

Trios by Chase Dittrich

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

Grid for Trios crossword puzzle with numbers 1-67.

- ACROSS: 1 "Mamma Mia" band, 5 Skin opening, 9 Two kings, perhaps, 13 Become a member, 14 Asian Risk territory that borders Europe, 15 Senate staffers, 17 Youngest Bronte sister, 18 New England NFL team, informally, 19 Male bee, 20 Words before "tape," "paper" & "ribbon," respectively, 23 Gopher's opening, 24 Author Rand, 25 Tycoons, 28 Add up, 30 "Ali ___ and the Forty Thieves", 34 Wed on the sly, and on the fly, 35 Exhilarating shopping outing, 37 Canon model, 38 Words before "show," "piece" & "play," respectively, 41 Little devil, 42 Part of LGBTQ+, informally, 43 Bit of prevention, in a proverb, 44 Prone to prying, 46 Situp muscles, 47 Successfully reach, 48 Muffin morsel, maybe, 50 Cookie that some twist, 51 Words before "reading," "language" & "music," respectively, 59 Like s'mores, 60 Effortlessness, 61 Darts, for a blowgun, 62 Ponders, with "over", 63 Let off, like light, 64 Some Amazon vehicles, 65 Talk back to, 66 Discreet attention-getter, 67 Greek god with a bow, 32 One spelling for an Italian lawn game, 33 Very pale, 35 Pierce with a toothpick, 36 Acted over-the-top?, 39 Love poetry, 40 Video game function that preserves your progress, 45 Alpine songs, 47 Will of "Arrested Development", 49 Chasm, 50 Desert mirage, maybe, 51 ___ Grand Las Vegas, 52 Notes promising banknotes, 53 City SE of Baton Rouge, 54 Profound, 55 Vegetables in West African cuisine, 56 Epps of "House", 57 "Er, don't think so", 58 Defeat

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021 Mercury Directional Change



This is the first full day of Mercury direct in Aquarius, where the current cosmic consortium includes Venus, Jupiter and Saturn. The planets are all traveling direct and this is one of the most straight-forward times when subtext often matches text and intuition speaks in surprisingly logical and clear signals.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You know you're doing the right thing for you if it happens to feed your soul even when it's not feeding your wallet. As you give to others, you will be evermore fulfilled.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are no stranger to being a stranger. As you visit the unfamiliar, you expect a certain inelegance to color your interactions. In fact, you welcome it as the evidence that you have something to learn, and that you're doing it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your business card is but a narrow definition of who you are and what you do. Titles are like keys that take you into certain doors. Once inside, you'll expand to get up as much energetic space as feels appropriate to you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Arguably, your influence and creations are entities that outlive you. Today, you'll make sure of it. This you'll do mostly unconsciously as you carry the intention of serving, helping and committing the right action.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The winds have changed direction. It is not necessary to learn all about this change. You'll learn plenty by sticking your sail into the air and moving it around until something catches. Then, suddenly, you're off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Standard agreements make sense to everyone and fit almost no one, perhaps because there is no such thing as a "standard person." For the best chance at coming to a successful agreement, ask for and expect modifications.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Money starts out as well-printed but essentially meaningless paper that we,

as a society and on the individual level, give rich meaning indeed through what we do with it. You'll use your dollars in an inspired way today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those foggy feelings count for something. A phenomenon doesn't have to be defined to be relevant to your mood or to how you contribute. Dare to push into formlessness and discover it as you go.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You could keep envisioning the dream that requires you to climb a staircase, ladder or mountain to get somewhere. Or you could set your sights on an equally lovely scene located at an elevation within coasting distance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are pinning your happiness on something you could lose, but don't worry. You're in cosmic accordance. Happiness, beauty, infatuation, thrills of all kinds... the very nature of these states is, in a word, fleeting.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It is said that you are only free if nothing holds you back. Also, things will tug at you - tethers of emotion, habit, perceived responsibility. It only counts as a limitation if it actually restrains you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As you tend to and spring for the details that are sure to impress, just be honest about how much of this is necessary. None of it, really. You could just show up as you are, an approach that is relatable and comfortable.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21). Here come elated moments, disciplines change and shared interests forwarded. In a humorous cosmic twist, the money arrives after you've stopped waiting. Meanwhile, prizes untold come in surprising packages you wouldn't have guessed could hold such gifts of feeling. Professional development happens in March. Scorpio and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 35, 22, 1 and 39.

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 pre-filled.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆☆

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SOLUTIONS

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On Even Ground by Fred Piscop

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Grid for On Even Ground crossword puzzle with numbers 1-66.

- ACROSS: 1 Con artist's ploy, 5 Ungentlemanly sorts, 9 "That's enough," in Spanish, 14 Brit's "Bye-bye!", 15 Wilson of "Starksy & Hutch", 16 Smiley face in a text, e.g., 17 Do the bidding of, 18 Bear with a soft bed, 19 Burton of "Roots", 20 Part of a flying flatland?, 23 Tennis match unit, 24 Grand ___ Opry, 25 Textile colorants, 26 Like a wallflower, 27 Songwriters' org., 29 Garb for Caesar, 32 What you hear on TV?, 35 Direction many birds fly for the winter, 37 "I do," at a wedding, 38 Flatland that's behind you?, 41 Butter serving, 42 Bring joy to, 43 Late for school, 44 Covered, as a horse's hooves, 46 Take a stab at, 47 Like fresh paint, 48 Disney clown fish, 50 Aqualung filler, 51 Rainbow shape, 54 Artist O'Keeffe, when on a flatland?, 58 Interrupt at a dance, 59 Lively spirit, 60 "Fine" or "liberal" follower, 61 Got up, 62 Dull way to learn, 63 They slip into slip-ons, 64 Special Forces cap, 65 Animal that's a plant backward, 66 ___ of the d'Urbervilles, 36 Prefix meaning "different", 39 Former 76er Brand, 40 Double-crosser, 45 Cook up, 47 Shape of the Oscar Mayer car's upper part, 49 "The Fifer" painter Edouard, 50 Banded gemstone or marble, 51 See eye to eye, 52 Baptism and bris, for two, 53 Assigns a role to, 54 "Fine by me", 55 Stereotypical Comic-Con attendee, 56 Skin cream ingredient, 57 Simple boat, 58 City transport

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021 Cancer Moon Heightens Sensitivity



Having a future-vision is magical, though the most magical time of all is always right now. After all, developments only happen in certain moments and those certain moments are "this one." The sensitivities of the Cancer moon ask, "What sensory stimulus can you tune into that will help you inhabit the sharp point of the present?"

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To merely fulfill the basic requirements of a role is not fun or interesting enough as far as you're concerned. You act with the intention of feeling something.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A presence has you fortifying your boundaries. The force that threatens your territory may be aggressive, assertive or very soft and kind. The latter is the most dangerous of the three.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are drawn to elegance and repelled by extravagance. Beauty and usefulness are intertwined in your aesthetic rules -- rules you are not entirely aware of even as you closely stick within their guidelines.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Do you want the work that supports your life or the life that supports your work? Much will depend on how in love you are with your work - or your life, for that matter. This will be a point of ponderance today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While it may not be ideal, it is certainly possible to launch a rocket without a launching pad. If the ground is flat enough and substantial enough to bear the scorch marks of your extreme heat, it will work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Once upon a time, you knew what you wanted and you went all-in, with mostly successful effect. Now, what you most want is another person's success. It's a tricky thing to go all-in on. Offer support without interference.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Faith is not solely the domain of the religious, though rituals do help to fortify and vitalize faith. Create your own rituals to weave your belief into your psyche and daily life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If it's appealing to you, then it will appeal to others, too. And right now, you've a gift for initiating, so start something interesting and include as many people as possible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you don't feel completely understood, maybe that's because you're not. Parts of you will remain unfathomable. Can you see this as a blessing? Your mystery is one of your many gifts to the world.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People want to connect with you, but you have to show them how. How can you present yourself so they learn quickly who you are? It's a work in progress. You make tweaks with every new person you meet.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There's something you're working on - a feeling you want to process or an artistic impulse begging to be expressed. It's something worth making time and spiritual space for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Welcome inspiration but not control. The more charismatic someone is, the more susceptible you are to their influence over your direction. Don't let that happen. Cling to your vision.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 22). You're striving for a certain accomplishment and will not rest until it's done. Your determination is unmatched and people will turn to you to make things happen for them too, which you should definitely charge for. As for the more mundane responsibilities, you approach with art and whimsy attracting premium playmates. Leo and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 5, 28, 14 and 36.

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