

Chow Down by Daniel Grinberg

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Ethane or methane
 - 4 Move like a supermodel
 - 9 Little League gloves
 - 14 Play a part, or part of a play
 - 15 Give an address
 - 16 Allergy season sound
 - 17 Vote in favor
 - 18 French city known for its mustard
 - 19 Commit to memory
 - 20 Leftover bit
 - 22 Part of an Instagram feed
 - 24 One may be sprayed on
 - 25 Easy-___ Oven
 - 26 French wine valley
 - 28 Like an uncleaned barbecue
 - 29 Standing upon
 - 30 Grp. that monitors pollution
 - 31 Diva's chance to shine
 - 33 Weightiness
 - 34 Lion's lair
 - 35 '60s Supreme Court justice Abe
 - 38 Dreamed big
 - 40 Flips one's lid
 - 41 Type that's not upstanding?
 - 42 Texas Longhorn's sound
 - 43 Clear on a snowy day?
 - 44 Vampire's target
 - 45 Use a plus sign
 - 46 ___ known as
 - 47 Secretly emails
 - 49 Be part of reality
 - 51 Toonie, e.g.
 - 52 Crossword solver's cry
 - 53 Organization that seeks pledges?
 - 54 Not subtle
 - 56 Cyclist
 - 58 "Jerry Maguire" director Cameron
 - 60 ___ sum
 - 62 Alternative to Advil
 - 63 Doctrine
 - 64 Peron who was Argentina's first lady
 - 65 Change back to zero
 - 66 They stink
 - 67 Roulette color
- DOWN**
- 1 Like Alvin Ailey or Lil Nas X
 - 2 Gets 100% on an exam
 - 3 IHOP offering
 - 4 Word after "club" or "cream"
 - 5 Sandwich that shares a name with an apartment building style
 - 6 "The Big Bang Theory" astrophysicist
 - 7 Like a perfect world
 - 8 George Michael, vocally
 - 9 Ingredient in the candy Whoppers
 - 10 Champagne bucket filler
 - 11 "Not sure it's possible," or an observation about 3-, 5- or 23-Down
 - 12 Bat mitzvah text
 - 13 Young fella
 - 21 Cold-blooded critters
 - 23 One may contain crab legs
 - 25 Faith founded in Persia
 - 27 Column with a view
 - 28 Where planes can fly
 - 32 Expensive eggs
 - 36 Second most common blood type
 - 37 Affix, as a patch
 - 39 The Cars' Ocasek
 - 40 Jupiter and Saturn
 - 42 Headwaiter
 - 47 Literary king of the elephants
 - 48 Santiago's country
 - 50 Crafter's knife brand
 - 53 Lose sleep (over)
 - 55 Docs for dachshunds
 - 57 Day before the big day
 - 59 Anti-war activist Yoko
 - 61 Longtime satirical magazine

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, JUNE 18, 2021 Seasonal Order



While most cultures observe four seasons, some split the seasons into six categories, allowing for weather trends such as "monsoon season" or the coldest part of winter. Nearing the solstice, we're inspired to find the personal meaning of these changing times, and to organize accompanying feelings, each in our own way.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Bathing in the golden light of the sun charges up your fire sign batteries and fuels the day's peak activities. Of course, there's a point of diminishing returns, which is when shade and sunscreen are your best friends.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Oddly enough, in the matter of other people's perceptions, strategic timing can get you there faster than strategic effort. You'll work smart to position yourself. You'll go from underestimated to the undisputed champion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The older people want to be younger, the younger people want to be older. How unusual to be a person who sees what's here to seize, in this day, at this age. This is rare, and therefore also beautiful.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There is art in the concept, but the concept is not the art until it is constructed and able to be experienced with the senses by someone in the world at large, not in the world of the artist's imagination. In short, bring it to life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Like a juggler, you will launch your props into flight constantly and repeatedly. For you and the juggler, things get impressive not after you've successfully executed them once, but after you've done so for a length of time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The move to cover up vulnerability with a distraction is valid enough, though you become wiser by resisting such a dodge -- acknowledging your fear and respecting the potential for pain.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). When a dream becomes reality, the experience of it is inevitably going to be different. Otherwise, what would be the point of working to make things real? Expect the difference and get ready to welcome however that shows up.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). As you resolve yourself to a meaningful goal, your ego, nervous and threatened by the newness of it all, will chatter away, harassing your life. Just ignore. Neglected egos have a way of settling down on their own.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If you repeat an attempt that didn't work a dozen times, success will depend only on luck, which is not helpful to you. Analyze, hypothesize and experiment. Your scientific approach will eventually get a favorable result.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a carefree feeling in the air, which you'll breathe into your lungs and let oxygenate the blood that energizes your mind to generate the whimsy that your body will impulsively dance to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The tools of a masterful practitioner eventually become extensions of the self; body, mind and tool become one entity in the creation process. You're almost there.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll inhabit two different worlds and an auspicious cross-pollination will occur. The thoughts from one world will empower the physicality of the other, or an idea will take a new form in the other environment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 18). Talent rises up in you, finding ideal expression. A new openness will lead to better living. You'll meet people who inspire you. You'll refine former methods and run your life with fresh efficiency. And you'll connect with new sources of sustenance. Your luck runs the gamut, touching down in every segment of life. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 8, 40, 20 and 11.

Universal SUDOKU

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LGBTQ Firsts by Dallas Fletcher

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Dad
 - 5 Some have x, y and z axes
 - 11 Roast beef au ___
 - 14 Middle of Caesar's boast
 - 15 Marilyn who had a signature mole
 - 16 Choose
 - 17 She played Princess Aurora in "Maleficent"
 - 19 "How was ___ know?"
 - 20 It forms the tip of the Horn of Africa
 - 21 Slob's opposite
 - 23 "Bye for now," in texts
 - 24 Hosts, briefly
 - 25 Mochi ingredient
 - 26 Pickling containers
 - 28 "You really shouldn't have!"
 - 30 Be in the red
 - 31 Work with yarn
 - 33 Friend, in France
 - 34 Fixation
 - 40 "___ It Go" ("Frozen" song)
 - 41 Some whiskeys
 - 42 "Hostel" director Roth
 - 43 What psychics read
 - 47 Viral cat photo, maybe
 - 48 Part of a predicate
 - 49 Pitiful
 - 50 Vinegar, chemically
 - 52 Medicine with a PM variety
 - 54 Anthem in Manitoba
 - 57 Eggs on blini
 - 58 Start playing a soundtrack
 - 60 "Where ___ you?"
 - 61 "Queer Eye" food guru Porowski
 - 62 Speed dial, briefly?
 - 63 Money in Tokyo
 - 64 Expensive Super Bowl purchase
 - 65 Dueling sword
- DOWN**
- 1 Slapstick desserts
 - 2 Capital of Norway
 - 3 Shade source at an oasis
 - 4 Comfy pants
 - 5 App whose logo is a colorful M
 - 6 Name that anagrams to "Nora"
 - 7 Raggedy Andy's sister
 - 8 Handsome character in many Disney films
 - 9 Lincoln nickname
 - 10 Nintendo rival
 - 11 Start singing along, say
 - 12 Slight increase
 - 13 Adds fuel to, as a fire
 - 18 The old lady swallowed one
 - 22 Line of cars?
 - 24 Like many urban parking spots
 - 26 Real piece of work?
 - 27 Amazement
 - 28 Negroni liquor
 - 29 Med. insurance groups
 - 31 An athlete may take one in protest
 - 32 "Shh!"
 - 35 Cry of amazement
 - 36 The "S" of macOS: Abbr.
 - 37 Urgently require
 - 38 Shade source in Central Park
 - 39 Rare Final Jeopardy outcome
 - 43 Couch potato's table
 - 44 Pooh pal whose tail often comes off
 - 45 Sorkin who co-hosted "America's Funniest People"
 - 46 Parking lot?
 - 47 Maximum length of many TikTok
 - 50 Nail a test
 - 51 High-tech doorbell part, informally
 - 53 Stanford Cardinal's org.
 - 54 "We're doomed!"
 - 55 Cube, like onions
 - 56 Throb painfully
 - 59 Add sprinkles to, say

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SATURDAY, JUNE 19, 2021 Public Service Announcement from Grand Trine



There is no such a thing as a steppingstone. There are only stones, more or less alike, though some may be arranged at the bottom as an assist to those climbing to the top. The integrity of a thing has little to do with the use of a thing. This message was brought to you by the grand trine in hopes it might help you solve an ethical dilemma.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). To know someone is to feel something about them. The experience of people in the same room accesses feelings better than any way of communicating that requires electricity.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). People want to be convinced, though it will take surprisingly little to push them into certainty. Do the same thing again, but this time like you mean it, and you'll get favorable results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You truly believe others would be better off following your advice, but you also realize people are different, and there's no way to definitively declare one correct answer to suit all. For this reason, you'll stay out of it.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The hopeful future or idyllic past should be but wee bookends on the main feature of a fantastic present. If the bookends are bigger than the books, it's not a good sign.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You can afford to say no and be selfish with your time. You normally don't choose that option, but it just may be the one that brings you the most vitality in the long run.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The other person probably shouldn't get so reactive to your every move, but it happens anyway. Allay their fear and they'll feel better in the moment, but you'll have to do that every time. Or, do nothing and, eventually, they'll adapt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Don't worry about playing small. Actually, there are no small plays, only small-minded or low-energy approaches. You'll bring your big spirit to everything you do.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pose a better question and sweeten the day, especially if you are both the querent and the answerer. Try these: What am I most curious about here? How can I bring more levity or clarity to the scene?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It doesn't take much to get you riled up about a certain relationship. The challenge is to give and receive compassion regardless of whether it's what you feel like doing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Maybe someone chose you, so you never got the sensation of pursuit. Relationships are like tag. Changing roles and taking turns is part of it. You may make someone run just so you can feel what it's like to give chase.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'd rather spend time gaining a skill than trying to enjoy yourself in an environment that doesn't seem conducive to it. Loved ones may argue that enjoying yourself is a skill!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you choose to see it this way, life can be your party; you make the invite list and the playlist, you call the games, decide when the dancing starts and when the cake is served.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 19). You feel a bit like a rogue planet, wandering the galaxy, unbound by parent stars. The liberation from your usual orbits will be a thrill, and a heady courage drives you toward unknown constellations. In the realm of work, you'll be a performer, which takes guts, then a top-performer, which takes mastery, and nets a bag of money. Libra and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 28, 15, 3 and 1.

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