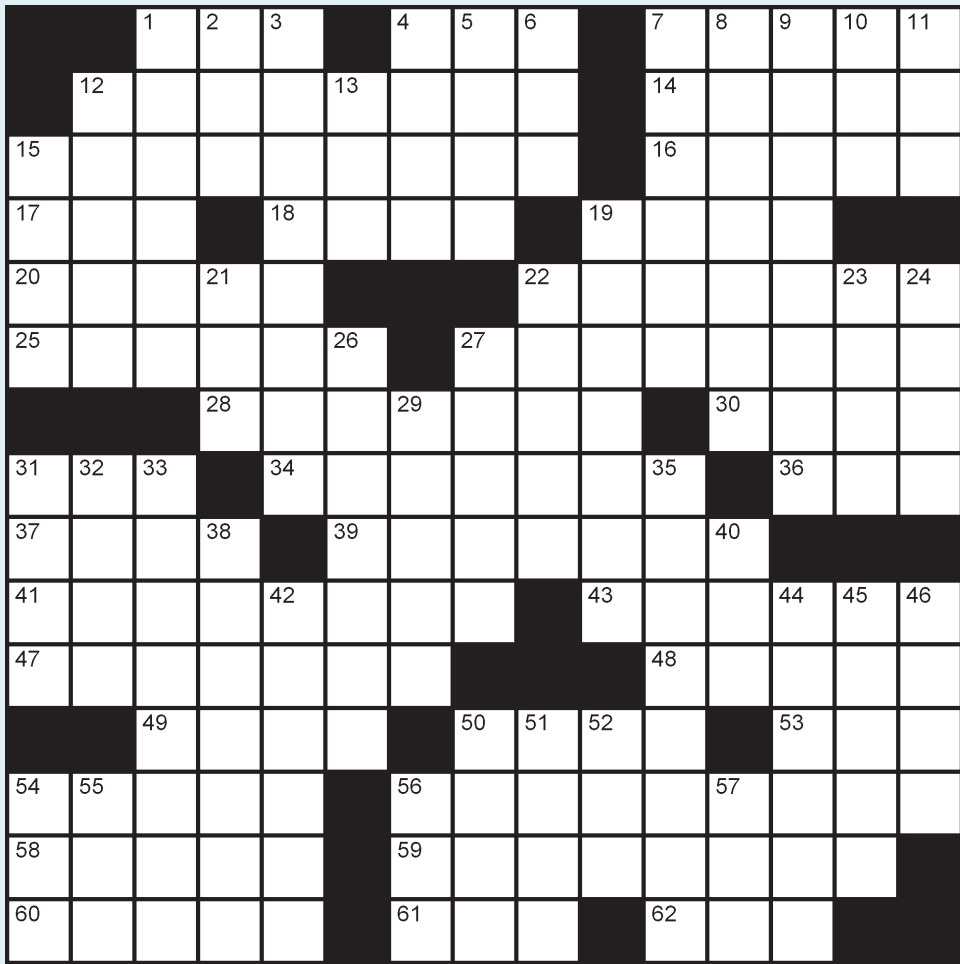


Universal Freestyle 25 by Hannah Slovat

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Small chap, 4 '___ the moon lost her memory?' ('Cats' lyric), 7 Over it, 12 Scrolling TikTok, to some, 14 Got out of bed, 15 'There's no way to know, is there?', 16 'People of Earth' actor Wyatt, 17 Chick's mom, 18 Marvel god with an alligator variant, 19 Bog product, 20 Starting squad, 22 Mini burgers, 25 Whac-A-Mole weapon, 27 Sneaky person, 28 Hides out, 30 Command+Y, on a Mac, 31 Burger restaurant owner, in a cartoon, 34 Tiny machine, 36 Pickleball court feature, 37 Slack status common on weekends, 39 Withdraws oneself gracefully, 41 Off-the-record conversations, 43 Some Korean TV shows, 47 What you may sprinkle over chocolate chip cookies, 48 Metaphorical or literal distraction, 49 Toucan's beak, 50 Reacts to a sad story, maybe, 53 Facial spot?, 54 Biscotti flavoring, 56 'You're welcome' alternative, 58 Lost cause, 59 Gallery opening invitee, 60 An icosahedron has 30, 61 'For ___ a Jolly Good Fellow'
- DOWN: 1 'Hello' singer Richie, 2 Regal competitor, 3 New poker player's words, 4 Corn covering, 5 Palm known for its berries, 6 Word before 'Miles' or 'Mall', 7 What lets you unlock an iPhone with a glance, 8 Device associated with texts but not calls, 9 'Just stop', 10 Home of S.C. and S.D., 11 Chest muscle, for short, 12 Letter before iota, 13 ___-cone, 15 'Pow!', 19 Sheets made from trees, 21 100%, 22 Messy people, 23 Roller coaster or bumper cars, 24 Coin collector?, 26 Steeping aid, 27 Prepares to stop, 29 Sound that might accompany a laugh, 31 Low clarinet type, 32 Boo-boo, 33 'Voila!', 35 Spoil, like milk, 38 'Ah, got it', 40 Eastern 'way', 42 Hay machines, 44 Gave bad information, 45 According to, 46 Sewn line, 50 Like a bad loser, 51 Decides, 52 'Hang on a sec,' in a text, 54 Mature like wine, 55 Agreement signal, 56 'I don't think so', 57 Final word

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, JUNE 19, 2022 A Freedom Hymn for Father's Day



Today we celebrate at once Father's Day, which is the third Sunday of June, and Juneteenth, which is June 19. The moon in the sea of Pisces recalls the hymn by brothers James Weldon Johnson and J. Rosemond Johnson: 'Let our rejoicing rise/ High as the listening skies/ Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.'

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Change brings growth, and growth brings change. Even though you can't control life's process entirely, you're steering on course and on pace.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll make future-you more comfortable by planning what you're going to do when the pressure is on. Being ready for the squeeze will make it far less stressful to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You may be able to accelerate the natural pace a few notches to get quick results, but rushing will give you no lasting advantage. A good idea taken to the extreme is a bad idea.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). All of us are fragile, but we don't all look it. You might be surprised at the tender heart within a tough exterior. Your gentleness will be appreciated, though perhaps subtly or in secret.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). What's seen cannot be unseen. What's known cannot be unknown. So, you love this current state of mind, even as you stand on the brink of a revelation, preparing for a leap in awareness.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There are more ways than one to be nice. In certain cases, it's kinder to provide a challenge or make someone work for an outcome than it is to make things easy and give everything up front.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You should not have to change any aspect of yourself to be liked by anyone else. Neither should you make yourself earn your own respect and admiration. Give it freely. Let yourself have a new start, if necessary.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). When you find yourself trying to impress someone, let that be a red flag indicating that this person doesn't readily get you -- a lack of observation or knowledge on their part, not yours.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). If the record needle of time could be set back to the beginning of the album, it would play all the same songs. You may put a new disc on the turntable today, but as for the song of your past... no regrets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You believe the issues of society are also your issues. When you see an opportunity to improve things, seize it. Everything you do to increase your own well-being helps, too.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You'll seek the company of bright minds with diverse strengths. You want to be around people who inspire you to be and do better, even if it's challenging. The right kind of discomfort is invaluable.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The people around you feel secure and assured in your presence, so they will follow you. While leadership is hard work, it's also a great opportunity to create magic with and for the group.

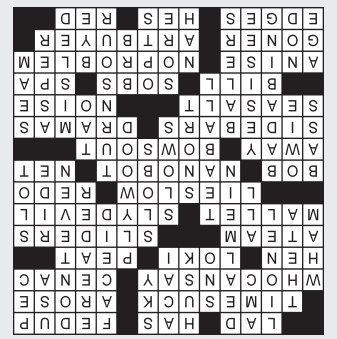
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 19). You're motivated by a desire to help, lift and protect. You'll achieve a goal quite conspicuously and get a taste of popularity, if not fame. Also featured: glamour in the early fall, an inked commitment and sunny upgrades to your habits and routines. Aquarius and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 14, 8, 19 and 7.

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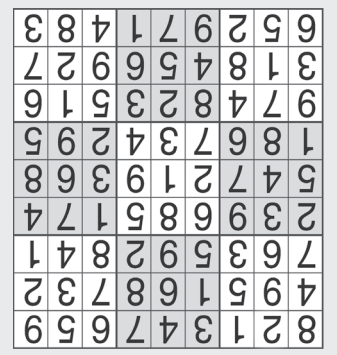
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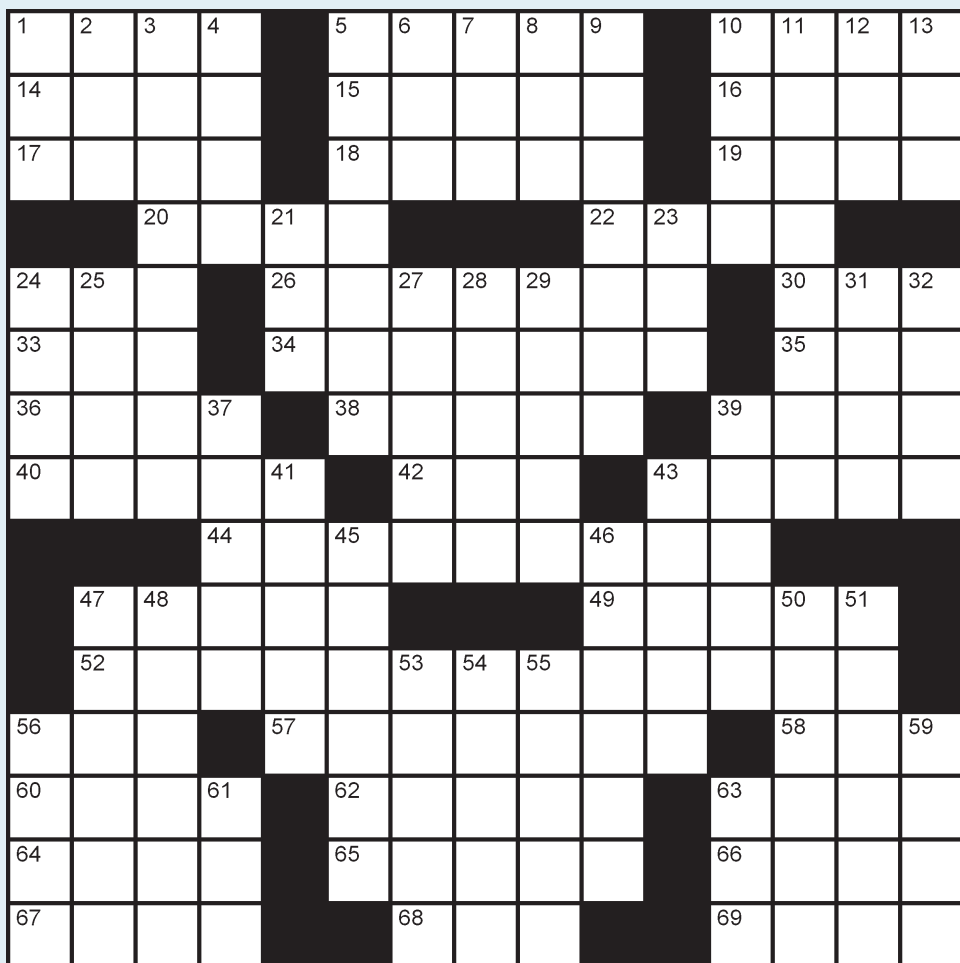


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Three-peats by Seth Bisen-Hersh

Universal Crossword edited by Amanda Rafkin



- ACROSS: 1 Stone in some Chinese art, 5 '___ la vista!', 10 Junk email, 14 Gem with a fire variety, 15 Strike-organizing group, 16 Singer Amos, 17 Pieces of furniture that might be shaped like race cars, 18 'Ho ho ho!' speaker, 19 Highest point, 20 Playing card above a 10, 22 Glossary entry, 24 Pursue romantically, 26 Tries to achieve, 30 'Surfin' ___' (Beach Boys hit), 33 Vessel for couples?, 34 When a golf game starts, 35 Day light?, 36 Actor's video, 38 'West Side ___' (1957 musical), 39 Bit of help, 40 Mountain and tree, e.g., in yoga, 42 Fish eggs, 43 They might wear letterman jackets, 44 2022 FX show to watch on Father's Day?, 47 Disney mermaid who wants to 'be where the people are', 49 Opinion columns, 52 Athlete to root for on Father's Day?, 56 CBS forensics franchise, 57 Like most lightbulbs, 58 Points a finger at, in a way, 60 Word after 'naughty' or 'nice', 62 'Fame' actress Cara, 63 Shape of a 0, 64 Person with a handle, 65 Printer need, 66 Nix, 67 Crafter's site, 68 'Sweet!', 69 From the top, 28 Seat in some cabaret shows ___ up (really stoked), 29 ___ up (really stoked), 31 Like a ship on the ocean floor, 32 Workers on the hill?, 37 Admit, 39 Sharpened, 41 Creates a hairy situation?, 43 Asian country consisting of 6,852 islands, 45 Bring forth, 46 More pouty, 47 Help out, 48 Brings up, 50 Really ambitious, 51 Calm and tranquil, 53 Mistake, 54 Actress Davis, 55 Possessed, 56 One of 78 in this puzzle, 59 Sluggish, 61 '___ to see it my way!', 63 Reproductive cells
- DOWN: 1 Internship's outcome, perhaps, 2 Mimic, 3 Groaners to share on Father's Day?, 4 Character who sings 'Let It Go', 5 Certain sled dogs, 6 Actress de Armas, 7 Behave in an ungodly manner, 8 Little kid, 9 Subject of a makeup exam?, 10 Night light?, 11 Genre to listen to on Father's Day?, 12 'We ___ the Champions' (Queen song), 13 Blend, 21 Pet with a 'tuxedo' variety, 23 Before, before, 24 Distort, 25 Cookie celebrated annually on March 6, 27 L.A. transit

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, JUNE 20, 2022 Closing Statements of the Gemini Sun



The final full day of the sun's journey through Gemini has a feeling of finality like the fond farewell at the end of a party, the closing statement of a court case or the last ask of the sales pitch. Endings are an opportunity to make a memory, but no pressure. Unlike first impressions, which only happen once, endings can be easy to amend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There are things that happened years ago that you still cringe to think of, and this is a lucky day for letting go. You're not defined by the past. You're entitled to making as many iterations of yourself as you please.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Animals are never on their phones -- one of the many things you appreciate about them. Your connection to creatures will bring joy, grounding and the sense of living totally in the moment.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Often the best way to say things is not the first one that pops to mind. A friendly, diplomatic approach takes practice, and you'll get plenty in the weeks to come. Today's power question: What if we did it this way instead?

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Your solo strength is remarkable, but sociability has definite advantages. For instance, exercising with friends gives you an endorphin boost, and the accountability factor makes it easier to establish the habit.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). People who are tired have cranky opinions and complaints and are not fun to be around. You don't want to be that person, so you believe what your body tells you and make rest and relaxation a priority.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An exclusive group intrigues you. Are you familiar enough with its culture to join? Find out more. As you gain a measure of expertise, doors swing open. As usual, you'll remain modest and focused on others all the way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some degree of worry is to be expected and will serve you well, helping you anticipate and avoid future problems. You'll take stress in stride, handle it with grace and attract good fortune.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You'll welcome contradictions. Without contrast we couldn't see or understand anything at all. Comprehension of light relies on the outlines of darkness. Detail is shading.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). While the success of others may not pose a threat to your own, you wouldn't be human if you didn't occasionally find it annoying. You'll wisely avoid the futility of competing when it's not a competition.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll turn down your inner heat to keep the emotional weather around you mild. It works. You'll stop the wind. It's easy to go faster than the wind when there is no wind.

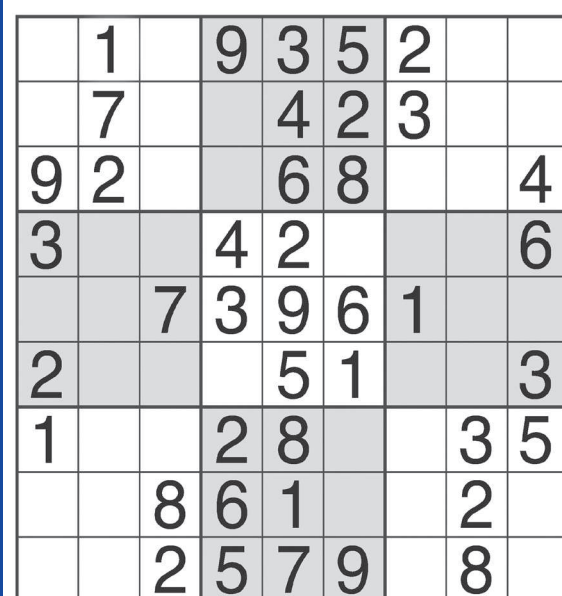
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Every behavior has a payoff. To change a behavior, understand its payoff. Figuring out your own motives will require objectivity, honesty and compassionate nonjudgment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Thinking back on your journey, those times of uncertainty and awkwardness were an essential part of the deal. It takes feeling lost to appreciate the relief of being found, even (and especially) in regard to finding yourself.

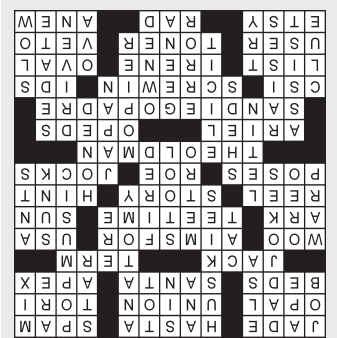
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 20). You'll ask better questions to turn your work in a lucrative direction. You'll bring different resources together to create something efficient and unique. Also in the stars: personal work earns tender rewards. You'll get in on the ground level of a venture. Big planning goes into a formal event -- one for the ages. Taurus and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 22, 15, 9 and 40.

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