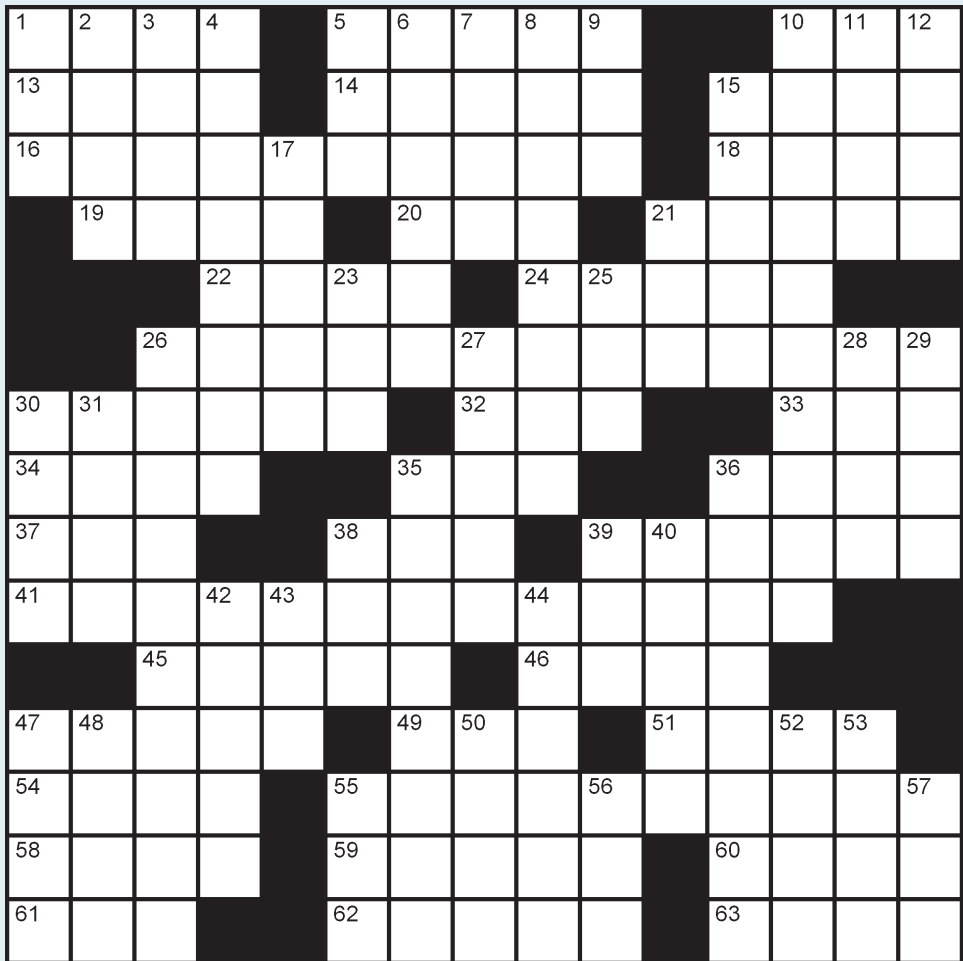


Tool Around by Doug Burnikel and Zhouqin Burnikel

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- ACROSS: 1 Kendrick who voiced Poppy in "Trolls"
5 Noodle soup often topped with chashu
10 Joint above the thigh
13 Messy stack
14 "Great show!"
15 Two tablets, e.g.
16 Composer who won an Oscar for 2021's "Dune"
18 French fashion magazine
19 Foldable Mexican food
20 007 creator Fleming
21 Small stream
22 In the past
24 Instruments in wind quintets
26 Got all gussied up
30 Most peeved
32 Map lines: Abbr.
33 Formerly called
34 Memorable periods
35 Opposite of trans
36 Comic Sans, for one
37 On the \_\_\_ (at large)
38 Campaign-funding org.
39 Adrenal and thyroid, e.g.
41 Grinned briefly
45 New Zealand language
46 Particles in electrolytes
47 Let up
49 Table support
51 Set of cards
54 Mexico's \_\_\_ California
55 Celebrate Arbor Day, say
58 Be too sweet
59 Giant in digital watches
60 Common sashimi fish
61 Title for Elton John
62 Part of a play group?
63 Dumpster output
29 "Sure, I'm game"
30 High \_\_\_-esteem
31 Like much folklore
35 Lincoln competitor
36 Artificial high voice
38 The "p" in mph
39 Non-\_\_\_ corn
40 Mom on "Bob's Burgers"
42 Skewered dish often served with peanut sauce
43 Weeding tool
44 Type your username and password, say
47 Kindergarten basics
48 Tourist mecca near Java
50 Lack of hassle
52 Gunk
53 Number-picking casino game
55 Some run Windows 11
56 Digit one may stub
57 Body part hidden in "forearm"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022 Strawberry Moon After-party



The day after the Super Strawberry Moon, the new plan is already starting to take seed. The lunar shift to Capricorn brings energies down to earth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's an endless supply of words that could be said but very little of it should be said.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though you're going for "yes," the word "no" can be a bigger blessing, steering you quickly to a better fit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The archer of the zodiac prefers to stay on target! But sometimes drifting is good for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Assessments of character cannot be extrapolated from situations where people are dealing with their superiors.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You may very well be the only one in the room who is giving quality attention where it is needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You keep trying to find the best in everything, and there's a lot to weed through on your way to it today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you find yourself questioning everything your leader does, you're following the wrong person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're all about the work, which you'll approach humbly. You may in fact be modest to a fault.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll do something to enhance another person's experience, ease their suffering or help them feel less alone in the world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Those who have something to offer you won't seem to be trying too hard, and yet overeagerness isn't always a bad sign.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If you want something too much, your wanting can actually push it further away from you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You have something to share and there will be many takers. Plan accordingly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 15). Nothing opens your horizons like relationships. Love leads you to a new interest and, eventually, an expertise you'll be paid very well to share.

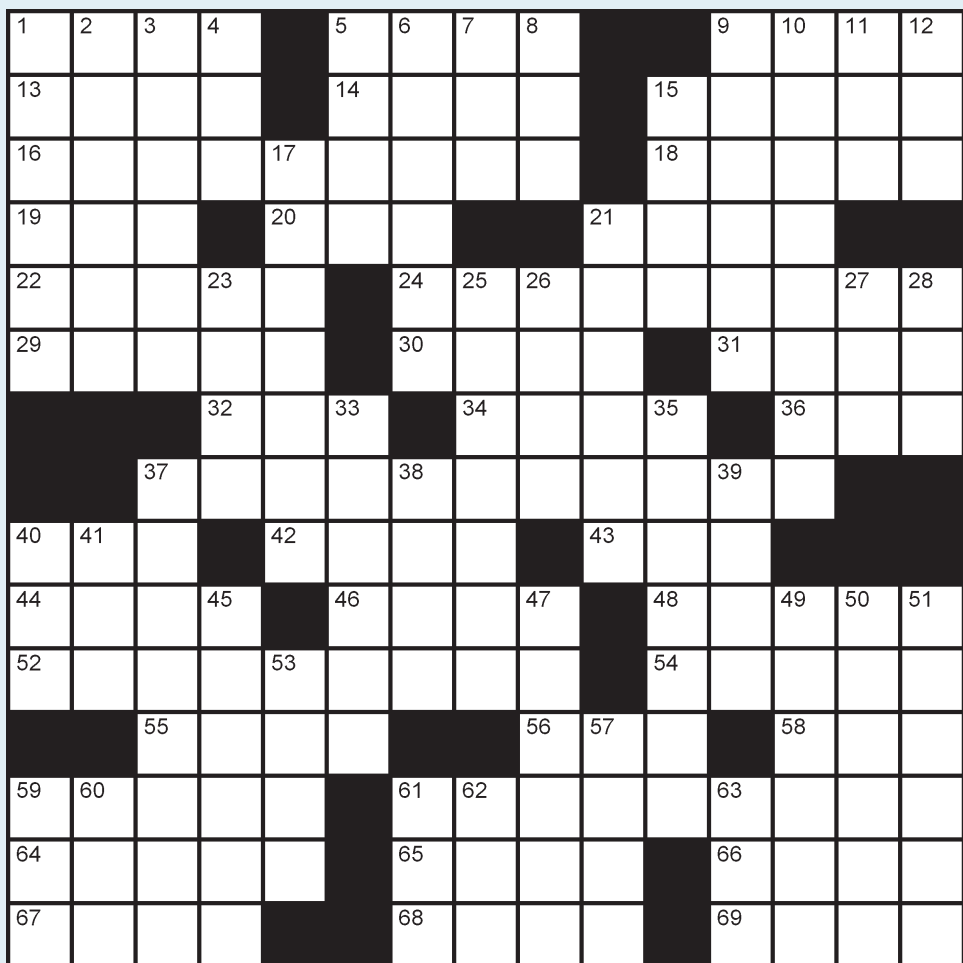
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SOLUTIONS. A 9x9 grid showing the completed Sudoku puzzle with all numbers filled in.

Encoded by Justin Daneau

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- ACROSS: 1 Without delay, briefly
5 State with the motto "Industry"
9 It's often dragged and dropped
13 "Am I too \_\_\_?"
14 Kachina doll maker
15 Tree with a red variety
16 \*Flourished
18 Salmon or lavender
19 Outrage
20 Hawaiian tuna
21 "Get out of my face!"
22 Denial to a drill sergeant
24 \*Vehicle seen at Yellowstone
29 Ready if needed
30 Warrior's mark
31 Prepares, as a table
32 Day-\_\_\_ paint
34 Not mind the gap, perhaps
36 Afternoon brew
37 The Browns or The Chicks ... or each starred clue's answer, on an Olympic scoreboard?
40 VIP who may have the nicest office
42 Grade school binder?
43 Brit's last letter
44 Singer Irene
46 Teeny
48 \_\_\_ point (center of attention)
52 \*Beach Boys song that starts "If everybody had an ocean"
54 Flee for love
55 Word on a shoppe sign
56 Damage, when read forward or backward
58 Choose
59 Of ebb and flow
61 \*Marketing goal at Nintendo
64 "I'm happy to help"
65 Rarely, if \_\_\_
66 Desk bell's sound
67 Foreshadow
68 Hawaiian root
69 Bird on Mauritius, once
DOWN: 1 Certain white squirrel
2 Foe to Frodo
3 Not moving
4 Piece in Plinko
5 "I don't like the look of this"
6 Mixers with gins
7 One may swing in the jungle
8 Avoided the seeker
9 P, G, 1, 2, 3, etc.
10 "Why, of course!"
11 Movie star DiCaprio, familiarly
12 Blunder
15 Post-workout pain
17 Swimmer's accessory for a canal?
21 Squirt of perfume
23 "Othello" antagonist
25 Rare performer in Shakespearean times
26 She had a little lamb
27 Downed a gyro, say
28 Surveillance org.
33 Connected to the web
35 Favors
37 Reacted to acid
38 Ballerina's skirt
39 Many a K-pop star
40 Loops in on an email
41 \_\_\_ de toilette
45 On fire
47 Go on and on
49 "Awesome"
50 Attach as a supplement
51 "It's time to leave"
53 Like a car at a drive-through
57 Lead-in to "nautical"
59 Big ice-cream container
60 Equal: Prefix
61 "Now I \_\_\_ it!"
62 Gardner of classic film
63 Subtract a negative number

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022 Trines of Teamwork



Saturn, Venus and Mercury bring the cosmic luck to activities involving teamwork, learning, striving and competing at the levels that will challenge without crossing into terribly stressful territory.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've had more than your share of obstacles on this journey, but the current test is a little harder, perhaps because it's self-created.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Of course, there are more stars of your life than just you, but as the main character, if you give too many of the scenes over to the whims of your co-stars, the story will get away from you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The compliments of flattery can be true or untrue, as flattery is more about motive than factuality.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When people are chased, they run. You prefer your relationship take the form of a dance, with lots of back-and-forth action, rather than a straight chase.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It will take a lot of confidence to ask for what you want today because it's something bigger than you would usually ask for.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you repeated the actions of the day a few dozen times, what would you get? Your cosmic gift of the day is the impulse to think of the long-term effects of an action with reasonably accurate projections.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's strange, but if today is proof, it seems you can aggressively ignore someone and it will actually make that person more interested in you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What one person calls manipulative behavior, another considers to be clever managing of complexity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your life and work are made up of what you notice. Today's choices range from bright and cheery to shadowy and mysterious and beyond.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People will connect with and build upon your ideas. What emerges is better for all.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It might not go to plan, but it will all go better because you (SET ITAL) have (END ITAL) a plan.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People will work for your approval, ask for your advice and make plays for your attention.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 16). Observant and prescient, you'll anticipate interactions and prepare to make the most of them.

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