

Odd Jobs by Dex Coleman

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

Grid for Odd Jobs crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

- ACROSS: 1 Prego alternative, 5 Word said while raising a glass, 11 Snakelike fish, 14 Cryptanalyst Turing, 15 Fictional purple dinosaur, 16 T, on frat row, 17 Person who does some groundwork?, 19 Common storefront info: Abbr., 20 East Coast high-speed train, 21 Singer-songwriter Lisa, 22 Riverbed sediment, 23 Vacation destination, 25 Game with lucky numbers, 27 Person who does some coursework?, 32 Party that hopes for a "blue wave": Abbr., 35 Village People hit, 36 Role for Ariana DeBose in Spielberg's "West Side Story", 37 Outback hoppers, 39 Doggo, 42 Horse feed, sometimes, 43 Many a "Mad Men" role, 45 Minute lemonade, 47 Siesta, 48 One who does some press work?, 52 What might be accompanied by subtitles, 53 Be short with, 57 Scent of some holiday candles, 59 the line (obeyed), 62 Sparkly crown, 63 Finale, 64 One who does some brushwork?, 66 Unbeatable service?, 67 Smallest band size, 68 Coup d', 69 Roofing goo, 70 Written parts of some AP exams, 71 Lip, DOWN: 1 Fly under the, 2 Wonderland adventurer, 3 Places to wait in airports, 4 Clear, like a drainpipe, 5 Kind of oil in some gummies, 6 Frozen rain pellets, 7 Hence, 8 Marx colleague, 9 Nike competitor, 10 Damascus' land: Abbr., 11 Like kitfo and injera, 12 British nobleman, 13 for life, 18 Styles who was the first man to appear solo on the cover of Vogue, 22 Courtroom recorder, for short, 24 Seasonal hire, 26 Leaves in an infuser, 28 Earth-friendly prefix, 29 Actress Aja King, 30 "At Last" singer James, 31 Say hoarsely, 32 Add a card to your hand, 33 Connection point, 34 Curry spice, 38 Smoothly transition, 40 Half- (coffee order), 41 Home runs, e.g., 44 Degree involving a defense, 46 AI, 49 Pre-Olympian gods, 50 Sarges' superiors, 51 Salary bumps, 54 Farfalle or penne, 55 Regions, 56 Little pies, 57 It gives whiskey a smoky flavor, 58 Fifteenth-century Peruvian, 60 Former columnist Bombeck, 61 Turning point of WWII, 64 Groundbreaking invention?, 65 M.D.'s coworkers

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021 Solar Trine of Leadership



The sun trine Neptune favors the visionaries. Good leaders are the keepers of dreams that benefit the entire group. Keep in mind healthy group dynamics include a variety of strengths and skills and include both the agreeable and those who are not afraid to voice differences. If all agree with the leader, it's not a team; it's a dictatorship.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Becoming aware of the different ways another person expresses want and need is a process of discovery as fascinating, frustrating and exciting as any exotic excursion.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your leadership style is very different from that of the previous person, and you can expect some resistance. This is a test. Remain strong in your methods. They'll adjust soon enough.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). "Life is 10% what you make it and 90% how you take it," said composer Irving Berlin. This is because much of what's happening is out of your control, but your responses will be brilliant.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Regret has its orientation in the untouchable past. You can safely assume you've already learned from what happened and leave it back there. Commit to forward motion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can't always stop unhelpful thoughts from coming up, but you can make light of them, thus reducing their psychic weight and the drag they would surely cause on your day, were you to pay them more attention.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You understand human nature, but you don't always like it. Right now, it feels like people don't care what you do, only what you do (SET ITAL)for them.(END ITAL) Don't let that make you cynical. You'll find plenty of exceptions.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Playgrounds are supposed to be fun, but the freedom of recess can be deceptively difficult to manage. Left to their own devices, children often find it harder to get along. Adults are the same. Be wary of the leisure hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Hopefully, your attitude about money will help your dreams, not hurt them. If there's a belief holding you back, you'll be made aware of it. Be sure to accept money for the work you do, especially creative work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The amateurs will critique an experience while it is happening, loving how smart it makes them feel. The pros stay open and absorb it, realizing that bias and judgement prevent insight and learning.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No need to pretend for the sake of others. Just experience things naturally, plus manners. Politeness should be enough. If they need you to put on a big show, they are the ones being rude.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Think twice before you offer discounts, as doing so could adversely affect an experience. Pleasure is greatest when earned. The higher the price of the ticket, the more people enjoy the event.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Interrupters often come off unfavorably, as needing to negate the flow of life already unfolding reveals arrogance, immaturity and possibly ineptitude. As a habit, it's unattractive, but as a tactic, it's sometimes necessary.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 12). The next 12 months are a slow-building adventure. May brings the means to follow through on a long-held wish. You'll reunite and reconnect with past people and goals. The new version of the relationship or pursuit will be strangely sturdier. You've gained skill since the last time. Spring romance is in store. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 49, 1, 24 and 37.

Universal SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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Comings and Goings by Jon Pennington

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- ACROSS: 1 Agcy. that approves vaccines, 4 Florida's second-largest city, 9 Neighbor to a Serb, 14 Acronym for a deep sleep stage, 15 "Sounds likely", 16 cuisine, 17 Gorilla or gibbon, 18 Is abundant (with), 19 Did something, 20 Started by banging a gavel, say (In this answer, see letters 8-11), 23 Opera's "Toreador Song," e.g., 24 Single man's last statement?, 25 Absurdist art movement, 28 "Baby" or "dance" follower, 29 Subject of a spelling bee contestant's query (... letters 2-5), 32 A-listers, 34 Unreactive, 35 Knee tear site: Abbr., 38 Flattering poem, 39 Chasing game, 41 Actress Ruby or Aisha, 42 Trojan War story, 44 Reef substance, 46 Villain who fights the Fantastic Four (... letters 6-9), 49 Recedes, 53 Detect, 54 Charged atom, 55 Healing plant, 56 What rotates sequentially in 20-, 29-, 46- and 56-Across? (... letters 10-13), 61 Signal-to-ratio, 63 Disappointing used car, 64 Most popular article?, 65 True statements, 66 R&B singer Baker, 67 Pro's opposite, 68 Colgate alternative, 69 Extend a membership, 70 Tilling tool, DOWN: 1 Noisy fight, 2 Leave, 3 2001 title role for Audrey Tautou, 4 Tiny pest, 5 Recognized, for short, 6 Assist in crime, 7 Priyanka Chopra's "Unfinished" and Michelle Obama's "Becoming", 8 "How peculiar", 9 Neighbor to Libya, 10 Entered quickly, 11 Furious, 12 Sat for a meal, 13 Fictional coach Lasso, 21 Pool exercises, 22 Kanga's child, 26 Urgent, 27 Add a little something to the pot?, 29 Crumpled piece of paper, 30 Fool's gold, e.g., 31 Capital of Latvia, 33 Type of list, 35 Assists, 36 Hoofbeat sound, 37 Candy that's often twisted, 39 As well, 40 Upper line on a stick figure, 43 Bears witness (to), 44 Have a meeting, 45 Be in charge, 47 Home of Brazil's Sugarloaf Mountain, 48 Currency in Liberia or Canada, 50 Irregular stain, 51 Insincere crying sound, 52 Untroubled, 57 Waistcoat's American equivalent, 58 "Sign me up!", 59 Jot down, 60 Nibble like a rodent, 61 Sports org. with Lions and Bears, 62 Rowboat steerer

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021 Timing and Action in the Cosmic Opposition



Do you know what it's like to think and think on matters until action seems unwise? Overthinking is a seductive brand of procrastination, as it masquerades as intelligence. It's not. Trust the body's intelligence and intuition during this Mercury-Uranus opposition. Move quickly without rushing, thoughtfully without ruminating.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). A cluster of thoughts will pay you a visit. This group is led by the one called "if only." Make it a quick visit. Hear them out; accept the nugget of wisdom they offer your future; and then send those thoughts along their merry way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Those who share your basic values will agree there is no good reason to hear harsh criticism or endure arguments. You fit in with people as secure and optimistic as you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Casual descriptions, off-handed remarks and other subtext cues will mean more than intended and could change people's perceptions. Saying nothing at all is a safe bet!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll initiate the party and you-know-who will block the idea like it's their job to do so. You're both, in a sense, playing a role. A compromise will be struck, better than the original idea.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll make decisions or take actions that affect others. Keeping them involved (or at least informed and somewhat tended to) will help ensure they feel the process is fair.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The weightlifter stays strong by lifting what's heavy. Do what's in front of you and your "muscles" -- whether intellectual, emotional or physical -- will grow to handle the task.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Forgotten details (a name, a password, a route) only go missing because you've accomplished hundreds of things since. Keeping better records along the way will free you of having to backtrack later.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Of all the things you collect, friends are the most valuable, and the effort it takes for their acquisition and maintenance reflects this value. The best things always require work.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are not easily manipulated, and yet you'll go with the group opinion on matters that don't matter. You know you won't win every battle, so you prefer to only focus on the big ones.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You behave differently in your various roles, but your values remain the same in every context. It will feel strange to let work people get to know you personally and vice versa, but this adds depth.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What you need doesn't exist yet. Its elements do, but someone has yet to bring them together. The blueprint can be found in the future. Ask future-you to hand it over via the medium of imagination.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no accurate light to see things in. Whether you like it bright and dramatic, gritty and granular, or soft and blurry, you'll set your inner lens according to your preferred view.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 13). The harmony in your personal life lets you focus on gaining skill and furthering professional goals. The ones you teach will make you proud. Love whisks you to new states of mind and/or foreign lands. Your plans change because you want to be near someone. Invest in February; recoup abundantly in August. Cancer and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 9, 7, 20 and 31.

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