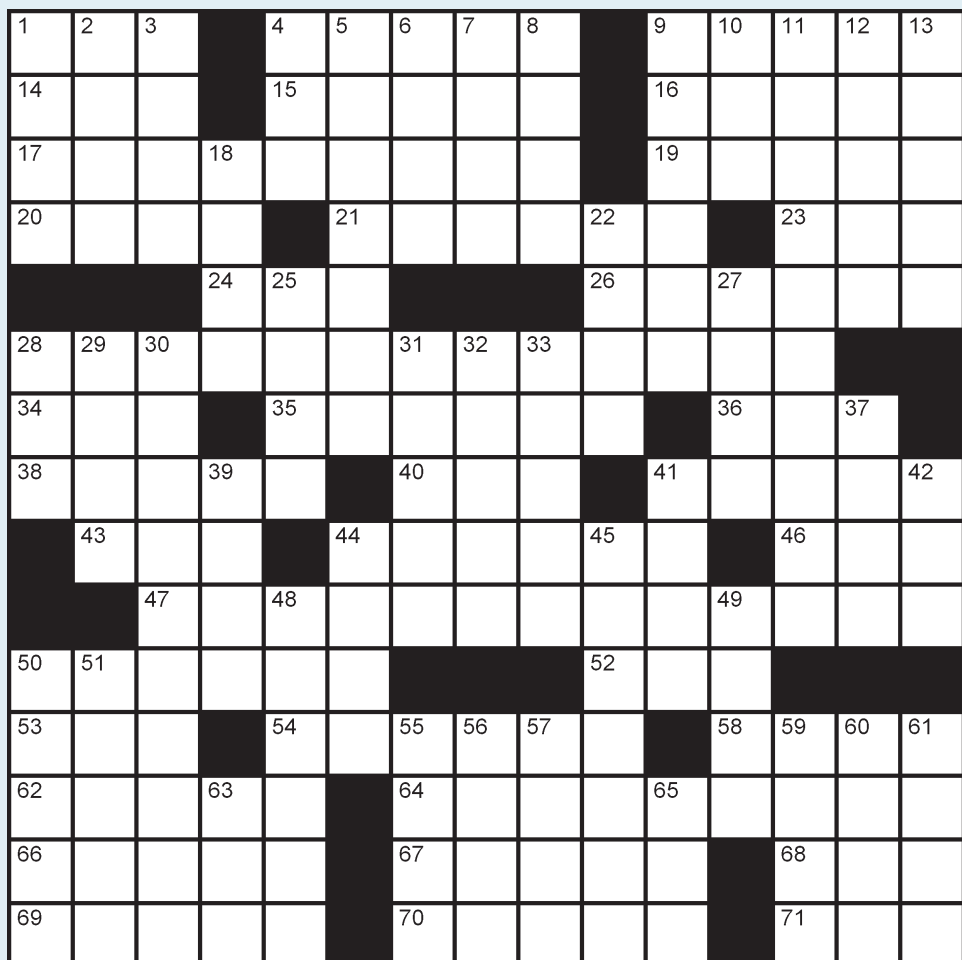


Ding, Ding, Ding! by Paul Coulter

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Director Craven
 - 4 Untrustworthy people
 - 9 Our "mother"
 - 14 Night before
 - 15 Golfer Palmer's nickname
 - 16 Hilo hello
 - 17 Literally "half world"
 - 19 Begin
 - 20 Agitated state
 - 21 "You ___ bother!"
 - 23 Dog's head?
 - 24 Language spoken in northeast Thailand
 - 26 Makes ecstatic
 - 28 Possible result of a scandal
 - 34 "Yo te ___"
 - 35 Incentive for finding a lost pet
 - 36 Bat wood
 - 38 Sitcom named for an H.S. class
 - 40 John, to Ringo
 - 41 Marriage and others
 - 43 ID that can't end with 0000
 - 44 Examine closely
 - 46 "Dig in!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Gets married
 - 2 20-20, perhaps
 - 3 18-wheeler
 - 4 On the ___ (fleeting)
 - 5 Magnetite, e.g.
 - 6 "Ocean's Eight" co-star Hathaway
 - 7 Carnival attraction
 - 8 Sunflower, once
 - 9 SoCal neighborhood seeking municipal independence
 - 10 Key equivalent to Option
 - 11 Took for a spin
 - 12 Midafternoon hour
 - 13 Can't stand
 - 18 "___ be a cold day ..."
 - 22 Stereotypical bookworm
 - 25 Simone Williams' record-setting hairdo
 - 27 Berry from a palm
 - 28 JFK overseer
 - 29 Intensifies, with "up"
 - 30 Certain crustacean catcher
 - 31 Young bird that hoots
 - 32 Native New Zealander
 - 33 Tiler's need
 - 37 Get better
 - 39 Knowing, as a secret
 - 41 Tim of "WKRP in Cincinnati"
 - 42 Messy pen?
 - 44 Try to move forward?
 - 45 Spruce (up)
 - 48 Annoy
 - 49 Hang loose
 - 50 Marsh plant
 - 51 Some native Canadians
 - 55 "___ boy!"
 - 56 Bockwurst meat
 - 57 World's fair, e.g.
 - 59 Fish such as congers
 - 60 After-lunch "sandwich"
 - 61 "South Park" boy
 - 63 Tribute poem
 - 65 Word between "rules" and "rules"

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021 Lucky Jupiter Flies Straight



When you feel lucky, you are lucky. Good fortune is all in the interpretation. Most events are neutral. If someone wanted it to happen and it did, that person interprets the event as lucky, while another person on the same scene could have an entirely different take. Jupiter goes direct, the sun squares Pluto and the Pisces moon feels it all.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's early in the game, but the little wins and losses along the way will still make a difference to your end result. What matters more than any single move is your determination to see this through.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To get things done your way at the price you'd prefer would be wonderful, but it's not in the offering. The good news is that the compromise that is in the offering will be better in the end anyway.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Today plays out a lot like your usual day, only happier. There's no single reason for this uptick in mood. The best part about it is that feeling this way will lead to more of the same. Lucky you!

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The good thing about restlessness is its indiscriminate impetus to move. It comes with a feeling that anywhere is better than here; this makes the decision easier. Just go.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be a safe place for someone to land, a confidante, a defender, a reliable agent of justice and more. You'll embody the noble characteristics that will come to define you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The difference between a loan and a gift is one should be repaid literally and the other should be repaid indirectly. In this light, you'd rather deal in loans. The expectations, being clear-cut, are more easily fulfilled.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As an exciting person, you realized long ago that if you're bored with your work, the product of that work will be boring. Spicing it up for you brings excitement to the world!

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Enjoy the lightness of being that comes with the day. You approach your work with a smile, and your responsibilities seem like a privilege. You are freed from the need to win love or gain approval.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Everyone likes to be right. However, you prefer to do it quietly today so as not to attract challengers, competition, controversy, jealousy or anything else that comes with being in the power position.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The magician's secret is to control the focus of others and do hidden work while people are focused elsewhere. You'll follow the principle today, working behind the scenes to make something wonderful happen.

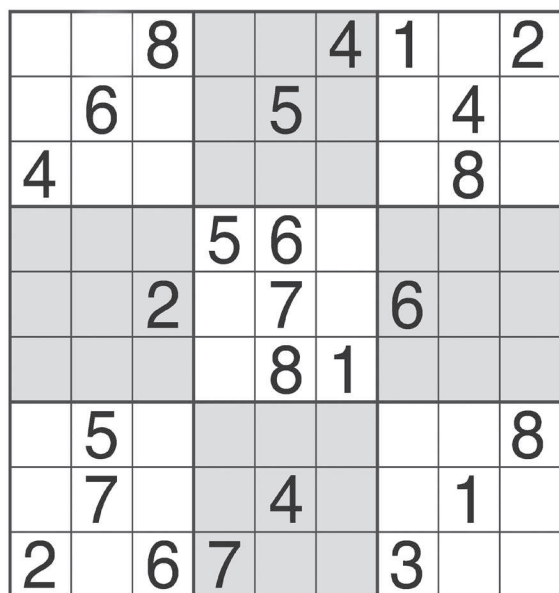
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). If, at the end of the day, you can say that you helped someone make progress, lessened their load or lightened their mood, you will count this as a great day. Doing those things forwards every goal you have.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll go forward in another mode that's not better or worse, just different. You're like James Bond at the mountain's edge, ditching the snowmobile to grab onto the rope ladder of a helicopter.

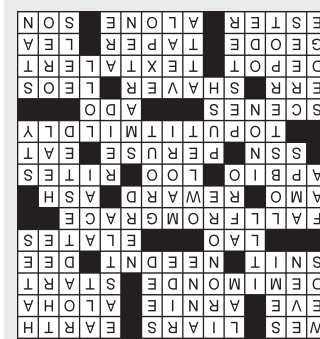
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 17). A birthday boon comes in the form of an exciting offer. Whether you take it or not, you will be changed for the better by it. The weeks to come feature free-flowing communication and bonding with your favorite people. You protect and care for your loved ones who, in turn, include you among their favorite and most trusted. Leo and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 44, 32, 29 and 15.

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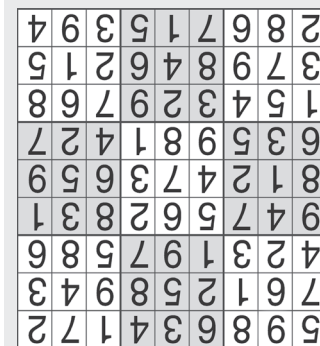
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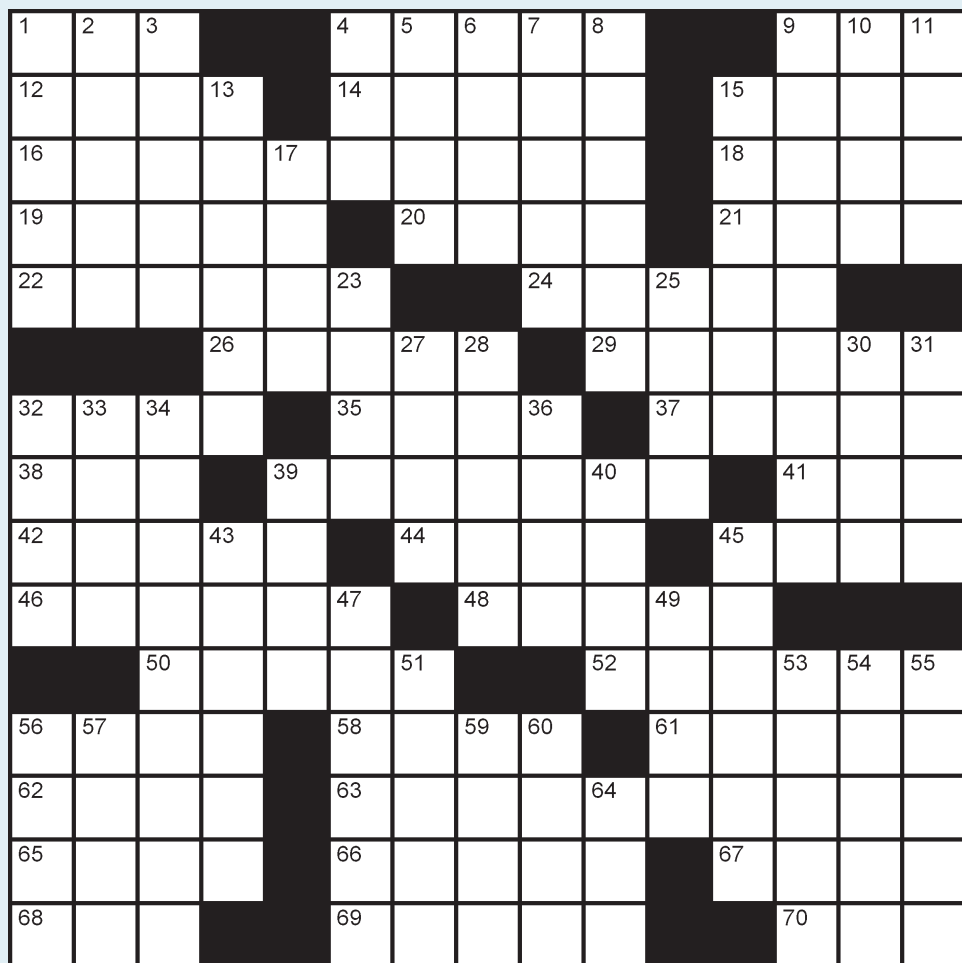


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Geographical Surroundings by Paul Coulter

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Record book?
 - 4 Fictional French elephant
 - 9 Health org. based in Atlanta
 - 12 Over again
 - 14 X Games jump
 - 15 Agitate
 - 16 *Filmmaker's organization tool
 - 18 Mystical radiance
 - 19 Hawkins for whom a dance was named
 - 20 Nickname that omits "dore"
 - 21 "Fifty Shades of ___"
 - 22 For all to see
 - 24 Sound of contempt
 - 26 Secluded valleys
 - 29 Shakes skillfully?
 - 32 Tightest pals, briefly
 - 35 Stolen stuff
 - 37 Gem with bands
 - 38 "The Voice" coach Grande, informally
 - 39 **"Frasier" or "Fuller House"
 - 41 Whole lot
- DOWN**
- 1 Roundup rope
 - 2 Ready for pouring
 - 3 Rock that's often cut in half
 - 4 Short, even hairdo
 - 5 Zillions
 - 6 Uninteresting
 - 7 Buenos ___
 - 8 Not in its original form
 - 9 *When a trial occurs
 - 10 Grave, as circumstances
 - 11 Pot ingredient?
 - 13 Squeezes dry
 - 15 Homemade floor covering
 - 17 Whoop
 - 23 Restaurant review app
 - 25 "Frozen" snowman
 - 27 "Nightmare Alley" genre
 - 28 Like a loud boom
 - 30 English school since 1440
 - 31 Transmit
 - 32 Chewy breakfast choices
 - 33 Unleash
 - 34 *Farm laborer
 - 36 Frat party attire
 - 39 Ooze
 - 40 They clap and cheer
 - 43 Drinks noisily
 - 45 Notably altruistic ape
 - 47 Nike rival
 - 49 Art ___ (Chrysler Building's style)
 - 51 Like butter, at times
 - 53 Speak grandly
 - 54 Info-gathering mission
 - 55 Invited
 - 56 Lid attachment?
 - 57 Continent with many steppes
 - 59 It often clears up with age
 - 60 ___-Ball (arcade game)
 - 64 NFL game highlights

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021 Jostling of Jupiter



What's harder to see than distant objects or teeny-tiny ones are the objects of everyday life. The hallway you've walked a thousand times, the tool you hold every day, the switch, the corner, the door... The mundane holds remarkable views. To witness them, we must first awaken. A Mercury and Jupiter direction change jostles us awake.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You lost something irreplaceable back there; knowing this is a sign that you're living right. To recognize and celebrate the specialness of things while you have them, knowing that someday you will mourn, is to live fully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be pitching and persuading. The best presentations you'll ever make are the ones no one asked you to make. Ideas drop in from on high, and the impulse to follow through comes straight from your heart.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You know when you're onto a good idea and you don't need anyone else to affirm it. In fact, any opposition you hear will only serve to steel your resolve.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You're working for smiles today. When the smiles happen, you're among them. There is one person in particular whose happiness will have you sweating. All hard work pays off.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You're a part of this -- the only part of this you have complete responsibility for. Taking care of yourself is taking care of those around you. Self-love is one of the most essential things you can do to put love into the world.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're supportive, but you don't allow yourself to be taken advantage of. You keep them alert to your gifts. Otherwise, they will get spoiled and be robbed of the pleasure of fully experiencing what you do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As you serve the needs of others, keep in mind that there are people who have no sensor to tell them when they've crossed a line or are being greedy. Draw and enforce the boundaries they cannot intuit.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). People tell you their life stories. Neither of you know why it happens. It has to do with something happening on the subconscious level. You naturally orientate yourself toward others, and they open up to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You practice and you get better, though it doesn't always feel that way. Every mistake, obstacle and problem improves you. Eventually, you'll reach a point of diminishing returns, but you haven't reached it yet.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Love makes you happier and better behaved. You find deep wells of patience and compassion for the world because you have found them first for the one you adore.

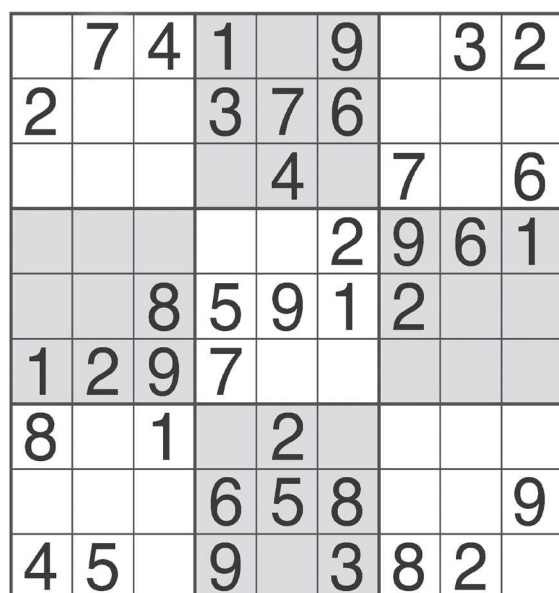
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). People who want your contributions may not be able to repay you. Consider all aspects of the deal before you get into it; you can save yourself from future regret or resentment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The spiritual aspects of love reign supreme. What happens on the spiritual level will guide all other aspects. The logic of scientists or the reason of scholars cannot predict the heart's path.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 18). No matter what you have been led to believe about your talent, you can be sure that it's much bigger. You are a knight on behalf of your kingdom. You'll feel ill-equipped, but the right tools fall right into your hands when you most need them. You'll pick up your sword and shield, vanquish the dragon and be celebrated. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 32, 40, 1 and 7.

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