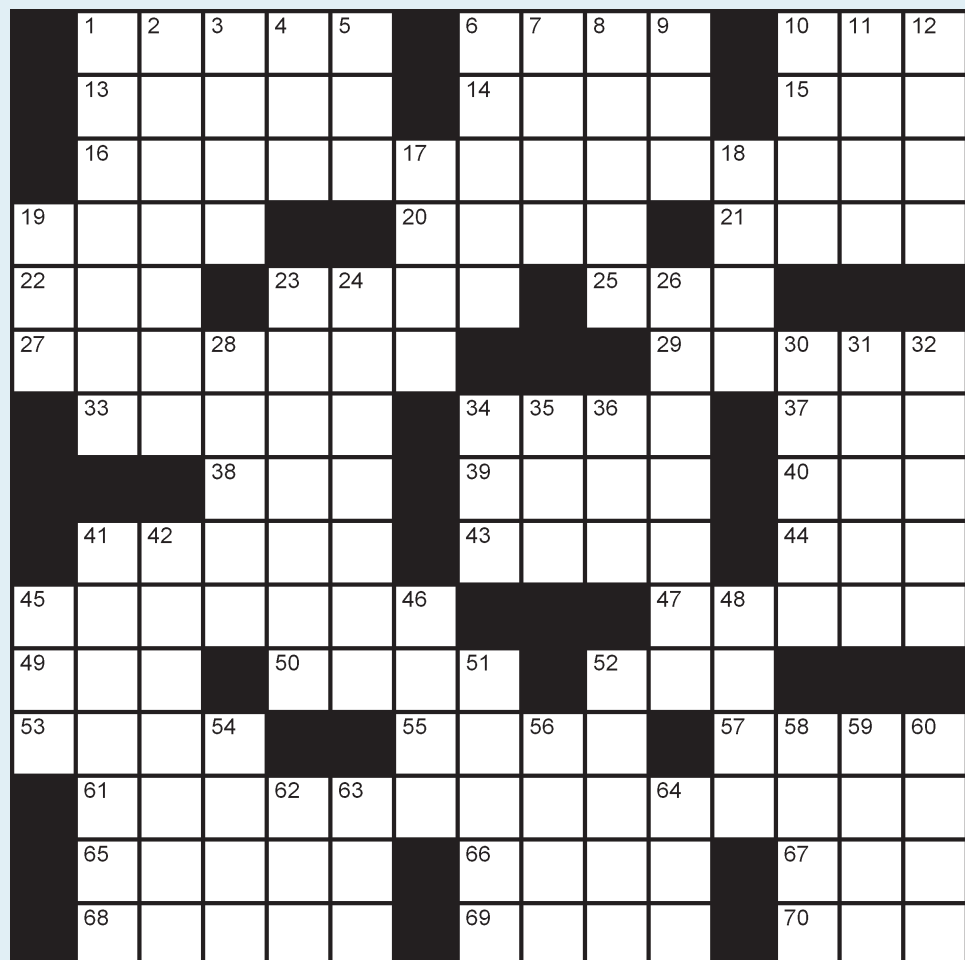


### Define Your Boundaries by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS**
- 1 Ease up
  - 6 Blown away
  - 10 Word after "welcome" or "yoga"
  - 13 Early wake-up time
  - 14 Pink, like a steak
  - 15 "Rocks"
  - 16 \*Goes too far
  - 19 Baby seals
  - 20 Sell
  - 21 Express lane unit
  - 22 Slice of history
  - 23 Mr. Rogers' first name
  - 25 Enjoy some egg rolls
  - 27 \*Herding dog with rough hair
  - 29 Factions
  - 33 Ticket parts that might be scrapbooked
  - 34 Get ready, for short
  - 37 Be behind on bills
  - 38 "\_\_\_ I'm a Cheerleader" (1999 satirical comedy)
  - 39 \_\_\_ Field (home to the Mets)
- DOWN**
- 14 Chess pieces
  - 41 Boxer Ali
  - 43 Train a boxer?
  - 44 Common retirement spot?
  - 45 \*Chalk drawings on pavement
  - 47 Legendary people
  - 49 Knee part: Abbr.
  - 50 Leave speechless
  - 52 \_\_\_-cone
  - 53 Painter whose name anagrams to "yoga"
  - 55 Bluish green
  - 57 Girl in Edinburgh
  - 61 \*Caused a feeling of irritation
  - 65 Hash browns ingredient, informally
  - 66 Competed
  - 67 Music genre that might give you the feels
  - 68 Wipe from a chalkboard
  - 69 Caesar's words to Brutus
  - 70 "You've \_\_\_ your match!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Makes certain
  - 2 Cameo role
  - 3 Things that might be on the chopping block?
  - 4 (Is this thing on?)
  - 5 Middle of summer?
  - 6 Curved like a rainbow
  - 7 Advise of danger
  - 8 Wear away
  - 9 \_\_\_ Plains, Illinois
  - 10 Catcher's catcher
  - 11 Feeling after leg day
  - 12 Abound
  - 17 State confidently
  - 18 Location
  - 19 Cat or ferret, e.g.
  - 23 Calf bones
  - 24 Begin again
  - 26 Pain-relieving pill
  - 28 Creator of a 3D puzzle cube
  - 30 Sandwich, chips and drink, e.g.
  - 31 11- or 12-year-old
  - 32 Puts in the mail
- DOWN**
- 34 Classic IBM products
  - 35 Tear
  - 36 "Wheels down" info: Abbr.
  - 41 Brand with a green crocodile logo
  - 42 Not just seasonal
  - 45 Move like a dog's tail
  - 46 Ballerina's skirt
  - 48 Young stallion
  - 51 Audacity
  - 52 Cold shower?
  - 54 "\_\_\_ boy!"
  - 56 Butting heads
  - 58 "Uh ... excuse me"
  - 59 "\_\_\_ Places More Than Others" (Renee Watson novel)
  - 60 Little twerp
  - 62 Word that establishes consent
  - 63 Get a lode of this!
  - 64 Campus email ender

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021 Lunar Conjunction to Uranus



In a wave of emotional impulse, the Taurus moon aligns with Uranus in Taurus. Certain appetites feel too wild to contain, and the actions they trigger seem more powerful than the cages are strong. But considering there are lions who roar on command and bears who ride bicycles, we should be able to tame ourselves if we try.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** What you want requires an investment of time, money, energy or all of the above. But you don't have to bet the farm to make a change happen. Take a small risk and see how that feels before you take another.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Just because you think you can do something doesn't mean you can, but it sure gives you a better start than the alternative. Today, you'll see a boss in action and think, "That could be me!"

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You're in the mood for something you're not sure you can afford. "Take care of the luxuries and the necessities will take care of themselves." -- Dorothy Parker

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** It's demolition day for an idea, illusion or a string of unhelpful thoughts, the absence of which will free you to embrace current circumstances and accept yourself the way you are.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You're emotionally flexible and can play with modalities and tones until you feel optimism, joy and a general sense of winning. To change your attitude is to change the outcome.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Your labor will exceed the benefits of a job -- even more true in the case of jobs that don't pay. The rigors of your role will have you sweating with work that's thankless. Counteract stress by doubling down on self-appreciation.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Regret does serve a purpose. It informs the decisions of today. As the Chinese Proverb goes, "The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago. The second-best time is now."

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll argue your point and argue it well. Not everyone will agree, but at least you'll give them something to think about. This isn't over -- not yet.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** No person is an island. You cannot possibly reach your goal without the cooperation of others. You'll work with others and give them what they need in order to obtain what you need.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** There's someone you want to impress, but you'll be better off when you resist the urge to do so. You are already attractive to this person, so trying to be attractive will only work against you. Don't sell it when it's already sold.

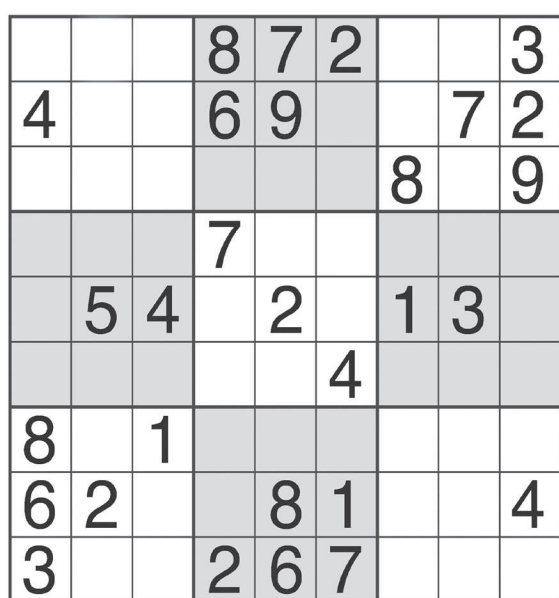
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Three rules of show business will apply today: Read the room. Tell them what you're going to do, do it, then tell them what you did. Leave them wanting more.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Keep moving. To hang out in any environment for too long is unproductive. You can begin again now. Any moment is a valid starting point for doing the thing you want to do and being who you want to be.

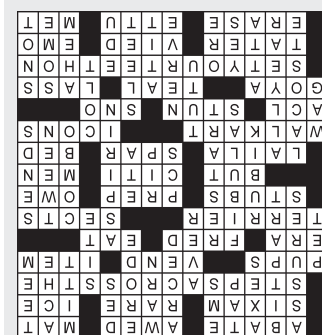
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 15).** You don't think of pleasure as something that must be cultivated yet it's what unfolds. You aim yourself toward measures of discipline considered by most to be work and you somehow fall in love with the endeavor. Your habits improve, your skills deepen and your purpose mellows into a powerful boldness. Aquarius and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 1, 13 and 44.

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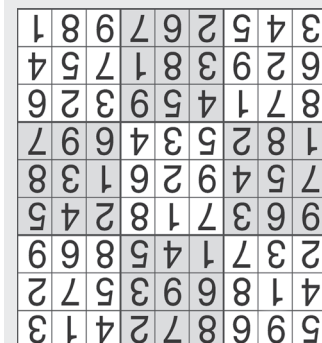
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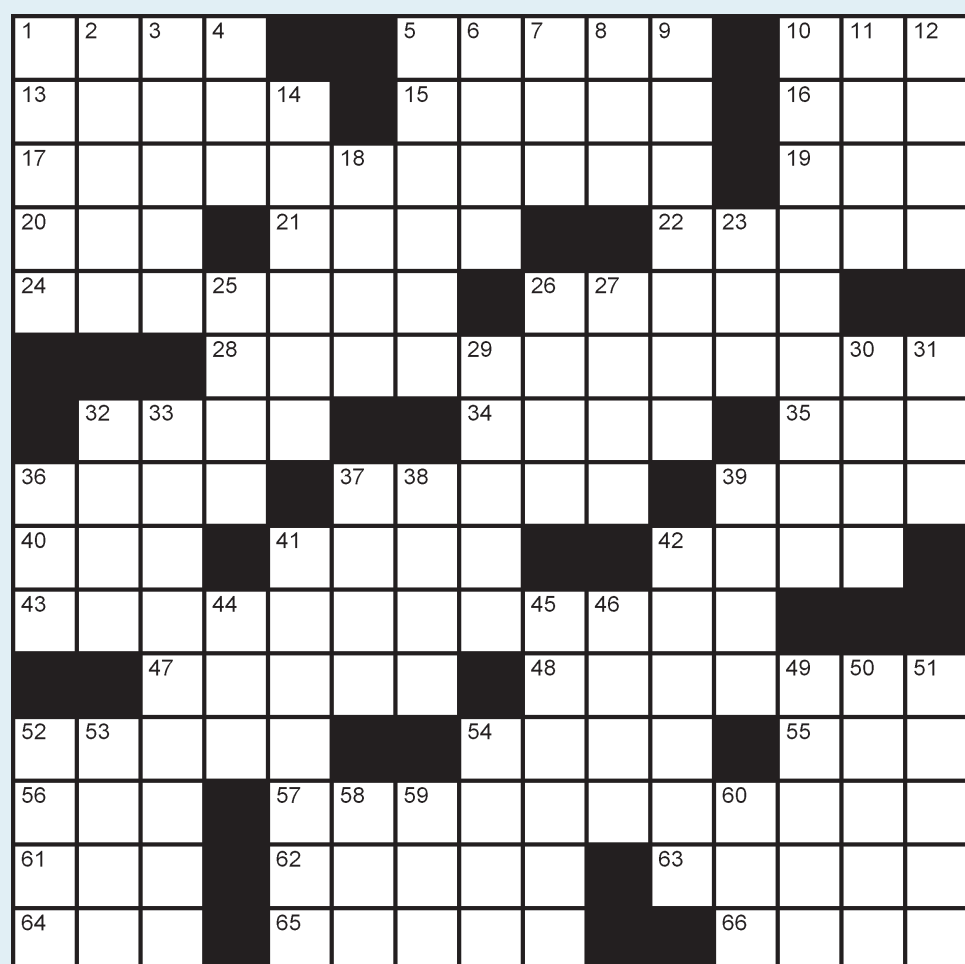


### SOLUTIONS



### Go Fishing by Robert E. L. Morris

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS**
- 1 Norse god of thunder
  - 5 Not up to \_\_\_ (subpar)
  - 10 Tool set
  - 13 Person who could aptly be named Parker
  - 15 Book before Joel
  - 16 Words to say on your wedding day
  - 17 One may do the hustle (In this clue's answer, see letters 4-6)
  - 19 Man cave, perhaps
  - 20 Chowd down
  - 21 Approximately
  - 22 Personal prose piece
  - 24 Ornamental symbol in typography
  - 26 Anticipate
  - 28 Helper in a white coat (... letters 3-6)
  - 32 Beam behind drywall
  - 34 Fats Waller's "Misbehavin'"
  - 35 Winged stinger
  - 36 Criticize harshly
  - 37 Tricky pool shot
- DOWN**
- 14 Jimmy of the Daily Planet
  - 4 Word before "league" or "room"
  - 5 Northern California's Mount \_\_\_
  - 6 Eating candy before dinner, e.g.
  - 7 L.A. Coliseum school
  - 8 Plumber's charge
  - 9 Eurocentric name for Thailand's region
  - 10 Thanksgiving spot for young ones
  - 11 Concept
  - 12 Tiger on a Frosted Flakes box
  - 14 "Better luck next time"
  - 18 Visually plain
  - 23 Take a load off
  - 25 Down in the dumps
  - 26 Words in a used car ad
  - 27 Napa Valley output
  - 29 Youngest Obama daughter
- DOWN**
- 30 Require
  - 31 Golfing gadget
  - 32 Lose one's footing
  - 33 Broke, or spent
  - 36 Alphabetical nickname
  - 37 Apple offerings
  - 38 Athlete Arthur who adopted a daughter named Camera
  - 39 Actress Jewell
  - 41 Old Pontiac
  - 42 Comeback
  - 44 Stretch of history
  - 45 Legendary mime Marceau
  - 46 Manchester man, e.g.
  - 49 Waterslide feature
  - 50 Ancient music makers
  - 51 Longtime film critic Roger
  - 52 Leak gradually
  - 53 Actress Thompson
  - 54 Letter after alpha
  - 58 Diamonds, slangily
  - 59 Dull routine
  - 60 Lifeboat propeller

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2021 Lunar Split



The moon departs the sign of appetite and money for the social realm of Gemini. This is among the best days to firm up your end-of-the-year plans. The full moon in Gemini will be a social swirl worth ramping up to. Work out as many details upfront as possible. Also, the whims of love are still predictable, but the Venus retrograde is coming.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The new you will sail into the world on a plan. Think far ahead and then work backward to determine the steps it will take to get there. Imagine what you might like to encounter along the way.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If the fun event isn't there, invent it. You need something to look forward to. Anticipation of delight makes the whole day go better. Hard tasks get easier; easy ones are quickly completed.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** No one will give you time for things like self-reflection, hobbies and just decompressing. That's the kind of time you'll have to make, steal or carve out. Once you do, you'll need to protect and honor the appointment.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** There are some sorts of trouble that squarely fall into a "luxury" category. When you were younger, you looked up to people with such quality problems. There's a strange satisfaction in today's inconvenience.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** While it's easier to start something new from scratch than it is to alter an existing relationship, some relationships are worth the extra work. People can change, and when they do, their relationships change too.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Don't let unexpected turns deter you. Think of this as a test. Don't hesitate or wonder. Like a cowboy breaking in a new horse, once thrown you get right back in the saddle.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Small gestures and casual talk will teach you who a person is. You're an astute listener and will learn the most through conversations about nothing in particular.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** It's too awkward to wrestle with what's out of reach, so get closer. What will it take to get in the game? If you need to train longer or harder, this match will be worth the effort.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You're no victim. If anything, you're the hero. Head for a change of scenery. A new environment will require you to take on a different role.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** It's about time you were spoiled rotten. And if there is no one around to do something nice for you, make sure to do something nice for yourself, and others will catch on soon thereafter.

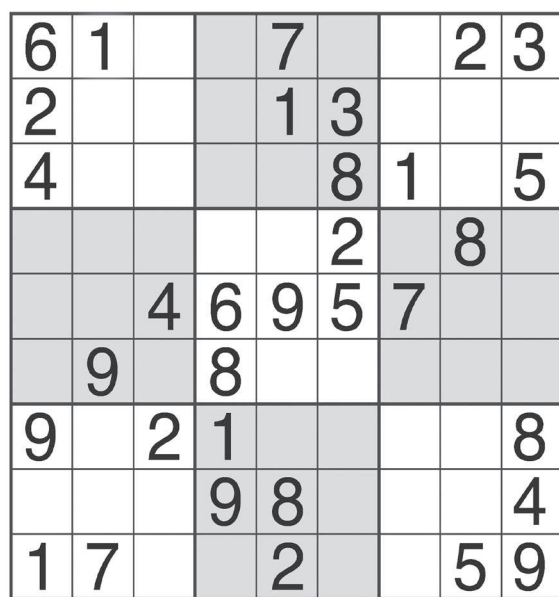
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Someone is getting increasingly attached to you. If you'd like to change an aspect of the relationship, this is the time to do it while you're still learning each other.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** For the sake of mystery, you don't always tell people your plans or your whereabouts. Also, isn't it privileged information? Let people earn their place on your inside track.

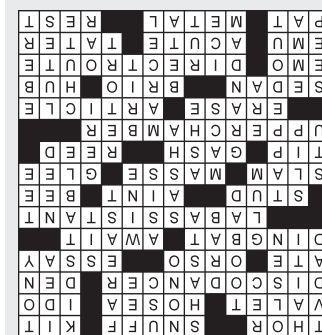
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Dec. 16).** You're channeling muses of organization and you've a checklist of things you want to accomplish. You'll hit many, miss a few and along the way stumble into scenarios that make you deeper and more exceptional than any listworthy qualification could. You're a networking genius and relationships will lead to work. Gemini and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 33, 19, 44 and 28.

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