

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.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 119th day of 2017. There are 246 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 29, 1992, a jury in Simi Valley, California, acquitted four Los Angeles police officers of almost all state charges in the videotaped beating of motorist Rodney King...

In 1429, Joan of Arc entered the besieged city of Orleans to lead a French victory over the English.

In 1798, Joseph Haydn's oratorio "The Creation" was rehearsed in Vienna, Austria, before an invited audience.

In 1817, representatives of the United States and Britain concluded the Rush-Bagot Agreement, which limited the number of naval vessels allowed in the Great Lakes.

In 1861, the Maryland House of Delegates voted 53-13 against seceding from the Union. In Montgomery, Alabama, President Jefferson Davis asked the Confederate Congress for the authority to wage war.

In 1916, the Easter Rising in Dublin collapsed as Irish nationalists surrendered to British authorities.

In 1945, during World War II, American soldiers liberated the Dachau concentration camp. Adolf Hitler married Eva Braun inside his "Führerbunker" and designated Adm. Karl Doenitz president.

In 1957, the SM-1, the first military nuclear power plant, was dedicated at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

In 1967, Aretha Franklin's cover of Otis Redding's "Respect" was released as a single by Atlantic Records.

In 1977, Pope Paul VI and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Donald Coggan, participated in a Christian unity service in the Vatican's Sistine Chapel.

In 1987, Ronnie DeSillers, a 7-year-old liver recipient whose story had prompted thousands of Americans, including President Ronald Reagan, to lend support, died at a Pittsburgh hospital while awaiting a fourth transplant.

In 1997, a worldwide treaty to ban chemical weapons went into effect. Pulitzer Prize-winning newspaper columnist Mike Royko died in Chicago at age 64.

In 2011, Britain's Prince William and Kate Middleton were married in an opulent ceremony at London's Westminster Abbey.

Ten years ago: An elevated section of highway that carried motorists from the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge to a number of freeways was destroyed after heat from an overturned gasoline truck caused part of one overpass to crumple onto another. St. Louis Cardinals relief pitcher Josh Hancock, 29, was killed in the crash of

his sport utility vehicle.

Five years ago: Despite past differences, President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton began a summer fundraising blitz with an event in McLean, Virginia.

One year ago: Hundreds of rowdy protesters broke through barricades and threw eggs at police outside a hotel in Burlingame, California, where Donald Trump addressed the state's Republican convention. Sharing a Vatican stage with Pope Francis, Vice President Joe Biden urged increased funding for cancer research during a conference on regenerative medicine. North Korea sentenced Kim Dong Chul, a U.S. citizen of Korean heritage, to 10 years in prison after convicting him of espionage and subversion.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Keith Baxter is 84. Bluesman Otis Rush is 82. Conductor Zubin Mehta is 81. Disgraced financier Bernard Madoff is 79. Pop singer Bob Miranda (The Happenings) is 75. Country singer Duane Allen (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 74. Singer Tommy James is 70. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., is 67. Movie director Phillip Noyce is 67. Country musician Wayne Secrest (Confederate Railroad) is 67. Comedian Jerry Seinfeld is 63. Actor Leslie Jordan is 62. Actress Kate Mulgrew is 62. Actor Daniel Day-Lewis is 60. Actress Michelle Pfeiffer is 59. Actress Eve Plumb is 59. Rock musician Phil King is 57. Country singer Stephanie Bentley is 54. Actor Vincent Ventresca is 51. Singer Carmie Wilson (Wilson Phillips) is 49. Actor Paul Adelstein is 48. Actress Uma Thurman is 47. International Tennis Hall of Famer Andre Agassi is 47. Rapper Master P is 47. Actor Darby Stanchfield is 46. Country singer James Bonamy is 45. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer Erica Campbell (Mary Mary) is 45. Rock musician Mike Hogan (The Cranberries) is 44. Actor Tyler Labine is 39. Actress Megan Boone is 34. Pop singer Amy Heidemann (Karmin) is 31.

Thought for Today: "Show me somebody who is always smiling, always cheerful, always optimistic, and I will show you somebody who hasn't the faintest idea what the heck is really going on." — Mike Royko (1932-1997).

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Small 9x9 Sudoku grid.

DEAR ABBY Daughter is in the doghouse after pets leave hairy mess

Dear Abby: When my daughter and her family come to visit, they are very messy. They have a 3- and a 4-year-old and two large, long-haired dogs. I can deal with the children's messiness — but the dogs, no.

I agreed to let them bring their dogs if they cleaned up after them, but it hasn't happened. The dogs shed terribly. The hair needs to be vacuumed daily. They don't practice it at home and don't do it here, even after being told the dog hair is everywhere in my house.

We are 70 and active, but a lot of cleaning must be done when they leave. I especially don't like it around food. I told my husband I have decided to tell them they can no longer bring their dogs here. He goes around and tries to clean up after them so I won't get upset instead of letting them take responsibility. He says he's afraid they will quit coming.

Abby, they don't pick up after themselves at all. In their home, clothes are thrown everywhere on the floor. They are in their 40s and should know better. I feel they have no respect for us or the way we choose to live. Must I keep my

mouth shut to keep the peace, like my husband says? I told him to speak up, but he won't. This is physically and emotionally wearing on me. — Drained In Pennsylvania

Dear Drained: How your daughter and son-in-law choose to live in their own home is their business, as long as the disarray doesn't endanger the health of their children. Because you agreed to let them bring their dogs over on the condition that they vacuum up any hair their animals shed and they failed to comply, you are within your rights to tell them their pets must be left at home. Your house, your conditions. Messy grandchildren, yes. Messy dogs, no.

Dear Abby: I recently had a baby. Two of my friends became mothers five and nine months ago. We are all first-time stay-at-home moms, which has been great except they constantly offer unwanted advice every time I see them and try to come off like they're experts. I agree that they sometimes offer helpful advice, but it's getting old because I'm becoming confident in my parenting skills and judgment. How do I politely

let them know that if I want advice, I'll ask for it? — Unwanted Advice In Tennessee

Dear Tennessee: Do it by first acknowledging them for being such good friends and wanting to be helpful. Then add that, as you have told me, you are now more confident with your own parenting skills and would prefer they wait to be asked before offering any more unsolicited advice.

Dear Abby: I will be having surgery soon to alleviate the embarrassing symptoms of bowel incontinence. I have a great doctor and family support. When nosy people ask why I am going to the hospital, I want to say, "None of your business," or "Be glad you don't have this problem." Any suggestions? — Shy In The South

Dear Shy: A certain amount of curiosity is normal. If someone asks why you are going to the hospital, all you need to say is, "I'm having a procedure." However, if the person is insensitive and pushes you to be more specific, your response should be, "It's personal." Period.

Monday Morning

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

May 1, 2017

AFTERNOON

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

EVENING

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

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

NIGHT OWL

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