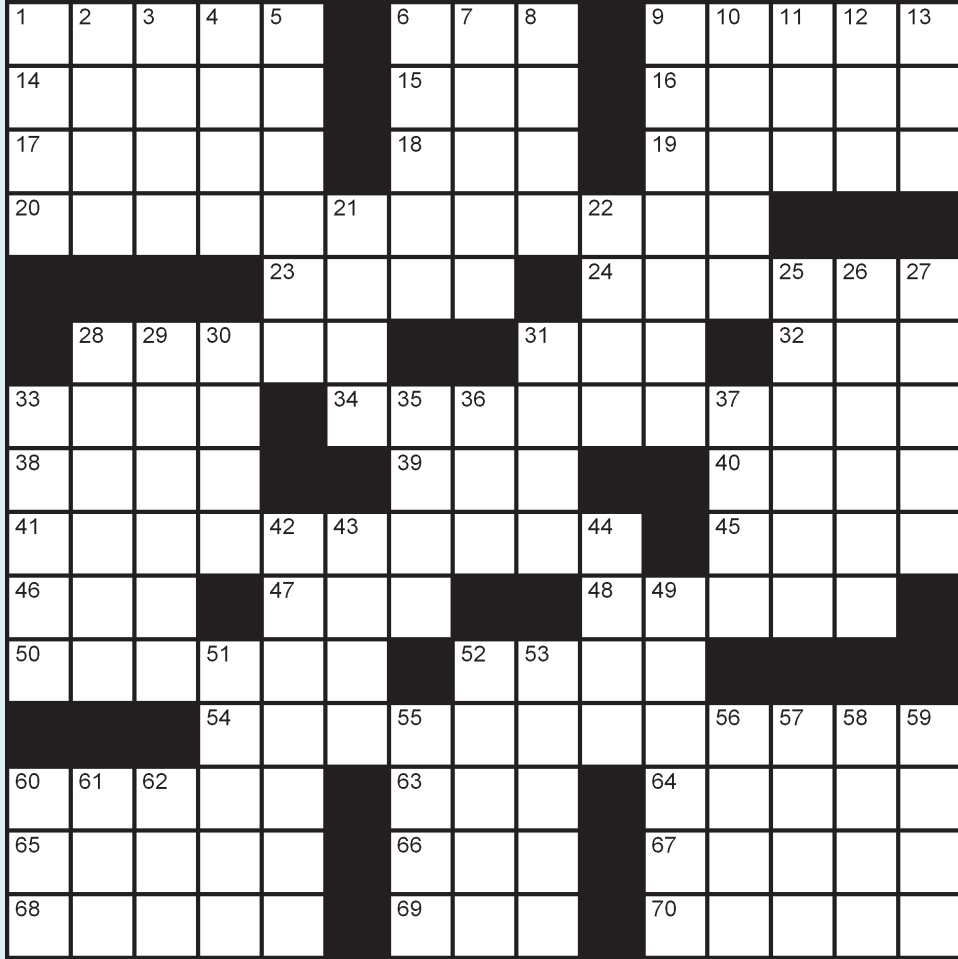


Feathered Friends by Dave Taber and Laura Moll

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 15th-century Peruvians, 6 Docs' body?, 9 Welsh dog breed, 14 Protest walk, 15 Official at a Pelicans game, 16 Stand by for, 17 Yoga posture, 18 Distinct period, 19 They surround Saturn, 20 "Jerry Maguire" director, 23 Online auction site, 24 Musical mixture, 28 Doctrine, 31 Rapper Lil X, 32 Name hidden in "Danielle", 33 Crosshatched cereal, 34 "Moon Knight" actor, 38 Pear-shaped instrument, 39 Positive particle, perhaps, 40 Bear's home, 41 "Love Story" author, 45 They're right down your alley, 46 Torn \_\_\_ (sports injury), 47 "\_\_\_ the land of the free ...", 48 Duck, like a question, 50 Sought-after partner, 52 Troglodyte's home, 54 Illegal contact by Larry Bird, and a phonetic hint to 20-, 34- and 41-Across, 60 Sorts (through), 63 \_\_\_ duck (weirdo), 64 Word before "call" or "contact", 65 Eye color, e.g., 66 Charge that may be flat, 67 Demolishes, 68 Price for your thoughts?, 69 Super Bowl highlights, for some, 70 Commentary pieces in the paper, DOWN: 1 Desktop with Apple's M1 chip, 2 Org. with rovers, 3 Pull an all-nighter, say, 4 Teen's skin woe, 5 Revealed in a support group, 6 Venue for the Raptors or Penguins, 7 Leniency, 8 In the distance, 9 Where a body is waxed?, 10 Boo-boos, 11 Did laps, perhaps, 12 Eagles' booking, 13 "\_\_\_ a bird ...", 21 Duck's instrument in "Peter and the Wolf", 22 Country next to Yemen, 25 State where the nene flies, 26 Not nice, 27 Docking spots, 28 Wedding locale, often, 29 Change up, as a bathroom floor, 30 Employee with perks, informally, 31 Mom's mom, 33 Soccer shoe feature, 35 Cake level, 36 Monopolize, 37 Dog food brand, 42 The best policy, they say, 43 Prophet, 44 \_\_\_ cake (molten chocolate dessert), 49 Alternative to laces, 51 Decide to join, 52 Like secret messages, 53 Mountain range of the 1-Across, 55 Couch potato's spot, 56 Prepare to leave the nest?, 57 Exude, 58 Like relatively cheap textbooks, 59 More, to a minimalist, 60 Auto racing sponsor, 61 Anger, 62 Falcons follower, for one

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2022 Moon Hosts Reality Show



The moon in the sign of domesticity angles to highlight the hoarding tendencies of Jupiter, then the confrontational and destructive side of Mars, recalling a reality television show cleverly edited to create a story where there may or may not have been one in the first place. You don't know the truth unless you know the context of things.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You like to shop where the price tags are visible because the cost of a thing figures into how much you want it. Your appetite shifts as you determine what it will take to have your desire -- and whether it's a price you wish to pay.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You wish you could know exactly what it is that ignites the passion in your heart, but such things are hard to define. It either clicks or it doesn't -- and, today, for whatever reason, it will.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Because following your heart is much easier when you also have practical tools, you'll pick up helpful communication skills. You'll find it's much easier to prevent misunderstandings up front than it is to resolve conflict later.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Success is neither mysterious nor complicated. It boils down to repetition. Do the desired thing until it's the automatic thing. Anything that gets repeated will become engrained.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In some instances, cutting corners can be the intelligent way to go. Why work harder than you must to achieve the result? You'll be as efficient as possible without leaving out anything essential or integral to the quality of your work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today's optimism will be, at best, transformative, at worst, harmlessly wrong. On the other hand, there is no benefit at all that will come from pessimism.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Progress has its loops and stutters, its dashes and strolls, its grades and retrogrades. So don't worry too much about the step backward; that is also part of the dance, often followed by two steps forward.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The events of the day will reinforce certain group dynamics. People don't have to be in perfect agreement to work together. When you and your team act as a unified front, you become a unified front.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are consumed by a project, but at least it is a healthy obsession. It's fine if you're not as accessible to people for a little while, but there will be consequences if you ignore your people for too long.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some things are harder to admit, but if you resolve not to judge yourself, everything going on inside you becomes manageable. The more honest you are with yourself, the better you know yourself.

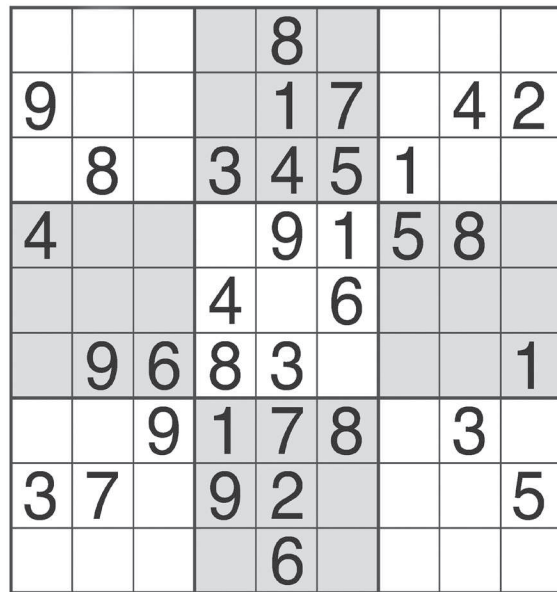
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you were little, you played make-believe games -- and you are pretending still. Do not think of pretense as faking it or being false in any way, rather think of it as trying things on, as an early stage of becoming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What you thought was the end of a cycle wasn't even the midway point, but since you're still committed to getting what you need out of the situation, you'll hang in there, ready to do what it takes.

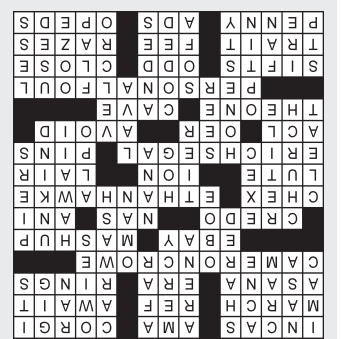
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 1). Your quest to find or achieve something beyond the usual limits of human experience will be satisfied. You'll practice a skill until masterful then stay open to the wonders born of your expertise; adventure ensues. More highlights: friendship expands into love or business, stylish means of travel, the resolution of ancient karma. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 18, 2 and 10.

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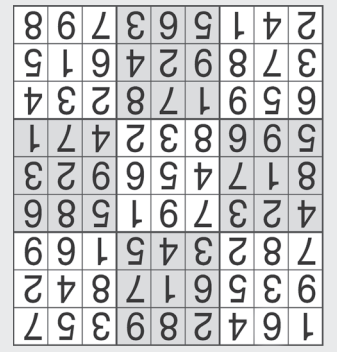
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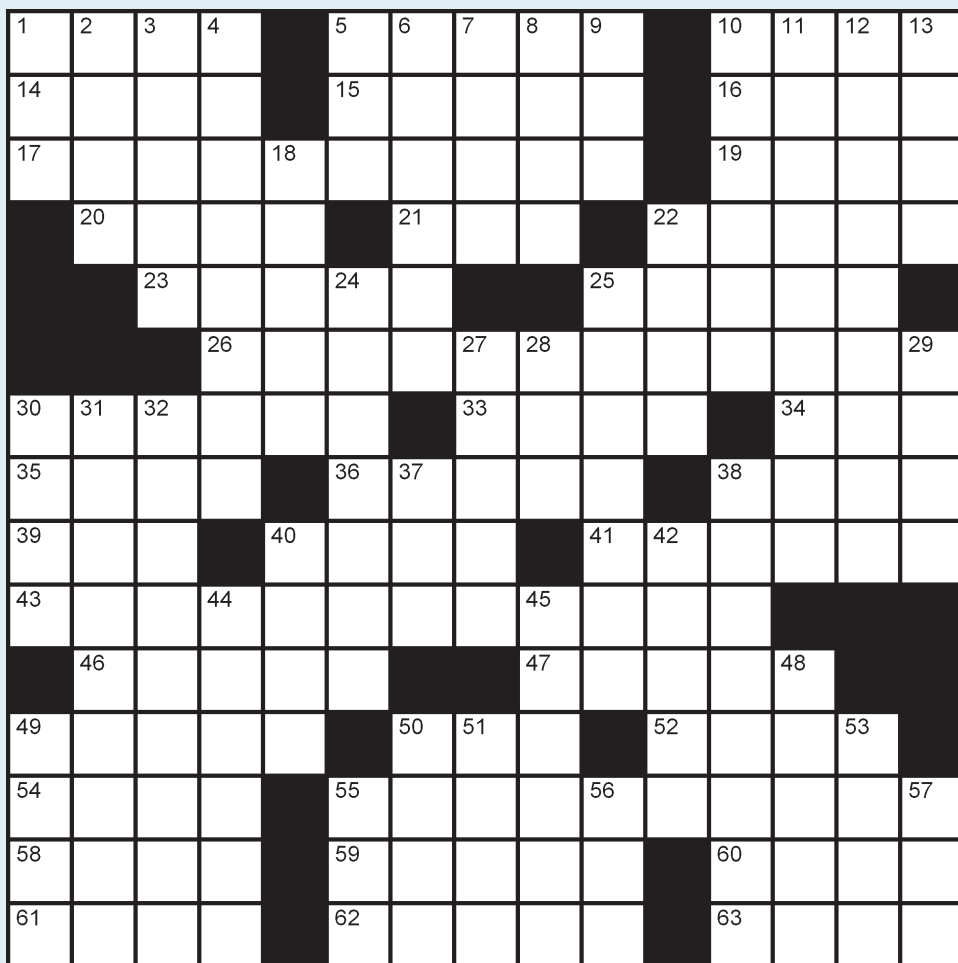


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Birds Aren't Real by Ross Trudeau

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Hyphen relative, 5 Itsy-\_\_\_, 10 Nonstandard nickname for the Golden State, 14 Cosmetics chain, 15 Join forces, 16 Tweak, as a crossword, 17 Simians studied by a certain primatologist? (OWL), 19 "Hahaha," in a text, 20 Jheri \_\_\_ (hairdo), 21 Wrath, 22 Push away, 23 Claw for building a nest, 25 Bog accumulations, 26 Nick a china dish? (CROW), 30 Sympathized with, 33 Particles such as Na+ and Cl-, 34 AOC or JFK, e.g., 35 Langston Hughes poem, 36 Japanese noodle soup, 38 Croatia's neighbor, 39 Southern sch. by the Mississippi, 40 \_\_\_ bomb (Japanese drink), 41 "Makes sense to me", 43 Certain frilly Middle Eastern fabric? (WREN), 46 Long part of a golf club, 47 Answers a Paperless Post, 49 The "T" in THC, 50 Ruckus, 52 Court reporters' channel?, 54 Oodles and oodles, 55 "Did you hold hands?," e.g. (ROBIN), 58 2021 sci-fi remake starring Zendaya, 59 "Am not!" comeback, 60 Facial breakout, 61 Did an impression of, 62 Weighed down, 63 Marsh plant, DOWN: 1 "Thanks, Captain Obvious", 2 Apt name for a smartie?, 3 Walk proudly, 4 Amateur broadcaster's set, 5 Cinnamon \_\_\_, 6 Signing, as a contract, 7 Amphitheater level, 8 Eyelid inflammation, 9 "You're correct", 10 Post bag contents?, 11 Animal shelter's rehoming initiative, 12 Self report?, 13 "\_\_\_ be OK", 18 Skateboarder's "no hands" trick, 22 Gym rat's count, 24 Ready to pour, 25 Bic tips, 27 Stopwatch, 28 Groundbreaking tool?, 29 Idris of Marvel films, 30 Tablet in a bottle, 31 "We're being framed!", 32 Push-button phone type, 37 Dana Elaine Owens, \_\_\_ Queen Latifah, 38 Daytime TV idol, 40 A remote may slip between its cushions, 42 Donates, 44 Merited, 45 Incite, like suspicion, 48 Cinnamon or ginger, 49 "Behold my brilliance!", 50 City south of New Delhi, 51 Banned from a competition, briefly, 53 Word hidden in "run on empty", 55 Gal \_\_\_, 56 Immeasurably long time, 57 Homer's neighbor

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 Savor the Retrograde



Welcome to the last day of the Mercury retrograde. The good news is that soon the phone calls won't drop, the packages will arrive on time and very little will be lost in translation. The bad news is there's nothing funny about a perfectly executed plan. And if things don't go smoothly, who will we blame?

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If your sense of personal responsibility is more stringent than those around you, seek different company. When you're among innovators, you'll innovate; when you're among leaders you'll lead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's true that people are attracted by looks, money and power, but the thing that makes you most attractive today is an X-factor having little to do with those attributes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being mired in your own thoughts and routines can have a dulling effect that could cause you to miss the good stuff. The small efforts you make to change things up will keep you alert to your opportunities.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are a giver. If you don't feel like you can make a contribution gladly, then you'd rather wait for a better moment. Your timing and judgment are impeccable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's as though there are twice as many thoughts running through your head. Luckily, you have the talent of volume control. You will turn down the worry and turn up the cheerleading.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're more influential than you realize. As long as you stay alert to how the words you use, the behaviors you display and even your casual statements have power, you will have no regrets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even when only half the marching band is playing the right notes, it still sounds pretty much like music. Today's dealings involve a large organization that's rife with problems, but to some degree it's still fulfilling the purpose.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Different perspectives and styles will clash. Although there are times when conflict can be invigorating and elevate the outcome, this is not one of them. Steer clear and re-address tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Throwing money at a problem might not be the most lasting solution, but in today's case it will be the quick fix that lets you move on. If you don't have the money, this is an opportunity for cleverness and networking.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You can't decide the external weather, but you can go to a temperature-controlled room. Neither is it possible to totally rule your internal weather, but you can erect and inhabit temperature-controlled rooms of the mind.

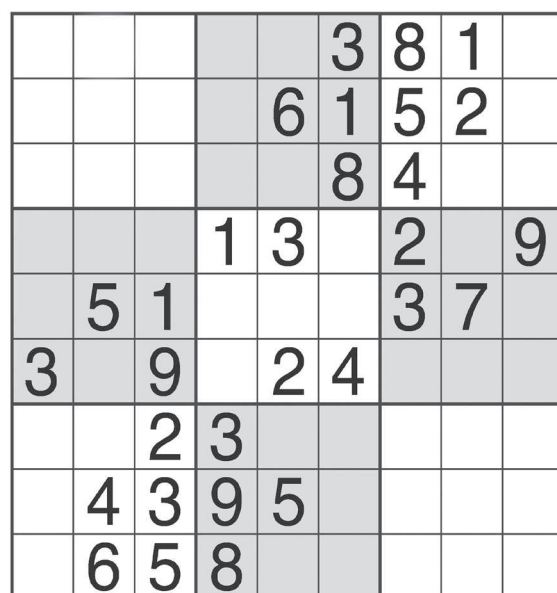
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). List five things you can do to move forward and then do them. If they are the wrong five things, you will still learn enough to choose a more effective strategy tomorrow.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There are those who will turn everything into a competition. You prefer almost any other approach: minding your own business, seeking agreement, working together... your way will work best for all.

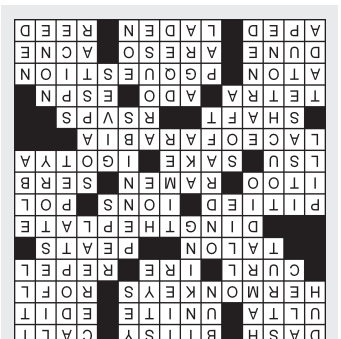
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 2). You're known to go above and beyond the call, but this year be warned: you will hear no calls... rather you'll be nudged along, whispered to or inexplicably drawn to your delicious destiny. More highlights: a hot ticket enjoyed with friends, a series of strange encounters that leads to money and a certificate of education. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 44, 48 and 6.

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