

Noodles Around by David Litman

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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

- ACROSS: 1 Body pic, 4 Admirer's poem, 7 MRI alternative, 14 Poured poorly, 16 Sea otter's snack, 17 Observing Yom Kippur, 18 Put together in a pinch, 19 Near, 21 Group of games, 22 Steamed bun, 24 Ice Bucket Challenge letters, 26 Performs like Cardi B, 29 Place for a hen, 32 Raise, as a building, 34 Kindergartner's break, 35 Basketball showstopper, 37 Spaniels' sounds, 39 Loan figures: Abbr., 40 Name hidden in "loveliest", 41 ___ pig, 44 Airship in a legendary band's name, 48 Side part of a sofa, 49 Smooth and shiny, 51 Intimidating look, 52 Chew persistently, 54 Sheep's sound, 55 Nonetheless, 56 Talk endlessly, 58 Sugar from photosynthesis, 63 D or L, for this puzzle's creator, 66 Dance in the NATO phonetic alphabet, 69 Film series?, 70 Subscription period, often, 71 Pushes, or is pushy, 72 Nine-digit ID, 73 Like the Sahara, DOWN: 1 Org. at LAX, 2 Bottom-row PC key, 3 Really awesome, 4 Buckeyes' home, 5 TV spots?, 6 Barely beat, 7 Persuade through flattery, 8 ___ Dhabi, 9 Covers, as a road, 10 More crafty, 11 "Relative" of Siri, 12 Nickname for a Skywalker, 13 Opposite of pos., 15 Ego Nwodim's show, for short, 20 Baseball field cover, 22 Bikini half, 23 Internet pioneer, 25 Resell illegally, 27 5, for a long golf hole, 28 Abbr. on a Banana Boat tube, 30 Actor Astin, 31 Kinds, 32 Goddess of dawn, 33 Psychedelic experiences, 36 iO toothbrush maker, 38 Two left ____, 40 "So scary!", 41 Prank, 42 Large vase, 43 Think up, 44 Great enthusiasm, 45 Like many fancy cakes, 46 Great anger, 47 Bottom line, 50 Birds on some quarters, 53 Late drummer Charlie, 57 Prejudice, 59 Sci-fi vehicles, 60 They'll never be pros, 61 Beasts that pull plows, 62 Total mess, 63 Little rascal, 64 It pairs with "neither", 65 What tree rings measure, 67 Rower's need, 68 Have a go at

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021 Mars and Uranus Opposition



The fight between Mars and Uranus is not tricky or nuanced. It's a winner-takes-all situation, a straight-up opposition in which only one side can win. Will it be luck or hard work? Force or chance? The steady effort over time or the chance eruption that turns the tables? The win will be clear but temporary. The game is much longer than this day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because patterns establish themselves whether we want them to or not, some things are better to steer away from entirely. With a bad path, the wrong move is the first one. Just don't go there.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can believe in a person's pure nature and still recognize their less-than-pure intention. Many are only about the highest good if it also happens to coincide with what their ego wants.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As it is with great recipes, one missing element changes everything. You are the essential ingredient. Even if you don't contribute much, just being there makes a difference, and proceedings would suffer without you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A relationship will go smoothly once you find the groove. It's all about hitting on the right amount of space between "notes." Too much closeness is stifling. Too much distance leaves nothing to grab onto.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have help when you need it because you're gracious enough not to take it for granted. Seize the chance to publicly recognize the efforts of your team. Words spoken before a group have deep emotional impact.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Experience is like money. Sometimes it falls your way, but mostly, you hustle for it. Getting into the mix is the hardest part. It takes effort and introductions. Volunteer and give of yourself. Opportunities open.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Since you won't pay lip service to any result you can't actually deliver, you'll find yourself experimenting, stretching to see what is reasonable, possible and comfortable.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are compassionate, warm and empathetic yet still within your preferred boundaries. It's not so comfortable enforcing them, but it gets easier the more you do.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hesitation shows weakness. But contemplation isn't hesitation. While thinking and experimenting, you're uncommitted. You won't make a move until you're sure, then you will move with confidence.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're compelled to clean up your environment and you consider it your responsibility even though you technically had nothing to do with the mess. This may be true on an emotional or physical level today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're approachable, interested in others and quick to lift the conversation. Your playfulness walks a line, and you're better off sticking to the safe side of that line; you'll make friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your generosity shows in the way you compliment, encourage and attend to others. The spirit in which you interact with others makes a positive difference in the world that money alone just can't make.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 17). You're entering a new circle and you'll be embraced for what you bring to the group. It's a boost for your ego, but it's your heart that benefits the most. You're aware of what people need and how you can help. Because of this, you'll execute diplomatic maneuvers to get you where you want to be at work. Aries and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 44, 43, 14 and 28.

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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Writing Letters by Jeffrey Wechsler

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- ACROSS: 1 Where the Ganges flows, 5 Defeats, 10 "My Life" musician Billy, 14 "My Life" or "My Universe", 15 An architect of D.C.'s National Gallery of Art, 16 Strongly encourage, 17 Tesla Model 3, e.g., 18 Certain woodwinds, 19 Huge: Prefix, 20 Distillery calculation, 22 No longer stylish, 23 Utensil for ice cream, 24 With 27-Across, acts with precision, 27 See 24-Across, 33 Pet in the weasel family, 34 City by the Illinois River, 35 "O sweet my mother, cast me not ___!" (Juliet), 36 Supporting, 39 Tough journey, 40 ___ room (foosball venue), 41 Ancient Roman racing vehicle, 45 Metallic mineral, maybe, 46 Pronouncing "churro" like a Spanish speaker, 49 Early web portal, 50 Card game with no face cards, 51 Behave properly, 60 Piano practice piece, 61 Gunk in a pit, 62 N, on a Spanish compass, 63 Sought information, 64 Pro, 65 Black hair or brown eyes, 66 One might use batik to decorate fabric, 67 "Look over here!", 68 Rock concert lineup?, DOWN: 1 "Don't delay!", 2 Like grapefruit, 3 Fascinated by, 4 Outlet for pent-up sadness, 5 "About Me" blurb, 6 Add a raised design to, 7 Pitchers' projections, 8 Grow incisors, e.g., 9 Bro's sib, maybe, 10 High court maneuver?, 11 Cookie in many crosswords, 12 Waffle in many crosswords, 13 Low-fat, 21 Golfer's warning, 23 Location, 25 Little one, 26 Paranormal "power": Abbr., 27 Off in the distance, 28 More recent, 29 Malfoy played by Tom Felton, 30 Mistake, 31 Concert hall sections, 32 Sushi bar beverage, 36 Supporter, 37 End of the ACLU's URL, 38 Copacabana, Beach's city, briefly, 41 Was overly sentimental, 42 Home of Hawaii's Liliuokalani Gardens, 43 Burden, 44 Many a city dweller, 47 Word after "corporate" or "rope", 48 Mexican state below Arizona, 51 Renaissance Faire beverage, 52 Teeny-tiny, 53 Quickly reheat, in slang, 54 Zion National Park's state, 55 America's Cup, for one, 56 Krill, to a whale, 57 Weight unit hidden in "skateboard ramp", 58 Cottony swab, 59 Complete collections

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021 Storytelling Trine



Fanciful Mercury trine Neptune highlights the uniquely human tendency to make up stories. We do it for pleasure and out of necessity. We do it because our minds need to bridge the clashing facts with some kind narrative. We do it to make sense of our worlds and to explain ourselves to ourselves. May you enjoy and revel in this storied day.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life isn't a popularity contest, but if it were, you would win the day. You have what people are looking for and you're willing to share it. A burden is eased. You'll get a surge of self-control.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Like getting hooked on a song, or falling in love, some happenings are too quirky to explain. The explanation is unnecessary to those who already know, and ineffective to those who don't.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Trust your instincts. It saves time. As you explore what captures your interest and quickly move past what doesn't, your talent is honed. Your work becomes more infused with what is essentially you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A task has fallen through the cracks and the consequences for missing it have been largely unnoticeable. This is a gift! Now you can spend your time on things that make a difference.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be in a position of leadership. Communication errors abound now, so keep your messages simple. The integrity you bring to your endeavors speaks louder than words ever could.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Feelings can be bossy. They want to be acted on, so they can come on strong. But feelings can also be fickle, unwise and selfishly motivated. Make your feelings prove their worthiness. Make them earn their way into action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll test the relationship waters. You're subtle and cool. You suggest things without directly stating them. Your implications get picked up by the socially savvy and missed sometimes too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're too impatient to be slow and steady today. Besides, you feel like you've already taken that route and are ready for something more exciting. Take off running and you'll get your wish.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The difference between the extraordinary and the ordinary is the "extra." It's why you do more than what's expected of you until doing more is the new normal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Relationships should be give-and-take. If you never seem to be on the receiving end, you have to wonder if you're choosing people who are a good fit. Dedicate your energy where it will be appreciated.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). "Beauty rest" is real in the sense that the more energy you have, the more attractive you are. You'll make adjustments to improve and protect your most valuable healing time -- the time between sheets.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As you decide how to engage with the world, not engaging is also a solid option. An unstimulating and distraction-free environment brings you peace, mental freedom and ultimately more creativity on the other side.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 18). What works on a small scale will make you money on a large scale. Funding is less important than a good plan. You'll get help bringing things to the next level. Relationships contribute to your creativity. What used to baffle you will finally make sense and the clarity allows you to build something beautiful. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 50, 32, 17 and 28.

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