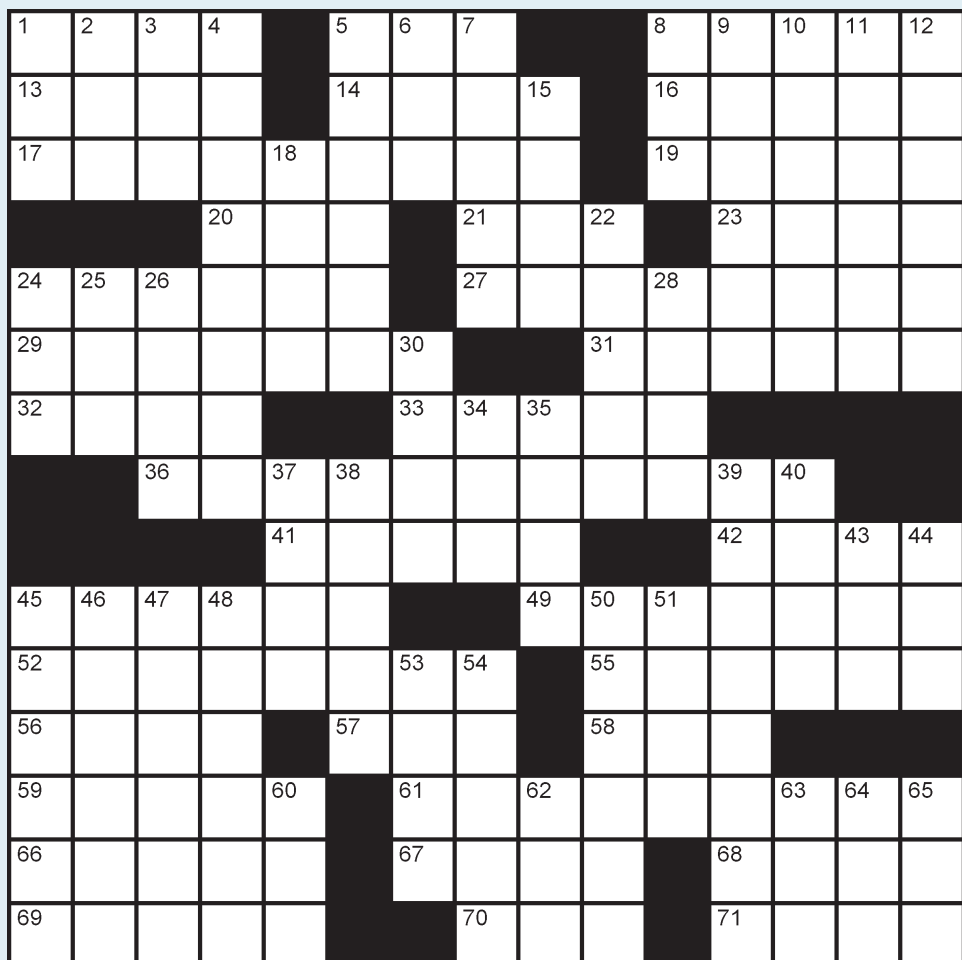


### Double Takes by David Alfred Bywaters

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Practice hooks and jabs
  - 5 "Don't be so loud!"
  - 8 Dissertation defenses, usually
  - 13 Helper
  - 14 Second birthday gifts, often
  - 16 Lite, in a way
  - 17 Substandard sports residence?
  - 19 Good name for a professional mover?
  - 20 Slithery fish
  - 21 Name hidden in "macaroni and cheese"
  - 23 Baby horse
  - 24 Something to leap over
  - 27 Plentiful supply of a tavern drink?
  - 29 Exasperated parent's reiterated refusal
  - 31 Arteries from left ventricles
  - 32 Million: Prefix
  - 33 Snide grin
  - 36 Part of a union meeting in Santa's workshop?
  - 41 Battery end
  - 42 More than want
  - 45 Achieve
  - 49 Split up, like a group
  - 52 Paver's delivery vehicle?
  - 55 Edible Thanksgiving decorations
  - 56 Fail to mention
  - 57 Anger
  - 58 Head gesture
  - 59 Bellybutton
  - 61 Joint of concern to an orthopedist?
  - 66 Letter-shaped dress style
  - 67 Unruly child
  - 68 Currency that replaced the peseta
  - 69 Is ahead
  - 70 Wonder
  - 71 Doctor's order, maybe
- DOWN**
- 1 Took a chair
  - 2 Pizza order
  - 3 Computing pioneer Lovelace
  - 4 Like college courses for the ill-prepared
  - 5 Pirated or pocketed
  - 6 Carpool lane abbr.
  - 7 "Laughing" beast
  - 8 Aged
  - 9 Worker who may be above doing some things
  - 10 Not sinking
  - 11 "I forgot the lyrics" syllables
  - 12 Art Deco and Gothic Revival
  - 15 Thin
  - 18 Kept in reserve
  - 22 Separately
  - 24 That fellow
  - 25 Utilize, to the unpretentious
  - 26 Anger
  - 28 Cunning Norse god
  - 30 Norwegian Nobel Institute's city
  - 34 \_\_\_ school (future dr.'s academy)
  - 35 Chilled or frosted
  - 37 Like a just ruling
  - 38 Boredom
  - 39 Within fiscal constraints
  - 40 At hand
  - 43 Finish
  - 44 Common deg. for an orthodontist
  - 45 Missing a key?
  - 46 Food wrapped in a corn husk
  - 47 Potential obstacle for a crossword solver
  - 48 Go to
  - 50 Set on fire
  - 51 With little delay
  - 53 Clawed crustacean
  - 54 Actress Knightley
  - 60 French for "the"
  - 62 What a bill may become
  - 63 Cry's partner
  - 64 U.S. tax agency
  - 65 Houseplant's home

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022 Justice Moon



We could let ourselves be consumed with the concept that certain things in life aren't fair, though it takes a lot of energy. The world doesn't work on principles of fairness and never has. The Libra moon wants justice but it will settle for effectiveness, cleverness and ingenuity, as people make the most of the hands they are dealt.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Take a step back and consider the evidence. You cannot know everything, but there are key questions you haven't asked yet. For instance, "Who can help me with this?" and "What would be simpler?"

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Persistence pays off. It's easier to be tenacious when you don't have a lot of emotional baggage to lift through the process. You'll eliminate anything that drags on your energy or pulls from your focus on one burning goal.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll be inspired to clear your living space and get a new style flowing through your domestic world. Instead of increasing the number of things you own, scale down the number of things you want.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Your image and what others think of you is only important to you insofar as it helps your effectiveness. You'll get evidence that you've impacted someone's life in a positive way, which is more precious to you than accolades.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Getting stressful work out of the way is a mood lifter. You'll either do it now or decide to do it never. Either choice eliminates the problem and allows a happier, more peaceful version of yourself to emerge.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You've gotten a good overview of what needs doing in your world. Though several areas could use attention, you will be better off focusing on just the part that interests you most. Go deep into one niche and become the expert.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You have a good guess about what a person is thinking, though you could be wrong. Leave room in your imagination for different interpretations, especially if the first one is negative. It's always wise to challenge assumptions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll see 10 possible solutions to a problem you used to think had just one. Tell the others. Many are stuck and need to hear new ideas. Even if they don't decide to take it, you'll get people thinking differently.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** To change the behavior that's holding you back, you first must identify it. If you're missing a step or half-listening when your full attention is required, you'll figure that out and fix it in time to seize a golden opportunity.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Your thoughts align in a neat and logical flow until a certain agent of chaos comes into your realm, causing an unpredictable ping-pong effect. There's something creative about it, which you'll realize after things calm down.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It's so much a part of you, you can't see it, but the others will be impressed by your grit. It takes a good deal of the stuff to persevere through complexity, and even more to keep going through tedium. You have plenty.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Share the thinking behind your plans and goals. As you talk about why you want something, the one who can give it to you will understand your motivation and be more inclined to fulfill your need.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 6).** Your ideas are hot, and your follow-through is cool, measured and steady. You'll tackle one project after another in the same way, determining the best course of action and adjusting as needed until you get the desired result. You'll be paid for your advice and teaching. Capricorn and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 31, 29, 19 and 14.

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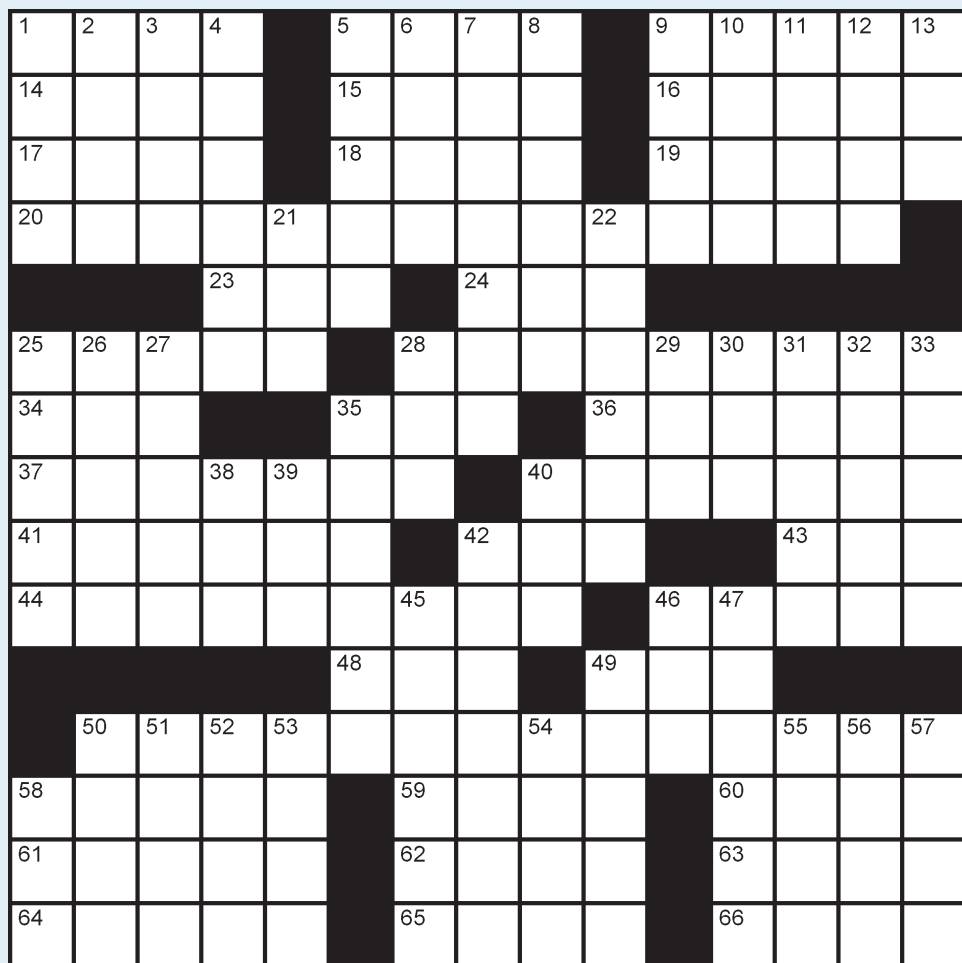


### SOLUTIONS



### Flex Time by Prasanna Keshava

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS**
- 1 Oil grp.
  - 5 Snooty person
  - 9 Trash
  - 14 Backside
  - 15 Sharpen, like a skill
  - 16 Metropolis that's home to the Qutb Minar
  - 17 "Mi \_\_\_ es su \_\_\_"
  - 18 Red in the middle, like a steak
  - 19 Prepared to shoot an arrow
  - 20 "Satisfied yet?!"
  - 23 Nonprofit's URL ending, often
  - 24 Dover's state: Abbr.
  - 25 Totally absurd
  - 28 Side dish often eaten with two hands
  - 34 "It's \_\_\_ easy being green"
  - 35 Ruin
  - 36 "Yippee!"
  - 37 Fully learned
  - 40 A link might lead to it
  - 41 Mentally hazy
  - 42 Opposite of happy
  - 43 Compete for a seat
  - 44 Carrier with a shamrock in its logo
  - 46 "Mine, mine, it's all mine!" desire
  - 48 Make a mistake
  - 49 Rage
  - 50 Watershed moment ... and a hint to the first words of 20-, 28- and 44-Across
  - 58 Express a view
  - 59 "Not gonna happen!"
  - 60 NASDAQ debuts
  - 61 Pasta often served with vodka sauce
  - 62 Barely there?
  - 63 Without "rocks"
  - 64 Optional
  - 65 Train for a bout
  - 66 "G.I. Jane" actress Moore
- DOWN**
- 1 Apex predator of the ocean
  - 2 Fruit in many still life paintings
  - 3 Opposite of difficulty
  - 4 Stick whose box might have a built-in pencil sharpener
  - 5 "No idea" gesture
  - 6 Biblical ark builder
  - 7 Making a blip
  - 8 Paging device
  - 9 June 6, 1944
  - 10 It might pull a bit
  - 11 "Tickle Me" Muppet
  - 12 Mash potatoes, say?
  - 13 Baby goat
  - 21 Rock that sounds like a conjunction
  - 22 Cleared of snow
  - 25 Bengaluru's country
  - 26 "For \_\_\_" (1966 Beatles song)
  - 27 Engaged in conflict
  - 28 Enjoy some panipuri
  - 29 Key ring attachment
  - 30 "That's a total \_\_\_-out!"
  - 31 Chicago airport
  - 32 "\_\_\_ One: A Star Wars Story"
  - 33 Ceaselessly
  - 35 Fridge decoration
  - 38 Colts' and Cowboys' org.
  - 39 Luau dish
  - 40 "What \_\_\_ I thinking?"
  - 42 "Let's hit the waves!"
  - 45 Reactions to bad jokes
  - 46 Test for college srs.
  - 47 << button on a remote
  - 49 Deduce
  - 50 Risked a traffic citation
  - 51 Fork prong
  - 52 "Mom" actress
  - 53 Fishing line holder
  - 54 Musical whose name is 3/4 vowels
  - 55 Fencer's blade
  - 56 Wander around
  - 57 Italian wine region
  - 58 Can't CTRL Me nail polish brand

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, JULY 7 Lunar Investigation



Our every action is motivated. The motivation may be logical or whimsical, mysterious or faulty, but one thing it always is: there. Nothing we do is unmotivated. This is the principle that helps you figure out yourself and others as the moon gathers information, forming different angles to five luminaries on a mission of understanding.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Unless you're having fun, the people around you won't be either. Don't you owe it to them to make yourself happy? Shifting your priorities around or handling a responsibility differently will make all the difference.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You will be sensitive to location. When you feel at home in a place, you will feel differently about everything. There is a sense of expansion and lightness inside. Your thoughts will drift to happy places.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You have tried to strike someone from your list, move them out of your heart space and bid them adieu, but it hasn't worked so well. Your heart won't let them leave. You once again get swept into love's swell.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Self-expression invigorates you. You would think it would deplete you, as you're giving off so much energy in the process. However, the energy isn't really coming from you. In creative acts you will be a channel of vitality.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Like attracts like. When you walk into a room, you'll gravitate toward people whose energy matches yours. You will gauge your performance based on what you receive and make small adjustments to get your desired response.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It is so easy for you to focus on what other people need that sometimes you neglect your own needs, or do not even realize that they exist. Take an inventory. Forget the world outside to assess the world inside.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You never know what others are thinking about you, and for the most part it doesn't affect your plans, focus or work. But does it please you to know that someone is smitten by your lovely manner and the fine attention you give?

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** The intrinsic logic of a belief has little impact on its effectiveness in motivating people. The power of a belief doesn't come from how true it is. What matters is the depth of its hold and who is holding it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Even the most easygoing people can be unreasonable at times. You've been known to accept a person's illogical stance as a quirk of their passion or creativity, and you should afford yourself the same grace.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Although no one else can stop you, you might be wise to stop yourself every so often. Take breaks! Good, healthy pacing allows you to avoid the burnout that could prevent you from collecting your prize at the finish line.

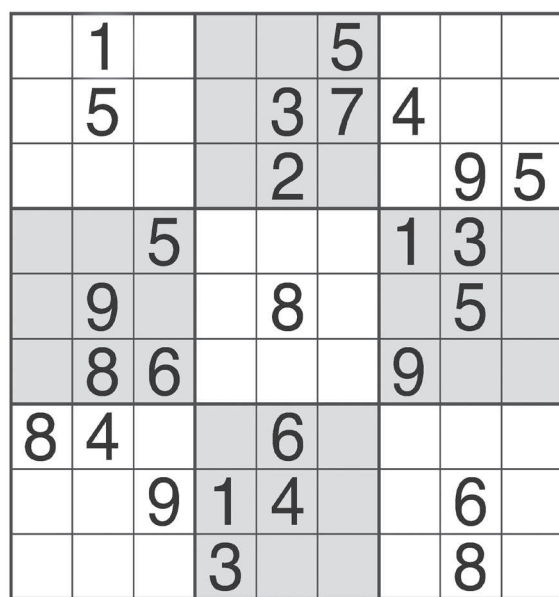
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** The best collaborations will be between people who don't entirely agree. Even teams fraught with tension are better than unanimous groups. For those willing to listen and learn from each other, diversity is strength.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** A possession that does not technically have the ability to talk is nonetheless clamoring for your attention in its way. Get to work on this one as soon as possible so you can get back to peace and quiet.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 7).** It's a liberating year when you will feel emboldened to be even more fully yourself. You needn't hide your magnificence to fit in. Neither do you feel pressure to pretend to know things you don't. Libra and Capricorn adore you. More highlights include truly inspired dining, an altitude adventure and a loving creation made just for you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 39, 28 and 17.

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### SOLUTIONS

