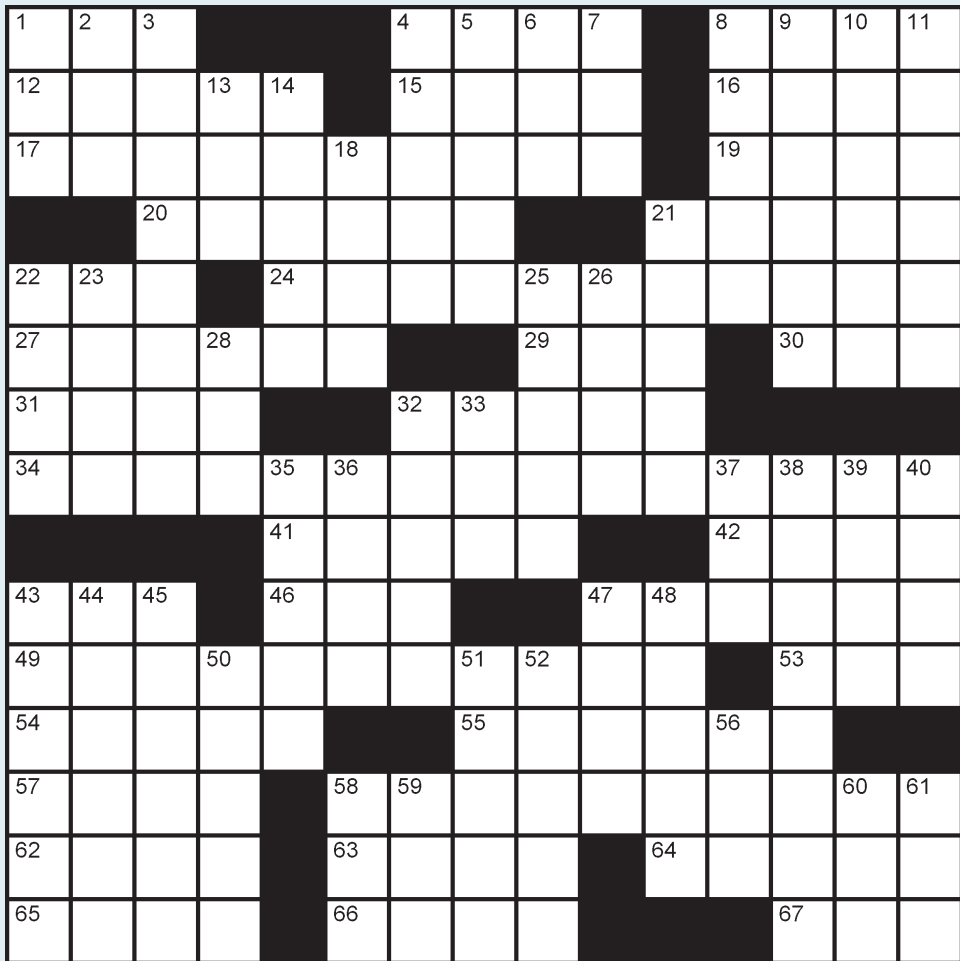


Hand Signals by Sarah Sinclair and Ross Trudeau

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- ACROSS: 1 Clumsy person, 4 'No booze provided' initials, 8 Civil rights icon Parks, 12 'Let your ___ flag fly!', 15 'State Fair' state, 16 'Um, I'm right here', 17 They may be accompanied by 'Pew pew pew!', 19 Hatcher of 'Desperate Housewives', 20 Back-to-back move in square dancing, 21 ___ and dined, 22 Longtime forensic show, 24 They may be accompanied by 'Go, Texas!', 27 Maze runner, 29 Restroom at a pub, 30 Up to now, 31 Part of UAE, 32 'The Hobbit' hobbit, 34 Plasma screens, e.g., and a hint to 17-, 24-, 49- and 58-Across, 41 'You win', 42 'By yesterday!', 43 Barbecue residue, 46 Gunk, 47 Lover's question upon returning, 49 They may be accompanied by 'Great job!', 53 Trojans' or Gamecocks' sch., 54 2020 sci-fi movie with a palindromic title, 55 'I'm not listening!', 57 Scary time for Caesar, 58 They may be accompanied by 'Make love, not war!', 62 '___ we forget ...', 63 Break into, like a computer, 64 T-bone, for one, 65 Insects in a 1998 Pixar film, 66 Bugs, 67 Espionage expert, DOWN: 1 On-___ switch, 2 Singer Grande, to fans, 3 Purse with a double F logo, 4 Elaborate event, 5 'Anything broken?', 6 Possess, 7 College degs. for history majors, 8 Tweet's number of replies vs. likes, e.g., 9 'The Gift of the Magi' author, 10 Untroubled, 11 In a crowd of, 13 Previously, 14 'TiK Tok' content creator?, 18 Laugh and a half, 21 Good, long cry?, 22 Dressed (in), 23 Garment worn in Mumbai, 25 Girl in 'The Last of Us' video games, 26 Crowds around, 28 Softball stat, 32 Open up like a buttercup, 33 Bouncers check them, 35 Close-fitting, 36 Felipe, Matty or Jesus of MLB fame, 37 ___ Vegas Aces, 38 Relieves, 39 Thanksgiving vegetables, 40 On ___ (without a contract), 43 No. 1 Hun, 44 Norway neighbor, 45 'I swear!', 47 Moscow ___, 48 'No bid', 50 Word after 'smell' or 'taste', 51 Part of BIPOC, 52 Bags of potatoes, 56 Drunk, informally, 58 Upsilon follower, 59 Organ with a canal, 60 Cat's rest, 61 Cloud site

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022 Hope Trine -- Like a Diamond in the Sky



Shortly after the moon changes into her weekend wear, Mercury and Pluto form a lucky earth sign trine, as if to say, 'Check out this auspicious moment.' Here we stand between those retrograde insights about who we've been and our summer resolutions and wishes. So much is possible because we believe it is. Hope makes it so.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You didn't cause the tension, but with charm and strategy you'll dissolve it. Regardless of whether the others can fully appreciate your social genius, it sure does make your life easier!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This day feels like a quiz, except the answers won't be found in small writing, upside down on the bottom of the page. It's all a guess now, but next week you'll know what you got right.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Relationship problems happen when people project their hopes and fears onto one another. You'll avoid assuming people are who you want them to be. Instead, you'll make every effort to learn who they really are.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Manage stress better and finances improve or manage finances better and stress dissolves. With your positive attitude, no matter how you go about the problem, you win!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Though 'leave no trace' is one of your mottos for being in nature, it doesn't work in every scene. Your mere presence often changes things. Today it's for the better, and you'll go somewhere that could really use the improvement.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People are more likely to intrude on boundaries that are not well marked. When it matters enough, you'll make the rules and decide how they are enforced -- the equivalent of a gated entry.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It can't hurt to be a little strategic with the party mood that prevails. Consider who might be good for you to know and mingle accordingly.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). An attempt to solve other people's problems often shows you how much people actually like their problems and don't want them solved. You'll avoid that drama today with an exclusive focus on your own scene.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're moving on to better things, which aren't necessarily bigger things; rather, they are things more suited to you. Large quantities of mediocre hold no appeal to you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Someone who points out your mistakes might not be the most pleasant person to be around, but nonetheless will be instrumental in today's rapid growth and tomorrow's stellar opportunity.

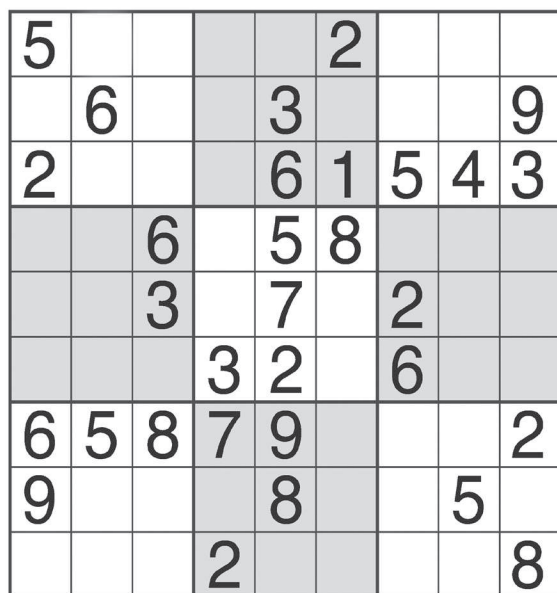
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your smile and your willingness to go along with the fun are a gift to others and they will repay you for it too, with a sense of belonging as they include you time and again.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The job isn't as easy as you thought it would be. Trying too hard can push things in a worse direction. Relax. Oddly, good results come with less effort.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 10). With all eyes on you, you'll rise to the occasion. More remarkably, you'll keep rising to the occasion when no one is looking and make major goals happen for yourself this year. More highlights: an invitation to participate in a massive endeavor involving thousands, a quiet getaway in nature and an unexpected family reunion. Libra and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 5, 33, 26 and 40.

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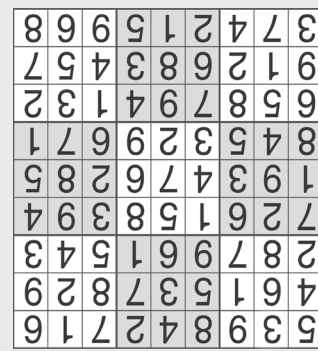
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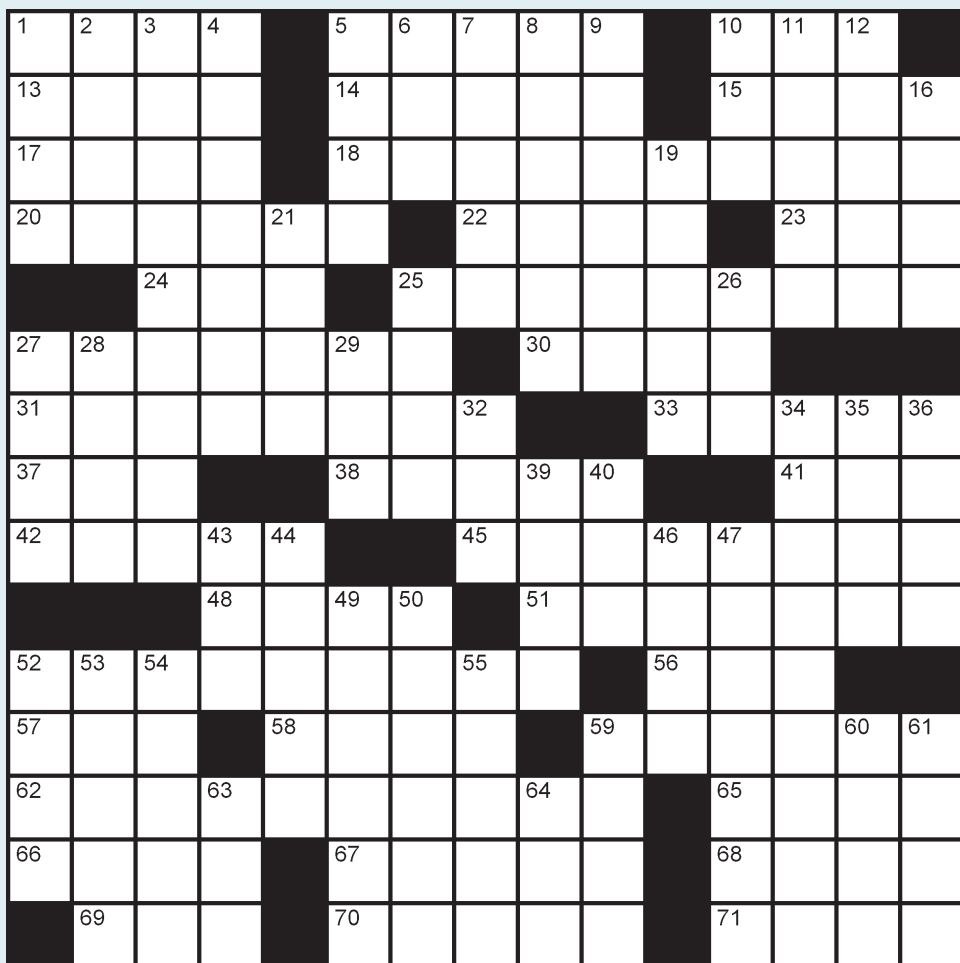


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Alternate Endings by David Bloom

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Apple tablet, 5 Hard tennis shot, 10 Palindromic alternative to a Game Boy, 13 'Sad' color, 14 Cinnabon's smell, e.g., 15 Beehive State natives, 17 Smidge, 18 *Retaliate, 20 Rushes, like a castle, 22 Dos + uno, 23 Word after 'UV' or 'X.', 24 '___ Vegas' (CBS show), 25 *Play cooperatively, 27 Apt job for Joe?, 30 Asthma trigger, 31 *What your patience may gradually do, 33 Con artist's assistant, 37 Projectile path, 38 Drain problems, 41 'I never saw your text,' perhaps, 42 Goes up and down and up ..., 45 *Event for Trixie Mattel or RuPaul, 48 After the penultimate, 51 Cold country known for hot springs, 52 *Heels-over-head stunt, 56 French denial, 57 Bachelor's final words, 58 Jackrabbit, e.g., 59 Investigative piece by Ida B. Wells, 62 In need, or two words that can follow both parts of each starred clue's answer, 65 Chatted on Slack, say, 66 Strange-sounding lake, 67 Insults during a roast, 68 Jack or Jill, 69 The 30th, for June, 70 Ore analysis, 71 Gleeful look, DOWN: 1 Nile wader, 2 It may thicken ... or be full of holes, 3 Rome under Augustus, e.g., 4 Outdated letter opener, 5 Fresh talk, 6 'Rocky III' actor, 7 Vital artery, 8 Mocking looks, 9 Olajuwon nicknamed 'the Dream', 10 Place to order ale, 11 Bart or Ringo, 12 Nut in a pie, 16 'The ___ the limit!', 19 These, in Havana, 21 Victoria Falls spray, 25 Follow surreptitiously, 26 'How frustrating!', 27 NYC theater district, 28 Bubbly British chocolate bar, 29 Potent part of pot, 32 Silent agreement, 34 Member of Congress's 'Squad', 35 Cecil or Simba, 36 Obscene, 39 Many a city street layout, 40 Word after 'egg' or before 'fly', 43 Passe, 44 ___ Fierce (onetime Beyonce alter ego), 46 Group after boomers, 47 Like ski trails that aren't flat, 49 Poem unit, 50 Time machine on 'Doctor Who', 52 ___-and-peek, 53 Love a lot, 54 Lose-lose, 55 Ultrabright colors, 59 Crafty website, 60 Prefix for 'final', 61 Biblical utopia, 63 'The Simpsons' neighbor, 64 U.S. school in Athens

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022 Starry Dominoes



It's a rather romantic collision between Venus and Uranus in Taurus, reminiscent of the clumsy meet-cutes of classic rom-coms, which seem bent on the messaging that we often don't know what's right for us, even as we're awkwardly fumbling headlong into it. There's still a long line of dominoes to fall. Later we'll call this the catalyst that set it off.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life indoors will be manageable and predictable -- which is precisely why you feel compelled to go outside, both metaphorically and actually. You'll thrive in all kinds of wild.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Not every bond you make comes in the form of an immediate click. Sometimes it takes time to find the particular and unexpected way you fit together. Today's conversations, games and social combinations might reveal it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You have nothing against the ones who relax while you work, but you'd rather they didn't do it in your sightline. You'll never tire of being useful and will keep producing well into the night.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's easier for you to give others the benefit of the doubt than it is to give yourself a pass. But the work you do to cultivate an inwardly gentle spirit is so worthwhile.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be mindful of what information is yours to tell, which keeps harmony in your world. Also, as the topics you talk about tend to reflect on you, you'd rather focus on what's beautiful and fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The fantasy of freedom is often very different from the reality of it, as too much unstructured time and a lack of limits can be debilitating. The rules make you more creative and productive.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Reduce, reuse and recycle isn't just a slogan for physical items. You'll apply it now to stored emotions and other intangible baggage. You'll let go of what you no longer need and find useful applications for the rest.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Caring too much about the outcome of your work can only make it stiff and boring. Give yourself permission to mess up -- even to make a royal disaster of the thing, and surprise, surprise, you'll be brilliant.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are not made up of disparate bits and pieces; rather, you are a system in which every part is integrated. This is why even very small changes can move the whole of you in a new direction.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Remarkable things will happen, and remark you will, though some discretion in the matter will be wise. You'll make your words count, or at least make sure they don't detract.

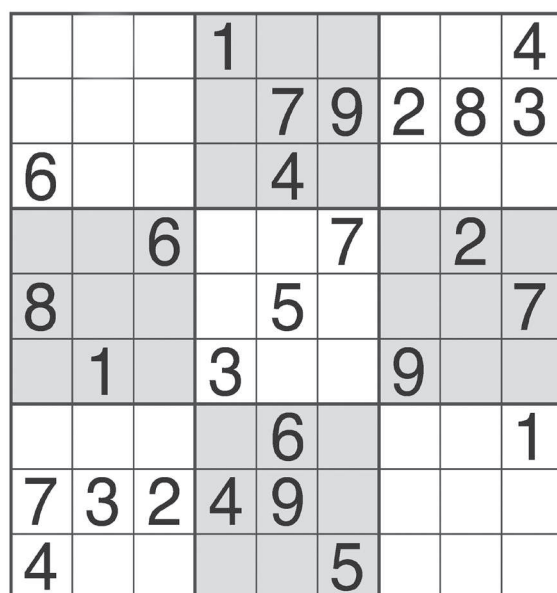
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your openness gives you a huge advantage today. Because you're not attached to an interaction going any certain way, you can leverage whatever outcome you get into something you need and want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People who absorb your energy and agree with you may be nice to have around, but when it's time to bounce around ideas, seek the hard and deflective types.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 11). Your grace, almost supernatural in its depth, will show itself in your kindly consideration for others and a sincere desire to serve the greater good, which so often will coincide harmoniously with your own delight. More highlights: a mystery solved, a journey with a handful of other curious minds and a funny sidekick. Taurus and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 21, 1, 17, 33 and 13.

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