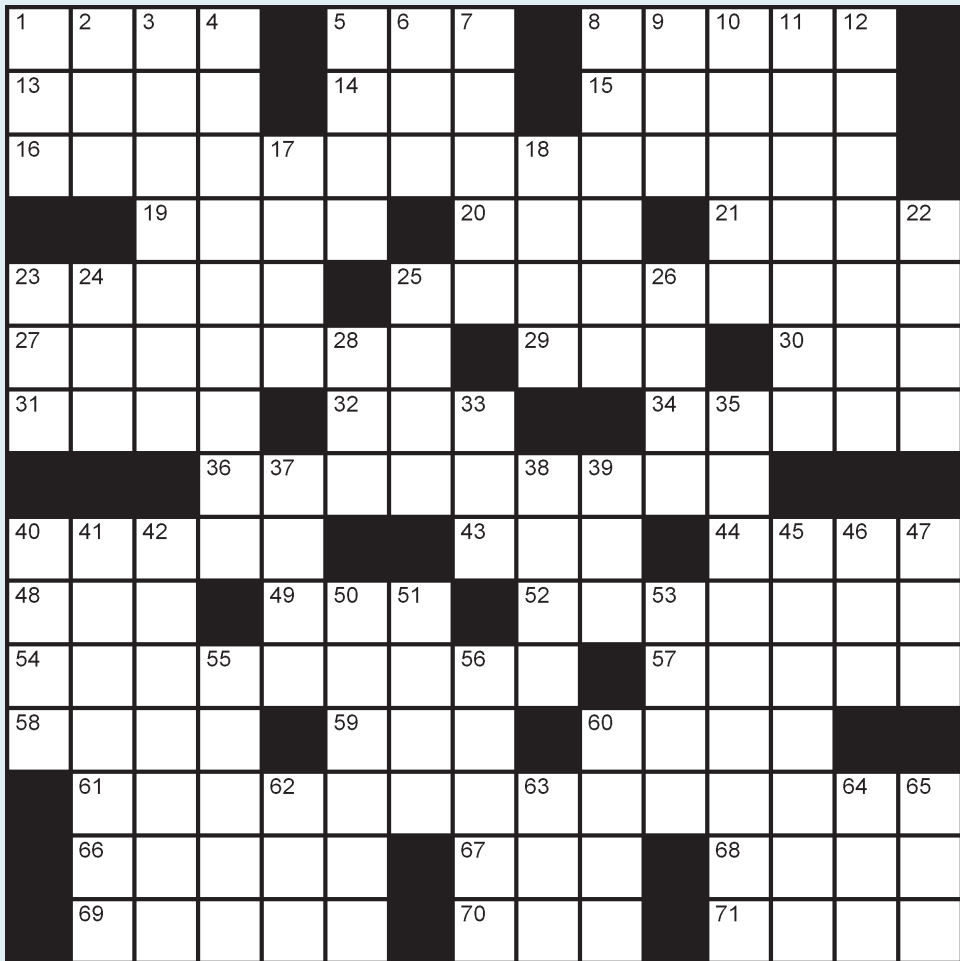


Boarding Group by Rafael Musa

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- ACROSS: 1 Big vases, 5 Vast blue expanse, 8 Boxer Ali, 13 Buche de (yule log), 14 Wine barrel material, 15 Call off an engagement, 16 'How can this favor ever be repaid?!', 19 Typical prom attendee, 20 Bonobo, e.g., 21 Denial in Deutschland, 23 Bring into the family, 25 Main entrance to a compound, 27 Outdoor time-telling device, 29 Prez before JFK, 30 'Future Nostalgia' singer Lipa, 31 Tube for watering plants, 32 Track unit, 34 Highly proficient, 36 Apple or BlackBerry, 40 Moisten, as poultry, 43 Author Rand, 44 Palindromic flour in roti, 48 Letters symbolizing easiness, 49 Rest for a bit, 52 Vibrating body part, 54 Executive's aspiration, maybe, 57 Out in a court?, 58 Car, 59 'Monsters, ___', 60 'That's my cue!', 61 'Right on!' ... or what you may say when considering the ends of 16-, 25-, 36- and 54-Across as a unit?, 66 Intelligence group?, 67 Night before, 68 Low-carb diet, 69 David Sedaris piece, 70 Hoover ____, 71 'Don't go!'
- DOWN: 1 College, to an Aussie, 2 Aussie bouncer, 3 Fig ___ (Nabisco cookies), 4 What you can build up by working long nights?, 5 In a bit, 6 5-Across contents, in French, 7 'Allahu ___!' ('God is greater!'), 8 Superstar, 9 Insect in a colony, 10 Bouncer's job, 11 Refreshing citrus drink, 12 Accepted something without questioning, 17 Mysterious Himalayan being, 18 Music player released in 2001, 22 'Cool!', 23 Eruption fallout, 24 Chloe x Halle, e.g., 25 Custardy dessert, 26 Squad, 28 Arroz ___ valenciana, 33 'Get a room!' elicitor, for short, 35 Impasses, 37 Tear up, 38 No, in Novosibirsk, 39 Santa ____, California, 40 Lead-in to 'ghanoush', 41 Section in a personal blog, 42 Harms, 45 Tchotchke, 46 Spot for a soak, 47 'What ___ missing?', 50 'My view has always been ...', 51 ___-up energy, 53 Actor Malek, 55 Speckled horses, 56 Felt sore, 60 Two stars?, 62 Airport org., 63 Actress Longoria of 'Desperate Housewives', 64 Airport pickup stat, 65 Beyblade or Super Ball

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2022 Conjunctive Generosity

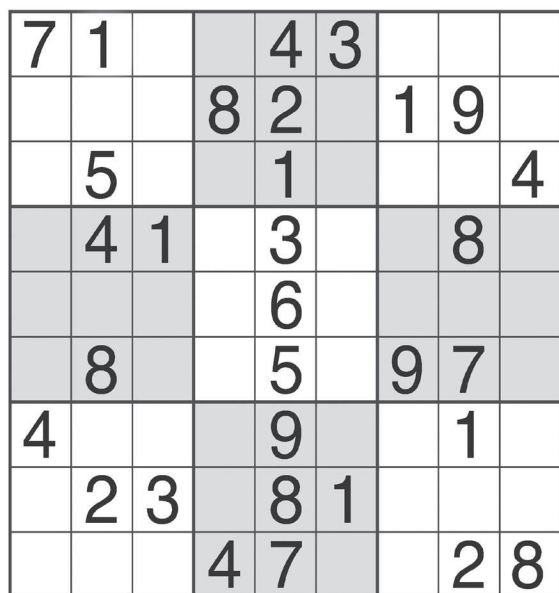


As the sun and Saturn align in philanthropic Aquarius, those who have more to give will be asked to give more. It's fair. A poor person's twenty-dollar contribution can be an act of greater generosity than a billionaire's million-dollar contribution because generosity isn't measured in bottom line amounts, it's measured in percentages. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Too many projects going at one time will diffuse your energy, halt your progress and diminish your effectiveness. Cut your to-do list down dramatically. Narrow your focus. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll do as you intend to do. The success or failure of your actions is irrelevant. What's important is that you follow through, honoring your strong convictions. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The uniqueness of individuals is apparent. You're different from your friends. Honor that. For now, stick with what works best for you and don't invite inquiry or advice. CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you're around people who completely accept you for who you are, you have more energy. It's because you don't have to waste any in the self-monitoring and editing, which get exhausting. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll create wonders using scraps, leftovers and the raw materials no one else can figure out what to do with. You're incredibly entertaining too, so you'll have an audience. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your attraction secret: a one-track agenda. The multi-tasking person is not only less effective, but also less appealing. Charisma is intentional and focused, not diffused and distracted.

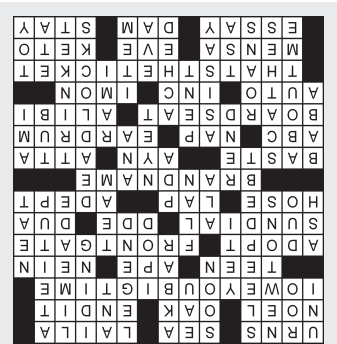
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your trepidation causes you to be aware of possibilities and choose your course carefully. But don't agonize over heavy stuff. You're supposed to climb the mountain, not carry it. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A focus of the early hours will have a disproportionately favorable impact on the rest. Whatever you can do to make your morning routine smooth will set you up for success all day. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). New endeavors come with fresh frustrations but keep working through them and before you know it, those small daily efforts will add up to the results you desire. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While "chase" is a fun game for the elementary school playground, those who chase make others run. Catch your intended through sheer attraction. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You stay on track by thinking in black-and-white terms. Each decision you make either brings you closer to or further away from your goals. With every move ask, "which is it?" PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You shouldn't have to sacrifice one relationship to make another one work. If torn between two people, the disharmony may be within you. Fix it by reconciling two aspects of yourself. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 4). Health and vitality will spring from a peaceful mind and a full heart. These are quiet but powerful assets from which anything is possible. There are many who will work and live better when you get what you want. You'll work with people whose talents complement yours beautifully. A partner will be with you all the way. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 50, 2, 24 and 35.

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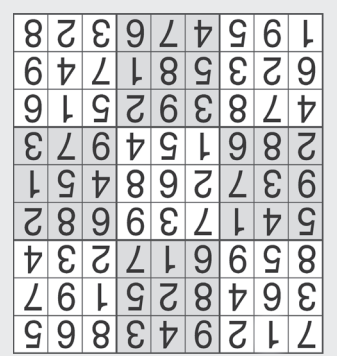
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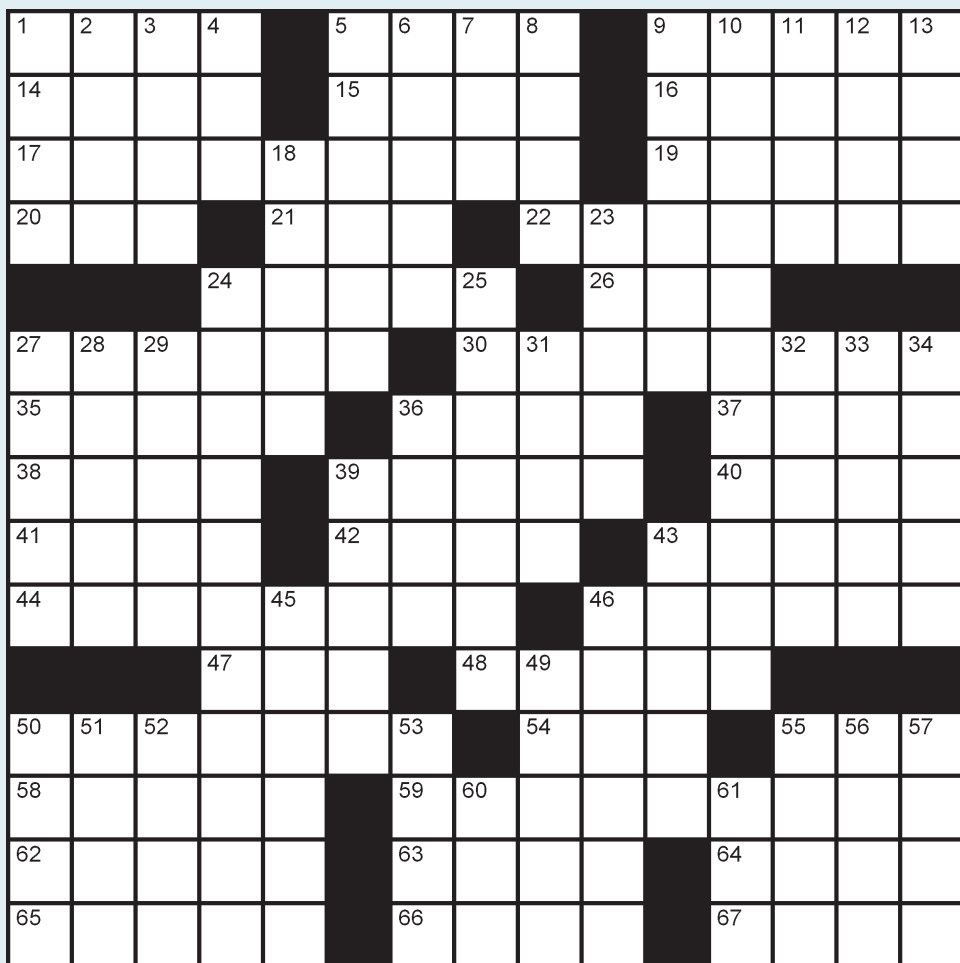


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My Food Tastes Funny by Susan Gelfand

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Microwaves, 5 Astonished reaction, 9 Old fishing tool, 14 Light beige, 15 Plot line in a math book, 16 String instrument that's lower than a 32-Down, 17 Special barbecued beef entree for comedian Martin?, 19 Speaks hoarsely, 20 President pro ____, 21 Freudian focus, 22 Name that anagrams to "ash tree", 24 Settles down, 26 Slippery swimmer, 27 Plaza, 30 Gridiron gaffe, 35 Adjusts the pitch of, 36 Benevolent, 37 Prime-time hour, 38 'Darn!', 39 Pub pastime, 40 Teeny amount, 41 Largest continent, 42 The scoop, 43 Sank, as a golf ball, 44 In any place, 46 Number system with only zeros and ones, 47 Federal retirement org., 48 Knitter's supplies, 50 Designer Paloma, 54 Foyer covering, 55 Quick punch, 58 Writer ____, Rogers St. Johns, 59 Special starchy staple for comedian Betty?, 62 NBC morning show, 63 Word before "face" or "heart", 64 Green Gables girl, 65 Snow coasters, 66 Gets the picture, 67 Past partners, 29 Loosen, as shoelaces, 31 'For ___ us a child is born ...', 32 See 16-Across, 33 Cross the threshold, 34 All set, 36 'Citizen ___' (1941 movie), 39 Temperamental types, 43 Feature of an open-and-shut case?, 45 College application parts, 46 Beastly sorts, 49 Come up, 50 Touches lightly, 51 Fan favorite, 52 Give up, 53 'Wise' birds, 55 Bringer of bad luck, 56 Teen's breakout, 57 Spelling competitions, 60 Garden implement, 61 Issa of "Insecure"
- DOWN: 1 Gusto, 2 Tummy trouble, 3 Senior dance, 4 Big ____, California, 5 Use mouthwash, 6 Truism, 7 Bro or sis, 8 (Hey, listen up!), 9 It's associated with windows and Windows, 10 Special pickled garnishes for comedian Minnie?, 11 Otherwise, 12 Swiss range, 13 Civil rights activist Parks, 18 Rips, 23 Bison bunches, 24 Special leafy side dish for comedian Sid?, 25 Cook in a wok, 27 Material for some sun hats, 28 Suppress

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2022 Sky Sparkles With Aquarian Ideas

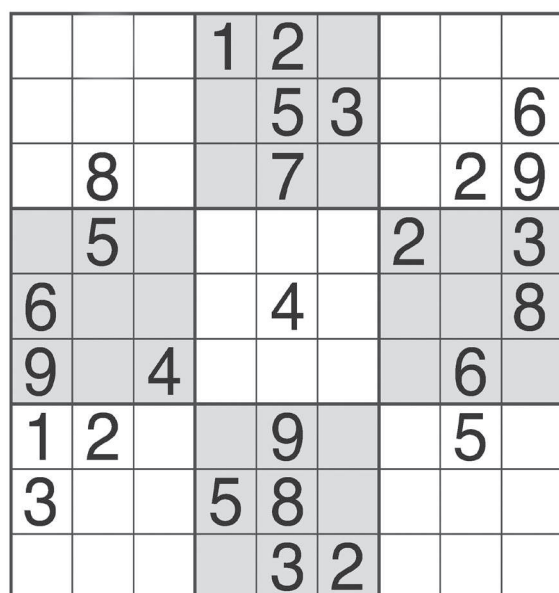


Attachment is a form of greed, rooted in the belief that there is not enough so it's necessary to hold on to everything there is. An experience of abundance will be available to those whose hands aren't occupied with grasping and clutching. The Aquarian ideals are rolling like big waves and with the recent Mercury shift, it's easier to go with the flow. ARIES (March 21-April 19). What people are forgetting is that ultimately, we are all on the same team. You'll look for commonalities, de-escalate conflict and nip petty matters in the bud. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Extremely capable people attract those who are less so. There is nothing wrong with this, especially if the aim is to teach and uplift. Even so, be wary of the red flag of a leader surrounded exclusively by inexperienced yes-people. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You deserve ease and a sense of spaciousness in your life. Delegate when necessary -- also when unnecessary. Assign the tasks now before tiny responsibilities build into an avalanche. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Getting it right the first time is a rarity, so set your expectations accordingly. You might even say that such beginner's luck is something of a robbery. What is there to learn from? LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When faced with a puzzling or displeasing result, distance is the response that buys you time. No need to explain, complain, argue or raise your voice -- just walk. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Nonsensically, you will feel younger as the year progresses. Worry disappears, playfulness returns, and the fun people just keep coming. Your living space will reflect your lighter, brighter frame of mind.

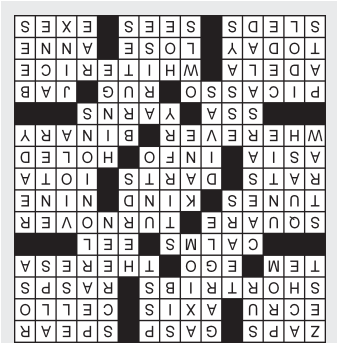
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Finances improve as you pick up a new skill, but which one should you learn? Investigate options, poke around and tune in to your curiosity. Bottom line, you'll stick with what interests you. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are forces at work that you don't know about and won't know about until the plot thickens. But if you sense there are angels on your side, that's something you're right about. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll sacrifice to make a relationship work. You care more about getting along and lifting the other person than you do about pushing your own agenda. There's a balance to strike here. Only do what you can do gladly. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A job may be easy for you in theory, but unpredictable elements could take it in any number of directions. Be careful not to claim too much or over-promise. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have the option of demonstrating your might. Is it wise? Secret strengths can be more powerful, as they are coiled in the element of surprise. Be strategic. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Accept help judiciously. The help of one person will make life easier, whereas the "help" of another person will overcomplicate things and make life harder than it was to begin with. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). Your hospitality runs the range of friendly to spectacular and ultimately earns you money and esteem. Responsibilities get easier because you'll have a team. Love and risk will go together; so will intense study and a high honor. A different eating style is also featured. You'll experiment until you find the vitality you seek. Aries and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 44, 3, 28 and 14.

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