

Early Riser by Ella Dershowitz & Matthew Stock

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Polite address
 - 5 Certain quinceañera invitee
 - 10 Solo, at prom
 - 14 ___mater
 - 15 Broadband box
 - 16 WNBA legend Rebecca
 - 17 Crush on the court
 - 18 Sister brand of Crest
 - 19 Corp. milestones
 - 20 Juicy fruit snacks
 - 22 With ice cream
 - 24 Praiseful poem
 - 25 "Put Your Records On" singer Corinne Bailey ___
 - 26 Up to, briefly
 - 27 Sometimes-hidden charge
 - 28 Journalist Gwen
 - 30 Beginning
 - 32 Sophisticated, as a gadget
 - 34 "Batman" prequel series
 - 37 Stench
 - 38 Piece of clip art
 - 42 Actress Russo
 - 43 Let off without a ticket, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 44 City in Oregon or Massachusetts
 - 45 Qatari leader
 - 46 UPS alternative
 - 47 Try
 - 49 Initial reply when shocked?
 - 50 "Over here!"
 - 52 "Same here!"
 - 54 La Paz's co-capital
 - 56 Fluorescent bulb gas
 - 57 Amanda Gorman or Maya Angelou
 - 59 Bulldog of the Ivy League
 - 61 BBQ rack parts
 - 64 Word before "hero" or "fail"
 - 65 Polite address
 - 66 Annoying insect
 - 67 Play ___ fire
 - 68 "Abso-freakin'-lutely!"
 - 69 Like French toast
- ACROSS**
- 1 Martindale of "The Americans"
 - 2 Not silently
 - 3 *Ultimatum for a comedian facing a hostile crowd?
 - 4 Subject with many tangents
 - 5 *Social studies class that lacks an honor code?
 - 6 Tasty bite
 - 7 Director Lupino
 - 8 Cold Italian treat
 - 9 *Romans, say, when taking the scenic route to battle?
 - 10 Like unlikely odds
 - 11 Cheerful greeting that hints at what was added to each starred answer's start
 - 12 Place to live
 - 13 "Don't just take my word for it!"
 - 21 Andre whose full name is hidden in "American Dream"
 - 23 "I forgot to mention ..."
 - 29 Nonflowering plant
- DOWN**
- 31 Raison d'___
 - 32 Casual greeting
 - 33 Shoshone-Bannock Tribes' state
 - 35 Japanese cartoon art
 - 36 Exit theentrance ramp
 - 39 Where a gymnast might stick a landing
 - 40 Hoppy brew
 - 41 Very special person
 - 47 NYC rep since 2019
 - 48 Game with a laser variety
 - 51 Storage cupboard
 - 53 Narrow canyon
 - 55 Simple
 - 56 Broadcasts
 - 57 Church seat
 - 58 Be There in a Prosecco nail polish brand
 - 60 Two truths and a
 - 62 Duffel or satchel
 - 63 Place to eat like a pig?

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021 Flower Moon Eclipse



When the sun is in Gemini, the full moon is in Sagittarius, the sign of exploration. This May full moon is also called the flower moon and, indeed, life opens like a blossom, inviting us closer to smell its sweetness. The momentary shadow of a lunar eclipse helps us understand the loveliness with the clarity that contrast provides.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The best kind of goal to take on today is one that's too big for a single person. Group work is an opportunity for the better angels inside to assemble and fly forward together.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An effective and enjoyable daily routine is a thing of art. You're the type of experimental artist who is willing to try new tools, techniques and approaches until you find the magic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A glamorous effect is usually the result of a multitude of unglamorous actions. The same thing is true of greatness in any area. High aims are mostly achieved through an accumulation of humble actions.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people bring out your confidence and others your insecurities. There's something to learn from either relationship dynamic, though the lessons in working through insecurity will advance you quicker.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It takes one to know one, but that's not the only way. If you're not "one" and you still want to know, the next best thing is close observation over a long period of time. The research will be a pleasure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have friends with the same talent as you. It is through sharing and a sense of competition that you all grow sharper. You're all one team in the game.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In the same way that

successful companies do a regular inventory of the stock, you need to get back in touch with your resources. The only reason you're not using what you have is that you forgot that you have it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Whose heart leaps when you win? Who really wants to see you succeed so much that jealousy is never an issue? Who laughs when you laugh? Get more of these people in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There were times you chased down the thing you wanted and times you waited for it to come to you. Put your feet up because this is one of the latter times. Your hard-learned patience will serve you well.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There was nothing special about the stone that brought down Goliath. It could have been any of hundreds of stones lying around. When bringing down giants, it's all about the aim.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You belong in the light for so many reasons. For starters, you have nothing to hide. In fact, when you're in a place where many can see you, you'll inspire. Also, you'll be protected by a kind of spiritual sunscreen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Complaining, in and of itself, isn't a powerful motivator of change. A complaint is just a statement. You will contemplate a problem, think about what leverage you might employ and decide on some actions to try.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 26). You'll get a remarkable boon within the five weeks surrounding your birthday. Save this abundance. An essential lesson of the year is about taking up your own side. Though selflessness is virtuous, you do the most for your team by getting fully behind the player who is likely to bring the best result. Right now, it's you. Cancer and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 39, 1, 28 and 16.

Universal SUDOKU

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Get Down by Stella Zawistowski

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Fifty Shades of Grey" director Taylor-Johnson
 - 4 Birthday secret
 - 8 Cobra pose, e.g.
 - 13 Swim-bike-run race, for short
 - 14 Land in the water?
 - 15 Widen, as pupils
 - 17 Frying medium
 - 18 Caramel-glazed dessert
 - 19 Appends
 - 20 Venison, for one
 - 22 Green gem
 - 23 "Frozen" character with a braid
 - 24 Group of mah-jongg tiles
 - 26 Jack and Jill went up one
 - 27 Peak in Europe
 - 29 Where puppies can exercise
 - 31 Make holy
 - 34 Tapering neckline shapes
 - 35 Popular pooch
 - 38 "___ my pleasure!"
 - 39 Is loudly angry with
 - 41 Make public
- DOWN**
- 42 Black, Red or Yellow
 - 43 Smartphone review site
 - 44 Blood bank donation
 - 46 Greek letters that symbolize angles
 - 48 Stretcher holder: Abbr.
 - 49 Legumes in aloo matar
 - 51 Covered in Charmin, for short
 - 53 "What are the ___?"
 - 56 One may be lined with lockers
 - 58 Silent place to find a volume
 - 60 Darth Vader's given name
 - 61 Hoagie, outside of Philly
 - 62 Neither here ___ there
 - 63 Dormant
 - 64 First part of a play
 - 65 PC's "brain"
 - 66 Join the highway
 - 67 "Until next time," in texts
 - 68 Medium's power, for short
- ACROSS**
- 35 Oscar-winning Donna Summer song, and a hint to the starred answers' ends
 - 36 Ultimate goal
 - 37 Garment with a band measurement
 - 40 ___ Center (L.A. art venue)
 - 45 Romantic feeling, in Mexico
 - 46 One with a lot to say
 - 47 USDA grade below Choice
 - 49 Old airline
 - 50 Make giddy
 - 52 Like a window that says "wash me"
 - 54 Cuts ties with, as a friend
 - 55 Pancake topping
 - 56 Prince of Broadway?
 - 57 Opening bet
 - 59 Start bubbling, say
 - 61 Fedora or fez

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, MAY 27, 2021 The Expression of a Square



A square of love planet Venus and dreamy Neptune expresses itself in a world offering an array of triggers for suppressed emotions, whatever they may be. So, people who are already angry (or fearful, joyful, curious) need not look far for more reasons to be angry (or fearful, joyful, curious) because the circumstances naturally arise.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The best outcomes happen with a diverse group or a challenging partnership. Working through disagreement will bring about magical combinations and evolutions.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you sense in another person some of the same sadness that has inhabited you, you want to do something about it for the sake of both of you. Even though you feel healed, further recovery comes from helping others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your internal compass seems to be leading you to a dead end, but follow it anyway. This road weirdly winds, so you're only seeing a few feet in front of you at a time. You can trust your sense of direction.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your mind is smooth and forceful. You'll skillfully relay your ideas. There's no guarantee the others will be convinced, but chances are good. You're impressively adept at landing on the most convincing phrasing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your work is not always so straightforward, so you appreciate days like today when the small picture so obviously matches up to the big one. The mountain is climbed one upward step at a time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It takes much more energy to start things than it does to continue them. Make momentum work for you by simply continuing. Once you get in the swing, stay in it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you want is out there, though it currently belongs to someone else. That doesn't mean you can't have it. It just means there will be some salesmanship involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People often laugh because they think they should; it's a social response to a cue, and not necessarily one they understand. Those who laugh alone truly know what's funny.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's much you could be doing, but don't stress over your choices. Just pick the one that most attracts you, and then stick with that and only that for a while. One choice is a portal through which the world opens up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Some call it "doing nothing." To you, it's doing what comes naturally without having to think of the needs and reactions of another person. To be alone and agenda-less just may be a basic human need.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Today feels a bit like a costume party in which you are handed an arbitrary outfit at the door and told to start up the impersonation. Does it help to know that everybody feels this way?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone has fun differently, so if you're not catching on to what seems to delight the others, it only means that there are other sources out there for you. That's not a reason to stay where you are. Go find them!

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 27). You've often decided what you wanted to do but this time good fortune picks you, as you are chosen and nurtured to fulfill a role. You'll often apply your remarkable talent for sensing the value in things and collecting beauty. You'll also handle your own or other people's funds to an impressive result. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 2, 15, 33 and 17.

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