

liant... proof positive that you don't have to be perfectly prepared to be able to make the most of the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Authenticity is not something you can easily describe or define because it's different for each person and situation. But you know it when you see it and you feel it when you're in it. Honest goodness is the prevailing note today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

The spotlight swings to you for good reason. You have demonstrated that you know what to do in its glow. You've earned this attention. Your practice is paying off. Enjoy it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't worry about who's better and who's best. As you find satisfaction with being good at something, loving and learning it, you feel rich indeed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Selfdoubt is normal, especially right before the big moment. Dig a little deeper for the rock-solid kernel of confidence that prompted you to take a chance in the first place.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

The opportunity of the day looks a lot like work, which of course it is. The opportunity of the day is work leading to more work followed by the deep, profound satisfaction of work well done.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

Those who don't warm up to many people will feel safe around you. It's not so much what you say, but the way you say things. Your connection with people of different generations will be especially nice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

You have a strong inclination about how you should be spending these moments. Follow it. Don't get hoodwinked into thinking that the other people around you know better. Your way is best for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.

21). Whatever mood you strike, it gets magnified by the particulars of the day. So, start with joy. Just when you think you couldn't get any happier, you will.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). The only way to get the kinks out of your plan is to start working it. When the flow of productivity stops, it's the blessing that shows you what to fix. You'll fix it and continue.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Because solving problems makes you smarter, you don't see problems as frustrating. You see them as interesting little challenges, a point of view that will support your success.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You may have the impulse to save things that will not be of further use to you. If you're not totally convinced of the inherent value of something, discard it. Love it or lose it.

FRIDAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec.

24). As far as rides go, this year will be the exciting sort that people line up for, including climbs, swoops and thrilling twists. You'll have the most fun when you stay loose and yet well-aligned. A long process comes to a happy end. You'll be certified in some way. Surprises in your personal life bring out your best. Taurus and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 16, 7 and 44.

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- 52 Jacket
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Solution time: 23 mins.

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SHOHEI OHTANI AL MVP 46 HRs **100 RBIs** 26 stolen bases Pitching: 3.18 ERA 156 strikeouts

PHOEBE AND HER UNICORN







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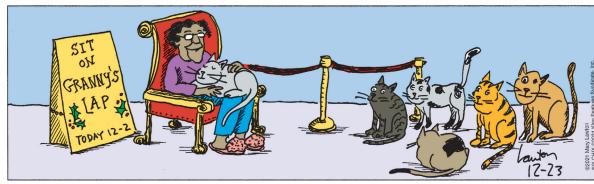




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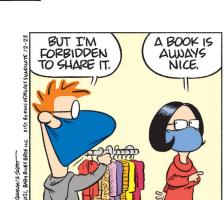












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JANRIC CLASSIC SUDOKU

Fill in the blank cells using numbers 1 to 9. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and 3x3 block. Use logic and process elimination to solve the puzzle. The difficulty level ranges from Bronze (easiest) to Silver to Gold (hardest).

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