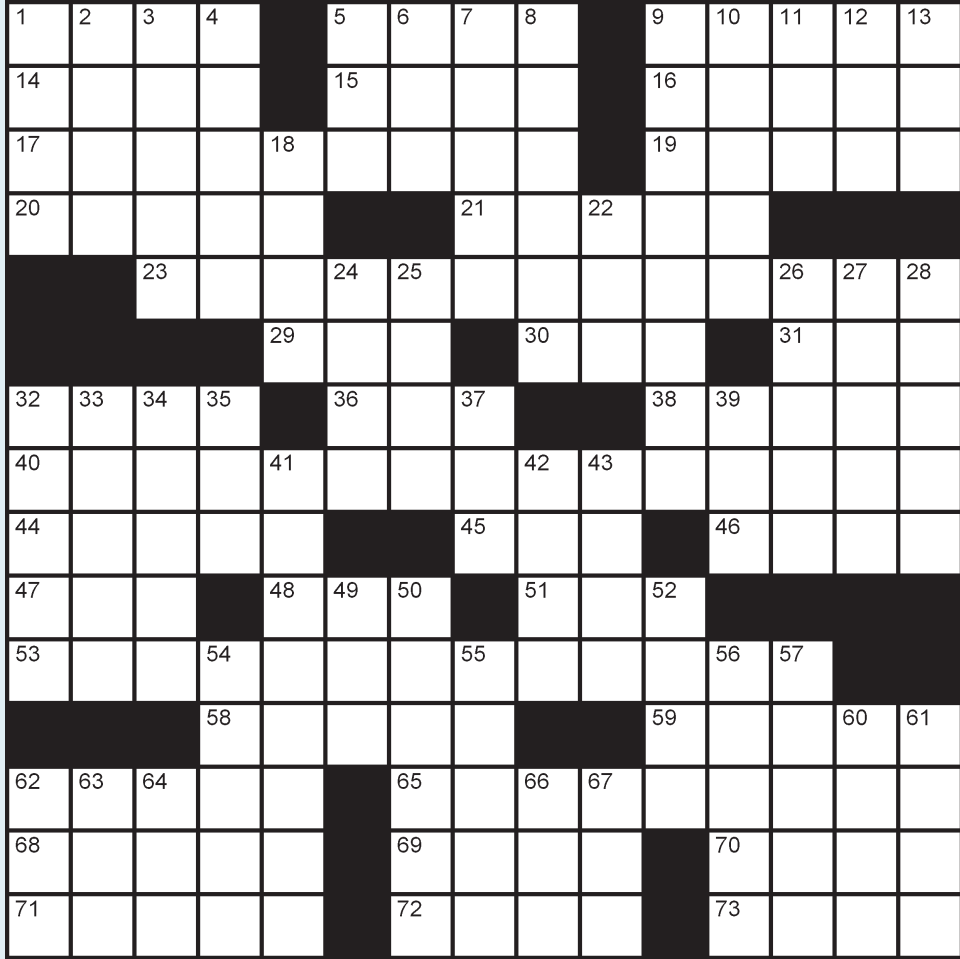


Rolling Stones by Emma Oxford

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Salve relative, 5 Riyadh native, e.g., 9 '\_\_\_ a shame', 14 City north of Pittsburgh, 15 Work (up), 16 Blackjack request, 17 \*Sparks emanate from it (Anagram hint: Think "statues"), 19 Remove from a VCR, 20 Greenish eye color, 21 Tropical fruit, 23 \*Shredding (Anagram hint: Think "countertops"), 29 ABBA song that pairs well with "Help!?", 30 Boxer Laila, 31 \_\_\_ Lanka, 32 Thick with greenery, 36 Entirely, 38 Settlement-building game, 40 Nirvana genre, or a hint to the first word of each starred clue's answer. DOWN: 44 Cache, 45 Buck's mate, 46 Stocking stuffers?, 47 Flub, 48 Julius Erving's nickname, 51 Nintendo console, 53 \*Just keep talking (Anagram hint: Think "statues"), 58 Washer cycle, 59 Decree, 62 (I dunno), 65 \*Forms a scab (Anagram hint: Think "oil"), 68 Cobbler fruit, 69 Slight advantage, 70 Move, in Realtor slang, 71 Item in the plus column, 72 Went blond, perhaps, 73 "\_\_\_, Fat, Acid, Heat" (Nosrat cookbook). DOWN: 1 Sister of Meg, Jo and Amy, 2 Zone, 3 "Hungarian Rhapsodies" composer, 4 Brawl, 5 Rainbow's shape, 6 2016 Olympics city, 7 Straighten, 8 "Baby" whale in a Raffi song, 9 Reality competition featuring Ariana Grande, 10 Muslim head cover, 11 Munched on, 12 TV network focused on films, 13 Word after "tea" or "train", 18 "Sadly ...", 22 Ga. hub, 24 Multicolored horse, 25 Actress Fisher of "Now You See Me", 26 "Not so!" response, 27 Hard-to-detect amount, 28 Bathroom and kitchen fixtures, 32 Eye surgery tool, 33 Extremely, 34 Marvel hero who can control weather, 35 She/\_\_\_, 37 Inc., in Britain, 39 State of the \_\_\_, 41 A blinking one is equivalent to a stop sign, 42 State where Captain Kirk will be born?, 43 Leaf line, 49 Kylo \_\_\_ (Leia's son), 50 Kidded, 52 March 15, e.g., 54 First name of Batman's alter ego, 55 Like the have-nots, 56 Foul smells, 57 Skin care brand, 60 It contains a nucleus, 61 Gait faster than a walk, 62 Massage venue, 63 "For \_\_\_ a jolly ...", 64 Dorm VIPs, 66 It's "just a number", 67 Kind of bulb or TV

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2022

Conjunction Calls for Clarity in Communication



Mercury and Pluto highlight the importance of clear messaging. Communicating clearly and graciously isn't the easiest of tasks. Even if you say the right thing -- and you will be in the minority if you do -- saying it at an auspicious time and with an effectively charming inflection is a challenge few can win. However, it is imperative that you try.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A common thought today: "What is wrong with them?" There are hidden but logical causes and reasons for the undesirable behaviors of others. Try and find them because they are the basis for dealing with others in a healthy manner.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You're gaining skills and building up desirable traits. Even so, you should never have to be a different person to succeed. In each new version you'll stay true to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have deep wells of creativity and will be drawn to those with similarly rich resources. Seek an atmosphere of support and encouragement where everyone is safe to express themselves.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As others run from responsibility, you run toward it. Work is an essential part of who you are and your need for it is more ample than your need for play or rest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Money is important, but not the most important, and certainly shouldn't have the emphasis that certain people around you seem to give it. Chasing the dollar leads to hollow victory at best. Center your goals on helping.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When guests leave your home, you see them to the door, a gesture to soothe the transition and prevent emptiness from settling into the separation. You'll metaphorically enact this lovely gesture in other settings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You allow yourself to be unserious and people relax around you. The spirit of playfulness, laughter and creativity will be your constant companions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You will receive a blessing of sorts. It won't be from a religious official, and it won't happen in a formal context. You will feel the energy of this blessing open something up in you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People will have a strong need to categorize you, only because they're trying to figure out where you fit into their lives. Just don't let them define you. You define you, and that definition is ever evolving.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If love is a game, this will be a prize-winning round. Hand on the buzzer, you're ready to come up with the right answer. Make your move. Don't wait to be sure.

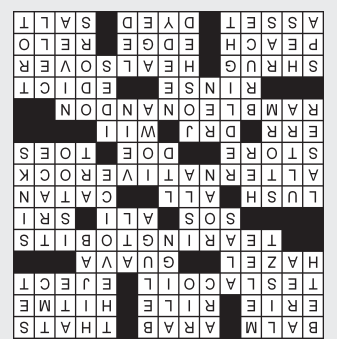
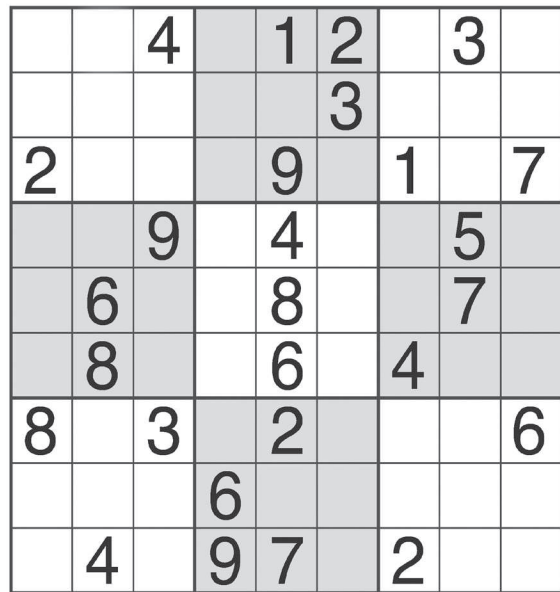
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Artistic expression is stress relief. A regular creative practice will net you a calmer and more centered existence with the bonus of being masterful at your craft.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll have your choice of a few different investments. It will be better to invest in a person than it will in an object or commodity. Tonight: Fortune favors you when you express your love in actions instead of words.

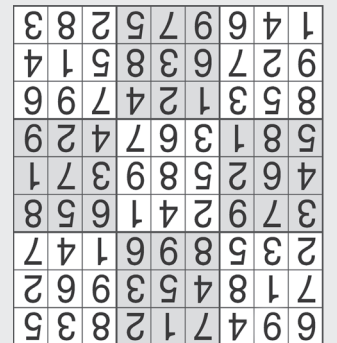
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 11). Grab the wheel if you must, but you'll find this year quite un-steerable. Handle it like an ice skid -- provide no resistance, enjoy the spin. People you meet possess rare qualities like charm, tenderness and generosity. The next five months will combine your scenes and people in unexpected and auspicious ways. Libra and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 1, 27 and 5.

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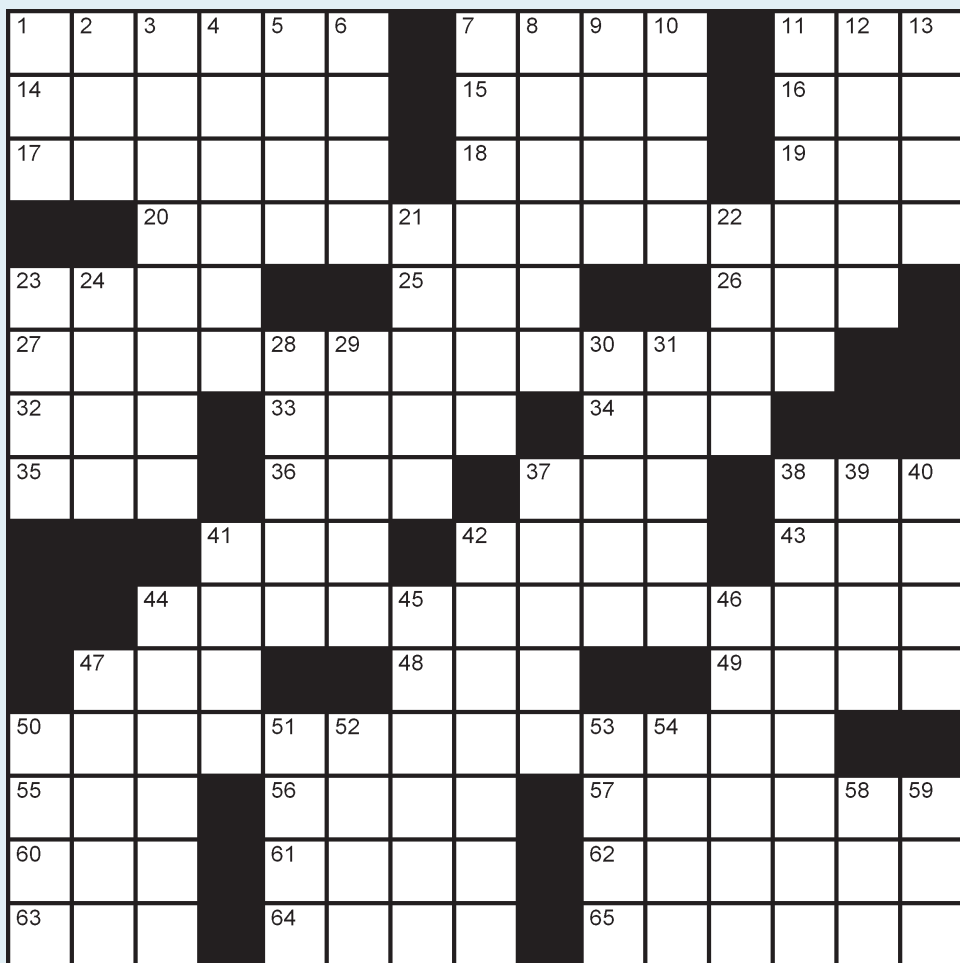


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Split Pea Soup by Adrian Johnson

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Secret stockpiles, 7 Macadamias, e.g., 11 Zig's counterpart, 14 Bring up, as a topic, 15 Four Corners state, 16 Sense of self, 17 Nissan compact, 18 Milk Dud relative, 19 Historic opening?, 20 Candidates' addresses (In this clue's answer, note letters 5-7), 23 Against, 25 Floral neckwear, 26 Deli bread, 27 Demi Moore, once (... letters 4-6), 32 F-, but not A+, 33 NATO alphabet letter after Whiskey, 34 Jim's love on "The Office", 35 Small, strong insect, 36 Display of bad temper, 37 Hard \_\_\_ (jazz subgenre for Art Blakey), 38 It's fit for a pig, 41 "Pow!", 42 Fruit used in gin, 43 Tip of a 10-Down, 44 Enjoy a trampoline (... letters 4-6), 47 "\_\_\_ the ramparts ...", 48 Diarist Anais, 49 Overnight lodgings, 50 Certain smartphone transaction (... letters 4-6), 55 Ominous sighting in "Jaws", 56 Member of a South Asian diaspora, 57 Capital on the Hudson, 60 Abdullah, to Muhammad, 61 Part of a guitar neck, 62 Opposite of ample, 63 63/63, 64 Bubble bath overflow, 65 Woodworker's fasteners. DOWN: 1 "FBI" channel, 2 "Roses \_\_\_ red ...", 3 Invariable, 4 Metaphorical acknowledgment, 5 Unbleached linen's color, 6 Knockoff handbag, say, 7 Locale for baby bloomers, 8 Place that means "no place", 9 Story, 10 Foot-long object?, 11 Light breeze, 12 Be harmonious, 13 Heeds a green light, 21 Kilt fold, 22 Study all at once, 23 Kyrgyzstan's continent, 24 12 hours from midnight, 28 Org. that fights poverty, 29 Fuss in front of the mirror, 30 Ice cream parlor freebie, 31 Recorded, 37 Mont \_\_\_, highest of the Alps, 38 Rocky period of history?, 39 College \_\_\_ (place such as Laramie, Wyoming), 40 Hankerings, 41 Sound heard before "Excuse me", 42 Seance visitors, 44 Senator Shaheen, 45 In its original packaging, say, 46 Ban from practicing law, 47 Often-caramelized veggie, 50 "Should that be the case ...", 51 Files that may be signed, 52 Inca Trail's country, 53 Some holiday roasts, 54 Name in "dialect", 58 Start of four U.S. state names, 59 Soph. and sr., e.g.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2022 Moody Moon Warning



Repellent states like depression, laziness, sadness, frustration, etc., often have unexpectedly strong, though secret, powers of seduction. One reason is that they are familiar and safe. If you are in a negative pattern and desire to transcend certain habits, moods and attitudes, key cosmic alignments will assist in your clarity and awareness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are in a hyper-giving mode. You cannot keep yourself from caring, helping and doing. However, when presented with the opportunity to relax, don't miss out on some well-deserved enjoyment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When someone asks how you are doing, it's an opportunity for you to network, further a cause or share a bit of news that puts you in a nice light. The time to think about what you're going to say is before the event.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are essentially a creative person, and creative people need to make things. Carve out time to feed your maker. What follows: good health and good spirits.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll feel nostalgic for another time. It was no better or worse than this time really, but it was lovely and inspiring in its own way. Channel the energy of the past into today's work.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Regardless of how sincere an effort may be, it will not be effective unless you give your all. Stop trying. Trying is not doing. Doing is doing. Think of the Nike swoosh and just do it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The raw emotional force of young people will bring you back to your feelings. It is safe to feel them all, just don't believe or identify with them all. Feelings are power, and like all power it needs to be channeled, wrangled and controlled.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Take up space and command attention with your communication style. You'll gain the support of authority figures and the approval of those who see you as an authority.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are an excellent judge of character and can also match a person's personality to the task that will allow him or her to shine. You'll put these skills to excellent use.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Avoid anyone with a sour disposition -- it's catching. If you do get accidentally poisoned with pessimism, the anecdote is to change each negative word to a positive one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are few absolutes in this world. Anyone who makes it seem the rules are firm is a liar. You'll look at it. You'll look for the soft spots ... you'll see the bendable parts of the rules.

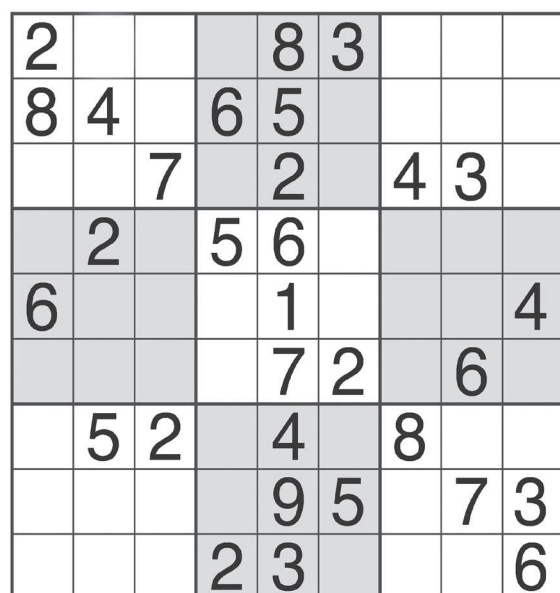
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You once tried to avoid the influence of smooth talkers and now you're the smooth talker in question. Well, you know what you have, and you'll sell it to the highest bidder, that's all.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Being stressed out is always an option, but you don't have to let this day wind you up. Most problems that come up will solve themselves in one way or another. Think about that before you get involved.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 12). This trip around the sun, your high energy goes hand-in-hand with a powerful intuition. You'll know who is going to contact you and why before the phone rings or the email inbox fills up. Use your unusual abilities to make life magical -- your loved ones will excite to your interactions and gifts, your presence. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 49, 1, 17 and 5.

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