

It's a Zoo by Robert E. L. Morris

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-67 indicating starting points for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Sign seen in the stands, 6 'A long time in a galaxy...', 9 Summits, 14 Lexus competitor, 15 Party snack not eaten by itself, 16 Cut drastically, 17 Scoop's sweet support (In this clue's answer, anagram letters 2-7), 19 Where a toddler goes?, 20 Beach hut, 22 Excited cry, 23 Without exception, 27 Apartment dweller, 29 Stir up, as curiosity, 30 Fold in the laundry room?, 32 Start up, as a computer, 33 Acquires, 34 DOJ agency, 37 Rescue squad member: Abbr., 38 Ferocious feline, or a theme hint, 40 So ___ (L.A.'s region), 41 ___ fly (MLB play), 42 In the know, 43 "That's terrible!", 44 Make hard to read, in a way, 46 Flight in which you might receive a blanket, 48 Old West watering hole, 50 Equipment for paparazzi, 51 Capital of Norway, 52 So far, 55 Phase, 57 Child's cut-out toy (Anagram letters 2-8), 62 Deodorant brand whose name suggests dryness, 63 British brew, 64 Bottled spirit, 65 Medicinal quantities, 66 "___ Miserables", 67 Ham it up, 1 Owns, 2 Hosp. area, 26 Fanatic, 28 Indiana-to-Ohio direction, 30 Core group, 31 Texas university, 33 Pleased, 35 Singer Tucker, 36 Frozen formations, 38 Texas home of the Dr Pepper Museum, 39 "You can't make me!", 43 Poem of praise, 45 Painful head rub, 46 \$1,500 per month, e.g., 47 Come out, 48 "Such a shame", 49 Houston ballplayer, 50 Superhero fashion accessories, 53 October birthstone, 54 NASCAR legend Earnhardt, 56 Publishing VIPs, 58 Blue state sen., often, 59 Vietnam War protester Yoko, 60 On, like a lamp, 61 Jeans brand

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5, 2022 Venus Votes; Love Wins



The very essence of vulnerability is being open to pain. People who keep their guards up all the time are less likely to be hurt, but they are also less likely to be touched or moved. The moon poses a challenge to every luminary she interacts with today until she gets to Venus. To risk the heart is simultaneously foolish, brave and worth it. ARIES (March 21-April 19). If you don't possess a quality, it won't bother you to see it in others. What's bothersome is to recognize a quality in others that you do not enjoy in yourself. Self-acceptance is a key to loving others and vice versa. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You will witness inspiring examples of sharing and caring -- indeed you may be the instigator of these acts, as you will be moved to express the deep affection you feel for loved ones. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The well-known solution is not the one for you. You pull things together in unexpected and fascinating configurations and will raise eyebrows, praise and money as a happy result. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Relationships don't fix the problems of individuals, though they may distract from those problems or cloak them in a different garb. Each individual must ultimately solve for their own soul. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Fighting for a principle isn't so hard. Many people have what it takes. Living up to a principle is the real challenge. Start there, because if you can't live up to the principle, maybe it's not worth fighting for. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you're interested in someone, everything they say intrigues you. Even ordinary topics are made riveting. You'll find a little introspection on the matter to be beneficial. What do you think is really driving your curiosity?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You offer something that people will quickly get used to having in their daily lives. You'll either fill a need they didn't realize they had, or you'll create a need by providing something very interesting. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). In the juggle of your daily life, you may drop a few balls and that's to be expected. Even the professionals who practice thousands of hours drop a few, but the main thing is getting quickly back in the flow. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Hooray! You're on the final stretch of a project. You've been at this so long it's hard to remember the before times. You had no idea what you were getting into back there but giving up just isn't your style. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you have a list, you're already ahead of the competition. You won't get to everything on it, which is good. "If you have accomplished all that you planned for yourself, you have not planned enough." -- Edward Everett Hale AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While there is such a thing as wise anger, it's rare. Most of the frustrations you experience today can be overcome when you learn a different way to think about them. You'll be so helped by your curious and open mind. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's no benefit to holding back or playing it cool today. Express your feelings. Whatever excites you will revitalize others too. Let people see your interest, curiosity and happiness. You never know who needs the joy infusion. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 5). Don't worry about which goals to set or how to improve because you'll be swept into a grand plan. Love will delight, distract, lift and send you on a journey of surprises. Later you'll look back fondly on your relationships in this period, knowing they made you exceptional. You'll be richly rewarded for civic and social duty. Capricorn and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 3, 39, 15 and 48.

Universal SUDOKU Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. 8/4 DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

SOLUTIONS 9x9 grid with numbers 1-9.

File Storage by Evan Mahnken

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin

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- ACROSS: 1 Fiscal bigwig, 4 Love to pieces, 9 Intel-gathering mission, 14 Place to go in London?, 15 Car part used on a rainy day, 16 Get hitched in Vegas, say, 17 Sixteenth prez, 18 *Summer theme park attractions, 20 Knighted folks, 22 File format that's often mispronounced, 23 Inventor's goal, 24 *Researchers on track to be profs, 26 Enjoyed some pad thai, 27 Tender cut of pork, 28 "Deep Rock Galactic" resource, 29 Bestie, 32 Seattle has the only zero-carbon one in the world, 34 Big ol' nerd, 36 Romantic partner, 37 *Bed coverings that are unfit for a king?, 40 Diamond specialists?, 41 "... ish", 42 Units of land, 43 Total jerk, 44 Whopper, 45 Messy person, 46 Body part with a hammer, anvil and stirrup, 47 *Movies, books, paintings, etc., 51 ___ Fire (indie rock band), 54 Samosa morsel, 55 Big jump, 56 Cloud storage option whose apps are featured at the ends of the starred clues' answers, 59 Like dry wit, 60 Author Zola, 61 Not serious, 62 Part of the psyche, 63 Great ___ (big dogs), 64 Disparaging, 65 Kyo ___, 30 Destiny, 31 Hullabaloo, 32 Color similar to teal, 33 Captain Morgan products, 34 Like a bad situation, 35 Lb. parts, 36 "Just act natural!", 38 Evening party, 39 50%, 44 Punch bowl utensils, 45 Fended (off), 46 "Bald" bird, 47 Garment that protects against splatter, 48 Japanese energy healing, 49 Simpson with a blue beehive hairstyle, 50 Watch secretly, 51 Like some wine or cheese, 52 Tomato variety, 53 "Heads or tails" item, 57 Uses a turntable, 58 Optometrist's organ

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 6, 2022 Search Party Moon



If you're looking for a good (fill in the blank), then you have a bad (fill in the blank). The Scorpio moon is keen on waking us up to what we need. Consciousness shifts with the trine to Venus, then Neptune and we realize why we've been searching, what we've been searching for, and what to let go of too. Replacements will be made. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Focus on the broader strokes because chipping away at small things will be a waste of time and energy when there are so many generalities to establish. Consult those who have done it before to get the correct order. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Coming together will be the hardest part, but once the group is established, teamwork will keep the flow going. Soon the collective has a strong magnetic force that keeps everyone connected in productivity. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To delay your dreams is dangerous business. What if the excitement wears off, the motivation wanes, the impulse goes away? Do things while you're feeling them. It's better to make a memory than contribute to time's blur. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Instead of wondering what one of your idols would do, you'll ask sincerely what seems most like a "you" action. If you can come up with one, you'll take it and be lucky. If you can't, trying things and ruling them out will be lucky. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You have valuable knowledge to impart, and you very shortly will do it. There are but a few things left to learn before you can do this properly. This stage requires patience and organization. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It is your fundamental belief that everyone is unique and exceptional in their own way. For this reason, you prefer not to be put in a position to judge, compare or assign value to anyone's work. You'll make choices based on fit. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). To treat lovely people

well does not require compassion and has no expansive effect on the heart. Compassion is the kind of love employed when its object seems, at the surface level at least, to be, for whatever reason, unlovable. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When someone makes you laugh, you feel seen. And when you make someone else laugh, it's like audible validation of a joining of your minds and sensibilities. You'll enjoy the sacred bond of humor with someone today. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're happy to help, but you're also happy because you help. Even if you're not contributing what you're best at, just showing up willing to pitch in will make a difference to them and a bigger one to you. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's only one trouble you need to own, and that's today's. Yesterday's is over and tomorrow's is borrowed. Never borrow trouble. If it's not worth owning, it's not worth having. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People don't want to say no to you today, but if that's really the answer, try and get them to say it. A fast no moves the action forward and is far better than wasting time in limbo chasing down a maybe. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Favors will come from the top. They won't necessarily go to those who have worked hardest; rather, they go to the ones who have pleased the boss. "Whoever obeys the gods, to him they particularly listen." -- Homer TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 6). A payday will relax you! You're courageous and free, less concerned with results than you are with enjoying yourself. Guided by big curiosity and little expectation, you'll gather rare insights along the way and see the opportunities others miss. Loving and loyal companionship will be yours to treasure. Capricorn and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 3, 33, 2 and 17.

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