

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

Sudoku grid with numbers 3, 7, 9, 5, 6, 8, 9, 8, 3, 7, 1, 5, 1, 6, 3, 4, 4, 6, 7, 2, 9, 2, 3, 8, 9, 5, 4, 2

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 49th day of 2017. There are 316 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 18, 1977, the space shuttle prototype Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its debut "flight" above Edwards Air Force Base in California.

On this date: In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died in Eisleben.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as provisional president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Alabama.

In 1913, Mexican President Francisco I. Madero and Vice President Jose Maria Pino Suarez were arrested during a military coup (both were shot to death on Feb. 22).

In 1930, photographic evidence of Pluto (now designated a "dwarf planet") was discovered by Clyde W. Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Arizona.

In 1943, Madame Chiang Kai-shek, wife of the Chinese leader, addressed members of the Senate and then the House, becoming the first Chinese national to address both houses of the U.S. Congress.

In 1953, "Bwana Devil," the movie that heralded the 3D fad of the 1950s, had its New York opening.

In 1960, the 8th Winter Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, California, by Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

In 1967, American theoretical physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer died in Princeton, New Jersey, at age 62.

In 1970, the "Chicago Seven" defendants were found not guilty of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention; five were convicted of violating the Anti-Riot Act of 1968 (those convictions were later reversed).

In 1984, Italy and the Vatican signed an accord under which Roman Catholicism ceased to be the state religion of Italy.

In 1997, astronauts on the space shuttle Discovery completed their tuneup of the Hubble Space Telescope after 33 hours of spacewalking; the Hubble was then released using the shuttle's crane.

In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.

In 2007: A military helicopter crashed in southeastern Afghanistan, killing eight U.S. service members; 14 survived with injuries. Twin car bombs blew up in a mostly Shiite area of Baghdad, killing at least 62 people. A pair of bombs on a train headed from India to Pakistan killed 68 people. Kevin Harvick nosed out Mark Martin in a frantic wreck-filled finish to win the Daytona 500. The West routed the East, 153-132, in

the NBA All-Star game.

In 2012: A star-studded funeral service was held for pop singer Whitney Houston at New Hope Baptist Church in Newark, New Jersey, a week after her death at age 48. Syrian security forces fired live rounds and tear gas at thousands of people marching in a funeral procession that turned into one of the largest protests in Damascus since the 11-month uprising against President Bashar Assad began. Vitali Klitschko's 10th successful defense of his WBC heavyweight title in Munich ended in chaos when challenger Dereck Chisora brawled with former WBA champion David Haye during the post-match news conference.

Today's Birthdays: Former Sen. John Warner, R-Va., is 90. Author Toni Morrison is 86. Movie director Milos Forman is 85. Singer Yoko Ono is 84. Singer-songwriter Bobby Hart is 78. Singer Irma Thomas is 76. Singer Herman Santiago (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 76. Actress Jess Walton is 71. Singer Dennis DeYoung is 70. Actress Sinead Cusack is 69. Actress Cybill Shepherd is 67. Singer Juice Newton is 65. Singer Randy Crawford is 65. Rock musician Robbie Bachman is 64. Rock musician Larry Rust (Iron Butterfly) is 64. Actor John Travolta is 63. Actor John Pankow is 62. Game show host Vanna White is 60. Actress Jayne Atkinson is 58. Actress Greta Scacchi is 57. Actor Matt Dillon is 53. Rock musician Tommy Scott (Space) is 53. Rapper Dr. Dre is 52. Actress Molly Ringwald is 49. Actress Sarah Brown is 42. Country musician Trevor Rosen (Old Dominion) is 42. Actor Ike Barinholtz is 40. Actor Kristoffer Polaha is 40. Singer-musician Sean Watkins (Nickel Creek) is 40. Actor Tyrone Burton is 38. Rock-singer musician Regina Spektor is 37. Opera singer Isabel Leonard is 35. Roots rock musician Zac Cockrell (Alabama Shakes) is 29. Actor Shane Lyons is 29. Actress Sara Sutherland (TV: "Veep") is 29. Actress Maiara Walsh is 29.

Thought for Today: "Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion." — Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, German philosopher (1770-1831).

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DEAR ABBY Bride wants wedding guests to check politics at the door

Dear Abby: My fiancé and I are getting married in a year. We have some very close gay friends, and I have gay family members on my mom's side. The majority of our family is gay-friendly, but a few of them on my father's side are very open about their dislike of the LGBT community.



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Our ceremony will be at a Unitarian Universalist church because we love that they are supportive of the LGBT community and want everyone to feel comfortable and accepted on our big day. I'm terrified that my family members will do or say something to hurt or offend guests at our wedding who have same-sex partners.

I am considering putting a note on my wedding website that our wedding will be a celebration of love, and to please set aside political and personal beliefs and accept every one of our guests during this happy occasion. Would this be appropriate? I don't know how else to convey the message that we will not tolerate

any hateful or offensive remarks or actions against our loved ones. — Bride For Marriage Equality

Dear Bride: Do not post that message on your website. Your message should be delivered via a telephone conversation with the people you think may have a problem. A way to phrase it would be to tell them you are planning your wedding and that some of the guests in attendance will be same-sex couples. Ask if this would make them uncomfortable, and if the answer is yes, do not invite them.

Dear Abby: My darling husband recently passed away. It's a sad time for all of us. I wrote his obituary for our local paper and included the names of charitable causes, requesting donations be sent to them in lieu of flowers.

I sent the obituary to my husband's mother and sister who live out of state, in case they wanted to publish it in their local paper in the

town where he grew up. They did, but changed the charities to ones of their choice. They didn't tell me they were doing it or ask my opinion. I found out only when I saw his obituary online.

I am extremely upset, especially because one of the causes they listed is a hospital I feel contributed to my husband's early death. What is the etiquette in this situation? Was it acceptable for them to make that change? Should I say something, or should I let it go? — Wounded Widow In Texas

Dear Wounded Widow: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. You have every right to be upset that his obituary was altered. What his mother and sister did was wrong. They should not have changed it without your permission.

By all means, tell them how you feel about what they did, and that you feel the care your husband received at that hospital contributed to his early death. Had they consulted you as they should have, they would have known better.

Monday Morning

February 20, 2017

Monday Morning TV schedule table with columns for Station, Time, and Program Name.

AFTERNOON

Afternoon TV schedule table with columns for Station, Time, and Program Name.

EVENING

Evening TV schedule table with columns for Station, Time, and Program Name.

NIGHT OWL

Night Owl TV schedule table with columns for Station, Time, and Program Name.