

Going Both Ways by Ori Brian and David Gold

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-69 indicating starting points for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Black-and-white print, 6 A few, 10 La familia's home, 14 Chinese, perhaps, 15 Chaka, the "Queen of Funk", 16 Microbrewery offerings, 17 *Kitchen pot products? (Theme hint: See letters 6 to 7 and 11 to 12 in this answer), 20 O, in a lover's text, 21 Brazilian carnival city, informally, 22 Like many job interviews, 23 Regularly, 26 "Woof" relative, 27 Sam Smith's "I'm ___ the Only One", 28 **"Out of the Blue" singer, 32 To no ___ (useless), 33 Originally named, 34 Suffix for "senior", 38 Grain grinder, 39 They're always true, 41 It may be dominant, 42 Spanish for "she", 43 Letters before a pseudonym, 44 Letter before iota, 45 *Home of the Krusty Krab, 49 "Gross!", 52 Fox's hideout, 53 Smell or taste, 54 Zigzag through snow, 56 Car-towing org., 57 Baseball stat, 60 *Moving collections of literature?, 64 Keen, 65 White House staffer, 66 Like the Vietnamese language, 67 Champ and Major, for the Bidens, 68 Hue darker than cyan, 69 Dance partly inspired by a fashion magazine, DOWN: 1 Braff of "Scrubs", 2 Biblical birthright seller, 3 It shows a number to call, 4 Went for a jog, 5 De Armas of "Knives Out", 6 Racing down a snowy hill, say, 7 Quite, quaintly, 8 Astronaut, 9 Backs publicly, 10 Airport vehicles, 11 Bold poker bet, 12 Deal with, 13 Liability's opposite, 18 Activist and filmmaker, 19 Deets, 24 Research area at Quantico, 25 Up to, briefly, 26 Drive the getaway car for, e.g., 28 Notre ___, 29 Sinister, 30 Cuzco native, 31 Times when hamsters are most active, 35 Balancing unsteadily, 36 Crushing on, 37 Sewing line, 39 Vegan bacon, for instance, 40 Related (to), 44 Freight weight unit, 46 "Survivor" immunity item, 47 Author Allende, 48 Queer subculture with a pawprint on its flag, 49 Election season graphic, 50 What's kept on hand at the hospital?, 51 Behavioral pattern, 55 Cup covers, 56 Musical with a pharaoh, 58 Boyfriend, 59 Minor key?, 61 Violate a court oath, 62 Off-road wheels, briefly, 63 Aussie marsupial

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021 Sun, Moon, Triangle



Just being human takes a lot of work, much of it done beneath consciousness. Trust the work that the you inside the you is doing. Don't wait until you're worn out to replenish. The solar/lunar water sign trine opens a wave of feeling to soothe and rock the weary soul. Relax into it and a sense of calm will extend to the rest of this moon cycle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When you think you can improve things, or keep them at a sweet status quo, you lead the way. But if you believe someone else has the right vision, you'll be the first to follow. It's not about power; it's about the group good.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The difference between collecting and hoarding is in the rules that guide the acquisition. Hoarding is indiscriminate. What will you require of the things you add to your life? How do you know when a thing is worth having?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Your mission is to thrive as a contributor to the planet. As for those bent exclusively on promoting their own welfare, you don't get it. The good news is that you don't have to convince anyone. Your life is convincing enough.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Life delivers poetic truths to you, brief and contrasting. Because much is left out, you're able to fill in the blanks and reconcile contradictions. If you can't make sense, make art.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Some of your best teachers will be people who died years ago. Their lives are your lesson plans, and they may currently seem more accessible to your apprenticeship than anyone breathing. You'll receive answers from beyond.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Avoid being like the tourist who packs too heavily or makes too many reservations, becoming beholden to self-created obligations. All will be taken care of when you go with less and trust the whims of the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to do things perfectly to belong to the group. In fact, since everyone in the group is imperfect, your flaws are part of your dues, so no need to hide them away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Easy games don't make champions. It's as though this day is sensitive to what you need: nothing too startling, just a gentle unfolding of enough challenge to make things interesting.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your education continues, and is going much stronger outside of formal schooling than it is or ever was inside of it. With a hunger to learn as your driver, you devour whole feasts of knowledge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll harmonize your work with the needs of the people around you. You'll be reminded how each of them has their own circle of influence and these resonances extend indefinitely. Every small gesture matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are a country with your own language and laws, your own icons and culture, your own food and aesthetic. Who is taking the time to learn the country of you? Who is "living" there without fully adapting to the place?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). "Many words lead to exhaustion," says Lao-Tzu, and you've felt this while falling asleep with a book or in a lecture or just wishing you were asleep when someone overshadows the minutia. You deserve peace. Go to the quiet.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 30). You have remarkable talents you don't know about; not because they are hidden, but because they are so much a part of you that you can't see them, much like you can't see your own face. The cosmic gift of the year is an excellent mirror in the form of adoring people and prime opportunities to bring out your brilliance. Virgo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 4, 44 and 15.

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Pride Month Themeless V by Kate Hawkins

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14x14 crossword grid with numbers 1-61 indicating starting points for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Split the bill, 11 Wet dog emanation, 15 "Is everything all right?", 16 Granny, 17 "Close enough", 18 Difficult journey, 19 Game with +2 cards, 20 "Salt, Fat, Acid, ___" (Samin Nosrat book), 21 "If ___ Walls Could Talk 2", 22 Boatload, 23 Possesses, 24 Yelled out, 26 Pose for a portrait, 27 Pairs of rhyming rap lyrics, 30 Metronomes' outputs, 33 Withdraw, as from bottle-feeding, 34 Piece of course feedback, informally, 35 Organization that really delivers?, 38 Tandoori bread, 39 Sword handle, 40 Underneath, 41 You can't lose with them, 43 Be laid up, 44 Burglar, 45 Subway alternative, 46 "All the Things ___ Said" (t.A.T.u. song), 49 Space object with a tail, 51 Doing a task, 53 Golden Bears' univ., 54 Sign of the future, 55 Substance on which it's hard to lie?, 58 "Rats!", 59 "Is the party over?", 60 Chip in chips, 61 Pickled pepper picker, DOWN: 1 Run the ___ (cover everything), 2 University of Maine's town, 3 "Great blue" bird, 4 "Yes, captain!", 5 Where to go in England?, 6 Russian headwear, 7 Foot parts that may touch hot sand, 8 SNIGLAR crib seller, 9 Home to Cape Cod and Cape Hatteras, 10 ___ admin, 11 Aboveboard, 12 Speed demon, for instance (apty!), 13 Too big for ___ bristles, 14 Roulette table scraper, 21 Word following "hot" or "wing", 23 Snake sound, 25 Magical letter, 26 Classic rock monument?, 27 Building blocks of life, 28 Food with a shell, 29 Boatload, 30 "___ of Steel" (1987 workout video), 31 Hairy son of Isaac, 32 Rental in a complex, 33 "Hold on, I'll be right there!", 36 Rapper Megan ___ Stallion, 37 Softball stats, 42 Smidgen, 43 Sarah Waters or Patricia Highsmith, 45 "Danke" response, 46 Leftover piece of fabric, 47 Lead-in to "couture", 48 Bovine glue mascot, 49 Musical ending, 50 Muscat's sultanate, 52 When the stars come out in Cannes, 55 Touch, as a phone screen, 56 Soak (up), 57 Name within "Celia"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021 Cosmic Opposition



To know awe is to experience something beyond what we initially comprehend. As Mars and Saturn move into an opposition, we have a sense of being stretched. We feel we must expand to accommodate the understanding of something bigger, and in that expansion comes an awareness of the interconnection of life.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll get so much more done because you're doing it for the right reasons. Curiosity and wonder are motivators with seemingly endless fuel. They give and give.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Your own self-interest is certainly part of what motivates you to act today, but it's only one small consideration of the many concerns vying for your attention. You'll carefully weigh out options to determine your next move.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A smack to the ego can be more devastating than a physical hit, and ego wounds can be as debilitating as bodily injuries. The difference is that destruction to the ego makes a person much stronger.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll say the thing you wanted to hear. You'll give the help you wish someone would have given to you. You'll provide the very thing you most needed. It's good to be you. Capable!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A signal is coming from far off, barely audible, but annoying... like a drippy faucet in a downstairs bathroom. The question on repeat: "Can I? Can I? Can I?" Yes, you can. You can, and you will. Go down and shut off this doubt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It's OK not to understand everything right away. In fact, it's better this way. The information assimilates in its own time, when it has relevance to you and when you're ready to do something about it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to know what the conflict is to know that one exists. It's not always worth getting into. One way to erase tension from your life is to use your feet to walk away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Loosen your grip on the controls and give yourself a wide berth, too, because the most interesting things are going to happen quite on their own and in the margins.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You think you're performing well despite your mixed feeling about the venues and institutions, and the few bad habits helping you cope. Then again, maybe you owe your good performance to this mixed back of influences.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everyone is the star of their own show, though with some, you wouldn't know it. They seem to turn their story into an ensemble piece, and then take a seat in the audience to watch it play out. Not a bad tactic to try out today.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get some distance between you and the problem. When you return, the solution will follow you back. Also, "home" is not a problem, but creating a temporary distance from home will also bring a favorable outcome. It's just time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Today's outcome is a small bird, precariously perched, listening to the wind for answers. It could fall one way or the other. It could start building a nest where it is. It could fly to the heavens. You are the wind. Start whispering.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 1). The big change of the year will be astounding, though not sudden or dramatic; it will happen by degrees. First, you're the car, and then you're the driver. Before you know what you want, you do what you're told. Then you learn of a glittering destination and a vision comes together in your mind to fuel this journey. Aquarius and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 14, 5, 30, 7 and 18.

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