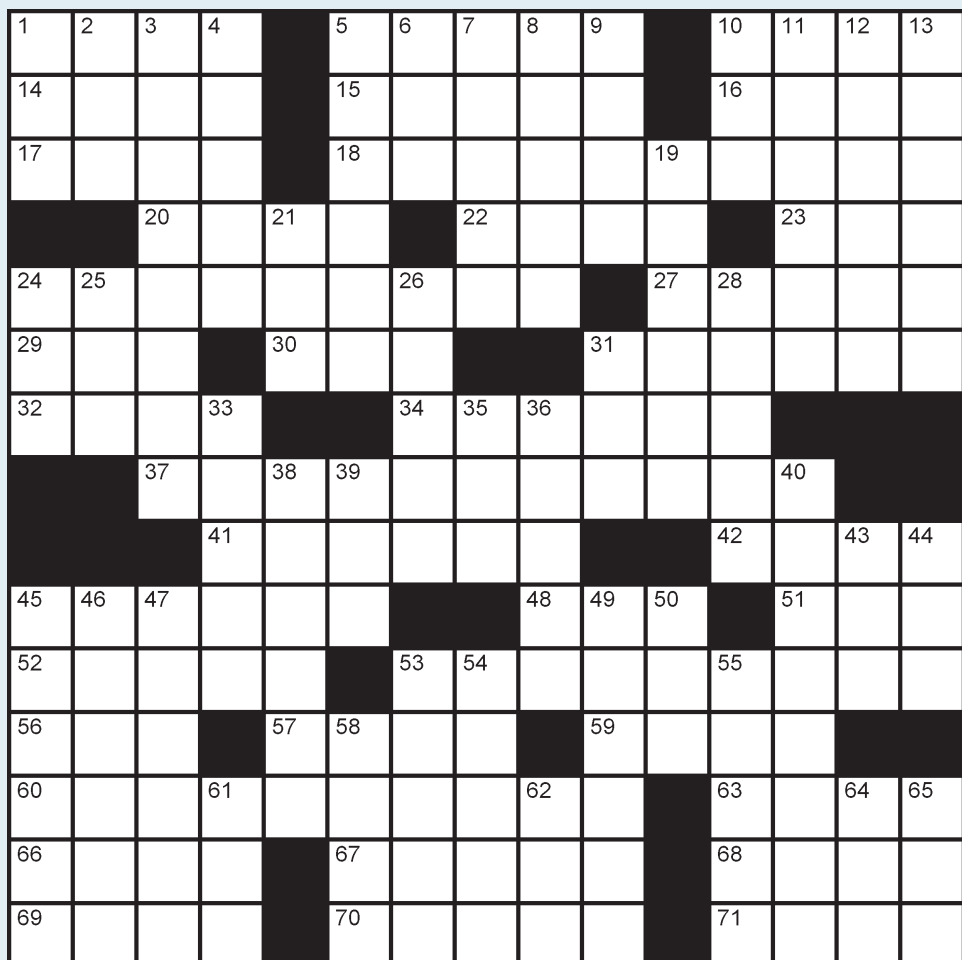


The Missing Link by Jon Pennington

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- ACROSS: 1 Crew team's poles, 5 Ziti, for one, 10 '\_\_\_ Lisa', 14 Stuff from a shopping trip, slangily, 15 Pale with shock, 16 Sashes in Sapporo, 17 Mufasa's hair, 18 Gain an upper hand, minus the secret word, 20 Phobia, 22 Modify, as a photo, 23 About 98% of Antarctica's surface, 24 Commit accounting fraud, minus the secret word, 27 Pilsner beer, e.g., 29 Word before 'wash' or 'pool', 30 Show with Featured Players, briefly, 31 Most secure, 32 Improv piece, 34 Cease's partner, 37 2006 crime film starring Leonardo DiCaprio, or a theme hint, 41 Indifferent to ethics, 42 'OMG, hilarious!', 45 Sporadically available BBQ sandwiches, 48 'I've got it!', 51 Is free to, 52 Got up, 53 Just in time, minus the secret word, 56 Keanu, in the 'Matrix' series, 57 City northwest of Las Vegas, 59 Strap for Prancer, 60 Manipulate rules to get an edge, minus the secret word, 63 State of stupefaction, 66 Soul vocalist Redding, 67 Like ghost stories, 68 English boarding school since 1440, 69 Trickle, 70 Homeowners' documents, 71 Must-have, DOWN: 1 Volt/ampere, 2 Towing org., 3 'Get outta here quickly!', 4 Smooth and shiny, 5 Funder of the arts, 6 Tempe sch., 7 Princess Fiona's husband, 8 Is inclined (to), 9 Oppositional prefix, 10 Disorderly crowd, 11 Legally compel, 12 North and Chicago West, to Kylie Jenner, 13 State boldly, 19 Title song of Etta James' debut album, 21 Core muscles, 24 Keeps in the email loop, 25 Wood for wine barrels, 26 Born earlier, 28 In search of, 31 Knight's title, 33 Bangkok locals, 35 Eco-friendly org., 36 Bar food?, 38 Glowing fire remnants, 39 Uno + uno, 40 Exercise control over, 43 A ways away, 44 Active ingredient in Drano, 45 Fruits in many a chutney, 46 Bring into being, 47 Dormmate, say, 49 Mercury's Greek equivalent, 50 Is for groups?, 53 'Eww, I can't \_\_\_ that!', 54 \_\_\_ Dame, 55 Get broader, 58 Stared at, 61 Telepathic skill, for short, 62 Islam's \_\_\_ al-Fitr, 64 Kravitz of 'Big Little Lies', 65 Termination

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19, 2022 Countdown to a Mars Change

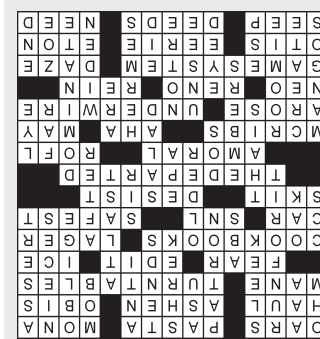


In the realm of Taurus, Mars is a warrior for appetite, motivated by the senses, driven by quality, luxury and the smell of money. In Gemini, Mars takes on new drives. We may soon find ourselves prone to prioritize the conversation over the meal, the sport over the trophy. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Bad habits ultimately deplete; good habits ultimately fortify. You might feel tired after you exercise, but in the long term it makes you stronger. A new pursuit will follow a similar rhythm with short-term pain and long-term gain. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It may feel important to declare your boundaries. Relationships are defined by actions, not words. When it's not going strictly by your rules, just remember that you can go by your own rules, and that's what matters. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A calm mind makes you better at just about everything. Getting to that calm mind is an essential discipline to learn and eventually master. You may even create a method of calming that's unique to you, yet helpful to many. CANCER (June 22-July 22). For the most part, you're a lover, not a fighter. Still, some things are worth fighting for. Today it's enough just to notice what they are and experience the surge of feeling that comes with appreciating them. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll employ your talent for sensing the motives of others. You'll counteract any force threatening your goals. It will be strategic to keep your plans secret. Relatedly, an effective use of silence will make a statement that words cannot. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Your network keeps giving. You'll learn what you need to get to the next place then return with a long list of new questions to ask. The more you know, the more comfortable you get with the reality that you'll never know it all.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When something happens easily, it feels fated. In today's case something falls together and gets tied up in the bow of destiny. Note the difference between "easy" and "automatic," which is more an indicator of habit than fate. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A flurry of new people and challenges comes with the chaos of a new venture. It will be invigorating to dance with the disorder instead of attempting to control it. Eventually things will order themselves. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The dance of relationships is one of stepping back to get closer. Honor your need for space and become sensitized to the spatial needs of others. The oxygen in these spaces is what makes togetherness spark. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Today's project may not seem like a fertile ground for self-expression, but with your imagination it won't be too hard to find an approach that elevates. Somewhere inside every job is an opportunity to be fully yourself. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Ask for what you need. In doing so you'll create the change that sets off a hundred other improvements. You may not have the support you want now, but it will come eventually. Meanwhile, be your own champion. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Remember the time when the unexpected change shook up your perspective and then something truly positive came out of it? That's great because it will happen again. When it goes a bit sideways, hang in there. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 19). A surge of power; with faith, courage and vision you'll harness the winds of fortune to do your bidding. You change or drop many old rules you had for yourself as love renders all micromanaging unnecessary. Other highlights include savvy investments, coveted keys and stellar invites to times you'll remember for years. Scorpio and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 10, 44, 28 and 14.

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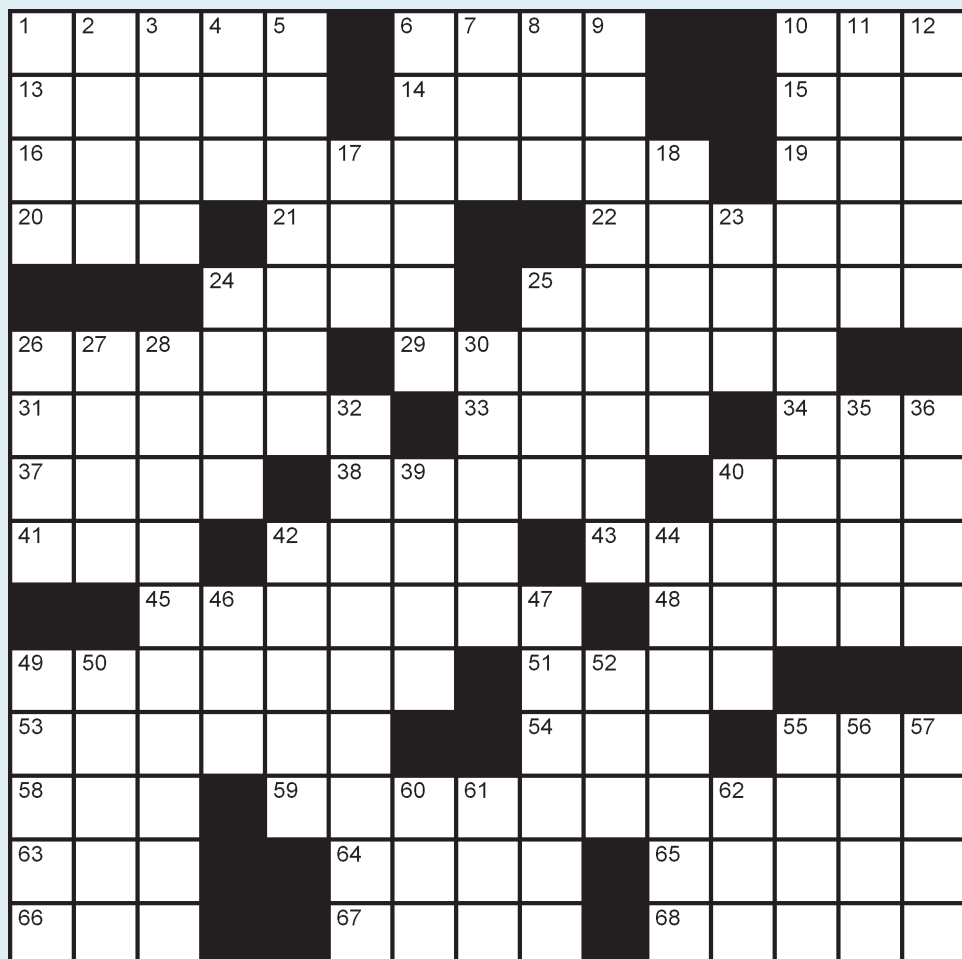


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- ACROSS: 1 One in a slalom race, 6 Fiber in brown rice, 10 What cats do constantly, 13 'That toy is mine!', 14 Prefix with 'space', 15 De la Reguera of 'Goliath', 16 'There's just no way', 19 \_\_\_ Friday's, 20 'What was I thinking?!', 21 Thor or Vishnu, 22 National park attendant, 24 'Get lost, pest!', 25 Professions, 26 Really bad, 29 Astronomer who taught at the University of Pisa, 31 'Ha! I was right!', 33 A bunch of, 34 Easy-to-learn card game, 37 Digits in a sock, 38 'Big Little Lies' author Moriarty, 40 The 'k' in kg, 41 Lager alternative, 42 ENTs and GPs, 43 Needed replenishing, 45 Harmony, to Taoists, 48 State fair thrills, 49 Poses a danger to, 51 Provide a false alibi for, say, 53 Headwear in Santa's workshop, 54 Mother of a piglet, 55 Frodo's friend, 58 Opposite of paleo-, 59 Informal addition to the Fab Four, 63 First numero, 64 Artist's inspiration, 65 Gemstones with a matrix variety, 66 Plopped down, 67 Periods whose names often end in 'zoic', 68 Mombasa's African country, DOWN: 1 Reached base dramatically, 2 Diet high in fat, 3 Poison ivy symptom, 4 Problem that often comes with success, 5 Approximately, 6 'No SmartBones for you!', 7 Stimp's companion, 8 Butter sculptures, e.g., 9 Easy decision, 10 'Secrets of the Zoo' network, 11 Fury, 12 Units for socks and shoes, 17 Bathroom at Wimbledon, 18 Ahead of schedule, 23 Word before a birth name, 24 Bodywash lather, 25 Large family group, 26 Lead in to 'girl' or 'boy', 27 Cashmere, e.g., 28 Run away, 30 Gather together, 32 Period for self-care, 35 Diaper cream additive, 36 Propels a dinghy, 39 Treats with a cold pack, 40 Make a blankie, say, 42 Late-night tea choice, 44 'Everything all right between us?', 46 'Uh-uh', 47 Glam bands?, 49 Lists of salon services, 50 Kagan of the Supreme Court, 52 Move like a buoy, 55 Comics icon Lee, 56 Partner in a fight, 57 Flat-topped hill, 60 Coyote's coat, 61 Org. screening carry-ons, 62 Donkey Kong, e.g.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022 Mars Gets Social

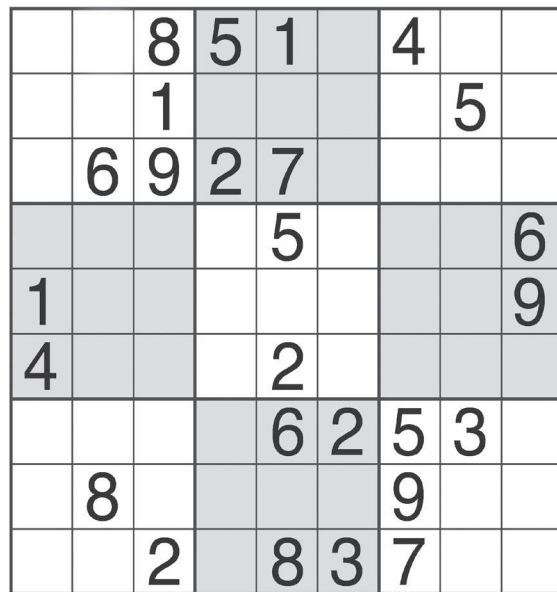


Mars in Gemini stirs up the cocktail of business and pleasure. It's the retro swirl of a three-martini lunch. It's the grouping on the golf course and the community social that makes the towny business connections. In the weeks to come, small talk abounds, even though there's no such thing as small talk. Everything is aimed to something. ARIES (March 21-April 19). You stand amidst a sensory swirl of potential influencers, though few are worthy of your attention. In today's over-informative world, knowing what to ignore is crucial. You'll be drawn to selections that simplify your life. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Knowing there are always taller peaks to climb, you'll celebrate the elevation you're at. Make an event of it! This will help you network, advance professionally and connect personally with those as supportive and enthusiastic as you. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're a problem-solver extraordinaire. When yours isn't coming together fast enough, you keep the momentum going on someone else's. The energy of progress will soon bring improvement all around. CANCER (June 22-July 22). What good is knowing where to go unless you actually go? The research is stacking up. The feeling in your gut is pointing to a specific aim. Take courage and make your move. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When someone tells you how they feel, it's valuable information, especially since feelings will have more of an impact on events than the facts. Listen carefully. Allow for long pauses. Energy will be discharged through breath. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll find yourself trying to reason with unreasonable forces, most likely in the form of children or those who act like them. Maintain a sense of internal structure, appear patient with the outside world and you'll pass the test.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Either what you assumed has been proven correct, or these events are a direct result of your assumption -- in other words, you believed it, so it's coming true. It's cause for reflection either way. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Regardless of what authority may bear on the situation, you are known for summarizing a situation before making a decision. There are three colors at the traffic lights of life. They suggest, yet you alone decide which to heed. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Today brings interesting facts to light, the sort from which there's no going back. Even if you forget the lesson, rebel against the teaching, go numb to its imprint or believe its opposite, you'll still be changed. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Irritation or aggravation can be a very positive emotion to feel. It's a signal to move or adjust, to think differently or get yourself out of there entirely. It's better to feel uncomfortable and move than to get numb and stay put. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The evidence suggests there are 24 hours in a day, give or take. Your experience of the moments will have you wondering how it could be true. Time will elastically, some moments a freeze-frame and others a blur. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Beautiful experiences will catch you by surprise. You won't have to wait for it to happen. It's a function of putting yourself in the diverse environments that beautiful experiences find irresistible. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 20). You're like a seasoned athlete who understands the magic of pacing. You'll manage your energy brilliantly this year and have plenty to draw on when you need it most. Seek adventure, follow curiosity and regularly do the things you used to save for special occasions. Also featured: a big sale and a dream holiday. Gemini and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 4, 12, 33 and 15.

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