

Internal Opposition by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

12x12 crossword grid with numbers 1-65 indicating starting points for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 "Dear old" person, 4 Keys in a chain?, 9 Cashless deal, 13 Obstacle to teamwork, 14 CNN host Chris, 15 Harsh sound, 16 Magnificent, or an antonym of the word formed by letters 1, 2, 5, 7, 8 and 9, 18 Threadbare, 19 One may dawn on you, 20 Secret, or an antonym of the word formed by letters 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 21 ___ scale, on which diamond is a 10, 24 Corporate computer whizzes, 27 "Winnie-the-Pooh" baby, 28 Goes with the flow, 30 Mauna ___, 31 Negative position in a debate, 32 Singer Reese, 33 Ewes' mates, 34 Engine part, 35 Lie, or an antonym of the word formed by letters 1, 2, 6 and 8, 38 Deposit, as an egg, 39 Peters who plays Quicksilver, 40 Hammer's partner, 43 Open ___ night, 44 After expenses, 45 Invite on a date, 46 "___ du lieber!", 47 Scattered all over, 49 Roadside hotels, 50 Has a big meal, or an antonym of the word formed by letters 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6, 52 Like a yellow lemon, 54 Concave belly button, 55 Hostile feeling, or an antonym of the word formed by letters 1, 4, 7, 8 and 9, 60 Music rights org., 61 International papers?, 62 Anonymous John, 63 "So it would ___", 64 In a fitting way, 65 Decide, 20 Bike effortlessly, 21 "Spy vs. Spy" magazine, 22 Glorifying poem, 23 Slim opportunity, 25 Make less angry, 26 Type type, 29 Bar bill, 33 Rafting destination, 34 Gingersnaps and others, 36 Doesn't own, 37 The "I" in TGIF, 38 Liquor-serving permit, 41 Word after "glue" or "staple", 42 John, Paul and George: Abbr., 43 Crime families, 45 Beast, 47 Increase, with "up", 48 Joint that's flicked, 51 Thailand, once, 53 Small bunch of flowers, 55 Director DuVernay, 56 Puppy's bite, 57 Altar words, 58 Apex, 59 Even so

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 Cosmic Homecoming Queen



The Venusian year is 225 days, so, compared with Earth, the goddess planet stays fewer days in each sign on her annual rounds. You could say that, like any adept socialite, Venus knows how to make a fashionably late entrance, and she times her exits to leave others wanting more. Venus' return to her home of Taurus represents a happy reunion.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Inventory time. To know what you long for is a blessing that doesn't feel like one. Better to have a specific want than the maddeningly vague sense that something's off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Are you tempted to blurt out what's on your mind or flash a reckless reveal of heart? It's truth you're spilling, but beware: The truth evokes unpredictable responses - laughter, tears or anger.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). To take responsibility for your life is to realize that even though there is so much that is out of your control, it is also true that you are here because of the choices you've made. You'll celebrate and ponder the matter today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your personal rituals can be as expected or unexpected, regimented or elaborate, as you like. There's a spot in your day that is devoid of vibrance, waiting for an infusion of your personality.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Good news: There's a mutual attraction between you and the subject that fascinates you. You need more of the subject, and the subject needs more of you. Consider taking a class.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You don't need to find a workaround for obtaining what you want. All you have to do is request it. Every time you ask for what you want, it gets a little bit easier.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you do is not the same as who you are, and you're wise not to confuse

the two. Offer yourself some softness for the mistakes, and, for balance, temper your response to victories, too. Your efforts are well-intended.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It's a strong day for your powers of visualization, and you'll see very clearly where you're headed. The image of who you want to be is as clear to you as the person staring back from the mirror.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You want some sparkle and awe, and there are two ways to go about it: Follow your curiosity deeper and deeper until it leads you to wonderland, or create the marvel you wish to see.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Everything in this world was built by people who had ideas or fleshed out the ideas that were in motion. Those people were not so different from you. You're thinking about what you'll contribute. Don't hold back.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). While some consider being wrong a fate worse than a lightning strike to the skull, you don't mind it at all. In fact, you don't even take yourself seriously enough for wrongness to look bad on you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Ultimately, the answer is to take action while thinking positive. You'll skip the part where you discuss the issue with people who categorically can't do anything about the situation at hand.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 14). You'll set the goal that has you soaring past fear and limitation into an exciting realm of new people and plenty to learn. Though you're not materialistic, prizes will dress your path, symbolizing your arrival to certain goal posts. Validation comes in experiences with those you're able to care for and share with. Pisces and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 4, 39, 29 & 33.

Universal SUDOKU

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

9x9 grid for solutions to the Sudoku puzzle.

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Right to the End by David Alfred Bywaters

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13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-71 indicating starting points for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Rotary phone feature, 5 ___ on the back, 9 Doctor-repelling fruit, proverbially, 14 A fan of, 15 Modern home of the Americas' oldest-known civilization, 16 Classic cleaning compound, 17 Expressive bar patron?, 19 Justice Kagan, 20 Country south of Sicily, 21 Countess's husband, 23 List unit, 24 John Legend hit whose lyrics mention "perfect imperfections", 26 Slightly more than never, 28 Renter, 29 Person who retouches photos, informally?, 33 Went fast, 35 Reveal that you know, 36 Compen-sated, 40 Sooner's alternative ... or, read as two parts, a theme hint, 42 Nine-digit IDs, 43 Mythical mischief-makers, 45 Broadcast again, 47 What lets you convert a summer shirt into a winter one?, 49 Woos, 54 "The Aeneid", 55 Be immediately noticeable, 56 Layered hairdo, 58 Experiment results, 61 Seaside, 62 Time to solve this crossword, 64 Boxer's training clock?, 66 Superior group, 67 Voice above bass, 68 Claim on a house, say, 69 Doles (out), 70 Enjoy time off, 71 One can refract light, 1 Gloomy, 2 Take a breath, 3 Coral islands, 4 Drawing games?, 5 Sauna site, 6 River restraint, 7 Locality, 8 Happy cat sound, 9 Sixteenth prez, 10 Codes of conduct and others, 11 Deceptive excuses, 12 Quiet road, or part of a busy one, 13 Test, 18 Thin cookie, 22 Salmon at a deli, 25 Breakfast, lunch or dinner, 27 Org. for backs and ends, 29 Pumpkin eater of rhyme, 30 Imaginative thought, 31 Very long time, 32 O.R. workers, 34 Show concern, 36 Word before "shop" or "project", 37 Tavern offering, 38 "That's enough!", 39 Convention attendee, 41 Alternative to pasta, perhaps, 44 Knight's title, 46 Cook in the oven, 48 Doze (off), 50 How Sisyphus constantly travels, 51 Fellow resident, informally, 52 Soup dish, 53 Backs of boats, 55 Endures, 56 Dandelion part, 57 Swiss cheese feature, 59 Way off, 60 One of 100 in Scrabble, 63 "That's right!", 65 Youngster

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THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 Venus Agenda



Back inside her Taurean palace, bags still packed from her journeying, Venus begins making plans to upgrade, update and generally change things up in the homestead. Indeed, we are all having new ideas, inspired by what we've picked up in the last 200 or so days, and we're ready to put our money where our dream is.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Love fills your entire world because you see some version of it wherever your eyes land. Even the grass seems to sing love songs to the sun; the mountains give friendship to the sky.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You are discovering your inner rock star today, playing the scene like a power chord, right on time, with a charismatic attitude and the tone people need to hear.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It is said that math is the language of the cosmos, but emotion will be the universal tongue you speak today, projecting feelings that resonate in the world to bring unanticipated outcomes to life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's better not to assume the intentions of others, as many act unintentionally and many more have intentions you would never guess. Therefore, it would be pointless to waste thought on.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Because you've made a decision to be in control of your life, relationships and circumstances in opposition to your goal have come to a standstill. Lack of common interests will do that, and, in this case, it's a welcome sign of progress.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). When you find yourself around people with the attributes you admire, it's because you are either like this as well or developing in this direction. You were meant to be inspired and supported.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're not trying to change anyone. True, it would rather convenient for you if they did change, but there are plenty of remarkably accessible people out there who already embody what you need.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Of course, you want to focus on what's important, but today brings some confusion as to what fits the category. Hint: It's small, emotional in nature and couldn't happen on any other day.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). It is normal to, at times, feel uncomfortable, displaced or lost in the unfamiliar. These feelings accompany the passages of life you will one day be most proud of.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It is so hard for you to take a compliment, and yet it is so easy for you to believe someone's unwanted critique. In general, this is a good day to ignore the opinions of others.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). An intriguing future is taking form in your imagination. This is just one of many possibilities, so why are you already putting limits on it? Practice unbound visualization and watch your reality free up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Bottom line, there are people who make you feel good and people who don't. To be with people in the latter category isn't a waste; you often learn the most from them. That said, why make them your first choice?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (April 15). Here come the exciting influences! There are definite emotional benefits from the changes over the next 10 weeks, and you'll find your mood on a steady rise. Because of this, you'll attract different situations in May than you do in August. You will leverage one resource for another more brilliantly suited to your needs. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 28, 1, 22 and 16.

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