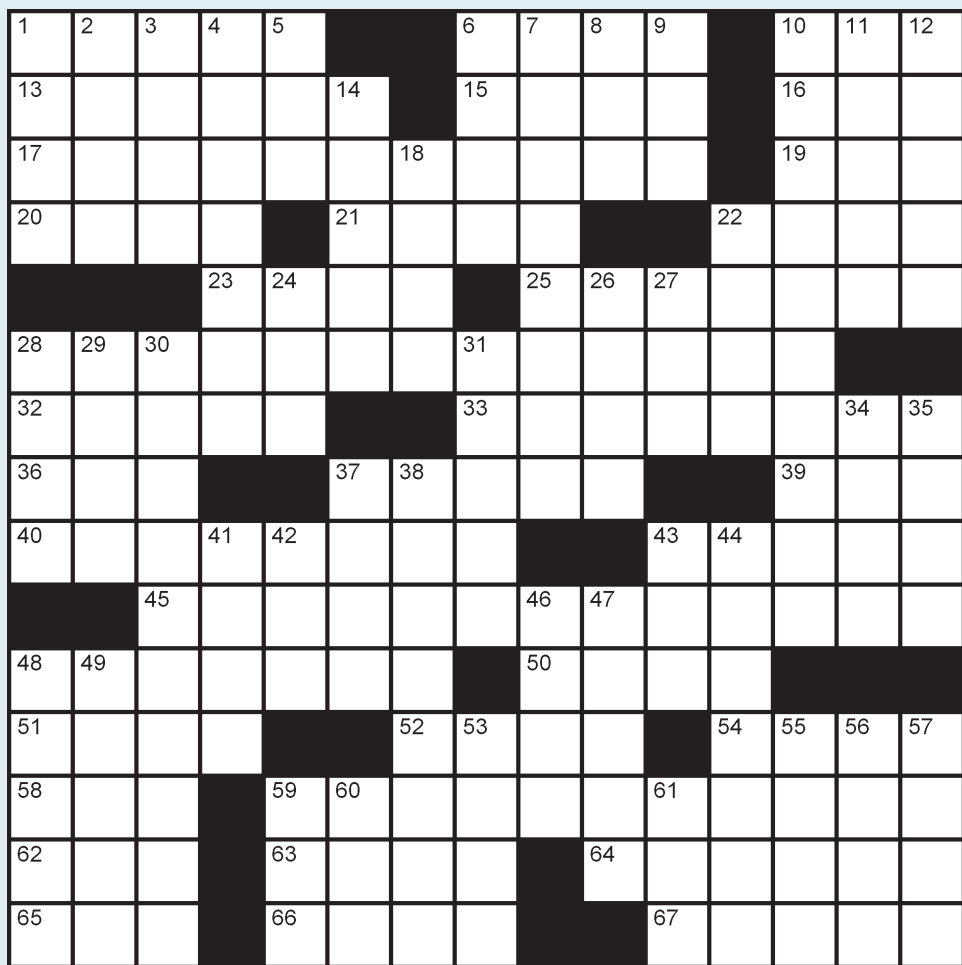


OK, I'll Bite by Julia Hochner

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS**
- 1 Entice
 - 6 Actress Kendrick
 - 10 Welcome site?
 - 13 Many have snooze buttons
 - 15 Minnesota's state bird
 - 16 NPR's Glass
 - 17 *Proved useful (In this clue's answer, note the first 2 letters + the last 3)
 - 19 Title for David Attenborough
 - 20 "Frozen" snowman
 - 21 Soothe
 - 22 Exam for a future atty.
 - 23 Brother of Cain
 - 25 Least clear
 - 28 *Chart-toppers (... first 2 letters + last 2)
 - 32 Entertain
 - 33 How most dogs are walked
 - 36 Shoo- (obvious winners)
 - 37 White elephant offerings
 - 39 "In the Heights" director Jon
 - 40 Daily Planet reporter
 - 43 Some Alaskans
 - 45 *People who clean flues (... first 3 letters + last 2)
 - 48 Indigo Girls hit inspired by an astronomer
 - 50 "That really hurts!"
 - 51 Legend
 - 52 Aloe ___ gel
 - 54 Founder of the Resistance
 - 58 "The Real World" channel
 - 59 You might need them when you're hungry between meals, and a theme hint
 - 62 Leader of the Three Stooges
 - 63 Dog who visits Oz
 - 64 Parts of drum kits
 - 65 Goof
 - 66 "So true!"
 - 67 G-sharp equivalent
- DOWN**
- 1 Tuesday food, perhaps
 - 2 Tel Aviv airline
 - 3 "Mommy, _____ and Me" (kids' book)
 - 4 Quick-to-assemble homes
 - 5 "Spare me the details!"
 - 6 "I'm sorry to say ..."
 - 7 It's no big whoop
 - 8 Doze (off)
 - 9 Whichever
 - 10 Doesn't enter at the right time
 - 11 Opera solos
 - 12 "The Goldfinch" author Donna
 - 14 Grinchlike look
 - 18 Ring light?
 - 22 Troubadour's instrument
 - 24 Drone that doesn't run on batteries?
 - 26 Lightbulb moments
 - 27 Name that sounds like a fish organ
 - 28 Do perfectly
 - 29 "Yeah ... definitely not"
 - 30 Person who might buy nice headphones
 - 31 Without a charge
 - 34 Catan: Seafarers vessel
 - 35 Modest dwellings
 - 37 Bananagrams, e.g.
 - 38 Think outside the box
 - 41 Leg part
 - 42 ___ Nas X
 - 43 ___ Jima
 - 44 Something to turn over
 - 46 Part of NYC
 - 47 Q-tips, e.g.
 - 48 "I want it!"
 - 49 Role-playing expert?
 - 53 Subject of interest, for short?
 - 55 "Downton Abbey" title
 - 56 Furniture store that sells "plant balls"
 - 57 CEO's aide: Abbr.
 - 59 R.R. stop
 - 60 Eating sound
 - 61 Molecule hidden in "internal"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 2022 Dreams and Schemes



A dream is something you can push your feelings into to check for fit, but you never quite know if how it's going to feel until you actually do it. The Pisces moon connects with Jupiter, then with Neptune to help with the visioning part. Then Uranus gets on board to give that nudge (or shove, if applicable) into action.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). No one is born strong. Strength is merely weakness handled proactively. The knowledge or belief that you're lacking in some way is an invitation to the new you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). When you love someone, you want to be there through the entire story, including the high-stakes, tense parts and the slow parts, too. You'll prove your loyalty today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Too much of the same thing is recipe for boredom that's pretty easy to avoid if you're thinking ahead. So, the first order of business is to think ahead. Today gives a healthy appetite for adventure and a low tolerance for tedium.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). People have funny ways of showing you they like you. Some reveal their interest through negging, teasing and challenging. Some copy you or hide compliments in a reprimand. It's all love, though -- if you take it that way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You don't have to do anything to connect with the natural rhythms of life because they are in you, and you are in them. You can relax. No extra work is needed to get in sync beyond accepting that you already are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When it's light, love makes you feel creative, happier and more energetic. When it's not, you get the opportunity to be strong for someone else, which shows you just how strong you really are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's natural for humans to do what other humans are doing. Peer pressure is only a problem when your peers are a bad influence. With good people around you, it's safe to go with the flow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll get what you want, but you currently don't have the luxury of choosing the delivery style. Some things, especially very rare things, only come one way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Just like everyone else, you have qualities you'd prefer to hide, deny or fix. Consider that your reasoning around these qualities may be outdated or distorted. There's power in total self-acceptance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You will resolve contradictions -- not perfectly, but well enough to get things unstuck and moving along. There's a certain amount of illogic and inconsistency you can live with between now and the next stop.

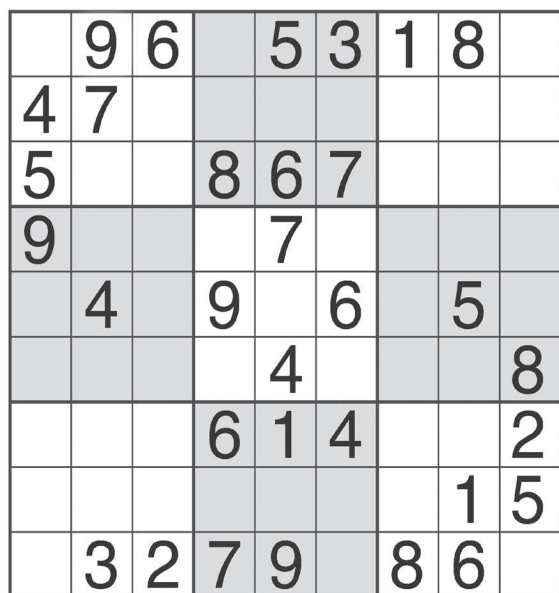
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The devil is in the details. Each individual step is doable, but when you add them all up, the enormity of this task becomes very real to you. Nonetheless, you can handle it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The body can't help but give in to the passage of time, but the mind often hovers around the same age for a good part of the experience. You used to seem old for your age; now you seem young for it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 30). For seven weeks, the cosmic birthday gifts keep coming. A mood lift, a status bump, an excellent friend and exciting tickets are all part of it. You'll have the means to buy what you've long wanted at the end of the summer. Love has much to teach you with lessons about the nature of fun, vulnerability and following your bliss. Leo and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 16, 2, 3, 18 and 31.

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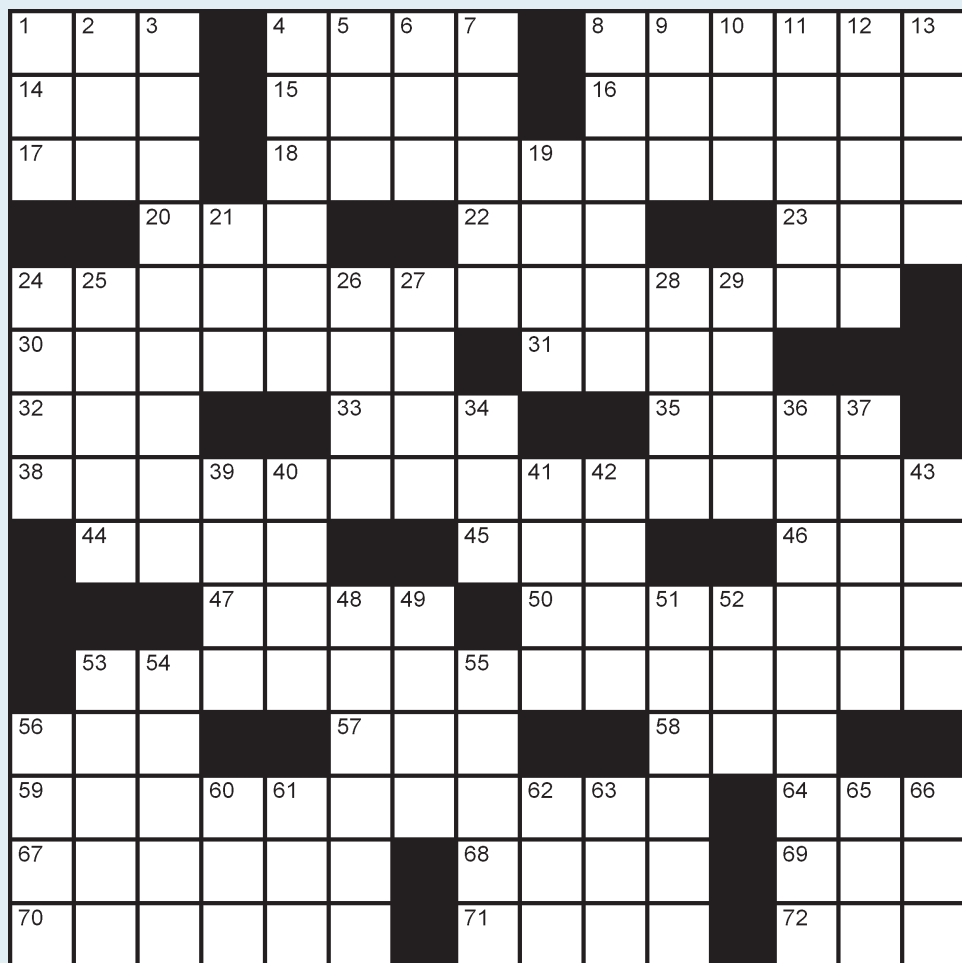


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Late Meeting by Jess Goldstein

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Light switch position
 - 4 Bean type in succotash
 - 8 Treasure trunks
 - 14 Indian dish or ingredient
 - 15 Getting the job done
 - 16 Daddy's sis, e.g.
 - 17 Hereditary info
 - 18 What's boring to play? (In this clue's answer, note letters 4-5 and 10-11)
 - 20 "Calvin and Hobbes" meanie
 - 22 B&B alternative
 - 23 Mischief-maker
 - 24 Movie with a meet-cute (... letters 6-7 and 11-12)
 - 30 Gave out, like a medal
 - 31 Slightly
 - 32 Detroit Tigers' org.
 - 33 Strong beer
 - 35 U.S. immigration policy
 - 38 Tendency to recall only the highlights, say (... letters 6-7 and 10-11)
 - 44 Office sub
 - 45 Pie ___ mode
 - 46 Org. with a Feed Your Mind initiative
 - 47 Covering for one's nose and mouth
 - 50 "No worries"
 - 53 Extreme action (... letters 5-6 and 8-9)
 - 56 "The Matrix" protagonist
 - 57 Santa ___
 - 58 Sign of a nearby shark
 - 59 What's after last call at a bar, and a theme hint
 - 64 Water stopper
 - 67 Go to
 - 68 Important stretches?
 - 69 Nwodim of "SNL"
 - 70 Evaluate
 - 71 Payment often made on the first
 - 72 Part of a set at the gym
- DOWN**
- 1 Like 3, 9 or 27
 - 2 Admirer
 - 3 Like lighter fluid
 - 4 Bottom of a price range
 - 5 Once ___ while
 - 6 Nintendo avatar
 - 7 Sometimes-scary storage space
 - 8 Is unable to
 - 9 Embrace
 - 10 Subj. featuring poetry
 - 11 Unadventurous
 - 12 10-year-old toon Turner
 - 13 Leak (through)
 - 19 People who domesticated llamas
 - 21 Crew member's implement
 - 24 Hits head-on
 - 25 Baby bird in a barn
 - 26 Udder part
 - 27 Indian breakfast cake
 - 28 Constructed
 - 29 Cheese that's 28-Down backward
 - 34 Mendes of "2 Fast 2 Furious"
 - 36 Startup partner
 - 37 Passion
 - 39 Actress Watson
 - 40 Tax experts, briefly
 - 41 Single-___ (tournament format)
 - 42 Stag, for a doe
 - 43 Ivy with cafes called butteries
 - 48 Positions on issues
 - 49 Large mattress size
 - 51 Least risky
 - 52 Former CBS forensic drama
 - 53 Shoulder muscles, for short
 - 54 They may be square or cube
 - 55 Provide the food for
 - 60 Date
 - 61 Connections
 - 62 Anger
 - 63 Iron ___ (superhero)
 - 65 Get on in years
 - 66 Tool for cleaning up a spill

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022 Notes for an Aries Moon



The moon losing luminosity in the sign of Aries has us in the dark about our warrior spirit, and maybe that's a good thing. There's much worth fighting for, but there's far more we humans end up fighting over that's not worth it at all. This is an opportunity to reassess whether the hills we stand on are really the ones we want to die on.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll deal with bureaucracy. If you try to make too much sense of the ever-evolving rules and regulations, it only complicates things. Jump through the hoops and keep moving.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The person inside an experience is the only one who really knows what it's like. You get the most out of life by living fully in your own situation. You'll resist the temptation to spend too much time thinking about what others are doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Glory-seekers are harshly judged, yet true glory is never really confined to one person. Glorious victory involves and inspires many. If you're motivated by big wins, go for it. You won't be the only one winning.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Now is the time to either take action with great intention or give up. There is no in-between mode that will yield results. Better to quit now and try again later than to invest halfhearted energy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Problems happen on one plane and get solved on another. The difference in vantage is crucial. Fortune favors you as you step out of the familiar zone and move to an uncomfortable place to see the problem from a new angle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Whether or not things go to plan doesn't matter in the least to you because, bottom line, it's fun to be you. And when you're around good people, the joy you take in just being yourself isn't something you have to hide.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll have to work at conversation. Find your "go-to" statement. A fun fact or headline from the realm of sports and entertainment could be just the icebreaker.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). While people around you play their advantages and find their opportunities, you'll be focused on mutually fulfilling exchanges. Success will be yours over and over.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Don't be too quick to eliminate tension -- not until you know its source, cause, effect and nature. Tension may be holding the whole thing up. Energy is stored in the cord. Cutting could be dangerous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Keep looking for like minds. You need a few more to bravely move out of your element. You're bigger than the situation and you're just the one to break the ice.

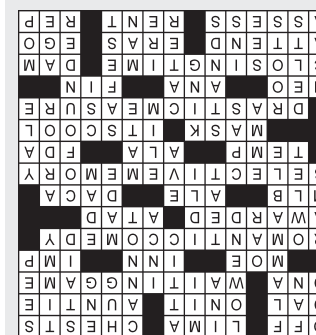
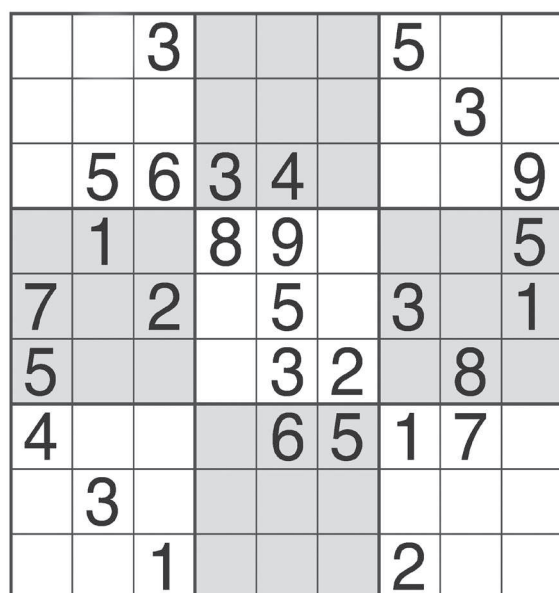
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're a learner, motivated by the sheer pleasure of knowing, understanding and doing more. External factors such as remuneration or recognition will hardly factor into your decisions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some are excited by the idea of enjoying life while others are daunted by pressures of "having fun" unsure exactly how and why to do it. You'll be a guide for those in the second category.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 31). A highlight of the year: delightfully challenging people who inspire your most playful instincts. You'll dance with equally talented partners. You'll do work better, faster and cheaper and be promoted for your expertise. Your association with old friends bring new experiences. Family makes you proud. Cancer and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 12, 2, 29 and 14.

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