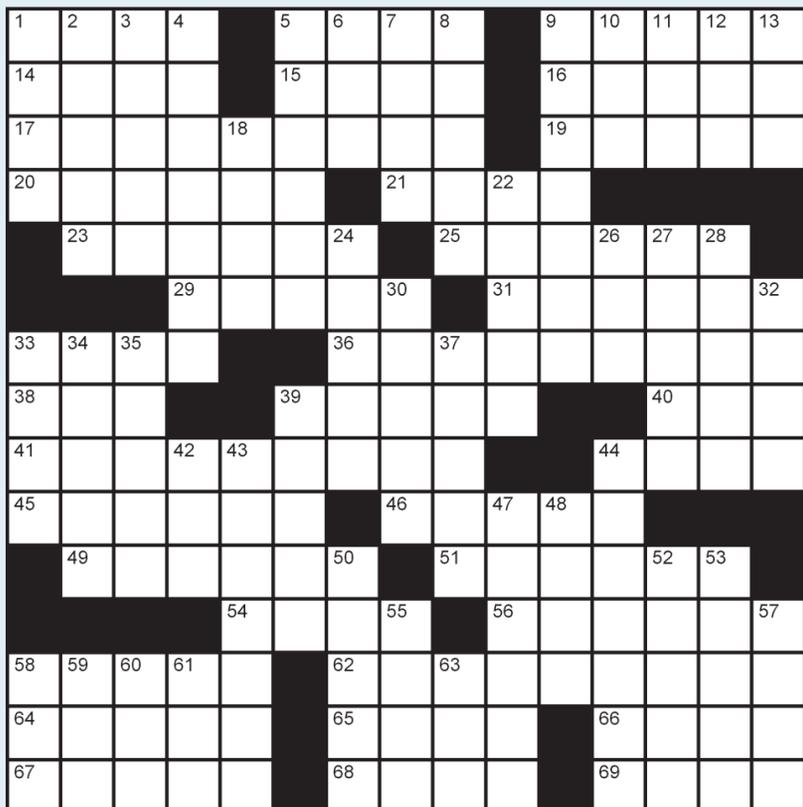


Two for the Books by Susan Gelfand

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Weaver's device
 - 5 Young chaps
 - 9 Breakfast strips
 - 14 Volcano that towers over Catania, Italy
 - 15 Plenty
 - 16 In the know
 - 17 You may make a bed of it (E.B., Anne)
 - 19 Core belief
 - 20 Settle once and for all
 - 21 Urban haze
 - 23 Dwell
 - 25 Power shots in volleyball
 - 29 Comes to a red light
 - 31 "Jeopardy!" focus
 - 33 Current carrier
 - 36 Sheet metal producer (Danielle, John Stuart)
 - 38 Largest cells in the human body
 - 39 Continuously
 - 40 As well
 - 41 English version of the Bible (Stephen, P.D.)
 - 44 Clarinet container
 - 45 Smooth transitions
 - 46 On account of
 - 49 Start to floss?
 - 51 Sufficient
 - 54 "Grand" baseball feat
 - 56 Steal like Cruella de Vil
 - 58 Bluegrass instrument
 - 62 Literary collaborators ... or 17-, 36- and 41-Across, in a sense
 - 64 Hunter constellation
 - 65 Islamic ruler
 - 66 Four of diamonds, for short?
 - 67 Messages from cells
 - 68 Challenge
 - 69 Flea or fly
- DOWN**
- 1 Raunchy
 - 2 Questionnaire's last choice, often
 - 3 Being chilled
 - 4 Fauvist painter Henri
 - 5 Texas city on the Rio Grande
 - 6 Actor Mahershala
 - 7 Rx writers
 - 8 Vase inserts
 - 9 Alter ego of Barbara Gordon
 - 10 Wonderment
 - 11 One may be full of Natural Light
 - 12 Mined matter
 - 13 Table tennis divider
 - 18 Polish, like prose
 - 22 Chose
 - 24 ___ salts (bath additive)
 - 26 Snowboarder Chloe
 - 27 Musical set in Argentina
 - 28 Farm towers
 - 30 Spirited horse
 - 32 Source of a skin-care balm
 - 33 Stir-fry cookers
 - 34 Like some college walls
 - 35 Singer's span
 - 37 Happen next
 - 39 Twangy
 - 42 "Glue" or "staple" follower
 - 43 Futuristic animated family on an old sitcom
 - 44 Hand over reluctantly
 - 47 Continue to exist
 - 48 Sound of a tugboat's horn
 - 50 Tied, as running shoes
 - 52 Garden guardian
 - 53 Heavenly instruments
 - 55 NYC gallery
 - 57 Attention-getting whisper
 - 58 Droid
 - 59 "___ we there yet?"
 - 60 Put the kibosh on
 - 61 Make a note of, with "down"
 - 63 Football filler

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2022 Cosmic Chiropractic



Today is like a visit to a practitioner of the adjusting arts. It's the preparatory stage of the event -- a calm room, soft music and heated rolling table to relax the muscles in anticipation for the jolts and twists that will get everything in alignment. In a twisting moment of cosmic chiropractic, Mercury will go direct, then Saturn goes retrograde.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are things that only you can give. It's why you can't afford to work below the level that utilizes and pushes your talents. Striving for position isn't selfish. It will help the team as much as it will help you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today, small gestures indicate confidence and grace, while grand gestures reek of desperation. Do not let insecurity convince you into impressing others, which can only backfire. Instead, please yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When things seem hard, it's an opportunity to ask powerful questions. What am I putting out there to attract this? How can I adjust to make life easier on myself? You can turn this around quickly.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You stay even and you have a magical way of keeping others calm. You'll be given duty with high-strung personalities, simply because you're best suited for the task.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Impulses rage against reason. If living in a prescribed way is so correct for you, why is it so difficult for you to get yourself to do it? Consider alternatives. There's more than one way this can work.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While it would be saintly to love everyone unconditionally, today it's more than enough to tolerate everyone unconditionally and try not to be too transactional in your dealings.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Life isn't allowing you to know precisely what you want to do. The good news is that there will be more time later. Hopefully, knowing this will help you give yourself over more cheerfully to the current responsibilities.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With your mind buzzing with abundant, expansive creativity, how are you expected to carry on idle conversation? Socializing gets better after you've recorded your thoughts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is easier for a cheerful person to match the tone of a somber one than the other way around. Lighter emotions can change states more easily than heavy ones. Today's cosmic gift to you is emotional flexibility.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A change you propose will be met with resistance. Trying to convince people will have the opposite effect. Make your pitch, walk away, and let life prove you right.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This project you're working on is a little like baseball. You don't have to hit a home run every time to be a winner. Even the best players in the world fail to do so about seven times out of 10.

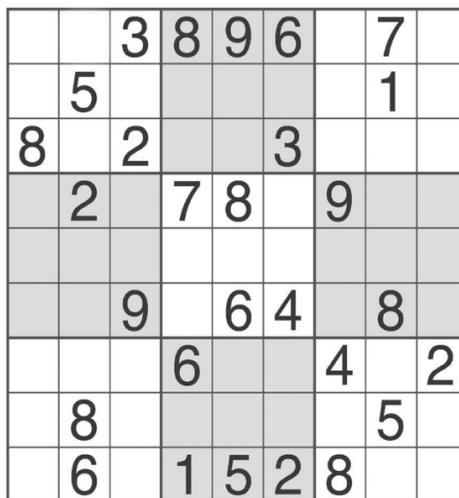
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The things you want will come to you, but not all at once. Each installment is a test. It's your gratitude for every part of the blessing that keeps the blessings coming.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 3). Your cosmic birthday gift is an extra dose of eloquence festively wrapped in effortless wit and topped with a knack for the truth-telling no one else could get away with.

You'll turn it into friendships, deals and more. Further highlights: a reunion with the long lost, a celebration of romance in a far-off place and a storied stint of duty. Leo and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 15, 21 and 19.

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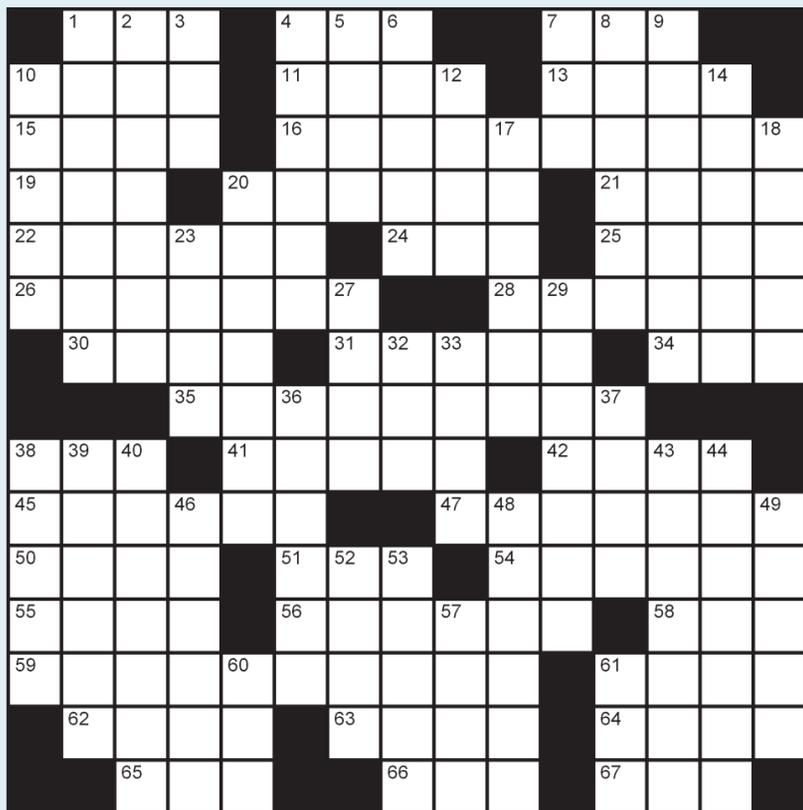


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Turning Point by Jeff Stillman

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Fantasy creature hidden in "sorcerer"
 - 4 Chapel seat
 - 7 iPad download
 - 10 Flew, or drove fast
 - 11 Worker protection org.
 - 13 Smear, like finger paint
 - 15 High degrees
 - 16 With 18-Down, out-of-the-ordinary solicitation
 - 19 NFL official
 - 20 Movie industry
 - 21 Genesis twin who sold his birthright
 - 22 Threat of litigation
 - 24 Journey part
 - 25 "Oh, why not"
 - 26 With 27-Down, sea creature that can be 43 feet long
 - 28 Sine and cosine, e.g.
 - 30 Bug-eyed
 - 31 Express verbally
 - 34 Big blast maker
 - 35 "I'm telling the truth!"
 - 38 Corp. bigwig
 - 41 Surfer's need?
 - 42 Milk, in French
 - 45 Put a raised design on
 - 47 With 49-Down, gourd with ridges
 - 50 "The Farmer in the ___" (nursery rhyme)
 - 51 Letter after zeta
 - 54 "Ed Wood" Oscar winner Martin
 - 55 Desertlike
 - 56 Extremely hot
 - 58 Big time?
 - 59 Timely, or a phonetic hint to how 16-, 26- and 47-Across turn
 - 61 Central line
 - 62 King whom Cordelia loved
 - 63 Witnessed
 - 64 New Age pianist John
 - 65 Home in which tracking mud is OK
 - 66 Banned insecticide
 - 67 "C___ la vie!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Laertes' sister in "Hamlet"
 - 2 Cause for concern in a relationship
 - 3 '90s music buys
 - 4 Small bouquets
 - 5 "NFL Live" channel
 - 6 Roulette spinner
 - 7 Toothpaste tube letters
 - 8 Most washed-out
 - 9 Hobby
 - 10 Piece of rosemary
 - 12 Peak
 - 14 Be relevant to
 - 17 "Same here"
 - 18 Knightly endeavor
 - 20 Shaped precious stones
 - 23 Stuck-up person
 - 27 British pound, slangily
 - 29 Amount you can carry
 - 32 Golf peg
 - 33 Common HBO rating
 - 36 Get defeated by
 - 37 Deserve
 - 38 Aromatic wood
 - 39 Lagasse who contributed recipes to NASA
 - 40 Accommodates
 - 43 Reference sections
 - 44 Like Russia before 1917
 - 46 Passe
 - 48 Agency customer
 - 49 Suppress
 - 52 Heaps
 - 53 Moved like a pendulum
 - 57 Felt sorry about
 - 60 Attempt
 - 61 Gobbled up

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 2022 When Saturn Retrogrades...



A day after Mercury goes direct, Saturn goes retrograde. The lesson is a challenge, the challenge is a lesson. Muscles aren't built by lifting feathers. When growth is the whole point, there is no shortcut. The only way to do it is to do it... i.e., the only way to write is to write. The only way to dance is to dance. The only way to love is to love.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Oh, the curious way history repeats! Today it works in your favor and gives you the advantage of accurate prediction, for you've seen this scenario before, only it was wearing yesterday's fashions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't worry about standing for your beliefs. They will change with new discoveries, developments and information. Concern yourself instead with the values you hold dear, like fairness and giving care where it's needed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You're enviably organized, and your discipline is impressive. Here comes a strong urge to interrupt the regimen with a loopy move to prove that life is not a spreadsheet, and you are not locked to the grid.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're fashionably late to the party, everyone will notice the truth: the fun starts upon your arrival. It's not about a performance from you, though. It's your responsiveness. Other people feel fun around you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's something you need, and you are willing to endure a lot in order to get it. But should you have to? Are you being too narrow in your thinking about what will satisfy the need? Could it be fulfilled in easier ways?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). While some close to you are experts at such specialties as stirring the pot and poking the bear, you prefer to use the media for your drama and live a happy, stress-free life.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're on the hunt for something exciting -- a juicy story, an interesting experience, a true friend... The quest will be self-fulfilling. You'll find what you're looking for only because you cared enough to look for it in the first place.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To solve a problem more easily, get to know it better. Figure out exactly what part of the deal isn't working for the other person. It's likely a small thing that can be changed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The reason a decision has been so difficult for you to make is that your priorities have shifted. Reassess. Once you're clear again about what matters to you most, the choice will be easy to make.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are who you say you are, and you do what you say you'll do. Since this is a given to you, you sometimes take for granted the value it brings to others. Today's reminder goes straight to your heart.

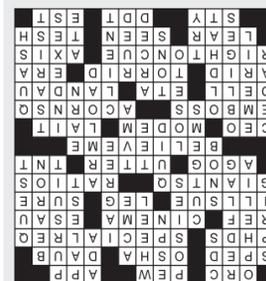
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The fun puzzle of the day is to figure out how your goals can align with the interests of others. In doing so you'll have to avoid where these aims might clash, rub or tangle.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). What people don't understand right away they will ignore. To get and keep someone's attention, use their responses, or the lack thereof, to make things perfectly clear.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 4). You'll revel in stints of giddy freedom this year, made possible by contrasting cycles of duty and commitment. Both states have their glories and perks. More highlights: a life-changing document, your celebrated participation in a project involving dozens of people and hundreds of moving parts, and property ownership. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 1, 18 and 30.

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