

Universal Freestyle 21 by Jared Goudsmit

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

13x13 crossword grid with numbers 1-59 indicating starting positions for clues.

- ACROSS: 1 Ski resort landform, 5 Muslim leaders, 10 Chunk of concrete, 14 Palm with purple berries, 15 Residence that's going, going, gone!, 17 Lemon rind part, 18 Frightening flag at sea, 19 Stretcher carrier: Abbr., 20 "You bet!", 21 Henhouse perch, 22 \_\_\_ intolerance (dairy lover's woe), 24 Worry, 26 Stack the deck in poker, maybe, 27 Apt rhyme for "sod", 28 Grier in "Jackie Brown", 31 "Real helpful, jerk!", 33 T. rex, e.g., 34 Clue, 35 "Tell me \_\_\_ it!", 36 Not tricked by, 37 Rainfall unit, 38 Words to a goner, 40 "Get it now?", 41 The early one gets the worm, 42 Drug bust figure, informally, 43 \_\_\_ Blanc (one of the Alps), 44 "Landslide" or "Hurt", 46 Radio station sign, 49 Nightclub in a Manilow song, 50 Language related to Thai, 51 What brings people down to Earth, 54 Ring of light, 55 Left nothing to the imagination, 56 Matrimonial exchange, 57 Storage building, 58 Handbag, 59 One of many in "War and Peace", DOWN: 1 Greenish eye color, 2 Hotel fixture that fills buckets, 3 Final opportunity, 4 More than buzzed, 5 "That's only my opinion", 6 Actress Demi, 7 Up to the job, 8 "Cool" amount, 9 Cunning, 10 "Dang!", 11 Red Lobster's features a red lobster, 12 Iowa State's city, 13 He rooms with Ernie, 16 Missed the mark, 20 Submerge, perhaps, 23 Dime, vis-a-vis a dollar, 24 King Arthur Baking product, 25 Bad influence, 27 What cotton candy resembles, 28 Cocktail with coconut cream, 29 Snack that isn't really made with insects, 30 Not worth discussing, 31 Out of \_\_\_ world, 32 "Call off the mission!", 33 "Are there more wheels or \_\_\_ in the world?" (viral question), 39 "Look! I'm amazing!", 41 Interest-free?, 43 Wearing a wire, perhaps, 44 Makes dirty, 45 "Silly" animal, 46 Globes, 47 "Stranger Things" actor Schnapp, 48 4,840 square yards, 49 Blacken on the grill, 52 Waiter's reward, 53 Person in costume?, 54 All the rage

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2022 Mercury in Taurus



Is your wallet vibrating? Those with expensive taste may feel a tingle in their card-swiping hand as the messenger planet enters the sign of money, possessions, luxurious appetites and sensual selectiveness. Keep in mind that opulence is in the eye of the beholder, and many of life's best flavors are readily available to the aware connoisseur.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Do invite the muses to help you with your work. They'll show up somewhere between fashionably late and laughably after-hours, but they'll come, and that will make a beautiful difference.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll have little need of a remote control today as the events of the day will supply you with entertainment aplenty. The best way to change channels in real life is with your feet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Keeping score will be a waste of time. You also shouldn't concern yourself with who gets the last laugh. As long as everyone laughs at some point, comedy lives.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Reality will be stretched, disbelief suspended -- that's entertainment! Keep a sense of humor whether you sit back and watch or take part in the act. You'll have a great time either way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A fine line separates what's funny from what's simply sad. You'll find that line and walk it with great sensitivity today as you explain what's going on with you and react to other people's stories, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love can seem like a flying bird -- lofty, impossible to catch from the ground, though quite possible to attract. Put out a feeder, so to speak, and create a safe and lovely place to land.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There are many possible solutions for the problem at hand, including foolish ones marketed to people who don't know better. You'll help those with less street sense figure out the right solution.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You get along with everyone, even when they don't get along with one another. Neutrality has worked out well for you so far. Keep it up for as long as you possibly can.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sensations will change with your interpretation of them. Like an athlete who pushes past discomfort in the name of building muscles, you may assign a new and different meaning to certain pain signals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You're crossing things off your list, if not actually then at least mentally. But why not actually? You'll want to look back on these times, so commit the plan to writing; make it official.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You have a suspicion that the strong person you know needs more love and care than most people would guess. You're onto something. Give them a call.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll have an instinct for what to handle and when to handle it, so don't worry about the order of things today; just dive in. The best time to do things will be when they are necessary.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 22). You are a talent to be reckoned with, and you'll find the audience and mission to shine with. This year, your crew gets closer, your network wider and your social and emotional skills sharper and more accommodating than ever. You'll check two items off of your bucket list and make way for intriguing new adds. Taurus and Gemini adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 14, 2, 20 and 48.

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: ★★★★★

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Sunday Themeless by Adrian Johnson

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HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, MAY 23, 2022 Last Day of Mars Cycle



On this, the last day of a Mars cycle, we note that control is an illusion, not a solution. Oddly enough, the need to control things and people often gets in the way of managing life like a boss. Seek a comprehensive understanding of the nature of things to align them properly and harness their power to a particular end.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You'll make a significant dent in a big project. You won't finish it all in a day, but at this rate you'll get to the next milestone ahead of schedule and be celebrated for your timing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Maybe there's an obstacle in the environment to complicate this journey, but it's more surmountable than the internal limits you have in place. These are self-created, and once you discover them, they will be self-eliminated.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everything around you has the potential to spend your attention, which is a finite resource. Cutting just one thing will allow you to spend your attention in your preferred way.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Falling in love is a wonderful sensation. Whether you're falling for a person, place or activity, it's the same rush, accompanied by music only you and your love can hear.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Feelings have a way of forcing you to deal with them today. Tamp them down in one situation and they'll find a way to burble up in another. Treat it like a project. It will be worth whatever time it takes.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You have questions, and the people around you will have the obvious answers. Go wide. Throw the problem out to the universe at large. You'll love the variety pack of possible solutions that comes back to you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your moral sense makes it painful for you to do anything but the right thing... so long as you know what that is. Today's situation doesn't make it obvious. If you decide not to decide yet, it's a fine decision indeed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Be a little selfish with your time now or you could be snagged into a strange obligation. If you take on too much, or the wrong thing, you'll become reacquainted with the amorphous weightiness know as dread.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your brain is firing brilliantly. Ask yourself to solve a problem and you will. Aim your bold fantasies at the future; shoot your brilliant imaginings into the sky.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). No one is you. People fulfill similar roles and jobs and have other facts in common, but you're the only one bringing it all together in your particular way, and that is your power. Lean into your uniqueness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). To carry out the strategy best for your particular strengths, you will need to prepare differently from the way the others are. There's no need to show anyone, though nosy competitors would love to know.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). While the people around you may not get along with one another so well now, you'll be on friendly terms with everyone. You've gotten this far by not taking sides, and you'll do well to remain neutral.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (May 23). Visionary powers will be at a high this year. You'll fantasize consistently in one direction, then you'll see your world change shape to fit your dream. You have a talent for getting people charged up. You'll lead, manage and inspire groups. Your power will be reflected in the sizes of the smiles of the people around you. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 4, 9, 29, 22 and 16.

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