

Symbolism by David Steinberg

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-70 indicating starting points for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Metrosexuals, quaintly; 5 Primary; 10 Whistle-blowers?; 14 Still a competitor; 15 Main artery; 16 "\_\_\_ Enchanted" (Anne Hathaway film); 17 Warrior princess played by Lucy Lawless; 18 Leeway; 19 Before long; 20 A; 22 H; 24 Lugged; 25 Rita's role in "West Side Story"; 26 Letter after zeta; 27 Drew a ring around, or what each single-letter clue in this puzzle should be?; 33 Zippo; 34 Indian American, perhaps; 36 Bike with an engine; 37 Years and years; 38 C; 41 Revolts; 44 Thinking face and praying hands, for two; 48 Present itself, as an opportunity; 49 One gets stoked about a big game; 52 Prophetic signs; 53 Animal such as Yona in "My Little Pony: Friendship Is Magic"; 54 Breads with pockets; 56 Raggedy doll; 57 i; 62 Fruitless; 64 Doll up like an action figure, maybe; 67 Assumed names; 68 Backlogs in inboxes; 69 K; 70 X; DOWN: 1 Obsessed; 2 Lacking variety; 3 Party animals, perhaps?; 4 Gaze; 5 Wallet filler; 6 Word before "water" or "spirit"; 7 Public radio host Glass; 8 Use acid for art; 9 Phony; 10 Amber, for one; 11 Running away to marry; 12 Inflatable pool toy; 13 They may have thongs; 21 Palindromic health agcy.; 23 Boy; 28 Babysitters' nightmares; 29 Rogers in old Westerns; 30 Lifesaving skill, briefly; 31 Garland symbolizing Hawaiian royalty; 32 One of a cube's 12; 35 Treats, as a sore knee; 37 It has quarks; 39 Adjective in the American South, or a cheer in South America; 40 Medical network grp.; 41 "A drop of golden sun"; 42 Stretch of time; 43 Two-piece swimsuits; 45 Captain Picard or director Godard; 46 B&B relative; 47 Nine-digit ID; 49 They get stoked at home; 50 One may dispense 100s; 51 Civil rights org. since 1909; 54 Phony; 55 Unlikely to show emotion; 58 Biblical ark builder; 59 Blow a \_\_\_ (flip out); 60 "Survivor: Panama" locale, in Panama; 61 Like an unresolved question; 62 Barrel-making wood; 63 Seemingly tireless insurance spokes-woman; 65 Gorilla, for one; 66 Fashionable monogram

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2021 Cosmic Course Correction



Aspiration is a long, steady haul, and rewards don't start showing until you've laid plenty of track. This is why addiction, with its quick hits of pleasure (followed by a long, steady declination), can so easily slot into the place of aspiration - a dangerous switcheroo. The Jupiter aspect and Mars opposition to Pluto favor a course correction.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). At first glance, it would seem you're in a mood to take a chance, risk rejection, go for the big spoils. Upon further assessment, this isn't a mood at all. It's an orientation built to last.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The complexity of a relationship will baffle you. Each nuance has meaning split open and reflecting an opposite meaning, like light refracted through crystals, dazzling and disorienting. The conquest is the surrender.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you seek is inside yourself, but if you can't see it and don't know what it is, so what if you happen to be carrying it around? To recognize the internal quality, you need the external pursuit. Vision requires light from the outside.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll construct your plan like any master builder, one brick at a time until it's complete. It's a comfort knowing tomorrow you'll be living in the fruit of today's effort. Can you also enjoy the labor?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The sort of work required will be deep and concentrated. It won't pair well with shallow, vain pursuits. It will be impossible to do this work in a place of distraction, which every place is now, unless you silence your phone.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is an uncoordinated, improvised quality to the day's unfolding, to the point where you might even call it a mess. Lovely things are born of messes, though, and in fact, messiness is just a fact of birth.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Groups are tricky. Shop around to find the right one. A good fit would be a place in which the spirit with which the endeavor is approached harmonizes with the endeavor itself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have patience with those who seem to need to puff themselves up, posture and jockey for position. Fame and power are what people go for before they understand what they really crave, which is a union with their own soul.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difficulties will clear up in stages. Get interested instead of frustrated. The more curious you are about how things work, the more they will reveal themselves to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Constructive daydreaming is a joy and the most productive way to spend your creativity, as long as you keep track of where you've traveled on this journey of imagination.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Roses have thorns. Chocolate is a bitter bean. The classic love stories involve the tragic longing of lovers who, for some reason, can't unite. Strip the thorns; add sugar; remove the obstacle. Viva capability!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want enough order in your environment to allow for unobstructed movement to achievable aims. But don't expect or even strive for things to be perfect. Too much order is uninspiring and strangely demotivating. Strike a balance.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 23). Your cosmic birthday gift is a kind of magic pen: Any writing tool you pick up will solidify your written wishes in your mind and life. As you nurture existing relationships, your social circle will grow to include, among others, contacts who will help you thrive professionally and/or financially. July investment pays in February 2022. Leo and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 11, 2, 6 and 15.

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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Tough Exterior by Rachel Fabi

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12x12 crossword grid with numbers 1-74 indicating starting points for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 \*Bottle top; 4 \*What might make sparks fly?; 9 \*Sepulcher; 13 Locker room smell; 15 Range above baritone; 16 At any point; 17 "Why must you \_\_\_ dramatic?"; 18 "\_\_\_ Vision" (Disney+ miniseries); 19 Grp. with a phonetic alphabet; 20 Eight-bit units; 22 Chevy Tahoe, for one; 23 Sketched; 24 Directed; 25 Fish in some tattoos; 28 Edge of a pants leg; 30 F-, for one; 31 Groups such as Dashboard Confessional; 34 Hair removal option; 36 Hosp. area; 37 Fastens with string; 39 Many vinyls, briefly; 40 1969 LGBTQ+ uprising site ... or any side of this grid, based on a word that can follow each starred answer?; 43 Hit \_\_\_ jackpot; 44 Transcript figs.; 45 Mo. before May; 48 Fiddled (with); 50 Film in which Zachary Quinto played Spock; 53 "\_\_\_ better to have loved ..."; 54 Unhappy; 56 Sauna site; 57 Ex-quarterback Manning; 58 Selects, with "for"; 60 Irritate; 62 Chopped into cubes; 64 Beehive State; 65 "Waffles + Mochi" host Michelle; 68 Ghostly noise; 69 Encryption system; 70 Mothers of colts; 71 Show about NYC ball culture; DOWN: 1 \*Throw (together); 2 "Children of Blood and Bone" author Tomi; 3 Position after a Ph.D., for some; 4 Internet cheer hidden in "software"; 5 Salonga who voiced Jasmine and Mulan; 6 Establishments such as 40-Across; 7 "Obviously!"; 8 Journey; 9 Mind, as a bar; 10 Egg cell producers; 11 Space object in a shower; 12 \*University in Providence; 14 \_\_\_ v. Wade; 21 Jamaican genre; 26 "I'm \_\_\_ your tricks!"; 27 Carding, informally; 29 Shopping complex; 32 Like thick eyebrows; 33 Oozes; 35 Tomato impact sound; 38 Hits, like a fly; 41 Concert souvenirs; 42 "Right away!"; 43 Open-faced tortilla dish; 46 Boil in advance, say; 47 Set free; 48 Step carefully; 49 Wicked cool; 51 Wicked cool; 52 \*Nephrologist's focus; 53 \*Tactile sense; 55 Home of the Burj Khalifa; 59 Strip off, as clothing; 61 Actress Teri; 63 Little demon; 66 Came together; 67 Firepit remnant

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 2021 Full Fire Moon



Mild interest isn't enough to pull a person through the ups and downs of an entire cycle of an endeavor. The full fiery Sagittarius moon insists a thing is compelling from the start. The right endeavors gather momentum, eventually drawing us into a heroic monomania, inspiring levels of passion unbeknownst to our prior selves.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Protect the activities you love so you can keep on loving them. Helpful tactics: Be selective in choosing your activity partners, and spend only the amount of money you can afford.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It's only human to assume that others have a similar interior style to our own, but of course, we vary widely in our thinking styles, values and boundaries. You'll find a kind way to tell people they've crossed your invisible lines.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your sense of personal responsibility is extensive. You feel it's your job to take care of those around you, uphold a standard of kindness and set a bar for generosity. Just don't forget to extend the same to yourself, and probably first.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To want something you don't think you can have and then to get it is a somersault-worthy delight. And yet, the experience pales in comparison to the resounding contentment of wanting what you already have.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Today's problem is like a lock. If you know the combination, it's easy to plug it in and pull it open. But coming up with the numbers would be hard and not worth your time. Find someone who already knows the solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Relationships are wrought with false starts, detours and missed connections ... all part of the magic. Believe it or not, the anticipation caused by these delays is what keeps the relationship on the dance floor.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's strange to have a talent people want and yet to feel largely unseen. You are not alone in this longing for understanding. You'll seek a deeper knowledge of others and, in secret, hope it will teach you how to reveal yourself better, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Newton's first law said it best. "A body at rest will remain at rest, and a body in motion will remain in motion unless it is acted upon by an external force." Something gets you up and going, and then you're unstoppable.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's a task you've been avoiding due to its dreariness as an idea, but it will go the way of so many ideas -- morphed by reality into something entirely unexpected -- in this case, an interesting endeavor.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you don't have a system, don't worry; the world will lend you one. And if you don't like what you're lent, you'll be in a better position than you are now, a position of knowing what to improve upon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You respect time and treat it as the valuable commodity it is, teaching others through example. You're prompt; you get to the point; and most importantly, you recognize and avoid wasteful, low-value uses of your moments.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your unconscious mind has an agenda it's not sharing with your conscious mind yet. It has its reasons, though you'll challenge them and win, the prize being interesting and empowering self-knowledge.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 24). You embrace psychological complexity and messiness, and therefore, people show you who they really are. You connect in honest ways that open your year to a wide range of experiences. You'll be building something for many to enjoy, a continual and immersive project you'll need breaks from. Love is your safe haven. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 13, 25, 6 and 2.

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