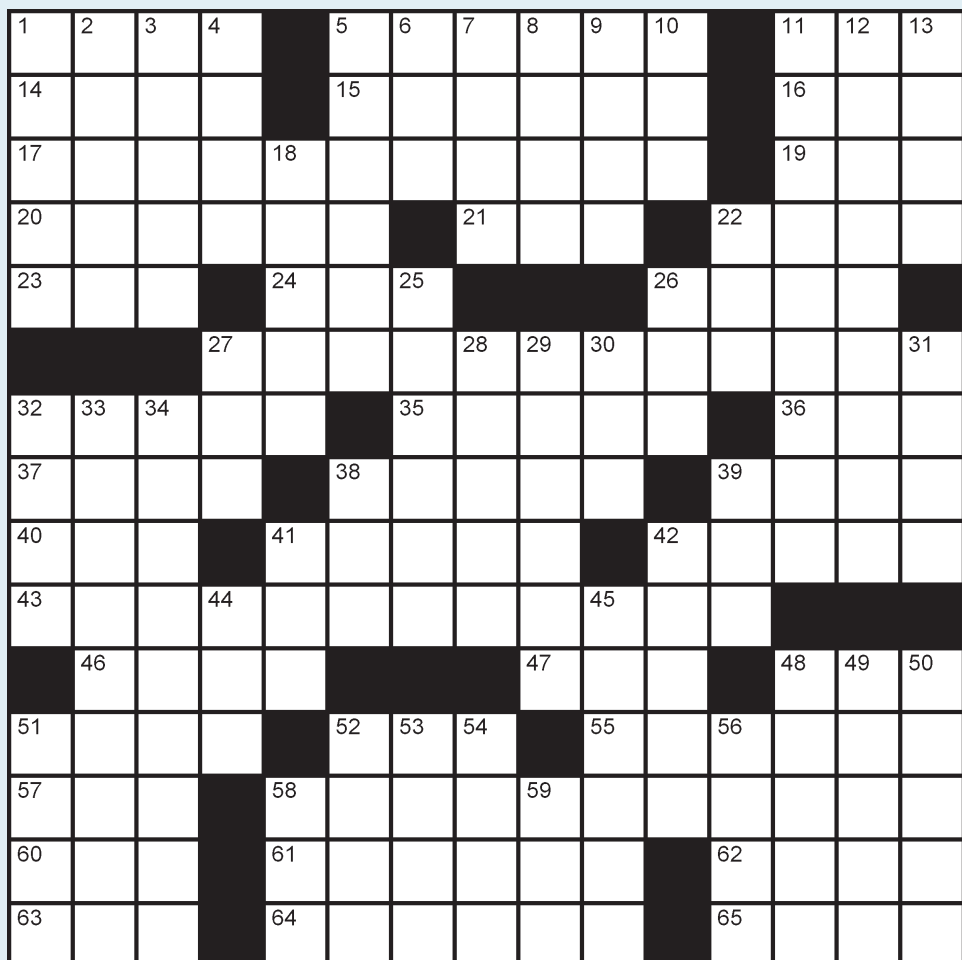


24 Hrs. Long by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Lyft rival
 - 5 Complete the final details on
 - 11 Big race sponsor
 - 14 Church's center
 - 15 Make fizzy
 - 16 "Lookie here!"
 - 17 Late-week schusser, say? (Before: Like a more playful puppy)
 - 19 Protrude
 - 20 Altogether
 - 21 AARP Bulletin readers: Abbr.
 - 22 ___ of Maine (toothpaste brand)
 - 23 Org. that handles a lot of baggage
 - 24 Fella
 - 26 Smear on
 - 27 Coffee dispensers for a weekend brunch? (Before: Former cars with a planetary name)
 - 32 Flash of light
 - 35 "Touched by an Angel" co-star Della
 - 36 Forty winks
 - 37 Billionth: Prefix
 - 38 Bum, as a ride
 - 39 Golda who was Israel's first female leader
 - 40 Alias lead-in
 - 41 Be dishonest with
 - 42 Heavily built
 - 43 Midweek H.S. equivalency test? (Before: Crammed)
 - 46 Love all, say
 - 47 Mr., in Mumbai
 - 48 Parenthesis, essentially
 - 51 Buddy, in Brisbane
 - 52 Sweetie
 - 55 Branched horn
 - 57 "That feels great!"
 - 58 Honking bird seen at the start of the week? (Before: Meerkat, e.g.)
 - 60 Boot part
 - 61 On the move
 - 62 "Beg pardon ..."
 - 63 Pronoun within "She-Ra"
 - 64 Sampled
- DOWN**
- 1 Ill-suited
 - 2 Farm buildings
 - 3 "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" musical
 - 4 Completely change
 - 5 Exit, for a building
 - 6 Hi-___ graphics
 - 7 Biblical boats
 - 8 Two queens, but not a king
 - 9 Salt Lake City collegians
 - 10 Part of mpg
 - 11 Truth who said "Ain't I a woman?"
 - 12 Kind of sketch
 - 13 Kitties that grow immediately when fed
 - 18 Up, in baseball
 - 22 T, to Socrates
 - 25 Interred
 - 26 Turn red, perhaps
 - 27 ___-Cat (winter vehicle)
 - 28 She played Donna on "Parks and Rec"
 - 29 Hunters' lures
 - 30 Blond shade
 - 31 Agile
 - 32 Chew like a rodent
 - 33 California/Nevada attraction
 - 34 All worked up
 - 38 That fellow's
 - 39 Gunk in a child's "pie"
 - 41 Called the shots
 - 42 Existence
 - 44 Once named
 - 45 Aged like hair
 - 48 Hilo hello
 - 49 Change back to 00:00, say
 - 50 Cadbury egg filling
 - 51 Calc or trig
 - 52 ___ Raton, Florida
 - 53 Aardvark's snacks
 - 54 Make less wordy, maybe
 - 56 Warty hopper
 - 58 "Welcome" site
 - 59 Pennsylvania, e.g., in D.C.

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2022 Split Moon



The day begins with the moon in altruistic Aquarius, a bright moment for using technological tools to connect and help one another. Make someone's life better and the soul touched and spirit lifted will ultimately be your own. A soulful Pisces moon closes out the day with emotions more acutely felt.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's fun with a new venture even though it's not paying you back yet. You're still learning but learn with your time instead of your money. Don't invest more dollars until it starts making cents.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). While it's impossible to make anyone feel a certain way, you can certainly be the wind that blows the sails toward that emotional destination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There will be a change in the group dynamic. It's not a change for better or worse but it's a change everyone will have to get used to. It won't go back to the way it was.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll get the chance to talk about yourself. Be sure to give a positive takeaway to the ending of your personal anecdotes, which is easier to do when you've thought it through and assigned one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You hate to complain, but the noisy cat gets fed. Voicing your concerns to the right people will make things happen. The right people include anyone with the power to help.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It takes courage to change it up. Not every move will do what you want it to, but at least you're trying things. You're not afraid to be vulnerable, which is a very attractive quality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Meeting interesting people will energize all of your relationships. Don't be afraid to show your true self. One person who's crazy about the real you is better than 100 admirers who don't really know you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone has baggage. When you refuse to see it as baggage, it ceases to be that. Your expectations will be met but you would love if someone would exceed them the way you try to do for others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). One way you become aware of what's really worth your energy is by doing things that aren't. When something feels like a waste of time, you'll take the lesson and choose differently the next time around.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are parts of yesterday that are way too heavy to keep carrying around. Leave the past where it belongs. Today is an opportunity to be a new version of yourself.

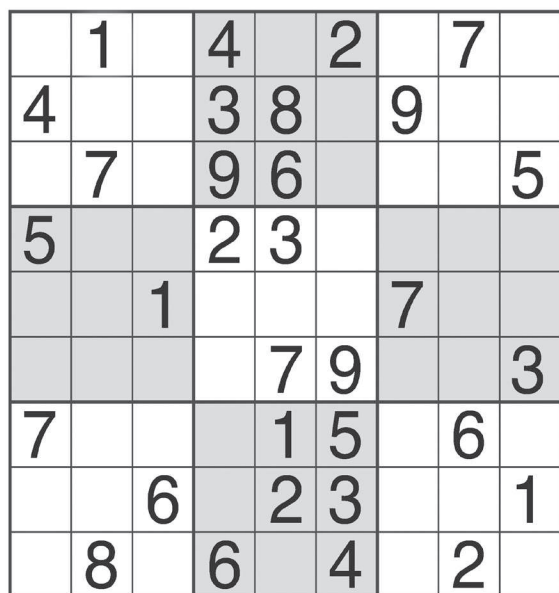
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). As a rule, you try to be kinder than is necessary and you never regret it. This is a lot easier because of the way you see people. You're always looking for and finding the good in others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Accept your feelings and allow yourself to process them. Better to vent in a safe place than to let the tension build up and risk blowing up with the wrong person or at an inopportune moment.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 5). Mention what you want often; you'll be around people who can help you get it and will be overjoyed to do so. One successful person in particular will be more than pleased to help you with your goals. Love takes many shades this year, sometimes burning like a hot flame and other times simmering, gentle, reliable or comforting. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 5, 11, 33 and 20.

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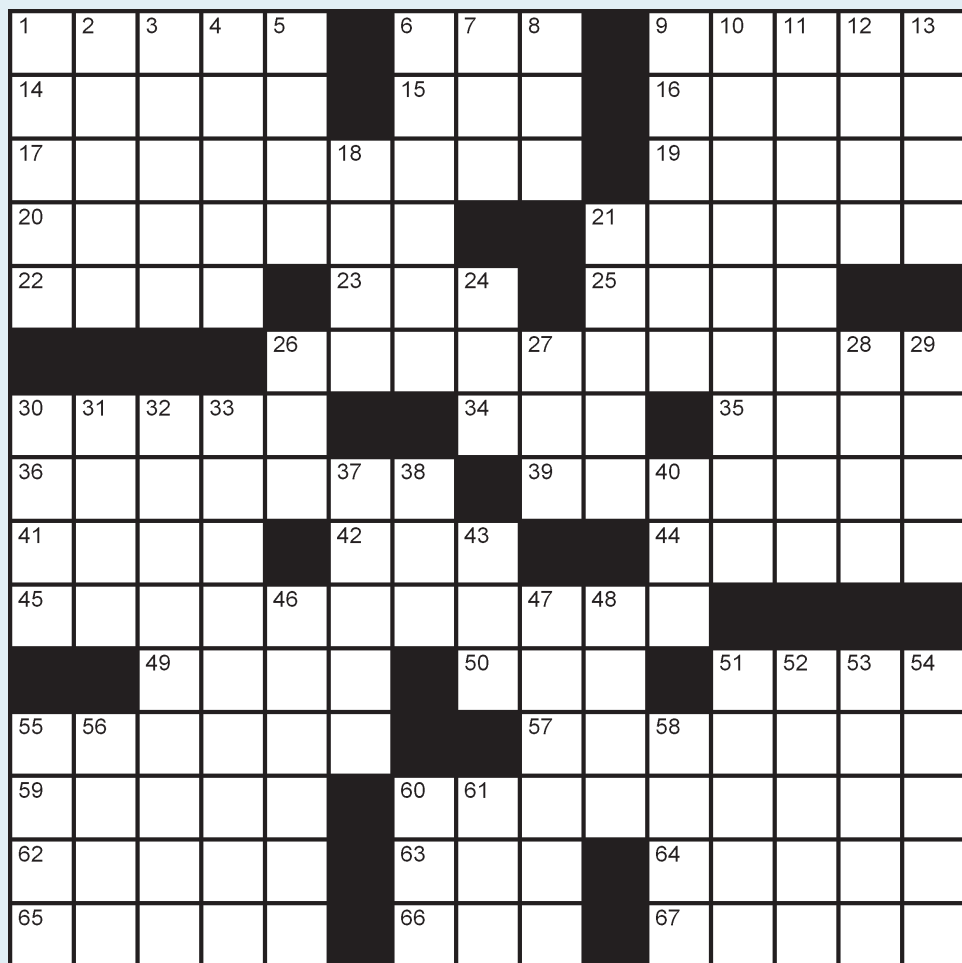


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Cast Aside by David Gold and Malaika Handa

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- ACROSS**
- 1 "Arrival" actress Amy
 - 6 "However ..."
 - 9 Professional poser
 - 14 Trouble continually
 - 15 2019 Women's World Cup champs
 - 16 Come up
 - 17 Summer weather measure (In this clue's answer, see the first 2 letters + the last 1)
 - 19 Scurries
 - 20 Commanded
 - 21 Candy that reacts with Diet Coke
 - 22 Backside
 - 23 "Eureka!"
 - 25 Risque
 - 26 Noted educational YouTube channel (... first letter + last 4)
 - 30 American Red Cross founder Barton
 - 34 "Outfit of the day" shot, e.g., briefly
 - 35 Lean
 - 36 One making many tough calls
 - 39 Shaken instruments
 - 41 Graceless people
 - 42 Contend
 - 44 The Joker, to Batman
 - 45 Breaded Italian-American dish, informally (... first 2 letters + last 3)
 - 49 Mar
 - 50 Whiz
 - 51 End table fixture
 - 55 Most G-rated
 - 57 Titular woman in a Simon & Garfunkel hit
 - 59 Corrosive substances
 - 60 Captivate ... or what three indicated words do, vis-a-vis 17-, 26- and 45-Across?
 - 62 Boat sometimes made of bark
 - 63 Family
 - 64 Implored
 - 65 ___ boson (elementary particle)
 - 66 "However ..."
- DOWN**
- 1 Detest
 - 2 Big name in tractors
 - 3 Carne ___
 - 4 39.37 inches
 - 5 Sauce recipe instruction
 - 6 Religious title that means "awakened one"
 - 7 Manipulate
 - 8 Wealth ___ (economic policy)
 - 9 Got by somehow
 - 10 Primate with reddish fur
 - 11 Cajun dish containing ground meat
 - 12 This, in Spanish
 - 13 It's more, they say
 - 18 Close by
 - 21 Hajj city
 - 24 Egyptian snake
 - 26 Give it some gas!
 - 27 He/___ pronouns
 - 28 Poetry competition
 - 29 Craft site
 - 30 Shoe customized with Jibbitz
 - 31 Activist Remini
 - 32 Validating
 - 33 Canine given a new home
 - 37 Track meet part
 - 38 A, in German
 - 40 Stage of deep sleep: Abbr.
 - 43 Org. that tests disinfectants
 - 46 Comes face-to-face with?
 - 47 One may go on a letter
 - 48 Old movie holder
 - 51 Cuba ___ (cocktail that could aptly be free)
 - 52 Straighten
 - 53 Dug up
 - 54 Flooded grain field
 - 55 Dash dial that anagrams to "chat"
 - 56 Berry in some smoothies
 - 58 Caveman's weapon
 - 60 Word before "writing" or "light"
 - 61 Flaky dessert

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022 Lunar Square to Mars



The Pisces moon forms a square to Mars in Sagittarius challenging us to experience more of the world, regardless of how inconvenient and uncomfortable the exploration will likely be. If it were easy, everyone would be worldly. Looking back, it's the daring, not the awkwardness, that will stand out in our memories.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The more you think something the more power you give it. You can't change them, but you can change you, which could be enough to create just the result you were hoping for.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The person talking isn't always communicating. The person hearing isn't always listening. Regardless, right now you're so tuned into people's motivations and intentions, you'll come to a deeper understanding of your situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Social awareness will be a forte of yours. You'll be careful to take the temperature of the rooms you enter, and you'll change the climate just by being there, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). As any dinosaur would attest, adaptability is the talent of survivors. It doesn't matter how big and powerful you are; it's the ones who respond well to change who defy extinction.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The thing that stressed you out a little while back now holds a different place in your mind. You've finally made it to the day when you chalk it all up to a learning experience, or maybe even a funny story.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you compete with others, you give away the advantages that have held you in good stead. Back off instead. Think it over. What would you do if you knew you were in a league of your own?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Creative, playful people will make your life better. One idea leads to another and suddenly you're caught into the swirl. Some people have a talent for turning ordinariness into adventure.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When the passenger inside your head is in a dark mood, spouting unhelpful opinions, get up and change seats. You'll be surprised at how one move can interrupt the whole pattern, allowing you a brighter outlook and experience.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Here comes the kind of yearning that doesn't happen every day. It's actually quite rare and, for all its discomfort, could be considered a gift. Desire is an ache but it's so much better than the numbness of wanting nothing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's an art to managing your emotions. You're learning to use the power of your feelings as motivation instead of seeing them as burdens you must work around on your way to success.

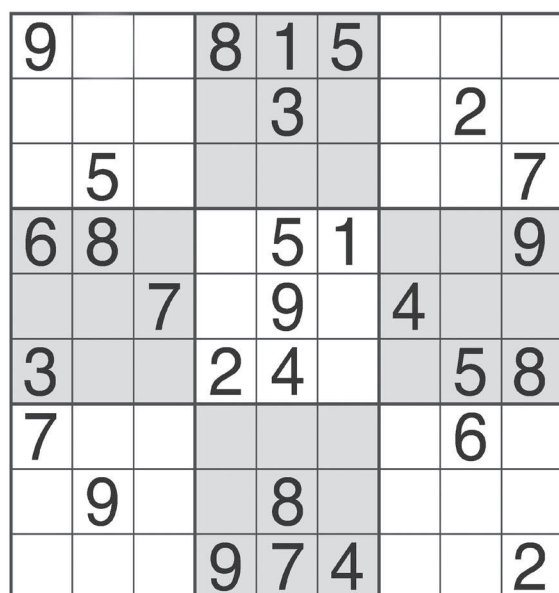
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). When it comes to relationships, one good one is better than a million flimsy ones. You'll overlook minutiae. Pettiness helps no one. You know solid relationships are cultivated over time and you're in it for the long game.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). In the classroom of life, you teach people how to treat you. Lectures in this forum are extremely unpopular. Rather, it's usually a modeling situation. You care for yourself, and others pick up the cues.

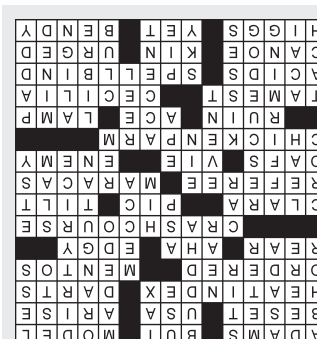
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Jan. 6). You're a deep person who feels things acutely and thinks farther into life than most. You'll meet your resonant equals and create a kind of poetry in the way you relate to one another. Debts will be paid, wrongs righted. You'll be a teacher and your students will show you new ways to take your interests. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 12, 11, 4 and 20.

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