The Name of the Game *by Greg Johnson*

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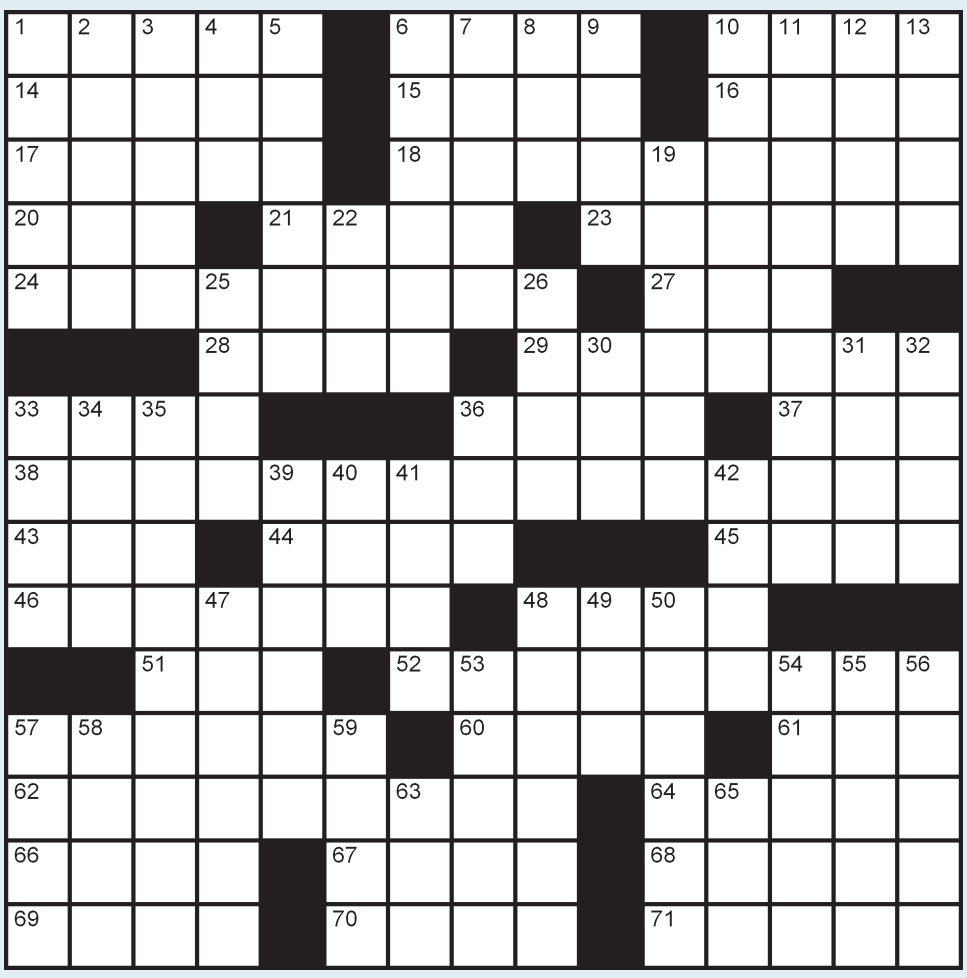

ACROSS
1 Football venue
6 Craps calculation
10 Box with a training partner, maybe
14 Reason to say "Oopsie!"
15 Donkey noise
16 "Star Wars" princess
17 One way to be in love
18 Victim in Clue
20 Tres - dos
21 Film holder
23 They're all the same
24 With 52-Across, mascot in Monopoly
27 You rarely eat just one
28 Be an accomplice
29 Megan Thee Stallion or Cardi B
33 Welsh form of "John"
36 Pedal to work, perhaps
37 Brazilian metropolis, informally
38 Playing pieces in Candy Land
43 ___ bran
44 Sweet's partner, in a sauce name
45 Sports org. for students
46 Shoe that may be bunny-shaped
48 Reverberation
51 Neither hide ___ hair
52 See 24-Across
57 Widely recognized
60 Word after "fast" or "express"
61 Naked mole-___
62 Patient in Operation
64 Too trusting
66 Sword with a blunted tip
67 Texas Hold 'em stake
68 Perplexed
69 Realtor's favorite word?
70 Christmas, in Paris
71 Get a whiff of

DOWN
1 Long leg bone
2 Neighbor of an Armenian
3 Lifesaver in a hosp.
4 Reaction to a silly emoji
5 Spice mix for meat
6 Thing
7 Oddly comical
8 "Lah-di-___!"
9 Harmonize
10 Skiing surfaces
11 Involving young patients
12 Senator's staffer
13 "Projections" from the sun
19 Conked on the head
22 Benz- follower
25 Chill with friends
26 Lake bordering Pennsylvania
30 Wanted poster acronym
31 Opera with an Ethiopian princess
32 Parks who stood for civil rights while seated
33 Big ones may hinder teamwork
34 Cologne container
35 Unconventional work of fiction
36 "It's chilly!"
39 ___ de corps (morale)
40 Eggs of a fish
41 Baby's response to a pat on the back
42 What turns on a radio?
47 Paid (up)
48 Tooth protector
49 "United Shades of America" channel
50 African animals that whoop
53 Fill with joy
54 Crop up
55 Courtroom mallet
56 Shoplift, say
57 Treats, as a sprain
58 Crime syndicate head
59 Greenish-blue
63 ___-cone
65 Source of 20s

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021 Cranky Capricorn Mon

This Capricorn moon has four antagonizing interactions along the journey, pausing the mission of conflict but once to harmonize with Uranus. These lunar antics portend power plays and poking around emotional territory to find points of leverage. The ones who can hold their temper, resist temptation and generally keep cool win the day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People say "just kidding" when they mean "this is true to some degree." You'll hear the message behind the message and let it inform you, even if you don't react to it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll seize the opportunity to practice what you've learned ... once you recognize it, that is. Such opportunities often come disguised as perplexing problems.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your plan will be successful. Someone who keeps telling you that will be critical in this success. You could use a few more team members, so put out the word.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Not all outsiders are loners; many of them are soloists. You have an excellent sense about what energy level to bring to the scene. Your skill in relating to people in the way they prefer will connect you to many.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The day has 24 hours, but how many moments is that? Take it one at a time. Some require more building than others. It's not a bad time to start construction on a moment that will take months in the making.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is said that "nature abhors a vacuum." Relationships will run according to the principle today, making the main question one of casting: Who will play nature and who will play the vacuum?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One good idea will be the bridge between you and what you want. Give yourself lots of mental space and maybe some boredom, too, if you can manage it. Let yourself daydream.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are harder on yourself than even your harshest critic would be. A reminder: As a human, you're not always going to make the optimal choice. Accept your humanity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's more about believing than seeing today. This is the principle by which creations come together. Hang the vision in a high corner of your mind, then dance toward it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). To effectively work a crowd, you must keep moving. The world is your "crowd" today, as dispersed as it may be. Through a commute or digital technology, you will spread your goodwill one short interaction at a time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you get it right the first time, go up a level. There's little to learn in arenas that are too easy for you. If you're not learning, you're declining. When you're getting it wrong, the lessons are abundant.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Information comes to you like unmarked mail. It could be from anywhere -- next door or next continent. A lack of context calls for greater diligence in the testing of information. Question everything.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 12). You will be celebrated for those very same qualities you admire so much in others -- a sign that what you've done to create yourself and your life is effective. You'll repeat the success formula to bring relationships to new places. You'll launch a personal odyssey and create financial resources for yourself and others. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 11, 1, 30, 3 and 18.

Universal SUDOKU

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Housebroken *by Catherine Cetta*

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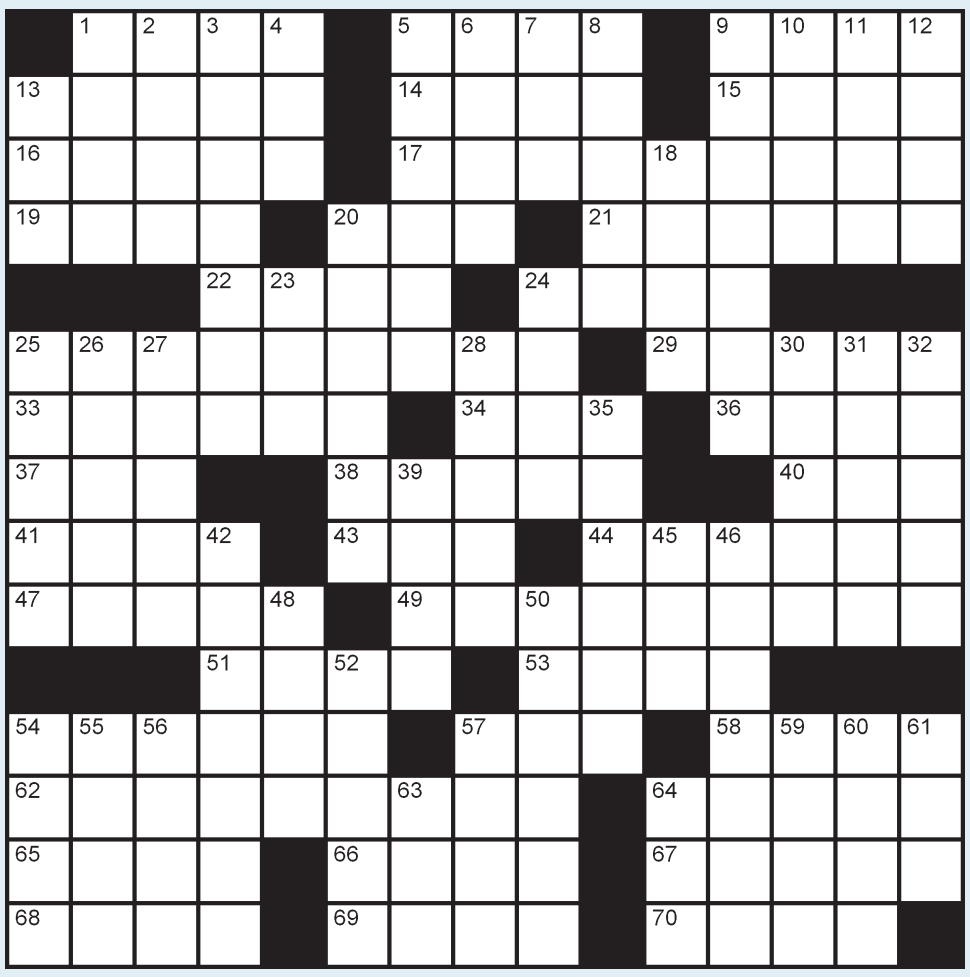

ACROSS
1 Wander
5 (Hey, you)
9 Second attempt
13 Belly button's region
14 Something to flutter, informally
15 Apple tablet
16 Short words? (Note this answer's last 3 letters + ...)
17 True geeky self (... this one's first 2)
19 Constellation component
20 Wine choice
21 Monopoly pieces
22 Person who has an app
24 Narrowest of margins to win by
25 Wellness center (Last 2 letters + ...)
29 Velcro alternative (... first 4)
33 Gene variant
34 Wrath
36 Pack (down)
37 Egyptian boy king
38 Word before "all" or "hours"
40 Pro hoops league
41 Biblical paradise
43 Tic-___-toe
44 Book lover
47 Televised again (Last 3 letters + ...)
49 Gamer's leg up (... first 2)
51 Drubbing
53 Median, e.g., briefly
54 Houston MLB team
57 Home of NOLA and KCMO
58 Protected
62 "Awesome," to the Ninja Turtles (Last 5 letters + ...)
64 Like a peon's position (... first 3)
65 Select All's menu
66 Depend
67 Blender setting
68 Rational
69 Settles IOUs
70 River to the underworld

DOWN
1 Cheer (for)
2 Killer whale
3 Habitually
4 Unruly crowd
5 Electrician's gripping tool
6 Hourglass filler
7 Figure with the format 123-45-6789: Abbr.
8 Greek letter that symbolizes an angle
9 Ice hockey enthusiast
10 Heaviest Olympic sword
11 "Rats!"
12 Strangely, they can be even
13 Hotel room fixtures
18 Muddy up
20 Prepare, as leftovers
23 Mo. city near Ill.
24 Fabled race loser
25 One has nothing nice to say
26 Manage to avoid
27 Take in or let out
28 Inning's beginning
30 Like a positive attitude
31 Plant firmly
32 Word before "tire" or "change"
35 List of mistakes
39 Fiction's opposite
42 Tell, as a story
45 Letter before 8-Down
46 Behaves badly
48 Beginner, in gamer lingo
50 College application components
52 Seize illegally
54 Unreturnable serves
55 Scotch and ___
56 Doppel-ganger, seemingly
57 Like a terrible mood
59 Off-kilter
60 Show off at the gym
61 What a peacock's tail spot resembles
63 Teacher's org.
64 Some records, for short

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021 Moon of Intellect

No one likes a know-it-all, especially one constantly drawing attention to their vast knowledge by talking endlessly about it. The intelligence that shows up in the form of curiosity is far more compelling than what is displayed in feats of memorization. The moon's move to Aquarius encourages applying our minds to what helps humanity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There is no benefit to giving too much, especially if you're giving it to the wrong people. Give to those who both need and appreciate the offering, and do so in an amount they can handle.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Consider the reasons you think of someone in such a warm and friendly light. These same qualities are within you. Today, you will walk this world in the lovely soft glow they radiate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll notice differences that others do not and you'll make distinctions between things such as power and leadership, taste and money, and beauty and conformity. Use these insights to forward an agenda of kindness.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's true that the high-flying bird has the best view of everything, but the subtle songs will not be heard at lofty altitudes. Like the bird, send yourself up for the broad view, but do all your singing on ground level.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are connected to people who have and to people who need. You will make yourself into a conduit and distribute the resources. This you will do without effort, loss or gain. You'll simply open and direct yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're mixed up in your own business; what a wonderful place to be! You'll handle what's yours and it will feel good to be in control. If you do not feel in control, maybe it's not yours to handle after all. Simply give it back.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The aesthetics usually matter to you, and today, they'll matter even more. Be strategic in your placement of beautiful things and in your embodiment of beauty. Surprise is an essential element.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Getting more sleep is one of the most effective steps to becoming healthier -- and it's free. With your busy life, it will require some planning, though, and a mild restructuring of your priorities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You would rather be powerful than famous. You aspire to be like those who hold high positions and yet still work humbly on the ground level. They are among the most powerful forces of good in the world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Keep thinking about that rush of feeling you'll get when you arrive at your destination. Whether it's pride, accomplishment or simply relief, hook your heartstrings to it and let it pull you forward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You may not realize it, but your kindness and keen social instinct builds something for others -- a sense of belonging, comfort and kinship. It's worth every bit of effort you put into it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If forgiveness is hard for you, consider it optional. You don't have to rehash the past to start new. You can accept the way it is now and build from here in any direction. This is a new day.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 13). Swiftly organize your priorities; the universe will meet your order. You've put yourself too low on the list before -- a mistake not to repeat. The blossom shower of bounty over you will make many lives beautiful. A mentor will help you develop the plan. You'll find your confidence along the way as you take action. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 45, 12 and 20.

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