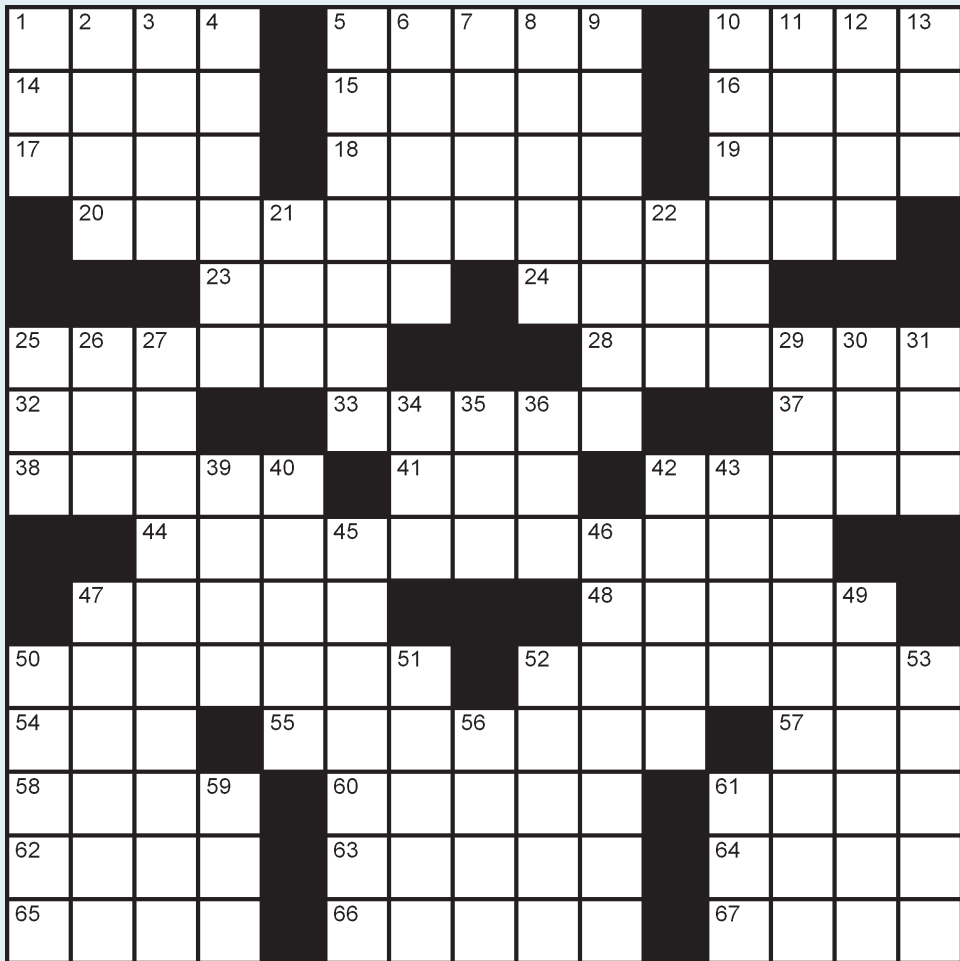


Start Small by Gary Larson and Amy Ens

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Verge
 - 5 Already in a relationship
 - 10 Instagram and Snapchat, e.g.
 - 14 Sweet sandwich?
 - 15 Word after "mental" or "mirror"
 - 16 Apple variety
 - 17 Singles
 - 18 Boatload, literally
 - 19 Very funny person
 - 20 Doesn't stop smiling smugly?
 - 23 "Little piggies"
 - 24 Sensible
 - 25 Not as important
 - 28 Threw away
 - 32 Food that's 37-Across backward
 - 33 Excelled
 - 37 What aptly bookends "Memorial Day"
 - 38 Online business
 - 41 "Bravo," in Barcelona
 - 42 Opposite of oblivious
 - 44 Quick-witted casino employee?
 - 47 What to do after giving someone a hand?
 - 48 They're read at slams
 - 50 "Oh, go away"
 - 52 Cram for an exam
 - 54 Act human, they say
 - 55 Came back from behind
 - 57 Sports ____ (gym garment)
 - 58 Saltimbocca meat
 - 60 Angry people, traditionally
 - 61 Biblical gift givers
 - 62 New Age singer from Ireland
 - 63 Put into law
 - 64 Tech support caller
 - 65 ____ area (road trip stop)
 - 66 They should be tough to crack
 - 67 Cleaning challenge
- DOWN**
- 1 Whisper sweet nothings
 - 2 Coffee dispensers
 - 3 Appear
 - 4 Puts forward
 - 5 Scrolling graphics on CNBC
 - 6 Pile up
 - 7 Go-____ (kid's vehicle)
 - 8 Popular waffles
 - 9 Fresh delivery?
 - 10 Matches grammatically
 - 11 Annoyance
 - 12 Walk heavily
 - 13 Prepared for a meeting?
 - 21 Surgeon eggs
 - 22 "Double Fantasy" singer Yoko
 - 25 Soapmaking ingredient
 - 26 Scarf down
 - 27 Go overboard in a cafeteria food fight?
 - 29 Fawning constituency?
 - 30 Pointy part of an elf
 - 31 Turn red, perhaps
 - 34 In great demand
 - 35 Antiquated
 - 36 Originally named
 - 39 Muslim leader
 - 40 Magic Johnson, once
 - 42 Not silently
 - 43 A gardener pulls it up
 - 45 Incentives at car dealerships
 - 46 H.S. student's challenges
 - 47 Tranquil
 - 49 Voltage spikes
 - 50 Slot machine arm, essentially
 - 51 Justice Kagan
 - 52 Because
 - 53 Couples
 - 56 Loose-____ paper
 - 59 Long's counterpart on a GPS
 - 61 Ornamental flower, for short

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022 Jupiter Relationship Test



Surely, most relationships come with their deal breakers, caveats and conditions, and yet there are some relationships that seem beyond rules. Do you believe in unconditional love? And which relationships does such a model extend to? The moon in Libra dares to oppose the mighty Jupiter this evening, testing interpersonal limits.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's much that concerns you that you can do nothing about, and spending your energy there is, of course, a waste. As you focus on the things you have the ability to change, more will fall into the category.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Since having too much to do makes it hard to do any of it exceptionally well, you'll take a step back to survey the scene objectively and figure out what to cut. You won't miss it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have a gift for seeing what's possible. Don't get too carried away, though. Potential is something to nurture and believe in but not something to bank on or date.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're in the role for a reason. If you feel like an imposter, that's actually a sign that you belong there. It's the people who are overly sure of themselves who make big mistakes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll give your admiration without elevating anyone on a pedestal. It's much easier to work and play when everyone is on the ground together -- equal but different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've been lost and found, sick and well, winning and losing, but you always find your way back home. Sometimes you take a different route, but the way you journey is always the same: one step at a time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). A congruent domestic life allows you to do good work in the professional sector, and when things are going well at work, home life is better. Life rings out with the harmony of these sectors.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you give a project over to the group, you're not sure what will happen with it, and that's part of the excitement. You work alone for predictable results. You work with others to achieve exponential results.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're sensitive to people's emotional states, though you don't take them on as your own. Your empathy engenders trust. Because people feel safe around you, you'll know an honest version of them.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be impressed by how others remember details from your shared history. As for your own stories of the past, you may reconsider certain aspects as you discover something in the re-telling.

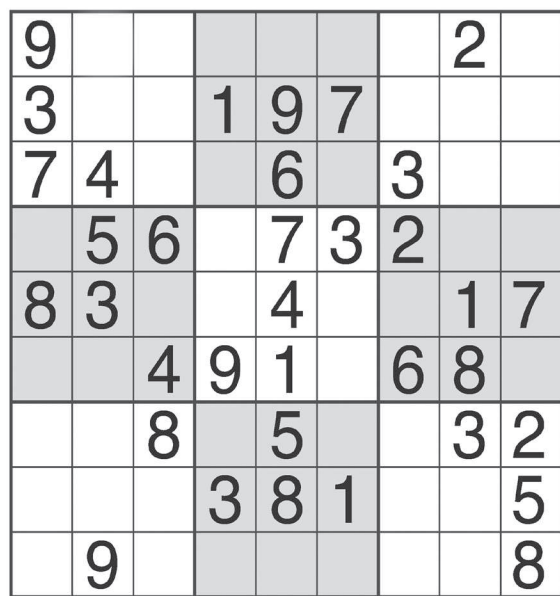
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Just because you can fit yourself into a situation doesn't mean you belong there. Consider how you really feel around certain people. The best fits feel like hope, curiosity and excitement.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You express yourself so eloquently that people will want you to represent them. Lucky moves: put a word in for a friend, make a pitch, tell a story, give a toast or have a heart-to-heart talk.

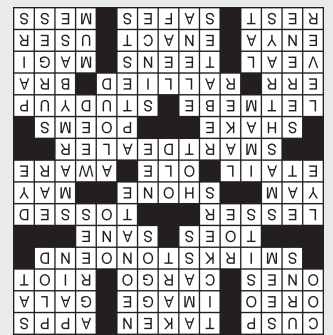
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 8). Not only are you excellent at what you do but your beguiling description of it will have people feeling brilliant about choosing you. Popularity soars; money follows the trend. Other highlights: a call from the long lost, a cross-cultural excursion that starts a new hobby and a transformation bringing about a harmonious era in the family. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 3, 33, 28 and 15.

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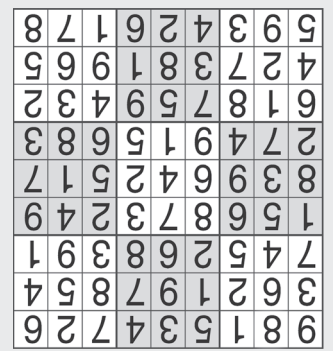
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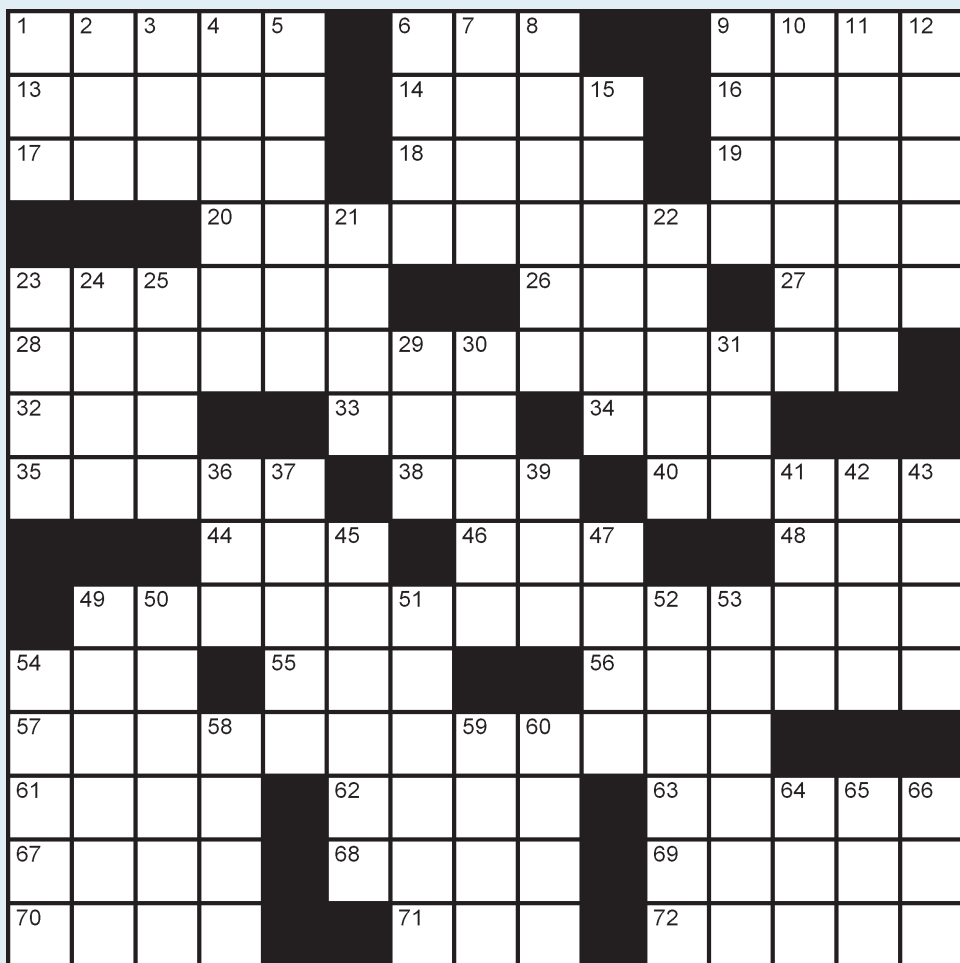


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Finding Your Place by Hanh Huynh

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- ACROSS**
- 1 National tree of Canada
 - 6 Reaction to cuteness
 - 9 Scrape covering
 - 13 ____ Fools' Day
 - 14 Stack of papers?
 - 16 Corridor
 - 17 Said "dada," for example
 - 18 Too
 - 19 Opera solo
 - 20 Sound such as "Mwahahaha!" (In this answer, see letters 2-6)
 - 23 Gotten up
 - 26 "It's cold!"
 - 27 Number on the back of a dime
 - 28 What some patients seek before surgery (... letters 3-7)
 - 32 King Kong, e.g.
 - 33 Former NBA center Ming
 - 34 Place to get a massage
 - 35 Suggest
 - 38 Experience turbulence, maybe
 - 40 Got up
 - 44 Snatch
 - 46 Brand that used hamsters to sell its Soul
 - 48 27-Across, in Mexico
 - 49 Protestant religious organization (... letters 6-10)
 - 54 Adjacent side/hypotenuse, in trig
 - 55 "____ to Joy"
 - 56 Like some water rescues
 - 57 Looking for a home, or a theme hint
 - 61 Gumbo vegetable
 - 62 Double-reed instrument
 - 63 K'NEX pieces with teeth
 - 67 Little rascals
 - 68 Comprehends
 - 69 Finish by
 - 70 Impulsive
 - 71 Swish maker in basketball
 - 72 ____ Brook, N.Y.
- DOWN**
- 1 Spanish for "more"
 - 2 Scramble GO, e.g.
 - 3 Motion starter?
 - 4 "Do it this way"
 - 5 "Stranger Things" character whose name is a number
 - 6 Depleted Asian sea
 - 7 ____-done (steak option)
 - 8 Spicy sushi condiment
 - 9 Former leader of Iran
 - 10 Milk container
 - 11 Mork and E.T., e.g.
 - 12 Loud, harsh sound
 - 15 Grieves
 - 21 Dr. Jones, familiarly
 - 22 Stagehands
 - 23 Right away, for short
 - 24 Towed auto, perhaps
 - 25 Freezes
 - 29 Klutz
 - 30 ____ dot (clothing spot)
 - 31 Quaker morsel
 - 36 QB's mistake
 - 37 Sierra Nevada lake
 - 39 Yang's opposite
 - 41 Pronoun for a blended family
 - 42 Fairy tale beginning
 - 43 Qatari city by the Persian Gulf
 - 45 Person with all the sheets
 - 47 Berry in a purple smoothie
 - 49 "____, no hands!"
 - 50 Takes by force
 - 51 Name on a deli menu
 - 52 Door joints
 - 53 Time-sensitive
 - 54 Group often preached to
 - 58 Scout's badge holder
 - 59 Something passed after saying "Psst!"
 - 60 Exam
 - 64 Hubbub
 - 65 Competed in a dash
 - 66 Spot to serve slop

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022 Marvelous Mundanity



Things will get a bit more hectic after Mercury catches his groove and Venus has her run-in with Uranus. So, for now, take advantage of the calm moments with loved ones where nothing much is going on. The commute, ordering a treat at the drive-thru, an evening in... it's where the mind will settle later when we think about "the good old days."

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Today's fix may be as inelegant as duct tape engineering, but the point is that it works. Resourcefulness gets you to the next step and that's what matters.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a game. Maintain your status. A posture of confidence is more important than knowing the right words. Shoulders back, head high and take up plenty of space.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Even people who grow up in the same house can have drastically different worldviews. Chances are you won't be able to change anyone's opinion today, but by spreading out you can at least avoid a clash. Distance is a diffuser.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The milk is positioned in the back of the grocery store so people must pass a number of enticements on their way to it. This will be true of something else today. You'll put blinders on and go straight to what you need.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Don't worry, your success doesn't hinge on one interaction going right. In fact, there are so many outcomes that could work out, the term "right" is too ubiquitous to hold much meaning.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There will be unexpected twists and changes of venue. Don't worry whether you're dressed for the occasion; your smile is the stunning accessory that goes from day into night.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). People sense that you don't really need them, and it's an attractive look for you. Because you're willing to hang back, wait and see or bow out gracefully, an offer gets sweeter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A new situation puts you in a naive state. Here your mind is like a clever child, making things up and quite capable of fibbing to you. Your body, however, won't lie. Trust intuition.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You make efforts to consume nutritious foods, and it's the same with media. The right things feed your mind; the wrong things make you feel icky -- but sometimes you have to try a little first to find out which way it will go.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Happiness is no mystery today; you feel good around someone, so you arrange to be around that person more often. Quite simply, it feels like a fit because it is.

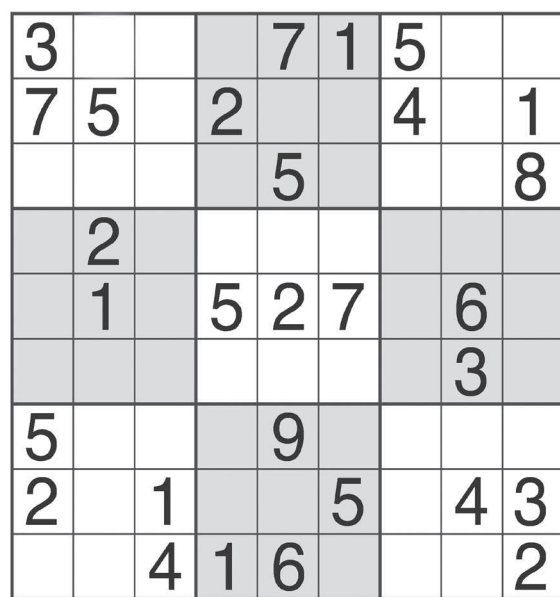
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People have their own reasons for trying to make you feel like you're missing the point, but don't you worry. The point, if there is one, always sticks when it's supposed to. You know all you need to know for now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Oh, what you could accomplish with someone of flawless taste and impeccable manners! If you could only find such a person... luckily, a connection forged in vulnerability and shared mistakes is infinitely more useful.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 9). The cosmic bounty will be tangible and mysterious this year, coming from friends and strangers, in forms expected and unexpected. Your enjoyment is gratitude enough, yet your efforts to pay it forward continue a cycle of success. More highlights: a growth spurt in emotional intelligence and a contest win. Aquarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 7, 22, 27 and 18.

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