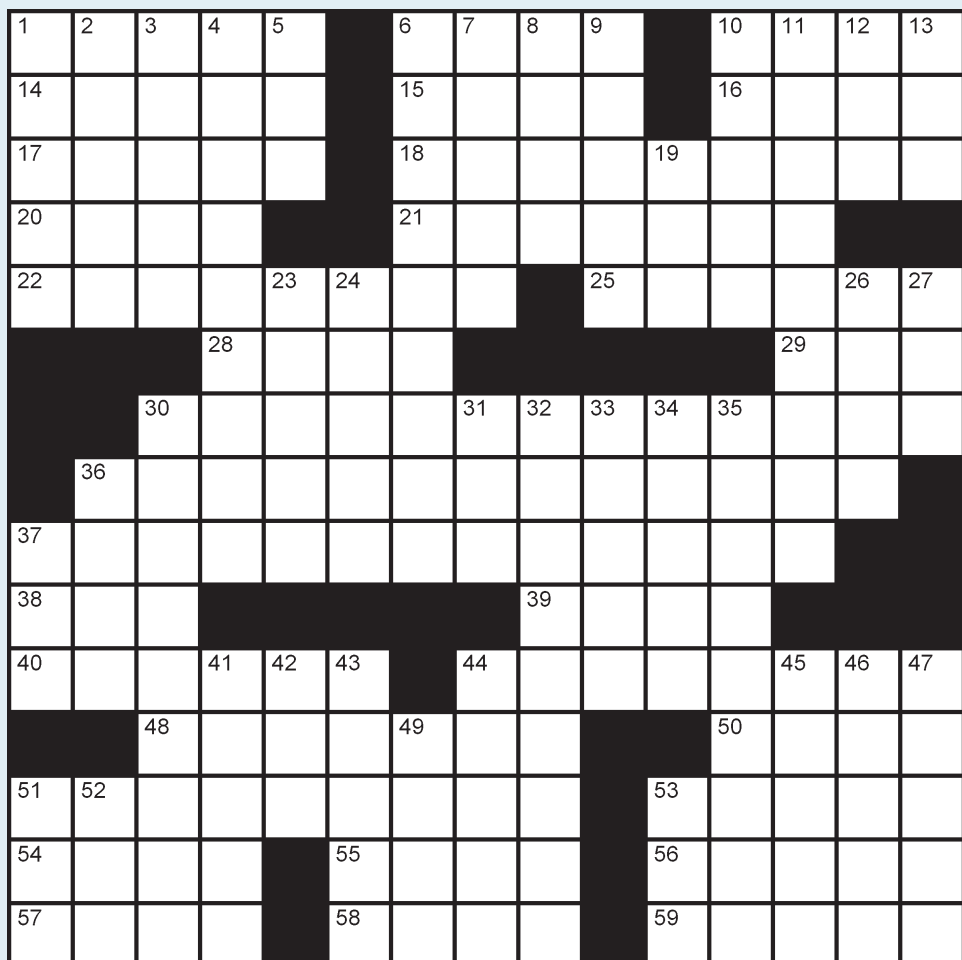


Universal Freestyle 7 by Will Nediger

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Speak with a sneer
 - 6 Dealer's giveaway?
 - 10 Garments that may have underwires
 - 14 Capital of Vietnam
 - 15 Soothing plant
 - 16 "Diamonds" musician, casually
 - 17 Betelgeuse's constellation
 - 18 Narration technique used in many documentaries
 - 20 Walk laboriously
 - 21 Region that includes all of Turkey
 - 22 Provide the main vocals
 - 25 Hollered
 - 28 Stepladder step
 - 29 "Eternally nameless" philosophical concept
 - 30 Words after "I'm staying in bed today," maybe
 - 36 Praise for one with innate talent
 - 37 Cross fit?
 - 38 Had a little lamb, e.g.
 - 39 Line on jeans
 - 40 Punch scooper
 - 44 Sophia Amoruso book describing her success in business
 - 48 Particularly precious stone
 - 50 RBG's first name
 - 51 Mistake during band practice
 - 53 Spotify category
 - 54 Share a boundary with
 - 55 Muppet who hosts "The Not-Too-Late Show"
 - 56 Wore out the carpet, say
 - 57 Frees (of)
 - 58 Garden in Genesis
 - 59 Distorts, as statistics
- DOWN**
- 1 Public market array
 - 2 Soccer legend Lloyd
 - 3 French ___ soup
 - 4 Fruits or dairy, e.g.
 - 5 Salmon part
 - 6 Attempt
 - 7 For all to hear
 - 8 Film style with a French name
 - 9 Tooth concern
 - 10 Cook with intense heat
 - 11 Either squad in an athletic showdown
 - 12 "___ you serious?"
 - 13 Knight's address
 - 19 Language suffix
 - 23 "Filthy" money
 - 24 Start a hedge maze
 - 26 ___ Grey tea
 - 27 Uno follower
 - 30 "Carry on my legacy!"
 - 31 Pfizer vaccine molecule
 - 32 Hearst Castle's site
 - 33 Cute mammal in a river
 - 34 Like a home on the range
 - 35 Percussive segment of a song
 - 36 Creature in Himalayan folklore
 - 37 Tiny bit
 - 41 Long pajama bottoms
 - 42 Rowing machine, informally
 - 43 Grammy-winning soprano Fleming
 - 44 "See what I'm saying?"
 - 45 Kitchen scale unit
 - 46 Sprinkle around
 - 47 Loses a layer
 - 49 Olympian's quest
 - 51 Pacifists oppose it
 - 52 Official baseball stat since 1920
 - 53 "Recalculating ..." device

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022 Mercury Gets Out of the Capricorn Game



In the game of tug of war, those who prematurely let go of the rope lose... with the satisfaction of watching the opposition tumble backward. Some games aren't worth playing. Others are worth playing but not worth winning. On Mercury's last day in Capricorn, objectively look at the games people play and decide which ones are for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Even if you have to make concessions beyond what you wanted to or apologize when you shouldn't have to, it's better to just get it over with so you can move on. Otherwise, it will be all you'll think about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Because you love someone, you watch out for the opportunity to demonstrate it in a meaningful, big-gesture kind of way. You'll now have the perfect opportunity to give from the heart and be received as such.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are actively keeping something out of your life, though you may not even realize it now because the behavior comes so automatically to you. Consider what you're blocking and decide if the boundary is still right for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It may seem easier for you to be what they want than to be what you want, but this is not a sustainable solution. Consider your needs and boundaries carefully before you agree to anything today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A goal may be glorious as it stands independently, but when you put all your goals together, you'll find some clash with others. Reorder, prioritize and make decisions to clear up conflicts.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Take action and you'll also be taking control. Take responsibility and you'll also be taking ownership. Take offense and you'll also be taking time and energy away from your mission.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Forget the world at large for a moment and you'll notice that your own world is running rather smoothly, as though filtered by soft light and pretty music.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're working on your problem on a multitude of levels, seeing it from all sides, including from a subconscious angle. Your dreams and daydreams will give you flashes of insight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What a strange tale you'll hear. The entertainment value is high even if the amount of factual evidence is quite low. You have a story to tell, too, and you'll be inspired to get creative and make it a good one.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There's a time and place for social risk, but many are easily offended today, making those risks barely worth taking. You're better off maintaining an inner smile and saying nothing.

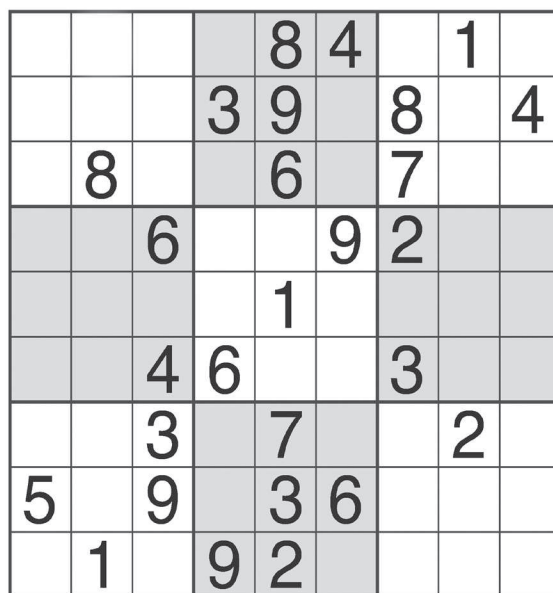
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Distance might make the heart grow fonder, but silence has the opposite effect. Stay in communication. Even if you only connect in brief moments of text, it keeps the bond alive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll be in a reflective mood and will see patterns in your life you hadn't noticed before. Fresh reserves of energy can be accessed through meditation, dance, prayer, exercise or song.

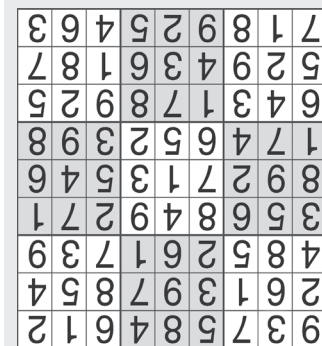
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 13). You can run and hide, but felicity will always catch up and find you. Even the most practical transactions are stuffed with magic that will continue to sprinkle loose over your life and work. You'll express yourself in different mediums and genres. You'll make savvy moves to improve finances. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 30, 1, 15 and 28.

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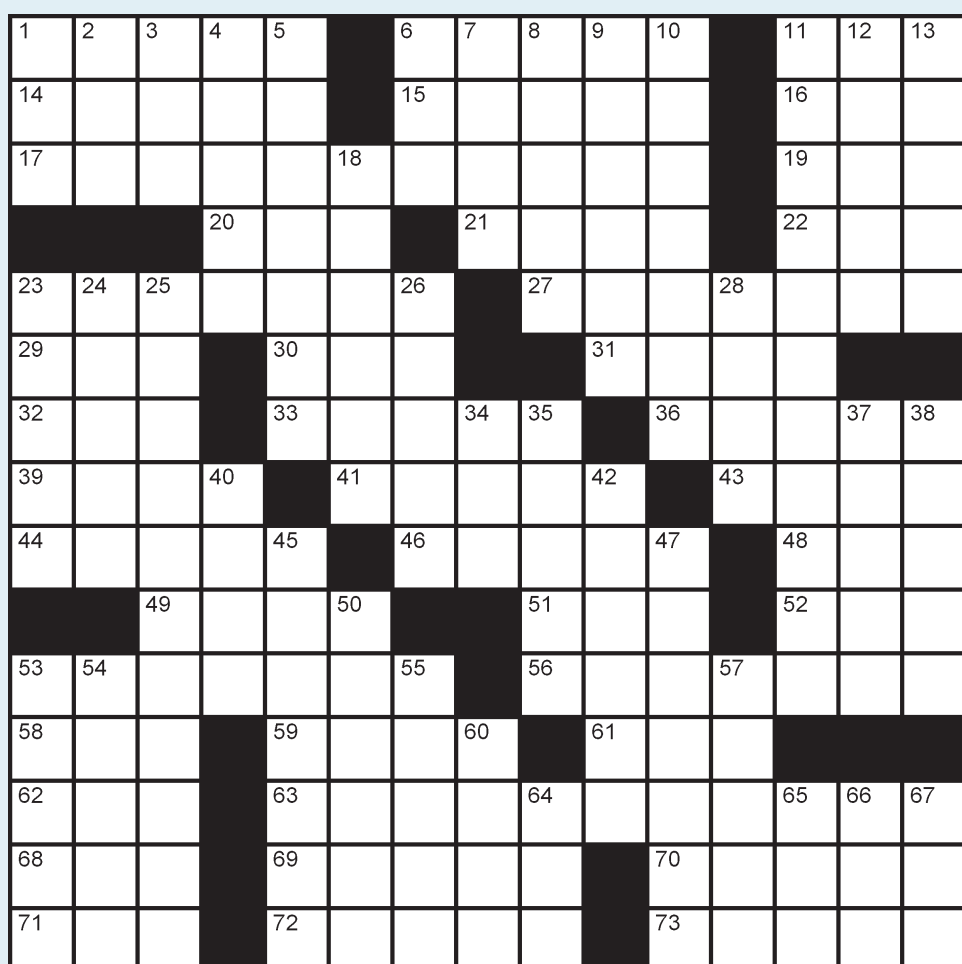


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Fantasy Sports by Will Eisenberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Thinks tactically
 - 6 Orange type
 - 11 Response to "How now, brown cow?"
 - 14 Quintet to which "Y" may be added
 - 15 Amazon assistant
 - 16 Like a good product name
 - 17 Unrestrained occult figures? (NHL/WNBA)
 - 19 Understand
 - 20 Actress Thurman
 - 21 Tip jar bills
 - 22 "Seeing red" emotion
 - 23 Debonair
 - 27 Hobbyist's miniature racer
 - 29 Glassblowing, e.g.
 - 30 Bout-ending decision: Abbr.
 - 31 Look for
 - 32 "My man!"
 - 33 Marine mammals that bark
 - 36 Game whose winner always throws?
 - 39 Bladed steering implements
 - 41 Put in power
 - 43 Like a blue lobster
 - 44 Nature spirit
 - 46 Bubble tea insert
 - 48 Baby goat
 - 49 "Where America's Day Begins" territory
 - 51 "Eureka!"
 - 52 Scrape (by)
 - 53 "White & Nerdy" singer Yankovic
 - 56 Pale lager
 - 58 British singer Rita
 - 59 Qatari, e.g.
 - 61 To the ___ degree
 - 62 Tea dispenser
 - 63 Flame-shooting sorcerers? (MLS/NBA)
 - 68 "___ my problem"
 - 69 Bird on the Mexican flag
 - 70 "This meeting could've been an ___"
 - 71 ICU workers
 - 72 Hones
 - 73 Discourage
- DOWN**
- 1 One of four for a fox
 - 2 Luau garland
 - 3 Feel lousy
 - 4 "Anyone can see that!"
 - 5 Mountains' tops
 - 6 Lil ___ X
 - 7 Type of flute or saxophone
 - 8 They carry blood to the heart
 - 9 Does wonderfully
 - 10 Stuck in a loop?
 - 11 Enchanted sea monster? (NBA/NHL)
 - 12 Work such as "Doctor Atomic"
 - 13 Animal that floats on its back
 - 18 Daddy ___ (rapper from Puerto Rico, not New England)
 - 23 Apply lightly
 - 24 Assortment
 - 25 Lightning-wielding behemoths?
 - 26 Objectives (WNBA/NFL)
 - 28 Drop that's shed
 - 34 Apt rhyme for "net"
 - 35 Small piece of paper
 - 37 Tot's ride
 - 38 Meal with a recitation of the 10 Plagues
 - 40 Goad
 - 42 Falafel sandwich topper
 - 45 Cracked open some drinks
 - 47 Danced in 3/4 time
 - 50 Carey dubbed "Queen of Christmas"
 - 53 Injury
 - 54 Program problem on its back
 - 55 Big soda size
 - 57 Emotion often paired with guilt
 - 60 Sing loudly, with "out"
 - 64 "Isle of Dogs" director Anderson
 - 65 Maze runner
 - 66 Run out of batteries
 - 67 Camera type, briefly

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 Leo Moon Valentine



A realistic person enters relationships with the mindset that they will take work. Some would even say "hard work," but this Leo Moon Valentine's Day suggests we draw a line. Sure, it will get hard at some point, but shouldn't it start out easy? Bonus points for fun, sweet, giggly, butterfly-inducing or glamorous.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You want to get to know someone but you're not ready to reveal everything about yourself just yet. Don't think too hard about how to proceed. It's a dance, not a science. Feel the rhythm and go.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Realizing the implications, you are not sure if you want to jump at the opportunity for more power. Authority implies responsibility for others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Socially, you have many options today. Don't be discouraged by those who seem to relish creating doubt. To surround yourself with positive people is to live in sunshine.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). This isn't a fairytale but a love story, full of magic stitched into the details with golden thread. Tend to the little things and the big picture shimmers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Affection comes in many forms. It can feel like butterflies that accompany high hopes of connection, the pangs of longing or something similar to what you feel when you see food coming at a restaurant. It's all good!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love is a verb. Today you are likely to work love, play love, dance love and speak love today. Just don't buy love because if it's for sale, it's probably not love.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a skilled sculptor, shaping relationships and turning them into works of art. The choices you make will define your love, and the actions you take will confirm it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Despite knowing that the person who cares the least in the relationship has the most control, you would rather care more and submit to the wide array of feelings attachment can produce.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will be attracted to the person who challenges you. You'll sing the song, play the game, meet the challenge ... and then you'll do it all over again at the next level and then the next.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). While you are inspired and impressed by people with noble qualities, it is also important to be around people who make you feel like you belong and are accepted. You'll get the best of both worlds.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). True happiness is impossible to achieve in isolation; it is dependent upon the contentment of others. You'll have evidence of their contentment today, fortifying your sunshine agenda.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Like every other human, you occasionally experience moments of self-doubt. Yet you show up, a beacon of competence, ready to take on the challenge. The power of your presence attracts love.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 14). You'll shine as you influence, teach, help many and get paid. Celebrate to the hilt; you've long worked for this. You'll see a happy resolution to a family problem. Your personal life gets velvety smooth, which makes all else feel good, even breathing. Also featured: Hot tickets and a brilliant investment. Leo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 7, 1, 17 and 30.

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