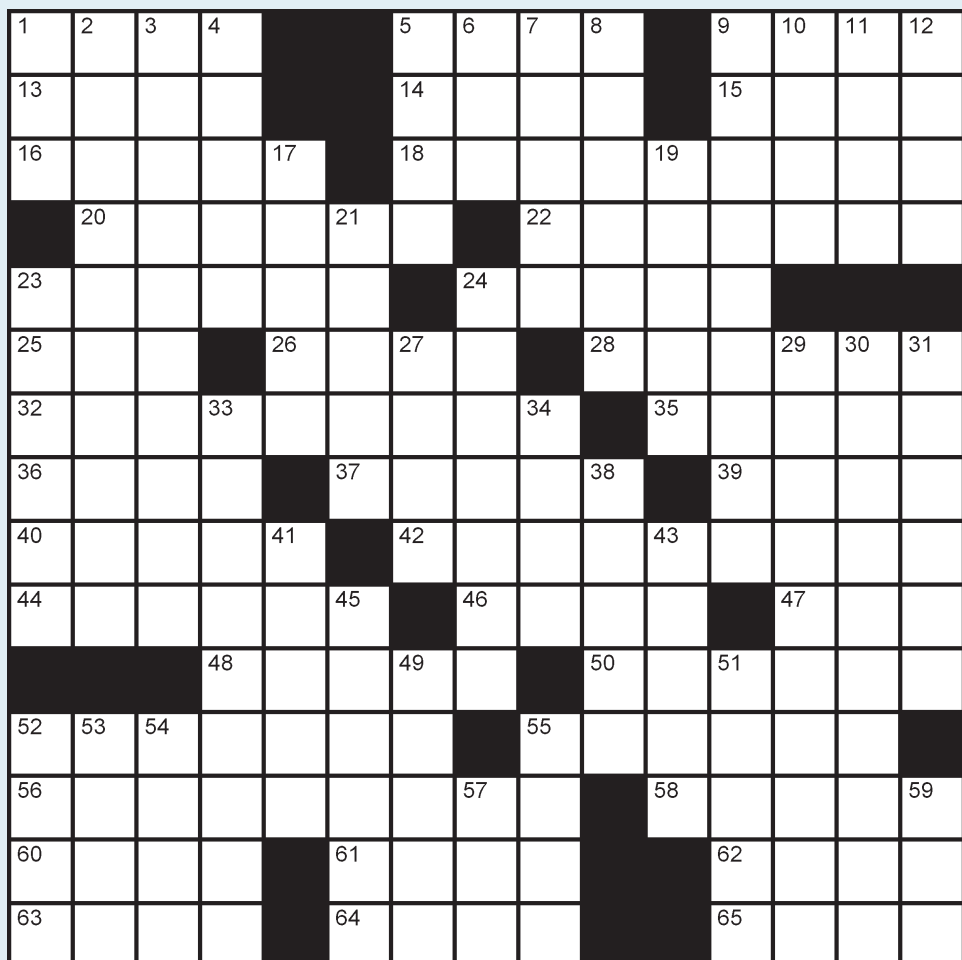


Universal Freestyle 34 by Catherine Cetta

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS
1 Some summer coolers
5 Gate part that rhymes with "clasp"
9 "Gosh, that was close!"
13 Wrinkle remover
14 Ruler of Qatar
15 Second chance
16 Often-buggy software versions
18 One who may arrive fashionably?
20 Reheat
22 "Not sharing!"
23 Suppose, in Southern lingo
24 Wept
25 "Feels g-o-o-d!"
26 Bout ending
28 Actress Gay Harden
32 Finger-pointing exchange
35 Intellectual people, stereotypically
36 U2's lead singer
37 Subtly suggest
39 Bro and sis
40 Rack up, as charges
42 "Hmm, I need to think about that ..."
44 Prepares to drive
46 Char
47 "___ Not Unusual" (Tom Jones hit)
48 Make into law
50 Cooks a turkey
52 How you may feel in a Zen garden
55 Punctual
56 "That's genius!"
58 Hybrid golf garment
60 Bellow
61 Amphibian in the New Testament?
62 Slight advantage
63 Has a bug
64 Tribute poems
65 Like superbright colors
DOWN
1 Small lie
2 Astrobiologist's query
3 "Never gonna happen!"
4 Snide commentary
5 "SOS!"
6 Physicians' org.
7 Ravi Shankar's strings
8 Early round, for short
9 Garment for a dancing queen
10 Prefix with "sphere"
11 First lady's home
12 Sported
17 Fire sign?
19 Dust or vacuum
21 Eel, to a sushi chef
23 Peter, Roger or Thumper
24 Chef's trash or gardener's treasure
27 Thanksgiving vegetables
29 You might enter it after a disaster
30 "You've probably had enough of me"
31 Evaluate
33 Disney World headwear
34 French fashion magazine
38 Pine (for)
41 Charge toward
43 Doesn't run at full speed
45 Jimmy Hoffa portrayer AI
49 Relinquished
51 Clay who co-founded the National Inclusion Project
52 Taj Mahal site
53 "Star Trek: T.N.G." empath Deanna
54 Homonym of a banana skin
55 Cheerios composition
57 Ram's mate
59 Gymnast's top score

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022 Leo Sun's Last Day



The cat, having finished hunting and prowling, climbing and hiding, feasting and resting (the latter being what the cat does most and best), will pick up and strut lazily back to the den with the air of satisfaction practically synonymous with felineness. With a final purr, the Leo sun sets. Soon, the Virgo rises.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's normal to fear what is different and be drawn to the safety of what is similar. It is just as normal to do the opposite. You'll be fascinated by the foreign. Peculiarity piques your interest, and your curiosity will drive you to discover.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's no reason to be in a dilemma alone, especially when you consider that to some people this choice would be a snap because they make such decisions every day. Bring more people into mix and you'll get clarity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You are unlikely to hit your goal without a system of accountability. This might be a person, a group or a tool. The more you enlist in your process, the better. It lightens the load so much you may even forget that it's work.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Thunder bellowing through the heavens is not showing off; it's just being thunder. When you do your thing, you're powerful, too. If that startles someone, it's only because they underestimated you. They'll adjust.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The most important words ever uttered in the history of speaking wouldn't matter in the least if spoken with weak intention. And utterly inane words spoken with confidence can open doors. The right energy will be key today.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You provide what's needed and serve it up in a way that is most pleasant and convenient for others. For this reason, you'll get what every successful person needs -- opportunities.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). As much as you enjoy striving for an ideal and doing your best, perfection is not your friend. The futile notion of getting it all right can only stand in the way of fun and connection with your fellow flawed humans.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). For the guitar to make a sound, there must be tension on the strings. There is tension in one of your relationships, too, and if you rush to relieve it, you might spoil the harmonic potential. It's interesting music you're making here.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You know you're right, but it's still important to defend yourself against the opposition. In doing so, you'll fortify your confidence. When dealing with a group, you'll only be as right as you can convince people you are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If the service is bad, it's a fair indication the food will be, too. There's usually a graceful point in which to get out while the getting's good, but you have to be watching for it. This advice applies to dating, too.

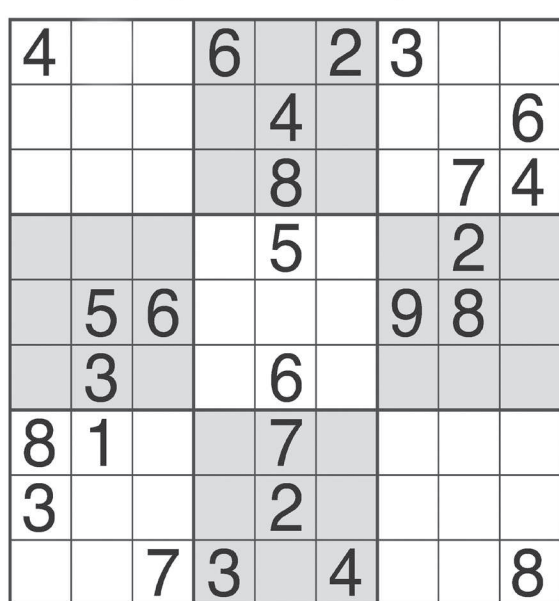
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). It's a time of reorganization, especially of your material possessions. You get the most value out of the items you use on the regular. As for the rest, the more you let go of, the happier you will be.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The time is coming for you to give a gift. The thought you put into will not only save you money but also elevate the gesture to something much more meaningful. Think ahead. It's not about the size or cost; it's about artful specificity.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 21). Upgrades to your thinking make the impossible happen: You keep getting newer instead of older. Influence grows. Some follow your lead. Others imitate your moves. You will make money teaching or creating helpful product and services. Romance will be the breeze that blows you through a series of carefree days. Libra and Sagittarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 21, 3, 33 and 19.

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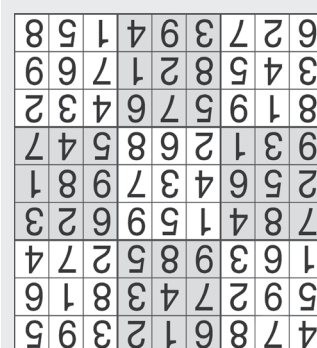
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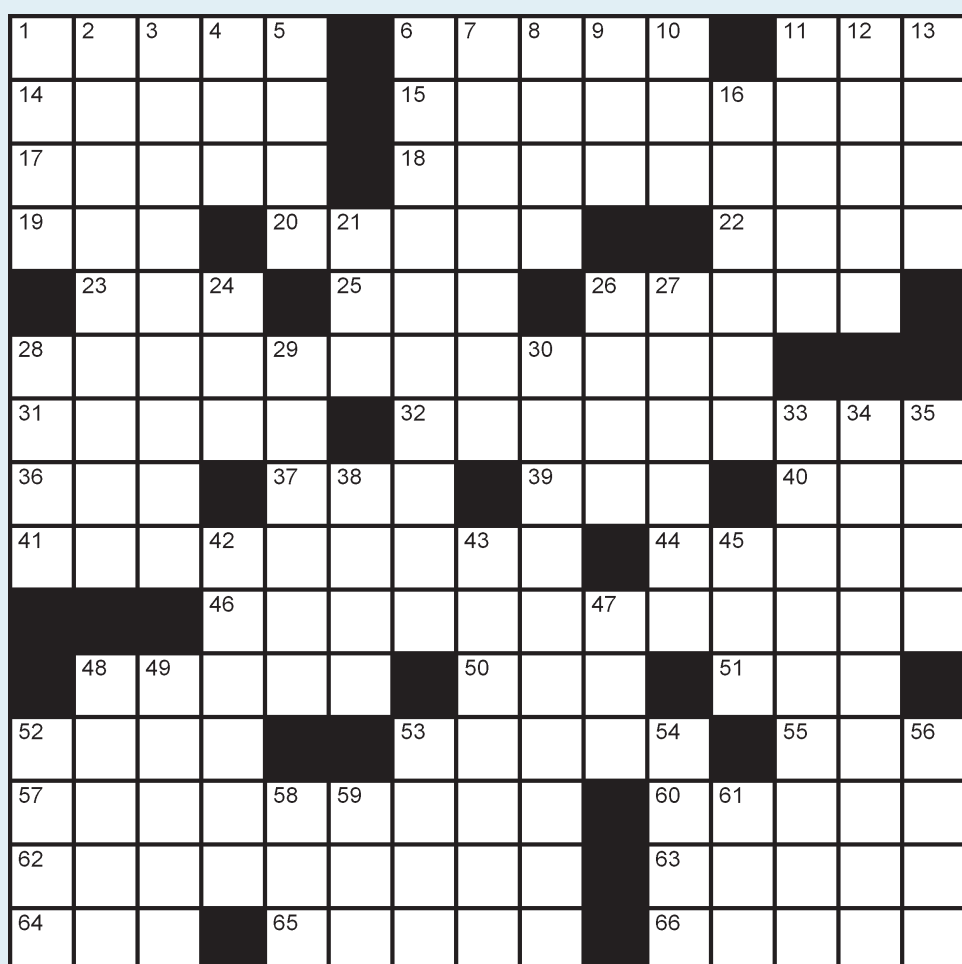


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Themeless Sunday 9 by Rafael Musa

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS
1 The 'gram
6 ___ lift (accessibility option in a multilevel home)
11 No amateur
14 Magnate
15 With a flavorful crust, maybe
17 Define the extent of, as a project
18 In a precarious position
19 "Sure"
20 Fends (off)
22 Crops with altered DNA
23 Greek T
25 Silicon Valley exec
26 Place to get a blowout
28 "You seem awfully confident!"
31 More disrespectful
32 Fondant-filled Cadbury treats
36 Heart chart: Abbr.
37 Singer Rita
39 Very long time
40 Futbol cheer
41 "Does anyone really know?"
44 Lake on the California-Nevada border
46 "It'll be a tall order"
48 Abyss
50 Nickname that omits "jandra"
51 Yiddish laments
52 ___ chowder
53 Boasts
55 "I'm impressed!"
57 Not be trapped
60 Tapenade ingredient
62 Disney kingdom close to a fjord
63 "Little ___ Everywhere" (Celeste Ng novel)
64 Light brown
65 Meal where fingers are dipped into wine
66 Warn
DOWN
1 "___ Betsy Spider"
2 "I love that detail!"
3 Like bad traffic
4 Keg insert
5 From square one
6 ESPN fare
7 Oven used to bake naan
8 Unwelcome picnic guests
9 "Sorta"
10 Outdoor gear retailer
11 Cousin, in Spanish
12 Scouting mission, for short
13 Celebratory poems
16 "Brokeback Mountain" director
21 An ___ up your sleeve
24 Uintah and Ouray Reservation tribe
26 Wrestling sport in a dohjo
27 "That's true about me, right?"
28 Doodled, perhaps
29 Bouillon and dashi
30 "Bye now!"
33 Run amok
34 Play down, as something unfavorable
35 Look for
38 Wander
42 Flower organ that bees brush against during pollination
43 More often than not
45 In the past
47 Implore
48 Santa ___ County (home to Stanford University)
49 New ___ (home to Yale University)
52 Have a conversation sleeve
53 Like strongly worded letters?
54 Place to be a couch potato
56 Argentina-to-Chile direction
58 Sources of revenue for Google
59 Formerly named
61 ___ Nas X

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, AUGUST 22, 2022 Virgo Sun Directive



The change of sun brings a change of cast. For a bigger network, or more special relationships, celebrate any tie that's working for you. It doesn't have to be perfect; just focus on what you love about it, and you'll start seeing more of the same from different sources. Happiness with one relationship leads to more feel-good connections.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Every move has a price. While weighing one action against another, the cost may be easily assessed. The cost of inaction won't be so obvious but is equally important to consider.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll follow a whisper of curiosity. Before you know it you're in a different world and enjoying work that widens your interests, grows your skills and evolves your worldview.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Very few people are lucky enough to be surrounded by support. Many must advocate for themselves or seek out circles of support. You have a talent for encouraging and lifting others, and it's very valuable indeed.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). There's really no point in arguing with people who are already 100% convinced they're right. Certainty takes up the mental space needed for learning. Respectfully agreeing to disagree may be the best you can do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The more honest you are about your feelings, strengths and weaknesses, the better you'll know yourself. And the better you know yourself, the easier it is to arrange your life in the way that leads you to be the person you want to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've learned from the best teachers, and you've learned even more from the worst teachers. Examples of what you don't want are extremely valuable and memorable, too. Your body automatically steers away from them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Decide where you are and are not willing to go with another person. The closer the relationship, the more potential it has to alter the course of your life for better or worse. You'll be very careful in this regard.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Indulgence can be self-love or self-denial, depending on the situation. When you've been very strict, letting yourself relax can be the sweetest kindness. When you've been too lax, pulling in the reigns is the loving move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You are in the process of becoming. The cause that captures your curiosity and heart will soon capture your identity as well. As you dedicate more of your attention in this realm, it will shape you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Try not to get too frustrated with the situation, even if nothing about it seems to yield to your influence. The only thing you can change about this is your attitude -- but that will change absolutely everything.

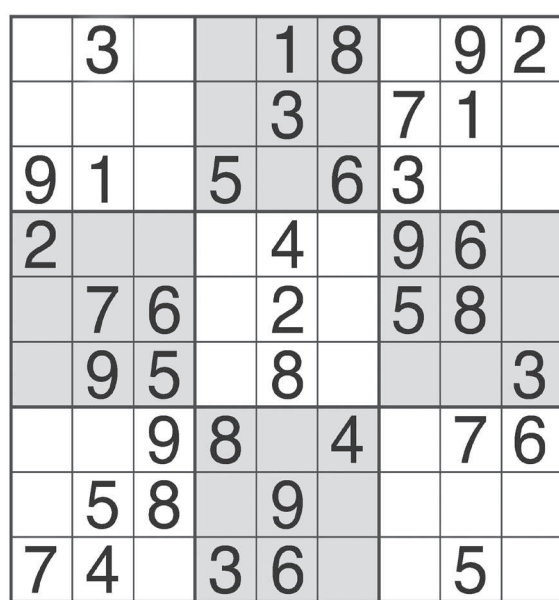
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Options abound. Some seductive routes are dead wrong for you; others intrigue you for a reason. Don't worry, you'll know in the earliest stages. Just make sure you act quickly according to the information your gut provides.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you don't know what the competition is doing, you'll be at a disadvantage. If you obsess about what the competition is doing, it will affect your productivity. You will now strike the perfect balance of awareness in this regard.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 22). You've been practicing and preparing. This is a year to show the world what you can do! New resources will be made available to you, including a keen assistant. The social scene is filled with easygoing fun balanced by enough competition to make things interesting. Your financial picture brightens with an exciting side gig. Aries and Libra adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 3, 38, 44, 1 and 15.

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