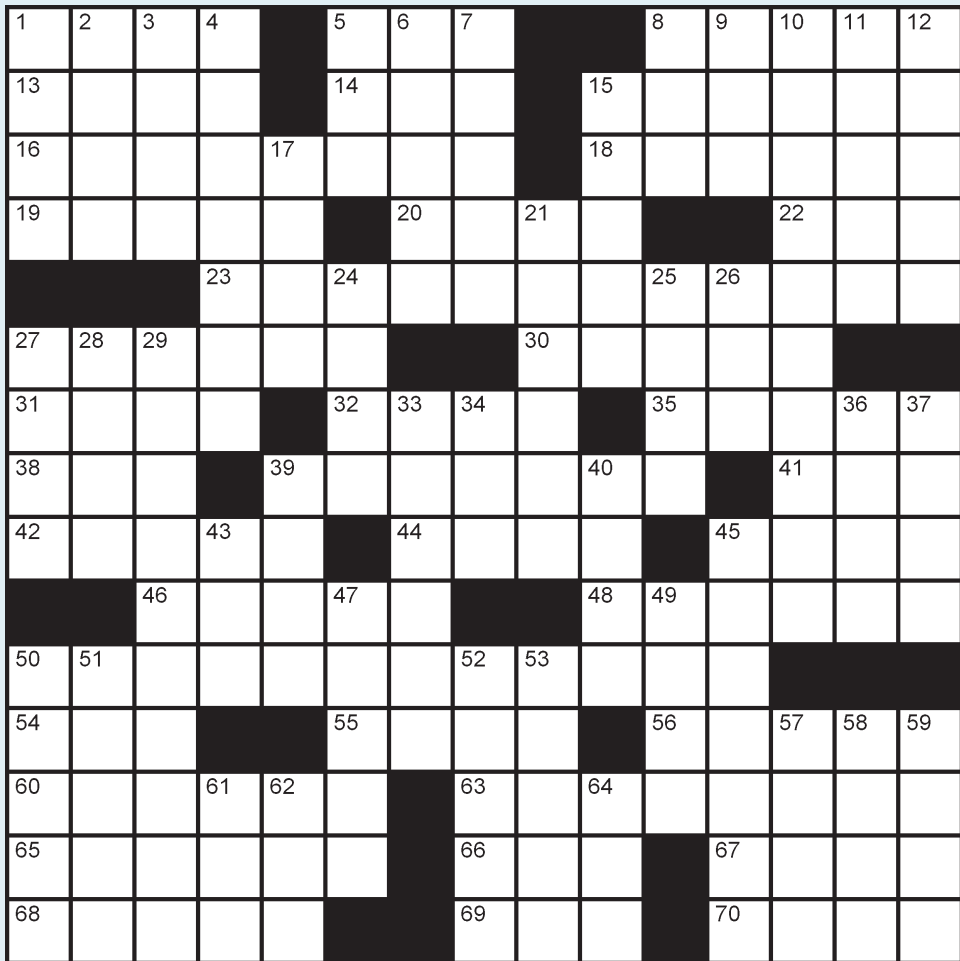


Why Are You Here? by Adrian Johnson

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 There are lots of them
 - 5 "Weekend Edition" broadcaster
 - 8 Premiere
 - 13 What a prankster may refill with toothpaste
 - 14 Cheer in Cancun
 - 15 Capital of Albania
 - 16 *It makes a dog happy (Theme hint: Note three letters in each starred clue's answer)
 - 18 Puts into law
 - 19 Louisiana waterway
 - 20 Word before "home" or "heart"
 - 22 Vixen's baby
 - 23 *Basic democratic principle
 - 27 "Can I get a volunteer?"
 - 30 Mindless followers
 - 31 Like a very bright color
 - 32 Stretcher holders, for short
 - 35 Fuji, e.g.
 - 38 Formal refusal
 - 39 *Practice presentations
 - 41 Online gamer's woe
 - 42 Good smell
 - 44 Overblown publicity
 - 45 Mamba's weapon
 - 46 Rich cake
 - 48 Battle injuries
 - 50 *Fred Flintstone's best friend
 - 54 Radio journalist Shapiro
 - 55 Sweat spot?
 - 56 Place to tie the knot
 - 60 Get cracking, in a way
 - 63 *Candy bar with peanuts
 - 65 Turkey's capital
 - 66 Major fuss
 - 67 It's smaller than an English horn
 - 68 "Walk the dog" and others
 - 69 Org. that Edward Snowden exposed
 - 70 Carvey who was on "SNL"
- DOWN**
- 1 Salad with bacon and avocado
 - 2 97,818 square miles, for Wyoming
 - 3 Bank (on)
 - 4 ___ Islands, South Pacific country
 - 5 Partner of "neither"
 - 6 Demoted planet
 - 7 Steel support for concrete
 - 8 Clatter
 - 9 Period of history
 - 10 "Just in case" contingency
 - 11 No later than
 - 12 Tongue's sense
 - 15 An adult often has 32
 - 17 Chinese currency
 - 21 Be a teacher's pet
 - 24 Rude remark
 - 25 Thumbs-up votes
 - 26 Weightlifter's unit
 - 27 Actress Kendrick
 - 28 Close by
 - 29 "Walk the dog" and others
 - 33 "You saved me!"
 - 34 Test, as one's patience
 - 36 ___ of opportunity
 - 37 Quiche ingredients
 - 39 Taunting challenge
 - 40 Rookie, slangily
 - 43 Labor Day's day: Abbr.
 - 45 Nuclear reactor insert
 - 47 Uber-competitive
 - 49 Regenerist skin care company
 - 50 Unskilled in
 - 51 NBA game venue
 - 52 City-related
 - 53 Pieces of an abacus
 - 57 Big instrument in a marching band
 - 58 Lots (of)
 - 59 Hera's anagrammatic mother
 - 61 Tree that squirrels love
 - 62 OB-GYNs, e.g.
 - 64 One may have feathers or scales

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021 Lucky Discomfort



The angles of the planets suggest a day of interesting tension, and the sort of stress that makes things happen. Saturn, the lesson planet, is behind the antagonization. Those who can get past the discomfort and see the gift in events will later credit these happenings as fortuitous nudges from the universe. Keep cool and stay strong.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will align yourself with a timeless strength as you call on the ideas of admired thinkers and brave ones who paved the way for what you want to accomplish.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes you follow your muses, but today, they follow you, tugging at your sleeve, whispering in your ear, pulling your attention to the things with most creative potential.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You've given slightly more than you had to give, which put you in a deficit. So if you find yourself struggling in some way, the answer is to stop and replenish. This will keep you from getting in way over your head.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is so much that is at least somewhat true, you will need to narrow the criteria to move efficiently through the day. Instead of asking, "What is true?" ask, "What will help me move forward?"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've the urge to wander and take in new views. No need to plan the excursion, as the agenda could only get in the way of following your felicitous impulses -- of which you'll have many!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Playing around is a good way to figure out what might work, but the only way to know what (SET ITAL)will(END ITAL) work is to go in for the real deal. You're ready, and the world is also ready for you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Believe those seeking answers but doubt those who claim to have found them. Their solutions won't necessarily be false or wrong, but you need a custom-fitted result.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Could you contribute to the elevation of the collective spirit of humanity? Of course! The spiritual tides rise with every gesture you make to uplift yourself and others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Question your level of daring. Is it enough? You haven't made very many mistakes, which is a sign you may not be leaning into your adventurous spirit at the level you could be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll deal with people whose values are similar but not the same. Creating mutually satisfying solutions will be easier when you stay curious and make no assumptions.

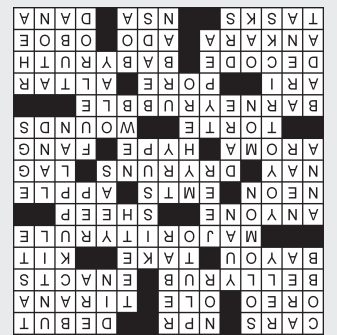
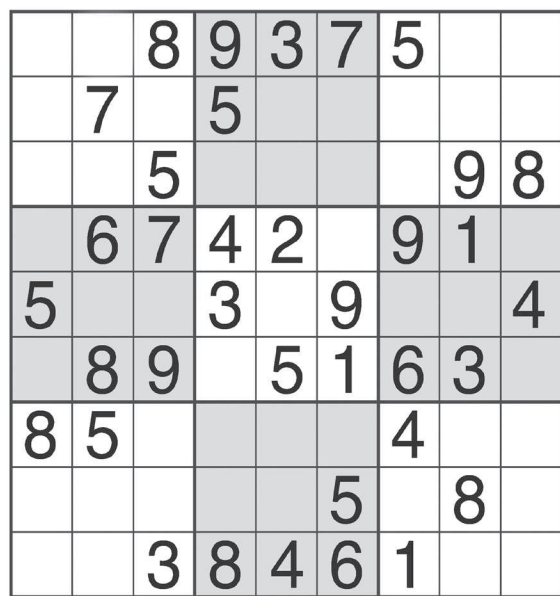
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An heirloom, family story or genetic inheritance will affect the way your plot moves, making you aware of the influence of a lineage. You've a talent for working with or building on whatever you're given.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Making things pretty in your home will make them pretty in your mind. Whether visitors see the end result is irrelevant. You see it, and your self-image improves with every upgrade.

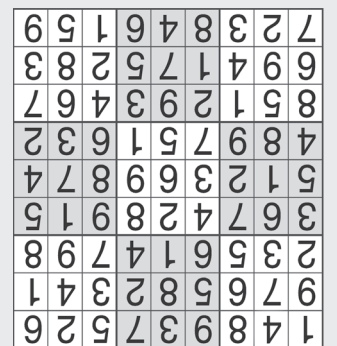
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 10). You have many powerful ideas, and your thought patterns can be strong enough to motivate you through weather fair and foul. However, it's action you'll be known for. You'll impress as you muscle and maneuver your way through mazes. You'll win hearts answering need. You'll move fast and make money. Sagittarius and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 44, 30, 28 and 16.

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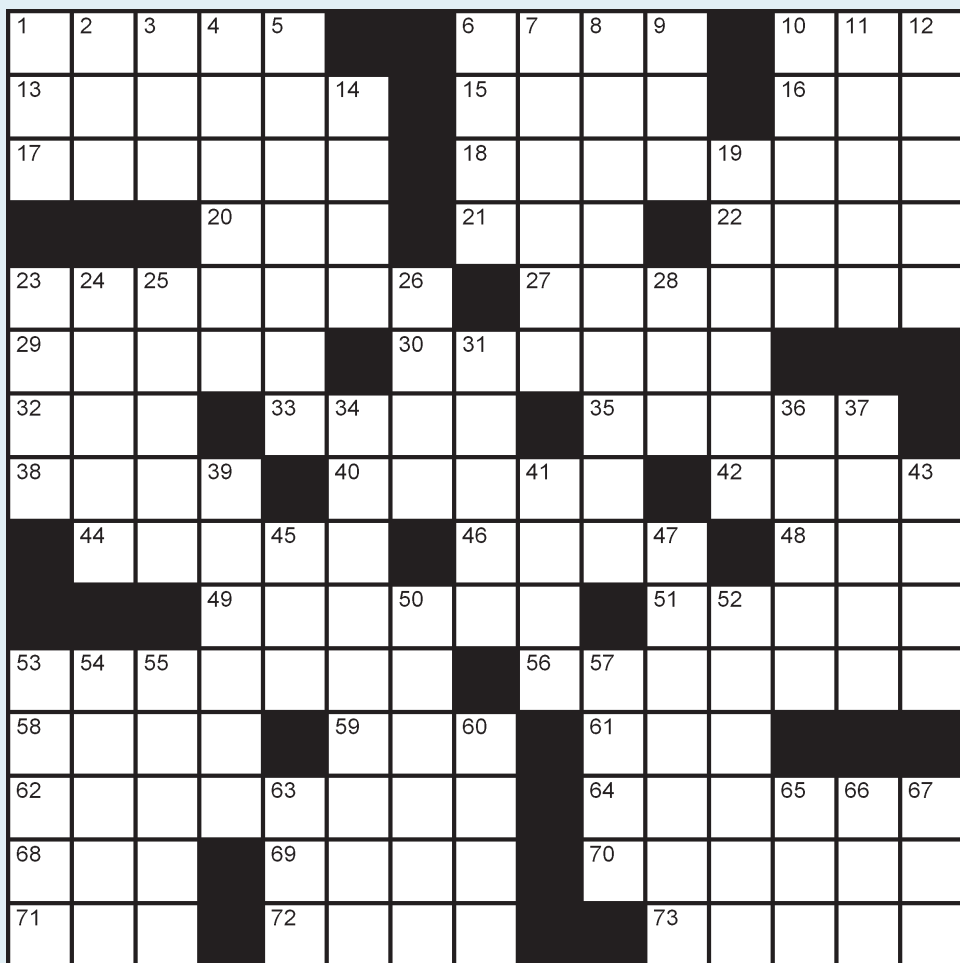


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Deal Breakers by Drew Schmenner

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Work to clean
 - 6 Shoot an air ball, say
 - 10 Letters on a Coppertone bottle
 - 13 "Ah, OK"
 - 15 ___ fresca (fruit drink)
 - 16 Vietnamese soup
 - 17 Its Double variety has 4 patties (Note this answer's last 2 letters + ...)
 - 18 Ribbed fabric (... this one's first 4)
 - 20 Rainbow's shape
 - 21 Gas additive brand
 - 22 Evaluate on Yelp
 - 23 Advocate such as Lady Gaga or Madonna (Last 3 letters + ...)
 - 27 John Deere product (... first 5)
 - 29 Train that stops in Baltimore
 - 30 Book before Jeremiah
 - 32 "___ Loves You" (Beatles hit)
 - 33 Gas holder
 - 35 One can do no wrong
 - 38 Nuisance
 - 40 Rolls-___
 - 42 Name that anagrams to "Oman"
 - 44 9 to 5, e.g
 - 46 Ritz
 - 48 Awaiting scheduling: Abbr.
 - 49 Heavy club
 - 51 "Let's do this!"
 - 53 Horn of Africa nation (Last 4 letters + ...)
 - 56 Tropical cyclone (... first 2)
 - 58 Waithe of "Ready Player One"
 - 59 Key under Z, maybe
 - 61 Employ
 - 62 Formal apology (Last 2 letters + ...)
 - 64 Diagnostic med. idage (... first 2)
 - 68 IRS identifier
 - 69 Rather close
 - 70 Stay on, as a schedule
 - 71 Souvenir shop shirt
 - 72 Singer Guthrie
 - 73 Less frequent
 - 28 Step before the majors
 - 31 Zoom alternative
 - 34 One concerned with oil prices?
 - 36 "That's incorrect!"
 - 37 Forbidden
 - 39 Itty-bitty mint
 - 41 Young male horse
 - 43 Leslie of "This Is 40"
 - 45 Mink's coat
 - 47 Indie film fan in vintage clothes, maybe
 - 50 Girls trip attendee
 - 52 Poseidon's domain
 - 53 "Nightmare" setting in horror films, briefly
 - 54 Actress Witherspoon
 - 55 Absurd
 - 57 "Eww!"
 - 60 Hawaiian root
 - 63 Spanish for "a"
 - 65 What an EMT may deliver
 - 66 Consumed
 - 67 Negative conjunction
- DOWN**
- 1 Cry and cry
 - 2 Tai ___
 - 3 Manipulate illegally
 - 4 P.O. box filler
 - 5 It isn't ursine or feline, surprisingly
 - 6 Computers that run Safari
 - 7 "There's no stopping me!"
 - 8 Plot twists, e.g.
 - 9 Sorrowful
 - 10 Jack whose wife ate no lean
 - 11 One of many in a yearbook
 - 12 Theater lobby
 - 14 Danish shoe brand
 - 19 Spiny creature in a tide pool
 - 23 (Oh my!)
 - 24 Pines (for)
 - 25 "Yikes, that's bad!"
 - 26 Boy, in Barcelona

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021 The Weird Heaven of 11:11



The Aquarius moon rules this numerically symmetrical day, suggesting it will be what you make of it. Aquarius is the innovator and mad-genius of the zodiac. This lunar realm offers an embrace of technology, zaniness and counterculture whilst keeping an open mind to anything that seems like it might be helpful in the development of humanity.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's better to make zesty mistakes than flatly follow a soul-numbing protocol. Maybe your work isn't flawless but you are emotionally engaged, which will speak to people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). As it goes with other types of ironing, there are a few ways to smooth out the rough patches of a relationship. You can leave something heavy on it for a long time, or you can move quickly over the area with something light and hot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have vivid powers of visualization. You'll see your ideal and lay that image over your current reality. You'll notice the biggest things that need to change and get right to work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Time isn't money; time is much more valuable than money. Today features luxuries that only time can afford you, like comfortable longtime relationships.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You won't feel firmly in control of a good relationship, mainly because good relationships just don't work that way. By definition, to share is to relinquish some control. The more you trust, the easier it is to share.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). With an open mind, you'll find allies in the strangest places. Someone who once envied you, competed with you or openly opposed you could be a great friend to you now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll run into an old friend, habit or reminder of how far you've come. It will be fortifying to acknowledge that who you were back there is still inside you contributing to the work you do now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your passion is apparent in every area of life. Though you approach work and play very differently, there's a through line of intensity in your personal and professional life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Unanticipated expenditures arise, most likely in the form of something you want so much you won't stop thinking about it until it's yours. Others advise, but you're going to do what you want to do on this one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll bask in attention like you bask in the sun. You need it, miss it, get your fill and get out at the right time, too, observing the threshold between healthy and unhealthy levels of exposure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're talented, but you don't want others to think of you only in this way. Being a friend, a family member and a human is far more important to you than the specialness of being gifted.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll move quickly through the landscape. Before one vista has time to lose its mystique, you'll be onto the next. Will it be more beautiful than the last? It doesn't matter. It will be new.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 11). Once upon a time, you dreamed of a hero, and now you are becoming that person. With this trip around the sun, a new reality forms for you. Your intentions for yourself, the needs of those around you, the hand of fate -- all act together to transform your day to day, add a few characters and boost your power. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 1, 4, 44 and 16.

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