## What a Novel Idea! *by Christina Iverson*

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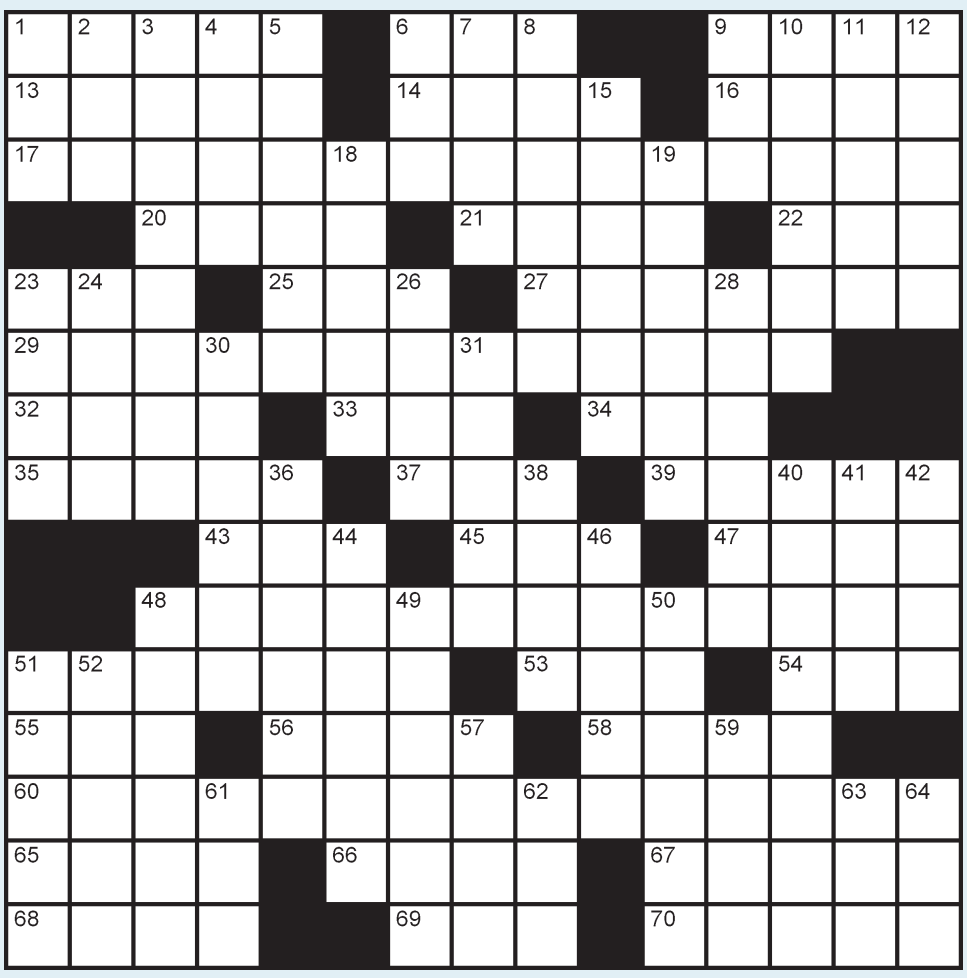

**ACROSS**

1 Sleeps in nature
6 Fedora, e.g.
9 Shopping vehicle
13 "Hello" singer
14 Cookie with a wasabi flavor in China
16 Leisurely
17 Flowery words in a Danielle Steel book?
20 Conclusions
21 Follow, as a rule
22 Feel remorse for
23 Used a treadmill
25 ___-tac-toe
27 Bucket o' Soldiers contents, in "Toy Story"
29 Characters in a Michael Crichton book?
32 Coll. teacher
33 O'er there
34 Rap/fashion icon Lil ___ X
35 Pushes, like a parent's limits
37 Bug expert?
39 River through Tuscany
43 Possesses
45 Write hurriedly
47 June 30, but not June 31
48 Quidditch and others?
51 Louis of fashion
53 Steering implement with a blade
54 Have a hero, say?
55 Red Roof ___ (hotel chain)
56 Alan of "Marriage Story"
58 Alternative to Marshalls
60 Mixing up the Bronte sisters and others?
65 Approximately 2.2 lb.
66 Showdown for honor
67 Like Guinness
68 Hearty bowlful
69 "Naughty!" syllable
70 Vague quantity of salt

**DOWN**

1 Train part
2 Fuss
3 Keepsakes
4 Word after "birth" or "meal"
5 Shipping label words
6 Cultivate some crops
7 British singer Parks
8 Leaf holder that's steeped
9 Sch. north of Denver
10 They're set in clock apps
11 Go ___ (start behaving erratically)
12 12-year-old, e.g.
15 Small winning margin in softball
18 Former Gary Sinise forensic drama
19 Fitness fanatic
23 At full attention
24 Lot size unit
26 Money execs
28 Enthusiastic agreement
30 "Maybe even less!"
31 Wearing bedtime apparel
36 Christmassy temp workers
38 Ma who once left a $2.5 million cello in a taxi
40 Sunscreen target
41 Nickname that might drop "Henri"
42 Take a break
44 Unexcitable
46 Old Russian monarchs
48 Hyped TV event
49 Cry that stops filming
50 "A bit of expert advice ..."
51 VapoRub brand
52 Not on, as a lamp
57 Largest city in Story County, Iowa
59 Indian wrap
61 Female hedgehog or hog
62 Kind or sort
63 "Stop loading this site" key
64 Sound to stop sounds

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2022 Supermoon Countdown

The Aquarius moon pulls a tightrope across the sky from the Leo sun in anticipation of tomorrow's fullness. Those schooled in the various arts of life know that working and playing with tension is the heart of fascination. Don't be afraid of the energy held in things unsaid, the breathless waiting for a kiss or the seconds counting down to the explosion.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** When volunteers are needed, you're in! An act of generosity will connect you with fellow giving hearts. An auspicious relationship will come out of this. Later, you'll look back and realize it was all because you raised your hand.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Social plans have been on your mind. You'll finally be motivated to really make it happen. Spending time in the same room with people you enjoy will be key to all kinds of health including emotional, mental and physical.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The perfect response has often popped to mind after the fact, sometimes hours or even years later. That's why today, when the perfect response falls off the tip of your tongue, right on the beat, it's all the more satisfying.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The goodwill you're building will be there whenever you need it. But even when you don't need it, you constantly benefit from the good vibes that have become a natural part of your personal atmosphere.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Honesty is only the best policy when it is also necessary and kind. The gracious leave much unsaid. You've a talent for focusing the conversation in a way that makes everyone feel accepted.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Whether it's more sleep, different food or less stress, you'll figure out how raise your energy level so you can move dynamically through the scene. This and more clarity means a greater ability to attract what you want.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Counterintuitively, displays of pride can signal a lack of self-confidence. The truly confident don't have to show off. You'll feel a quiet satisfaction in an outcome you created and absolutely no drive to post about it on the internet.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** There are those who will say that you're asking for too much just because it's more or different from what they would ask for. The only way to know what's possible is to try. Don't let others impose their worldviews on you.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Even as you stand in your truth, you are well aware there are many other truths in the same situation. Respecting other people's point of view, you'll be able to see more than those who are stuck in one narrow line of sight.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** When it comes to happiness, humans can be poor predictors of what will induce the state. Even so, you'll defy the odds and choose so well that your smile will become a more permanent fixture of your face.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You can balance a lot, but not everything. What are you willing to cut? Once you let a thing go, it will return to circulation, and someone else will get it and be very happy for the acquisition. You're acting for the highest good.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll be the recipient of surprising if not uncomfortable generosity. Will accepting put you in their debt? Or is this a gesture to even a score? Find out exactly what expectations are in play.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 10).** Your new solar year opens with the buzz of excitement in your personal life. You'll be a key player in a big event, and you'll be in constant action as you get ready for it. The muses favor you with excellent ideas that you'll sell most persuasively. You're always serving the other person, and yet you get what you want. Scorpio and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 31, 28, 4, 15 and 19.

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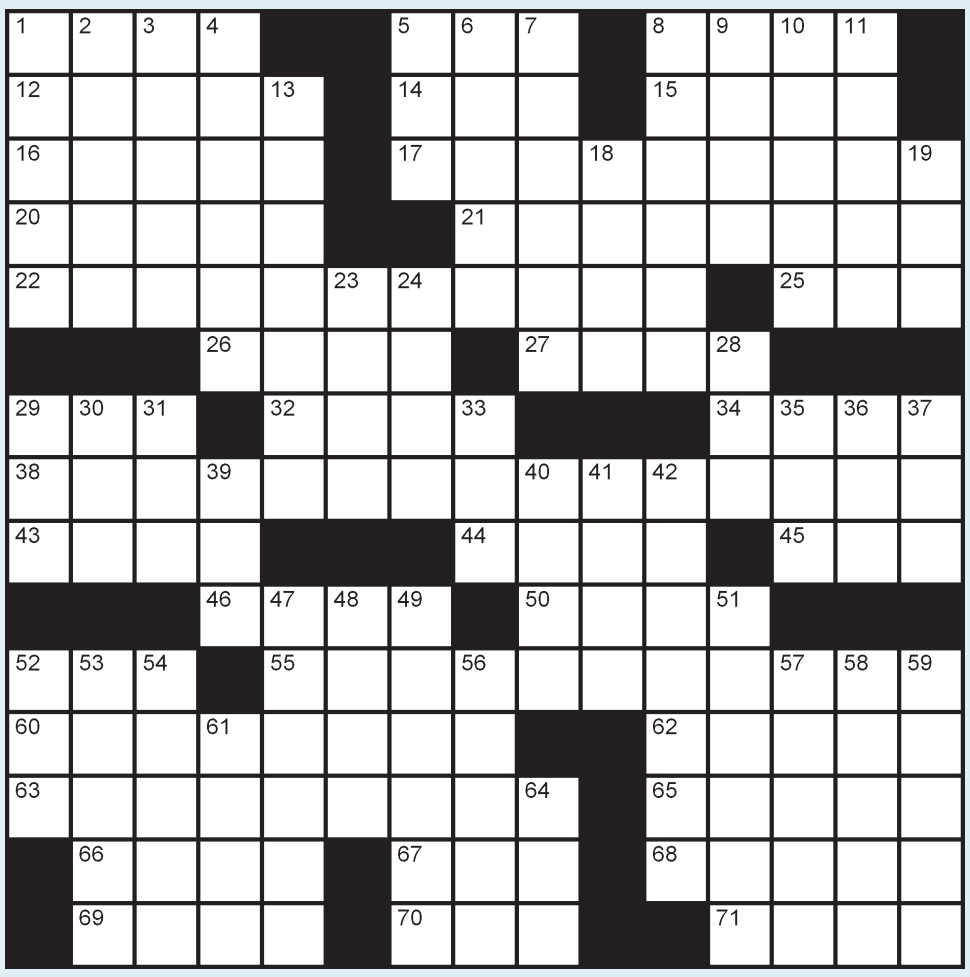

**ACROSS**

1 HS exams
5 P.E. class
8 Ponzi scheme, e.g.
12 "Moon Knight" actor Oscar
14 Tiny legume from Green Giant
15 Name within "hotelier"
16 "Whole ___ Love" (Led Zeppelin hit)
17 "Me too"?
20 Being broadcast
21 Topics for blues songs
22 "Let us pray"?
25 Indignation
26 With skill
27 Military press muscle, briefly
29 Apply sunscreen, say
32 Rowers hold them
34 Duck's woodwind in "Peter and the Wolf"
38 "Keep on keeping on"?
43 Requirement
44 Gold reward from a teacher
45 Halloween exclamation
46 Founded: Abbr.
50 Stadium seating level
52 Comedian's booking
55 "What goes around comes around"?
60 Big snake
62 Kind of leaf on the Canadian flag
63 "To infinity and beyond"?
65 Ring-shaped island
66 Word before "life" or "estate"
67 Chapter in history
68 Jeopardy
69 Flubs
70 Midweek abbr.
71 Cub Scout groups

**DOWN**

1 Farm towers
2 How two hearts might beat
3 Mongolian warrior hidden in "sergeant at arms"
4 Cannabis strain
5 3.7, e.g., for a student
6 1983 title role for Barbra Streisand
7 Capital of Spain
8 Follow-up movie
9 DJ's nighttime workplace
10 Garlicky mayonnaise
11 Coin collector?
13 Reindeer, by another name
18 Actress Skye
19 U-turn from WNW
23 ___ your way to the top
24 Bronte heroine Jane
28 Delivery from Santa
29 Dashed
30 Play for a fool
31 "See ya!"
33 AARP members: Abbr.
35 Lobster shack garment
36 Songwriter Yoko
37 Metaphorical massage target
39 ___ to the Classic Potato Chip (Trader Joe's product)
40 Caesar's question to Brutus
41 Mast attachment
42 GPS display
47 Shows disapproval
48 Nickname that may drop "Valen"
49 M.D. who hosted "Celebrity Rehab"
51 Like most horror movies
52 Chitchat
53 Become accustomed (to)
54 Crystal ball user
56 Close-knit group
57 Future fern
58 Fully committed to a pot
59 ___ Fargo
61 Policy overseer
64 Pathetic

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 11 Super Red Moon

The full moon in Aquarius was named the Sturgeon Moon by those who fished the once-bountiful creature for survival. Farther south, the August full moon is called the Red Moon for the hue it cast through sultry summer skies. This swollen omen marks the fourth and final supermoon in a season of lunar largesse. May your joy be big as the moon.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You don't have to try to be interesting; someone already finds you fascinating as you react to the normal ups and downs of life. Heightened emotions cause you to do something you would not ordinarily do.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Too much introspection is a bad investment of your energy and can thwart your productivity. A lack of objectivity makes it impossible to see your best move. Get feedback. Let other people be your mirrors.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** In many ways you feel blessed beyond reason, and yet there's something more you want. You may wonder if you have a right to it, but that's not the point. The real question is, are you willing to do what it takes?

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Those who know you trust you to get what's funny about the situation. You'll feel their invisible winks. When you reconvene, you'll discuss deeper layers and laugh over your shared knowledge of the inside story.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There's a powerful intuition alive in you, no doubt activated by your intention to defend, support and uplift others. To that end, not everything you're moved to do is entirely logical, and yet it will all serve your worthy purpose.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** A sprinkle of uncertainty will make life exciting. Too much of it will have the opposite effect, exhausting your vital resources. Pay attention to how you're feeling and when it gets too intense, flee to the safety of familiar comforts.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Sometimes you think you aren't a naturally patient person, but learning the habits of patience will be the next best thing to actually embodying the virtue. Today this will start with identifying the source of your impatience.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You don't dislike people, it's just that you don't need anyone right now. When you're alone, you feel deliriously satisfied, able to amuse yourself with very little -- a benefit of your fantastic imagination.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You will touch someone's heart with the compliment you offer. There is a chance that the other person's reaction won't show on their face. Your unexpected kindness will take time to process.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You could be the emotional support in a bad situation, but it's far better to put your attention on changing the situation so it's fair and balanced enough to support everyone who is in it. A restructuring is in order.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You probably don't think you need contributions to launch the project of the day, but giving people a chance to help will also give them a purpose, a reason to bond, and the self-esteem that comes from a giver's high.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Since there are exciting things going on for you, you cherish, and indeed require, the space to process and recuperate. You'll find peace in humble, quiet scenes and be restored in stillness and solitude.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 11).** Location will be a huge factor in business success, and it strongly affects your personal life too. Your cosmic birthday gift is an uncanny sense for finding the right place and time. You'll provide what people need; the more people you serve, the more powerful you become. Finances are lifted giving you new options. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 8, 12, 35 and 17.

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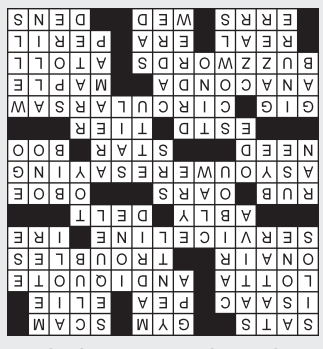

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