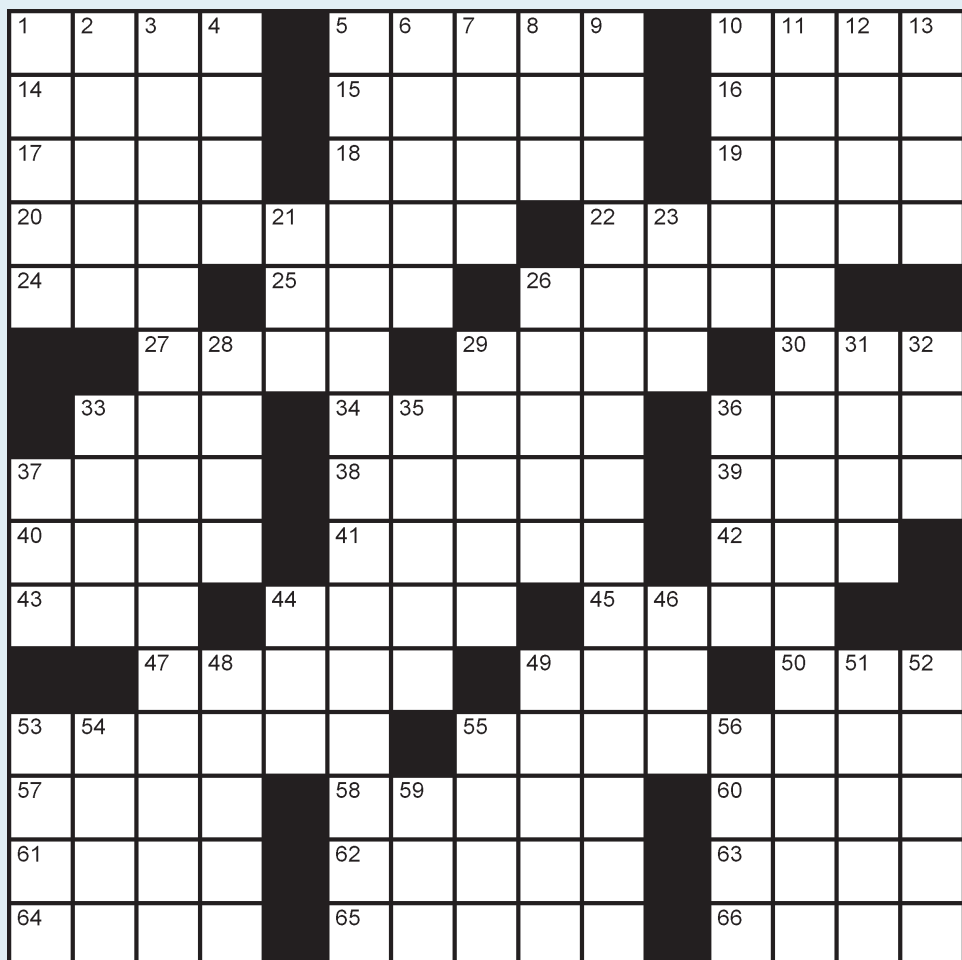


Race to the Top by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Little sweater? 5 Drink like a cat 10 Junk email... DOWN: 1 Add some zip to 2 Bakery appliances... 21 MoMA city 23 Total jerk...

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 2022 Alone Together



When you live on a spinning rock, with your closest neighboring planet at least 25 million miles away, it does inspire an urge to be as self-reliant as possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The other person's account of the events in a relationship may differ substantially from your own.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). This is a lucky day to gather and acquire resources. You'll accurately estimate what you need, find the right price and get a lot of use from today's purchases.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). A curious, experimental mood takes hold. You won't have to pursue it for long before you find yourself in a magical place.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Certain people require more of your patience. Or you can just ignore their thoughtlessness instead, and that's an act of compassion.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've fantasized about getting someone else to do the mundane work while you follow your creative whimsy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Normally you wouldn't gamble with what's precious to you, but there's a calculated risk that seems like it might be worth taking.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). It's not like you to accept whatever life throws your way as though it's meant for you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You could use some faith. While a naive abandon of thought process isn't your style, you could surrender your skepticism for a more practical reason.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There's much to do and you'll be a leader, overseeing the action. You already know one way to get the job done.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Colleagues and friends can provide some of your most meaningful competition, as their close vicinity is intensely motivating.

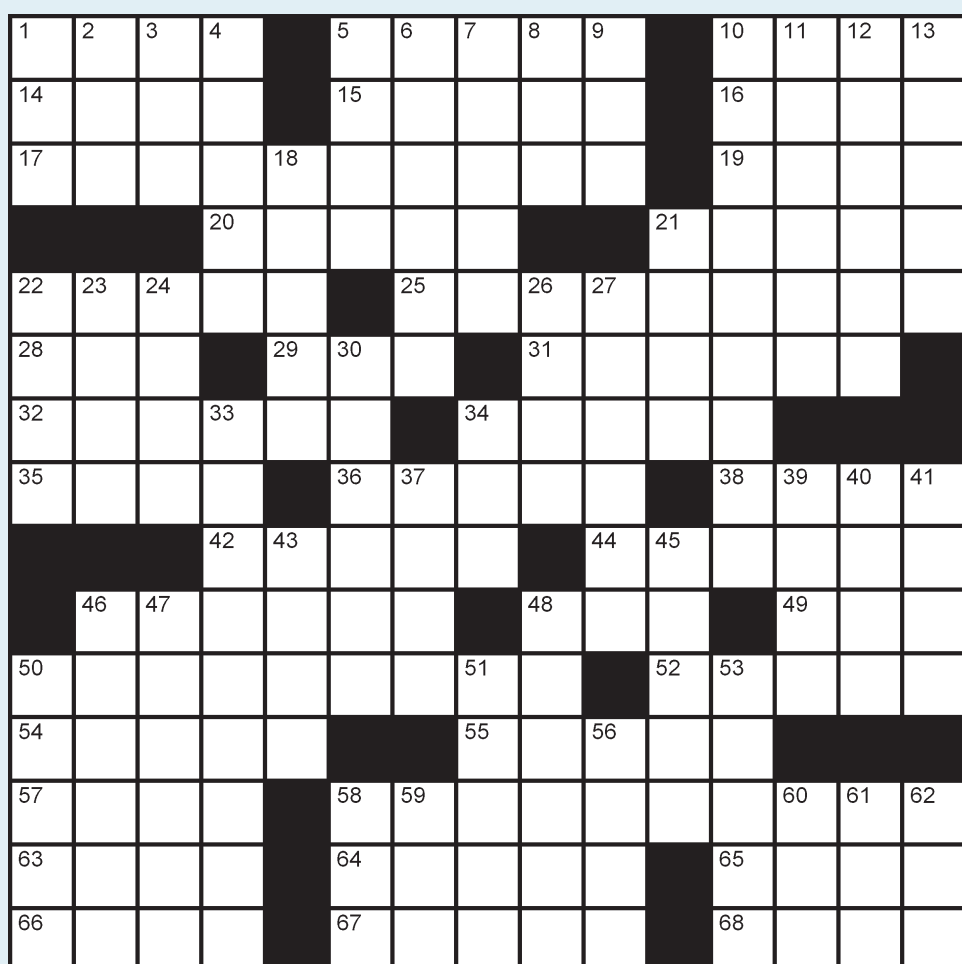
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is a sharing kind of day. What we share is inconsequential; it's the effort that matters.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Minefields just look like fields until something blows up. It's a good day to respect hidden history.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 25). Like the snap of a puzzle piece coming together or the satisfied rush that comes with a row of green Wordle squares, you'll often have the thrill of filling life's blanks.

Obscure Musical Acts by Chase Dittrich and Jeff Chen

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Word before "easy" or "budget" 5 Test for purity 10 Greeting in Perth... DOWN: 1 Bird that flies silently 2 Traveling through 3 Shade tree...

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 2022 Pluto's Perspective Cleanser



Mercury and Pluto highlight the importance of unobstructed perspective. Just think about what it's like to drive with a dirty windshield: even an obstruction as thin as a layer of dust or condensation can be troublesome.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone has faults and it would be a waste of time to address them all. What's relevant to the current situation? What can be improved and how?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The best way to get the attention you need will not be to ask for it directly. That would be like a comedian standing onstage and asking people to laugh.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you believed every compliment paid to you, you'd lose both your humility and your edge.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The events of the day are neither positive nor negative, but they are actionable and are best handled sooner rather than later.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The best thing is not to give fast answers. In fact, doing so is quite unlucky. Don't be pressured into acting too quickly.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Generally, you shouldn't have to apologize for other people's behavior, but today a quick "sorry" may be the most diplomatic move.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The opportunities are just waiting to be seized. Someone who doesn't know you well is worried that you'll seize what's good for you and leave the others behind.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're confused when people tell you to do your best. What else would you do? Sometimes you're doing your best at relaxing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). People feel seen by you. You're especially tuned in to those with a low-key, unassuming style.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Eventually, tranquility around you will create tranquility inside you. This is why your labors to bring your domestic environment into the loveliest possible orderliness are well worth the effort.

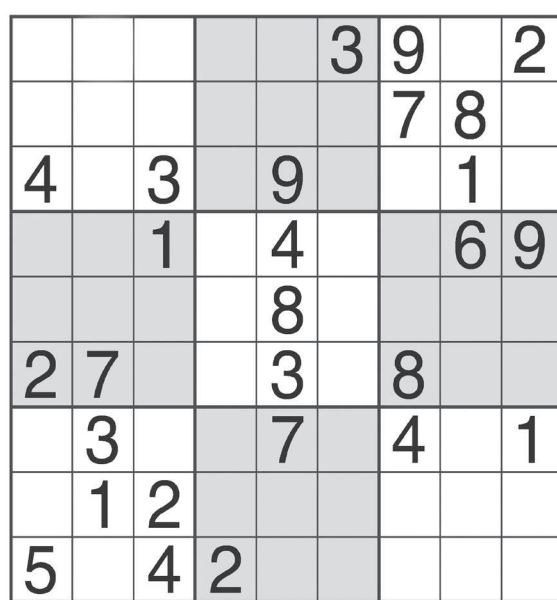
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People remember their first time in a place. The chance to show someone around is an opportunity to make a memory.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You often deserve a better quality of attention than you get. But when people fall short, you won't take it personally.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 26). Buoyancy of spirit is your cosmic boon and it's like the high tide that raises all ships. Your physical energy, relationships and more will be lifted into new realms.

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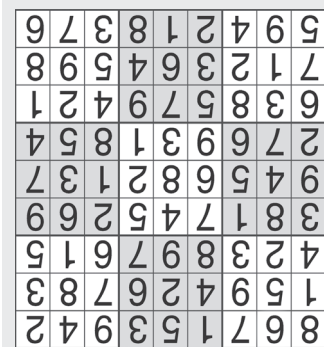
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