

Picture This! by May Huang

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Self-righteous killjoy
 - 5 Story lines
 - 9 Clumps of hair
 - 14 Raise, as a child
 - 15 Like healthier beef
 - 16 Harden (to)
 - 17 Part of your seat that a thriller has you on
 - 18 City where the Nobel Peace Prize is awarded
 - 19 Catwalker
 - 20 Reason to skip a conference call
 - 23 Gadot who portrays Diana Prince
 - 24 Young chaps
 - 25 Rains icy pellets
 - 27 Chip with a Nacho Cheese flavor
 - 30 When repeated, "Amen!"
 - 31 ___ Man (red-and-gold superhero)
 - 32 Market research panel
 - 34 Espionage org.
 - 35 Father of Thor
 - 36 "Do ___ others ..."
 - 37 Get through a difficult course
 - 42 Chicago summer hrs.
 - 43 Electronic entry gadgets
 - 44 Prepare to store, as a flag
 - 45 Strayed
 - 46 Insect with a burning bite
 - 49 She/___ pronouns
 - 50 Long-tailed parrot
 - 51 Carne ___
 - 52 Bars under bar cars
 - 53 Many a crossword has one
 - 56 Basics
 - 57 Make airtight
 - 58 Acronym for a dressing ingredient
 - 59 Intense state of focus
 - 60 Fleecy females
 - 62 Jeans feature that may be intentional
- DOWN**
- 1 USAs leader
 - 2 Ctrl+Y, on a PC
 - 3 "Othello" antagonist
 - 4 Imaginary mischief-maker
 - 5 "Get ___ this!" ("Check it out!")
 - 6 Musical pauses
 - 7 Home to San Fran
 - 8 Make out, in Manchester
 - 9 Interval between cause and effect
 - 10 Card game whose name is shouted
 - 11 Misrepresent, as figures
 - 12 Award after Best in Show?
 - 13 Successfully markets
 - 21 Marbling
 - 22 Avails oneself of
 - 26 Go wrong
 - 27 The "D" in CD
 - 28 Like some histories
 - 29 Naan alternative
 - 30 "Nomadland" streamer
 - 33 Rowers' implements
 - 34 Test that some colleges don't require
 - 39 Afflict
 - 40 Code of life
 - 41 Suspicious mouse activity, perhaps
 - 46 Tantrums
 - 47 ___ ex machina
 - 48 Some are heavier than hippos
 - 50 Self-sacrificing sort
 - 53 Membership level
 - 54 Actor Butterfield
 - 55 Spend very little time chilling?
 - 61 Egyptian capital
 - 63 Vegetable used for some red dyes
 - 64 Solemnly swear
 - 65 Rapper's improvisation
 - 66 Showed up
 - 67 Least possible amount
 - 68 They can sting more than once
 - 69 Cafeteria tray, perhaps, in the winter
 - 70 Low digits

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2021 Astral Aspects of Energetic Discipline



The worthiest practices develop your ability to control your own energy. Your energy animates everything about your personhood, including your behavior, thoughts, attractions, responses and more. To flow your energy well is to live well. Mercury and Pluto emphasize the need for personal rituals of physical, mental and spiritual discipline.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You don't approach relationships like an investor approaches the stock market, with an eye constantly out for the return. You're a giver, so you give. The winds of love will distribute your offerings perfectly.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What do you want to be known for? The answer to that question has changed many times over the years and is changing you still. Today brings novel and bright new ideas on the subject.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Space and silence can be a healing gift to a relationship. Long conversations are apt to get off track, so keep it brief, say what you need to say, and then leave and let it sink in.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You shouldn't have to power through an endeavor on your willpower alone. Demand something of the venture. Is it exciting enough to pull you forward? Momentum is easy when the job fits with your life and interests.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The past has your attention like a spell. Break the hold it has over you by freshening up your environment. Different and new surroundings will sing out to you, "Welcome to today!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one is born strong. Strength is weakness handled proactively. You've lifted much in this lifetime and gotten stronger with each effort. You'll do it again today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've seen plenty around here, and you're ready to see what's over there. This appetite for adventure, being stronger than usual, is going to take some planning to execute, and that will be half the fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You've a multifaceted skill set. When you don't get the chance to use some of these skills for too long a time, you start to feel diminished. Want a spiritual lift? Seek opportunities to exercise your competence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The inherent chaos of human connection is bound to create a mess sooner or later. Would you really want it any other way? Today's madness is poetry in motion. It will even seem to rhyme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The old vaudevillians had it right. A three-step process helps the show along quite nicely. First, tell them what you're going to do. Next, do it. Finally, tell them what you did. Cue the applause.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). How do you buy time? In the case of library fines and overdue credit cards, you can buy it with money. But in most other cases, time is bought with charm. Your charisma will get you as much of someone's time as you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are as worthy of the best things in life as any king, queen or saint. The question is, what constitutes a "best thing"? Love's gaze tops the list. Currently, the most splendor-per-inch will be found in the eyes of another.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 1). You'll work toward something you want, and then the universe shows you an even better fit. It won't require more effort, just different effort. You'll be enlivened by a challenge. You'll make a system out of the solution that will be helpful to others. New thought and fitness patterns raise the amount of fun in your world. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 41, 20 and 15.

Universal SUDOKU

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All Over the Map by Steve Faiella

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Mississippi River source hidden in "Fujita scale"
 - 7 Soup purchases
 - 11 Perform
 - 14 *Manufacturer's nightmare (Theme hint: Notice a stack of words in each pair of starred clues' answers)
 - 15 Canal to the Hudson River
 - 16 Lead-in to "carte"
 - 17 *Radiohead song with the lyric "This is what you'll get"
 - 19 Letters after "DVD"
 - 20 ___ pork (Chinese dish)
 - 21 No longer knotted
 - 23 Fifth tire
 - 25 Small bills
 - 26 Tax pros
 - 28 **Deliberately delay
 - 32 Not me or them
 - 33 **Prepare to tackle something
 - 37 ***Briskly, to Brahms
 - 41 High in the sky
 - 42 ***Foliage tour sight
 - 44 Diamonds, informally
 - 45 "Get Here" singer Adams
 - 46 ___ browns
 - 48 "Stat!"
 - 51 Early ___ (morning person)
 - 54 Emphasize
 - 57 ****LGBTQ+ supporters
 - 60 No one hates to break it
 - 61 ****Occasion for a pillow fight
 - 65 Part of a Freudian trio
 - 66 Sketchy numbers on fake IDs
 - 67 Jumper's cord
 - 68 Alternative to pre-owned
 - 69 "Do the ___!" ("Figure it out!")
 - 70 Muscle jerks
- DOWN**
- 1 Vex
 - 2 Side in a baseball game
 - 3 Height: Prefix
 - 4 Triangular Indian pastry
 - 5 Jewelry fasteners
 - 6 Letter before beta
 - 7 Collectible cartoon frame
 - 8 NPR's Shapiro
 - 9 Preemie's ward, for short
 - 10 "As ___ on TV"
 - 11 Alphabetically first name, perhaps
 - 12 Genetic equal
 - 13 Brings under control
 - 18 More than my
 - 22 "Creed II" actor Lundgren
 - 24 That, in Madrid
 - 26 Pepsi or RC
 - 27 Orange juice option
 - 29 Cyndi Lauper's "___ Colors"
 - 30 Intensify, with "up"
 - 31 Caesar's lang.
 - 32 Candied root vegetable
 - 33 Refuge in a snowball fight
 - 34 Flowery wreaths
 - 35 Gateway ___ (St. Louis structure)
 - 36 Previously named
 - 38 Marry secretly
 - 39 Solidify
 - 40 Hwy.
 - 43 Corn serving
 - 46 Assist after a fall
 - 47 "Thank U, Next" singer Grande
 - 48 Quaking tree
 - 49 All the world, to Shakespeare
 - 50 One of Cupid's can bring love
 - 52 Response to "Are you ready?"
 - 53 Hunks of marble
 - 55 Junk email
 - 56 Complicated story
 - 58 Work units
 - 59 It may bear fruit
 - 62 Li of "Mulan"
 - 63 Volcanic powder
 - 64 Affirmative answer

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021 What the Moon Says



What the moon says, as she opposes and antagonizes along her merry path, is that *things won't stay the same because they can't*. Life is a swing, a fleeing and returning pendulum, a tetherball wrapping and unwrapping around the pole. Pleasurable circumstances are temporary. So are uncomfortable ones. Hang on for the change.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you do too much of what they want, you become predictable. It is also predictable to do very little of what they want. Predictability weakens your stance. Comply intermittently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Everything you obtain, you have to find a place for, maintain and possibly insure. This is why you think twice before you accept gifts and think seven times before you buy anything.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To memorize a thing is to make it sacred. So you commit to memory not just the verse, the creed, the pledge, but also the smell of a shirt and the feeling of a hand.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your love, as stretchy as sunshine, permeates the environments you touch, floods out the windows and hallways of those places, and extends far beyond your horizon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Speak up, even if you suspect you've little influence in the matter. Making the effort will be important to your self-esteem. Whether or not they listen is irrelevant, though you might be surprised.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Certain relationships baffle you. You'd be hard-pressed to name their benefits. But at least they present a chance to work on such things as conflict resolution, boundary enforcement and taking control of your focus.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've grown out of certain concepts you used to hold dear, though some of the people around you will hang onto them for life. The clash in ideology doesn't have to diminish your love, though it will compartmentalize it some.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). All is not lost, but something is! Whether you pray to St. Anthony, the patron saint of lost objects, meditate on the lost object or retrace your steps, you'll have a talent for recovery.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't share stories because you like talking. You want someone to witness your feeling and have it (SET ITAL)with(END ITAL) you. Those who can connect over the shared experience are the gems of your personal life.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're so good at calming the fears of others because you take the time to know what they are. It's more than listening. You feel and answer their underlying emotion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When others are happy, you are, too. You don't even have to know them all that well to feel the surge in enthusiasm. You're a supporter and a celebrator. The world will bring you the reasons.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You want to do more for others, but life keeps tempting you inward. Don't believe it! There's nothing in you that needs fixing. The fast way to improve is outward-facing. Everything you want will happen through other people.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 2). Gratitude is a superpower for you, and your thankfulness is the magic that multiplies your blessings. The vexing problem diminishes with neglect. You'll be somehow able to give what you never got yourself -- a victory and evidence of a beautiful evolution. You'll align with a practical mentor to execute a winning plan. Gemini and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 25, 41, 15 and 39.

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