

Universal Freestyle 10 by Malaika Handa

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

15x15 crossword grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 They're virtually worthless... 11 That's counterpart... 15 Veggies used in salsa verde... 16 ___ Raton (Ariana Grande's birthplace)... 17 Changes 3.14 to 3, say... 18 Acronym for physics, algebra, etc... 19 Ish... 20 Command with a floppy disk icon... 21 TikTok and Twitter, for two... 22 Docking platforms... 24 Therefore... 26 Green-lights (Cracks knuckles) "Challenge accepted!"... 31 ___ Bo (fitness system)... 32 Haphazard... 36 Add oxygen to... 38 Floral garlands... 39 Insult good-naturedly... 41 Agenda unit... 42 "That was my best shot!"... 44 One-legged asana in yoga... 46 Main animal in "Animal Farm"... 47 Modern portraits... 49 Name that's an alphabet sequence... 50 Huey, Dewey and Louie, for one... 51 White stuff in a White Russian, often... 56 Isolate at the office... 58 Whiny kid... 61 Roof edge... 62 Multiplatinum Rihanna album... 63 Musical shifts... 65 Unwanted stocking stuffer... 66 People outside the Stonewall Inn in 1969, e.g... 67 Out of whack... 68 Event a fraternity may throw... DOWN: 1 Razor sharpener... 2 One spelling for a deep-fried Indian bread... 3 Tickle... 4 Stately home... 5 Fifteen mins. after boarding, say... 6 Fail to hit... 7 Alan of "The West Wing"... 8 "Great to hear, friend!"... 9 Opposite of "raises"... 10 IRS ID... 11 Olive oil meas... 12 Vegetable that kids pass on?... 13 Cutting-edge hockey equipment?... 14 "iCarly" character... 21 Top-notch... 23 Grassy surface... 25 Pointed beard... 27 Rhyming note on a failed test... 29 Like a black diamond run, vis-a-vis a blue square run... 30 Equal: Prefix... 32 Ignores a Caution Wet Floor sign, maybe... 33 When tripled, a holiday song... 34 Lightest instrument?... 35 Trident-shaped Greek letter... 37 Tear... 40 ___ Lanka... 43 11-Across, in Spanish... 45 "Exit full screen" key... 48 Volleyball position, or Italian for "free"... 52 Oscar de la ___ (Dominican designer)... 53 Itching to go... 54 Stave off... 55 Full of drama... 57 Flower by a pad... 59 Play group?... 60 Rap's Megan ___ Stallion... 62 Obama health law: Abbr... 63 Speed meas. in Kenya... 64 Egyptian snake

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022 Planets Highlight Two Paths to Power



The need to feel powerful is universal. Mars and Venus move into the sign of Aquarius, highlighting different paths to power. One involves taking on more, while the other involves cutting down. Whether you decide to grow and reach or simplify and shrink your environment to a more manageable size is a matter of individual choice. ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll come to a situation in which you may seek authority, as it seems you need it to pass through the gate. But there is no universal ticket that will allow you to pass. Only you can authorize yourself. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). No matter how hard you try, you won't be able to see yourself as well as the person sitting across from you. Ask that person for a little insight. It will give you an edge. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You crave honesty. The rawness of another will speak to your own. This is why you'll find a vivid mess of a person more interesting than the one doing everything appropriately and correctly. CANCER (June 22-July 22). When you like someone, you want to help and support them in any way they need. But when you love someone, you want to dazzle them. This will take planning. You'll be excellent at it today. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). No, you're not imagining it; people look to you to solve a problem. You've solved problems before, and they want you to do it again. In today's case, this has to do with charming or entertaining them. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Things get a lot more interesting when they are delivered through mysterious or artful methods. The same discourse that causes the glazing over of eyeballs is made fascinating by the right messenger.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Solving new problems often takes a while as you fumble around to figure out what's going to work. It's not so today; you'll get lucky early on with a good and graceful option. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The beginning of projects and relationships establish the tone and rhythm of what follows. You'll have more influence when you get in on things in the early stages. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Ever since you went looking for your happiness and didn't find it, you've been wondering if someone moved it, stole it, scared it off... or what? It's waiting inside a job you can take on to help someone. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Emotional and karmic tabulations can be much trickier to figure out than your run-of-the-mill financial debt. Try to agree on a currency, though, and you'll be on your way. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You're sly as a spy. You're paying attention to more than you appear to be. Sights in your periphery will inform. You'll learn something crucial as you pretend not to notice it at all. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you knew it was impossible for you to lose anything that was essentially yours, how would you play it? Would you relax? Would you gain tremendous confidence? Would you take a risk? TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 6). Charming and spontaneous, you'll prove your mastery of the art of living in the moment. Your improvisations will make memories and sometimes money. Summer sees you serious about a goal and dropping the distractions that compete for your focus. You'll step up as your own boss, call shots and claim rewards. Leo and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 3, 33, 47 and 49.

Universal SUDOKU

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 pre-filled.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

9x9 grid for solutions to the Sudoku puzzle.

SOLUTIONS

9x9 grid showing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.

Put on Shades by Rich Proulx

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

12x12 crossword grid with numbers 1-66 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Grp. whose alphabet includes Romeo and Juliet... 5 Steamed... 8 Australian friends... 13 Beige hue... 14 Ready-to-assemble furniture store... 16 "___ you glad?"... 17 Signs of wind at sea... 19 California, for Berkeley... 20 One of Peter Rabbit's sisters... 21 Fire from a job... 23 Goddess of dawn... 24 Omelet ingredient... 27 Doctor's charge... 28 Word that may have an apostrophe... 29 Response to an unexpected call?... 31 Slowly, in music... 33 Celestial body beyond Neptune... 35 Not now?... 36 Georgia Tech team (whose mascot is named Buzz)... 39 "Star Trek" antagonist... 40 To the extent that... 41 Stories that are often untrue... 44 Jack Sprat's restriction... 45 Paris' ___ de la Cite... 46 Fish that sounds like 45-Across... 48 (There's a bug in my hair!)... 49 Rating for some cartoons... 52 Paving material... 55 Strange... 57 Cosmetics maven... 58 City's eco-friendly edge... 61 Like a swamp with many plants... 62 Clothing line?... 63 Indonesian island known for tourism... 64 Assents... 65 In support of... 66 Zealous fan... DOWN: 1 Self-description after a fresh start... 2 Sound heard before "Gesundheit!"... 3 Getaways... 4 Double play's twosome... 5 Comedian's device... 6 Alias intro... 7 "The Dancer" actress Lily-Rose... 8 Like most essential workers, in 2022... 9 Sciences' partner... 10 Small candles... 11 Beings... 12 Tramples... 15 "Not a chance!"... 18 Quite a sight... 22 Org. that funds documentaries... 25 Preferred choice... 26 Looks radiant... 29 "Send me!"... 32 Bothered intensely... 33 Spreads throughout... 34 "Spider-Man" actor Willem... 36 Boast that comeuppance is coming... 37 Workplace for a barista... 38 Monster of the deep... 39 Act involving a corrupt official... 42 Changes, as locks... 43 Volleyball move... 47 Timber mill inputs... 49 Dog's reward... 50 Expansive vacation home... 51 Enter, like a vehicle... 53 Give up... 54 Get ready, for short... 56 Wanes... 59 Notable elephant feature... 60 Angry rock genre

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2022 Cosmic Game Changer



Yesterday, Venus and Mars switched signs to connect in Aquarius, followed by a lunar shift. The omen sets the stage for novel interests and the rumbling of different appetites. It's just enough change to make things interesting. Stay confident. Affirm your ability to handle things. Take it on like a game. It's supposed to be fun. ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your brain lights up with all you learn today. If you happen to make mistakes along the way, consider yourself lucky. It's a sign that you're taking chances, living boldly and trying new things. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). More regulations and requirements mean fewer possible answers to the problem. When you're stuck for the solution, take away some of the limits. What will ultimately work may be something outside your current set of rules. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In your imagination, you should be able to do anything, even fly. Will you let yourself? Don't clip your own wings. Allow yourself the pleasure of visualizing what you desire. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll think the best of people, and they'll exceed your expectations. And when you're wrong, this is a kinder way to be wrong. Later, you'll be proud of how you treated people. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When it comes to your favorite thing, your enjoyment is multidimensional. The more you know about the inner workings, the more you appreciate it. As your comprehension grows, so does your pleasure. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). People stir your curiosity. Because you seem open, they'll tell you their stories unbidden. Has life brought you both to this place for a reason? You'll certainly feel enriched by the intersection.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your life is rife with lucky misunderstandings, fortuitous mistakes and enjoyable inconveniences. No event is "good" or "bad." All events are merely "happening." SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The treasure map in your hand doesn't technically make you richer, even if you happen to be standing right where "X" marks the spot. You'll get richer after you get your hands dirty with the dig. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There are many options you haven't tried that you really don't have to try to know they are not for you. When you think about your options, you push all of your senses into them, including your common sense. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Can you get a trial run before you commit? It will be easier to change your mind in the early stages of an idea, and extremely complicated to do so once you've signed on the line. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Keep track of interesting things that occur throughout the day so you can remember to bring them up later in social discourse. You'll find that the more amusements you take note of, the more will come into view. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Wisdom does not always seem practical in the moment. Today's insights won't make sense until after you've gotten some distance on the situation. Do something else for a while. Things will be different upon your return. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 7). You'll do what you set out to do -- remarkable considering your ambitious goals. Since you'll be flying high, it's important to check yourself; surround yourself with those strong enough to provide honest, quality feedback. You'll benefit from a sale at the end of the spring. A new chapter begins with an alliance. Sagittarius and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 45, 2, 15, 30 and 16.

Universal SUDOKU

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 pre-filled.

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

9x9 grid for solutions to the Sudoku puzzle.

SOLUTIONS

9x9 grid showing the solution to the Sudoku puzzle.