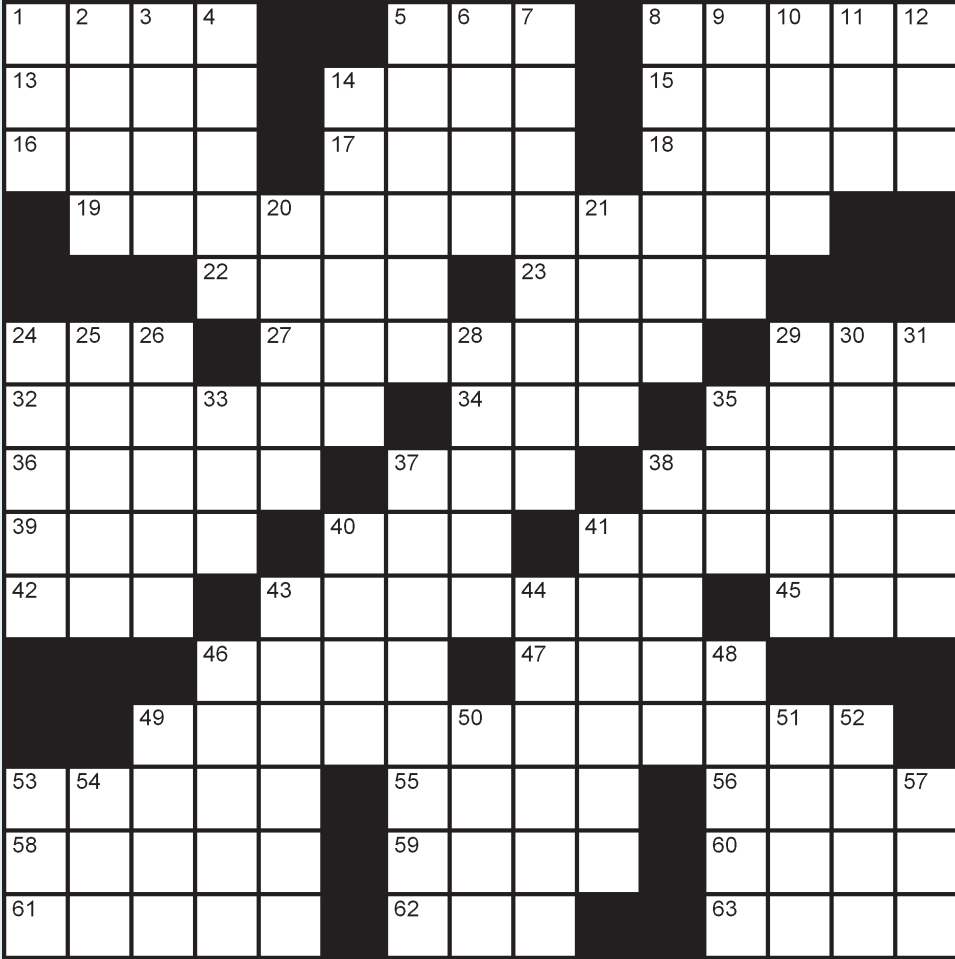


### Twice the Fun by Alex Eaton-Salners

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Puts one and one together, say
  - 5 Handbag monogram
  - 8 Cliff notes?
  - 13 (I touched your nose!)
  - 14 Shop selling salami
  - 15 Soft palate projection
  - 16 Wrestling popular in Tokyo
  - 17 "Everything's fine!"
  - 18 Bread crumbs used for tempura
  - 19 They relate well to others
  - 22 Spanish custard
  - 23 "Family Guy" matriarch
  - 24 Cut, as grass
  - 27 Employ
  - 29 Boardroom VIP
  - 32 "I want to see!"
  - 34 Prez before Jack
  - 35 Cobra curl
  - 36 With 38-Across, snitches
  - 37 Size above med.
  - 38 See 36-Across
  - 39 Sitter's bane
  - 40 Triumphant cry
  - 41 Photo often snapped at arm's length
  - 42 Bottle alternative
  - 43 Lab report writer?
  - 45 Hither's partner
  - 46 Cut, as costs
  - 47 Director Ephron
  - 49 What Kevin Love achieved in 53 consecutive NBA games, or a theme hint
  - 53 One may have attachments
  - 55 Touch a side of
  - 56 "Carpe diem" acronym
  - 58 Pop, as a balloon
  - 59 Covers with black goo
  - 60 Shout after the pound of a gavel
  - 61 Collections of bits
  - 62 Hurricane's center
  - 63 Drove lickety-split
- DOWN**
- 1 Muscles below the ribs
  - 2 Arrange, as hair
  - 3 Rounded roof
  - 4 "Spaceballs," for "Star Wars"
  - 5 Sana'a citizen
  - 6 Sty food
  - 7 Have a crush on, informally
  - 8 Affluent '80s city dweller
  - 9 Flattened circles
  - 10 Mound in the Sahara
  - 11 Animal with antlers
  - 12 Southeast Asian language
  - 14 What pupils may do during an exam?
  - 20 Prunes, once
  - 21 Flow like molasses
  - 24 "The ReidOut" channel
  - 25 Catherine of "Schitt's Creek"
  - 26 "I'm Every \_\_\_" (Chaka Khan hit)
  - 28 Hardly heavy
  - 29 Like pj's
  - 30 "Old MacDonald" letters
  - 31 Elizabeth of "Wanda-Vision"
  - 33 Just out of the jacuzzi
  - 35 Stanford's rival, for short
  - 37 Airing in the wee hours
  - 38 India's first prime minister
  - 40 Parsley, sage, rosemary or thyme
  - 41 Gets a move on
  - 43 Bank heist targets
  - 44 Stick it out
  - 46 Personal grace
  - 48 Bottomless pit
  - 49 It's thrown at a board
  - 50 PayPal's parent company, once
  - 51 Circular Blue Angels stunt
  - 52 Palindromic fashion magazine
  - 53 Gradually decline
  - 54 "\_\_\_ bien, gracias!"
  - 57 Like 2021, but not 2022

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2021 Aries Moon Fuel



Use the fuel of this fiery Aries moon to project yourself into your desired future, and then work backward to prepare for it. Practice, memorize and craft the impression you want to make. Take your shot when it's presented. Afterward, accept it's out of your hands. It will no longer matter what you say. What will matter is what others say about you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** As you take an aspect of your life and push it a little further and then a little more, you'll find out that the boundaries aren't nearly where you thought they were.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Many carrots are not orange. Many radishes are not red. Not all blue whales are blue. As you keep your mind open, life will wash over you in colors unexpected.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You can ride the chaos like the best of them, though it's nice when you don't have to. You'll appreciate the mild and manageable feeling today brings. This peace offers new options for tomorrow.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Mostly, you keep your hand on the controls and are in complete charge of your actions. It would be absurd and boring to demand this of yourself at all times or expect it from others, as tonight will reflect.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Don't worry if your choice seems uncharacteristic of you. You are the artist of your character and can form it as you desire. In the end, there are no shoulds and shouldn'ts -- only dids and didn'ts.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** When you're playing the long game in relationships, it's important not to use what happens over the course of one unit of time to represent the entirety of the connection.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You'll find yourself building an argument for what you want. This prep work is wise and winning. When the time comes to convince others, you'll be ready.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Your talent for asking the right question will open minds, hearts and doors. It's an intuitive gift. You wing your curiosity into the world and sometimes it takes a long time to boomerang back, but the answers are worth waiting for.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The fact that this is the same scenery implies that you are standing still, at least physically. If they only knew the speed barrier you broke on your way to new exotic landscapes of the mind.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You're focused on results and open to the wide variety of forms they can take. Happiness, for instance, can come in drastically different forms, such as the shape of work or the contour of a loved one's face.

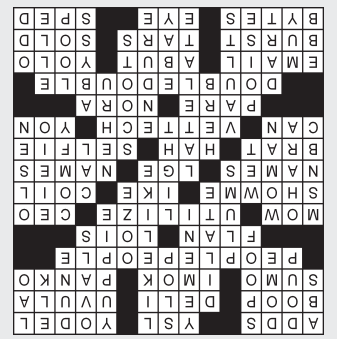
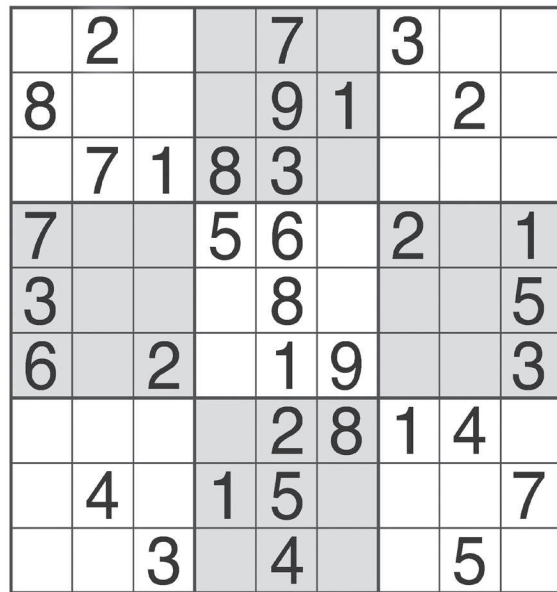
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Each age group has its own kind of fun. Today features an activity that favors a full range of ages, bringing people together who can help and learn from one another.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** People share their fond wishes with you, and you hold these treasures in one of your heart's pockets. As you go about your day, you'll see things they might need or want and then connect the dream to the dreamer.

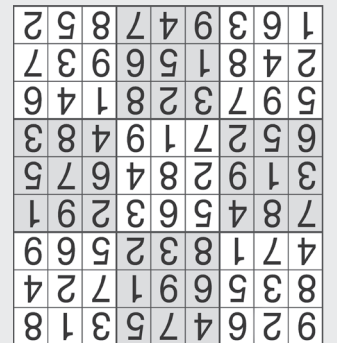
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 25).** Past lessons align themselves with this fresh era, and a new confidence settles in. You know what you want. Your purposefulness will attract trust, love and money. Make decisions for yourself. Strong forces will ask you to yield to their guidance when, actually, you are the one most qualified to call the shots. Capricorn and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 33, 12 and 48.

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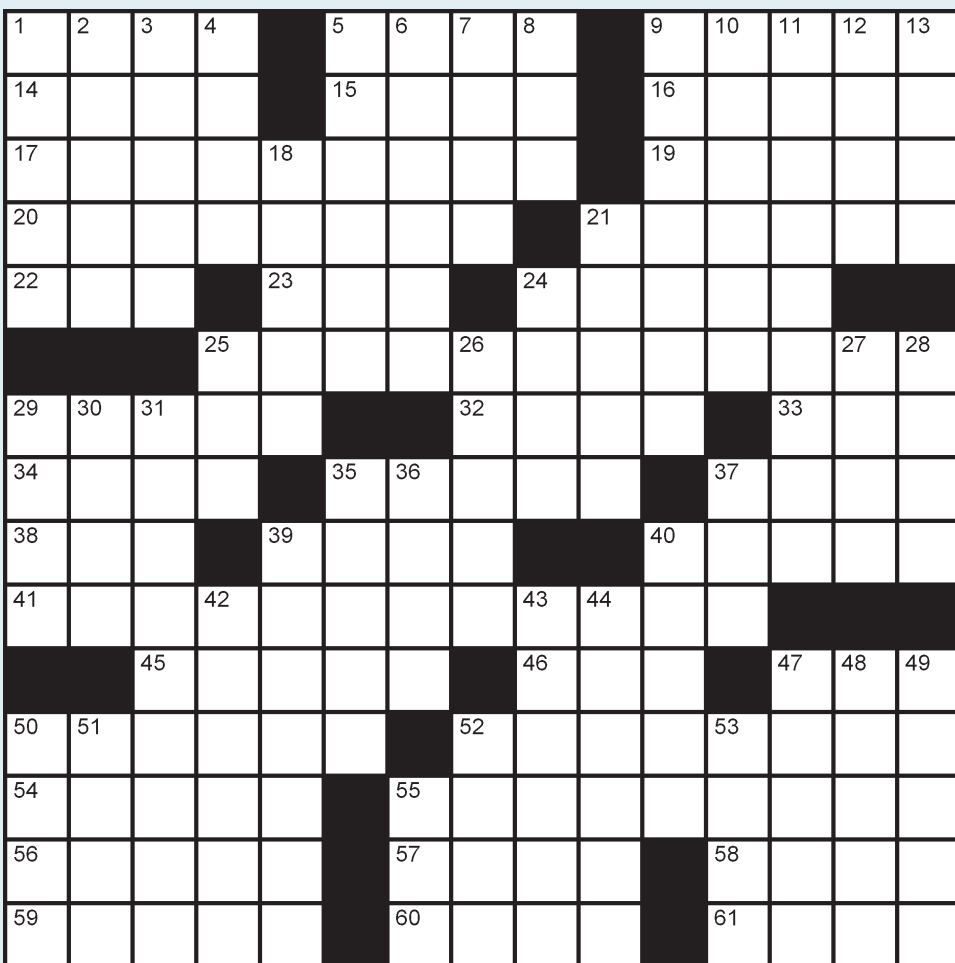


### SOLUTIONS



### Natural Growth by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Girl who may say "nae"
  - 5 Military wear, informally
  - 9 Rhyming nickname for a '90s-'00s Britcom
  - 14 Boat in "Jaws"
  - 15 Acted just like
  - 16 Navajo or Pueblo
  - 17 Tournament favorite
  - 19 Cliffside nest
  - 20 Souvenir shop garment
  - 21 Comes down hard?
  - 22 Opposite NNE
  - 23 Abbr. at the end of a business name
  - 24 Geological period
  - 25 Problem-solve
  - 29 Simple chord
  - 32 Word said with a sigh
  - 33 Apply
  - 34 Houston university
  - 35 Try to prevent
  - 37 "A Hard Road to Glory" author Arthur
  - 38 Tribute from a poet
  - 39 West Coast gas brand
  - 40 Cook, as clams
  - 41 Diagram of options
  - 45 Photographer Adams
  - 46 Suffix for "rocket"
  - 47 "Te \_\_\_" (Spanish for "I love you")
  - 50 Item an Olympian hurls
  - 52 Heart hit with the words "I cast my spell of love on you"
  - 54 Buzzing with activity
  - 55 Yield the desired result
  - 56 Bogus
  - 57 A single time
  - 58 Annapolis initials
  - 59 Fabric for a professor's jacket
  - 60 Ram like a goat
  - 61 Like the observation "Crosswords are similar to life ..."
- DOWN**
- 1 Top housing options?
  - 2 Astrological ram
  - 3 Fastener that may be loose
  - 4 Back talk
  - 5 Slots' spot
  - 6 Brief outline
  - 7 Convene
  - 8 Not divisible by two
  - 9 Bewildered
  - 10 Bottom-first kind of birth
  - 11 Building with a bell and a pole
  - 12 Not much
  - 13 Flower pollinators
  - 18 Bronze medalist's place
  - 21 Pointy pickle
  - 24 Fashion magazine
  - 25 \_\_\_ Bo (exercise system)
  - 26 Conductor's stick
  - 27 Dept. of Labor arm
  - 28 Abound
  - 29 Put one's foot down?
  - 30 Carnival attraction
  - 31 Ornate-but-temporary winter structure
  - 35 Towels off
  - 36 Natural resource management subj.
  - 37 Absorbed, as a cost
  - 39 Gave confidence to
  - 40 Bottom line on a letter, say?
  - 42 Cut with a scalpel
  - 43 It led to a 1773 Boston "party"
  - 44 Wish undone
  - 47 Get a smile out of
  - 48 Acadia National Park's state
  - 49 Available from a keg
  - 50 Ridiculous, to a Brit
  - 51 Translation of Caesar's "vidi"
  - 52 Computer list
  - 53 "Phooey!"
  - 55 Go up and down

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021 Pluto Offers an Emotional Ride



A lunar square to Pluto begs the question: *Am I being manipulated? Seduced? Triggered?* It's said no one makes another person feel any sort of way without their buy-in. This premise gets tested as we get the impression we're being set up for some kind of emotional ride. Mercury in Virgo swoops in with mindfulness that just could save the day.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Like an expert salesperson, you'll focus on your hot-prospects list and save time and energy by prioritizing your most likely customers. One thoughtful move will make money for you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The theme centers on the Latin prefix "re," meaning "back" or "again." Prepare for reunions, renovations, remixes and remodels. All things old will be new again.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** The question of standards will come up. You'll set the bar. Look around; do your research; understand the full range of what's possible, especially on the lower side.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Though you can't change history, you can change which parts of it you focus on, the way you tell it, and what it means to you. Today gives you an interesting excuse to reflect.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** "Whoever obeys the gods, to him they particularly listen," stated the Greek classic "The Iliad." You'll notice the same power dynamic on a smaller scale as favoritism will be shown by the powerful to the attentive.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Those who appreciate gifts are given more of them. The opposite is also true. You'll wisely temper your reaction to receive less of something you don't want.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You'll experience the need for harmony and beauty in your environment. This is typical for you, but it's stronger and more urgent than usual today, likely causing you to purge the old and bring in the new.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll understand a situation that baffles the others. Explaining it is the hard part. Consider skipping that and just acting on your knowledge. They'll catch up later.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** The special fondness between you and your people gets the spotlight as you laugh and share stories, many retold for the 100th time. This is how a legacy gets cemented.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** To show up and handle responsibilities is the very least you're willing to do for your loved ones. You're proactive, thinking about the future and driving the action according to your vision.

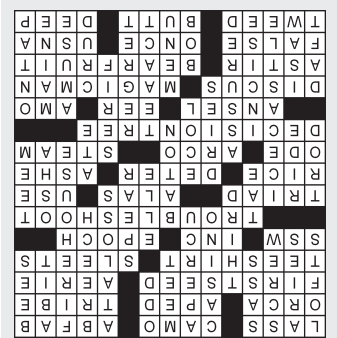
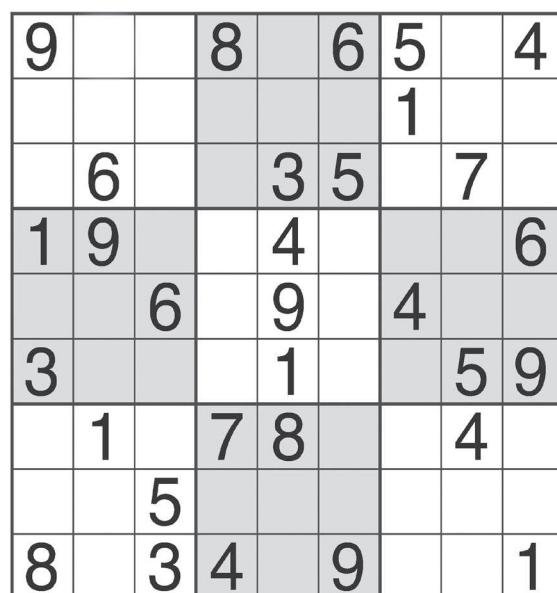
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your firsthand knowledge of the grind gives you a deep appreciation for the instances in which you are paid to do something you love. Such an exchange will happen today and is deserving of celebration!

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your diligence comes from strength, but if you appear to be working harder than anyone else, it will instead be interpreted as weakness. Delegate to take the pressure off so you can be cool, relaxed and in control.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 26).** The dance of relationships is one of stepping back to get closer. You'll love your freedom and cherish togetherness as you honor your own needs for space and fall in tune with the needs of others. You become powerfully in control of your finances and make savvy investments. You'll be entrusted with coveted keys. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 22, 5, 7 and 19.

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