

UNIVERSAL Sudoku Puzzle

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

9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 and empty cells.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 56th day of 2017. There are 309 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 25, 1913, the 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, giving Congress the power to levy and collect income taxes, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Philander Chase Knox.

On this date: In 1836, inventor Samuel Colt patented his revolver.

In 1905, the Upton Sinclair novel "The Jungle" was first published in serial form by the Appeal to Reason newspaper.

In 1922, French serial killer Henri Landru, convicted of murdering 10 women and the son of one of them, was executed in Versailles.

In 1940, a National Hockey League game was televised for the first time by New York City station W2XBS as the New York Rangers defeated the Montreal Canadiens, 6-2, at Madison Square Garden.

In 1956, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev harshly criticized the late Josef Stalin in a speech before a Communist Party congress in Moscow.

In 1957, the Supreme Court, in Butler v. Michigan, overturned a Michigan statute making it a misdemeanor to sell books containing obscene language that would tend to corrupt "the morals of youth." Chicago gangster George "Bugs" Moran, a rival of Al Capone, died in prison at age 63.

In 1964, Eastern Airlines Flight 304, a DC-8, crashed shortly after taking off from New Orleans International Airport, killing all 58 on board. Muhammad Ali (then known as Cassius Clay) became world heavyweight boxing champion as he defeated Sonny Liston in Miami Beach.

In 1977, the ice hockey comedy "Slap Shot" starring Paul Newman was released by Universal Pictures.

In 1986, President Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines after 20 years of rule in

the wake of a tainted election; Corazon Aquino assumed the presidency.

In 1991, during the Persian Gulf War, 28 Americans were killed when an Iraqi Scud missile hit a U.S. barracks in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

In 1994, an American-born Jewish settler opened fire with an automatic rifle inside the Tomb of the Patriarchs in the West Bank, killing 29 Muslims before he was beaten to death by worshippers.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Tom Courtenay is 80. Former CBS newsmen Bob Schieffer is 80. Actress Diane Baker is 79. Actress Karen Grassle is 75. Humorist Jack Handey is 68. Movie director Neil Jordan is 67. Rock musician Dennis Diken (The Smithereens) is 60. Rock singer-musician Mike Peters (The Alarm; Big Country) is 58. Actress Veronica Webb is 52. Actor Alexia Denisof is 51. Actress Tea Leoni is 51. Comedian Carrot Top is 50. Actress Lesley Boone is 49. Actor Sean Astin is 46. Singer Daniel Powter is 46. Latin singer Julio Iglesias Jr. is 44. Rhythm-and-blues singer Justin Jeffre is 44. Rock musician Richard Liles is 44. Actor Anson Mount is 44. Comedian-actress Chelsea Handler is 42. Actress Rashida Jones is 41. Country singer Shawna Thompson (Thompson Square) is 39. Actor Justin Berfield is 31. Actors James and Oliver Phelps ("Harry Potter" movies) are 31. Rock musician Erik Haager (Carolina Liar) is 30.

Thought for Today: "If people behaved in the way nations do they would all be put in straitjackets." — Tennessee Williams, American playwright (born in 1911, died this date in 1983).

Advertisement for Burns Mortuary & Crematory, featuring a photo of a funeral home and contact information for 685 W. Hermiston Ave.

Advertisement for Carolleen Lovell, Certified Public Accountant, LLC, featuring a photo of Carolleen Lovell and contact information for (541) 567-1780.

Advertisement for Alive & Well, featuring a 20% off coupon for Angry Mama Microwave Cleaners and a 50% off coupon for Reg Retail Clearance Items.

DEAR ABBY Don't assume a pregnancy unless you know for sure



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

Dear Abby: Recently, while making a purchase at a local store and handing the cashier my money, she asked, "How many months along are you?" I was confused for a moment, until I realized she had assumed I was pregnant. (I'm not.) When I told her I wasn't, she just shrugged and said, "Oh."

Abby, my feelings were hurt. I will most likely never see that cashier again — and I do not know her — but I would like to know how to respond to this in the future. I don't believe people should assume a woman is pregnant unless they know for sure that she is. What she said made me instantly want to lash out. However, I knew that responding with more rudeness would do no good. So, what should I say if this ever happens again? — Not Pregnant In Alabama

Dear Not Pregnant: You handled the situation appropriately. The cashier was presumptuous. If it happens again, either handle it the way you did with that clerk or say, "Why do you ask?" and let the person squirm. The choice is

yours. Dear Abby: I'm an eighth-grader with a good life. I go to a good school, have good friends and a happy family. But at school, there is this boy who follows me around. I tell him to stop, but he keeps doing it. When I tell my friends about it, they laugh and think it's funny. I don't feel like it's a joke. It's creepy.

I have tried to tell adults, but they don't do anything. Recently I dyed the tips of my hair blue, and at lunch he walked up, grabbed my hair and felt it. I feel like it was an invasion of my personal space. Because he won't stop following me around and being creepy, my grades have dropped. I'm distracted in class and nervous. What do you think I should do? — Invading My Space

Dear Invading: If that boy were younger, I would suggest that he has a crush on you. But by the age of 13 or 14, he should have learned what "no" and "stop" means. I don't blame you for being concerned because the young man is acting like a stalker. Nobody has

a right to touch you — or your hair — without your permission. You have a right to feel safe.

Do your parents know about this? If you told a teacher about what has been going on and were ignored, tell a counselor or the principal of your "good" school about it.

Dear Abby: My 30-year-old son insists that I should help pay for the orthodontia he feels he should have had as a child. He is a grown man now with three children of his own, and I am not sure if I, his dad, should financially help him with this. What do you think? — Bracing For An Answer

Dear Bracing: I am going to assume that when your son was a minor, you could not afford to get him the orthodontia he needed, which is sad. That said, if you wish to help him now and doing so would not put undue financial pressure on you, go ahead and help him out.

However, if you are being guilted into paying because your financially independent son thinks he is "entitled" to it, then forking over the money would be a mistake.

Monday Morning February 27, 2017

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

AFTERNOON

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

EVENING

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

NIGHT OWL

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