

Something Is Fishy by Catherine Cetta

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Long-lasting wave, informally
 - 5 Sports venues
 - 11 "Dig in!"
 - 14 Lake with a spooky-sounding name
 - 15 Uprising
 - 16 Place for relaxing
 - 17 *Wild West deputy who was originally a dentist (unscramble each starred answer's first word)
 - 19 ___ Romana
 - 20 Citrus drink suffix
 - 21 Cover, as with chocolate
 - 22 Sometimes-sassy assistant
 - 23 Place for a potted plant
 - 25 *Crispy breakfast bites
 - 29 Uncommon
 - 31 ___ legend
 - 32 Word after "fire" or "steam"
 - 35 Clay and Lacy, to one another?
 - 38 Weaving apparatus
 - 39 Barn roof devices
 - 41 Brand with a Buzzy Bee Waffle recipe
 - 42 Without pause
 - 44 People who are often respected
 - 46 Reprimand
 - 47 Opera piece such as "Dido's Lament"
 - 48 "Give up in despair
 - 51 Like old jokes
 - 55 Vietnam neighbor
 - 56 Radiate
 - 58 Continuous noise
 - 59 Sun Devil's sch.
 - 60 *Patrick, for Ireland
 - 64 NYC opera venue, with "The"
 - 65 Reveal the identity of
 - 66 Look closely (at)
 - 67 Grayish powder
 - 68 Changes the color of, maybe
 - 69 Antonym of "massive"
- DOWN**
- 1 Ride a bike
 - 2 Disappear little by little
 - 3 Reduced to grain-sized bits
 - 4 Unenthusiastic reaction
 - 5 Folk singer
 - 6 Tell, like a story
 - 7 1996 film about an Argentine leader
 - 8 Nonverbal OK
 - 9 Apple pie ___ mode
 - 10 Hog haven
 - 11 James Bond's specialty
 - 12 Separated
 - 13 Uber alternatives
 - 18 The Atlantic, but not The New Yorker
 - 22 Eyed rudely
 - 24 Pained expressions
 - 26 Adjust the pitch of
 - 27 Mistake remover
 - 28 Late SCOTUS legend
 - 30 Attack verbally
 - 32 Windy City trains
 - 33 Word between "sorry" and "sorry"
 - 34 Takes a turn for the worse
 - 35 "___ takers?"
 - 36 Restaurant boss: Abbr.
 - 37 "H-E-L-P!"
 - 40 Alan of "Scientific American Frontiers"
 - 43 Head-slapping cry
 - 45 Some contain many ingredients
 - 47 No more than
 - 48 Incan wool source
 - 49 Places where camels drink
 - 50 Aired on TV again
 - 52 Farewell, in France
 - 53 Cloth made from flax
 - 54 Way in
 - 57 Creates, as a tattoo
 - 60 Baby seal
 - 61 Santa ___
 - 62 Texter's "I don't want to know!"
 - 63 iBeer, for one

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021 *The Braveheart Alignment*



Calling all brave hearts! The sun and Venus align in the warrior planet to open a season of love. To give or take heart is a gamble. In giving, there's a risk of loss. And in taking, there's the risk of not delivering on an expectation. Love may ride for a time on blessed zephyrs, but it would not be love if it didn't come with an element of danger.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Different people inspire you to connect to different parts of your nature. Who has you seeking your better angels? Those are the folks to fill your mind, heart and time with now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Don't worry. You didn't meet the right person at the wrong time because that's not even a thing. There's only meeting people when you do and making it mean something to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Around people who don't yet know you, your options are wide open. You can be anyone you want or dare to be. And though it's more work, the same principle actually applies to people who know you well.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). While it's natural to find conflict off-putting, avoiding it altogether would be harmful. Resign yourself to the idea that difficult discussions are often necessary to reach a satisfying compromise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're drawn to people with a pleasant resting face and an all-around excellent default personality. Usually, you only see those things when the chips are down and so are defenses, but you have a sixth sense about it now.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To be in a mix where people want what you have is to know the power of leverage. You have had it before and will get it again, once you see and present one of your many gifts in a new light.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You lavish demonstrations of respect, attention and love on those in your circle

but sometimes forget that you are part of that circle, too, and arguably the most important part. You put the "you" in "your circle."

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's true that there are many with less than you have, but it's not a cause for you to feel guilty. Instead, move your stewardship to a higher level of doing the most good.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Even though digital clutter doesn't really take up much of your living space, it can rent a disproportionate amount of space in your psyche and to deleterious effect. Good email organization will revitalize.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Leave draining environments. You know who influences you in an exciting direction and should settle for no less. You can never have enough positive influences, so keep up the quest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). That thing you wished for again and again was not a childish impulse of the past but a calling inside of a chrysalis. It's still growing and will take a new form. What can you do to feed the process?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Is it possible to reverse someone without a pedestal? To prop your admired one up too far is to set them up for a fall. Stay on equal footing. There is just as much to admire in the parallel view.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 26). You'll often apply your warrior's heart to causes of peace. That which you beautify and harmonize will attract wondrous attention. You'll receive a remarkable communication. With your great curiosity and the courage to follow it, you'll land in a place of options aplenty! You'll reclaim a powerful desire and aim it more effectively than before. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 1, 4, 16 and 22.

Universal SUDOKU

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Palindromic Pointers by Jennifer Marra

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- ACROSS**
- 1 ___ of the tongue
 - 5 They're above abs
 - 9 Ships' landing sites
 - 14 Sheet of stamps or glass
 - 15 Volunteer's words
 - 16 Rural's opposite
 - 17 Congratulatory lead-in to "girl"
 - 18 Actress Chaplin
 - 19 San Antonio battle site
 - 20 Advice for someone visiting a kennel?
 - 23 Get hitched hastily
 - 24 Call from behind the deli counter
 - 25 Broke a fast
 - 28 Judge to be
 - 30 Rider of the dragon Saphira
 - 32 Doctor's org.
 - 35 Advice for a bard who's frightened by Pictionary?
 - 38 ___ party (fraternity event)
 - 40 Shaggy Tibetan beast
 - 41 Prudent
 - 42 Questionable advice for someone in need of money?
 - 47 Silent approval
 - 48 "R-E-S-P-E-C-T" singer Franklin
 - 49 Greek counterpart of Mars
 - 51 Driving aid?
 - 52 Little quarrel
 - 55 Reef enclosing a lagoon
 - 58 Advice for someone crossing the street, and a theme hint
 - 61 Origami need
 - 64 Indian flatbread
 - 65 Let fly
 - 66 Wedding destination?
 - 67 Burst ___ the scene
 - 68 Song a diva memorizes
 - 69 Private journal
 - 70 Illuminating gas
 - 71 Mediator's strong suit
- DOWN**
- 1 Beauty spots?
 - 2 Cappuccino alternative
 - 3 Spy's info
 - 4 Stir-fry bit
 - 5 Lewis or Clark
 - 6 Subj. with supply curves
 - 7 Important book group?
 - 8 Hogwarts potions professor
 - 9 Due doubled
 - 10 Many start with http://
 - 11 Org. that promotes pro bono work
 - 12 Verb for Popeye
 - 13 ___-cone
 - 21 Column with an angle
 - 22 Corp. bigwig
 - 25 Delighted toddler's demand
 - 26 Anatomical section within "doctor's office"
 - 27 Open-___ question
 - 29 Club spread
 - 31 Reaction to a puppy
 - 32 Opportunity to hit
 - 33 Roger who played 007
 - 34 Concur
 - 36 Card game of chance
 - 37 Gumbo vegetable
 - 39 Part of MOMA
 - 43 Casual apology
 - 44 D.C. paper
 - 45 Keynote address, e.g.
 - 46 "Little Women" woman
 - 50 "Who cares?"
 - 53 Ohio city known for rubber
 - 54 Prized cut of steak
 - 56 ___ Ingalls Wilder ("Little House on the Prairie" author)
 - 57 Earworm segment?
 - 58 Shakespearean father of three
 - 59 Name that sounds like a vehicle
 - 60 Venetian blind strip
 - 61 Paw part
 - 62 Comedian Wong
 - 63 Org. for moms and dads

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SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021 *Passover on the Full Moon Eve*



The spring festival commemorating the liberation of Israelites from slavery begins at sundown on this eve of the full Libra moon. Justice, art and harmonious relationships are the qualities to swell tomorrow's lunar tide, but we are still in the realm of the Virgo lunation of logistics and good health. A Pluto alignment lends poignancy to the evening.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). People are born with open mouths and minds. Many adults are better at closing their minds than they are at closing their mouths, but your disarming approach sparks imagination and brings people back to openness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sure, living in the present is usually optimal – but not always. When the past keeps pulling you into its dream, there's something for you there. The living you do in the past counts as living, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As for the rituals and beliefs you no longer participate in, it's not because you lost them along the way, rather they got traded in the development of your soul. There's no part of your story that doesn't belong there.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). What was neutral or off-putting to you in the past has transformed into a cornerstone essential in the manner of a nutritious vegetable, once despised, now delicious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There are those who will try to impress you with their discerning taste, but if this takes a turn toward being hard-to-please, consider that high-class and low-maintenance often go hand-in-hand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The situation is not your responsibility, and yet whatever you do to improve it will make your life much easier. Despite your modesty and discretion these acts will still manage to reflect beautifully on you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Just because a relationship is a little ambiguous doesn't mean it's less than optimal. In fact, the ambiguity leaves room for each person's imagination to rush wondrously in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The building goes up one brick at a time and so does your success. There is no glamour in it today (each move looks and feels like a weight-lifting repetition), but eventually, you'll dance in glory.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you can't figure out what you want, start with what you don't want. When you X out the negative space, form emerges. You're like a sculptor chipping away at anything that is not the masterpiece.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Listening well is a challenge, an art and a discipline. There are plenty who don't value the skill enough to even try. Your efforts to listen better will give you an edge in a highly competitive situation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll be in the dance of a relationship, figuring out when to step forward and when to pull back. Don't overthink it. All will flow from respecting the space.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There is no reasoning with a dog in a storm going wild with anxiety even while inside the obvious shelter and warmth of home. There are feral instincts in you that cannot be reasoned with either, only comforted.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 27). Oh, how you are able to sharpen your talent into a highly effective and sought-after tool! The year brings glorious reunions and novel occasions. Relationships are a winding path. You'll thrill to the turns, especially the moment a stranger becomes an acquaintance, an acquaintance a friend, a friend becomes a love. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 2, 44, 13 & 9.

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