

Joint Effort by Sean Ziebarth

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-72 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Rumba or samba, 6 They're big in Hollywood, 10 Make small talk, 14 Water brand sourced in the French Alps, 15 Mother of Jesus, 16 Took a bike, perhaps, 17 "You make a ___ point", 18 One with a password, 19 In the know about, 20 Schmooze, 23 Kind of bed with a frame overhead, 26 Sauna site, 27 "___ what I mean?", 28 Vital energy, in Chinese medicine, 29 Beach retreat?, 32 Lumbers (along), 34 Where to spice up nachos, 37 Bulk beer buy, 38 Have some drinks, 42 Poetic tribute, 43 Jessica Alba character also known as Invisible Woman, 45 Prepares, as tea, 48 Animal that broods, 49 Piece of pizza?, 50 Favorable vote, 51 Tin container?, 54 Hurt with an insult, 57 Prepare to propose, 61 Green-lighted, 62 "___ bang for your buck", 63 Sword-forging block, 67 Stereotypical tech whiz, 68 Recess activity, 69 Jump ___ (horror film technique), 70 Dreyer's, in some regions, 71 Say "Says who?" to, say, 72 Fundamental of a faith, DOWN: 1 Patel of "The Last Airbender", 2 "Selma" director DuVernay, 3 Absolutely nothing, 4 City in Egypt or Illinois, 5 Eventually arrive (at), 6 Flightless birds, 7 Deep wound, 8 Cookies with an amazing variety of flavors, 9 Thick liquid in Italian soda, 10 "Oh, shoot!", 11 "Knock on wood", 12 Was wild about, 13 There are 12 basic ones for English verbs, 21 "Ta-ta!", 22 Spots for clip-on mics, 23 IV amounts, 24 Captain in a whale of a tale, 25 Egyptian river, 30 Stuffed and steamed bun, 31 Painter's tool, 33 Letters before QIA+, 35 Winter angel material, 36 Builds a second story, say, 37 Enthusiastic about, 39 Wish to undo, 40 Exude, like charm, 41 Bird with musician and flutist varieties, 44 In-between size: Abbr., 45 Former, 46 Made a stink?, 47 Pizzeria or taqueria, 52 Blowout wins, 53 Sherlock's sister in a 2020 film, 55 Enjoy a big meal, 56 It's seen around the yard, 58 Questions 1, 3, 5, etc., in a textbook, 59 Historic spans, 60 Middle C and others, 64 Mover's vehicle, 65 Heated state, 66 Rent

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2022 Earth Day



Earth Day is different in these urgent times. We've moved from a mindset of remembering to take care of Mother Earth to fast-tracking all efforts to preserve the natural world. Today's auspicious lunar trine to Mercury works with the agenda. What were once behavioral afterthoughts are now necessary habits. ARIES (March 21-April 19). One thing you'll be extremely good at is forming friendships and weaving them into larger networks. This opens many resources for this weekend's projects. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Being generous feels wonderful but don't cheat yourself, or feelings turn to shades of loss, sadness, anger and pain. When in doubt, do nothing until you're sure about what you can afford, emotionally and otherwise. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There will be deals presented to you. Beware of situations where the money is more important than the work. Tonight will be like a fast car: safety first, then have a blast. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Group goals should technically be easier to reach because the work is divided. Keep in mind that if the work isn't more or less equally divided, there will be resentments when it's time to divvy up the prize. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll achieve what only mature people are able to: You'll be an objective witness to your own behavior. Feelings are not puppeteers. You will acknowledge your emotions without letting them drag you around. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Peer pressure is a fact of humanity. Wherever people are, there's a pressure to conform to their opinions and behaviors. It's a good reason to spend as little time as possible with people who undervalue you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Stories get exaggerated, pictures get altered, facts get tampered with. You'll get a better sense of things you witness firsthand, but even then, there are obstacles to perfect perception. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The logic you followed before suddenly seems less reliable. You'll navigate with something different. An innate knowing rises up to move you past other kinds of processing. It's like the decision is making itself. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't have to be perfect to be loved, liked or included. You don't have to be perfect to be persuasive, effective or accomplished. You don't have to be perfect, period. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It's as though you can feel someone thinking about you and sense the subsequent reach out before it happens. It's because you are connected at a deep level, working through a joint karma. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep pushing through the challenge. Things may not come to fruition as quickly as you'd like, but you can trust that eventually you will know the deep satisfaction of having accomplished what you set out to do. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You bring warmth to interactions. People feel safe with you and there's a sense that you're all on the same side. Where mysteries and manipulation once existed, someone will let down their guard and tell you how it really is. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 22). This solar year, it's as though the universe knows you are not impressed with shallow prizes and so will bring you relationships and situations that are impressive in scale, effect or loveliness. Community feeds your soul, and you'll rack up the goodwill as you make people's lives easier and more interesting. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 15, 4 and 18.

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: Row 1: 6, 1, 7, 9, 4; Row 2: 2, 6, 9; Row 3: 5, 4, 1; Row 4: 1, 6, 3; Row 5: 6, 9, 2; Row 6: 9, 6, 7; Row 7: 4, 7; Row 8: 4, 8, 1, 3, 2.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

9x9 grid of numbers representing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.

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Light Meals by Evan Mahnken

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- ACROSS: 1 *Pub beverage, 5 Eve's partner, 9 Do some reconnaissance, 14 *\$1,000,000, informally, 15 What a rat may wear, 16 Florida's third most populous city, 17 *Animation collectible, 18 Where India is "... but maybe I'm wrong", 20 Trattoria order made with outlets, 23 "I'm unimpressed", 24 Futbol cheer, 25 "Calm down!", 28 Stretch across, 31 Disapproving sounds, 35 Kuwaiti leader, 36 A close one is only good in a barbershop, 37 "Little piggy", 38 Grapelike berry, 39 Diet-friendly ... like 20-Across, 51-Across, 4-Down and 40-Down, as per the starred clues' answers?, 40 *Miner's target, 41 The, in German, 42 Like many a Juilliard student, 43 *Got hitched, 44 Therapy visit, slangily, 46 Annoyance, 47 *Legumes Mendel studied, 48 Grandparent's urging at dinner, 50 Hat named for a Moroccan city, 51 Sushi bar order made with avocado, 59 "Ain't" alternative, 60 Lines up a free throw, 61 Kindle competitor, 63 Lamp spirit, 64 Part of a wooden crate, 65 Boundary, 66 Fragrant compound, 67 Chest muscles, for short, 68 Glimpsed, DOWN: 1 Theater chain, 2 Name hidden in "relieved", 3 Palindromic beauty magazine, 4 Seafood restaurant order made with squid, 5 Up to one's ears, 6 *Prefix for "honor", 7 *Singer Grande's nickname, 8 **Cry ___ river!, 9 Seat for a stand-up comic, 10 Red thing on Oscar night, 11 Luxury hotel chain, 12 At the top of, 13 Gabrielle of "Uncharted", 21 Supervillain Luthor, 22 Feeling friendless, 25 Scans, like a barcode, 26 One of three for the 2022 Oscars, 27 ___ dice (deception game), 28 Oceanfront, 29 Treaties, 30 "Halt," to a pirate, 32 Abolitionist Harriet Beecher, 33 Seoul, South ___, 34 Sunflower products, 36 Suddenly pay attention, 40 Pizzeria orders often made with ricotta, 45 Tush, 47 For every, 49 Chasing, 50 Observes Ramadan, 51 *Number in a Bumble profile, 52 *Hi-___ image, 53 *Sinusitis doc, 54 Speak hoarsely, 55 "Death on the ___" (2022 film), 56 Computer debut of 1998, 57 Ore deposit, 58 Theater box, 62 Range of knowledge

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SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2022 Impatient Aquarius Moon



We're anxious for the future to start. If we were to build it from scratch, it would take so long that by the time the thing was finished it would already seem outdated. The impatient Aquarius moon nags at the sun first, and as though it weren't enough, goes on to hassle Uranus, who suggests we consider ready-made, plug-and-play, turnkey-type options. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Though your intention is pure, your motivation has been unreliable. No worries. You'll soon pick up momentum and you won't need motivation anyway. It will be enough to simply eliminate resistance. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). It is said that the one who is lucky is feeling; the one who is unlucky is thinking. This principle will apply as you feel your way through the day, collecting delights. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). With some people you get the feeling that everything is a test. And even if it's not, the tone of the relationship hinges on how you're performing in each interaction. If you don't feel you can relax, the relationship is less than ideal. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're not trying to be mysterious, but oversharing isn't your style. The way you protect your privacy and keep a world unto yourself is mighty attractive. They'll want to know more, but resist. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are wise and people who need your wisdom are attracted to you. Your policy to help only when asked or when clearly needed will hold you in good stead. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes you feel like an ordinary person doing extraordinary things. Today you feel like an extraordinary person doing ordinary things. Those who recognize your talents will earn a special place in your heart.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your enjoyment of things goes far beyond their functionality. You'll delight in the aesthetic aspect and probably be willing to pay more for the coolest-looking version. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It might help to think of the people you deal with today as creatures with features very different from your own. Smooth interactions happen when you cater to their specific abilities and temperaments. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've seen glimpses of an entire dimension hidden inside things and now you can't go on as if it doesn't exist. There's no use talking about it to people who can't relate. Find the people who can. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Whether or not it's fair, to whom much is given, more will be given. Accept all of what comes your way. And if it's too much, later you can pay it forward to those who need it more than you. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Interactions may get awkward or go all wrong, but it's nothing to stress about. Relationships that matter are about the long game. Also note that the same thing that falls flat with one person could be a major hit with another. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Most people cannot successfully fake interest for very long. That's why you cherish moments of genuine interest, like the ones you'll give and receive today. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 23). When people have a good time around you, you'll feel you've done your job. Indeed, it counts as work this year as you'll be roundly rewarded for all the smiles, laughter and comfort you bring to the scene. Also, you'll pick up a new skill, apply it and have the means to improve domestic life for you and yours. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 39, 15, 2 and 40.

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