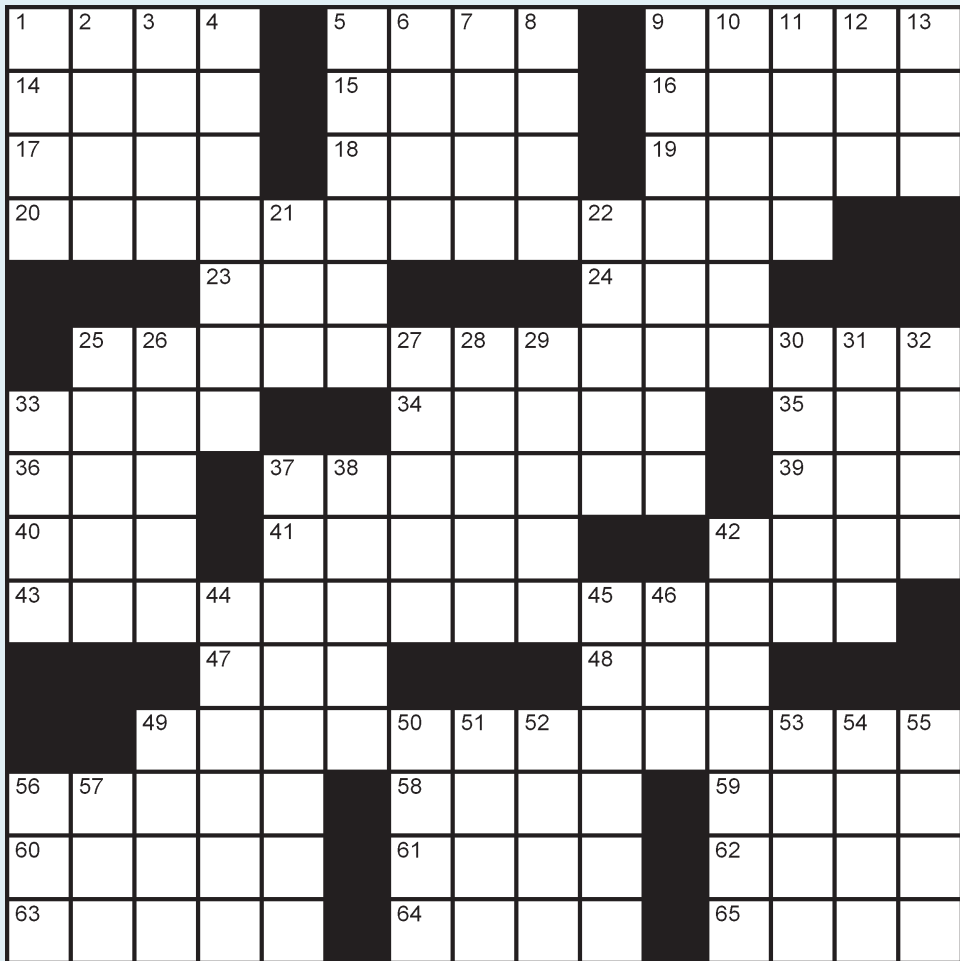


### Where the Tame Things Are by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Org. for the Storm and the Sky
  - 5 Lovers' clash
  - 9 Triangular architectural element
  - 14 Body of a ship
  - 15 Old sock's problem
  - 16 Words preceding bad news
  - 17 False god
  - 18 Letter before kappa
  - 19 Book jacket parts
  - 20 "Show Me the Way" rocker (In this clue's answer, note letters 1-2 + 13 along with letters 7-9)
  - 23 Pantry pest
  - 24 Color TV pioneer
  - 25 "Attorneys' group (... letters 1-3 + 14 along with letters 4-6)
  - 33 Venus de Milo's lack
  - 34 Slipup
  - 35 Pool stick
  - 36 Place to study 21-Down
  - 37 Shakespeare, informally
  - 39 That thing's
  - 40 Time for a holiday party, maybe
  - 41 Door, e.g.
  - 42 Agitated state
  - 43 \*Business presentation? (... letters 1 + 12-14 along with letters 6-8)
  - 47 Gobbled up
  - 48 Gentle touch, forward or backward
  - 49 Where a stray may stay, or what the first indicated word in each starred clue's answer is for the second?
  - 56 Title in a palindrome whose second word is "I'm"
  - 58 Greeting in Granada
  - 59 "Not true" comeback
  - 60 Athlete's best effort
  - 61 Awesome
  - 62 Western alliance acronym
  - 63 Rover on Earth
  - 64 Intro to physics?
  - 65 Unit of weight
- DOWN**
- 1 Beat, as cream
  - 2 Naked
  - 3 Ink smudge
  - 4 Very attentive
  - 5 Work periods
  - 6 Shoddy
  - 7 Baja's opposite
  - 8 Mets, Jets or Nets
  - 9 Present whose cost is no mystery
  - 10 Financially solvent
  - 11 Word after "jelly" or "jumping"
  - 12 Drink from a dish
  - 13 Workplaces for RNs
  - 21 Messenger molecule
  - 22 Former
  - 25 "Fantastic!"
  - 26 Color of honey
  - 27 "Ciao"
  - 28 Sphere of influence
  - 29 Construction site sight
  - 30 Hockey infraction
  - 31 Protruding navel
  - 32 Sticks together?
  - 33 Name that anagrams to "lace"
  - 37 Cheated on
  - 38 \_\_\_ pants (baggy garment)
  - 42 Small spruce, say
  - 44 Site of a canal that joins oceans
  - 45 Cornell's home
  - 46 Hollywood legend West
  - 49 Name in a palindrome whose second word is "I'm"
  - 50 "Excuse me ..."
  - 51 Bound along
  - 52 Thin cut
  - 53 Russian ruler, once
  - 54 This, in Spanish
  - 55 Study or lecture hall
  - 56 "Geel!"
  - 57 Before today

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022 Moon of the Magic Mirror



"Who is the fairest of them all?" asked Snow White's evil stepmother, as if being queen wasn't enough. The universe will accurately reflect on any vain question we want to ask. But choose your queries carefully during this lunar square to Jupiter because just like in the magic mirror of fairy tales, we're likely to get the truth.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** As for your ambition, you would broadcast it on a gigantic billboard if you could. In contrast, you are resistant to even whisper the question of your heart. It will be answered in unshared silence.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** If your feelings were a weather pattern, they would be a surprisingly predictable one this season. If moved to keep track of the data, you'll see it plain -- or just feel the rhythm and settle into the dance.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** A smooth leader makes everyone feel calm and comfortable. A wrench in the timing, there will be an unsettling moment followed by a speedy recovery and restructuring.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** If your mind were a room, today it would be crammed full of furniture and visitors, bumping into one another in the tight quarters. Do a clearing process. You need mental space.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Don't obsess over what others think about you. It's best to assume they don't -- not true today, but it will allow you to relax into the moment and act naturally with confidence.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** People value what they pay attention to, and they pay attention to what they value. You'll be tuned into where the attention flows, and your eyes will be opened. Today features an "aha" moment, then a plan.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You make the world better by following your bliss. An exciting new interest will captivate your imagination. Let the excitement spill over. There's no area of life that can't be helped by this.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** When you're with people who support one another, you'll feel energized -- a beautiful state of being. Think about what you like in the other person and this flow will be organic.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your day-to-day contributions are so steady they could easily be taken for granted. You can pull attention to your contribution by holding it back.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** More love equals more happiness. This starts with the love you put out into the world. Tuned into your own behavior, just noticing will change your life for the better.

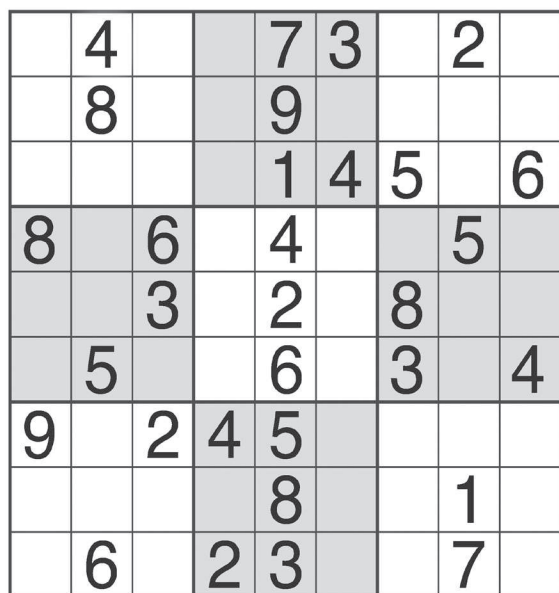
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your default mode is to make everyone around you comfortable. Focus on yourself for a change. The others will be at ease when you are at ease.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** You'll gravitate to the creatively endowed. Self-sufficient people who don't rely on others for entertainment or happiness will be a joy to interact with, and life will improve when you can make this happen more often.

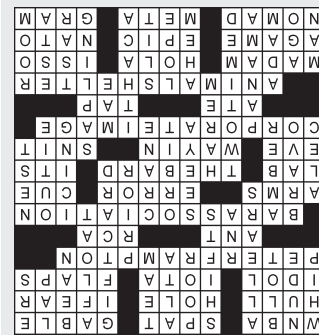
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 9).** Life arranges to reflect your keen understanding of order. You'll be brilliant at customizing systems for yourself, and no disruption can knock you from your purpose. You know how, where and by whom you are needed and you'll show up strong, if not heroically. Get comfortable accepting heaps of love and bounty. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 2, 22, 29 and 38.

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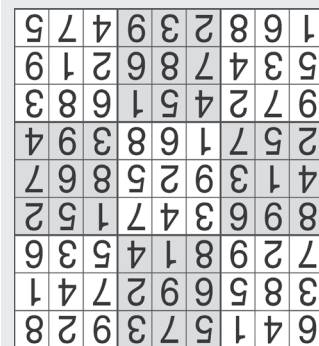
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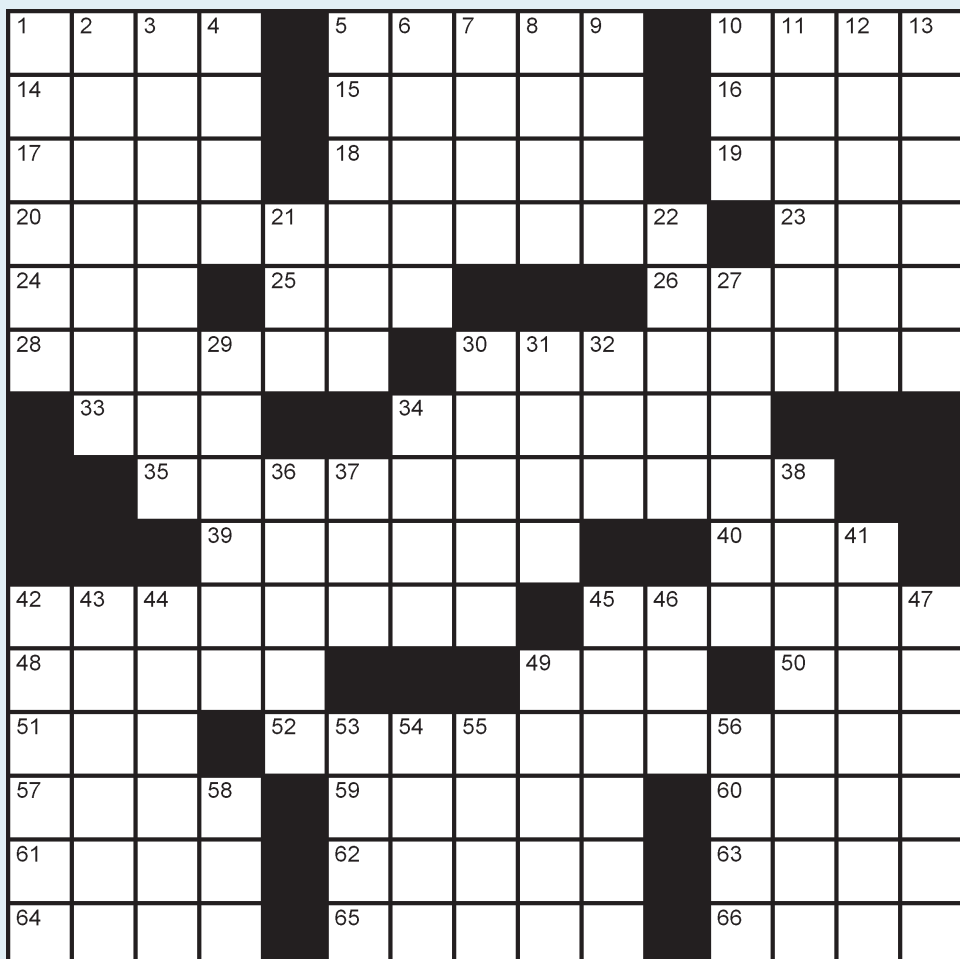


### SOLUTIONS



### Food Fight by Billy Bratton

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS**
- 1 Get ready, informally
  - 5 Health info site
  - 10 Hippie's acknowledgment
  - 14 Not artificial
  - 15 '80s TV's "Kate & \_\_\_"
  - 16 Tomato variety
  - 17 "Assuming that's true ..."
  - 18 Renter's agreement
  - 19 Site with custom valentines
  - 20 Steak house offering that shares its name with a type of facial hair
  - 23 Apt rhyme for "blab"
  - 24 Uber Eats guesstimate
  - 25 Daily grind
  - 26 The States, colloquially
  - 28 Abandon
  - 30 Stand threateningly above
  - 33 Poorly lit
  - 34 Like a gamer who plays for fun
  - 35 Default side for a Happy Meal
  - 39 "Couldn't resist!"
  - 40 Doorstep item
  - 42 Attributes (to)
  - 45 Speckled horses
  - 48 Sneakers or slippers
  - 49 Where a toy boat floats
  - 50 "Hamilton" actress Phillipa
  - 51 Take a stab at
  - 52 Cereal with the mascot Dig'em Frog
  - 57 Barrel of laughs
  - 59 Transform
  - 60 "Africa" band
  - 61 Farm workers?
  - 62 It's bid in Paris
  - 63 Cookie crumbled at a frozen yogurt shop
  - 64 Relative of an onion
  - 65 Postgame summary, e.g.
  - 66 Quakers' Ivy
- DOWN**
- 1 Gave a first coat
  - 2 Disproved
  - 3 Taiwan's region
  - 4 Story line
  - 5 Crunchy morsel often used in baklava
  - 6 Vote into office
  - 7 Uninspired
  - 8 Soybean paste
  - 9 Profound
  - 10 Furious feeling
  - 11 End of the EPA's URL
  - 12 "Don't worry about me"
  - 13 The Stonewall Inn, for one
  - 21 Surname that sounds like a conjunction
  - 22 Cousin of poison ivy
  - 27 Gravely serious
  - 29 Vast business enterprise
  - 30 Works nonstop?
  - 31 Norwegian city once named Christiania
  - 32 Yes, to Miss Piggy
  - 34 Surrender control of
  - 36 Band in a Ben & Jerry's flavor name
  - 37 Chem experiment site
  - 38 It ranges from 400-1600
  - 41 Rested for a bit
  - 42 Of the stars
  - 43 Pilgrimage site
  - 44 Wile E. \_\_\_
  - 45 Part of a gym class punishment, perhaps
  - 46 Major producer of chips
  - 47 "Going already?"
  - 49 Workaholic's personality
  - 53 Progressive Ilhan
  - 54 Lymph \_\_\_
  - 55 Idle of Monty Python fame
  - 56 Perched on
  - 58 Tut's relative?

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022 Building the Mystery



Mysteries abound. How boring life would be without them -- so when the mystery is outside of you, search for answers, but don't be too quick about it. And when you're the mystery, let it build as long as possible before the reveal, if there is ever to be one at all. This message has been brought to you by the lunar squares to Jupiter and Neptune.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You'll feel the call to do something domestic. You're presented a new professional opportunity. Think twice before you dismiss it. A new income stream might be just what you need.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** It feels like what you're going through now will go on forever. Not true. Keep moving -- that's the important thing. This too shall pass, and the reward will merit the expenditure.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's sad you can't be with your loved ones, and yet there's an upside too. You will soon discover the joys of reconciliation. Distance and time between your visits will make the connection ever sweeter.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** No one can honestly say they want peace while still fighting. Lay down your arms. The other team is as tired of the battle as you are, and they will do the same.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** There is no need for you to be right all of the time, but if someone says you're wrong, you want proof. Also, you want to see the "right" way in action. Rigorous fact-checking will serve you well.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Take bigger risks, go to bigger places; these are the rules of the game. So much of it is simply geography and being brave enough to stand in one place over another.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The love experts have spoken: Don't fall in love with someone who flirts with everyone. If you disregard this advice (or received it too late), then at least take comfort in the fact that whatever happens next, it's nothing personal.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** As most of the relationships in your life are involuntary (family, neighbors, co-workers), it makes sense for you to be very choosy about the ones that are voluntary (friends and more.) Exercise your right to be picky.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** You'll discover the level of risk that suits you best. Your financial horizons open up. Don't settle for what's offered to you, as you're luckiest while being proactive.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** If you were to summon all your powers of creativity to redesign yourself, who would the new you be? Don't let the ones who knew you before hold you back. They'll adjust.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** A conflict is still dragging on. You may not be sure if you can pull off a certain task, but the fact that you want to try bodes well for your success.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Maybe there really is a time for everything, and yet you can count on the fact that it's seldom a convenient time or one that's under your control -- another argument for doing instead of waiting.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 10).** Your solar year opens with a most helpful restlessness causing you to change things that are perfectly fine. Your instinct not to get too comfortable will prove prescient, as the rearrangement will animate your spirit and set off a series of improvements better than you could have dreamed. Savvy investments fund your fun. Leo and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 21, 24, 3 and 17.

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### SOLUTIONS

