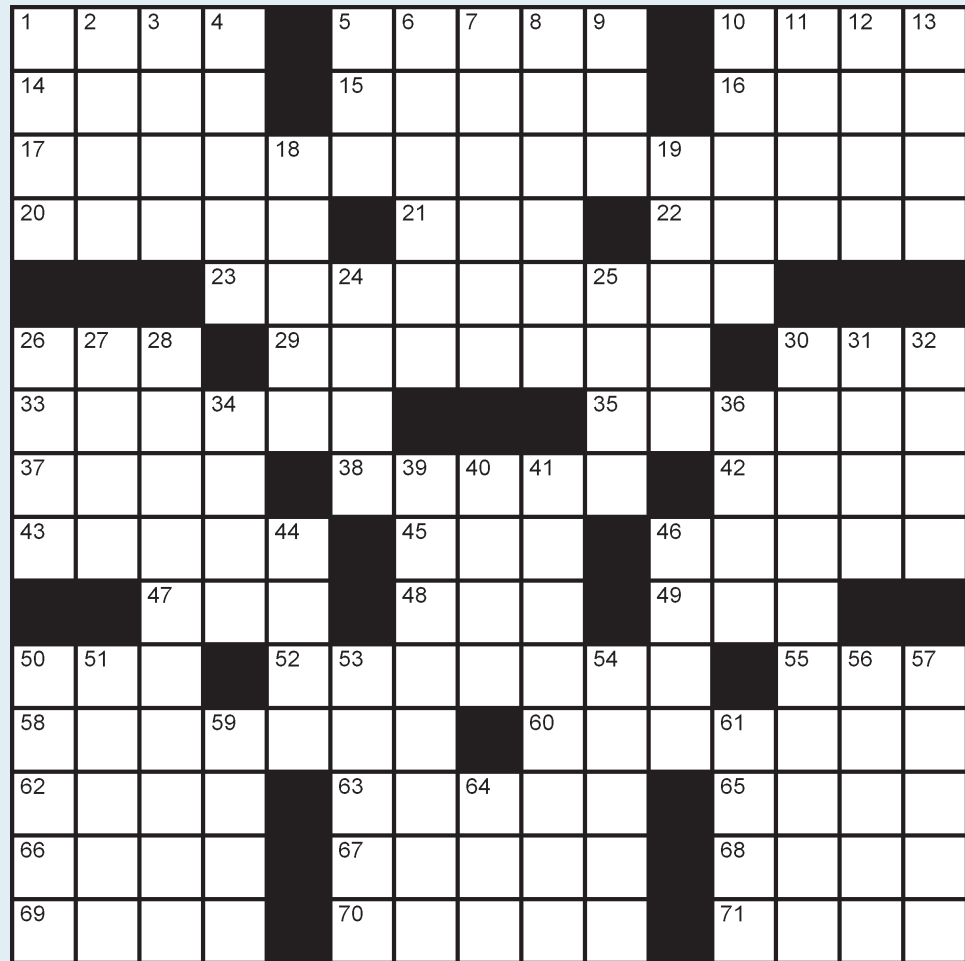


Lit From Above by Kyle Dolan and Elizabeth O'Tuama

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Recedes, 5 Deep divide, 10 Crunchy side served with ribs... DOWN: 1 Divisions of time, 2 Ernie's pal...

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2021 Planetary Party Prep



Countdown to the final full moon of the year. The Cold Moon is made warmer by the cozy communication Gemini energy famously creates. This full moon is the hot cocoa by the fire, the "hygge" vibe of Danes and Norwegians, and, in the dead of winter, "the giggle at a funeral" that Hozier sings of. Three, two, one... ARIES (March 21-April 19). You enjoy who you are, and this makes it possible for you to get much more pleasure out of every experience...

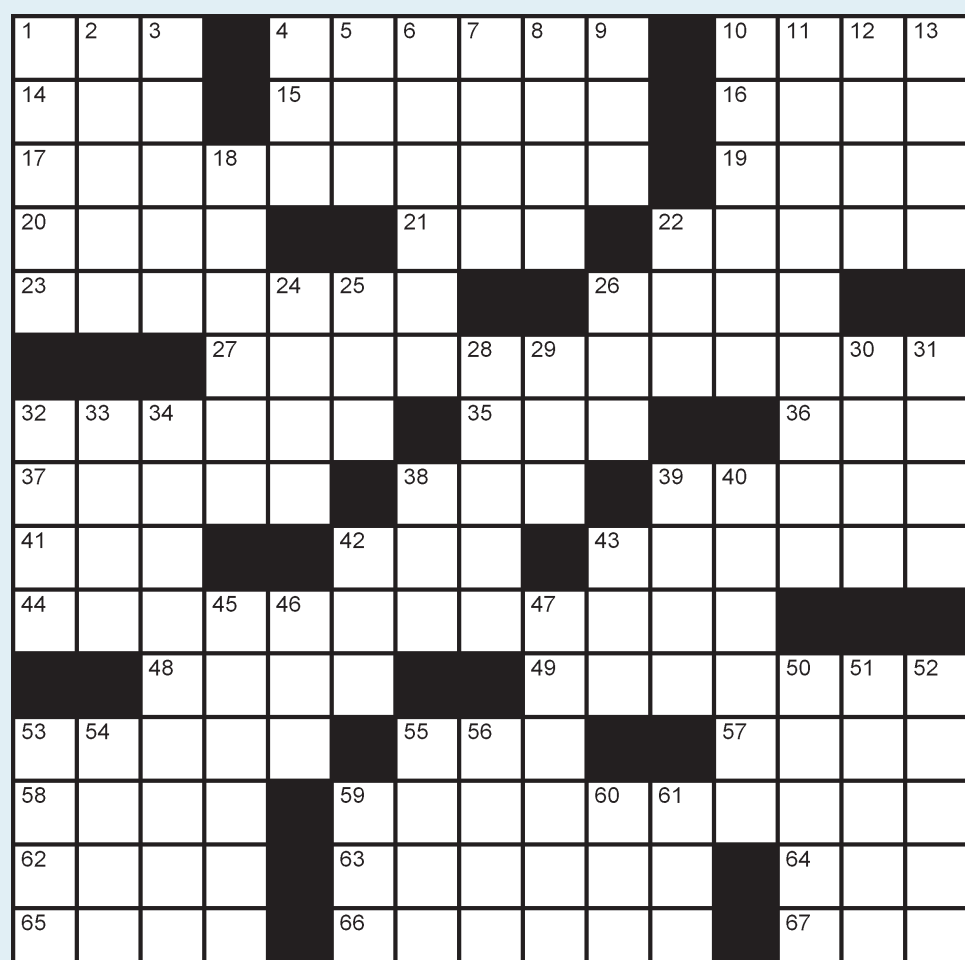
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having things in common will bring you together. Making a connection takes more than togetherness, though. It's the differences that ignite the spark. People who are too much alike aren't so interesting to one another. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The competitive mood. It starts with knowing you can beat someone else and then realizing that the thing to beat is the status quo...

Universal SUDOKU Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty rating: ★★★★★

SOLUTIONS grid for the Friday Sudoku puzzle, showing the completed 9x9 grid.

First Place by Gary Larson and Amy Ensz

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS: 1 Campfire residue, 4 Brood X insect, 10 University official... DOWN: 1 Helpers, 2 Princes, e.g., 3 Braying beast...

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2021 Cold Moon Closer



The closing act of the 2021 lunar carousel is brought to us by the full moon in Gemini, otherwise known as the Cold Moon for obvious reasons, although the feelings zinging around are anything but. There's a social fire flickering in rooms and hearts. The conversation comes easily -- even the singing comes easily. These are joyful times. ARIES (March 21-April 19). You now know much more than you did when you made a certain decision. Your new opportunity to do things differently is coming, so this is a good time to visualize yourself making new choices...

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You'll be made aware that some things are so easy to do and nearly impossible to undo. Like you can't reverse-pour dressing on a salad, you can't take back words once you've said them. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can still have a good relationship with someone you don't have much in common with, as long as you get straight to work creating things in common. It's a fine excuse to embark on shared adventures, interests and pursuits...

Universal SUDOKU Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. Includes a 9x9 grid and difficulty rating: ★★★★★

SOLUTIONS grid for the Saturday Sudoku puzzle, showing the completed 9x9 grid.