

Mixed Breeds by Michael Lieberman

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-73 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Lively dance, 4 Evade, 9 Fruit-filled pastries... DOWN: 1 Doorframe part, 2 Metaphorical lightbulb, 3 One of four won by Simone Biles in Rio...

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2021 Nostalgic Neptune Conjunction



"The one that got away" belongs in the category of nostalgic concepts with limited validity or usefulness. Almost anything could have been, but there is only one thing that actually was.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). However complex the project may be, with all its moving parts to tend to and diverse personalities to contend with, the essence of your work still boils down to a simple directive: Do the next right thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your agenda may feel off. Ask, "Why am I doing this?" Reasons like guilt and obligation may surface. Maybe you still have to follow through, but at least you'll approach in full consciousness of your motives.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You take great pleasure in connecting people, and you consider it your job to do it well. There's more to it than just making an introduction. You create the structure and social safety that helps everyone relax and shine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your thoughts about a thing can go in many directions, which is why you're better off if you stop thinking and start doing. Your action will be far more deliberate, making things go in one direction - the one that works in reality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's better to express stress than to swallow it. Avoid eating or drinking the tension. Instead, drain it from your body onto the pavement you walk, or onto the page on which you write your mind and feelings.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are not defined by your past, but your way of thinking of it can be very defining indeed. The new person you are now sees what happened a little differently than historic you saw it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). One way to prove to yourself that you are not defined by the past and the things that have happened to you is to create a new identity fashioned purely to your preferences.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Being with that energizing person is like being born, reborn and a hundred times made new. Now the phenomenon has developed to the point where you don't even have to be in close vicinity. The thought alone brings a quickening.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The one receiving all the attention won't be the most powerful one in the room. You'll tune your eye to the dynamics of power and see it vividly at work. This deep level of understanding will give you more options.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even more than usual, others will follow your lead. This will be especially true regarding your approach to all things you. The things you say about yourself, the way you treat your time and value your efforts... they'll follow suit.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Brick by brick, you are building the empire of you. Right now it feels like more of a single-room studio of you. That's only because you're so focused on the main priority. The expansion is coming.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's a change you want and a chance to contribute the elements to help bring it about. Of course, it's not all up to you. It's going to take a team, if not an entire army, to make this happen. Your contribution matters, though.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 10). The interactions that come as part of your cosmic birthday package contribute to the lighter side of life. Frivolity, laughter, novelty, glamor and excitement shouldn't be looked at as "extras," since you need some degree of the effervescent to keep your heart buoyant and your mind working optimally. A windfall comes in July. Aries and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 44, 23, 9 and 4.

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: ★★☆☆☆

9x9 grid for the solutions to the Sudoku puzzle.

SOLUTIONS

9x9 grid showing the numerical solutions for the Sudoku puzzle.

It's Not About You by Gary Gee

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- ACROSS: 1 Kidder in "Superman" films, 7 Bonobo and orangutan, 11 "The Talk" network... DOWN: 1 Boggy ground, 2 What Ritalin treats: Abbr., 3 Color associated with Queen Charlotte...

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THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021 Moon of the Beyond



The ubiquitous big blue Bed, Bath & Beyond coupon started as a one-off promotion piece and became corporate mailer iconography. Is it the size, the blueness, the deal itself? Yes, yes, and yes. But mostly it's the regularity with which the thing shows up - a relatable concept. In the closing of this lunar cycle, repeat what's worked.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Ever since the Big Bang, this plane of existence has been made up of contrasts, curves and cycles. You wouldn't want it all one way. Embrace how it is now. It's about to change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll fill this day with as much affection, warmth and laughter as you can muster, in full-knowledge that people are attractive people. You're in the mood to be improvisational and turn things into a game whenever possible.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It really doesn't matter how good a person is at formulating answers if all of the questions are pointless. This is why you examine your questions with the aim of up-leveling before you ask them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your water-sign instincts lend an innate understanding of the significance of paddling in the same direction as the others in the boat. Today's rowers will be all over the place until you take charge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have an extremely generous attitude with your friends and only need to point that inward to get fantastic results today. What is it that would make you smile? Get it, do it, be it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You will travel through the magic of media and dreams. Your own fantasies provide the sweetest escapes but much more is possible. Learning to guide your imagination is a skill that will bring good fortune to hand.

your brain the facts and figures that will be necessary, also throw in the unnecessary stuff that makes it all go down a little sweeter.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Though you're not a spy or a member of a secret society, and you're not doing much today that you shouldn't be doing, you still want privacy and appreciate most those who respect yours the best.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have that caring vibe now, which is why someone in need of comfort, protection and nurturing will be drawn to you. You don't have to know the right way to help - willingness is enough.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Managing relationships is the most important business of the day. Is it on the task list? It belongs there, as caring for relationships takes time and specificity beyond what many other "to-do" items require.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Communicating well will require careful articulation, patience and a level of attention emotional attunement that is, quite frankly, work. Nonetheless, everything good comes through good communication.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Love will feel like a kind of completion. Matters of the heart have great potential to resolve well, allowing you to trust and give more freely and with greater integration of different parts of yourself.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 11). Perhaps improving sleep, fitness and nutrition is not included on your list of ambitious and glamorous goals. And yet, self-discipline in this regard will be cosmically the birthday gift you'll most cherish, as all you desire will be served on the shiny platter of good habits. An excellent rating gets you promoted in June. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 10, 33, 36 and 41.

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