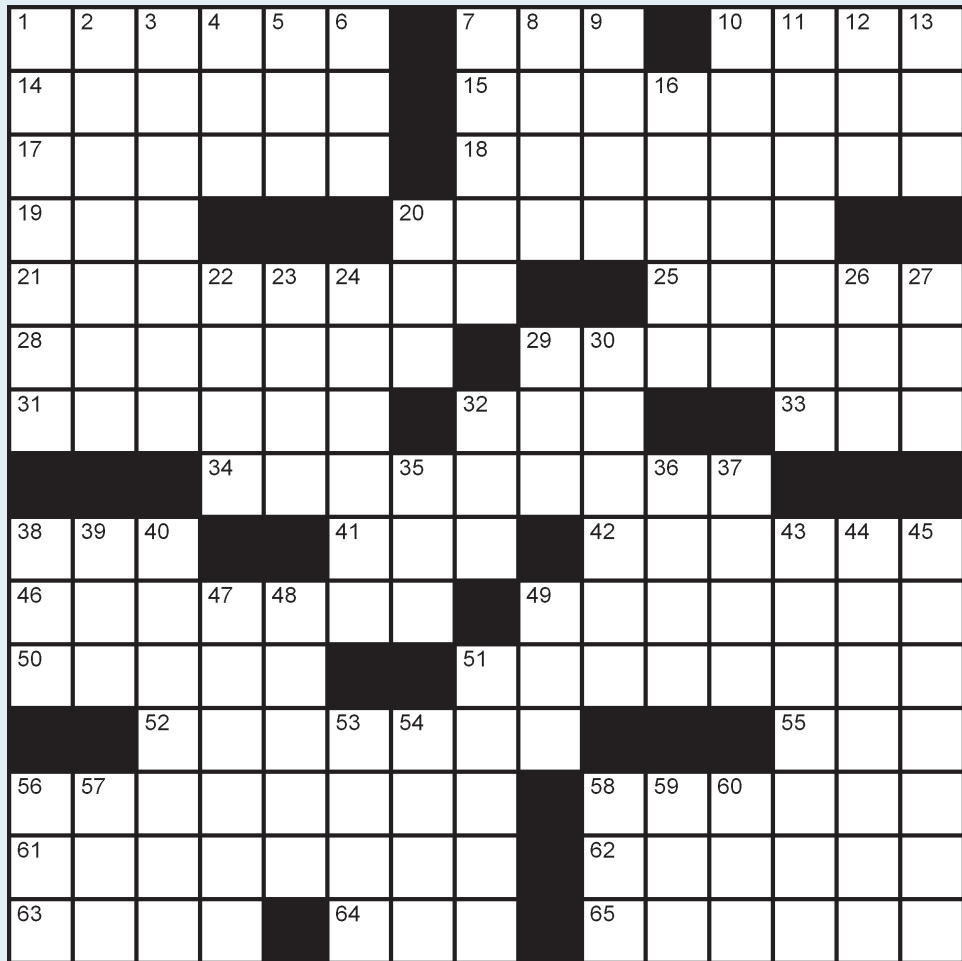


I'm Torn! by Taylor Johnson

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- ACROSS: 1 Evolved into, 7 Org. for leaders of red states, 10 Start of a musical, 14 Like metaphorical ducks, hopefully, 15 It's taken after a vote, 17 Discontinued handheld Nintendo console, 18 \*Annoyance, literally?, 19 Show that had a Wayne's World sketch, briefly, 20 Movie theaters, 21 \*Offensive surprise, literally?, 25 Put up, as a statue, 28 Baltimore baseball pros, 29 "Whoa there, let's relax", 31 Examine again, 32 Tail motion, 33 As well, 34 "Cocoons" at a spa, and a hint to the starred clues' answers, 38 Well-chosen, 41 Buffoon, 42 It's passed around in winter, 46 Moves to a different wall, say, 49 Start of a second voicemail, 50 Daughter on "The Goldbergs", 51 \*Betrayal, literally?, 52 Say "\$%!@" to, 55 Swampy area, 56 \*Motivator, literally?, 58 "That definitely isn't happening!", 61 Precisely corresponding, 62 Strong and healthy, 63 Like fish that must be eaten carefully, 64 "Tubular!", 65 Some tires or keys, DOWN: 1 Attempts to buy at auction, 2 Tangle up, 3 Successfully predicts, something, 4 Name hidden in "Kia Rio", 5 Bon \_\_\_ (bit of wit), 6 She bleats, 7 Wish granter, 8 Animals in a yoke, 9 Word before "cleaner" or "dream", 10 Buzzing spot?, 11 Permission, 12 Group that sang "Creep", 13 Variety, 16 Makes less wild, 20 Includes on an email, 22 Lisa who sang "Stay (I Missed You)", 23 As well, 24 You may take one for a walk, 26 Pigeon sound, 27 Snake eyes, 29 Corn unit, 30 Stripy stones, 32 Environmental org. with a panda logo, 35 Cry to a drag queen, 36 Cool, in the '90s, 37 Video game giant, 38 "What \_\_\_ the odds?", 39 Part of mpg or mph, 40 Make less watery, 43 Beatles' moniker, 44 Creative \_\_\_ (artistic freedom), 45 Loosens, like laces, 47 Sharpness of vision, 48 Drug bust figure, slangily, 49 Yoga need, 51 Held, as breath, 53 Toffee bar choice, 54 Active volcano in Italy, 56 Palindromic haircut, 57 Exclamation in a card game, 58 Surgery sites, for short, 59 Sock \_\_\_ ('50s dance), 60 Grp. for the Raptors and Hornets

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022 Hope Moon



The final full moon of the season is an omen for a better future. To imagine the future you want, it helps to know what that is. If you're not sure, just imagine any old future. The nurturing Virgo moon says, start somewhere. If it doesn't fit, try something else. When you can experiment in your mind, you can experiment in your life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's no more significant gift than your patience and love. Other things you could give might attract more attention but are far less impactful than the treasure of your abiding love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When things happen in your life, who's the first one you want to tell? This person is your No. 1 for a reason and will benefit from hearing you articulate the reason today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A conflict of interests will make it seem difficult to move forward with the same crew. Then again, maybe progress just looks different than you originally thought it would. A change-up will suit everyone.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Are you showing your love? Since other people cannot technically feel your feelings, you make sure to express them well and give plenty of evidence of the emotions you want to share.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Money and love are more intertwined than is comfortable and there may be no graceful way to separate the two, but there are plenty of non-graceful ways. Who you give your money and attention to is your choice.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships take work, but how much is appropriate? Should it really be like a part-time job? If it's always work and never a coast, you'll wonder whether it's really a good match.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A dream is your subconscious trying to get your attention. The emotion of a dream is one of your best interpretive clues. To understand what it means, dive into the feeling of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Some people prefer sweet lies over harsh truths. Even so, you may be able to tell the truth in a softer way, or compassionately reframe the story to highlight a different part of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Is it possible that a song understands you in a way that other people in your life don't seem to? You'll be motivated, inspired and even healed by the magic of music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll make alliances. Give new people a chance, especially if you already have a good feeling about them, but don't give them everything right away. People value what they earn.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You realize just how futile it is to make certain requirements of people. It's a lot easier to observe what they like to do and count on them to do that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're busy today. That's as good an excuse as any to trust in the justice of the universe. Each will claim their rightful karma, so there is no reason to teach anyone a lesson, get revenge, punish or reward.

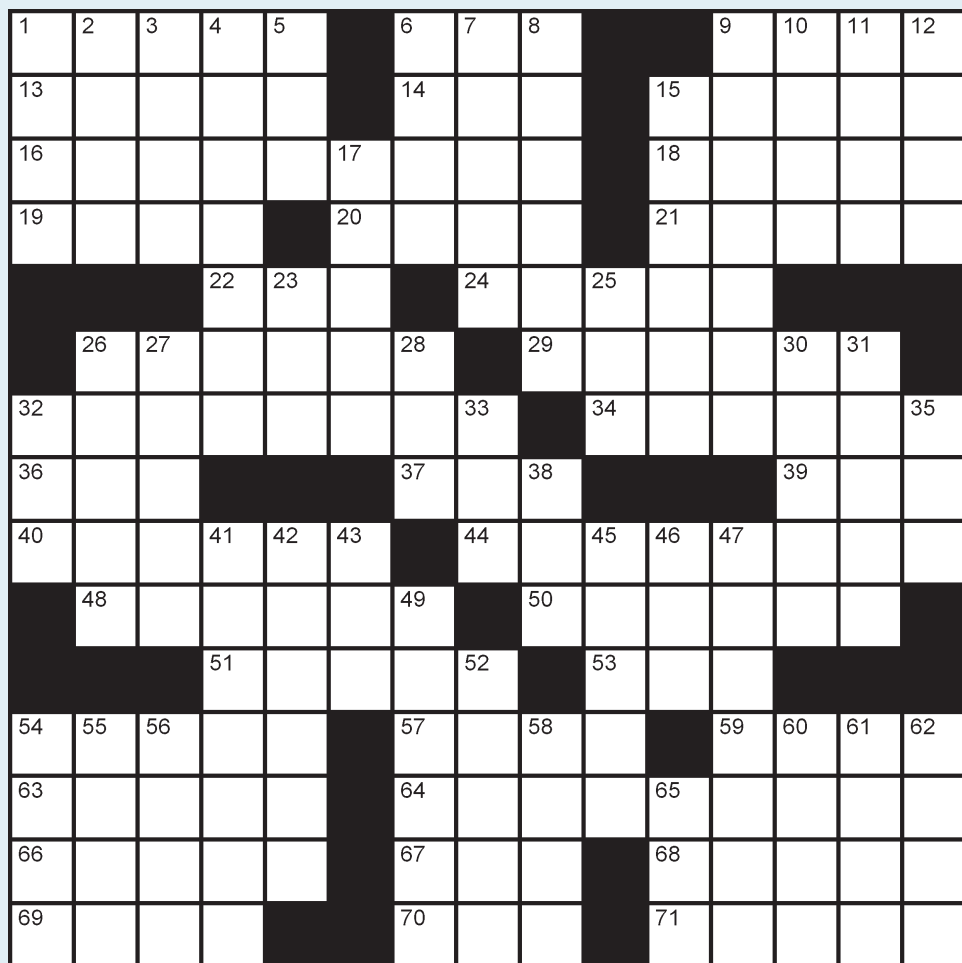
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 18). You have vision, and the talent to flesh it out. Consciously build your support system and you'll move faster and be more fulfilled. A fun relationship is featured. You connect like a great comedy duo, clashing and meshing with exciting, amusing tension. Upgrades in the name of efficiency will pay you back for years. Aquarius and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 3, 33 and 9.

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SOLUTIONS grid for the Sudoku puzzle

Fellow Creatures by Hanh Huynh

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- ACROSS: 1 Argue against, 6 Sierra Nevada brew, for short, 9 One may live near a loch, 13 Unaccompanied, 14 Become compost, 15 Bowling feat, 16 \*Humorously exaggerated, 18 \*Stockings, 19 Warriors coach Steve, 20 "Understood", 21 Talk trash about, 22 \_\_\_ Arbor, 24 Slowpoke, 26 Get ready to switch hotel rooms, say, 29 Will of "Arrested Development", 32 Place to find boxers and loafers, 34 Great fear, 36 eBay offer, 37 Cube that's rolled, 39 Amazement, 40 With 44-Across, Nintendo series hinting at the letters where the starred clues' answers intersect (Bonus: Read these letters clockwise), 44 See 40-Across, 48 Heaters at restaurants?, 50 "Independence Day" beings, 51 Beijing 2022 prize, 53 Genetic evidence, 54 \*Seating level, 57 Piece of ceramic flooring, 59 Actress Anderson, 63 Windfalls, 64 Deeply embedded, 66 Assert, 67 Massage, 68 \*Artist's inspiration, 69 Brady's longtime team, for short, 70 "C" \_\_\_ la vie!", 71 App with reels, casually, DOWN: 1 Triangle for 15 balls, 2 Palindromic French pronoun, 3 Vulgar person, 4 Takes off, like a mummy costume number, 5 Twice this clue's number, 6 Eye part that's often brown, 7 Performs an asana, 8 Minerva, to the Greeks, 9 "It was a dream," say, for a movie, 10 \*Spending limit, 11 Approximately, 12 Bat mitzvah girl, maybe, 15 Sacred Shinto structure, 17 \*Foot division, 23 Lil \_\_\_ X, 25 Contents of many museums, 26 Equestrian straps, 27 Break up with someone, 28 Defeated in boxing, for short, 30 Caboose's vehicle, 31 Villages' larger relatives, 32 Wharton deg., 33 71-Across upload, 35 Not decaf: Abbr., 38 Disco \_\_\_ (the '70s), 41 Precious things that photographs capture, 42 Risk-\_\_\_ (cautious), 43 Was the head of, 45 More senior, 46 Word after "original" or "cardinal", 47 \*Prevent from escaping, 49 The Onion genre, 52 "Peanuts" character with a security blanket, 54 Sixteenth of a cup: Abbr., 55 Tiny bit, 56 \*Cereal grain, 58 Pride letters, 60 Burden, 61 Sticks and leaves in a tree, 62 Notion, 65 Friend, in Tours

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 2022 Cosmic Cleanup Crew



We're processing the strange happenings of the week. For many, boundaries were flirted with, poked, pushed and crossed. The day after the full moon can feel like cleaning up after a wild party and trying to piece together the night from the particulars of the mess. Take your time. You don't have to make sense of everything at once.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). So many ruin a good thing by looking for a better thing. Not you. You know when luck is on your side. You'll like, enjoy and celebrate what you get.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There are those who do what's right to avoid getting in trouble, and those who do what's right because it's who they are. Realize which type you are dealing with, and don't trust the ones in the first category with your keys.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Romance, fame and riches are all different in theory than they are in reality. You'll enjoy reality more when you don't expect it to be like the dream.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The feeling of trying or striving is very different from the feeling of knowing, doing or handling. If you can figure out how to be confident in an activity you have never done before, you will have better luck with it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Talk about what you want. This will help to bring it into existence. One idea changes everything. Which one? A savvy friend can help you figure it out. Your supporters can hear your plans without feeling threatened or jealous.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You could easily take on something small and finish it by the day's end. However, things get exciting when you go bigger. What's worth doing can't be done alone. Tasks that force you to reach out are favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Belief is a first step. But if you don't or can't believe, it's fine. Then stepping is the first step. Your mind will catch up later. It does help to have good people around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Focusing too intently and too small is a danger now that can prevent you from seeing the many opportunities that exist around you. For perspective, talk to people who are different from you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll accomplish what needs doing if you disallow distraction. It's time to crack down. Don't let yourself do anything else until the main thing is finished.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'd be stumped if you had to pinpoint a single event that altered the relationship. It was probably something minor, and it wasn't your fault, but that's irrelevant now. What matters is the fix.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What happened long ago is still part of your inner scenery, drifting on a lake of thought. Eventually it will wash up on a far shore. But for now, you have better things to think about. Direct your mind to do just that.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). When you first made a decision, you weren't sure. Now fresh developments have you loving your choice. The more you love it, the less you need other people to love it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 19). It's no accident when your life falls into beautiful balance, it's a direct result of your choices. The most important one is to surround yourself with people who are good for you. You'll approach basic needs like nutrition, exercise and sleep with an intelligent response. Work will be stimulating and empowering. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 1, 18 and 48.

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