

Through the Looking Glass by Stu Ockman
Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

Grid for the crossword puzzle 'Through the Looking Glass' with numbered squares.

- ACROSS: 1 Decides to participate, 7 'Quiet!', 10 Pepsi or Coke, 14 Hunky-dory, 15 'Super Smash Bros. Brawl' and others, 17 'French Polynesia's most populous island, 18 'Leader who worked to unite the Iroquois, 19 'Put a \_\_\_ on it!', 20 'No bid,' in bridge, 21 Negative vote, 22 Without a date, 24 Sherwood Forest friar, 26 'They work by themselves, 30 Works at an easel, 34 Word after 'open' or 'hot', 35 Stamped envelopes and such, 37 Frock fold, 38 At the peak of, 40 Boar's nose, 42 Gimlet garnish, 43 Azalea, e.g., 45 Kind of saxophone, 46 1.2, 2.4 or 3.6, perhaps, 47 Felt intuitively, 49 'Luau fish, 52 Daughter and anagram of Rhea, 54 Blissful place in the Bible, 55 Gain alternative, 58 System for detecting things in either direction?, 60 Knock on, as a window, 62 'Musical based on ABBA songs, 64 Useful device for reading each starred answer, 67 Fred and Wilma's time, 68 What divides to multiply?, 69 It's bigger than a quiz, 70 \_\_\_ ed, 71 Recent arrival in school, 31 Animal sound that's a homophone of 21-Across, 32 Florida city near St. Petersburg, 33 Cook, as broccoli, 36 The 'L' of MLK, 39 It may come to shove, 41 Certain tadpole, eventually, 44 'Another brewski!', 48 Soap operas and others, 50 Period for self-care, 51 All lined up, 53 Old saying, 55 Indiana-to-Ohio direction, 56 Ceremonial act, 57 Famous \_\_\_ cookies, 59 'Don't Live Life Without It' card, informally, 61 Head Start's school level, for short, 63 One may dig a tunnel in a hill '\_\_\_ overboard!', 64 Kimono sash, 66 'Far out!'

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021 Cosmic Warning Against Oblivion



The sun conjunct Uranus and a lunar opposition to Mars warn against an overabundance of self-involvement. When simple rules of common decency seem like epic achievements, things are in a sorry state. This simple advice bears mention: When people are talking to you, pay attention. You might be the only one who does.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's something of value you don't want to lose. This is what's standing between you and a change. The shift will only be possible after you've reckoned with your feelings and deemed the loss to be necessary.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you wanted to get judgmental, all the data is right there in front of you. It doesn't look great on paper, so there's plenty to judge. But you want to be constructive instead - which is hard, helpful and so on-brand for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There are those who will do anything you ask of them, but you have to tell them exactly what to do. Do you really want to work that hard? Seek people who come with their own initiative.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). To talk about what you know and listen when you don't seems so simple, but many will violate the rule. They speak to fill the void or get attention - tiresome. All you have to do is politely excuse yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When you think about it, the amount of love and respect you give yourself pretty much mirrors the amount you give others and vice versa. So no matter how you go about it, increasing the love increases the love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Those who worry about having a thing are not really rich in it. There are two ways to be rich - to have so much of something that you can't possibly run out of it or to have so little of it that you have nothing to lose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It would be unreasonable

and cold-hearted to love only those who love themselves. Love all types if you can. But when it comes to your close relationships, the healthier prospects promise wonderful harmony.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's said that complaining is like a rocking chair; a comfort though it never goes anywhere. Arguably, those who find comfort in complaining provide far less of it to everyone within earshot. Luckily, you know when to use your feet.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Explore, decide, change your mind - all part of the process. Anyone who gives you a hard time about this doesn't fully understand your creativity. Believe in your vision enough for anyone who can't see it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). But be mindful not to tie your self-worth into anything as precarious as a bank balance, bad hair day or other transitory state. Moods will rise and fall like the temperature outside, but your value remains inestimable.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Look into the depth of the sky, imagine the breadth of the ocean, try and count the stars. Take that expansive feeling with you wherever you go and know that whatever it is you think you lack, there really is enough to go around.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). There's an elegance in you that you often let shine, though sometimes you tuck it behind a shield because you don't want too many people coming for you at once. Today, you're very much in control of and aware of this.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 30). The endeavor becomes possible because you believe it is possible. You'll build skills and adopt new modes of thought. It is fortifying beyond measure to know you are growing in mind and spirit. In June, you'll dedicate yourself to growing in financial ways, too, as your dream needs real-world assets to back it up. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 17, 3, 37 and 5.

Universal SUDOKU

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9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

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The Four One One by Evan Kalish
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- ACROSS: 1 Self-referential, 5 Place for a clip-on mic, 10 Makeout sesh at the movies, e.g., 13 Composer Stravinsky, 14 Voice of Amazon?, 15 'What have we \_\_\_?', 17 Sites of some alphanumeric keypads, 20 '... and so on': Abbr., 21 Bakery fixtures, 22 Available at the bar, in a way, 23 Jacobson of 'Broad City', 25 Overly proper, 26 2007 neo-noir crime film, 31 Place for a painting in progress, 32 'The Farewell' director Wang, 33 Emulated Michael Phelps or Katie Ledecky, 37 'I solved it!', 38 Captivates, 41 December 24 or 31, 42 Fanny, 44 Peas, perhaps, in a food fight, 45 Exfoliation targets, 47 Suite couple, 50 Sporty Chevy, 53 They get paid to play, 54 Voice a view, 55 'Inferno' author, 58 \_\_\_ milk (vegan drink), 61 'You can't change the past' Abbr., 64 Prom ride, 65 Ancient worshipper of Tezcatlipoca and Tlaloc, 66 Bone ending at the elbow, 67 Lower, like lights, 68 Good ones never go unpunished, they say, 69 Laudatory works, 34 'Can you believe it's our 20th reunion already?', 35 Declare, 36 Organizer's challenge, 39 Prefix smaller than micro-, 40 Sources of mold growths, 43 Mysterious masked man of Broadway, 46 Activist/artist Yoko, 48 Raw mine extracts, 49 Public perception, 50 \_\_\_ neck sweater, 51 Tiny nuisance in a garden, 52 Little Havana's Florida city, 55 Take a siesta, 56 Chip in chips, 57 Can't live without, 59 'Rachel Getting Married' actress Hathaway, 60 Herbal brews, 62 Stay-at-home \_\_\_, 63 Performing pair, 1 Dust \_\_\_, 2 Four-award achievement, slangily, 3 Froot Loops mascot, 4 Word aptly found in 'polar curve', 5 Country on the Baltic Sea, 6 Balm ingredient, 7 Ivy in Philly, 8 Previous partners, 9 Daytona 500 unit, 10 Impostors, 11 Body shop jobs, 12 2-D geometry calculations, 16 Arthur Ashe Courage Award, e.g., 18 Walk with difficulty, 19 Rhino feature, 24 Hive dweller, 25 Rain cats and dogs, 26 Drive or reverse, 27 Hawaiian home of Disney's Aulani resort, 28 Make a scapegoat, 29 'Mmm, dee-lish!', 30 Doom's partner

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SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021 An Earthy Beltane



In the pagan tradition, the first day of May is celebrated with a tall maypole decorated with leaves, ribbons and flowers, a festival centerpiece to dance and revel around. The festival of Beltane includes a bonfire from which all light their home hearth. The traditional Capricorn moon gives a nod to these traditions of yesteryear.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You, like the other animals, respond and adapt to your environment. The people, things and routines that rule your days have a stronger effect than willpower. Changing your lifestyle is what changes your habits.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). One approach to the problem at hand is to starve it out. Don't give it the fuel that your attention so readily provides. Ignore, neglect and shun the thing until it goes away.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You can't help the affinity you feel for those who need your help. You'll like them more because of your investment in them. They don't need to pay you back. Connecting you to the goodness of your soul is payment enough.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've unhooked yourself from dozens of expectations you had of someone. Now you're able to experience the person as they are instead of as you hoped they would be.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). As for that unwanted behavior, it will help to give up the fight. Once you stop trying to stop it, you free yourself up to pursue an understanding of these coping mechanisms. You cannot influence that which you don't understand.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is satisfaction to be mined from small gains if you're willing to accept the gift. Such acceptance will include a pause while you check out all the features and offer a gratitude most sincere and specific.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The places that used to energize you have gone stale or no longer exist. In these weird times, "new environments" can be taken as a metaphor. Go out in search of that very alive feeling.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Improvement is practically effortless today because it comes with a cosmic assist. You happen to want the thing that also is in the highest and best interest of yourself and many others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People think they know what's real but there are so many tricks around. Nature, light, fog, memory... and if that weren't enough, the tricks of the digital age are endless. You'll know what's real today because you'll feel it.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You need to be your own advocate, and you will fulfill the role once you embrace it. Do you think you deserve an advocate? That's the first block to get over. Hint: You do.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's odd enough, but people who are on top of the world and experiencing high-flying success may not be half as happy as those who are struggling. In your case, embrace these days as though they were the good ole days.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Someone asking for your service is, in a way, a compliment. It says that they trust you, and makes you want to rise to meet their expectation and then soar beyond it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 1). This supportive quality you have will be what you're celebrated for. For brief moments it will feel like you're holding the whole thing up by yourself, and this only shows you your strength and position. Your team will kick in, following the example you bring. The sweet victories of the year will hit on multiple levels. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 32, 1, 28 and 40.

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