April 17, 2020

**Today’s Puzzle**

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*Yesterday’s Solution*

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EMERYSNL
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OWLRIGGEDASALE
MRIELIOTSKILL
BYEDENTSARED
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**Across**

1 Nice with?
5 “The Empire Strikes Back” ice planet
9 Big bucks
14 It’s mostly talk
16 __ board
17 “Les Rougon-Macquart” author
18 N.W.A member portrayed by Aldis Hodge in “Straight Outta Compton”
19 Upper bod muscle
20 Drainage system component
22 Caustic solution
23 Calendering machine for glossing paper
27 Cash closing?
28 Chafing dish heaters
30 “Your Unfiltered View of Government” sloganer
33 Jesus in the outfield
35 Entertainment awards acronym
36 Acknowledgement of success—four are hidden in this puzzle, each adjacent to a black square
39 “What __ one comes?”
40 Cutters
41 “Ready?” response
42 Michigan/Ontario border river
44 Kellogg School deg.
45 Go after
46 In a cheerful way
51 Abbr. that debuted in OED in 2011
52 Kind of share
54 MDX ÷ X
55 “Three inches is such a wretched height to be” speaker
57 Drip, perhaps
59 World’s fastest hedgehog
60 Always
61 Boxer’s reward
62 1987 Costner role
63 ORD postings

**Down**

1 Beth preceeder
2 YouTube alternative
3 Give the boot
4 Toon collectible
5 Less clear
6 Olfactory triggers
7 Leans
8 Winter covering
9 Musical “throughout”
10 HBO competitor
11 Carrier with a shamrock logo
12 Vodka brand
13 “Auld Lang __”
15 Hit in the back
21 Stop working
24 Self-playing instrument
26 TripAdvisor offering
28 Illegal payments
29 “Do not remove” mark
30 Football Hall of Famer Carter
31 Subdued shade
32 Funny part
33 A long way off
34 Common practice
37 Rattan alternative
38 Congress has a big one
43 Viewpoint
44 Ceremonial headdresses
46 Covet
47 Can’t tolerate
48 Nail down the victory
49 South American carrier
50 “Uh-oh!”
51 Endure
53 __ Lars, who raised Luke Skywalker
56 “Homeland” org.
58 4G __: mobile device standard
Horoscopes

Today’s Birthday: April 17

Fortune favors your professional status this year. Teamwork provides fundamental support. Discover new educational destinations this summer, before diving into home renovation. Your industry and market are shifting; find opportunities in new directions. Take a new tack with communications next winter, before launching an exciting exploration. Your good work is paying off.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- Review priorities and adjust plans for current circumstances. Play the ace you’ve been holding. Cash in on something you’ve kept in reserve. Listen to intuition.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Coordinate with your team to take advantage of an unexpected opportunity. Collaborate for the common good. Communicate your appreciation and recognize key support.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Assume greater responsibility and leadership. Prepare for a test or challenge. Get support from talented friends, teammates and colleagues. Provide excellence.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Study and investigate. Build a strong case. Explore and discuss a subject of your passion. Write your research and share what you’ve been discovering.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Work with your partner to surmount a financial challenge. Communication can resolve a tricky situation. Collaborate for innovative solutions. Express what’s in your heart.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Let your partner know how much you appreciate their support. Words of love come easily, if you allow. Small, thoughtful actions show you care.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep practicing to improve physical performance. Get your heart pumping! Dancing is great exercise. Strengthen health and energy with good food and rest.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is an 8 -- Keep practicing to improve physical performance. Get your heart pumping! Dancing is great exercise. Strengthen health and energy with good food and rest.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Draw upon hidden resources for a home renovation. Share ideas and preferences. Get expert opinions. Fix something before it breaks. Fill your place with love.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is an 8 -- You’re especially charming and persuasive. Talk about what you love. Express your gratitude and appreciation. Share and invite participation. Get the word out.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 9 -- Monitor the numbers. It’s a good time to buy and sell. Wheel and deal. Make bargains and sign contracts. Focus on sales and marketing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 9 -- Take charge for the results you want. Grab a lucky opportunity. Do something nice for yourself. Indulge your latest obsession. Learn new tricks.