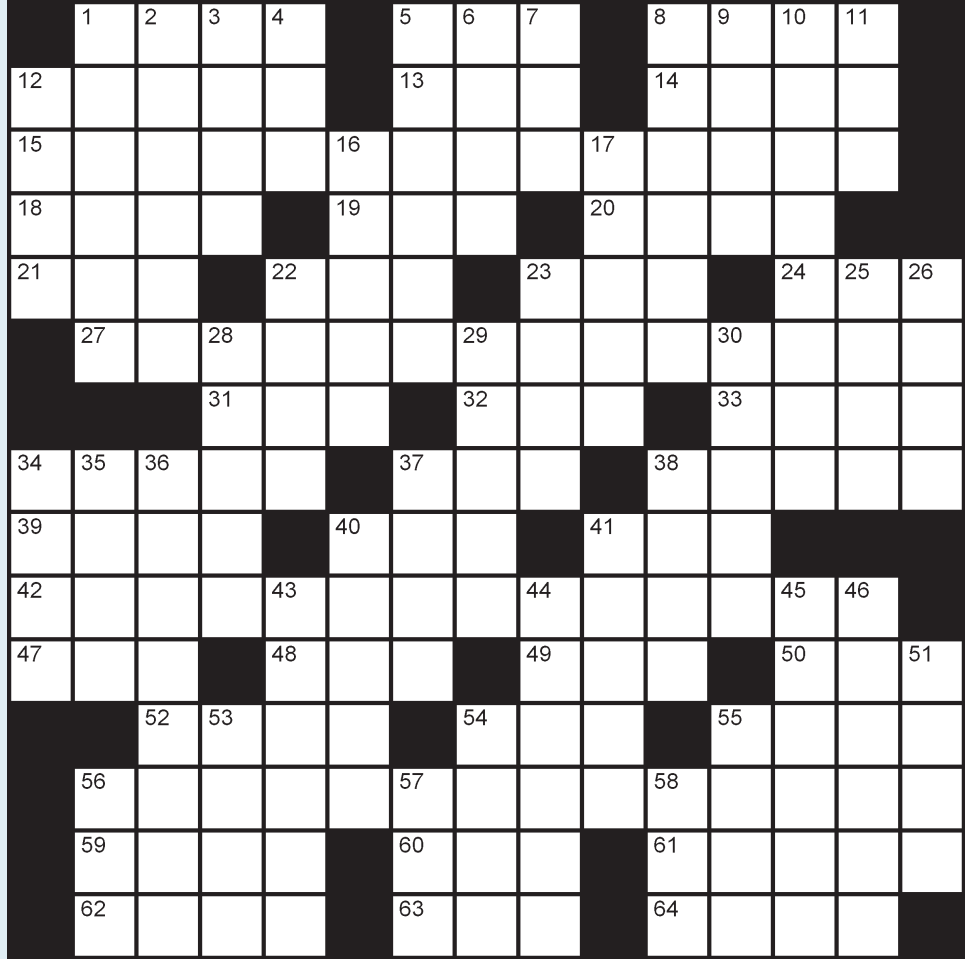


Second Shift by Brooke Husic

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Industry honcho, 5 Place for pampering, 8 0.5 fl. oz., 12 Rome's Fountain, 13 Word after "stand" or "down", 14 Jump (double Dutch item), 15 Online session for an aspiring sommelier?, 18 Suffix with "senior", 19 Opposite of a loss, 20 In the distance, 21 Minor complaint, 22 Used a floor cushion, 23 Ga. home of the WNBA's Dream, 24 Some hospital drama sets: Abbr., 27 Daily task for an egg farmer?, 31 kwordo, 32 /they pronouns, 33 Prefix with "dynamic", 34 Academy Award, 37 Pupil's place, 38 "Have an open mind!", 39 Genuine, 40 Arbor, Michigan, 41 Black Lives Matter co-founder Tometi, 42 Dress-up activity inspired by a nymph in the "Odyssey"?, 47 Words between "cool" and "cucumber", 48 That thing's, 49 Luau instrument, for short, 50 OB-GYN, e.g., 52 Turn sharply, 54 "Cousin ___ Visits the Addams Family", 55 "Hey there!", 56 Woe for a grounded child?, 59 "The Little Mermaid" prince, 60 Console with a Sports Resort, 61 Avis competitor, 62 Garden entryway, 63 Finale, 64 Anna's sister in "Frozen", DOWN: 1 Professional reviewer, 2 Acme, 3 Wide streets: Abbr., 4 Curved bone, 5 Water fairy, e.g., 6 Future queen, perhaps, 7 Devoured, 8 Unimportant thing, 9 fide, 10 One might be hidden in a fake rock, 11 According to, 12 Either protagonist in "Sister, Sister", 16 Up and at 'em, 17 Soak in a tub, 22 Mark from surgery, 23 Sore feeling, 25 "Desperado" singer, to fans, 26 Annoying person, 28 Sicily's country, 29 "Bye Bye Bye" band, 30 Holiday delivery?, 34 Whale with a saddle patch, 35 Homes for 34-Downs, 36 Dia de los Muertos skull, 37 Biblical name found backward in "plus-one", 38 Use a keyboard, 40 Houston baseball pro, 41 Invite along for, 43 Puncture, 44 Best at an auction, 45 Nike competitor, 46 Cello virtuoso who founded the Silkroad collective, 51 Hard-to-spot pattern, briefly, 53 Menu with Undo, 54 Hacker's cry of success, 55 "___ come around eventually!", 56 Entreat, or seek a treat, 57 Need to pay, 58 "Insecure" star Issa

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022 Working for Fun



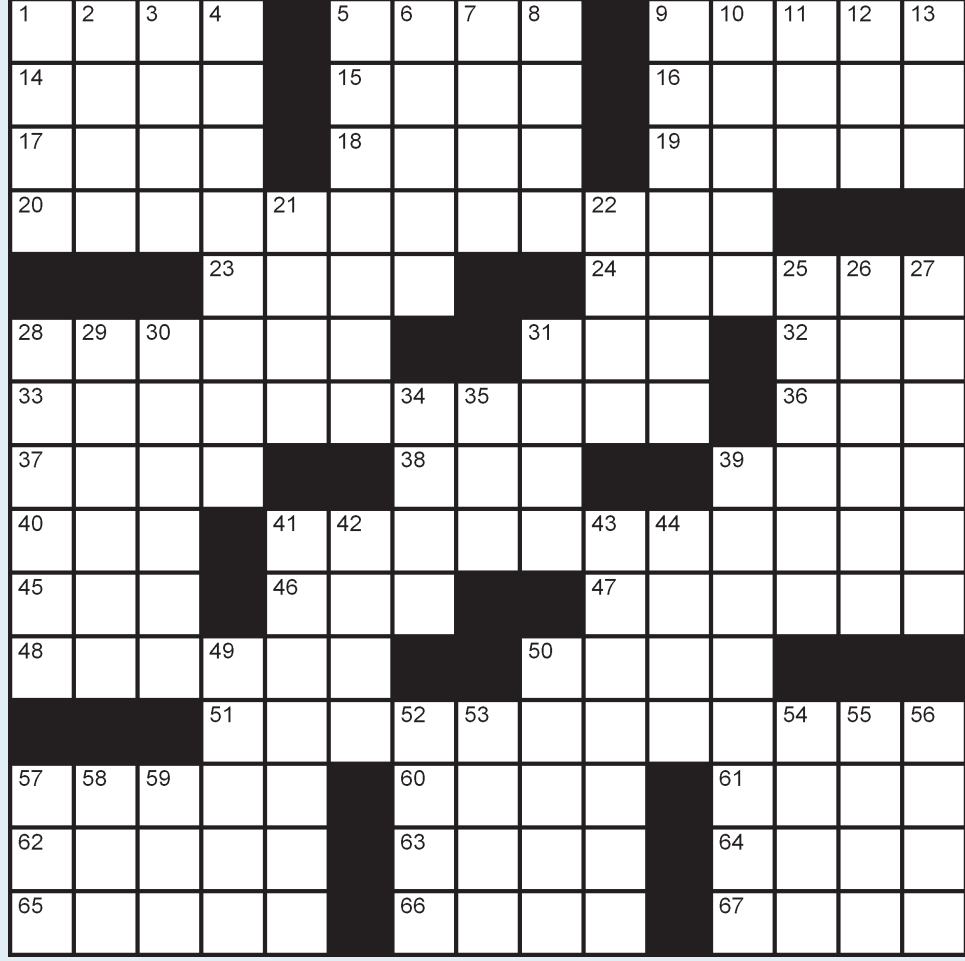
Fun is an integrated state, impossible to achieve when the mind is in one place and the body is somewhere else. Wishing for a different scene robs from the one you're in. The lunar square to Venus suggests that it will be work to make fun, but the aspect also offers a cosmic shovel with which to dig into the task at hand to excavate its fun potential.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone in your immediate vicinity is at a similar skill level or concerned with the same topics as you are. It's bad for productivity. Go where this isn't the case. Once you get objectivity, you'll know exactly where best to focus.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Watch what people are sharing and what gets noticed. People want to know things that you already know. There is a huge opportunity for you in this, should you decide to start sharing more of what you do.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To some extent, you can pick and choose the beliefs that suit you. Though, unfortunately, many beliefs come as a package deal. You can always try an idea on for fit. If doesn't feel right, try another.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Some people act nice because they want you to think well of them and perhaps reciprocate. Others do nice things because they're nice people. Life is dreamy when you're surrounded by the latter category.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Circumstances aren't perfect, but you'll perform well with the right-size challenge. Resist the temptation to overcommit yourself. Think of your entire situation and take on responsibilities that fit comfortably into your life.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). "Can I talk to you?" can be an innocent request, though more often it grabs attention and inspires fear. Most feel-good messages need no such fanfare. You'll be careful not to let simple things become dramatic.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The old way is barely working. People follow the recipe, read from the script, fulfill the programming -- to meager or hollow results. If anyone can finagle a new and better way, it's you. Apply yourself to figuring this out.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If left unguarded, leisure time can get eaten up by obligations. Protect your fun! Treat your playtime as sacred, and if you planned to give yourself a reward, make sure you really give it to yourself.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Experience is a fantastic teacher, but it's not the only teacher. Follow the instructions left by your predecessors. This race is like a relay in which you start where the torch is passed to you, not back at the beginning.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everything comes to fruition through labor. You have no problem motivating yourself to get a job done. You'll bond with others through thinking and talking about work, and get tips and tricks that make it easier.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Like spotty cellphone service, you'll get moments of clarity and blanks to fill in, which you'll do like a pro. You could see this as an annoyance, though you might just as easily see it as a puzzle or game.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you only fulfill one directive today, let it be this: accept yourself. Everything springs from your relationship with yourself. When that relationship is solid, others will be open to you and all you contribute.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 17). Natural environments will speak to you. You'll walk to the water's edge and listen to the wisdom of wind and wave. The elements can change in a moment or an eon. You'll take charge of your life's timing and set defining rhythms with your decisions that stick. Success will be attributed to your incredible gift of tenacity. Libra and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 44, 3, 38 and 18.

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Business Expenses by Susan Gelfand

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- ACROSS: 1 Encyclopedia contents, casually, 5 What comforters cover, 9 Bracelet bangle, 14 Hen's house, 15 Warhol who said, "Making money is art", 16 Camel's rest stop, 17 Polish, as prose, 18 Name within "Constantine", 19 Camera giant, 20 Obstetrician's quote for assisting in childbirth?, 23 slicker, 24 Like some museum tours, 28 Not outdoors, 31 Pitcher's gift, 32 Outback bird, 33 Orthodontist's quote for making an appliance?, 36 Brief moment, 37 Pizzeria hot spot, 38 Small battery size, 39 Employee benefit, 40 Toddler's break, 41 Bookbinder's quote for attaching the exterior?, 45 Wedding words, 46 Blvd. relative, 47 Went the distance, 48 Appetizer whose name is French for "sofa", 50 Alphabetize, e.g., 51 Electrician's quote for getting electricity flowing?, 57 Pesto herb, 60 Provo's place, 61 Affirm, 62 Lime or rust, 63 Make cookies, 64 Horse hair, 65 Bread ingredient, 66 It goes down in the winter, 67 Calligrapher's supplies, DOWN: 1 Chilled, 2 Connection point, 3 Light weapon in fencing, 4 Frame job figure?, 5 Decimal system, 6 Contest submission, 7 WWII turning point, 8 Coordinate, as a Mac and iPhone, 9 Devour, 10 Caribbean country where Vodou is a recognized religion, 11 Pose a question, 12 Kia model, 13 AOL alternative, 21 "Venì, __, vici", 22 Fairy-tale fiend, 25 Gobi or Sahara, 26 Come into sight, 27 Dropped out of sight, say, 28 Having a twist, 29 Sparks' setting, 30 Squish with a shoe, 31 Miles away, 34 Roof overhang, 35 Singer Carly ___ Jepsen, 39 Deli meat on rye, 41 Juliet's surname, 42 At an end, 43 Attired, 44 Heavenly strings, 49 Etching solutions, 50 It goes down the drain, 52 Massages, 53 List shortener: Abbr., 54 Tennis legend Lendl, 55 Hit on the head, 56 Woolly mothers, 57 "Man!", 58 Lumberjack's chopper: Var., 59 "Chandelier" singer

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS THURSDAY, AUGUST 18 Dreams Aflame



Venus and Jupiter engage in a fiery flirtation daring us to dream a little bigger, try a little harder, ask for a little more. The small ask is key. Reckless boldness will be ineffective. It will be considered distasteful to make requests in unfamiliar realms. However, to humbly seek the guidance of those who know the territory will bring good fortune.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). Once upon a time you got into a relationship deeper than was good for you, and now you know. You can appreciate those who give as much as you do, have a similar excitement level and are just looking for ways to show you love.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Raise your energy with a pep talk or another sort of physical and psychic invigoration. It may feel odd to manufacture the hype, but the energy boost will attract opportunity and prevent the day's events from draining you too.
GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What people think of you matters less and less to you. You put your ego on the line and it's more than many people are capable of. This is the risk that lets you continue to expand in skill and confidence.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Improvements are hard to see in the short term but just consider where you were last year. You didn't have the sense of purpose you now possess, and you're more aware, effective and aligned too. Let yourself feel proud.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Self-esteem is earned through estimable acts... but only if you can remember you did them! You get so used to being you that you don't see the ways you contribute and make a difference every day. Keep track to keep going.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sometimes people make your life better by being in it, and other times people make your life better by staying out of it. Whichever way it's going, trust life's process. All is naturally unfolding to your benefit.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The love, care and respect you give yourself not only feels wholesome but also shows others that you're someone to treat with love, care and respect. You'll start a cycle with this. Feel good and allow for feeling good!
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There are those who are limited in their capacity to be curious about others or make them a priority. Whether this is a temporary state or a character trait, it's better to seek attention from people who can actually give it.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever your current mood, it's only a starting place. Coax yourself into a creative mindset from here. Set aside the time. Get the environment situated to support your work. Creating opens your heart.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Give the pursuit a break. What you want will come to you after you've stopped chasing. Whether you do something else or nothing at all, it's better than grasping at a thing and thereby pushing it further out of reach.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You are right to be extremely choosy about adding anything or anyone to your life. When it's love, the caring and maintenance (which always comes with acquisition) will be more pleasure than chore.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). As much as you want to be free of a memory, willing yourself to forget won't work. The harder you try, the more focus you put on the unwanted thoughts. There is only one way out, and that is through. Recall, process and let go.
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 18). You'll lead with a heart that dares and draw people into the excitement. The thrills of new opportunity will be balanced by secure relationships you can count on. More highlights: an upgrade to familiar comforts, participation in a fascinating and diverse group, and education that opens a professional door. Aries and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 20, 19, 17 and 7.

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