

Measured Words by Prasanna Keshava

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Des Moines' home
 - 5 Texting format, briefly
 - 8 Convert into a movie script, say
 - 13 Mall business
 - 14 ___ Lane (Superboy's mom)
 - 16 Sidestep
 - 17 Insignificant amount (notice letters 5 to 8 in this answer)
 - 20 Scold loudly
 - 21 Where a child may learn canoeing
 - 22 "Alas ..."
 - 23 Hasbro game with voice commands
 - 24 Number of capitals Bolivia has
 - 27 Approximately
 - 28 Reporter's retinue (6 to 9)
 - 30 Positive or negative particles
 - 31 "Common Sense" author Thomas
 - 32 Develop a plot?
 - 36 Offers bait to
 - 37 Texas' Battle of the ___
 - 38 Money plant?
 - 40 Not be yourself (3 to 5)
 - 43 Gala who inspired a surrealist
 - 47 Visualize
 - 48 "Home ___" (film about a failed burglary)
 - 49 Exorcist's target
 - 50 Lambs' fathers
 - 51 "Very neat!"
 - 52 Colby, for one (8 to 11)
 - 57 Disney's "Little Mermaid"
 - 58 Painter Francisco
 - 59 "Yeah, sure!"
 - 60 Drive back
 - 61 Not gross, financially
 - 62 Covers, as a highway
- DOWN**
- 1 "Because ___!" (parental justification)
 - 2 "Good heavens!"
 - 3 Earthlike planets
 - 4 Moon landing program
 - 5 Narrow cut
 - 6 Day after Sun.
 - 7 "Friends" and "Modern Family"
 - 8 Program that finds homes for cats and dogs
 - 9 Medic
 - 10 Suffix with "Gator"
 - 11 Drivers' grp.?
 - 12 What half the letters of "twenty" spell
 - 15 Square, usually, for a crossword grid
 - 18 ___ through the nose
 - 19 Middle Eastern ruler
 - 23 Prohibition
 - 24 "Journey" for your ego
 - 25 Came and ___
 - 26 Is under obligation
 - 28 Liberal arts college in 1-Across
 - 29 Surveillance device, briefly
 - 30 Boast heard at the roulette table
 - 32 Drains of strength
 - 33 Pointer to an answer
 - 34 Really, really dislike
 - 35 Brooding rock subgenre
 - 36 Mine explosive's letters
 - 38 Large, imposing house
 - 39 Word before "cream" or "crystal"
 - 41 Comedian King
 - 42 Menu
 - 43 Good liar's skill
 - 44 One-celled organism
 - 45 Slacker?
 - 46 Features along a coast
 - 49 Play-___
 - 51 "Go away!"
 - 52 All's fair in love and this
 - 53 Anger
 - 54 Taste of a beverage
 - 55 Average grade
 - 56 12/31: Abbr.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021 *Expectation Triangulation*



Can't do everything? It means you're normal. Still expect yourself to everything? Also, normal. Now, if you drop the expectation, then that's when you start to become extraordinary. Mercury and Saturn connect in a most auspicious trine. Thinking differently is easy; just choose different thoughts. To change the picture, first pop it out of the frame.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You choose business arrangements that serve common interests and friendships with people who have complementary qualities. And you choose your passions based on... well, the methodology there is mysterious, even to you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To know requires being open to knowing. You cannot shun, ignore, negate, reject or protect yourself against that which you are in the process of understanding. Awareness, by its very nature, is a welcoming state.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). All those things that happened before were happening right now. All the things that haven't happened yet will also occur right now. To live right now is to live in the only time.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It would seem that we have to fight against the situations we don't approve of, but to do so only creates more conflict and holds negative feelings in place. What are you willing to understand about it? This is the key.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Social media posts give the impression that everyone is coping beautifully, working efficiently, radiating confidence and living their best life. You know better, and you'll lead with awareness and compassion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). No one makes you feel love, annoyance or anything else. Those feelings are a reaction to your thoughts about people. You'll examine and change your thoughts to cultivate a better mood.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Thoughts cause feelings, and then feelings cause thoughts, and then the cycle rolls along like a bike headed downhill. Is it exhilarating? Does it go where you want? Much depends on whether you know how to balance and steer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You learn much about yourself by interacting with the ones who are attracted to you. Your repeat customers resonate with you for reasons that will be a delight to discover.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It's so fun to be able to save the day, and you'll be in just the right place and time with all the right stuff (willingness, awareness, kindness) to do this for someone.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You say yes to what is happening, and that will turn out to be the only word you need. "Yes" will affirm the present, add energy and open the gates to the route of ease.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's generally believed that animals lack rich interior lives, but the time you've spent with animals has definitely convinced you otherwise. You'll be favorably impacted by a member of the animal kingdom today.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Silent strangers put you in touch with your expectation and fantasies in a way that relationships with known, talking people cannot. The hard question: What did you want before you heard what the other person wanted?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 12). Many of your relationships will pay off, though none so handsomely as your investment in people. You bring out an honesty in others that makes for interesting and fortifying interactions. You'll make many friends, yet each relationship will be unique. You'll build a structure, company or ideology together - a collective legacy. Leo and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 1, 11 and 17.

Universal SUDOKU

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Generous helpings of 1-Down
 - 6 Dish soap brand
 - 10 ___ Air (tablet)
 - 14 Ready for a renter
 - 15 Indonesian honeymoon destination
 - 16 Forbidden act
 - 17 Exit's opposite
 - 18 Reason for a hung jury
 - 20 New ___ music
 - 21 Brainstorming output
 - 23 Makes angry
 - 24 "Slaughterhouse-Five" novelist
 - 28 Attended, or departed
 - 29 Punishment for a toddler
 - 33 Type of flute
 - 36 Lady ___ (singer at Biden's inauguration)
 - 37 Basis for some vaccines, briefly
 - 38 Prominent members of orchestras
 - 43 Only just get, with "out"
 - 44 Poker holding
 - 45 Popular e-reader
 - 46 Savoy Theatre's London district
 - 48 Like Beethoven, late in life
 - 51 Spirit with Peppar and Mandrin flavors
 - 56 "Lo and behold!"
 - 59 Predator of the deep
 - 60 Take sides?
 - 61 Inflatable river ride, and what 18-, 24-, 38- or 51-Across contain?
 - 64 "Let me run that errand"
 - 66 Consumer price index subj.
 - 67 Binary digits
 - 68 "Back to Me" singer Lindsay
 - 69 Message status
 - 70 Partner of "turn"
 - 71 Pigs, collectively
- DOWN**
- 1 Porterhouse, e.g.
 - 2 Cute sound?
 - 3 Make tweaks to
 - 4 Honey source
 - 5 Try hard
 - 6 Part of AWOL
 - 7 Marie Kondo's country of birth
 - 8 Against ___ odds
 - 9 Top number on a sundial
 - 10 Beckon, as trouble
 - 11 Where you might see a noodle or a float
 - 12 Cost of a 44-Across
 - 13 Accomplishes
 - 19 President elected in 1948
 - 22 "White Noise" novelist DeLillo
 - 25 What the animals boarded Noah's Ark in
 - 26 Citation abbr.
 - 27 Model Hadid
 - 30 Roughly
 - 31 "... ___ us a son is given" (Isaiah)
 - 32 Chore
 - 33 Three or four, say
 - 34 Social media approval
 - 35 ___ leches cake
 - 36 Shiva, e.g.
 - 39 What lawyers pass
 - 40 Vehicles for moving
 - 41 Intro to Chinese?
 - 42 Facts and figures
 - 47 Knack
 - 48 Being under it is threatening
 - 49 "I could keep going, but I won't": Abbr.
 - 50 Is of benefit
 - 52 Frontal and occipital
 - 53 New ___ (world capital)
 - 54 Elena of the court
 - 55 Set things right
 - 56 Competes (for)
 - 57 The second "O" of YOLO
 - 58 Privy to
 - 62 Tater ___
 - 63 Cinco - cuatro
 - 65 Down in the dumps

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THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021 *Jupiter Goes Swimming*



The sky god dives into the ocean for a swim, kissed, massaged and escorted by the adoring waves of Pisces. In this realm, the abundance of the universe is focused on matters of spiritual and artistic expression. It's an excellent omen for the payment and appreciation of artists and soul-healers. The transit will last until July 28, 2021.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your creative endeavors are like a net you cast into the world. They will bring you some of the things you chase, as well as what just happened to be drifting by, caught in the middle of that pursuit.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Getting positive feedback and encouragement is helpful but not as helpful as the criticism that will shine light on where you can improve. Dare to ask for that, and you'll get both respect and valuable information.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Limits lift with the acceptance of this truth: Our minds, as reliable as they may be, can only witness the smallest slice of any reality. Wisdom is not knowing more but embracing that you don't.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Today, you will read the signs better than the Oracle at Delphi herself. Just remember that criticism isn't a sign that you shouldn't be doing a thing, it's actually just an opportunity to get better. Everyone can get better.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Nobody likes to do what they are not good at. When you're not enjoying the work, the culprit is a knowledge gap that needs filling. Take a breath, stay receptive to learning, and it will get better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Since you can't prove it either way, you may as well believe that this destiny unfolding includes the right people at the right time and the opportunities that lead to your ultimate fulfillment and what's best for all.

now you're baffled as to why. You cannot remember your reasons, if you had them. Did outside forces have a hand in this fate? Perhaps, though it is yours to handle now, and handle it you will.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone has their own private worries. You're braver about this than most. You realize that hiding can be more energy than it's worth. You also know that your story cannot inspire other people if you don't tell it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Taking on too much leads to diminished results in all categories. But how do you tamp down the ambition that swells in you? Maybe you can't, but instead of rushing to tell everyone, air it somewhere safe, like a diary.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One difference between a bouquet of wild roses and a bouquet of weeds is that the wild roses can draw blood. Expensive tastes require sacrifice that may or may not be worth it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Contrast helps us see. The negative space is as much a part of the silhouette as the object itself. You'll understand what matters because it will stand out against a backdrop of so much that doesn't.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's hard to say why people come down hard on one another, but usually, it's about something different than the situation at hand. You've a gift for steering clear of drama and staying in your own business.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 13). Your cosmic birthday boon is a well-focused supply of fearlessness. It allows you to trade in the change you thought you wanted for a fresh idea just coming into your realm. Breezy connections develop into deep bonds. Lifestyle upgrades will be affordable and in fact you'll be paid to teach others the change you created in yourself. Virgo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 22, 1 and 10.

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