

**UNIVERSAL CROSSWORD**

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59						60					61			
62						63					64			
65						66					67			

**Take a Number by Marc Goldstein, edited by David Steinberg**

**ACROSS**

- Gift of a legendary fountain
- \_\_\_mater
- Attention-getting sound
- Golfer Palmer, to his "army"
- Maritime ridge
- Espionage asset, or a garden pest
- \*Actress Dianne of "Parenthood"
- \*Behind the \_\_\_
- Snack
- Org. that makes SNAP decisions
- Repaired
- Desserts that the Queen of Hearts made
- Perceive
- \*Wintour who was editor-in-chief of Vogue
- \*Address for a British leader, casually
- Masters
- Stock holder?
- Enterprise counselor Deanna
- Passé
- Kite and apron features
- 40%, for many a vodka: Abbr.
- Mineral deposits
- Word before "cube" or "cream"
- Blow your horn
- \*Premier motorsport

**DOWN**

- Show boredom
- Hydrox rival
- Etats-\_\_\_ (United States, in Quebec)
- More constricting
- Derisive chuckle
- Record label for Aretha Franklin and Whitney Houston
- Yorkshire city
- Tableland
- Toward the stern
- Surrounding
- Elaborate deception
- One of George Sand's pronouns
- Blend
- Subway gate
- Hardly any
- Novelists Beattie and Patchett
- "You Can't Always Get What You Want" or "You Can Get It If You Really Want"
- Cool and distant
- Prefix with "surgeon" or "transmitter"
- \_\_\_Tots
- Place for lions or thieves
- Furious
- Type of gas that's very unreactive
- Contributor
- "American \_\_\_" (1999 teen comedy)
- Early TV manufacturer
- Chimney sweep's concern
- "JK" emojis
- Winning nonstop
- Mandolin's cousin, for short
- Composed
- Move downward
- Eager and excited
- Storm wind
- Muslim leader
- Actor Lugosi
- What you should kick in before a deal?
- Hwys.
- Attention-getting sound
- Org. for the Ravens, Eagles and Falcons
- Swear

**WONDERWORD** By DAVID OUELLET

**HOW TO PLAY:** All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally and even backward. Find them, circle each letter of the word and strike it off the list. The leftover letters spell the WONDERWORD.

**MOVIE VERISIMILITUDE** Solution: 7 letters

I O U N I V E R S E R N E G N  
 G M R M A G I C A L L E V O N  
 N N A E A E S U C O F O I C E  
 O C I G H O R O T C A S G T F  
 I R N T I R N U D R A M A I I  
 S E C I T N E H T U A L T E C  
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Actor, Authentic, Believe, Cinema, Connect, Credible, Detail, Drama, Dream, Engage, Experience, Facts, Fantasy, Fiction, Film, Focus, Game, Genre, Idea, Imaginary, Literature, Logic, Magical, Mindset, Narrative, Novel, Persuasion, Play, Relate, Romance, Setting, Song, Superhero, Television, Theater, Theory, Truth, Universe, Watch, World

**KENKEN** THE LOGIC PUZZLE THAT MAKES YOU SMARTER.

Instructions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 4 (easy) or 1 through 6 (challenging) without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

**EASY**

2-			2÷	
3+	4+			12X
		8X		
2÷			2-	

**CHALLENGING**

30X	5-			60X	
		16X		5-	
2÷	11+		4	3-	1-
		15X	18X		
9+				13+	
	3+			5	

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**LAST WORD IN ASTROLOGY**  
**HOROSCOPE FOR MARCH 11**



BY EUGENIA LAST  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**  
 Consider what's at stake before you make promises. Use this year to clear up emotional matters hanging over your head.

opening and offer insight into how you can improve your life. 2 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** Mixed emotions will confuse you when dealing with relationships. Listen carefully before you reveal information that may incriminate you. Keep things simple, and let practicality stand between you and naive gestures that lead to compromise. 4 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Overspending or trying to buy favors will backfire. Pay more attention to self-improvement and to building stronger relationships with those you love by being honest, compromising, and doing and paying your fair share. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Pay more attention to your responsibilities and getting things done, and less to conversations that are emotionally unhinging. If you want to make the most of your day, adopt a healthy lifestyle or start a home-improvement project. 3 stars

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Avoid confrontations. Keep your opinions to yourself until further notice. Problems with authority figures, government agencies and institutions will surface if you are in the wrong place at the wrong time. 3 stars

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Assess your current direction and how gratifying it is, and consider what you might rather be doing with your time and skills, and you'll discover how to satisfy your needs by redirecting your attributes into helping others help themselves. The connections you make will change your perspective and enhance your life. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Networking events and intellectual pursuits will broaden your perspective and encourage you to mix business with pleasure more often. What you gain through interacting with people who share your interests will help you save time and money reaching your objective. 2 stars

**BIRTHDAY BABY:**  
 You are persistent, shrewd and demonstrative. You are aggressive and proactive.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** A low profile will keep you out of harm's way. Spend more time on your personal needs, learning and preparing for something you want to pursue. Do the legwork, and you'll discover shortcuts that can benefit you financially. 5 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** It's best to consider everything available to you before you engage in something new or sign up for a scam trying to part you from your cash. Helping others is admirable, but paying for others' shortcomings is not. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A change will do you good. Whether you frequent a new destination, challenge yourself to try something new or set goals that test your physical skills, the result will be a new and improved version of yourself. 3 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** It's what you accomplish that counts. Choose to use your brain over brawn if you want to achieve what you set out to do. Protect your reputation and your physical well-being from those trying to make you look bad or take advantage of you. 3 stars

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Listen to what others have to say, and you'll gain insight into whether you want to participate or not. A financial opportunity may tempt you, but before you delve in, make sure you can afford to participate. 5 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Don't mix money and emotions. Avoid joint ventures or expenditures. If you can't afford something on your own, you'd best take a pass. A chance to reunite with old friends will be eye-

**UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle**

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

5			6	2		8		
	8		4	7	6	9		
7								1
	2		7	4				9
4		1	8				3	
3								5
	5	7	9	3			1	
		9		5	2			8

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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**CELEBRITY CIPHER**  
 by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

" J B U T G . . . Z K B P H F Y L V Y B F B  
 Y K T X U R B Z Z X A H T . M G F J K T G Y K T V  
 N M X H , Y K T X L N M X H P L T Z K B P H F  
 A T M S K M H H T G E T Y B B Y K T L Z ."  
 — M U T H X M T M L K M L Y

Solution: "Women ... should try to do the impossible. And when they fail, their failure should be a challenge to others." — Amelia Earhart

TODAY'S CLUE: Equals G

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**7 LITTLE WORDS**

Find the 7 words to match the 7 clues. The numbers in parentheses represent the number of letters in each solution. Each letter combination can be used only once, but all letter combinations will be necessary to complete the puzzle.

**CLUES**

- coats and mittens (9)
- impact sites (7)
- icy coating (5)
- "Still I Rise" poet Maya (7)
- Colorado college town (7)
- tip of a triangle, for one (6)
- "quick-change artist" (9)

**SOLUTIONS**

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OU ERS RW OU CR  
 TE ANG CHA FRO BOU  
 AT LD EL EAR VER  
 ER EON TEX MEL ST

Answers: 1. OUTERWEAR 2. CRATERS 3. FROST 4. ANGELOU 5. BOULDER 6. VERTEX 7. CHAMPELON

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**TODAY'S SOLUTIONS:**  
 WONDERWORD: COSTUME

1	3	2	4	
		2-	2÷	
3	2	4	1	
		8X		
4	1	3	2	
		4+	3+	
2	4	1	3	
		2÷	2-	

6	5	3	1	2	4
	5		3+		
2	5	2	6	3	1
		13+			6+
2		5	1	5	3
		18X	15X		
3		4	1	2	6
		2÷	4	1	2
6	1		5-		
		16X	3	3	5
3	4	1	6	5	2
		60X	5-		30X

8	3	7	2	5	4	6	1	9
6	1	9	4	5	2	3	7	8
3	4	8	7	1	6	9	2	5
4	7	6	1	8	9	5	3	2
6	3	1	2	9	5	7	8	4
8	2	5	3	7	4	1	6	9
7	6	4	8	3	2	5	1	
1	8	2	5	4	7	6	9	3
5	6	3	9	2	1	8	4	7