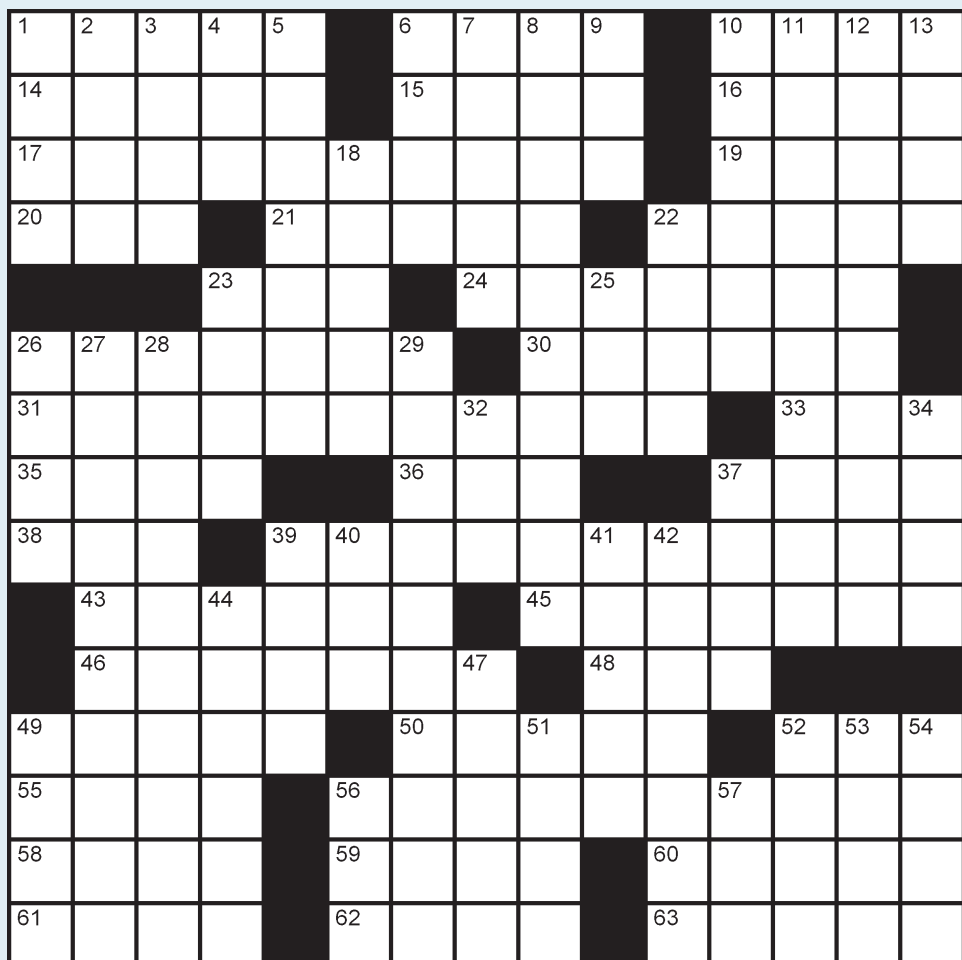


Universal Freestyle 28 by Rafael Musa

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Lead-in to "physics" or "Turf" 6 Bitter brewing ingredient 10 Piece celebrating a life, briefly 14 Rental that always has Arizona plates in the Lower 48 15 God of love 16 Ancient letter 17 Discussion format associated with talking in circles? 19 Candace Parker's hoops org. 20 Fitting 21 Natasha's role in "Russian Doll" 22 Allowed by law 23 Cosmopolitan place? 24 Lagged behind 26 Renounce 30 Dance for Maria Tallchief 31 Toothless warning 33 Lie, in Black vernacular 35 King Kong and Donkey Kong 36 "I figured it out!" 37 Washington newspaper 38 Eggs on a chirashi bowl 39 NASCAR racing and others 43 Camera memory chip 45 Like many punk-style leather jackets 46 "That's music to my ears!" 48 Muscles worked by scissor kicks 49 ___ the pot (causes trouble) 50 Tractor brand 52 Black or Red body of water 55 Peru's capital 56 It's tough to swallow 58 Give the ___ eye 59 Durian's smell, e.g. 60 Mr., Mrs. or Mx. 61 Soaks or sprinkles 62 Muscle firmness 63 Affirmative RSVPs DOWN: 1 Mystique 2 Buy stuff 3 Not slack 4 Reward for reaching home, perhaps? 5 Clothing brand with a nautical name 6 ___ over heels 7 Path for the International Space Station 8 Largest land carnivores 9 Egypt-to-Madagascar dir. 10 "1984" author George 11 Jumper cable? 12 Offensive 13 Color darker than cyan 18 Deck with a Pentacles suit 22 Rising and falling inflection 23 Nocturnal mammals 25 Small battery 26 "___ John" (Taylor Swift song) 27 "There's no doubt in my mind!" 28 Freeway restriction 29 "Why are you mad at me?" 32 Greek P 34 What exposure therapy can help treat, briefly 37 Tide units? 39 Dallas hoopsters, informally 40 Willamette Valley's state: Abbr. 41 Gawk 42 ___ blocker (option for trans youth) 44 Reef builders 47 Grand ___ National Park 49 Whole bunch 51 To be, in French 52 Goes unused 53 Vogue competitor 54 Brews with 6-Across 56 Spammy Twitter account 57 ___ chart (circular graphic)

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, JULY 10, 2022 Sagittarius Moon



The moon moves to the adventurous realm of Sagittarius, aligning with the spirit of abundance, adventure and courage. Sagittarian lunar vibes are associated with the courage to venture in whatever form that takes for the venturer. What is your favorite method of learning? Travel, books, relationships or a bland of all three? Embark!

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whoever said, "familiarity breeds contempt" didn't know your clan. The best part of hanging out with your relatives is the ability to be yourself. Even with the collective quirks of the family, you can't help but love one another.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). A boulder has tumbled onto your life path, obscuring your view of what the future holds for you. Such a brilliant misfortune! Now you can give yourself permission to dream! Brainstorm your way to happiness.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). What you are considering might not be a good idea, but you'll never know unless you move forward -- at least a few steps. Don't let the fear of being wrong keep you from knowing that you're right.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You'll enjoy the feeling that you're moving fast and that lots of things are happening simultaneously. Later, you'll count this among your most productive days.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll celebrate your passions, going deeper into the things that interest you. A knowledgeable air sign (Gemini, Libra or Aquarius) will be a rich resource.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A special relationship is strong because you have faced adversity together. In a strange way, the easy and fun times may be more difficult to navigate than the hard times.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You don't have to be perfect to be loved, and any person who makes you feel this way is incredibly insecure. Romantic competition will work in your favor. Your inner trickster will be liberated, and playfulness rules.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). No need for elaborate plans; just hanging out and talking will be wonderful. You'll have much to share, particularly about a current relationship. You'll be with good people, and it will be like group therapy, only free.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll master a task. Get on your own side. Be nice. Correction can happen without punishment. Keep learning until you're not only knowledgeable but wise. Wisdom is knowing how and when to apply your knowledge.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The sign reads, "Drink coffee. Do stupid things faster." It's essential to have a smart plan before injecting vigor and excitement into the scene. Applying energy to silly plans is wasteful, or perhaps even destructive.

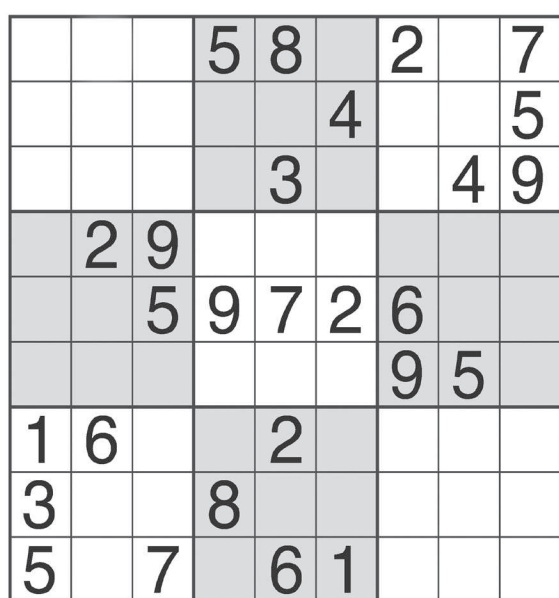
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Experiencing confusion while you're learning something new is positive and necessary. The confusion makes your brain work at a higher level, asking better questions and, eventually, coming up with better answers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Relationships are tricky. If you stay aware, you can keep a dicey situation from veering too far off course. You can bring this one in closer to the way you once dreamt it would be.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 10). You'll excel at the work you do. Sometimes you don't realize that what you provide goes beyond the obvious. You'll have to work on this on your own time, but the sacrifice will be worthwhile. A new source of encouragement appears to reassure you that you are on the right path. This could come from a friend, or more likely it will be part of a teaching process. Virgo and Pisces adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 30, 4, 13 and 21.

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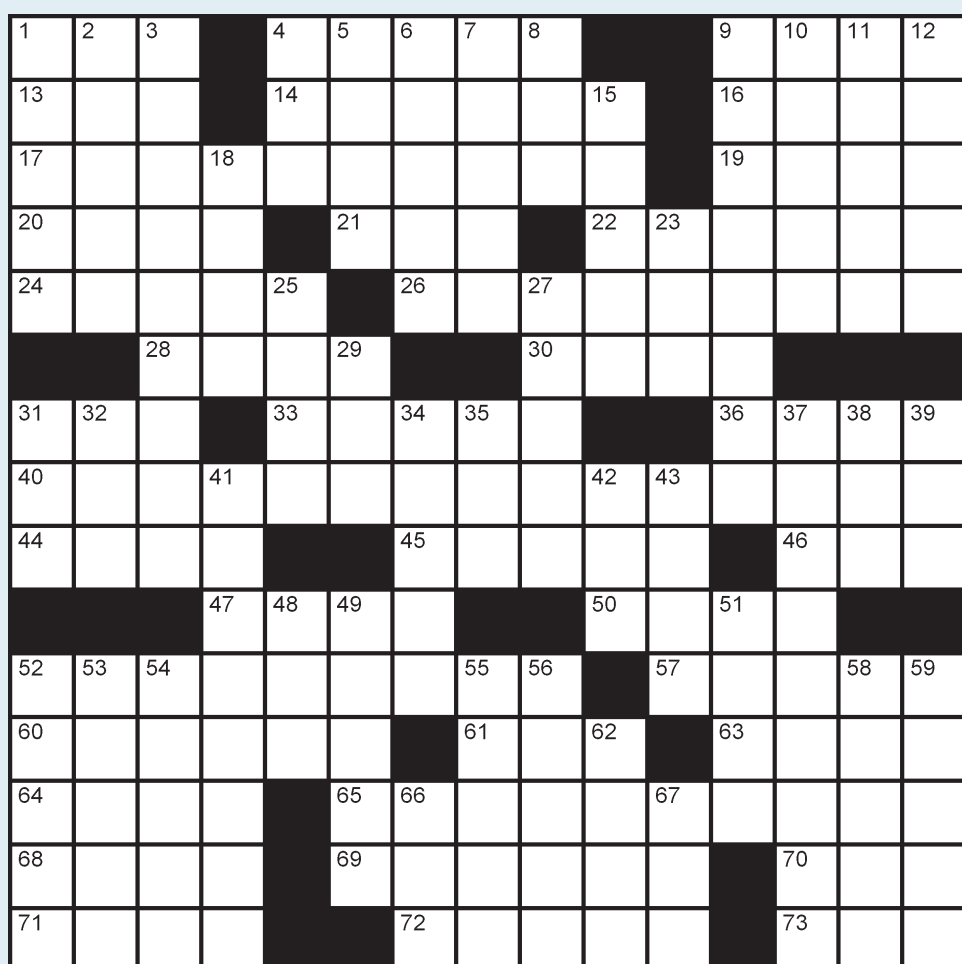


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Hidden in Plain Sight by Rebecca Goldstein

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 iPhone program 4 African country whose national dish is fufu 9 Just managed, with "out" 13 Swim-bike-run event, for short 14 Tiered Chinese tower 16 "Ditto" 17 Absolutely sweltering (In this clue's answer, note letters 5-10) 19 Small issue? 20 Presidential office shape 21 Small issue 22 ___ P. Henson of "Hidden Figures" 24 Splinter groups 26 "That finally makes sense!" (letters 3-5) 28 Basketball rim 30 Aphrodite's lover 31 Wong of "Tuca & Bertie" 33 They're never low 36 Freudian ___ 40 Recitation at a medical school graduation (letters 11-14) 44 Too 45 Foe 46 Animal house? 47 Fill completely 50 Like some chardonnays 52 Not futile (letters 5-7) 57 Alternative to the candy Dweebs, once 60 Bring out 61 Help 63 Lose steam 64 Animated queen born on the winter solstice 65 Like one wearing the items aptly hidden in 17-, 26-, 40- and 52-Across 68 Wharf relative 69 Post office patron or purchase 70 Consume 71 Button for an email draft 72 Full of anticipation 73 Nutrition fig. DOWN: 1 Eldest Musketeer 2 Establish with evidence 3 Crunchy snacks served with baba ghanoush 4 Pathfinder in a Pathfinder: Abbr. 5 Kathryn of "Transparent" 6 Once more 7 Acknowledge silently 8 Suffix for "lemon" 9 Hot shot? 10 Measure of gold purity 11 Purple heart, e.g., in a text 12 Credit alternative 15 Up and about 18 Adele, vocally 23 Get older 25 NYC or London neighborhood 27 Squander 29 Insta post 31 "Caught you!" 32 Rapper ___ Mama 34 Give a warm welcome 35 Leia's husband 37 Relaxing water park ride 38 Diminutive Spanish suffix 39 National dish of Vietnam 41 Souvenir for someone else 42 Intro to a hot take over text 43 Printer ink color 48 Poke bowl protein 49 Actor Channing 51 High-fat diet 52 Sobs 53 Skateboard trick 54 Like challah dough before braiding 55 Pizza slices? 56 Triangular road sign 58 Hardly anticipate 59 Sealy competitor 62 Scott in an 1857 case 66 Bug repeatedly 67 Sob

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, JULY 11, 2022 Adventure Moon



There's a nervy energy in the moments leading up to the Buck Moon. There are interesting questions that arise, including, "What are you willing to do to prove yourself to another?" and, "Should you really have to?" The challenges are all implied now. If not, you'll impose them on yourself. Above all, do not be complacent. Complacency is denial.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). When a situation doesn't measure up to your expectations, disappointment sets in. Try to get past it. There's a golden opportunity in the works, but you'll only see it after you stop thinking it should be something else.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Excitement can spark in many ways -- the intrigue of a stranger's conversation, an unfamiliar landscape or a risky challenge. Let the wild impulse move you to explore. It will make coming home all the sweeter.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Weariness is a function of working day after day, week after week without a break. Since you'll be planning the future, build a few breaks into the schedule to avoid burnout.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No matter how well you think you know a person, there is always more to discover. New people on your scene will be just the catalyst to bring out a different side of someone you thought you knew well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A project requires skills that you do not yet possess, so you'll learn. In training, you will find out that you are more talented than you knew. Even your distractions and tangents will prove productive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You understand others by their actions and behaviors, not by what they declare. Every human on the earth is different. You'll be inspired by uniqueness, and you'll appreciate your own individuality.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You're a passionate person. When you give your love, you give it all. You may feel like your survival is based on another person, but this is just an illusion caused by your passionate nature. You'll feel differently tomorrow.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). What you thought was no big deal is actually a very big deal involving complexities you didn't understand before. And there's more at stake, too. You are open-minded. The more people you query, the smarter you become.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You will rise up on everyone's "favorite person" list, graciousness personified, selflessly taking care of friends. The sweetness and smiles is easy for you because at the moment you feel lucky and trouble-free.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You'll be pulled in at least three different directions, mostly due to the fact that you have three people who adore you and want your attention. There's a way to satisfy all of them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Give what you want and no more. You've been knocking yourself out for your loved ones. This won't make them love you any more. It's the work they do for you that makes them appreciate you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You'll resist anyone who pushes you. Don't take a loved one's action too personally. It might be your interpretation of their behavior and not their actual behavior causing you to feel a certain way.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (July 11). You're not waiting for a fairy godmother to transform your life. You get the look and the transportation together, and you'll even put on your own ball if you have to. Your life is all the more magical because you take charge in this way. More highlights: an intense course of training, domestic smoothness and a pay raise. Libra and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 27 and 17.

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