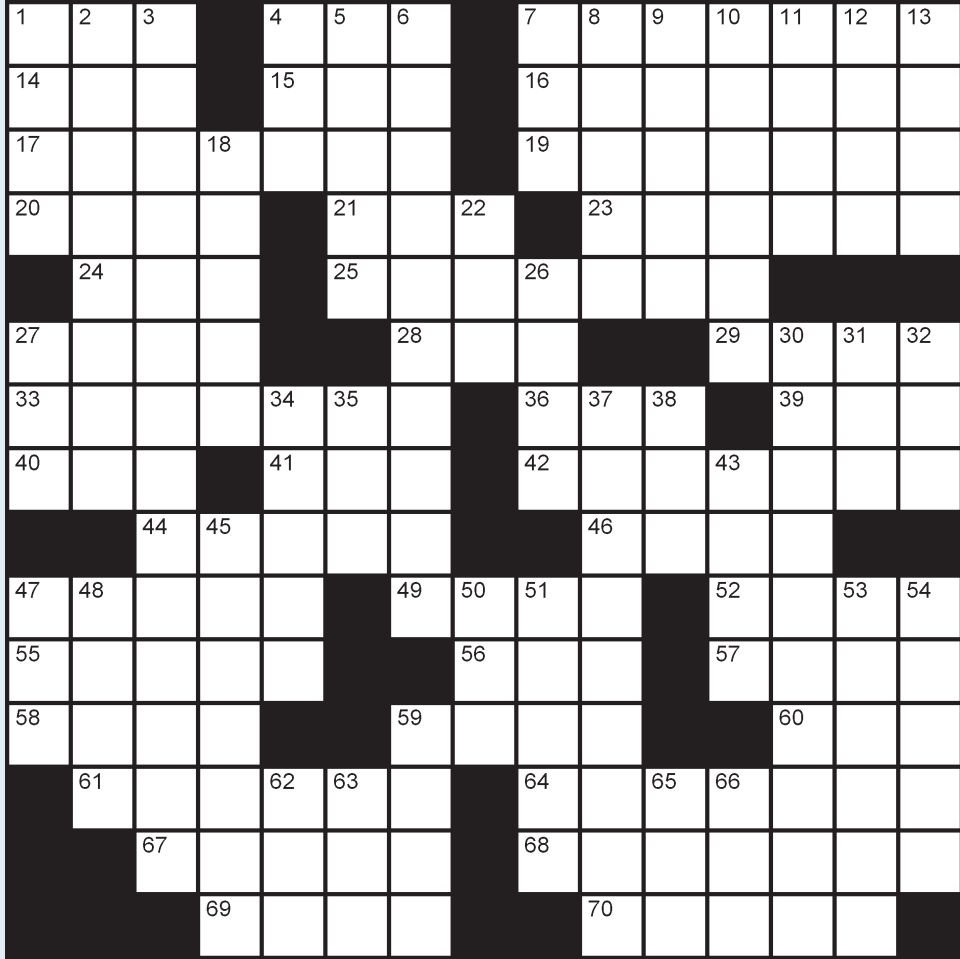


The L Word by Paul Coulter

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Anatomical pouch, 4 Open ___ night, 7 Droopy-shaped purse, 14 Speedometer letters, 15 "Lookie here!", 16 Drink made from frozen grapes, 17 Viewpoint, 19 Shipping route through the 8-Down, 20 Actress Rowlands, 21 Kind of meeting at school, 23 Comes up, 24 Oolong, for one, 25 To-do list items, 27 With part of this grid and 28-Across, deny, 28 Ax-throwing skill, 29 LP player, 33 Like Mayan pyramids, 36 Computer mouse's spot, 39 Cashew or almond, 40 Palindromic Asian occasion, 41 "Aladdin" prince, 42 They create gaps between teeth, 44 With part of this grid and 46-Across, flat finale, 46 Big screen name, 47 "Holy cow!", 49 Skating champion Lipinski, 52 Search for viruses, say, 55 Hostile force, 56 School vehicle, 57 Lt. Kojak of '70s TV, 58 Loafer or mule, 59 With part of this grid and 60-Across, curbside noisemaker, 60 Limb in a sling, 61 Fluffy household item, 64 Cleaning chemical, 67 Beauty pageant headwear, 68 Lolls, 69 With part of this grid and 70-Across, shades, 70 Beasts of burden, DOWN: 1 Urban haze, 2 Hunger, 3 Chow mein in a to-go box, e.g., 4 "Who, me?", 5 "That's my wish", 6 Say the opposite of, 7 That guy's, 8 Vast body of water, 9 Santa Claus feature, 10 Like a "wise" bird, 11 Civil rights concern, 12 Elizabeth I's mother, 13 Bee ___ ("Night Fever" band), 18 Civil rights initials, 22 Clarice's middle name?, 26 Volume boosters, 27 What ends on Nov. 6 in 2022, 30 As compensation, 31 Faux material in a vegan coat, 32 The "I" in TGIF, 34 Easy mark, 35 Former NFL quarterback Manning, 37 Pacific capital WNW of Pago Pago, 38 Hydroelectricity source, 43 Word before "a shadow" or "a spell", 45 Unbeatable rival, 47 "Absolutely!", 48 How many TV shows air, 50 Attorneys' org., 51 Full of dirt roads, say, 53 Nests on cliffs, 54 "Enough!" in El Salvador, 59 Perch on a cliff, 62 Greek T, 63 Suffix for "northeast", 65 Greek M's, 66 Switch ups?

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, JULY 22, 2022 Jupiter's Retrograde



The new Leo moon wasn't the only headline in yesterday's astral news. Today marks the first full day of Jupiter's retrograde lasting until late November of this year. If there's any planet that's better for us while in retrograde motion, it's Jupiter. The backwardness of abundance is restraint, thoughtfulness and discipline. Healthy times ahead!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There will always be reasons to give up. Today the reasons will look like substantial, immovable obstacles but are illusive shadows you can pass right through.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Knowledge is only power if it is applied in a powerful way. Though there is always more information to get, it's only as good as your absorption of it. On busy days like today it would be distraction, were it even possible to soak it all in.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When the external world produces insecurity, it puts you in touch with the divine presence of power within you. It is the same force that animates all. You'll be comforted by a loss of boundary connecting you with the whole.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). The gifts of the day satisfy your curiosity and bring unexpected amusement. In the evening hours, you'll be inspired to pay it forward, delighting others with all you've learned.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a day for social and economic caution. By borrowing or lending from a friend you could cause stress and ultimately a situation that will lead to the end of the relationship.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Huge change doesn't have to be dramatic. Nor does it have to come about through revolt, struggle and battle. When everyone is ready for change, as they are today, it just happens.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Having but one perspective can make it impossible to see the entire truth of the matter, although some angles seem more honest than others. The less you need out of a situation the more clearly you can see it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Instead of counting your own blessings you are tempted to count somebody else's. While this produces a tinge of envy, jealousy doesn't have to be a monster. It teaches you about your hidden desires, wants and needs.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Whatever your age, all the ages you have ever been are still inside of you, and from them you can draw compassion and patience for those who are irritatingly younger. As for your elders, your respect continues to grow.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Like most people, you like your solitude as long as it's by choice. You'll have your options for company today, but you may choose your own instead. You'd much rather be alone than in less-than-enjoyable company.

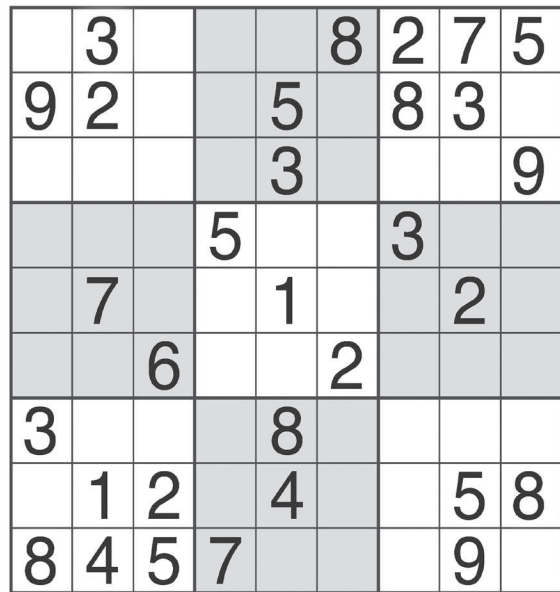
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Rainbows are not the only beautiful illusions around. There's a colorful person in your midst who is attractive as any prism of promise, but like a rainbow when you go to where they are they are suddenly somewhere else.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The task will take longer and be more arduous than you were hoping. Even so, it's exactly what will help you develop that life- and relationship-enhancing quality of patience. You wouldn't trade these challenges for anything.

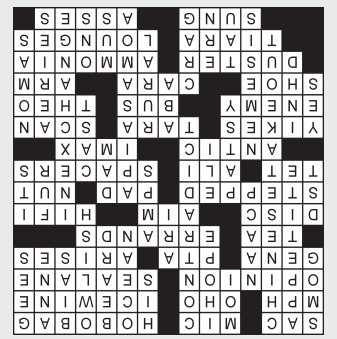
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 29). Your maturity has brought you to a calm and appreciative place. Not only can you live the length of a day, but the depth of it too. You will be lavished in attention when you want to be, but mostly you're so passionately involved in what interests you that you don't feel great need of external validation. Capricorn and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 6, 44, 28 and 13.

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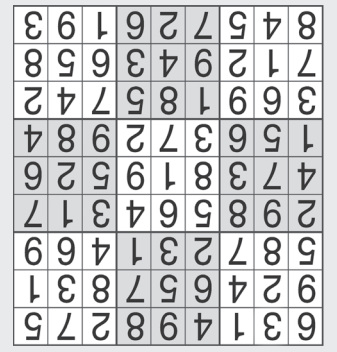
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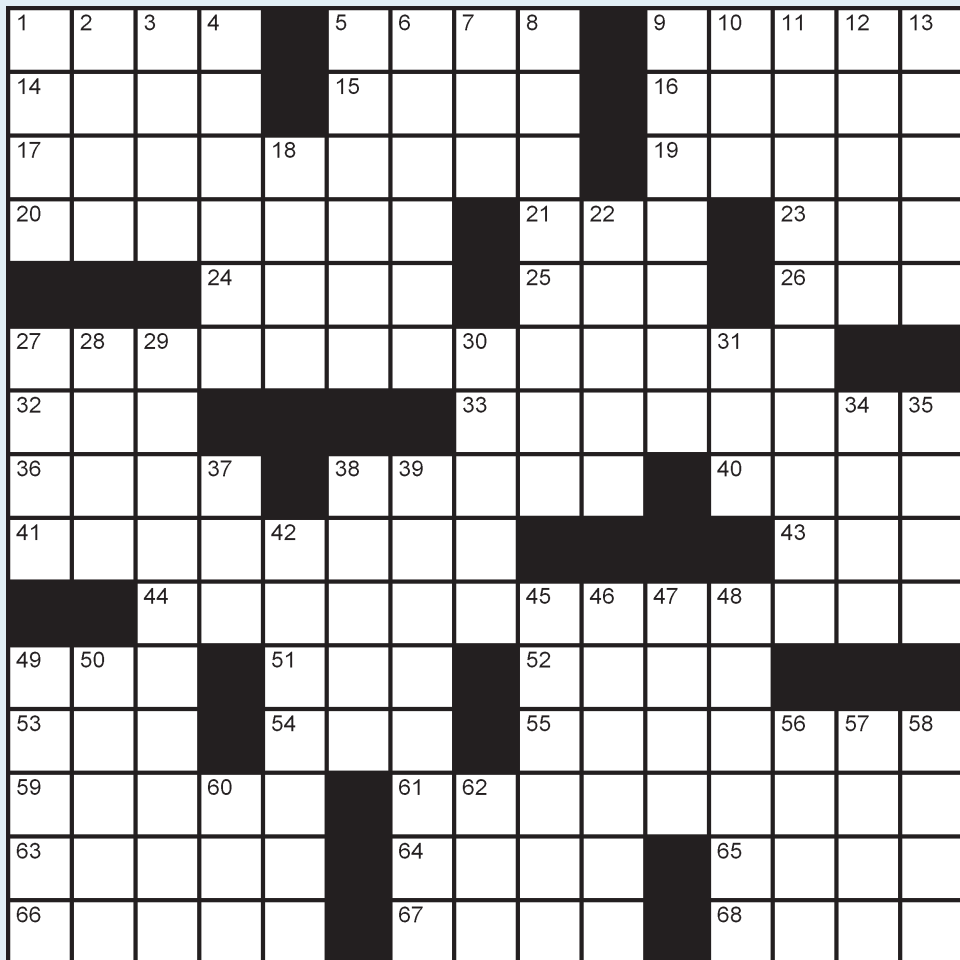


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Back Out by Jeffrey Wechsler

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS: 1 Broadway group, 5 ___ circles (patterns in fields), 9 Bursts of anger, 14 Arches National Park's location, 15 In this place, 16 Clearly visible, 17 Lady Godiva, notably?, 19 What mostly operates underground in D.C., 20 Sushi side with soybeans, 21 Org. whose members have clubs, 23 AAA offering, 24 Best Boxer, e.g., 25 Poirot's approval, 26 Day parts: Abbr., 27 Speedy superhero's short appearance in a movie?, 32 Designer Maya, 33 Improper, 36 Beef-grading org., 38 Bases' chemical counterparts, 40 "Star Wars" princess, 41 Was very informative (about), 43 May honoree, 44 Jobs available at a pop-up Halloween store, e.g., 49 "Stop oversharing," in a text, 51 ___ pride, 52 ___ McAn shoes, 53 "Groovy," in the '80s, 54 Result of a QB's mistake, 55 Stud site, 59 Became apparent, 61 "Ulysses," to many readers?, 63 One may find a diamond in the rough, 64 "You are so right!", 65 Watery septet, 66 Meaty spreads, 67 Train whistle sound, 68 "To thine own self be ___" ("Hamlet"), DOWN: 1 ___ root (two, for eight), 2 Slightly, 3 ___ Lee (company that made lots of dough), 4 Central concepts, 5 Short primates?, 6 Late-night flight, 7 Lode load, 8 How cold cuts are priced, 9 Iceberg relative, 10 Broad road: Abbr., 11 Eventually hear about something, 12 It's not right, 13 Packs away, 18 Ill-considered, 22 Answer you're unsure of, 27 Winter ailments, 28 "The Simpsons" girl, 29 "You think your threats scare me?", 30 Capital of Ecuador, 31 Elmer Fudd frame, perhaps, 34 Leo's animal, 35 Starchy vegetables, 37 Org. concerned with oral exams?, 38 Poe's middle name, 39 "Roger", 42 African capital by the Mediterranean, 45 Sound system, 46 Negative response, 47 Unable to decide, 48 "This really confuses me", 49 Walk heavily, 50 Role or song in "West Side Story", 56 Done, 57 Dated boyfriend?, 58 Something ___ entirely, 60 Comprehend, 62 Word for a Latin lover

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 2022 Jupiter's Nostalgic Mood



A person dreams of owning a thing, gets together the money to buy it, shows it off, maintains it, plays with it, uses it and... a few years later it's in the garage sale for a few bucks. History is heartless. But those who appreciate material representations of the past will bond over such items this weekend with the nostalgic cast of Jupiter's new mood.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You have things to do, places to be and timing to hit just right. The rule of the cool is: Never hurry. This sometimes goes against instinct, but you won't be sorry about the restraint you exercised in the name of keeping cool.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll be inspired by those who carry large burdens and still choose to reach beyond themselves and focus on a bigger picture. What you might not see is that you're such a person too, and others are inspired by you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Ideas will seem to string themselves together in your head forming blueprints for a future you can really get behind. The buildability factor here is high. Finish one project and the resources for the next one will show up like clockwork.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A small group of people may be involved in the day's work but you're the one keeping everything on track. Without you, none of it would get done. Be strategic. Lead from within the ranks and with kindness.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). There's not a lot of work to be done, but there's a lot of change that must be tolerated, which is actually harder. Flexibility is a form of strength. Give yourself credit and props for your ability to adjust and settle in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today's success can be chalked up to timing and the best timing can be summed up on one word: early. Giving yourself plenty of time promotes that peaceful, easy feeling from which your most charming self will spring.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There's room in your life for fresh faces and new alliances. Whether you're looking for a friend, business partner or romantic tie, you are well-aware that what you're choosing is a person, not their credentials.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Someone will laugh at your joke or offer a compliment that makes you feel seen. Being acknowledged makes you want to give more of yourself. If you still feel you're not getting your due in this department, ask for it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Those who have your back won't let you go forward with less than your best chance of success. This could involve flattery to pump your confidence or could also mean bringing a critical eye to your offering.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No matter how busy you get, you still make sure to keep up with what you have. Maintenance is part of life. And when things get slow, you put effort into prospecting for new and exciting arrangements.

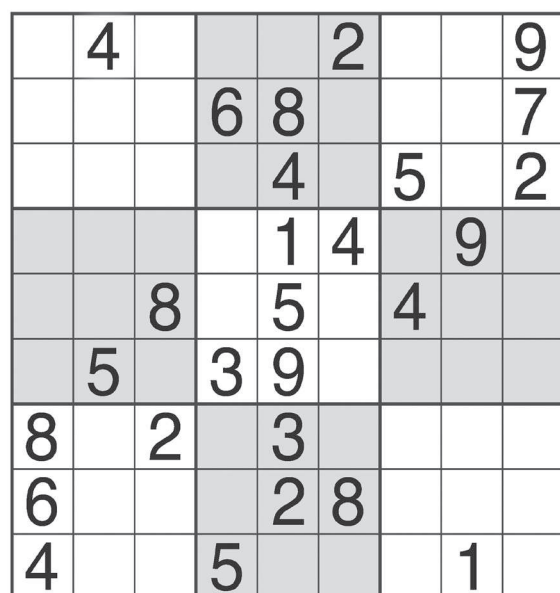
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It seems easier to stick with people you know, but ultimately that would limit everyone. So instead, you make the effort to include others. Wherever you go, the atmosphere is improved by your openness and kindness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Unruly emotions bubble to the surface. Instead of trying to squash them down, find a way to express them. Games, exercise and art are all good options. Brilliant ideas will be mined from chaos.

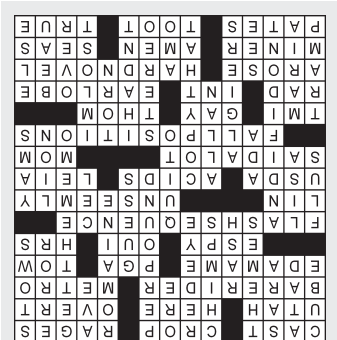
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 30). You wish to cultivate a set of habits this year and you'll have the maturity and self-control to follow through until you get impressive results. Your work and style will be needed by those who don't even know they need it until they get a taste. You could even say that you create need by being so awesome at what you do. Gemini and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 33, 20, 1, 14 and 11.

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