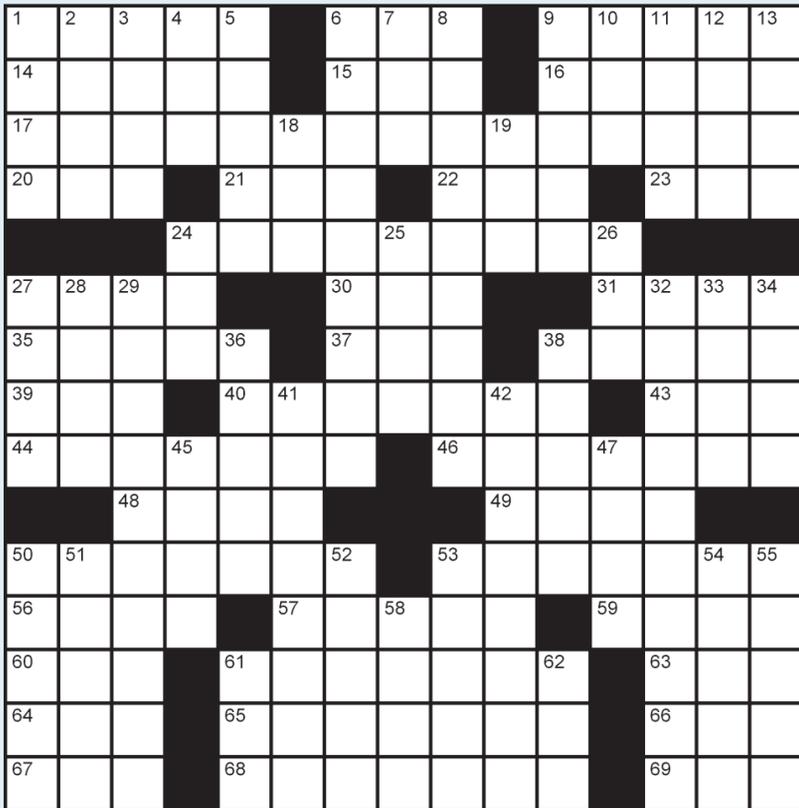


Would Not Recommend by Zachary David Levy

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Purple hue, 6 CAPTCHA target, 9 Morsel added to sour cream, 14 Puccini production, 15 Gun, as an engine, 16 Gave a job to, 17 Say "The secret herbs should be kept secret. Also, get a better skillet," maybe, 20 Summer hrs. in NYC, 21 4.0, e.g., 22 Longtime ISP, 23 Cruise ship facility, 24 Say "This meat is dry as the Sahara. It deserves a Grade F," maybe, 27 Young 'un, 30 Lead-in to "state" or "cycle", 31 Miles away, 35 Plannin' to, 37 A big one may be rabid, 38 Really love, 39 Vow made under a chuppah, 40 Docs-to-be, 43 Lubricate, 44 "Barbie's middle name is Millicent," e.g., 46 Late time to cram, 48 Place to fire a pot, 49 One busting a pusher, 50 Earn an elbowing from your bedmate, 53 Got a big hit in baseball, 56 This hint, for one, 57 Grp. named after a continent, 59 Slaw, say, for ribs, 60 Clear the ____, 61 Complaining, 63 Metal container, 64 Pellets used as ammo, 65 Carry out, as the law, 66 "___ a deal!", 67 Command to Fido, 68 "I'm thinking ...", 69 Revolutionary Guevara, DOWN: 1 Unhurried gait, 2 Alternative to Microsoft's Surface, 3 Period after Mardi Gras, 4 Bark noise, 5 It's held in the hold, 6 Nursed, 7 "Non-fungible" was added to it in Dec. 2021, 8 Old-school spot for a VCR and an NES, 9 Neighbor of Peru, 10 Hawaiian Punch rival, 11 Bothers, 12 POTUS's backup, 13 "Giant" writer Ferber, 18 90 Minute ____, (Dogfish Head brew), 19 Weeding tool, 24 Stimp's pal, 25 Knightsbridge streetcar, 26 It's big for a little while, 27 Cry after a long week, 28 Jedi teacher, 29 Say "The casing is way too tough. The Germans would be appalled," maybe, 32 Restaurant reviewer, and this puzzle's inspiration, 33 La Scala solo, 34 Trust, with "on", 36 Skating medalist Ohno, 38 Indian tea region, 41 Bars on a phone?, 42 Condemn, 45 Scrabble piece, 47 Very, in French, 50 Strikebreakers, 51 Suspect's excuse, 52 Elevator passage, 53 Ones named in wills, 54 Name within "credit history", 55 Packed tightly, 58 Actress Mireille, 61 Voice actor Blanc, 62 "My goodness!"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2022 Visions of Venus



As Venus and Neptune come together, so will the dreams of visionaries who take action. Being in the right place is key. What would it take to go where the major players are? These are the days to pick up firsthand knowledge wherever you can get it. There's no substitute; you can't get life experience in a book. ARIES (March 21-April 19). "Sell the sizzle, not the steak" may be the con artist's creed -- then again, not every meal needs the steak. A good sizzle can be applied to myriad options. You'll bring your unique seasoning to the table today. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The day's success comes from a simple effort to show up and try to do the right thing. Simple isn't always easy, though. For instance, today, the right thing may seem to take a herculean effort. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ancient history and old acquaintances will play a role. You can remember the less than ideal scenario from the past and still keep your mood and energy flowing bright. It's all how you decide to see it. CANCER (June 22-July 22). The deadline just ahead doesn't scare you in the least; in fact, it seems to be pulling you forward. You'll work faster than ever and with great clarity of thought. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Everyone has their own definition of the good life, and it changes with different ages and stages. What do you really want these days? Your appetites and curiosities will point the way. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're growing in efficiency and your efforts will bring plentiful results. The point of diminishing returns will come someday, but it's not something you have to worry about now. Ride the big wave and enjoy yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll find comfort in the predictable behavior of others. Because you've seen someone show up consistently in a certain way, you'll be ready to make the most of the interaction. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you are looking for will be found within. It's a hard place to look for things. You need the flashlight of objectivity to help you see the way. A trusted friend will hold it up for you. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your mind keeps wandering, a sign that maybe what you're doing isn't all that interesting to you right now. Consider changing things up to accommodate your novel cravings. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Fear will try to take over the bus you're driving. Don't let it! Take its ticket to ride but don't give it the wheel. At best, fear belongs in the back seat, where it can inform you without interfering too much. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You strive to bring out the best in people. Hold this intention and you're halfway there. Expectations find a way to fulfill themselves. Capricorn and fellow Aquarians figure into the plan. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Times have changed. New rules are not only necessary but they will be essential to an orderly existence. You're in a position to influence the new order. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 27). The solar return casts a dreamy light on your personal life. Idealistic views will be made real; fond wishes granted. In short, relationships become very fun. Creative work comes your way. You just don't feel quite like yourself unless you're putting something new into the world! Summer brings financial solutions and domestic ease. Gemini and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 5, 22, 18 and 47.

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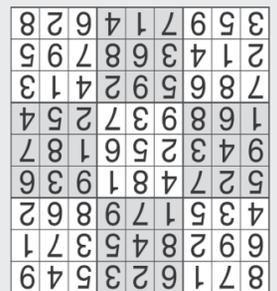
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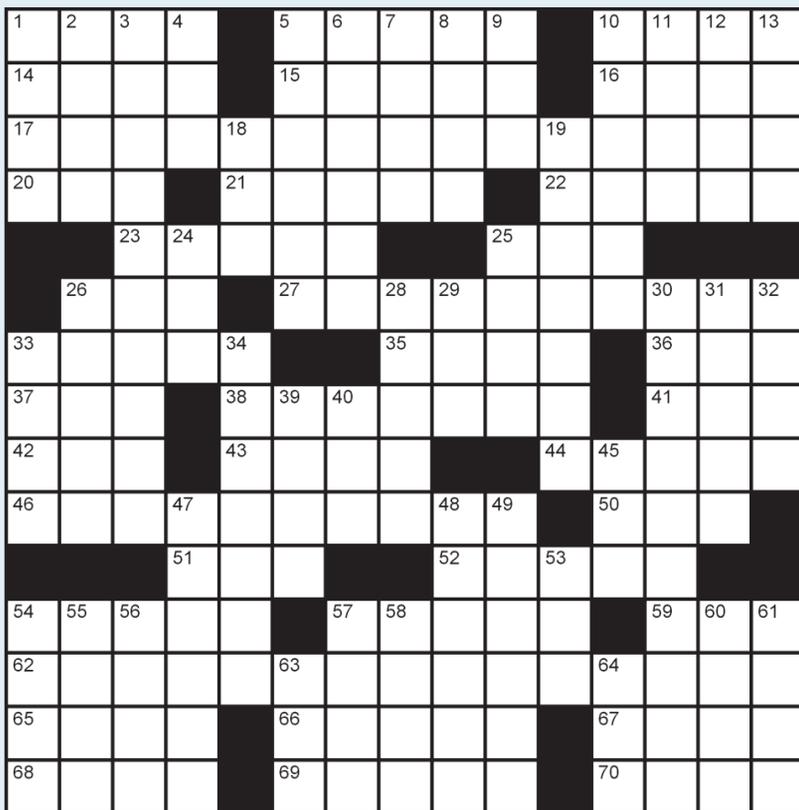


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Rotary Club by Paul Coulter

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- ACROSS: 1 Taiwanese tea type, 5 Bungle, 10 Carpenter or harvester insects, 14 Fusses, 15 Come after, 16 Pedal pushers, 17 *Keep?, 20 Aggravate, 21 Bring up, 22 Supermarket walkway, 23 What the world's largest animal eats, 25 Segment often measured in degrees, 26 "Busy" buzzer, 27 *Spam?, 33 Chin indentation, 35 Mama's mama, maybe, 36 Yellowfin tuna, 37 Word before "cord" or "current", 38 Puzzle-loving enemy of Batman, 41 Deteriorate, 42 "The loneliest number", 43 Fruit from a South American palm, 44 Head lock?, 46 *Pool?, 50 Apply, 51 Eats or drinks, 52 Fix firmly, 54 Sandbar, 57 Macbeth's title, 59 Actress MacGraw or Larter, 62 *Sega? (Hint: Read each starred clue differently and interpret its answer as an instruction), 65 Guinness who played Obi-Wan Kenobi, 66 One could say "I'm in heaven!", 67 What you may put on a cue ball, 68 Statue's bottom, 69 They fly in V formations, 70 Hushed "Hey, you!", DOWN: 1 Island south of Borneo, 2 Aroma's unpleasant relative, 3 Job with three consecutive double letters, 4 Request, 5 On ___ of (representing), 6 "Long Day's Journey Into Night" playwright Eugene, 7 General ___ chicken, 8 Adorable, 9 Sneaky laugh syllable, 10 Continent with the shortest coastline, 11 It doesn't exist before it breaks, 12 Greenish blue, 13 Eyelid concern, 18 Sect leader?, 19 Amelia who flew across the Atlantic, 24 Call, like an NBA game, 25 What Zapzyt treats, 26 Buckwheat pancakes, 28 Taj Mahal's country, 29 Buddy, 30 Prized postal possessions, 31 That and that, 32 Prepares to be painted, 33 Gator's kin, 34 Refrain from singing?, 39 Puts a cold bag on, 40 Small amount of gel, 45 Regret, 47 Word on an orange Monopoly card, 48 Whooping birds, 49 Popular e-reader, 53 Doc for a puppy, 54 Casual attempt, 55 Dance in Waikiki, 56 Rocks to assay, 57 Voice quality, 58 Bigger than big, 60 Wreaths in Waikiki, 61 Equivalent of "ain't", 63 Dustcloth, 64 WWW access enabler

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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022 Good Wishes from Pluto

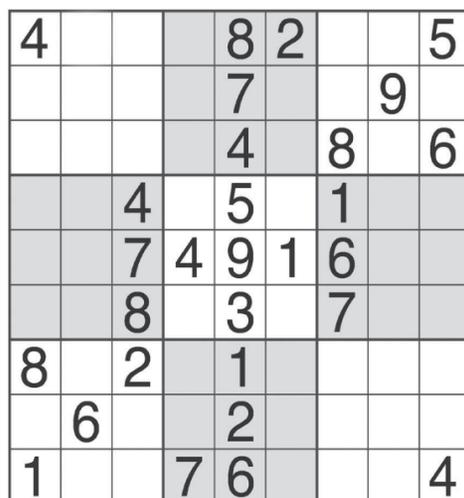


Before tomorrow's retrograde move for Pluto, there's one last angle of auspiciousness to consider. Mercury in Taurus, the sign of appetite, forms a lucky trine to Pluto in powerful Capricorn. This signals financial luck, especially for those investing in the stock market or who have a stake in the food industry or adjacent restaurant industry. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Laughter is the sound of aligned interests, objectives and sympathies. An experience of solidarity will be fun for you today, and it's comforting to know you're all on the same side. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Children often have an exaggerated opinion of their abilities because they lack the experience that tells them what they can and cannot do. Today, in a similar position of innocence, you will do your best. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You'll get compliments today and you're in a mood to eat them up. Of course, even as people confirm your attractiveness, it's your own opinion of yourself that really matters. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your priorities are shifting. A new venture will be a terrific fit for your life and interests. Trust your attractions and let old ambitions fall to the wayside. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll sense what they can do, and you'll help them develop their potential. You'll give without pushing. Not only will you attract the best people, but you'll also bring out the best in people. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You like keenly observant people who ask the questions that prove their attention and interest. These people make you think. They cause you to see yourself differently.

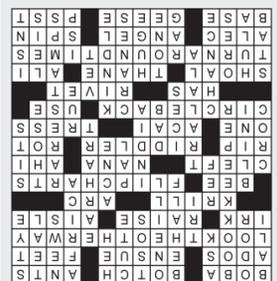
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's smart to test out an idea in a small way before taking it to a larger scale. Today this could be the move that keeps business on track or a relationship on good terms. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you don't get what you want right away, it may be the best thing for you. Desire is a great motivator to improve. When you finally do get your goal, you'll be completely ready for it. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The way to see the big picture is to go to the top of the mountain. You can do this in your mind, or you can do it physically by heading to the highest point in your immediate geography. Either way will give you clarity. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a good reason you're in the place you find yourself today -- though, trying to figure out exactly what that reason might be would be a waste of time. Own your position and make the most of it. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If the GPS does not agree with the road, the GPS is wrong. Similarly, if your idea of how to get to your goal doesn't match what's actually necessary, chuck your plan and do what it takes. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a change in you. However subtle the change may be, it will land you in a completely different place than you would be if you had remained the same. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 28). First your imagination will take you places and then the rest of you will catch up. You'll bring inspiration to your group as you constantly seek creative fuel and fill your senses with beautiful, masterful work. Summer brings precious moments and your favorite people. A study will lead to a better financial situation. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 16, 22 and 3.

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