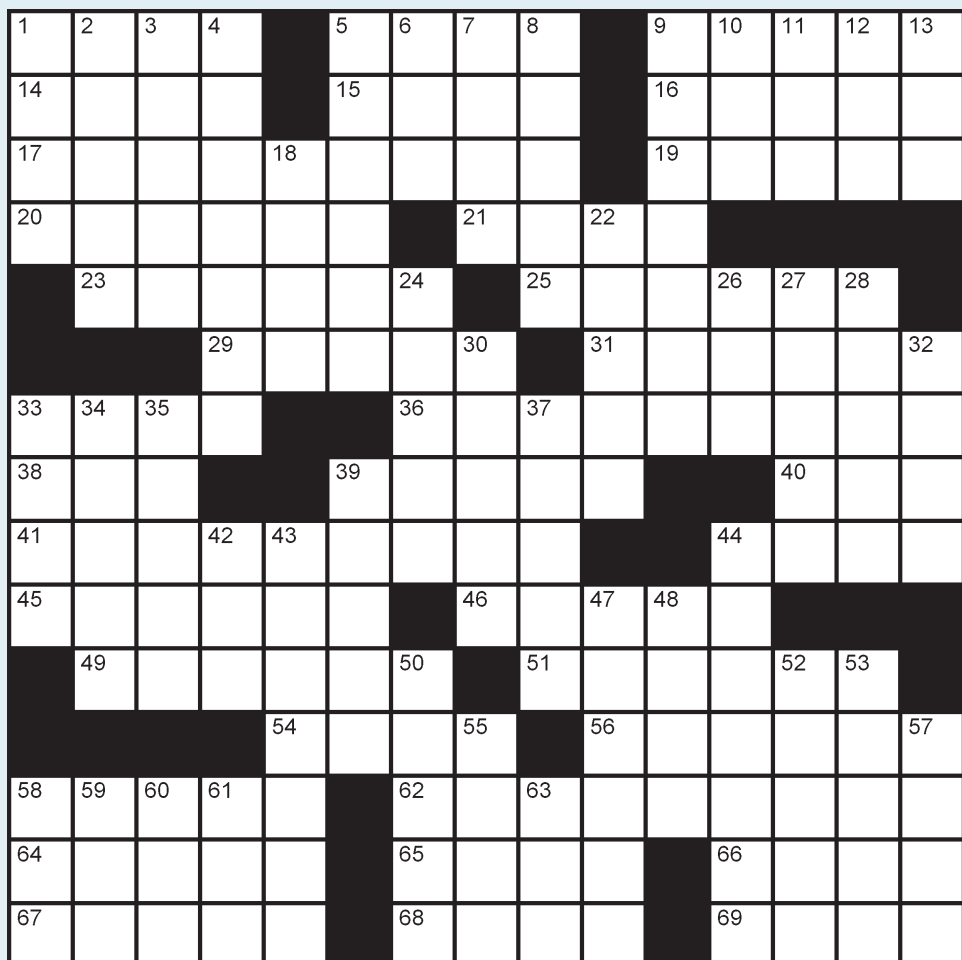


Two for the Books by Susan Gelfand

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- 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.

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.

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.

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?

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?

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.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). With your mind buzzing with abundant, expansive creativity, how are you expected to carry on idle conversation?

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.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). A change you propose will be met with resistance. Trying to convince people will have the opposite effect.

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.

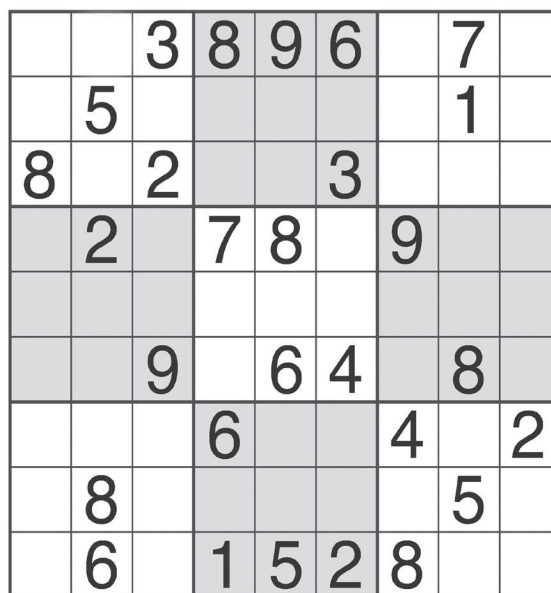
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The things you want will come to you, but not all at once. Each installment is a test.

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.

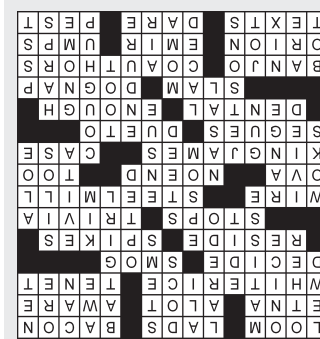
Virgo highlights: a reunion with the long lost, a celebration of romance in a far-off place and a storied stint of duty. Leo and Cancer adore you.

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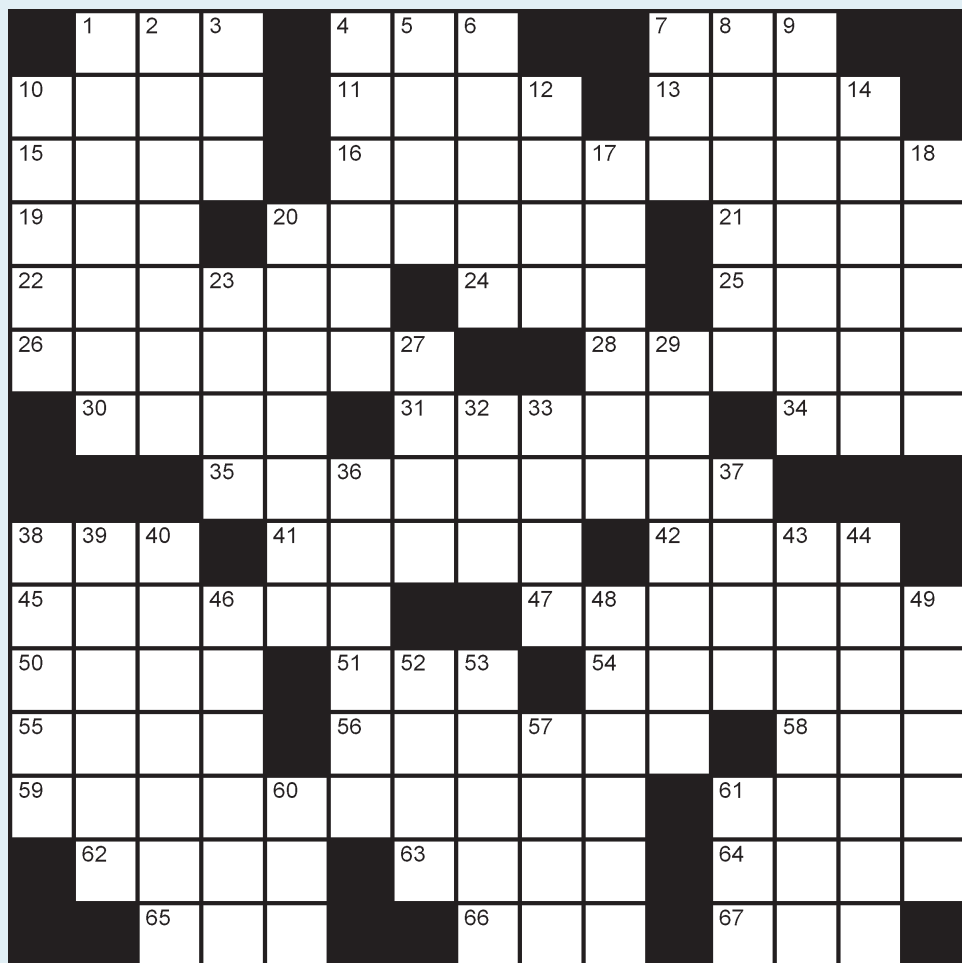


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Turning Point by Jeff Stillman

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- 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.

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.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't worry about standing for your beliefs. They will change with new discoveries, developments and information.

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.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). If you're fashionably late to the party, everyone will notice the truth: the fun starts upon your arrival.

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?

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.

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.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The reason a decision has been so difficult for you to make is that your priorities have shifted.

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.

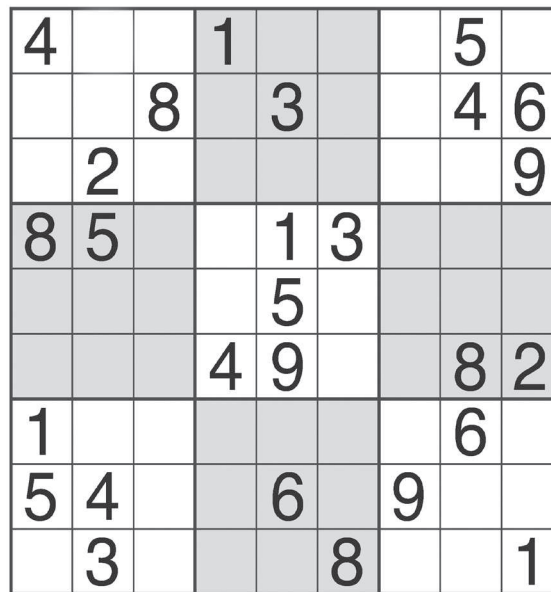
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The fun puzzle of the day is to figure out how your goals can align with the interests of others.

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.

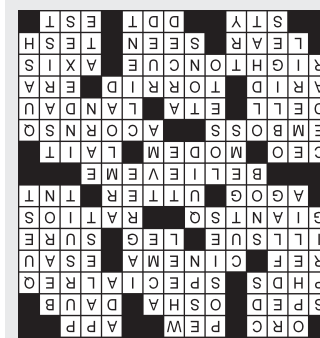
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 4). You'll revel in stints of giddy freedom this year, made possible by contrasting cycles of duty and commitment.

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