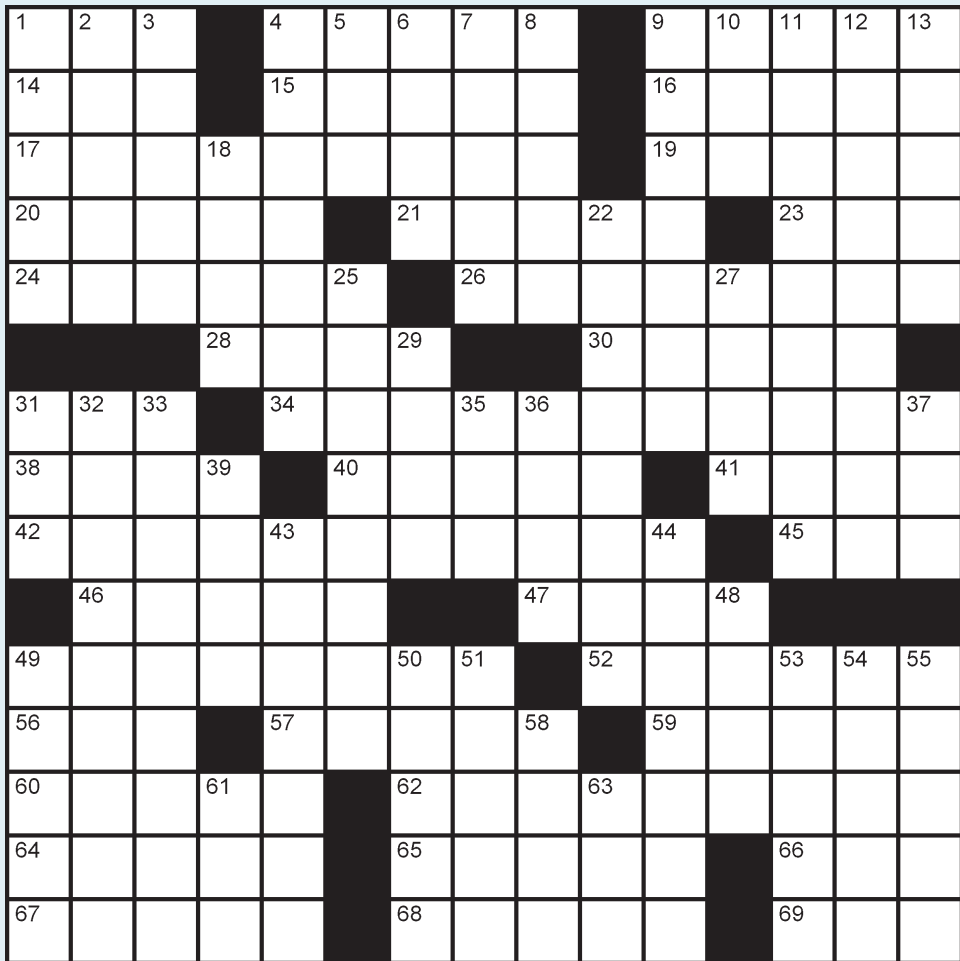


Organ Trio by August Miller

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Channel with infomercials
 - 4 Muscular jerk
 - 9 Phobias
 - 14 Cheer at an estadio
 - 15 Cybertruck maker
 - 16 Charge for a plug?
 - 17 It could blow at any moment
 - 19 Arc
 - 20 Less wild
 - 21 Spidey ____ (intuition)
 - 23 British ref.
 - 24 "Be right there"
 - 26 Shell stations?
 - 28 Notes promising payment
 - 30 Helpful
 - 31 Karaoke need
 - 34 Attractive fellows
 - 38 Bend by a barre
 - 40 People of northern Canada
 - 41 ____ from memory
 - 42 Citrusy breakfast drink orders, informally
 - 45 Org. known for redaction
 - 46 Refill
 - 47 Logs, e.g., for a wood stove
 - 49 Onesie protectors
 - 52 Legislation that inspired a "party" in Boston
 - 56 Squeak (by)
 - 57 Prove false
 - 59 "Inside Out" studio
 - 60 Alabama site of a historic 1965 march
 - 62 Exactly right, or where you might find 17-, 34- or 42-Across's first part?
 - 64 Readies for planting
 - 65 ____ sax
 - 66 Diarist Anais
 - 67 What may be driven on a camping trip?
 - 68 Graceful birds
 - 69 Landscaper's roll
- DOWN**
- 1 Get cracking on
 - 2 "The Daily Show" correspondent
 - 3 Post-makeover self
 - 4 Sound systems
 - 5 The "p" in 31-Down
 - 6 Doesn't assume
 - 7 It usually falls in winter
 - 8 ____ Carta
 - 9 Confrontation
 - 10 www.umass.____
 - 11 Of Nigerian and Filipino descent, say
 - 12 61-Down and William Barber II, for two
 - 13 Some grow into flowers
 - 18 Bangladeshi living abroad, e.g.
 - 22 Do some preliminary recon on
 - 25 Sweetums
 - 27 Muscular
 - 29 Works on a tan, say
 - 31 No. that's typically lower in cities
 - 32 "Good enough for me!"
 - 33 Affectionate Italian greeting
 - 35 Indigo Girls, for one
 - 36 Annoy
 - 37 Jellyfish's habitat, perhaps
 - 39 2019 award for the U.S. Women's Soccer Team
 - 43 Where some underwater craft are sheltered, briefly
 - 44 "Yipes!"
 - 48 Gently placed (down)
 - 49 One-ups
 - 50 Rorschach test marks
 - 51 Bone-muscle binder
 - 53 Slender parts of neurons
 - 54 Calculator watch brand
 - 55 Buck the ____
 - 58 Italian stratovolcano
 - 61 60-Across march monogram
 - 63 Sweetums

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022 Wishing on the Pisces New Moon



Your life is your work of art, and it takes imagination to arrange yourself harmoniously with the modern world. Cosmic assistance comes in the form of a new moon in Pisces. This fairy godmother of creative intention is open to your wishes around topics such as consciousness, enjoyment, awareness, feelings and pleasure. Try her!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The utility of things depends on who is using them. Basic tools can be magical implements. You'll amaze with your innovative approach, novel application or creative twist.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's a day of illusions optical, emotional and otherwise. A trick of shadow and light can fool your brain and lead your senses to intriguing conclusions. Your mind wants to believe, so enjoy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A person's real power lies in their ability to empower others. You'll grow as a leader by teaching what you know and helping others to help themselves.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Truth is truth. Whether the words are spoken by a child, a saint, a criminal or a sage doesn't change how true they are. It may, however, affect how many people believe in them.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Since boredom goes with bad habits, keeping yourself entertained is paramount to success. Luckily, today you won't have to look far to find something or someone to be interested in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When it's your turn to be noticed, don't settle for less than you give and deserve. Those who drift in and out of focus don't mean to invalidate others, but who wants to play to that kind of audience? Don't compromise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Be very intentional with your interactions. Negativity is much easier to avoid than to overcome. It will take five positive interactions to nullify the slightest negative interaction.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though it's easier when everything falls into order, it's more beautiful when it doesn't. When what you observe is hard to categorize, this is an opportunity for art. Experiment with different ways to frame it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A clasped bell cannot ring. The attempt to control vibrations mutes them instead. To live with resonance, loosen your grip on life. Open your palms, heart and mind and let freedom ring.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Like a child on the playground, you won't need the rules explicitly explained to you. You'll join in with a willing spirit and soon absorb the rhythm of the game.

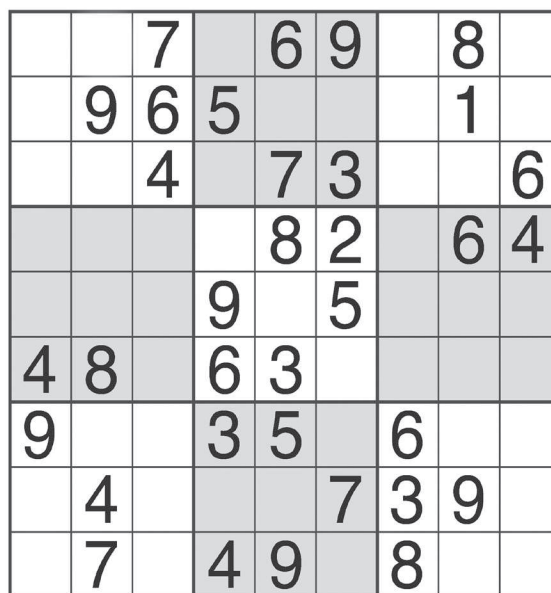
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An important part of the fun of a game is not knowing who will win. Tight matches are exciting, while uneven ones are dull or sad. In a similar vein, your personal life will be as satisfying as it is challenging.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Even when the setting and routine are familiar, your social life can be an adventure. You'll offer your gifts without knowing who will enjoy them, then you'll be delighted by who shows up.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 2). Art school students learn that choosing the right subject contributes significantly to the success of the piece. You make masterful subject choices in the art of living, each endeavor possessing the beauty and potential to fuel your pursuit. Late spring brings a big upgrade. Certificates will be earned, documents signed. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 22, 39 and 16.

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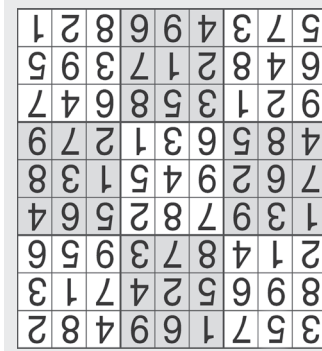
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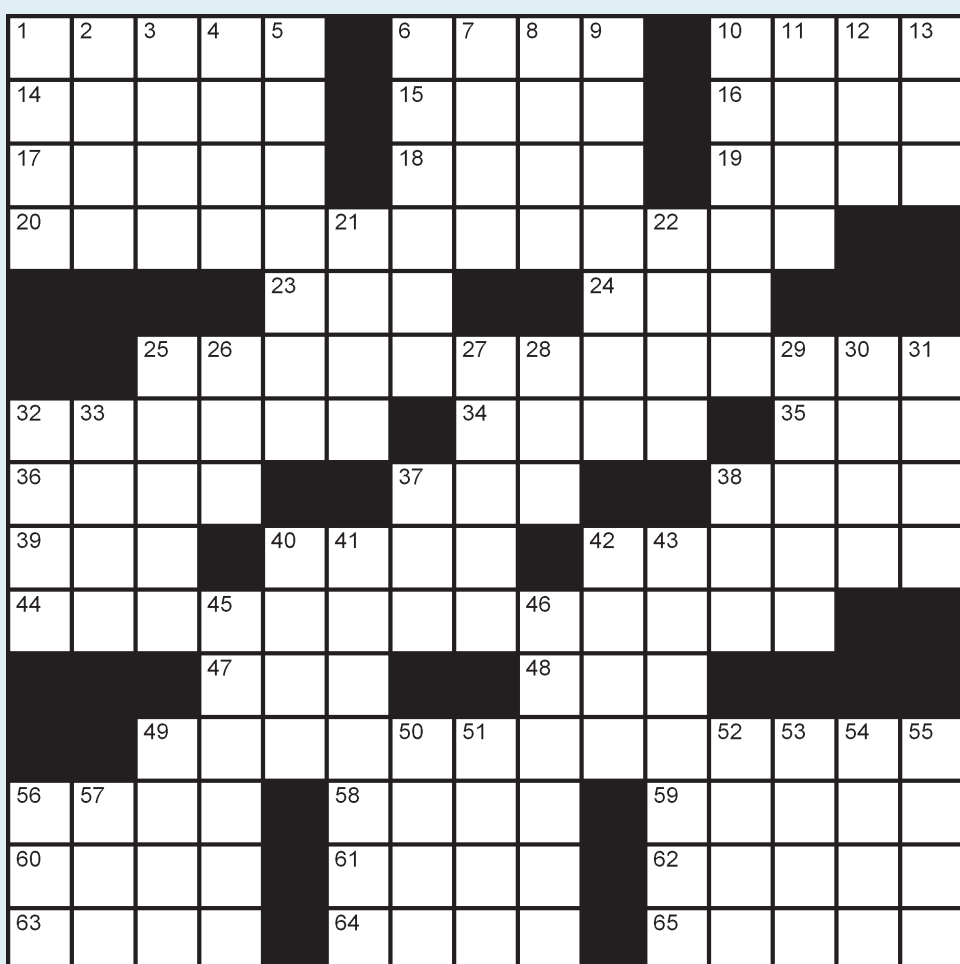


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Cafe Talk Adam Simpson

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Gandalf's stick
 - 6 Culinary creation
 - 10 Musical track
 - 14 Bert's roommate
 - 15 Regarding
 - 16 Inking
 - 17 Duke or dame, e.g.
 - 18 Spherical morsels in fried rice
 - 19 Understands
 - 20 "Tell us!"
 - 23 Overhead compartment, for instance
 - 24 Reproductive cells
 - 25 "Just speaking my mind, as usual!"
 - 32 Traditional Mexican soup
 - 34 ____ Romeo
 - 35 An orangutan is a great one
 - 36 ____ of Man
 - 37 Peculiar
 - 38 Fired
 - 39 Place to treat yourself
 - 40 Measure the duration of
 - 42 Noblewomen
 - 44 "The reason being?"
 - 47 Form of public transportation
 - 48 Joe server
 - 49 "You're such a hypocrite!"
 - 56 Pal
 - 58 Personal hero
 - 59 Copier company
 - 60 ____ fide
 - 61 Civil rights activist Simone
 - 62 Remove, as chalk marks
 - 63 Underworld river
 - 64 Site with craft shops
 - 65 Ten make a buck
- DOWN**
- 1 Groups of reps?
 - 2 Stumble
 - 3 Not for
 - 4 Color in completely
 - 5 Experience regret
 - 6 'Scooby-Doo' character who wears a purple dress
 - 7 "Gotcha"
 - 8 Casual try
 - 9 Spray down with water
 - 10 Word after "smoke" or "Bat"
 - 11 Poems of praise
 - 12 Court obstruction?
 - 13 Neon, e.g.
 - 21 DVR choice
 - 22 Reebok competitor
 - 25 Relative by marriage
 - 26 Color
 - 27 Ralph who ran for president in four elections
 - 28 Like a tired joke
 - 29 Moves slowly at the airport
 - 30 Sword with a blunt end
 - 31 Wines at many steak dinners
 - 32 Traditional Japanese soup flavoring
 - 33 Channel that airs NBA games
 - 37 Texter's "Wow!"
 - 38 Throw in the mix
 - 40 Stretched tight
 - 41 "Gimme that!"
 - 42 Wait in the shadows
 - 43 Attached, like a new building
 - 45 "And Just Like That ..." streaming service
 - 46 Financial expenditure
 - 49 Pint-sized
 - 50 Get ready for print
 - 51 Forever and ever
 - 52 Hatcher of "Desperate Housewives"
 - 53 British streetcar
 - 54 Shake, as one's tail?
 - 55 People who had a fling, say
 - 56 "Big Brother" network
 - 57 Spicy

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022 Power Trifecta



Mars, Pluto and Venus are a powerful trio aligning in Capricorn to focus on creating systems that get results. The conjunctions land in the first moments of a new moon cycle. Today's potentials include: stark realizations, life-changing declarations and the sort of brilliant planning sessions that culminate with a shift of destiny.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have the support of those in your circle, but outside influence is needed too, and will soon be the key to your success. Seek new allies and mentors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are many reasons to spend time with people who appreciate you for who you really are. You know all too well how exhausting it is to constantly edit yourself. Filter-free social connection is heartening.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are a few things you and your loved one don't agree on, which is why it's so important to unite in the matters on which you do agree. Nothing needs to be changed, only accepted.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). One opportunity ends; another opens. Stay focused on the big picture and details will sort themselves out. Interesting matches will be made; new relationships will take form.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Happiness is... an open schedule. You're already committed today, but you can give yourself a commitment-free day in the future with a little planning. Make no promises about the future. Plan to make no plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The artist Robert Zend said, "There are too many people in the world and not enough human beings." And yet you may disagree, as everywhere you go you encounter lovely humanity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). An endeavor will show off your skill. You will remain in firm control, yet simultaneously soar with a sense of freedom. You know what you're doing, but they can't predict it. The effect is mesmerizing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your comic instinct is hot today. You notice what's funny and call it out. If you have a good audience, you'll get the laugh. But if you don't, save the story for later because your people will love it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're willing to be inconvenienced for a task of significance. That this is above and beyond what anyone is expecting of you is precisely what makes it the best use of your time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Time and time again, people underestimate the fragility of the human ego. You've known both sides of this, and it's why you're so very careful with someone's feelings today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A shift in your role will be evident. Maybe you are graduating, or the opposite... starting at the bottom again as you learn a new skill. Flexibility and grace are your hallmarks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Those who ignore the signs are either asleep, delusional or illiterate. You're hyperalert and curious today and will make it your job to seek, find and interpret all signals to the best of your ability.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 3). This year is one big joy-refresher. Committing to a future event will focus and sharpen you and you'll spend many months preparing. When you're true to your vision, the financial side of things will come together eventually. A performance will lead to new opportunities. You'll get to a position in which you can enlist friends. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 13, 33, 14, 30 and 5.

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