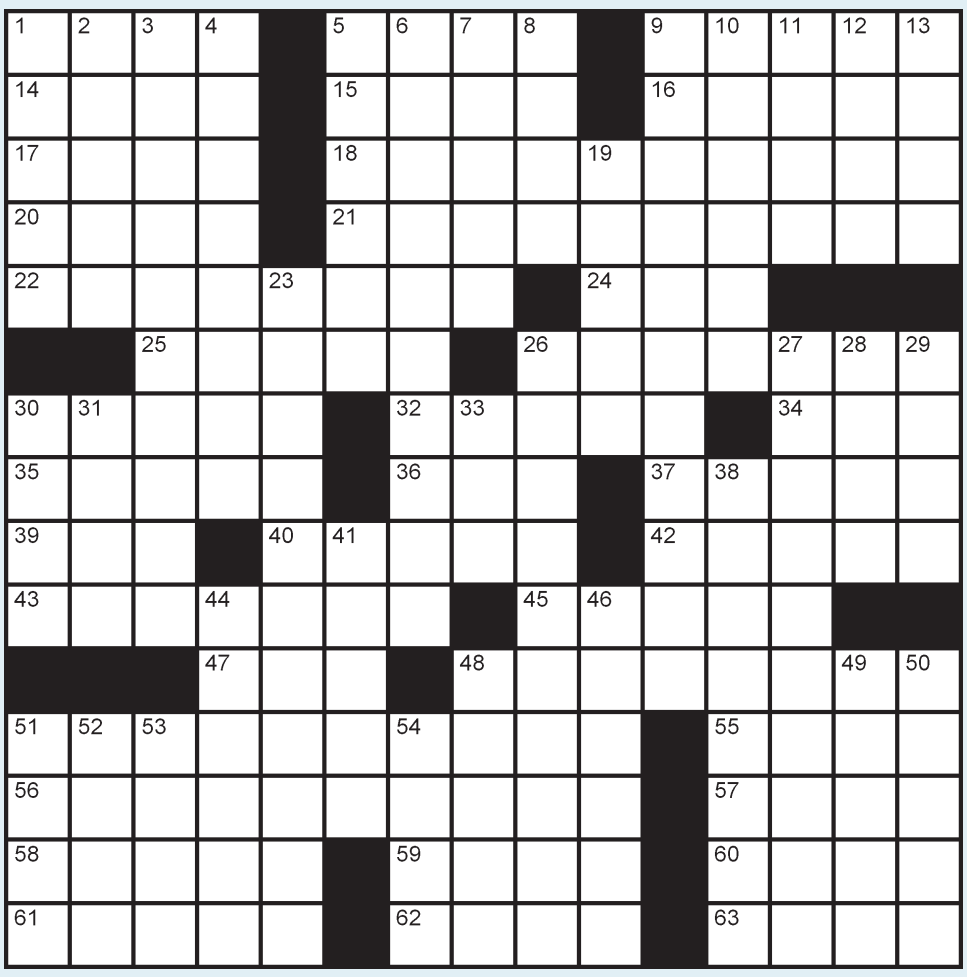
## Universal Freestyle 33 *by Tracy Gray*

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



**ACROSS**

1 Website for film lovers
5 Space Mountain, e.g.
9 Point-of-view columns
14 Center of a pear
15 Vaping device
16 Turn on one foot
17 "It's clear to me!"
18 Pizza type not named after a drink
20 Close by
21 Celery topped with peanut butter and raisins
22 Narcissistic fitness fanatic
24 Word before "boss" or "bull"
25 1953 Western nominated for two Oscars
26 Patronized, as a cafe
30 Golden-haired
32 Flip-flop
34 Record label or TV brand
35 Cosmetic blush
36 Name hidden in "colonel"
37 Embellish with rhinestones, say
39 Muscles targeted by crunches
40 Bluesy singer Bonnie
42 Muddles through
43 Loses it
45 Cookie sheet handlers
47 Misspell something, e.g.
48 Relaxes in a recliner
51 Pressing items?
55 Theater award whose name sounds like two letters
56 Fuels oneself for a marathon
57 Nasty
58 French farewell
59 "Yellowstone" rating
60 Farm building that's often red
61 Cookie sheet handler
62 Pumpkin morsel
63 "Wait there," to a dog trainer

**DOWN**

1 Cinnamon roll glaze
2 Amble
3 Three-story abode for Barbie
4 Drinking game contraption
5 Return to a lower court
6 Lead-in to a blunt truth
7 ___ rice (Cajun dish)
8 Omelet ingredients
9 Warmup bands, e.g.
10 One may say "Shiver me timbers!"
11 Wicked
12 Inflict upon
13 The deer in The Hartford's logo, e.g.
19 "Let's go driving!"
23 Baltimore-based sports apparel giant
26 "Act like I'm not here"
27 Gets a rapper going
28 One of about 843 in Central Park
29 Gets the bronze?
30 Statement that may be "humble"
31 Wolf, in Juarez
33 "Shot" or "spot" lead-in
38 Failed internet ventures
41 March follower
44 Navy builder's nickname
46 "Such a shame"
48 Verona vino
49 "Level Up" singer
50 Singer Chesney or Loggins
51 What forms over a scrape
52 "And there you have it!"
53 "Dead Wake" author Larson
54 Decays

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 14, 2022 Planets Warn Against Pettiness

The tension of the sun in opposition to Saturn is offset by a lucky trine of Mars and Pluto. It's easier to drop little fights when you are looking at the big picture. So many of the details are matters of preference that do not really affect much in the larger scheme of things. It's a configuration urging us to shun pettiness and strive for compassion.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** To avoid conflict or spare feelings, you may keep some things to yourself. This, you think, is for the good of the relationship. However, if the other person senses you are withholding information, suspicions will work against you.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Prioritizing style over substance is a precarious game and might even be a precursor to calamity. To stay on the safe side, check the integrity of things before you invest your money, time or heart in them.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** If you surrounded yourself with clones, you would have too much of the same strength and be blighted by your collective weakness. Diversity is necessary for success. You'll operate powerfully in a diverse group.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Does someone seem to be repenting for sins that haven't been committed yet? You'll pause to consider who you're dealing with. Your accurate assessments of human nature will save you time and trouble.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Because you are so strong, the frail and fragile will be drawn to you. Those with an obvious weakness will have fascinating and useful strengths. You will learn from a relationship of complementary talents.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It's a day of tricky problems with simple but not obvious solutions. Try approaching the matter from the opposite direction, inside out or upside down. Alternative views refresh your thinking.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** The distance between people expands and contracts within a particular range. It's as though you are tethered buoys floating in the sea. The waves will move you together and apart but no farther than the cord allows.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Accept yourself. You're doing your best, and when you get on your own side, you'll do even better. Don't worry too much about the minutiae of your interactions. You give your attention genuinely and wholly, and that's what's felt.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Where you once saw a problem, you'll now see something different -- a challenge or curiosity, an opportunity or a chance to reroute the map. A difference in perspective is all the difference you need.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You'll have no need to create a show. Your moment to shine will naturally appear over the course of a job. The deeper you dedicate to the work, the brighter you'll be when the attention swings to you.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Preferences are highly subjective and personal. The inherent goodness or badness of a thing, if such a value even exists, will have little to do with people's choices. Seek understanding over judgment.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There will be no suitable substitute for being in the same time and place with people. Nothing you can read, watch on a screen or hear in a headphone can even come close to the real-life experience.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 14).** Your need for visual and emotional harmony will be served with beautiful environments and upgrades in your daily surroundings. In the professional realm, you'll be paid to understand what baffles the others, and you'll earn a prize acting on that knowledge. More highlights: a family wedding and a surprising peace offering. Aries and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 18 and 15.

## Universal SUDOKU

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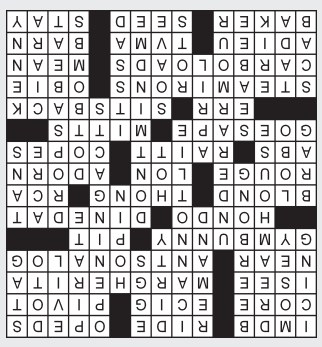

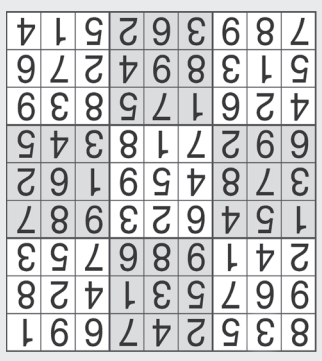

## Plan On It *by Adrian Johnson*

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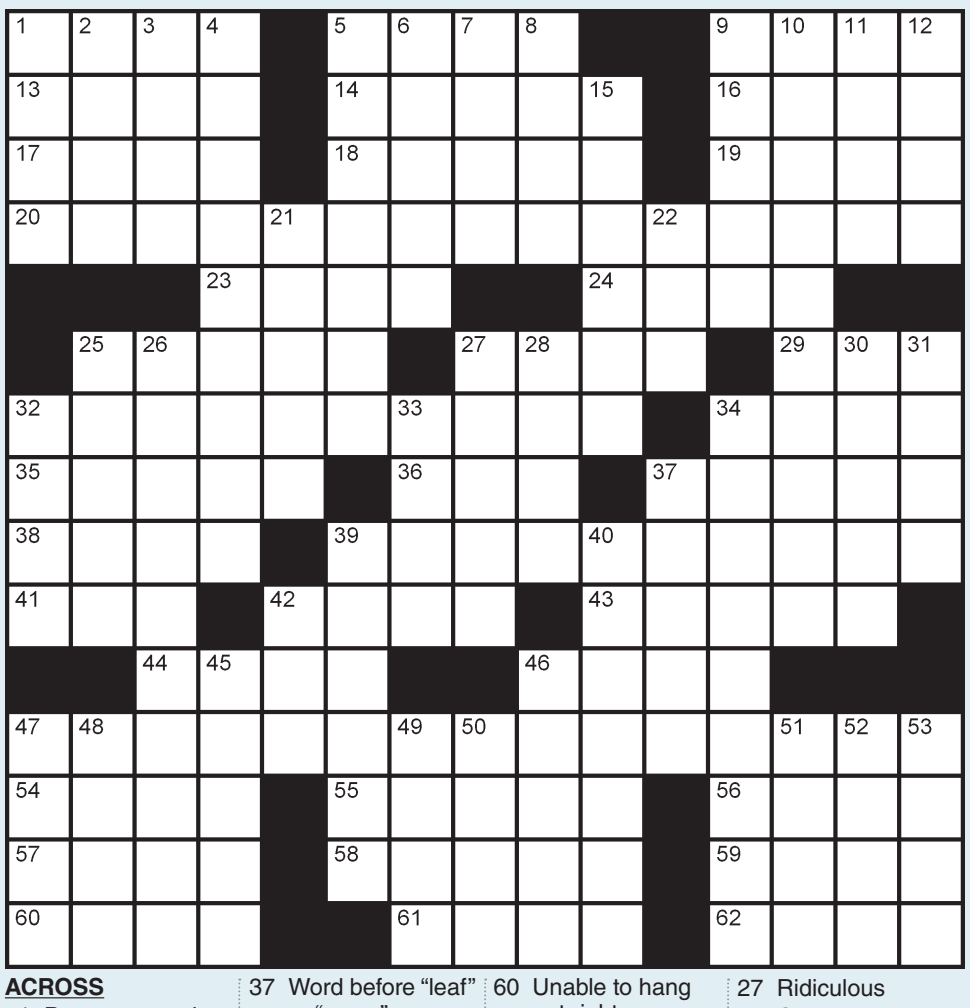

**ACROSS**

1 Poses a question
5 Keister
9 ".. and make it snappy!"
13 "Checkmate!"
14 Microsoft spreadsheet software
16 Lavish love (on)
17 ___ chicken nuggets
18 Forehead adornment
19 Radiate
20 Light, folded breakfast dishes
23 Sex on the Beach destinations
24 (Don't cut me off like that!)
25 Disconnected
27 Star in a movie, maybe?
29 Ramadan-ending festival
32 Portable mobile devices
34 Fried chicken discard
35 Exams that aren't written
36 End of many superhero names
37 Word before "leaf" or "syrup"
38 Keep your ___ about you
39 Hair removal product?
41 ___ Day (rhyming Hawaiian celebration)
42 Comedian Davidson
43 Atlas close-up
44 Suckling site
46 Moisturizing butter type
47 "I'm on board!," and a phonetic hint to the collective starts of 20-, 32- and 39-Across
54 Walk through water
55 Like some glass and fuses
56 Super funny person
57 "Excuse me ..."
58 "I have ___ the plums that were in the icebox"
59 "___ Enchanted" (2004 film)
60 Unable to hang out right now, say
61 Filmmaker Nair
62 A praying mantis has five

**DOWN**

1 Helper
2 Big gulp
3 ___ Valkyrie (MCU role for Tessa Thompson)
4 Ammo in a winter fight
5 Fresh start
6 Ways out of mazes
7 Skin condition
8 Take a mulligan on
9 "Set Fire to the Rain" singer
10 "The nerve!"
11 Butting heads
12 Parakeets and cats, e.g.
15 Dances under a bar
21 Angels' instruments
22 Snakelike fish
25 Lofty abode
26 Trite, meaningless statements
27 Ridiculous
28 Car door ding
30 Geirangerfjord, e.g.
31 A few bucks?
32 Monk's hood
33 Fail to mention
34 Source of a model airplane's wood
37 Impressionist Claude
39 Leaves alone
40 Singer honored as a national hero of Barbados
42 ___ thai
45 Thanos, to the Avengers
46 Hangout spot for the Ninja Turtles
47 Forensic evidence collector
48 Island home to the Wai'anae Range
49 Glitz's partner
50 Round flatbread
51 Like skin in need of blotting sheets
52 Sleeper agent
53 "Wheels down" guesses: Abbr.

## HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

### MONDAY, AUGUST 15, 2022 Earthy Mercury Trine

No one, not even the most charismatic person on the planet, can always be the superstar energy every single endeavor. When the energy is hard to drum up, at least make sure you're bringing the kindness. Character counts more than personality any day of the week, and you'll be especially keen to look for it under the earthy Mercury trine.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** You treat everyone differently because everyone is, in fact, different. You have an amazing ability to communicate with each person in the way they are most likely to understand and enjoy.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** When someone impresses you, you'll let them know in subtle and not so subtle ways. They feel they've finally been seen. You feel you're getting to know someone truly unique. Special connections get made.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** It feels good to be helpful, and there will be no shortage of takers for your kind of assistance. As you focus on the needs of others, you just may find that you're creating a niche for yourself. Eventually, you'll be known and paid for this.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You'll have efficient conversations with those you know very well, skipping formalities and getting right to the point. There's comfort in sharing a connection that people outside the relationship couldn't possibly understand.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You're working on the kind of endeavor that will never be fully finished. Deciding when to move on from the project will be a matter of compromise. You'll push it as far as the time period allows and then let it go to have a life of its own.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It will be most satisfying to imply a thing and see who picks up what you're throwing down. This kind of connection is a signal that you share a reality and a sensibility. You see each other and bond in commonality.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** Your happiness comes from celebrating good sensations -- warm skin, muscles moving, the body alive. In your moments of gratitude, everything else feels like a bonus atop the tremendous gift of being alive.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Attraction has its own logic, which it keeps close to the vest and refuses to share. You're better off accepting your attraction as a given and then moving on to the business of how to best use or manage it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your appetite for knowledge is mighty, and the method that gives you the most now is reading. As Groucho Marx apparently said, "Outside of a dog, books are a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read."

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** In some regard, you feel like you're undertrained, outside of the loop and just getting by on a wing and a prayer. And while it seems like a lonely notion indeed, more people share it than you'd believe. Reach out.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You were taught to respect your elders, but you learned to respect your youngers on your own. The very young teach with the eyes of innocence. The older ones will lend technological savvy and a fascinating world view.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** Once an algorithm gets involved with you, you'll be served up what the robot thinks you'll like. This works so well for you that sometimes you forget how your tastes and potentials are vaster than any robot could possibly service.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 15).** You're faithful, loyal and constant, and will experience the security of being treated in kind -- plus, zings of excitement keep the adventure flowing. You'll develop a style that works for you, and you'll operate with greater comfort and confidence as you find it. More highlights: a financial win and a stellar endorsement. Libra and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 18, 3, 33 and 48.

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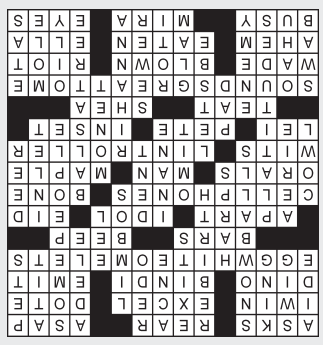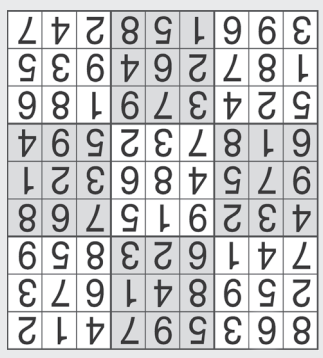
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