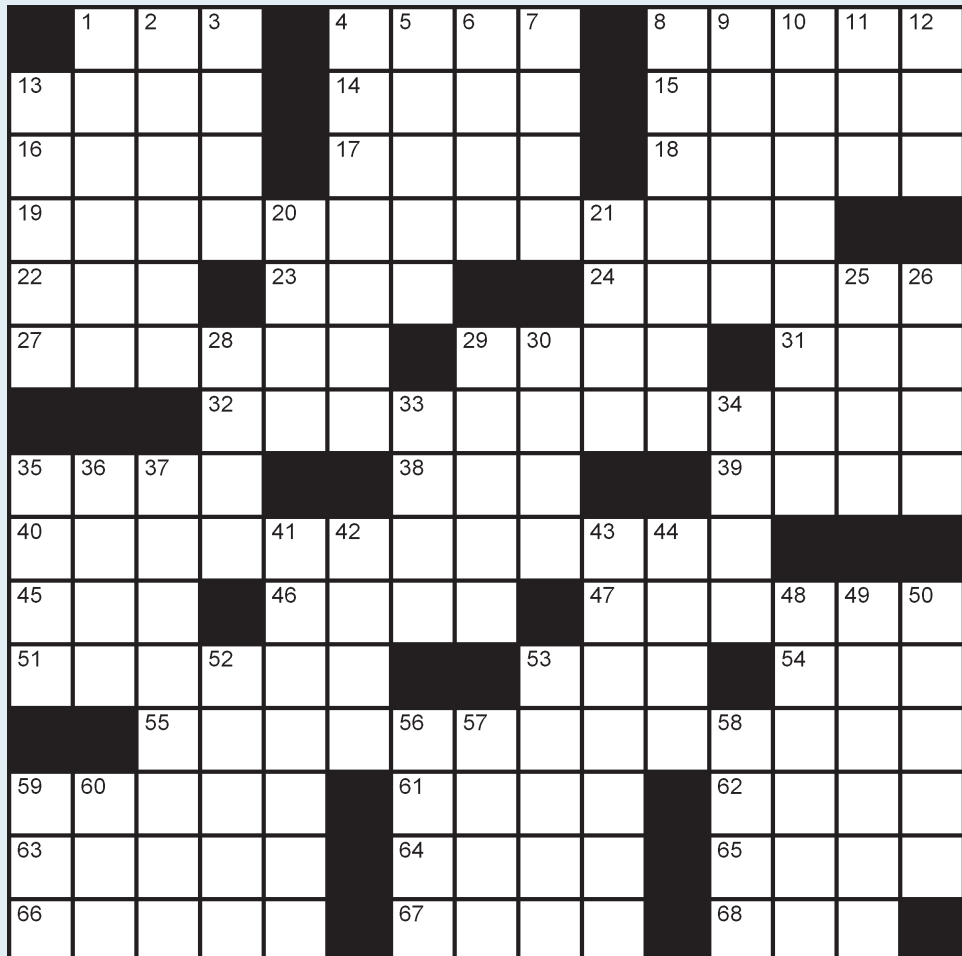


Hidden Treasures by David Alan Van Houten

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS: 1 Word after "Red" or "Dead", 4 Rollaway beds, 8 Poet ___ Allan Poe, 13 "Immediately!", 14 Hundred ___, 15 Scoundrel, 16 Mexican coin, 17 Start to do-well?, 18 Freeze over, 19 *MLB team based in Phoenix, 22 Itty-bitty, 23 Swanson who said "Birthdays were invented by Hallmark to sell cards", 24 "Glad I'm back?", 27 "Next to ___" (2008 musical), 29 ___ your appetite, 31 Opposing vote, 32 *Actress who played Cher in "Clueless", 35 "Monday Night Countdown" channel, 38 Under the weather, 39 Colorado Natives, 40 *Annual film and television awards show, 45 Road repair substance, 46 Untidy situation, 47 Snacks for ladybugs, 51 Single-celled organism, 53 Housed some fish?, 54 Coy question from Miss Piggy, 55 Treasure map phrase, or a hint to making sense of the starred clues' answers, 59 Mobile homes?, 61 In good health, 62 NYC attraction, 63 Covers up, 64 Quite a distance, 65 Person with a password, 66 ___ board (nail file), 67 Loch ___ monster, 68 H.S. diploma equivalent, DOWN: 1 Not mono, maybe, 2 Less difficult, 3 Three-word phrase illustrated by the arrow in the Amazon logo, 4 Ricotta-filled Italian pastry, 5 "The Blue Planet" habitat, 6 Dino that's a Monopoly token, 7 Belgrade citizen, 8 Brings out, 9 Boats' landing places, 10 "Never mind then...", 11 Tempe sch., 12 Single situp, 13 Reproduce, like salmon, 20 Like a spoken exam, 21 Visa competitor, for short, 25 A horse's might be braided, 26 Looks at closely, 28 Breed of tailless cat, 29 Estate lawyers' documents, 30 Xbox space war franchise, 33 Tobacco products, for short, 34 Heinie, 35 "A Sunday Kind of Love" singer James, 36 That's bogus!, 37 Lightening in a bottle?, 41 Place to renew a passport, 42 In the vicinity of, 43 People in a tub, 44 Heaviest fencing blade, 48 Ask too much, 49 Done for, 50 Hindustani classical music instrument, 52 Still-glowing coal, 53 Book of maps, 56 Singer Chaka, 57 Out of harm's way, 58 More than confident, 59 Revolutionary Guevara, 60 Lip of a chalice

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022 Aquarius Season Commences



Welcome to Aquarius season, and to the fresh glass of philanthropy and humanitarianism that comes with the sun in the sign of the water bearer. The gift of water is the gift of life itself. Enjoy the push to do something grand for the world -- to be loving, generous, cheerful, optimistic, friendly and ethical to all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Some of the best arrangements you'll make are with people who could just as easily be your competition or opposition. Look for common ground with people whose goals at first seem at odds with your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You look at your own behavior and determine how it is contributing to a less-than-optimal circumstance. You can change whatever part of you needs changing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You cannot be simultaneously caught up in the past and also in tune to what is going on around you. Love the relationship you have, not the one you think should be. There is no "should be"; there is only what is.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Traveling isn't about getting somewhere; it's about the act of going. The feeling you get from hurling yourself into the unknown is an exhilaration that persists no matter the destination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your praises will be sung. Is it uncomfortable? They're only saying the truth. Don't argue, just allow yourself to be celebrated, then move the subject along to all the people who helped you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To become more acceptable to yourself and more attractive to others, you'll rid yourself of a bad habit or addiction. These days, restraint is one of the most essential elements of your self-care.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Agendas of those around you will clash with your own. Nip it in the bud. If it's not going to work out, it's better to know early on. Assert yourself with quiet confidence, and all will be quickly sorted.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The hurdles between where you are and where you want to be only matter to the degree you allow them to matter. If you keep your eyes on your lofty goal, you won't even see them.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Stars shine on sales, purchases or trading. Many problems are solved on the way to pleasing the customer. Keep your ear to the ground; there's some truth to the rumbling rumors.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The one who is dragging their feet and taking forever to get a job finished will not deliver what's needed in the time frame you agreed upon. This is just a glitch. Put your back-up plan in place.

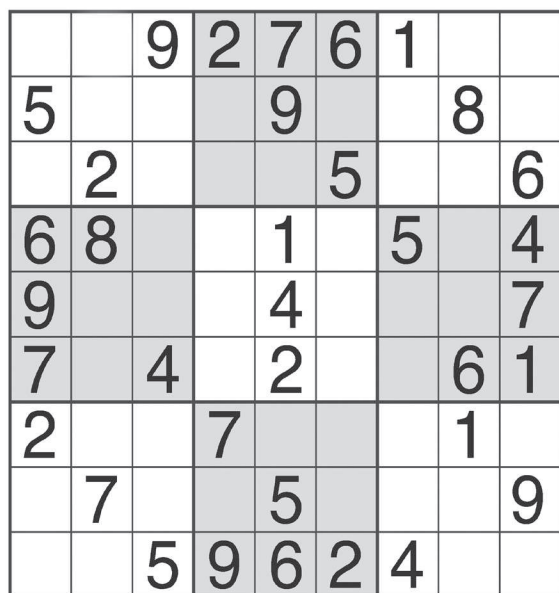
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're an explorer. You'll travel to interesting places that happen to be in close proximity and can only be accessed through a bright and curious state of mind.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll get the sneaking suspicion that someone wants something from you but isn't saying what. Your feeling is right. Kindly and gently call people out. Make it safe for them to be direct with you.

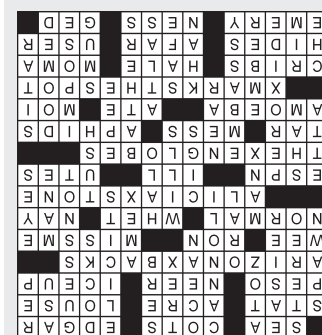
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 19). When Plan A doesn't work, the alphabet has 25 more letters to try. You'll get great at switching to the next plan without skipping a beat. Your adaptability will see you rising in status. They might not tell you enough, but you're an inspiration. You'll be copied -- the ultimate compliment. You'll have your choice of company. Libra and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 21, 5, 17 and 32.

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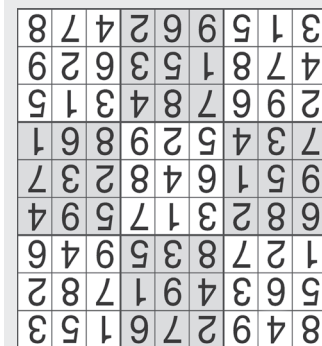
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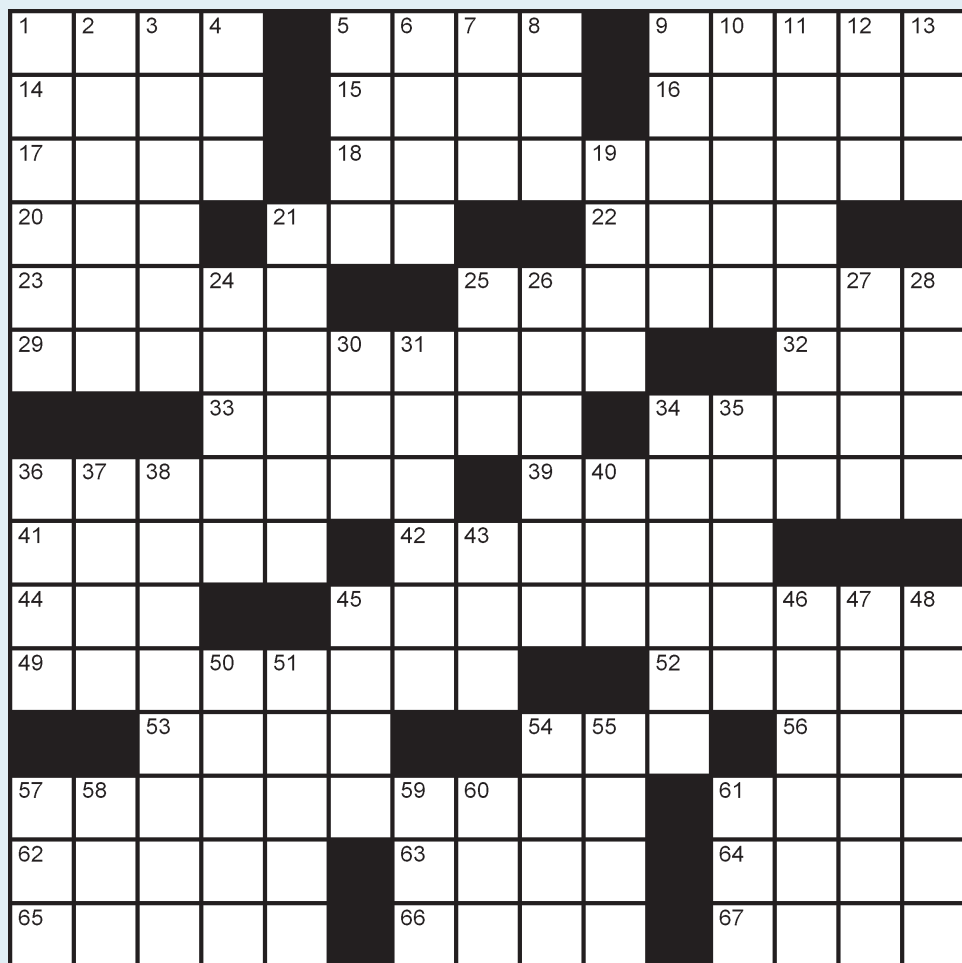


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Seeing Double by Taylor Johnson

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- ACROSS: 1 Give kudos at a poetry slam, 5 German sausage, informally, 9 Outfit that clashes?, 14 Prefix for "pilot", 15 Sole, 16 Ross of the Supremes, 17 Web address starter, 18 *Like swords with two sharp sides, 20 "Who ___ kidding?", 21 Be in debt, 22 Play before the headlining band, 23 Any "Golden Girls" episode, now, 25 "Care for a bite?", 29 *Spy on the inside, 32 Texter's chuckle, 33 Paddled down a river, 34 There are two in a double pike, 36 Dating site named after the Roman god of love, 39 Drop, like an album, 41 Less than 90 degrees, 42 Earhart known as "Lady Lindy", 44 Dry ___ (barbecue seasoning), 45 *Betray, 49 Comedic bit involving a sprayed beverage, 52 No secret, 53 Conversation in Slack, 54 "___ Miserables", 56 Craps cube, 57 *DNA shape, 61 Skiing area near Salt Lake City, 62 "Me, Myself & ___" (Jim Carrey film), 63 It might unfold into a bed, 64 "What the ___!" 65 Duties, 66 "The Hill We Climb," e.g., 67 Like a used firepit, DOWN: 1 Largest hot desert in the world, 2 Spice in many fall beverages, 3 Apparel, 4 "___ Goes the Weasel", 5 Played a harmonica, 6 Took the subway, 7 Director Lee, 8 Shirt that might be fired from a cannon, 9 Highly capable, 10 Amusement park attractions, 11 Mississippi state flower, 12 Washington's bill, 13 "Totally tubular!", 19 "___ worry about it!", 21 Recorded, 24 Not abridged, 25 Tiny, 26 Guitarist Segovia, 27 Shaggy hairdos, 28 "Did anyone ___ hear that?", 30 Singer DiFranco, 31 Close temporarily, like a theater, 34 Movies, 35 Gain knowledge, 36 Gondoliers' needs, 37 Single-serving coffee product, 38 Partitioned-off work spaces, 40 People in Chicago look up to them, 43 "The Simpsons" bartender, 45 Pope's religion: Abbr., 46 Lots and lots, 47 Word after "light" or "Nintendo", 48 Sly, 50 Use your noggin, 51 Payments that might be e-filed for it, 54 Term length for a Supreme Court justice, 55 Big test, 57 No. 1 song, 58 Obama ___, 59 Clairvoyant's skill, 60 British throne?, 61 "It just clicked!"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022 Aquarius Season Mindset



Right after the solar shift from Capricorn to Aquarius comes the lunar shift from Leo to Virgo. It's a day to roll up the sleeves and start in on the work that matters to more than you, your family and your people. We're all thinking bigger today. If it's good for the world at large, it's good for the individual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Chilly people gravitate to your fiery spirit and warm right up. Like the sun, you have plenty of energy and will lose nothing by letting others soak you in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You need to keep your guard up around certain people. It doesn't mean the individuals in question are bad people; they are just bad for you. For optimum well-being, maintain a defensive buffer zone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To give your heart to another when you feel the impulse is the right choice. That doesn't mean it will work out. Reciprocity is not guaranteed, and joy is fickle. But regardless of what happens next, you'll be better for it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The featured delights are like a carnival, just passing through. Play the games, ride the rides, lose some money, gain some memories, and enjoy it while it lasts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You so freely give your love to those who need it. What about you? You need it too, possibly more urgently than anyone else around you today. Give yourself attention and affection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Some paths can be cleared, but then there are those obstacles that are best accepted as part of life's landscape. Go around them. Any attempt to control the uncontrollable is a waste of time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The bleak eventually gives way to sparkling interests -- or does it create them? Enthusiasms born of restlessness will give color to your world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A situation that once erupted in passion and chaos is now calm and will remain that way for good. It's not going to blow again. You can consider this volcano extinct.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The damage we do over the course of a relationship can't always be put back how it was at the start, but often this is a blessing in disguise. The new build will be better.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Most problems with others are caused inside the relationship with the self -- a relationship that will be healed, nurtured and well-tended in the weeks to come. Turn your care inward.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "Love is 20/20 vision," said no one ever. Love will continue to uphold its illusory reputation, making people look at each other with heavy, half-drawn eyelids, sure to block out essential visual information.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Delicious distractions abound. Maybe it's hard to stay on track because all the opportunities are off track. Stay open. Unexpected fun happens when you refuse to prejudge anyone.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 20). You'll prioritize, focus and dedicate yourself to the task until it's finished. You have the same work ethic as your heroes. In your personal life, a source of pain from the past heals up and a new source of joy opens. You'll be the glue that keeps a tight team together. You'll all earn a top honor before the year is up. Sagittarius and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 49, 1, 8 and 30.

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