Pride Month Themeless III *by Lita & Tass Williams*

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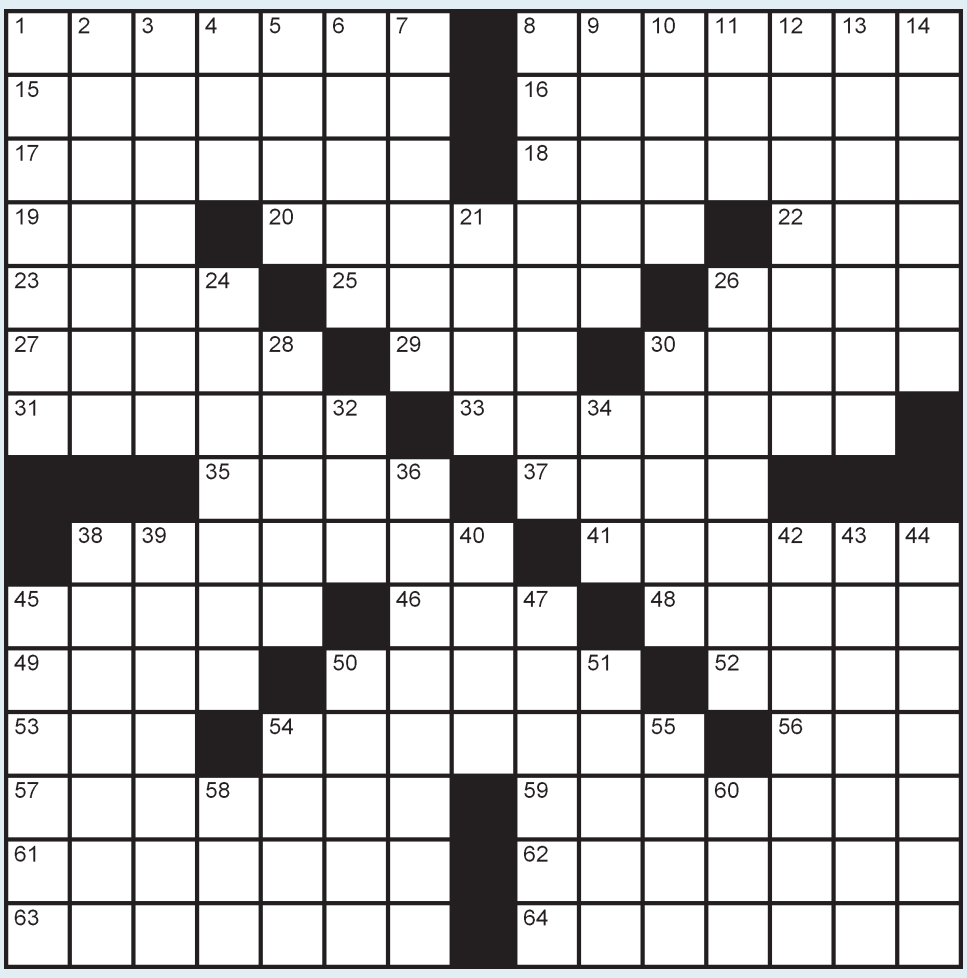

ACROSS
1 Unnamed Phoebe Waller-Bridge character
8 Put a cold pack on, say
15 Flower symbolizing love
16 Newbie on the job
17 Clearly aggravated
18 Popular scouring products
19 Prefix for "belief"
20 Euphoria
22 Morse code click
23 Actress Rowlands
25 Seethes
26 "Imperial gem" in ancient China
27 Foe
29 Word aptly hidden in "onboard"
30 Sensational and melodramatic
31 Bering ___
33 Something likely to succeed
35 Extreme enthusiasm
37 Mani's partner
38 Told off
41 One's value?
45 Thyroid, for instance
46 Ding or chip
48 "Peachy keen!"
49 Dry or wet applications, at a barbecue
50 Lowest number?
52 Storm centers
53 Spherical body
54 She played Liz Lemon in "30 Rock"
56 One of Dracula's forms
57 Beach adjacent to Copacabana
59 "Is there still time?"
61 Nullified
62 Largest penguin variety
63 "Listen to me ..."
64 Tails off

DOWN
1 Places to grab a beer?
2 Opposite of strict
3 "Up" star
4 "___ gratia artis" (MGM motto)
5 Common shape for a dog treat
6 Sneaker brand whose name is an acronym
7 Arrives at
8 Cry at the end of a movie?
9 What two obscure puzzle answers shouldn't do
10 A piece of cake
11 Guacamole or salsa
12 How some stunts are done
13 "Hooray for us!"
14 Like a loop within a loop, in programming
21 Afternoon socials
24 Warriors such as Wonder Woman
26 Notable anniversary
28 Triangular road sign
30 Deceived romantically
32 Tiny amount
34 Spoon-___
36 Drink that can be pink
38 7-Eleven drink
39 Main ingredient in kimchi
40 Facts and figures
42 Completely reveal
43 Stuffed oneself
44 Lists of members
45 Athletes may pull them
47 San ___ (city north of San Francisco)
50 Gadget such as a stopwatch
51 "I wanna!"
54 Head, in Paris
55 Puppy sounds
58 "No way!"
60 "___ Miz"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2021 *Sky of Fathers*

The sky is full of father figures. In many types of astrology, the sun represents the father. Jupiter is the Mack Daddy of the zodiac, and his name translates as "Sky Father." Then there's Saturn, who is sometimes referred to as "Father Time." May all the celestial guardians conspire to help you honor the paternal influences who have helped you grow.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone wants to feel special, and you have a way of making that happen for people today. Hint: Since the nature of specialness is exclusivity, star treatment can't happen where everyone sees you treat everyone the same.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You could receive a thousand compliments and the only ones that would matter would be the ones that speak to qualities you value. You'll think of this when you carefully choose what to praise about others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You will defend an idea or person not because there is a good chance for victory but because the entity has too few defenders and you hate to leave an underdog without a champion.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Moderation, balance and modesty are the understated qualities that don't draw attention to themselves and yet make possible a level of beauty and grace that cannot be achieved through flashier means.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What's most needed today is patience. Patience gets overlooked among more glamorous virtues but is the secret weapon of the spiritually, emotionally and financially wealthy. Seeing things pay off in the long term will inspire you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are developing an entire catalogue of ways to interact with someone: words that mean something specific to the two of you, gestures and behaviors that reinforce your bond – all actions that celebrate love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're good at delegating today, and there are angels around you looking for employment. They don't need a 401(k) plan. They don't even need wages. They just need their working orders in some semblance of prayer form.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Like the birds, you will sense the most auspicious altitude for your proverbial flight. If you sail too high, you will be faced with problems of pressure and heat and be too far up for anyone to hear your song.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The idea that rolled out in full regalia and seduced you with its glamor has now become a difficult endeavor requiring stamina, which you'll find that you have plenty of if you keep the original vision in your mind's eye.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). "That's so me," you say as you show up in a certain way. And yet, what would happen if you were to remove the notion of "me" from today's presentation? Would it liberate you, make you uncomfortable or both?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As you chase your goal, you are like the hunter pursuing game. Neither of you has a set path. One follows the impulse "away," and the other goes "toward," and the rest depends on who is faster.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You feel that in some ways you are suspended between worlds and unable to enter either. At least you are not the only one. To walk the Earth while mentally ascending to unreachable realms is the human condition.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 20). This birthday represents a level of maturity that allows for a host of fresh options. No longer concerned with immediate victories, you settle into a groove that can't help but trend you toward impressive goals. Style choices become habits and ultimately lifestyles that keep you vital and beautiful. Virgo and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 44, 20 and 15.

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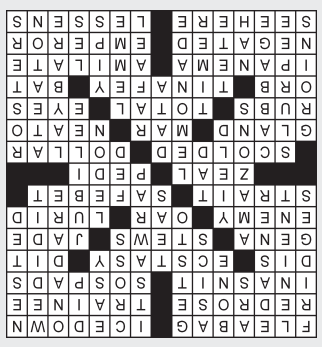

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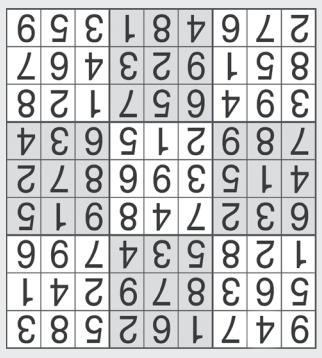

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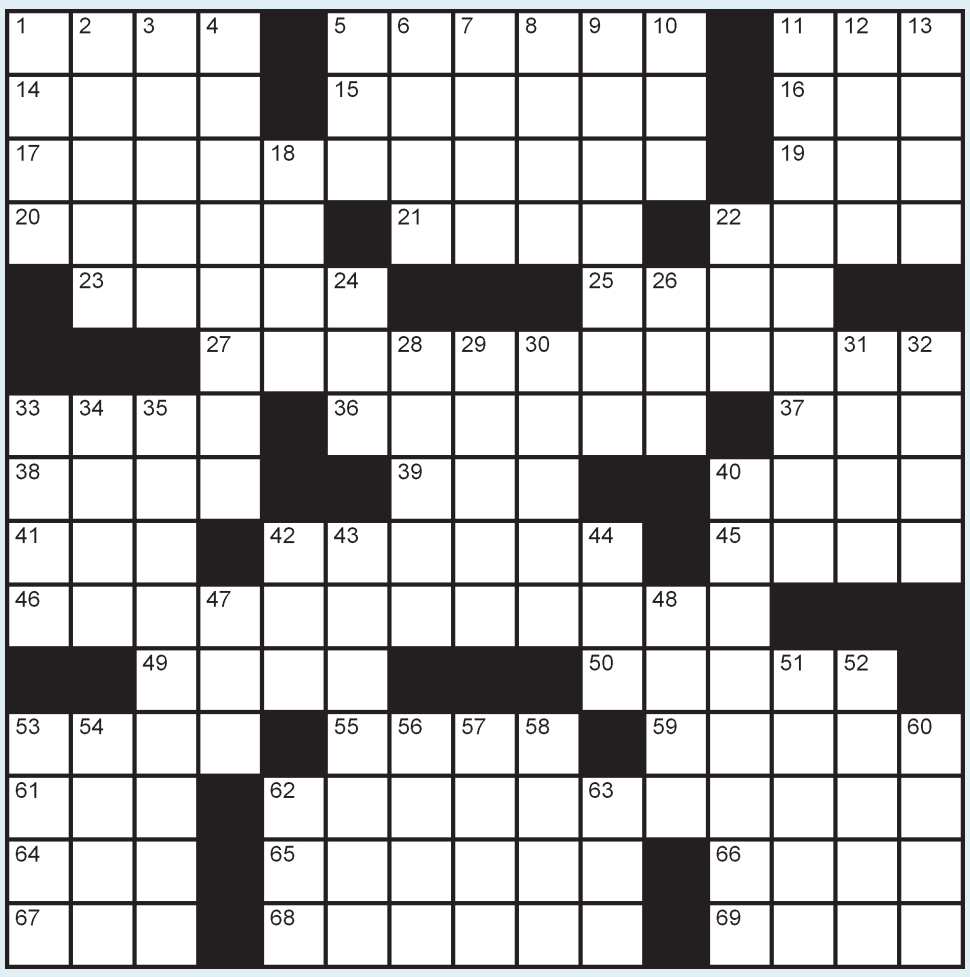

ACROSS
1 "Hey, over here!"
5 Stick (to)
11 Amateurish actor
14 Post-workout sensation
15 Playful knuckle rub
16 Resource in Catan
17 Spot for warehouse deliveries
19 Road gunk
20 Thinks (over)
21 Pageant wrap
22 ___ Zahara Benet, first winner of "RuPaul's Drag Race"
23 Domain
25 On an even ___
27 Wide, mocking smile
33 Total sty
36 "Holy" Spanish city
37 United
38 Liza Minnelli, vocally
39 "___ big fan!"
40 Fatty tuna in Japanese cuisine
41 Texter's "I've heard enough!"
42 Number of degrees in a right angle
45 Churchgoer's approval
46 Captivating a crowd at a party, say
49 Titular woman in a Kinks hit
50 Car part that may purr
53 Bete noire
55 Broad bean variety
59 Flood protection
61 "Let Me Blow Ya Mind" rapper
62 Subtextual process for some characters, or a hint to the word scrambled in 17-, 27- and 46-Across
64 "___ a pity"
65 Wild horse
66 Golden rule preposition
67 Spots that wouldn't be missed?
68 Electronic instruments, for short
69 Ant in the pantry, e.g.

DOWN
1 Date or coconut producer
2 Scrub, as a pan
3 Oil-rich mineral
4 Coach in an Apple TV+ series
5 ___ Arbor
6 Hounds
7 "Today" co-host Kotb
8 Causes of swollen heads?
9 High schooler with a Lexus, perhaps
10 Cry upon seeing a mouse
11 Where you may see a mint on a pillow
12 Many an Iranian
13 Trifling
18 Madonna's "La ___ Bonita"
22 Plead
24 Actor who said "I pity the fool"
26 Green prefix
28 Accomplishing
29 Stone head carver of Mesoamerica
30 "Nifty!"
31 Memo opener
32 Gas in Vegas signs
33 It has pluses and minuses
34 "Tickle Me" doll
35 Feeling during meditation
40 Having a full sleeve of ink, perhaps
42 Zilch
43 Very angry
44 "So tasty!"
47 A deer, a female deer
48 Caramelly candy
51 Sheeplike
52 Leases
53 Prerelease phase
54 Eager
56 Long time period: Var.
57 Let off steam
58 Curved structure
60 Awards acronym for Whoopi Goldberg
62 NFL play-callers
63 Prefix for "play," at Comic-Con

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, JUNE 21, 2021 *Happy Cancer Season*

On the first full day of the Cancer sun and the last full day of Mercury's retrograde, the best position is one of having nothing to prove and no one to prove it to. An ego can dissolve to the point of being merely a suggestion. From that humble place, we are not as distracted by gratification and self-importance, so we can see what is needed of us.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one likes to work with substandard tools, and to feel cornered into doing so under pressurized circumstances is even worse. Yet, this is exactly the recipe for today's magic.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To practice peace is to feel a kinship with the people next to you even when they do not believe as you do. This requires getting to common ground, which takes creative thinking, one of your many talents.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's nice when everyone gets along, but nice circumstances seldom bring out the best in people. So when the energy is harmonious, enjoy it. And when it's not, you'll seize the chance to sharpen yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today's work doesn't have to be in your wheelhouse to be worthy of you. You can find fulfillment doing something very boring as long as you know how it's helping. To mingle as you do with the spirit of generosity is to be lifted.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The very same ideology that once gave you a much-needed sense of structure and a helpful viewfinder for the world will one day seem outdated, limiting and perhaps even untrue. Ideologies age out; mystery is ageless.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). So much is possible for those who are willing to look stupid. Included among the spoils for the social and professional risk-takers is the possibility for friendship, love, profit and advancement.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You may as well make yourself comfortable, because the space between wanting and getting could be quite long. Occupy yourself in some way to lessen the tension of anticipation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are endeavors you can steer and endeavors that will steer you. You'll be led by things like ingredients, tools and materials that seem to dictate to you how they want to be used.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). The theoretical physicist wants to know: Do we exist in time, or does time exist in us? You would pose the same question about love today, as you feel you are swimming in it even as it flows from you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be gathering intelligence, which is the first step on any large project and the step that tells you whether an endeavor is worth taking on in the first place.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The weak will bring down the strong in the manner of babies and puppies who melt hearts with their cuteness, a defense that comes straight from heaven, and usually with a ticking clock.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're making mistakes, it's because you're making decisions. Give yourself credit for being in the flow, for it's not for the faint of heart. And don't worry; the fumbles are minor, and they come with the territory.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 21). Projects take you through peaks and valleys, and you'll enjoy external expressions of potency like financial validation and awards, though you'll also recognize that they were never the goal. You're growing into real power with a legacy of teamwork and relationships aimed at bringing up the level for a whole group. Sagittarius and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 29, 30, 1, 14 and 37.

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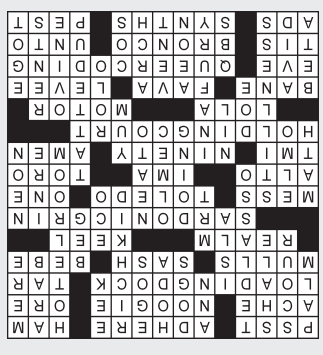
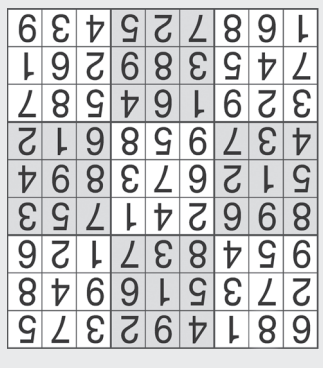
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