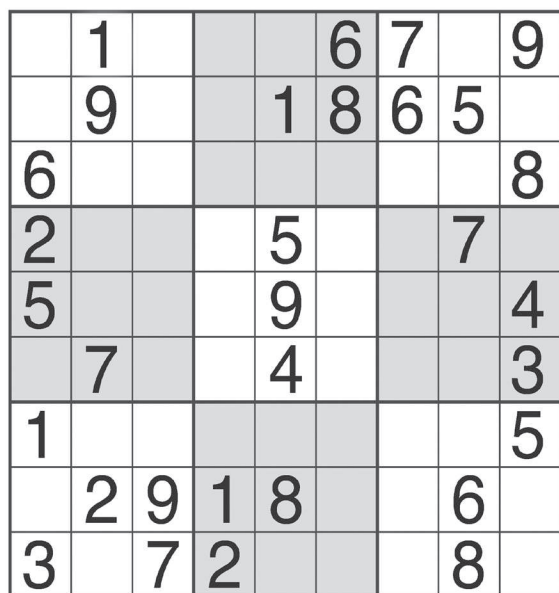
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Wanting isn't wrong or right. It probably can't even be helped. While you can't effectively command yourself to want what's good for you, you can at least notice what you want and steer your desire toward the best option.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You don't have to resonate with everything you come across. There are some emotions that are unhealthy to steep in. Your empathetic skills are on point, including the ones that keep you from unhealthy empathy.

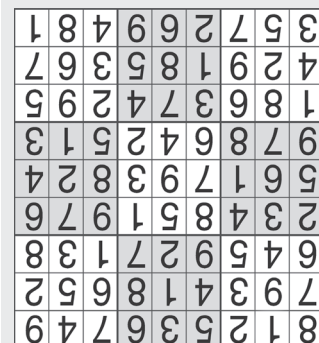
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (SEPT. 15). You manage most areas of your life with a hands-on approach, mixing into what matters, unafraid of a little mess and sweat. Being extremely careful about what you delegate, you won't miss out on golden details. You'll feel loved. Your heart is open to receive it. You'll join with others to improve what's around you. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 47 and 18.

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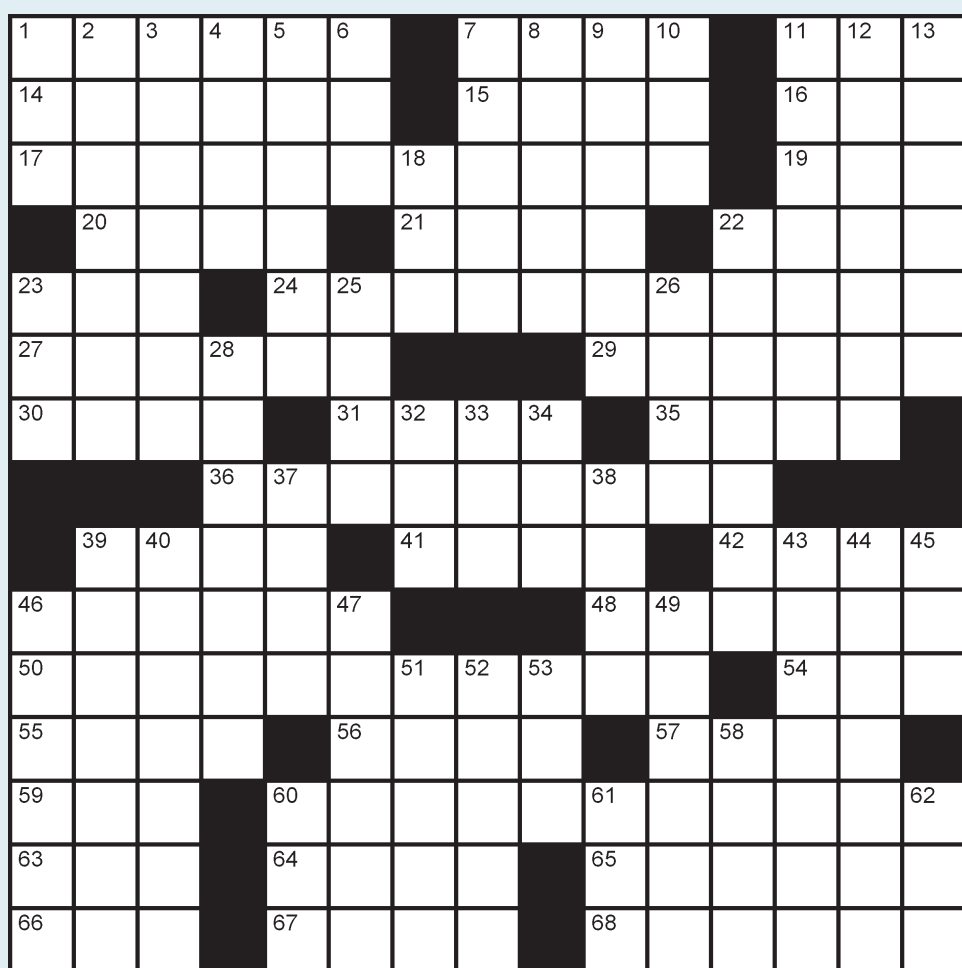


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Get a Grip! by Christina Iverson

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Join together
 - 7 "War and Peace," for one
 - 11 Not well-lit
 - 14 One giving a speech
 - 15 ___ or false
 - 16 Music genre associated with black eyeliner
 - 17 *Completely immoral supervisor?
 - 19 Financing letters
 - 20 Metallic fabric
 - 21 Burden
 - 22 Bad throw at a casino
 - 23 Like the wolf in a fairy tale
 - 24 *Weaving instructor?
 - 27 Irritates
 - 29 Points of view
 - 30 Like some people who read closed captions
 - 31 Tightly stretched
 - 35 Vessels with spigots
 - 36 *Some under-the-table flirting?
 - 39 (OMG!)
 - 41 Maker of Thick & Fluffy waffles
 - 42 Wyatt of the Wild West
 - 46 Actress Sorkin
 - 48 Closer, in a guessing game
 - 50 *Evidently fake jewel?
 - 54 Slippery, as a street
 - 55 Pixar movie with talking vehicles
 - 56 Sporty auto roof
 - 57 Angel costume headwear
 - 59 ___-man band
 - 60 Mess up ... and a hint to 17-, 24-, 36- and 50-Across
 - 63 Lead role in "How I Met Your Mother"
 - 64 Last number in many prices
 - 65 "Am not!" response
 - 66 Popular show letters
 - 67 High cards in royal flushes
 - 68 Yards' relatives
- DOWN**
- 1 ___ story (sad-sounding tale)
 - 2 Nutty confection
 - 3 Layered pasta dish
 - 4 Something in your cart
 - 5 Make a visit
 - 6 Notable span
 - 7 Was surrounded by wavy lines, in a comic
 - 8 Quarrel
 - 9 Party attendees
 - 10 ___ Lingus
 - 11 Start of a letter to a longtime advice columnist
 - 12 Influences
 - 13 Thumbs-down
 - 18 Shape-down votes
 - 22 More like sea salt than iodized salt
 - 23 Like the wolf in a fairy tale
 - 25 Regarding, in a memo
 - 26 "Regarding, in a memo" or "Counterbalances"
 - 28 Counterbalances
 - 32 Enjoyed a buffet
 - 33 Big name in boots
 - 34 "You're it!"
 - 37 Certain column in the paper
 - 38 Like freshly cut grass
 - 39 Dad joke, e.g.
 - 40 Sauce for fettucine
 - 43 "Has the meeting started?"
 - 44 Change the hue of
 - 45 Inquire nosily
 - 46 Broad neckties
 - 47 Kind of acid in fertilizers
 - 49 Stick (to)
 - 51 Make amends
 - 52 Shuffles around aimlessly, say
 - 53 Decide
 - 58 Words before and after "is"
 - 60 Ancestry.com test subject
 - 61 Spiral-cut meat
 - 62 ___ Altos, California

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 Materialism Under a Solar Trine



Success doesn't always go hand in hand with material good fortune. Believing those two states are interchangeable will only lead to dissatisfaction and missed purpose. What's truly valuable is life- and health-enhancing. Much material wealth doesn't fall into the category -- something to ponder under the solar trine to Pluto.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Keep repeating the action that's going so well for you until you can do it no longer. Like the weightlifter who works the muscle until it fails, you will see results not despite that last exhausted effort but because of it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Long-lasting friendships are important to you, so you'll make extra efforts, especially when life pulls you and a friend in opposing directions. You'll find new parallels and commonalities that help you stay on the same wavelength.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're like a divining rod for hot spots, so you mostly end up where the fun is. But even the most skilled diviners sometimes come up dry. In that case, your best bet is to cut out early and keep looking.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While some would use charm as a manipulation, you employ your charisma for the sole purpose of stirring up the playful energies of delight, without which existence would be dull indeed!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Even though your leadership is typically sound, right now you'll be more comfortable without followers. This path is new. You'll be more adventurous when you know you're the only one affected by your choices.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Meditation and mantras are not for everyone. In a way, whatever you do to feel more like yourself is your spiritual practice. Repetition with reverence is one key to making it a ritual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're willing to slog it out until the bitter end, but what if the end isn't bitter? You just may slog it out to a savory end or a sweet one. In any case, definitely do slog it out, because the end will be worth it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Now it is effortless for you to maintain the steady flow of supportive communication that facilitates good relationships, but this is only because you worked at the skill. Others might need some time to catch up.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You may not be sure where to set your sights. You want to stretch yourself, and you're not afraid to fail, but you'd rather not reach for something that doesn't exist. Ask around to find out what's possible.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Who you are in the bigger view of society is not who you really are, and yet it does influence how you feel about yourself to a degree. You are in charge of the degree. Dial it down.

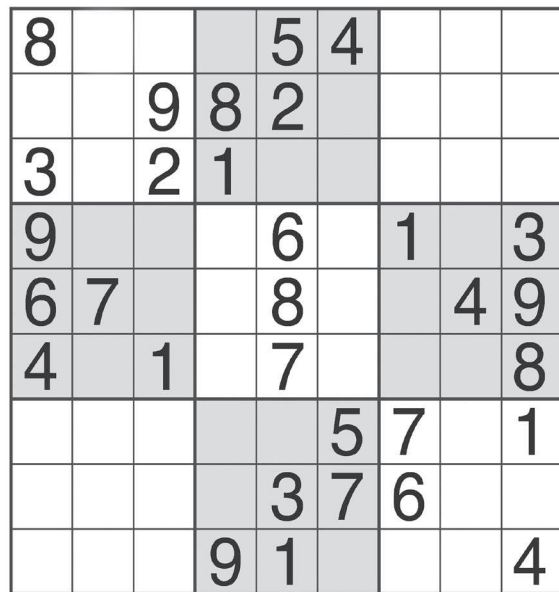
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You think you know your function within a group, but your notion of this is limited to how you see yourself. The others have their own view of you, and in some instances, it is greatly expanded from yours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The rules have changed many times over the last few years, and they'll change once more today. Even so, the values and principles that guide you will remain steadfast through the ages.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 16). The sparkle of charisma you ride through the year sparks many a lucky interaction. Your phone buzzes, and your calendar fills with engagements, both lucrative and friendly. Love deepens as you alternate between making sacrifices and allowing others to rise to the occasion to give to you. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 2, 22, 18 and 38.

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