

From Porpoises to Tortoises by David Alfred Bywaters

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

Grid for the crossword puzzle 'From Porpoises to Tortoises' with numbered squares.

- ACROSS: 1 Old-fashioned screen? 6 Magma, after it erupts... DOWN: 1 Butter portion 2 Accessibility law... 33 Basis of some COVID vaccines

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, MAY 21, 2021 Mercury Upsets the Balance



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ARIES (March 21-April 19). Much has been added to your life - relationships, responsibilities, interests, material items - and going forward, you can't take it all.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You don't have to be in a position to make a change to dream about your options.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The old you would have been eager to define things early on, but you're now wondering if it's necessary or even beneficial.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The line between sharing and oversharing is liable to be ignored, blurred or completely crossed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The tendency to go into debt isn't limited to finance. In fact, the little debts that get racked up between people can have a debilitating effect on relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Money is not the root of all evil; evil is! Money is just a sophisticated bartering system that can be used for purposes as varied as the people who advance them.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There are those who will try and convince you of a need that doesn't exist. Things only become outdated if there are now other things that work better.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When you care, you care deeply. When you notice, you notice a lot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll strengthen your mind/body/spirit connection, and it all happens with physical exertion. Every time you work on your body, it will become increasingly receptive to the command of your mind and the intuition of your spirit.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As for mental arguments that only you can hear, they do serve a purpose. You'll work out the pros and cons of a decision before you ever take the risk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have to set your plan in action to know where the problems are. Start now while there are people around you who can help you do what needs to be done.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 21). All you've overcome has made you strong - and also funny! Humor comes from the flexibility of perspective you earned seeing different sides and extremes of life.

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: ★★★★★

Grid for the solutions to the Sudoku puzzle.

SOLUTIONS

9x9 grid showing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.

Eye-Opening by Adam Wagner

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- ACROSS: 1 Chicago paper's nickname, with "The" 5 Military trainee 10 Recover 14 Improve, as skills... DOWN: 1 Desert in Mongolia, casually 2 Some swanky watches 3 How some rules are set

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SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021 Mercury, Neptune and Monsters



As the cartoons teach us, a monster can come in many forms: scary, friendly, funny, pathetic, human and more. With all the variations, how do you differentiate a monster from your garden-variety everyday creature?

hope that your charity is going to a good place. Don't worry. In today's case, the real benefit happens inside your heart as you hand it over. The rest is gravy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Success in one area of life won't automatically bring success in other areas, but certain basic principles will apply universally.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The real deals happen face to face - that exciting place where all the risk is right there and you never do know what the other person might do or say.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No one comes into their own doing whatever everyone else does. As long as you are deeply satisfied by the work you are doing, it's OK if you don't fit in.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll reach a turning point in your work. Pause here a while to really consider the options. Once you pick a direction, its reversal, though not impossible, will be awkward and time-consuming.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's a time to keep score, and a time to indulge and share without worrying the least bit about who gave what.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While you'd rather go into a game with a strategy, those require time you won't have today. So, the best strategy will be to stay on high alert for clues and trust your instincts.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Anything you do to develop and learn about yourself, you do for your relationships. This is why you don't have to be in a relationship to be working on one.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You possess qualities that seem so indelibly you, yet new styles of being are still a possibility. After all, in the stretch since your first breath, you've already been many people and more incarnations will unfold.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The umbrella of indifference may keep you dry, but it also obscures your view of the sky. The emotional weather is mild today, making it a good time to lower your protections and feel the cool rain of possibility on your cheeks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Maybe life is fair; maybe it's not. No single person is objective or omniscient enough to know. But things don't have to be fair to be good. An unjust moment will be, in the end, a glorious gift.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It doesn't matter what the "it" is; what matters is how much you're willing to focus on it. Could you focus on it to the exclusion of anything opposing? Could you focus on it to the exclusion of anything at all?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 22). A rebellious spirit pervades. The rules you break will liberate you. You'll attract investors. The money helps you get a project off the ground, but there's even more value in the time and lessons you gain. To repeat this success will bring you exponentially more, so take careful notes, pay attention and be methodical. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 38, 5 and 32.

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