

The Old Switcheroo by Jill Singer

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 No. 1 guy? 5 Frequent character in a URL... 37 Combine, as resources... 63 Necessity for a bassoonist... 30 Word before "brakes" or "window"...

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2022 Moon of Cautious Grouping



The Aquarius moon encourages fellowship and joining. Just remember, it's all optional! People have plans and wishes that involve you, but you're not obligated to take them on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll be among people who may be able to help you but are clueless about what you want and need.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Among your most sincere beliefs is the idea that each person is great in their own way.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You get the feeling you can add something special to another person's life, but you're not sure exactly how you're going to do it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being an open book has advantages and disadvantages. People will trust you because they understand what you're about and can predict your behavior.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you love someone, you don't need a lot of reasons to be happy around them. (Although you could come up with a long list just off the top of your head.)

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Action is attractive. Movement captivates attention and activates the senses such that there's an inward quickening even while watching in perfect stillness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Process feelings so you can move along in a lighter, brighter direction. The right person to talk to will make a difference, be it a friend, mentor, coach or your own diary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're friendly and relaxed because you trust yourself in social situations. You weren't born with this skill. You earned it through trial and error.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). To get the right answer, often one must ask the right question. But not you, not today. You'll stumble upon it, perhaps while investigating something else entirely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're on a path, but it's not paved, and in fact it's so overgrown it's hard to see the way. Nonetheless, follow the compass and you'll get there.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's fun to play your games; it's less fun to play other people's, especially the ones you didn't sign up for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It feels like you're dealing out of your league, but this is when you're at your best. It's a most auspicious, if uncomfortable, position to navigate.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 7). It's said that well-behaved people rarely make history. You'll prove this wrong as you play by the rules and go down in the books as a trustworthy leader with the tenacity to get things done.

Your lucky numbers are: 3, 36, 1, 18 and 41.

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.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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That's Twisted! by Amanda Rafkin

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- ACROSS: 1 Minor in astronomy? 5 Chest muscle, for short... 35 Hollywood fame McKellen who played Magneto... 64 Throw crossed (out)... 25 Hidden bonuses in many Marvel films...

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Countdown to a Mercury Retrograde



As Mercury stations to turn retrograde, difficulties and contradictions may be part of the plot. Keep in mind that just because something takes more effort than you want to give or scrapes uncomfortably against your worldview, that does not mean it has to be approached in all seriousness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a fine line between the heavy load that builds your muscles and the one that injures you. To avoid getting into too much, take what you think is the right amount and then back it down two notches and you'll be just right.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Since you want to do and be the best, you'll notice what's working against that goal. You're not looking for problems, but seeking opportunities for improvement leads naturally to the question: what could be better here?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being too careful makes your muscles tight and rigid, which is a fine way to stumble. So, you'll relinquish a little control and keep it loose. You'd rather learn to sway and catch yourself than topple and land hard due to inflexibility.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Don't stress too much over domestic problems. They will get solved. Things don't have to be perfect in order to be livable in the short term. The people who visit are there to see you, not your home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Logic is your weapon against false hope, stupid ideas and other wastes of resources. Just make sure it doesn't also arm you against creativity and innovation. You'd be surprised at how many illogical journeys lead to logical places.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The thing that makes a house a home cannot be bought. The style choices that represent you well, keep you comfortable, safe and surrounded by visuals that delight you will require more creativity than money.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The answers are not in the upstairs attic of your mind, so there's no purpose to crawling around in the cobwebs. The answers are easily observed in the world around you; you just have to slow down to look.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Fascinating trends are part of the fun. Before you know it, you're on a treadmill of social expectation. It's harmless entertainment as long as you remember who's in control. You can step off and do your own thing at any moment.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Happiness is understanding what matters most and spending your best energy there. The day holds victories with noble pursuits such as mastering a soup recipe or helping a child make peace with their bedtime.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Expressing yourself clears the way for you to live in better alignment with your values. You'll somehow say things you didn't even know you knew how to say -- things you didn't even know you were thinking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Balancing work and play gets challenging when all you want to do is play and all that's before you is work as far as the eye can see. This is where your creativity kicks in, and you have plenty of that too. You turn work into fun.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Questioning authority is a tenet of some cultures and in other cultures it is seen as disrespectful or even dangerous. As every group has a unique set of unspoken rules, seek understanding first and proceed accordingly.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Sept. 8). Wonder what you could accomplish with a little more emotional and financial support? You'll soon find out. Relationships uplift and fortify you. You'll know the thrill of accomplishment, the gratification of making a difference and the satisfaction of fulfilling your goal. Also, a professional move is highlighted. Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 12, 4, 44 and 18.

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