

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 some numbers filled in and a difficulty rating of 6 stars.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 91st day of 2017. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 1, 1917, Scott Joplin, "The King of Ragtime Writers," died at a New York City hospital.

In 1789, the U.S. House of Representatives held its first full meeting in New York; Frederick Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania was elected the first House speaker.

In 1924, Adolf Hitler was sentenced to five years in prison for his role in the Beer Hall Putsch in Munich.

In 1933, Nazi Germany staged a daylong national boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1945, American forces launched the amphibious invasion of Okinawa during World War II.

In 1947, Greece's King George II died.

In 1954, the United States Air Force Academy was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

In 1962, the Katherine Anne Porter novel "Ship of Fools," an allegory about the rise of Nazism in Germany, was published by Little, Brown & Co.

In 1972, the first Major League Baseball players' strike began; it lasted 12 days.

In 1977, the U.S. Senate followed the example of the House of Representatives by adopting, 86-9, a stringent code of ethics requiring full financial disclosure and limits on outside income.

In 1984, recording star Marvin Gaye was shot to death by his father, Marvin Gay Sr., in Los Angeles, the day before his 45th birthday.

In 1987, in his first speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Ronald Reagan told the Philadelphia College of Physicians, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy no. 1."

In 1992, the National Hockey League Players' Association went on its first-ever strike, which lasted 10 days.

In 2007, Iran's state television aired new video showing two of the 15

captured British sailors and marines pointing to a spot on a map of the Persian Gulf where they were seized and saying it was Iranian territorial waters; Britain's Foreign Office immediately denounced the video.

In 2012: A coalition of more than 70 partners, including the United States, pledged to send millions of dollars and communications equipment to Syria's opposition groups.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Jane Powell is 88. Actor Don Hastings is 83. Baseball Hall of Famer Phil Niekro is 78.

Actress Ali MacGraw is 78. Rhythm-and-blues singer Rudolph Isley is 78. Baseball All-Star Rusty Staub is 73. Reggae singer Jimmy Cliff is 69. Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito is 67. Rock musician Billy Currie (Ultravox) is 67.

Actress Annette O'Toole is 65. Movie director Barry Sonnenfeld is 64. Singer Susan Boyle is 56. Actor Jose Zuniga is 55. Country singer Woody Lee is 49.

Actress Jessica Collins is 46. Rapper-actor Method Man is 46. Movie directors Albert and Allen Hughes are 45. Political commentator Rachel Maddow is 44. Tennis player Magdalena Maleeva is 42. Actor David Oyelowo is 41. Actor JJ Field is 39. Singer Bijou Phillips is 37. Actor Sam Huntington is 35. Comedian-actor Taran Killam is 34. Actor Josh Zuckerman is 32. Country singer Hillary Scott (Lady Antebellum) is 31. Actor Asa Butterfield is 20.

Thought for Today: "Ninety-eight percent of all statistics are made up." — Author unknown.

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Small 9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers.

DEAR ABBY Foolishness is not limited to a single calendar day

Dear Readers: Once again, I can't let April Fools' Day pass without printing a few of the more "interesting" letters that have crossed my desk during the past year.

Dear Abby: I own a champion Airedale terrier I have been trying to breed for more than a year. Finding her the right match has proven difficult. But recently, we found a perfect match. Their genetics are superb, and they seem to like each other.

The male's owner and I took the two dogs on a dog run last month and, except for a bit of mud, it was a perfect afternoon. There have been other afternoons and evenings.

The problem is the male's owner. She will only allow her dog to breed mine if she and I also "breed." She claims it is the only true way to know if our canines are a perfect match.

I'm not a prude, but since my divorce, I haven't dated much. The woman is attractive, and I'm lonely, but her proposition felt odd to me. And if the breeding is a regular thing, would



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that be good for the dogs? What should I do? — Overwhelmed In Kansas City

Dear Overwhelmed: Keep your romances and those of your pooch separate unless you're willing to risk your love life going to the dogs.

Dear Abby: I wanted to show my elderly co-worker some photos I had taken of the countryside. Without thinking, I handed her my phone so she could browse through them while I went to get coffee. When I returned, my phone was on my desk and she was nowhere to be found.

Only then did I realize she must have seen the many nude pictures of me and my husband. (We like to send each other naughty selfies.) What's more, the photos are clown-themed — rainbow wigs, red noses, makeup, etc.

My co-worker has never said anything, but now I sense she's avoiding me. Should I pull her aside and see if she wants to talk about anything? Pretend it never happened? Casually mention "the circus" and see if she gives a reaction?

— Naughty In New Mexico

Dear Naughty: The less said the better. This mess was caused by your "greatest show on earth" of bad judgment. You have only your self to blame for the uncomfortable silence happening in your office.

Dear Abby: Would sex with a robot be considered infidelity? — Wondering In Westworld

Dear Wondering: It's not infidelity unless the robot belongs to somebody else — or you do.

Dear Abby: I love my girlfriend so much. I'm trying to think of a unique romantic gesture to show her what she means to me.

Would it be acceptable to have a carnivorous plant delivered to her office? Although I've considered traditional ones, I think the carrion flower is my pick. It's huge, pink and smells like rotting flesh. I think it's the perfect way to express my love. What do you think? — Offbeat In St. Pete

Dear Offbeat: I think your idea stinks worse than the flower. Happy April Fools' Day to you and to all my readers! — Love, Abby

Monday Morning

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.

Large TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program.

NIGHT OWL

Night Owl TV schedule table with columns for station, time, and program.