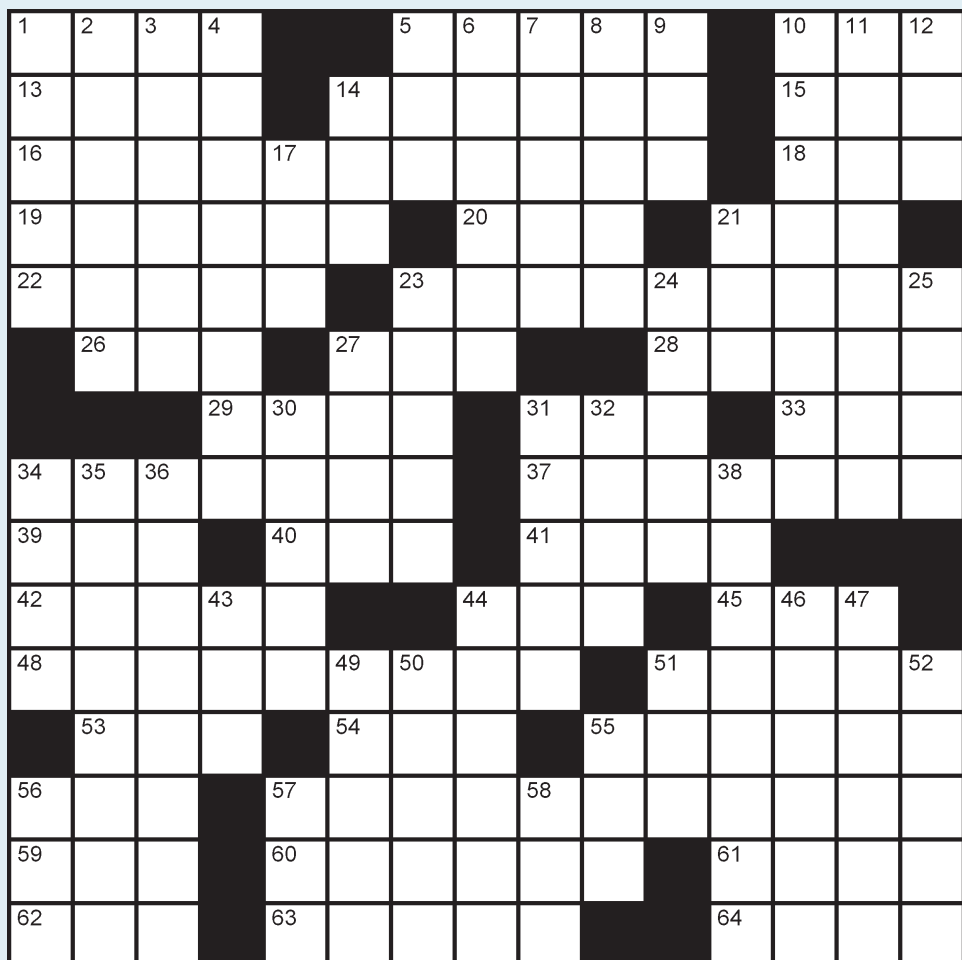


### Bursting With Pride by Alex Eaton-Salners

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Swanky
  - 5 Light-headed
  - 10 Candy in a dispenser
  - 13 "Eso Beso" singer Paul
  - 14 Dressed like, for a costume party
  - 15 Big name in body spray
  - 16 Fortune-teller's device
  - 18 Stimp's pal
  - 19 Sinks, as a short putt
  - 20 \_\_\_ carte
  - 21 Computer that runs Monterey
  - 22 Pick up dinner, perhaps?
  - 23 Desire to be on stage
  - 26 Second-to-last Greek letter
  - 27 Animal pairs' boat
  - 28 Behave theatrically
  - 29 "The Lion King" queen
  - 31 Org. that regulates cosmetics
  - 33 Apt-sounding name for a gardener
  - 34 Fare served with beer
  - 37 Minor role
  - 39 COVID vaccine molecule
  - 40 Pair of roommates?
  - 41 Person you revere
  - 42 K.T. of country
  - 44 Comedian Margaret whose surname is hidden in "Watch out!"
  - 45 Org. for drivers
  - 48 Shoe honoring NBA great O'Neal
  - 51 Matches up
  - 53 One of 78 in this puzzle: Abbr.
  - 54 Wiimote batteries
  - 55 Worship
  - 56 "Best in Show" org.
  - 57 Same-sex marriage and others, or a hint to the last letters of both words of 16-, 23-, 34-, 37- and 48-Across
  - 59 Golf peg
  - 60 Wheel for hoisting things
  - 61 "The Music Man" state
  - 62 Conclude
  - 63 Cheetah's pride
  - 64 "Well done!"
  - 25 Gallant guy
  - 27 Reunion attendee, for short
  - 30 Concert setting
  - 31 Anti-crime org.'s D.C. base
  - 32 One-named "Thank You" singer
  - 34 Opposite of cons
  - 35 Still steady
  - 36 Equally weighted
  - 38 Put on a show
  - 43 Stats that geniuses may compare
  - 44 Himeji structure with moats
  - 46 "As I was sayin' ..."
  - 47 When Juliet asks "Wherefore art thou Romeo?"
  - 49 Touch base again
  - 50 Billiards surface
  - 51 \_\_\_ Lanka
  - 52 "What a shame!"
  - 55 Use a crowbar
  - 56 Put away dinner, perhaps?
  - 57 DJs once spun them
  - 58 Abbr. in a proof
- DOWN**
- 1 International agreements
  - 2 Highway entrance
  - 3 Chats with online, in a way
  - 4 Pestering
  - 5 Gadot of "Wonder Woman"
  - 6 "Me again!"
  - 7 Had to do (with)
  - 8 \_\_\_ Lama
  - 9 Haute couture initials
  - 10 Arch shape, maybe
  - 11 Person with will power?
  - 12 Buddhist sect
  - 14 Food bank container
  - 17 "Shop \_\_\_ You Drop"
  - 21 Studio that co-produced "No Time to Die"
  - 23 Kuwaitis, say
  - 24 "Peachy keen!"

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021 Mercury Change



Mercury follows the sun into Sagittarius, an expressive realm for the planet of communication. Those with a natural gift for chatting up strangers, making connections, networking and effectively working social media will find their talents even further augmented. More reserved folks will feel emboldened to take social risk.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You're meant to lead. Take charge. This can be done quietly and humbly as long as your actions are firm, direct and unflinching. You will bring out the best in others and utilize their talents.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Everyone has doubts. The question is how seriously to entertain them. Give your reservations a certain amount of time and attention, then once you decide your course, move with confidence and don't look back.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** Denying yourself only grows your appetite. What is the cost of giving in? Is it possible to have a little of what you want without indulging yourself to a regrettable degree? New ideas and approaches are needed.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** As for those who don't give you a normal amount of feedback, consider this a red flag. It's joyless and energy-depleting to have to work too hard for reactions and attention. Generous spirits give as much as they take.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Whether you're in a new relationship or keeping the fires stoked on an existing one, your instinct for connection is well-honed today, and your moves will play beautifully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You'll work hard and get the result you're going for. With purpose and tenacity, you'll execute your aims and weave your story. You'll look back at this time in your life as legendary.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your presence is comforting. People open up around you, and you provide a soft place for their stories and thoughts to land. Though it's not your job to be constantly receiving others, when you allow it, you help heal humanity.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** There's nothing you need to do to right wrongs. It's as though the universe is a cat that can't help but land on its feet. All you have to do is refuse to interfere and justice will be served.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Complete your project. It might not bring the results you wanted, but finishing will be its own kind of reward, giving you glowing confidence and a different future than you'd otherwise know.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Maybe complaining will fix nothing, but write your complaint anyway, only for yourself because working things out on paper will give you clarity. From here you will see a solution, workaround or way of accepting what is.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Whatever you're selling, keep the price high and don't be in a rush to make the deal. If you don't get offers, it's a blessing in disguise. Hold out for what you want.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your own thoughts can make you happy or sad, frustrated or content. You may not realize what you're thinking until you question what you're feeling. Becoming aware of your thoughts will lead to a breakthrough.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 24).** Your social status is on the rise. You'll know exactly what to do with this influence when the time comes. There's a major opportunity in February, and you'll ink a deal in March. An interesting problem will turn into a quest. Beautiful relationships blossom from this! Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 11, 22, 39 and 17.

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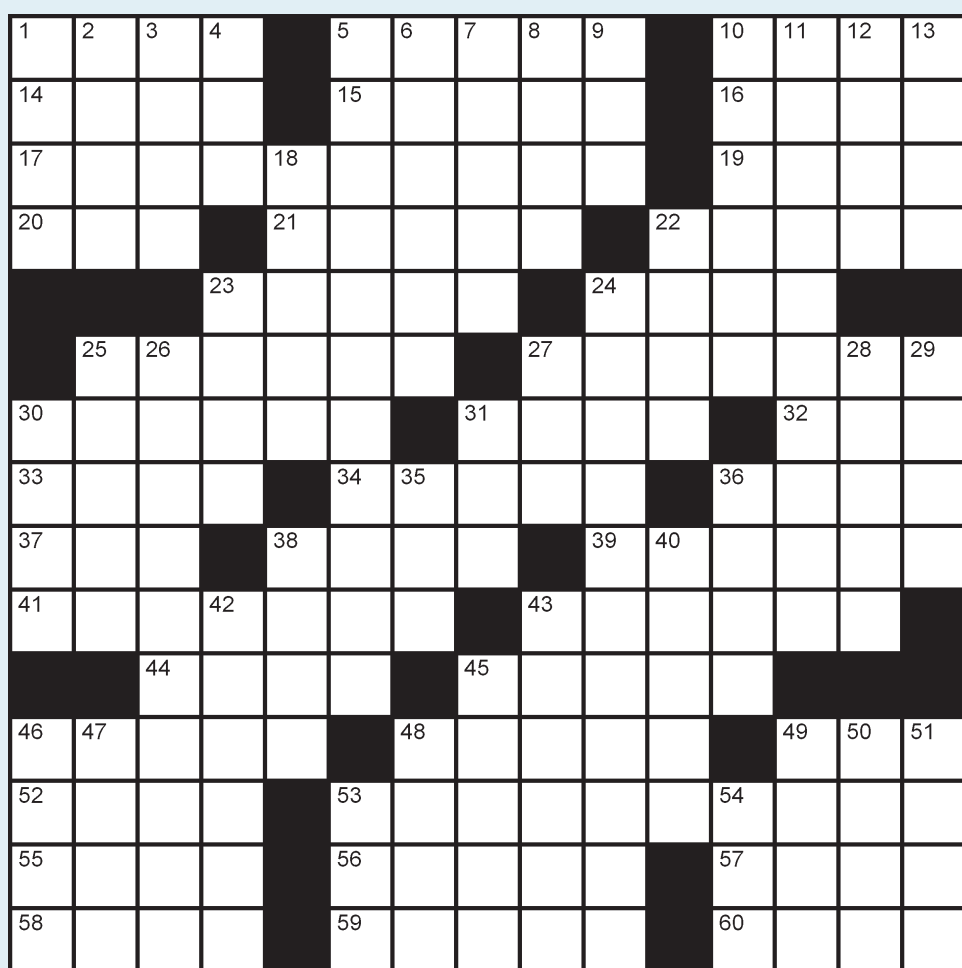


### SOLUTIONS



### Partial Palindromes by Paul Coulter

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Enchanted" girl in a 2004 film
  - 5 Airship that may feature a message
  - 10 Assist with a heist, e.g.
  - 14 Detective's need
  - 15 "Judy" star Zellweger
  - 16 Oversized part of a monster truck
  - 17 \*Person on a rant? (Theme hint: Note the first word of each starred clue's answer)
  - 19 Scans done in tubes: Abbr.
  - 20 Word before or after "blue"
  - 21 Corrective eye surgery
  - 22 Lavishes affection (on)
  - 23 Clay who sang "Invisible"
  - 24 Mascara site
  - 25 Holdings
  - 27 \*Awesome snare?
  - 30 Magical charm
  - 31 Repayment promises
  - 32 Rumpus
  - 33 "Iliad" war god
  - 34 Already consumed
  - 36 "Cut it out!"
  - 37 Become torn
  - 38 Trees with needles
  - 39 Dorks
  - 41 \*NFL rusher who's also an official?
  - 43 Window-shop
  - 44 Presidential assistant
  - 45 Says something catty?
  - 46 Pancake often served with applesauce
  - 48 Teacher's summons
  - 49 Letters in a university's URL
  - 52 Tennis great Arthur
  - 53 \*Some bejeweled table-tennis equipment?
  - 55 Wedding cake layer
  - 56 Welcome at the door
  - 57 Dot on an ocean map
  - 58 Orecchiette pasta's namesake body parts
  - 59 Poets
  - 60 Catches on to
  - 26 Parent in a certain blended family
  - 27 Future fish
  - 28 Hacienda brick
  - 29 Noises that balloon artists dread
  - 30 Jamie of "M\*A\*S\*H"
  - 31 The "I" in TGIF
  - 35 Biblical boat
  - 36 Puts in stitches
  - 38 Grow dim
  - 40 Amazed
  - 42 Cyclists
  - 43 Sounded like a smoke detector
  - 45 "Veep" protagonist Selina
  - 46 After curfew
  - 47 Where Uzbekistan is
  - 48 Singer Barenilles
  - 49 Besides that
  - 50 Military press muscle, informally
  - 51 A Swiss army knife has lots of them
  - 53 Cold War spy grp.
  - 54 Archaeological site
- DOWN**
- 1 Trees that line streets
  - 2 Pipe problem
  - 3 Disney dog
  - 4 Some contain coupons
  - 5 Crack a joke at a party, say
  - 6 Rents
  - 7 Shade with a pen
  - 8 Submissive
  - 9 The "p" in rpm
  - 10 Maximally
  - 11 What new babies grow?
  - 12 Buffalo's lake
  - 13 "\_\_\_ of the D'Urbervilles"
  - 18 Toilet paper layers
  - 22 Big name in root beer
  - 23 "No returns"
  - 24 Loading zones?
  - 25 Cliffside nest

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021 Lunar Spice Jar



The Leo moon throws in a few odd aspects -- a tug on Saturn, an eye roll to Uranus, a playful punch to Mars. To endure the lunar jabs, stay focused on the common ground. "The turkey. The sweet potatoes. The stuffing. The pumpkin pie. Is there anything else we all can agree so vehemently about? I don't think so." -- Nora Ephron

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You probably don't realize how much your loved ones need you, but your support is a healing balm. They care what you think of them. They also know you'll be loving even when you don't agree or approve.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** The story of your life is always being created. It's running through your thoughts, through the narrative your mind weaves as you go about your day. Just remember, as the writer, you can always sway, finesse or spin this.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You'll have ample opportunity to play and worthy playmates too. You'll avoid the transactional and overly competitive games and gravitate toward the ones where everyone can have fun and feel like a winner.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You know it in your heart -- what matters is the assessment of a circumstance, not the circumstance itself. You'll look for the interpretation of events which will provide the most ease and goodwill.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** An invisible thread draws you together with kindred souls. Every positive interaction weaves the network. Together you are making a strong dream catcher for collective ambitions.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** When people you know do things you admire, it doesn't make you jealous; rather, it ignites in you new hope. You're comfortable in yourself and therefore can be truly supportive of others.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You don't have to be perfect to be worthy. Give yourself credit. More often than not, you say the pleasant words, do the noble thing and live the gracious way that keeps you churning out the good decisions.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll appreciate a little and receive quite a lot. You're an excellent steward of resources and will spread out the good fortune in a way others wouldn't think to do.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your work feels seamlessly connected to your heart and so you execute the tasks of the day without noticing the effort they take. You are fueled by love.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** What seems like a regular ol' thing when you have it, is absolutely essential when you need it. For this reason, you take nothing for granted. You celebrate the minor and major blessings.

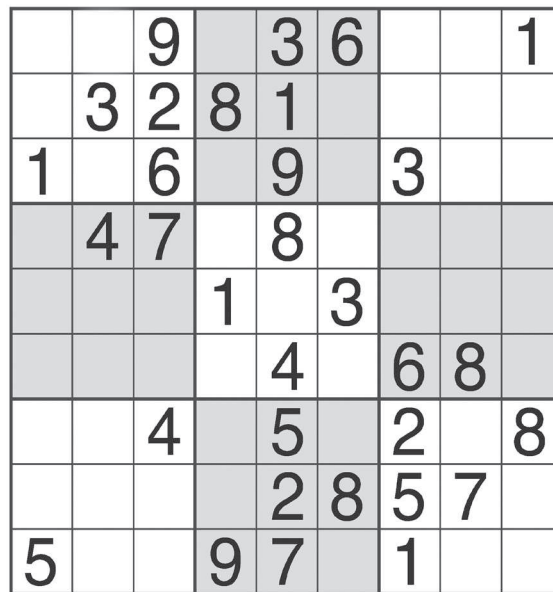
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You'll think about the people who make a difference in your life, then you'll find that you can't think of anyone you know who doesn't! You're fortified in the knowledge of just how gloriously connected you are to all.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Your warmth and hospitality are legendary and will be felt when you are the guest, when you are the host, and in the private rituals of radiating gratitude into the ether.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 25).** Wrapped inside your talent for empathy is the chameleon-esque ability to match the success of your guides. You'll quickly absorb the qualities and skills of a mentor. You may get the material goal you aim for but what's accomplished will go far beyond the tangible, into the realm of the sublime. Gemini and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 19, 33, 31, 40 and 27.

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