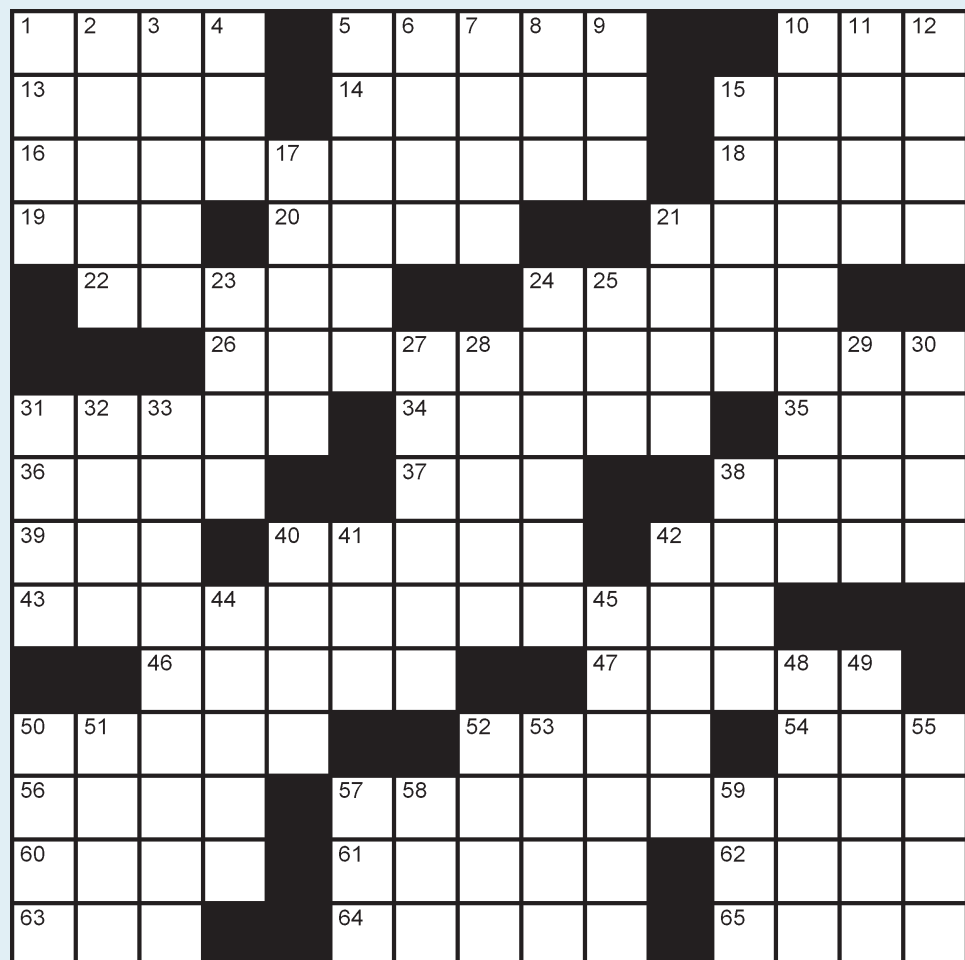


Core Curriculum by Jess Shulman and Brian Thomas

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Underwater habitat
 - 5 La Tomatina's country
 - 10 Word after "nanny" or "panda"
 - 13 Simple racetrack's shape
 - 14 Big name in insurance
 - 15 Bull's gender
 - 16 First, in Psychology, Joe Six-Pack learned that students who do best
 - 18 De-wrinkle
 - 19 Former quarterback Manning
 - 20 Angled accessibility aid
 - 21 Recorded
 - 22 A step up ... or down
 - 24 They say it doesn't pay
 - 26 Then, in Civil Engineering, Joe and his workout buddies teamed up to
 - 31 Apple's word processor
 - 34 Bert's roommate
 - 35 Not feeling well
 - 36 Trois + cinq
 - 37 The Big Apple, for short
 - 38 Close tightly
 - 39 Blunder
 - 40 Magazine edition
 - 42 Letter before delta
 - 43 Later, in Naval History, Joe heard about traitorous sailors who had to
 - 46 "___ Anatomy"
 - 47 Soaks up warmth
 - 50 "Get outta here!"
 - 52 They're steeped
 - 54 Graceless person
 - 56 Pound sound
 - 57 Finally, in Statistics, Joe was taught several ways to
 - 60 Lie adjacent to
 - 61 One celebrating Diwali
 - 62 Landed
 - 63 Sugar measure: Abbr.
 - 64 Poker player's "Check"
 - 65 Cause of great annoyance
 - 27 Contact case contents
 - 28 Run out of water
 - 29 Glitz's partner
 - 30 Fitzgerald known for scat
 - 31 "What a relief"
 - 32 Spiritual glow
 - 33 Band such as BLACKPINK or Bananarama
 - 38 Fifth Avenue store
 - 40 Hot couple
 - 41 Bashful
 - 42 Grind, as teeth
 - 44 Cheez Whiz company
 - 45 What you can count on
 - 48 Australian animal that isn't a bear
 - 49 Glossy fabric
 - 50 Try to hit
 - 51 Corn holders
 - 52 Fish in a joke about a piano
 - 53 Finishes
 - 55 Destiny
 - 57 Chinese life force
 - 58 Tear
 - 59 Bit of cream
- DOWN**
- 1 Stood up
 - 2 Lesser of two
 - 3 Weird AI hit whose title is sung after "just"
 - 4 Seasonal ailment
 - 5 iPhone browser
 - 6 Popular 'do in an '80s yearbook
 - 7 Sitting on
 - 8 Place to stay
 - 9 One running in D.C.?
 - 10 The original YOLO?
 - 11 Succulent described as a "wonder plant"
 - 12 Darn, like a sock
 - 15 Dolphins' city
 - 17 Toyota hybrid
 - 21 Get sleepy
 - 23 Aid's partner
 - 24 Take off the air
 - 25 Ballplayer's stat

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021 Trine of Abundant Treats



Mercury, ruler of communication, angles Jupiter, the planet of abundance, with such sweetness that it's like the world is a Candy Land board, complete with a molasses swamp and a gumdrop mountain. This trine of good fortune shines on costumes, too, which are a form of communication. The costumes we choose say a lot about us.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). TRICK: Your knack for storytelling will have an audience glued to the tale of what happened to you. TREAT: You'll realize how far you've come. You're definitely not the same person from the story.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). TRICK: That part of your image that you've carefully cultivated will, for the most part, draw the desired response. TREAT: People want to hire you to do the thing you really love doing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). TRICK: You'll unexpectedly hear from someone and be momentarily rattled; it won't be readily apparent how to respond. TREAT: Everyone will be impressed by what you come up with when life forces you to improvise.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). TRICK: Your life is so full you will need to lose something just to get wiggle room. TREAT: Paring down will feel addictively good. You'll soon have plenty of space for fresh energy to flow through your world.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). TRICK: They'll look to you to teach and inspire them. However, you're new to this, too, so how are you supposed to help? TREAT: You don't need to know everything -- just the next step.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). TRICK: The behavior of others will test your patience. TREAT: You can't change another person, but whatever work you do on yourself will favorably alter the relationship dynamic.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). TRICK: The spooky part is not knowing where a relationship is heading. It takes a little faith to find out. TREAT: Someone schemes to scintillate and entertain you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). TRICK: You'll notice something you missed out on, (SET ITAL)almost(EN ITAL), and then swoop in with a quick save. TREAT: An attack of unexpected cuteness will make your heart swell. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). TRICK: You'll believe in your abilities, even when you've never done the thing before. You get the feeling you can pull something off, then you do. TREAT: Laughter will be sweeter than candy.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). TRICK: You feel like you know a person before you actually do because you're paying good attention and picking up on dozens of tiny clues. TREAT: The effect plays like the strumming of heartstrings.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). TRICK: The competition will be heightened. You'll be challenged in a way you haven't been. TREAT: This excuse to reach deeper will tap reserves of grit you didn't know were there.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). TRICK: You'll tap into a force greater than your individualistic needs and act in service of generosity itself. TREAT: Rituals you've observed since childhood now seem more profound and yet somehow lighter.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 31). No chasing necessary; love comes to you as a byproduct of your other pursuits. You'll be struck with a major idea, complete with its own engine. A team forms; what you build together will be a source of pride for all. The foundation form takes longer than anticipated. Remain unhurried; do what's necessary to get it right. Aries and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 20, 14, 9 and 2.

Universal SUDOKU

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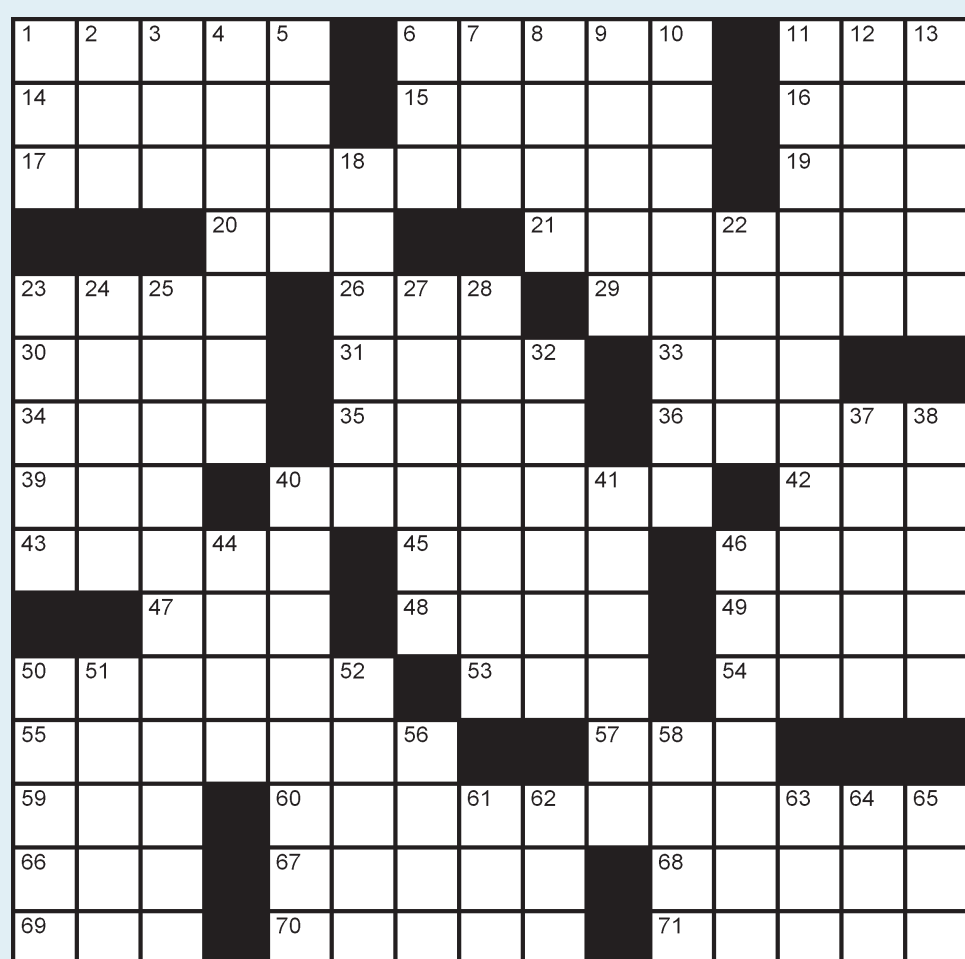
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Sink Your Teeth Into This Puzzle by Victor Barocas

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Tears to shreds
 - 6 Irish name related to Mary
 - 11 Fannie
 - 14 River's small cousin
 - 15 Full of cargo
 - 16 First word of "A Hard Day's Night"
 - 17 What a 40-Across wouldn't order at a bakery
 - 19 Congressperson, for short
 - 20 Smooch on the subway, e.g.
 - 21 "Get lost!"
 - 23 Cast with one line, perhaps
 - 26 Homer's neighbor
 - 29 Slides along a bench
 - 30 Prefix for "matter"
 - 31 Lumbarjacks' tools
 - 33 Mess up
 - 34 Scottish group
 - 35 Office fixture
 - 36 Gets exactly right
 - 39 Mouse-spotter's cry
 - 40 Monster with fangs
 - 42 Came together
 - 43 "Stone Cold" Austin
 - 45 Window section
 - 46 Auburn rival, for short
 - 47 It's thin in the mountains
 - 48 Metal containers
 - 49 Frankenstein's assistant, in movies
 - 50 "Space Invaders" venue
 - 53 Bread for a reuben
 - 54 Polite fellow
 - 55 Yuletide activity for four birds
 - 57 Young trick-or-treater
 - 59 Not yet scheduled, briefly
 - 60 What a 40-Across wouldn't want from a tailor
 - 66 Noh costume's sash
 - 67 Whole-grain cereal brand
 - 68 City northeast of Lincoln
 - 69 Edge
 - 70 Like some winter days
 - 71 Evil spells
 - 27 Not obligated
 - 28 Hopelessness
 - 32 Like a latte made with nonfat milk
 - 37 Garnish for a Tom Collins
 - 38 Get underway
 - 40 Decisions
 - 41 Turns back to zero, e.g.
 - 44 Glass container
 - 46 To a great degree
 - 50 Role player
 - 51 Rosh Hashana VIP
 - 52 Energy company in 2001 news
 - 56 Attend
 - 58 Alternatively, in text-speak
 - 61 Took notice of
 - 62 Full of guile
 - 63 Government charge
 - 64 2008 film about a Cuban revolutionary
 - 65 Possesses
- DOWN**
- 1 1993-2020 SCOTUS member
 - 2 Important time
 - 3 "Neither a borrower ___ a lender be"
 - 4 Usually gray swimmer
 - 5 Slide along the pavement
 - 6 Mike Trout's org.
 - 7 Gondola propeller
 - 8 Conception
 - 9 Paper quantities
 - 10 Director's last words
 - 11 What a 40-Across wouldn't want to see at a salon
 - 12 Irked
 - 13 Athletic awards
 - 18 Country with the most polar bears
 - 22 Name hidden in "decorator"
 - 23 Turns toward
 - 24 Coastline recess
 - 25 What a 40-Across

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 Sharing and Oversharing, According to Mercury



Should you share your personal feelings? Who should know about the goings on in your life, and who shouldn't? These questions are worthy of our consideration now when public relations will have an impact on our attainment of goals. Among other things, the Mercury trine to Jupiter suggests a strategic approach to sharing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You will meet the idea at the intersection of a memory and a dream. Let it board your vehicle, and take it as far as it will go with you. This is a good one and will make fine company.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Belongings will echo your emotional state. Something you've been wearing, toting or looking at every day needs to go. Chuck it and you're immediately lighter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The deliveries, the visitors, the amusements... All drop in on their own schedule -- one you'll get no forewarning about. The door opens, and in comes the future.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll live truthfully in a fantasy, commit to a delusion or believe what you know couldn't possibly be. This is what it takes to make magic real, which will be your goal, your pleasure and your privilege.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are in pursuit of something you can't quite put your finger on. A moment of astonishment, a wondrous beat, a magical experience of the ordinary... You don't know what form it will come in, but you'll know it when you're in it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll buzz with electric insight, especially in the realm of personal relationships. This is tender territory, however, so don't give all your knowledge and advice. Hold back, read the room and then go cautiously forward.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). First-time happenings don't have to be amazing to be memorable because the inherent surprise of novelty is, in and of itself, impressive. This principle will work for you as you present something entirely new.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). It feels as though someone is performing for you. They play a character of what they believe the role should be instead of bringing who they are to the task. You can train your perception to see through the show.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You've seen much of the situation, but not too much. You still have enough wide-eyed optimism to look forward to what's coming around the bend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). One theory of self-realization suggests that who you are is essentially how you explain yourself to yourself. Work out the verbiage. It's a project worth spending time on. A little eloquence on the matter goes a long way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Get the big things right, and the small matters will come together brilliantly. You can depend on your intuition to guide you through quests of all sizes, from finding love to finding your keys.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Vanity serves its purpose. Pay attention your image now so later you can relax and do your work without worrying about what you look like doing it.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 1). You'll have the means to help a loved one and bring an ongoing lift to your family. Adding to your knowledge of a subject dear to you will thrill you. It's amazing what you can accomplish with others as passionate as you about the quest. One particularly sparkling relationship will open worlds. Sagittarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 17, 25, 12, 38 and 4.

Universal SUDOKU

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