

Two-to-One by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin

Grid for Two-to-One crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

- ACROSS: 1 Curved trajectories, 5 Governing body for soccer, 9 Crew member, 14 Indonesian island, 15 Gave the thumbs-up to, 16 Dodge, 17 Like die-hard fans, 18 Bona fide, 19 Short-range basketball shot, 20 Heyday for your nemesis?, 23 Make possible, 24 What may be boring?, 25 Feeling down, 28 Subject of the "birds and the bees" talk, 29 ___ golf (Frisbee game), 32 Agree out of court, 34 Send your gown back to the store?, 36 Wander, 39 Prefix meaning "new", 40 Furry creature from Endor, 41 Balancing job at the garage?, 46 ___ Slam (tennis feat named for a Williams sister), 47 Low-carb diet, 48 Electric bass hookup, 51 "Just give it a shot!", 52 Place to enjoy a seaweed wrap, 54 Get in the way of, 56 Accuse one of the noblemen?, 59 Small donkey, 62 Soccer score, 63 Opening for a token, 64 More accurate, 65 Not fooled by, 66 One might save the day, 67 Not fulfilled, 68 Home made of twigs, maybe, 69 Tiny, informally, DOWN: 1 Subsidies, 2 Deep, narrow valley, 3 High point, 4 "I Am the Walrus," to "Hello, Goodbye", 5 Surrender, 6 Swedish furniture retailer, 7 Emotion felt in a scary movie, maybe, 8 Go off script, 9 In the same family, 10 Eggy, in a way?, 11 Modus operandi, 12 Part of a college URL, 13 One curl, say, 21 Adjective for a "shoppe", 22 Company in the plastic business?, 25 Slow-cooked dish, 26 "What's more ...", 27 Word after "standing" or "information", 30 Like some numbers?, 31 Floorboard sound, 33 Christmas purchase that's often thrown out in January, 34 Russo of "Ransom", 35 Written reminder, 36 Remainder, 37 "Your turn," on a walkie-talkie, 38 Extremely, 42 Briefly, 43 California county for wine lovers, 44 "This situation's overwhelming!", 45 Campus military org., 48 It works like a charm, 49 People who aren't yet of age, 50 Bone or squeaky ball, e.g., 53 Noble gas that's an anagram of "organ", 55 Mario's dinosaur pal, 56 People of Canada, 57 Out of the picture, 58 Chows down, 59 A/C measure, 60 Fancy vase, 61 Alcohol in a pina colada

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2022 Cosmic Complaint Department



There are those who complain like it's their job, the paycheck coming in the form of a feeling of superiority, or an act of bonding with the similarly disgruntled. In that regard, complaining may have a half-decent wage, though the benefit package is sorely lacking. Lunar aspects involving Saturn and Mars urge a more empowered approach.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Excellent relationships come in many forms. Some have a daily rhythm and others connect rarely, but you've a warm heart space that's always open for your people regardless of how often you talk. Love flows in your world.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Take advantage of the sunshine. The golden rays will wash away your problems, or at least make them seem much smaller. Tonight features an exchange. What matters is not how much you give but the feeling behind it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). As much as you wish you could take something back, there is no "back," only forward with knowledge that can be applied to different choices. No route is better than another. Each one is an equal and different adventure.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You don't like to lean on people, but this is what will reveal the strength of the bond. To be so diligently self-sufficient that you rob someone of the chance to feel needed would be a mistake. Everyone needs to be needed.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Author Albert Pike suggested that "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world remains and is immortal." You'll challenge the premise with legendary actions taken on your own behalf.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Part of having a strong will is having a strong won't. You're clear on your personal policies, but others need to be briefed. Once they understand what you're about, they will stop asking you for the wrong things.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Beware of entities that seem to fulfill an appetite while actually creating one instead. With some things, accumulating more only makes you feel like you need more. An Aquarius is your loyal cheerleader. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're not on cloud nine, but you're familiar with its elevation. You may be unconsciously limiting the amount of pleasure to fit in with the people around you -- a sign to change up your company.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There may be safety in numbers but not necessarily power. The committee will somehow weaken the thrust of the group. Do you dare do it on your own? There's strength in a singular vision right now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Quiet confidence is attractive while arrogance is repellent. You'll walk the line like a graceful tightrope artist. Tonight, what usually takes hours to accomplish will be done in but the few minutes you have to spend on it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). There is no time to insist on your way. There are three other paths before you that are just as good as anything you originally wanted. The efficient way is to choose one and make the most of it. In surrendering pride, you get joy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). A sense of anticipation permeates. There is a feeling of being in between moments, on the brink of a transformation that may or may not happen. While hopeful for change, you're also aware it's not entirely within your control.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 12). You'll love deeply and gain a wider range of experiences than you ever thought would come with opening your heart to someone. A financial experiment pays off. Other highlights include new habits around health and fitness, a promotion related to your consistently stellar attitude and performance, and a fun purchase. Scorpio and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 12, 39, 2 and 47.

Universal SUDOKU

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9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

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Wildlife Relocation by Kit Sheffieldhh

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

Grid for Wildlife Relocation crossword puzzle with numbered squares.

- ACROSS: 1 Trolley bell sound, 6 Los Angeles pollution problem, 10 Norwegian capital, 14 Helicopter blade, 15 Bring under control, 16 "Let's go already!", 17 Catherine who portrayed Moira Rose, 18 "___ No Sunshine" (Bill Withers hit), 19 Boston NBA player, briefly, 20 Surprising state bird of Utah, 23 TV show with the most Emmys, 24 2% of some milk, 25 Certain baby, 26 Suitable, 27 Aloe might soothe it, 29 Undetermined, on a schedule: Abbr., 32 Look forward to, 35 Interest-lowering tactic, for short, 36 Blab, 37 Unexpected state marsupial of North Carolina, 40 Puts frosting on, 41 Magnum ___ (great work), 42 Fruits from palm trees, 43 Where chimney swifts fly, 44 RBI or INT, e.g., 45 POTUS who had three VPs, 46 Slimy vegetable, 48 Yammer, 49 "Mystery solved!", 52 Startling state insect of Connecticut, 56 Simply the top, 57 Island of Napoleon's exile, 58 Shows bias, 59 "Kapow!", 60 Give off, 61 The "L" of XXL, 62 Ore deposit, 63 Kitties, in poker, 64 Hogs' homes, DOWN: 1 Snapping reptiles, for short, 2 Actress Lindsay, 3 To any extent, 4 "Me neither", 5 The writing on the wall, 6 It may follow "fast" or "false", 7 Important water pipe, 8 Upscale hotel chain, 9 "Pull yourself together!", 10 Happen, 11 Quick assessment of credibility, 12 Lie around, 13 Ottawa's prov., 21 Horse's morsel, 22 Word before "rickey" or "rummy", 26 Fruits with lots of seeds, 27 Lovely example, informally, 28 E.T. transports, 30 "Sad" color, 31 Charitable donations, 32 Rent-a-car option, 33 Center of a candle, 34 Question to someone who could be angry, 35 Talk show host Kelly, 36 Former Russian ruler, 38 "I don't want to hear another word!", 39 Strange people, 44 Hit show sign: Abbr., 45 Mom, dad, sis, bro, etc., 47 Krispy ___, 48 Pests that fly in clouds, 49 Early video game company, 50 Joint for a door, 51 Biblical beasts, 52 Rebounding sound, 53 Red Muppet, 54 Not too much, 55 Without ice, 56 Hole puncher

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2022 Layered Lunar Aspect



Henry Ford said, "A business that makes nothing but money is a poor business." The saying also applies to the business of life. What are you getting for your investment of time and attention? The lunar opposition to Mercury suggests you pose the question to even the most mundane transactions. A multi-level experience is not too much to ask for.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Pessimists and optimists may not agree about whether the glass is full or empty, but the scientists know the glass is completely full. Some of it is air, some of it is water, all of it necessary for you to thrive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You've worked at being an effective communicator and it shows. You will have a calming influence on others. Your positive way of dealing with them will deescalate a situation. You could get paid for your skill in this area.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Knowing yourself and your views better won't make you rigid; rather, it will increase your openness to other perspectives. When there's no need to scramble to support or articulate your beliefs, you can just sit back and listen.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The research is done; now it's time to take action. The first step is the most challenging because it relies on its own momentum. The energy created by this first step will be used by every step thereafter.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The image on your phone will flick the switch that turns on a time machine. It sends you back, but not completely. If only the feeling of a moment could be captured in its entirety. You'll try to take a picture with your whole being.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You can investigate deeply into shallow things, but it's easier to plunge where the depths already exist. In certain cases, digging would require jackhammers. Instead, seek hospitable subjects you can really sink yourself into.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're working at

something tricky. Tenacity will pay off. The initial results may not look like much, but breakthroughs can be hard to spot. Sometimes they even pose as failures at first. Patience will be required.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll confidently handle today's situation, successfully managing many moving parts. Remember when you had neither the skill nor the resources to do this? You've come a long way. Give yourself props.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People want to be a part of what you're doing. They'll pick strange ways to show it. This could result in unsolicited, though oddly useful advice. That said, you may have to stretch a bit to figure out its use.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though you've an excellent command of language, you may very well execute it to the best effect by holding your tongue. There's grace in silence, which leaves room for the minds and imaginations of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Be a voice in the group, though a succinct one. People have short attention spans today and will obey but one memorable instruction, so you may as well save the rest of the list for later. You'll feel wonderfully rebellious tonight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll mirror back what you've heard and give people the chance to understand what you're getting from the communication. Your skill in this regard is a healing balm that helps everyone feel more seen and connected.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 13). Your heart will be full, and other resources will expand, allowing you to bestow life-changing gifts. Sometimes you'll offer emotional support, other times a plan, special knowledge or the energizing force of your attention. A financial burden will be released -- more time to your joys! New faces energize your personal realm. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 33, 6, 12 and 40.

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