

Widespread Outrage by Julian Lim

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 It's made in the morning
 - 4 Threaded fastener
 - 9 The "Star Wars" movies, for one
 - 13 A super long time
 - 15 Samuel of the court
 - 16 Pony's gait
 - 17 Not wear boxers, say (In this clue's answer, note letters 5, 7 & 9)
 - 19 Baptism or marriage
 - 20 Defendants' outs
 - 21 Where the Mekong River flows
 - 22 Palindromic songbird
 - 24 Existed temporarily (... letters 3, 5 & 7)
 - 28 Feels it after CrossFit
 - 30 Jeers for the other team
 - 31 Cider season
 - 32 Theresa of "Long Island Medium"
 - 35 John Grisham's subject
 - 38 How the needy live (... letters 4, 6 & 8)
 - 41 Kyoto cash
 - 42 Getting the job done
 - 43 If not
 - 44 ___ gel (soothing stuff)
 - 45 Cold-blooded
 - 46 Meaty lunch option (... letters 3, 5 & 7)
 - 52 Once around a track
 - 53 Historic times
 - 54 Get some air
 - 56 "Let's chat privately," on Insta
 - 57 Furious, or a theme hint
 - 61 Bunches
 - 62 Extra life, in video games
 - 63 Mixer with whiskey
 - 64 Greek god with a bow
 - 65 35-Across school subjects
 - 66 Gesture of comprehension
- DOWN**
- 1 Pretzels' package
 - 2 Praise may boost it
 - 3 Literally, "ten contests"
 - 4 Dance that originated in Rio
 - 5 Insurance request
 - 6 Lather, ____, repeat
 - 7 Takeoff guess, for short
 - 8 Try to win over
 - 9 They're stuck in juice boxes
 - 10 Become evident
 - 11 Was accepted
 - 12 Gave no peace to
 - 14 Sun, in Spanish
 - 18 Rap battle devices
 - 22 Saltwater treat
 - 23 "It matters to me"
 - 25 Is adjacent to
 - 26 "That's so uncool!"
 - 27 Modern prefix with "scrolling"
 - 29 Street of horror
 - 32 Camera brand whose name sounds like something that takes shots
 - 33 Started a poker pot
 - 34 Smooching on the subway, e.g.
 - 35 Athleisure company
 - 36 Whale watching, say
 - 37 Puppy
 - 39 "Hey" in Honduras
 - 40 "___ the fields we go ..."
 - 44 Take stock of
 - 45 "Eternals" star Gemma
 - 46 Wall of some mazes
 - 47 Set of plates?
 - 48 Dance in a Lou Bega hit's title
 - 49 Car part that moves in arcs
 - 50 Two cents, idiomatically
 - 51 Fish and ___
 - 55 Some TVs
 - 57 Trending
 - 58 Plastic ___ Band
 - 59 Commotion
 - 60 "Pops"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022 Lunar Conjunction to Neptune



The lunar conjunction to Neptune in the sensitive, soulful sign of Pisces has some of us more in touch with feelings of displacement. The ocean of emotion is deep indeed, all the more reason to find flotation devices and keep bobbing on the surface. Nurture social connections. They don't have to be perfect to buoy you and keep you on the lighter side.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You take pride in doing a fine job with the maintenance of your life. This sends a signal to the universe that you're happy for what you have. You'll soon find yourself with even more of it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The uncomfortable rub between you and another person is an external manifestation of an argument inside your mind. Sort out your thoughts and the problem goes away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When learning to communicate, children go from using one style in every situation to developing different modes -- formal, professional, informal, intimate, etc. You've a knack for using just the right tone for the time to great success.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You solved a problem in the way you could at the time. Now you're wondering if it was really the best way. You now have the luxury of giving it another look and experimenting with different solutions and approaches.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Modern life often gives the sensation of flying above human physicality, but the reality is that you are an animal, physically expressed, alive in motion. Your mind works best when you tend to the needs of the body.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While it's easy to tell when you're progressing inside of a game or even at work, social advancement is a trickier equation. Much relies on your ability to correctly read subtle cues. You'll be brilliant at this now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll find the intersection of what you want to give and what they want to pay for. Success depends on doing what people care about, talking about what people are interested in and generally thinking of others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Moods come and go. You prefer to make decisions based on your overall vision of your life, not the moment-to-moment minutiae of feelings. You refuse to give a mood too much sway over your schedule.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Children can spot a phony from a mile away. You'll be gifted with similar instincts about people. The less you know about a person, the more spot-on your initial impressions will be.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You signed up for something a long time ago and now that the moment has arrived, you simply aren't that into it. However, it will be very fortunate indeed to honor your original commitments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're no stranger to compromise -- you do it almost every day. That's why today is so special. No need to serve the pleasure of others. The most responsible thing you can do is whatever you please.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Familiarity comes with its own kind of blindness. It's better to know a little about people than to know too much. The more you learn about your heroes, the less heroic they may seem.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 7). You're a romantic realist. You'll believe in a fairy tale, but it's a modern one, updated for your current circumstances and sensibility. Truly magical things happen when you go all-in with plans, feet firmly planted in what's real. A major accomplishment will have you living pretty in May. The excellence of family boosts all. Libra and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 14, 30, 38 and 1.

Universal SUDOKU

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Block Parties by Drew Schmenner

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Soak (up)
 - 4 Bottle lid
 - 7 It cuts with the grain
 - 13 One might be fraternal
 - 15 National bird of Australia
 - 16 Pop star Grande
 - 17 Place that accepts plastic
 - 20 Yearly
 - 21 Colorful fish in a pond
 - 22 Stitches
 - 23 Last letter in the Greek spelling of "Cyclops"
 - 24 Sch. in Cambridge
 - 26 "___ Week" (Barenaked Ladies hit)
 - 28 Worker with a stop sign
 - 35 Peter Hernandez, ___ Bruno Mars
 - 36 Catch some rays
 - 37 "Wowzers!"
 - 38 What a bloodhound tracks
 - 40 Toupee, slangily
 - 42 Astronomer Carl
 - 43 Dehydrate
 - 44 Org. with many return envelopes?
 - 46 Web destination
 - 47 Hook, line, sinker, etc.
 - 51 Keanu's role in "The Matrix"
 - 52 Arid
 - 53 Chatterbox's "gift"
 - 56 SIMPLE savings plans, e.g.
 - 60 Graffiti, to some
 - 62 Llama's smaller relative
 - 64 Stereotypical nerd accessory, or a punny hint to the football positions at the ends of 17-, 28- and 47-Across
 - 67 Look up to
 - 68 Curve
 - 69 Like feet after a long hike
 - 70 Less shallow
 - 71 "I'm not impressed"
 - 72 ICU workers
- DOWN**
- 1 Helmet fastener
 - 2 Olympic legend Jesse
 - 3 Folks with a blanket and basket, say
 - 4 Musician such as Yo-Yo Ma
 - 5 Buddy, in Bordeaux
 - 6 Trick, slangily
 - 7 Competing on a track
 - 8 Wrath
 - 9 Strikes topple them
 - 10 Make full
 - 11 Once more
 - 12 Armed conflicts
 - 14 Sch. in Greenwich Village
 - 18 Clothing for hunting, briefly
 - 19 Hoodlum
 - 25 Pre-Soviet ruler
 - 27 They often clash in Hollywood
 - 29 Dude ___ (vacation spot)
 - 30 Arctic native
 - 31 Option if one wants to make a move?
 - 32 Site with content from many sites
 - 33 Genuine
 - 34 Locale for thieves
 - 35 Inch-long berry
 - 38 Coppertone letters
 - 39 Like insubstantial evidence
 - 41 June honoree, familiarly
 - 45 Hit the cue ball into a pocket
 - 48 More tidy
 - 49 Trail mix
 - 50 Actor Chandler
 - 54 Part of a squirrel's hoard
 - 55 Uncovers
 - 56 Tablet with a mini variety
 - 57 Traveled on a Harley
 - 58 Peak
 - 59 Ditch, as a class
 - 61 Airport conveyance
 - 63 Alternatives to Macs
 - 65 Before, in a sonnet
 - 66 Mineral deposit

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022 Sun-Kissed Venus



When the choice is to go it alone or to team up, there is really no contest. We can do more together than we could even imagine from the lonely recesses of isolation. The sun kisses Venus in Capricorn, illuminating the power of love. No matter how capable you feel, include someone else in your plans. It will change the entire plot.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You enjoy being part of a winning team and you'll do more than your share of the work to keep the group strong. If everyone contributes with a similar enthusiasm, you'll have an unstoppable unit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Until your first laugh, the day hasn't really started yet, and humor will keep pulling you through. You won't have to mine for it. If humor were diamonds, they would be gleaming from the cave's mouth, right out in the open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There is no hurry. Slow down. This will prevent you from making mistakes -- and because you don't have any time to lose, mistakes will be even more costly. Go fast by going slow.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's possible that the finished piece exists already in your higher consciousness and all you are really doing is getting it down. Inner silence allows you to hear the whispers about what to do next.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When things feel claustrophobic, there's a good reason. Tight clusters of people who believe the same thing are dangerous. Move to open spaces where a more balanced exchange of ideas will be possible.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Charm eases the way. You'll cater to your people and take the time to figure out what pleases them. You're likely to strike the right tone and hit the main buttons. When in doubt, say less and do less, with a smile.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The day will have many moods. So when you slip into one, however euphoric or irritating it might be, keep the awareness that it's but a brief moment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Putting yourself first doesn't come naturally but do it anyway. It's what your crew needs now. Your health and happiness are integral to the well-being of the entire group.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Strangely, taking on responsibility makes you feel lighter. The more people depend on you, the easier the work becomes to you because it simply must get done. You're gaining strength and becoming capable of more.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Don't be afraid to leave the party early. After you've done what you set out to do, found what you were looking for and gotten what you came for, what you really want more than anything else is sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Sparkling interests are born out of restlessness or long, boring stretches of nothingness. So don't worry when things slow down. It's setting up the next adventure.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The nature of fun is that it's somewhat unpredictable and can't be totally controlled. People will have fun around you because they're not quite sure how you're going to react or what you're going to do next.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 8). The care you put into your environment will support many happy moments. Interesting work will allow you to beautify and revitalize your home life. Vibrant get-togethers and exciting projects will be a large part of the fun, though your domestic scene will also be a place of comfort and peaceful retreat. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 21, 24, 9 and 16.

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