

Retail Therapy by Leslie Rogers

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

Grid for Retail Therapy crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

- ACROSS: 1 Extra, for one; 6 Frequently improvised feature of jazz; 10 Cash-out spots?; 14 Sibling of Huey and Dewey; 15 Abel's brother; 16 Blue-green; 17 Where to buy male cows?; 19 Stay in your pajamas all day, say; 20 Raises, as the ante; 21 French article; 22 Got well; 24 Pastry that may have a beef filling; 27 Make blush, maybe; 28 Where to buy testimony?; 32 Queen co-founder May; 35 Lowland; 36 Contend; 37 Has a campaign; 38 Worth ___ penny; 40 Brazilian soccer champion; 41 And so forth: Abbr.; 42 Scientist Pavlov; 43 Puzzling problem; 44 Where to buy the current trends?; 48 Fabric that adds volume to gowns; 49 Musical patterns; 53 Tight, old-fashioned garment; 55 Soup container; 56 Payment promise; 57 Hazy or juicy beers, for short; 58 Where to buy panes?; 62 Kite part; 63 Slushy drink; 64 Obliterate; 65 Woods of "Legally Blonde"; 66 Trail mix components; 67 Bedbug, e.g.; DOWN: 1 Lizzo's "Cuz I Love You," for one; 2 Two-door car; 3 Oklahoma city; 4 Avocado or coconut liquid; 5 Sleep stage letters; 6 Seat-back amenity on a plane; 7 Sources of wood for barrels; 8 "Let sleeping dogs ___"; 9 Covertly; 10 Etta James song with the lyric "My lonely days are over"; 11 They might be in hot water; 12 Setting for Pac-Man; 13 Husky's conveyance; 18 Came to earth; 23 Facilitate; 25 "Jabberwocky" opener; 26 Stick to the top of a feed, as a tweet; 27 Bygone Russian ruler; 29 Makes level; 30 River whose flooding is celebrated in Egypt; 31 Animal on a yellow road sign; 32 Bar offering; 33 ___ Bader Ginsburg; 34 Path that leads to Machu Picchu; 38 Imaginary sinister sibling; 39 It tells you which way the wind blows; 40 Limerick writer; 42 Spot of land; 43 Use an oyster knife, say; 45 Skirmish; 46 Strategic Monopoly transactions; 47 Words of dismay; 50 Drummer's pair of cymbals; 51 Largest species of 31-Down opener; 52 Excellent, informally; 53 Quote from; 54 Milky gemstone; 55 Tech review site; 59 R.N.'s workplace; 60 It's traversed by crawlers; 61 ___ Lanka

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021 Friday and the Wild Moon



The centaurs, the half-man, half-horse breed with whom Sagittarius energy is associated, have a reputation for being wild by standards of both horse and man. They are known to roam restlessly and aim their hunting arrows at targets impossible to hit. And yet, hit them they do, and so will you this weekend of the wild Sagittarius moon.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You're a treasure. If you want to be pursued, then go where the treasure hunters are. Like a tattoo in invisible ink, it takes a special light to see the art, and it really only happens when a person knows it's there in the first place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). We can only be trapped by what we want. We are held by our own white knuckles clinging to what we don't want to let go of. Fear of loss is the turn of the key that locks us in chains. If you agree to lose, then you will be free.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have more stories than you think. The things you've done are so familiar to you that you cannot imagine how impressive they would be to another person, but if you share, you'll find out.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The best and brightest version of future-you hinges on the ability of today-you to pay close attention. To stay engaged, figure out what's in it for you, even when the scene seems to revolve completely around the other person.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Sometimes, you have faith and you act on it. Today, your faith isn't as strong, but you still benefit from action. Keep shooting for the goal regardless of whether you think you can make it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Messes occur. It's not your job to clean them up, though you'll probably do it anyway, or at least be involved, because leaving things better than you found them is in your creed.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some pressures exist only

because of a thought. The thought doesn't have to be true to make the pressure very real. A thought is causing you stress unnecessarily. Identify and release it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you ask the others, they'll tell you what they see and you won't be able to help being influenced. To find that truly original take on the situation, wait before you ask. Look at it a long time by yourself first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Trying to accomplish everything on the list will be too stressful and counterproductive. Decide on what you're not going to do today and, suddenly, everything lightens up. Plus, you move quicker.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a risk inherent in every interaction, only it doesn't feel as risky with those whom you can predict. Fresh blood will energize you and bring about your most daring self.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). With so many unwritten rules governing today's interactions, you may just decide to go rogue and put an end to the easy compliance that has been the dysfunctional norm of the situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). No one knows how you do it, but somehow you're able to draw vitality from lackluster scenes, badly illuminated in fluorescent light. Your imagination knocks out walls to install its own sun-streamed windows.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 5). An inspiring relationship plays into the changes you make this year. That long list of things you didn't have time for before gets a lot shorter as you check off many adventures. You're not setting out to develop yourself; it just happens. Plans shift and expand. There are more people to care for and also put to work. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 36, 46, 10 and 5.

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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Double Headers by Andrew J. Ries

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- ACROSS: 1 Peach stone; 4 Container for gratuities; 10 Dough dispensers; 14 Period of time; 15 Single-celled organism; 16 ___ row (stretch in many a college town); 17 Scoring partner?; 19 Piece in a mosaic; 20 Looking down on; 21 They become wind instruments when "ff" is added; 23 In the manner of; 24 Alaskan city on the Bering Sea; 25 The ___ Moines Register; 26 Faith with Five Pillars; 28 Got going; 30 "My deepest apologies"; 32 Khaki color; 33 Use a needle and thread; 34 Wet dirt; 35 Libertarians' 2020 presidential candidate; 38 Small island; 39 Skin pic; 40 Long period of time; 41 1992 Stacey Dash rom-com featuring a credit card con; 43 Antagonist in "Coco"; 47 Suffuse; 48 E.R. employees; 49 Real comedian; 50 Jacuzzi product; 51 Come to a point; 54 Stave off; 55 Trivia host's clue; 57 Like a straight shooter; 59 Gucci of fashion fame; 60 "The Answer Is ..." memoirist Alex; 61 Word paired with "neither"; 62 Roach or rat; 63 Jousting horses; 64 Donkey; DOWN: 1 Nuts in some pies; 2 Sci-fi collection first published in 1950; 3 Site of a University of Washington satellite campus; 4 Far from feral; 5 Unruly kid; 6 Combined, as assets; 7 Nativity scene figure; 8 Illegally assist; 9 Doneness option for a burger; 10 Toward the stern; 11 Testing phase; 12 Common duck; 13 Hot and humid; 18 News anchor's hand-off line; 22 Khloe, to Kim, informally; 25 Signify; 27 "What gall!"; 29 ___ Mahal; 30 "Get it?"; 31 Deeds list them; 33 Drill instructor's rank, often: Abbr.; 35 Groups that improvise songs; 36 Bit of hope, metaphorically; 37 Daughter's sibling, perhaps; 38 Put together, like an anthology; 41 Unfortunate occurrence; 42 Need for catching butterflies; 43 Coat, as with chocolate; 44 Raw or burnt color; 45 Statues' midsections; 46 Frolicking marine mammals; 48 Zellweger with two Oscars; 52 Tunneling insects; 53 Strong wine; 54 Inquires; 56 Day care enrollee; 58 Benedict's nickname, maybe

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021 Playground of the Pisces Sun



At this point in the Pisces solar journey, we are getting so used to playing in the ethereal that we no longer identify it as a dream. We accept the spiritual playground and play in a sandbox filled with clouds. The moon seeks to help out as she slips from Sagittarius into Capricorn, where ideas become plans, strategies, systems and tactics.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You cannot make a point with someone who won't, can't or just isn't listening. The growth of your influence depends on picking the right audience, something you have a talent for now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). They want you to believe, but why? Who benefits from your adherence to the belief system? And if all were to comply, would the outcome be something you could get behind?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You let people express themselves fully and make efforts to quiet your mind as you listen so that you will not be too quick to overlay your own experiences onto other people's stories.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The moon seems silent, though scientists have suggested it rings like a bell. You definitely know the feeling, as you can be pretty close-lipped about the plans of your soul, though certain people hear the ringing anyway.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). While you enjoy fantasy, glamour, high art and things of great aesthetic value, you appreciate best the intense beauty of unassuming and personally meaningful things that fall right into your unreachng hands.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've known the sting of longing for what you can't have. At one point in your life, you even found it romantic. Those days are gone. You currently seek only what's seeking you, and will be satisfied by today's union.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're in for a sudden wave

of feeling. Though it's not induced by a person, but rather it's a new-to-you idea or creation that seems every bit as alive as the breathing things in this world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Don't let the mythologies around love color your own ideas too literally. For example, "love at first sight" is only one version. It is every bit as exciting to build a friendship into something more electrifying.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are devoted to the team and the prize that the team is going for. This you will chase with more fervor than you would any solo goal. What gives the trophy its power is that it's shared.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whether a behavior is useful or not will be a matter of debate. The debate itself is a pretty strong clue. When things are working for everyone, the subject of usefulness won't even come up.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Insight into who you are and why you make certain choices is no small gain. It's knowledge not usually acquired in school or imparted by experts. Insights into self are the gold of true seekers. You're to be commended.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your actions are an expression of how you think about yourself. You get that in a big way, and you'll double-down on those actions that feel utterly fantastic to you these days.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6). The world will get an emboldened version of you. You've seen how repetitive behaviors can limit a person's experience, and you won't let it happen to you. Your story bursts open wide as you break patterns and take the plot to thrilling places. A summer change-up will spark new relationships. Invest in July. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 40, 2, 27 and 14.

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