

Think Inside the Box by MaryEllen Uthlaut

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-64.

- ACROSS: 1 Digital data transmitter, 6 Bounding gait, 10 Give a makeover, 14 Harden (to), 15 Homer's "Odyssey," e.g., 16 Islamic ruler, 17 Meteorologist's jewelry?, 19 Number symbolized by its third letter, 20 "Help!" signal, 21 Pilot products, 22 Cries crocodile tears on stage, perhaps, 24 The one specified, 25 Speak without distinction?, 26 Military leader's jewelry?, 32 British fellows, 33 Many moons, 34 \_\_\_ Paulo, Brazil, 35 Home with your honey?, 36 Enjoys taffy, 38 Rotisserie rod, 39 Fermented malt drink, 40 Russia's \_\_\_ Mountains, 41 Full of energy, 42 Waiter's jewelry?, 46 Moved up, 47 Nothingness, 48 Put a value on, 51 Canary's sounds, collectively, 52 Film/om's DuVernay, 55 Baptism, for one, 56 Cricket player's jewelry?, 59 "Argo" actor Arkin, 60 Tel \_\_\_, 61 Without interruption, 62 Some Little League players, 63 Show of temper, 64 Certain art class models, 29 Jelly that may contain pieces of meat, 30 Overly trusting, 31 Lavish affection (on), 32 Burn slightly, 36 Piece of a soccer goal, 37 Long-eared sprinter, 38 Went smoothly?, 40 ETs' vehicles, 41 French city where seven popes lived, 43 Spinach and others, 44 Unfold, as a theory, 45 Rice-A-\_\_\_, 48 Egyptian or Emirati, 49 Airtight tower, 50 Time at a resort, 51 Large gulp, 52 Acted like, 53 One may climb a wall, 54 "No ifs, \_\_\_ or buts!", 57 Lab eggs, 58 Antelope with a mane

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2021 The Overlap of Love and Time



All timing is collaborative. Therefore, even if you are working or playing solo, it will still be impossible to come up with an accurate timetable all on your own. As the goddess of love aligns with father time during this Mercury retrograde, expect your cadence to be strongly influenced by uncontrollable elements like other people's schedules.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you accidentally turn right when you meant to turn left, then do it twice more. Suddenly, you'll be headed in the intended direction. Bonus: You know more scenery than you otherwise would have.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One of the biggest things you miss about being in large groups is the unpredictable sights and encounters that happen when a cross-section of people gather. You'll get a version of that today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are more important to the action than you think. Your contribution may not seem quantifiable, but it's definitely real. There will be a different outcome because you were there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's not like you were planning on losing it over a wonderful development, but whatever "it" is, say goodbye! Don't worry, all reason will be restored in time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Socrates delivered words pertinent to your day when he said: "True knowledge exists in knowing that you know nothing. And in knowing that you know nothing, that makes you the smartest of all."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The first step in accepting responsibility is to recognize there is one. You're usually the first to do it. Today, you'll pick up the ball that you didn't even drop. Don't hold it. Pitch it right back into the game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Do not assume that people

are acting out because of what they know or feel to be true. Behaviors unfold for various reasons - including and especially group identity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You aspire to understand how a thing works, but you'll always have a special appreciation for the fun that comes out of these early moments of learning in which you have no idea what you're doing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's not so hard for you to think of today's interesting bit of trouble in a variety of ways. It's like you're scrubbing a toolbar of photo filters to find the one that gives the most appealing look to the thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What do child stars and baby brothers and prodigies from all walks of life have in common with you today? You all know how embarrassing it can be to grow up in front of people.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is a game, and you're a player. Today, it will require you to accept and abide by rules that are very different from those existing outside the confines of the game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's an implied statute of limitations on a lot of the bad things that happen to people. Compassionate supporters like you are willing to listen right up to the point in which it's healthier to offer a tougher version of love.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 5). Your genius is in realizing what's worth working on. Subtle tweaks of thought, tone and behavior will add up to blessings of magnitude. You will master a skill and be impressed how much this actually changes your circumstances. Good news in the family realm kicks off a series of celebrations and purchases. Scorpio and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 28, 1, 19 and 40.

Universal SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers filled in.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

9x9 grid for solutions.

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Grist for the Mill by Gary Larson

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- ACROSS: 1 You may feed them bread crumbs, 6 Ring or group at a wedding, 10 Select, with "for", 13 Ultimate object, 15 Move like lava, 16 Where rusty nails may get you hammered, 17 "Dunno", 18 Like an inevitable conclusion, 20 Rainbow shapes, 22 Certain retired professor's title, 23 Attention-getting sound, 26 Whole lot, 28 Degraded, 29 Coffee, slangily, 30 Wedding, 32 "\_\_\_ be a pleasure", 33 Personification, 35 Noble below a viscount, 37 Gives a new title, 39 Mice and the like, 43 Footnote abbr., 45 \_\_\_ disease (gluten issue), 46 "Silent" president's nickname, 48 "Don't worry about that", 50 Jazz great Jones, 51 Impressive spread?, 53 Leopard print source?, 54 Sleeveless garment, 55 Narrow fissure, 57 Hurricane relief org., 59 "Supposedly ...", 61 Eases, 65 Alternative to "com" or "org", 66 One may be juiced for salsa, 67 Founder of Taoism, 68 Some Mustangs, 69 Footnote abbr., 70 Secret meeting, 24 "I \_\_\_ an ideal!", 25 Third baseman Longoria, 27 Pen point, 31 Stick in the water?, 34 Roadie's armful, 36 Poem of praise, 38 Enjoy an easy chair, 40 Dark time, informally, 41 Pics that may be matching, 42 "Skedaddle!", 44 Sugar amt., 46 What a new homeowner may rip up, 47 Turns away, 49 Clumsy person, 51 Looping in on an email, 52 Grocery store passage, 56 Watson of "Little Women", 58 Vegetarian's no-no, 60 Sushi fish, 62 Sloppy farm area, 63 Letters on a Navy vessel, 64 \_\_\_ peeve (endless barking, perhaps)

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2021 Venus Time Warp



In the context of a movie, miles, days and other measures of space and time can be collapsed to tell the story of a lifetime. Movies are not the only devices to accomplish this miracle. As Venus aligns with Saturn and then squares Uranus, passion has a way of warping the space-time continuum. Love's plot, fantasy and memory run unbound.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People really don't appreciate the extent of what you do for them, but that's actually better for you. The attention would only slow you down. Besides, you're not doing it for them. This is your purpose!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everyone's story begins in song. You'll contribute in kind to today's section of life, a bit of music to express what cannot be expressed as well any other way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is tempting to, when moved by appreciation and affection, get hyperbolic. Just know that the largess of compliments of the "best ever," "amazing" and "awesome" variety could be trumped by small, lovely specificity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You probably won't be aware of what you think when you're in the heat of the action but ponder later and much will come to you. Eventually, this gap in timing between action and awareness will narrow significantly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). If you had to make a documentary of everything in the universe that occurred today at noon, then the runtime would be approximately infinite. Good thing you're supremely focused on tracking just your own business.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It will be a phenomenon like love at first sight today, except add a couple dozen viewings to the equation, since the object of your affection will be a person, project or endeavor you've been exposed to quite a lot already.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Considering Mercury's retrograde, today will be a remarkably straightforward equation in which it's easy to tell exactly how much fun you will have. Participation correlates exactly with pleasure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You love everyone differently, but there are definitely similarities in the way you show up for friends, family, community and romantic prospects. Those commonalities are giving you a widespread reputation for generosity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you'd rather not know, it's wise (and easy) not to ask. When you'd love to know, but it's none of your business, not asking takes enormous restraint and personal fortitude, which is what makes it the right move.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You do what's necessary. Sometimes it's a trudge through the muck to deliver a message no one wants to hear. But today, the delivery is as sweet and easy as a squirt of whipped cream to the top of a sundae.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Arguing can be fun when it's a spar against a worthy opponent, and it serves to sharpen both, regardless of the winner. Ill-matched arguments are as sad as any other unfair display.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It is not every day that you find yourself at liberty to do as you please, write your ticket or take the form and make it your own. That is why, when you can, you must.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 6). You'll pose 12 questions and get six affirmative answers - enough to go forward and be prosperous. In general, do what gives you joy so you'll have more to forward. The love you contribute confidently will be received and utilized to fortify the good fight of improving matters beyond what you will ever know. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 42, 9, 13 and 7.

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