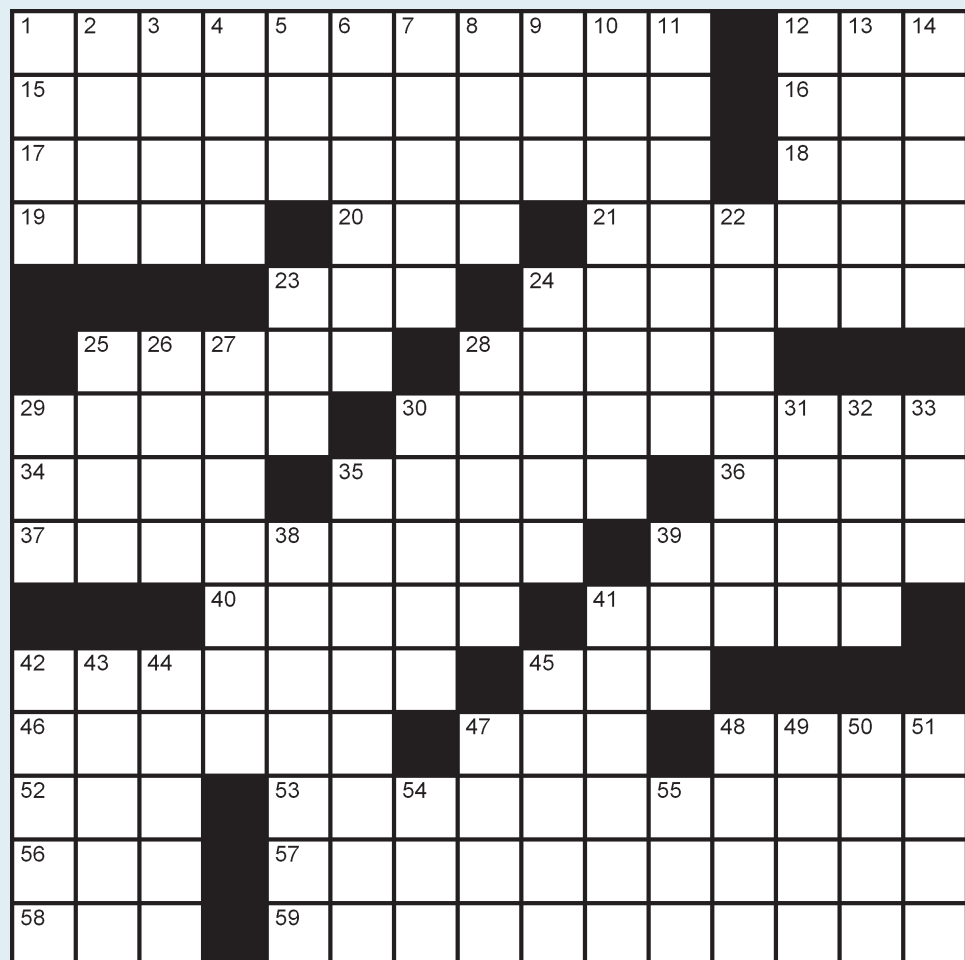


### Universal Freestyle 8 by Enrique Henestroza Anguian

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Royalty payment?
  - 12 Hot stone massage locale
  - 15 "Not this guy"
  - 16 Crow call
  - 17 Filmmakers' organizing spaces
  - 18 Fix the outcome of
  - 19 Nurture, as a garden
  - 20 \_\_\_ and outs
  - 21 Fuel rating
  - 23 Place for whale watching
  - 24 Orbital shape
  - 25 Patronizes Etsy or eBay
  - 28 Worth
  - 29 Like melted ice cream
  - 30 Like matching mugs for some newlyweds
  - 34 Sandy bit of land
  - 35 More pleasant
  - 36 A welder of the Force he is
  - 37 Gave college advice to, maybe
  - 39 Email answer
  - 40 Cries and cries
  - 41 Superstar's entourage
  - 42 Big name in domain names
  - 45 Animal on a milk carton, perhaps
  - 46 Reluctant (to)
  - 47 Tank filler
  - 48 Matcha and oolong, e.g.
  - 52 Moment, briefly
  - 53 "Just a little farther!"
  - 56 One in the big leagues
  - 57 Mushroom with a funnel-shaped cap
  - 58 Mess of a place
  - 59 Royalty payment?
- DOWN**
- 1 Attention-getting whisper
  - 2 Mechanical way to learn
  - 3 "It's my time to shine!"
  - 4 \_\_\_ out (go deep on a topic)
  - 5 Playfully shy
  - 6 Phonetic term for folks who don't identify as male or female
  - 7 "Bleeding Love" singer Lewis
  - 8 Votes of approval
  - 9 Camera initials
  - 10 Currency in NYC
  - 11 Mix of lettuces and other greens
  - 12 Bit of cloth
  - 13 Tylenol targets
  - 14 "Well, shucks!"
  - 22 Decorates with swirly colors
  - 23 "\_\_\_ Kids" (film series featuring secret agents)
  - 24 Made less challenging
  - 25 Just OK
  - 26 "The Handmaid's Tale" carrier
  - 27 Place for a free Cuba libre
  - 28 Bad habits
  - 29 Attack dog command
  - 30 Full of ups and downs?
  - 31 Brewery supply
  - 32 Doing nothing
  - 33 "\_\_\_ it ain't so!"
  - 35 Indian city with the Qutb Minar, colloquially
  - 38 Extremely inept person
  - 39 Spreadsheet grouping
  - 41 Movie collectible
  - 42 Audibly reacts in surprise
  - 43 Not subtle
  - 44 Misleading thing
  - 45 Selects for a movie role
  - 47 Instrument in Chinese opera
  - 48 Subsequently
  - 49 Fish that go into unagi rolls
  - 50 "Black Dog" singer Parks
  - 51 Come across as
  - 54 Guy
  - 55 \_\_\_-la-la

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022 A Pisces Sun Prompt



Look around. Unless you're standing in the woods right now, almost everything you see would have been unimaginable just a few centuries ago. Under these Pisces solar vibes, don't underestimate the power of dreaming the impossible dream. Without unrealistic expectations there would be no such thing as the modern world.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** Social confidence is not based on the belief that people like you; it is based on the belief that (SET ITAL) you (END ITAL) like you. Your approval rating matters less and less as you enter your flow.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Everyone needs you at once. However, when and if you respond to people is entirely up to you. You haven't always felt like it's your right to go at your own pace, but their urgency doesn't have to be yours.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** There is someone you know well who is no longer taking in your full glory. When someone else notices your wonderful qualities, it will shake things up. Suddenly, you will get all the attention you deserve.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Work that you are suited for allows you to thrive. It's important to remember, however, that the perfect work for you is not necessarily what's needed and wanted in the moment. Be flexible and open-minded.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You strive to have a stress-free day and will largely succeed in doing so. However, some stress is good for you. Too much tranquility will lead to stagnation and boredom.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You have a big assignment coming up. If you have enough time to do it right, you will be satisfied with the endeavor. But if not, you can negotiate to make it so.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You will work on several aspects of a project at once. At first, it won't seem like you're accomplishing much. Work this dispersed is difficult to track. As you build, however, something impressive will emerge.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Even those with no idea how to help will be full of advice. It would be laughable if you weren't so polite. Be discerning. Find out who the real experts are and make an appointment with a true authority.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Sunshine, exercise, sleep, laughter, wholesome food -- all these contribute to good moods. In an attempt to cheer someone up, you'll lift not only them but also three other people, one of whom is you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Make sure you have a backup system in place. Besides being an excellent practice, it will give you an idea of how much you've accomplished over time, and the value of your work.

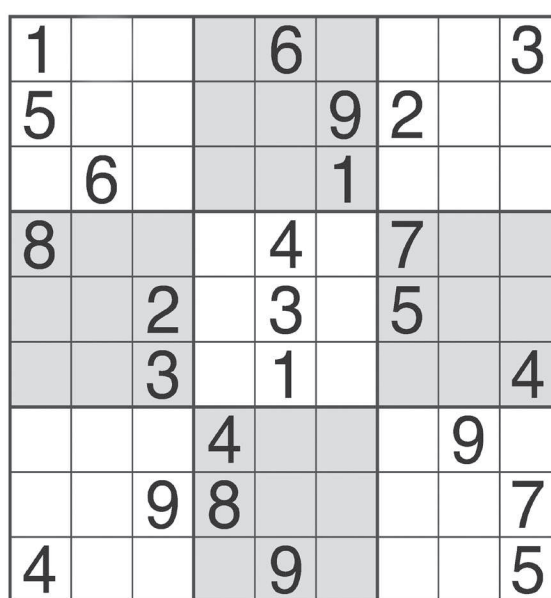
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** It's usually easy for you to read people, even total strangers. But today people will surprise you. Don't make assumptions. Instead, ask questions.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Having a strong sense of style isn't just about good taste or bad taste; it's more about specific choices and intentions that are repeated in an identifiable pattern.

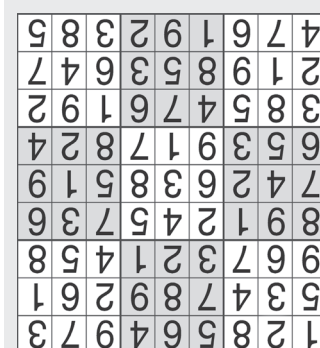
**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 20).** Worries will disappear. You'll be heartened by the mounting evidence of your life's progress. New friends, exciting plans and interesting twists come in the next 10 weeks. Maintain high energy with solid self-care; you'll need to be at your best to keep up with your good fortune. An investment will bring a prime return. Cancer and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 48, 20, 13 and 15.

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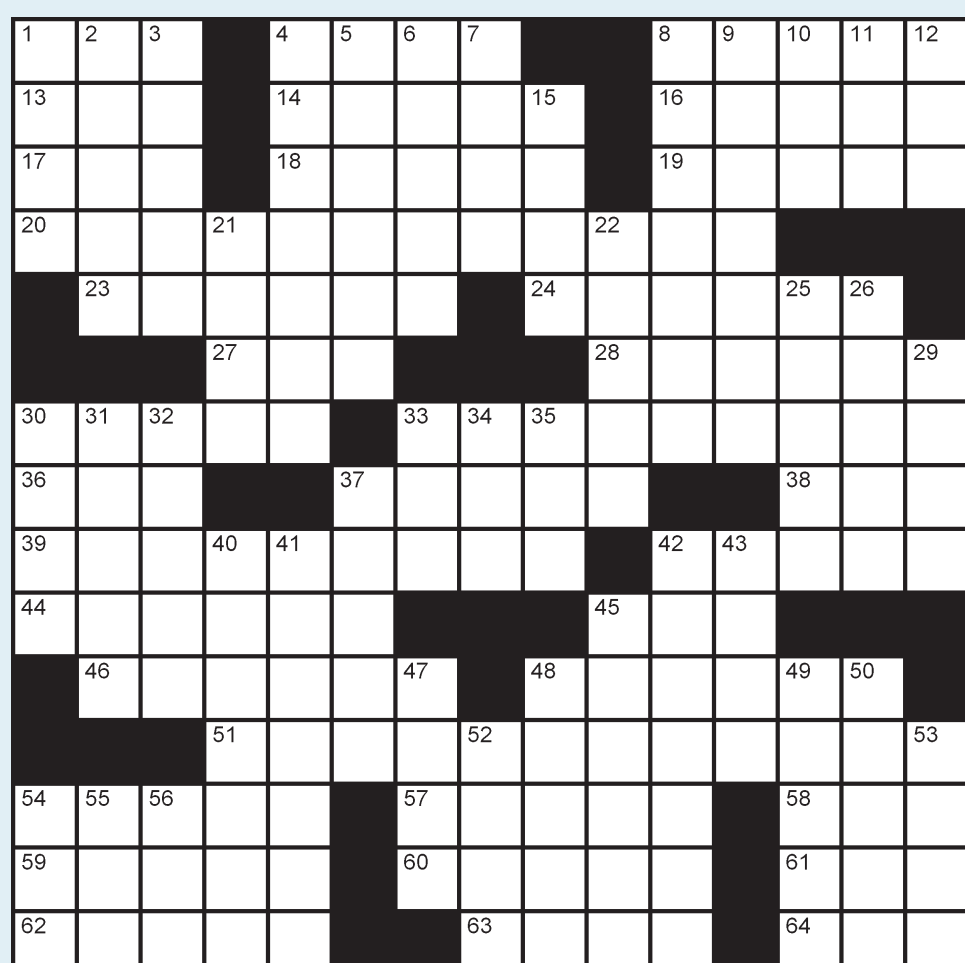


### SOLUTIONS



### Swinging Celebration by Desiree Penner and Jeff Sinnock

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS**
- 1 Bed wear, briefly
  - 4 Place for mascara
  - 8 Pretty poor grade
  - 13 Sea creature that rhymes with "seal"
  - 14 Neckwear for Fred of "Scooby-Doo"
  - 16 Like the Blarney Stone
  - 17 Golf ball prop
  - 18 Bejeweled topper
  - 19 Barely managed
  - 20 James Bond or Jason Bourne (In this clue's answer, see letters 9-6)
  - 23 Moocher
  - 24 Winter Olympians in goggles
  - 27 John, in Britain
  - 28 "... yadda, yadda, yadda"
  - 30 Some jabs in boxing
  - 33 Hidden danger (... letters 9-5)
  - 36 One of the Mannings
  - 37 Too showy
  - 38 Santa \_\_\_ winds
  - 39 Train conductor's cry (... letters 5-2)
  - 42 Gives a bit
  - 44 Certain mobsters
  - 45 Item in a pod
  - 46 Disgraces
  - 48 Wipes away
  - 51 Change in what's happening, or a theme hint
  - 54 Renaissance Faire instruments
  - 57 Crop up
  - 58 Bit of body art, in slang
  - 59 Debate topic
  - 60 More ghostly
  - 61 Kind of trip for the conceited
  - 62 Fruits that taper upward
  - 63 "Shall we?" reply
  - 64 One at the gym?
- DOWN**
- 1 Hamsters and others
  - 2 Army autos
  - 3 Catch some Z's
  - 4 Ricky Martin and Alex Rodriguez, for two
  - 5 Cheesy bagel choice
  - 6 1-10, e.g.
  - 7 Dance at a Jewish wedding
  - 8 Worthiness of respect
  - 9 Shield
  - 10 Extremely fun, as a party
  - 11 Type of port for a thumb drive
  - 12 Like a wallflower
  - 15 Makes it?
  - 21 Filly's counterpart
  - 22 Barely make it
  - 25 Showed in syndication, say
  - 26 Spot to testify
  - 29 IRS experts
  - 30 Rachel's sister
  - 31 \_\_\_ Island (onetime arrival point for immigrants)
  - 32 Smut
  - 33 Sheep's bleat
  - 34 The "O" of SOS, supposedly
  - 35 Like 1, 3, 5, 7 ...
  - 37 One who's toast
  - 40 No expert
  - 41 Puzzles
  - 42 Animals on Canadian nickels
  - 43 Lack of hardships
  - 45 Like favorite stations on a car radio
  - 47 Partner of Crackle and Pop
  - 48 Submit a tax return online
  - 49 PC key above Shift
  - 50 All the world, to Shakespeare
  - 52 Exam given face-to-face
  - 53 Octagonal street sign
  - 54 Something to gloss over?
  - 55 Employ
  - 56 Grp. with full-body scanners

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022 Lucky Water Sign Trine



Access to the right tools and ingredients doesn't automatically produce a successful outcome. Attitude and other intangible qualities such as imagination, ingenuity and determination will matter more than anything you can touch. This message comes courtesy of an intuitive lunar water trine to the Pisces sun.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You do the work and produce the product. A number of results will follow, including (but not limited to) happy customers, muscle aches, accolades, friends and magic.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Would you be more willing to rack up mistakes if you knew you had to make a certain number of them to get to the prize? Pretend it's so. Try and fail, grow and learn; you will get there!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It's like a hide-and-seek game in which you are the seeker. If the others haven't done their job, an advantage falls to you. A time frame was set, and now, ready or not, here you come.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You may find that your backup plan is even more satisfying than plan A. Because you're so prepared for anything, you'll move forward with confidence that attracts only the best.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Play around with the problem. Try shaking it, turning it and poking it to see what it's made of. This one doesn't need a delicate touch, but rather to be called out, opened up and examined fully.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** The plot of the day will be shaped by your strong sense of duty. As a loyal friend, you do what's right for a relationship even when it's inconvenient or uncomfortable.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You won't only feel moved to give to your family but you'll also be inspired to join forces with a friend or group to help others.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Someone may want to mentor you because they see your potential. Although you may not be eager for advice at this point, it will feel comforting to know that your contribution is valued.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Even though you are the most generous of the bunch, you prefer not to be noticed. In fact, being called out in this way embarrasses you. It is therefore best if you give anonymously.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** If you hide your heart, you'll forget where it is -- and then how will you love? Deny your heart and its voice will diminish. A silenced heart serves no one. The right thing to do with a heart is listen to it.

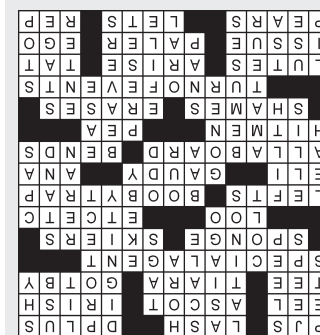
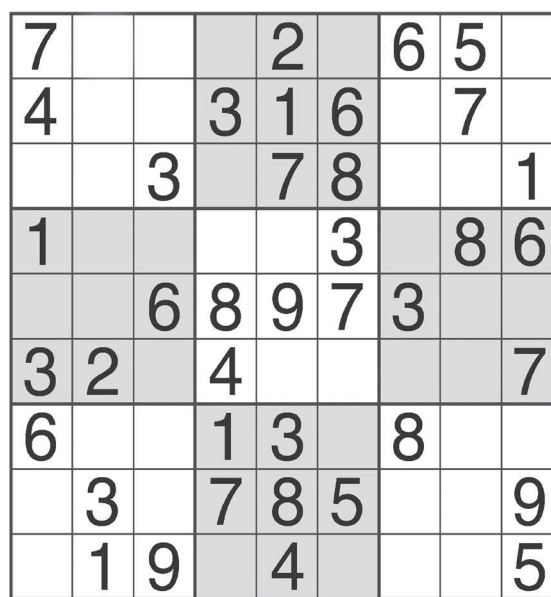
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Everyone has a certain amount of time they can tolerate going without attention. It can be days for some, minutes for others. You will be acutely sensitive to the attention needs of others and all too aware of your own.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** They need your invigorating presence at a function where, quite frankly, everyone will be bored without you. Have fun with the things others take too seriously, and go where you're most useful.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Feb. 21).** You're a fix-it pro. You'll get broken things up and running to lucrative effect. Smiles and happy customers surround you. Formal education is a feature of 2022, and you'll thrive as you apply what you learn. You'll invest creative energy into building relationships and derive satisfaction and pride from the resulting bonds. Libra and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 40, 1, 11 and 20.

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