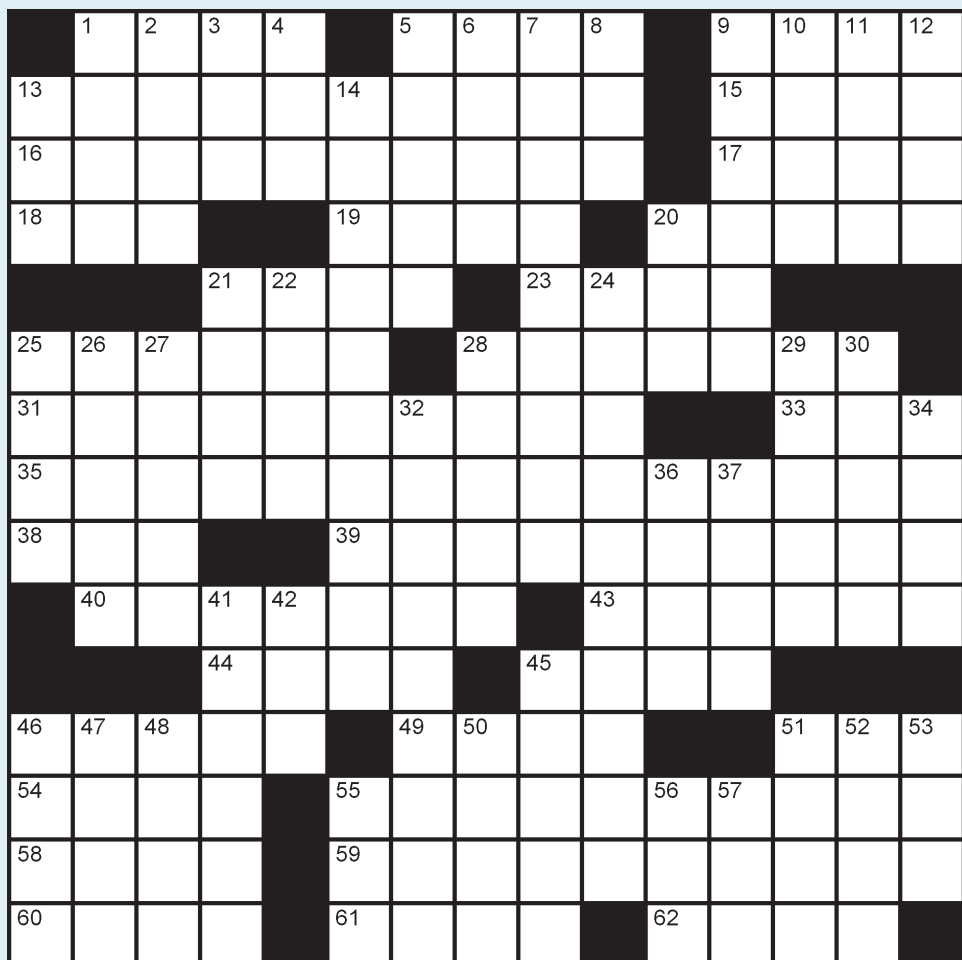


Universal Freestyle 35 by Rafael Musa

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 Tiny candy size, 5 Make ___ meet, 9 Instruction on a door, 13 Lounged around, 15 Not deceived by, 16 Gives another chance, say, 17 Taylor Swift, to Swifties, 18 Finished, as chores, 19 ___ the Red (Norse explorer), 20 Like July weather in Patagonia, often, 21 Long complaint, 23 Cool, in '90s slang, 25 Expert at one thing, perhaps, 28 Housecleaning robots, 31 "It wasn't me!", 33 Fish in a Japanese garden, 35 Not be totally honest, 38 PreCheck org., 39 No-stress, 40 Lift up, 43 Sao Paulo LGBTQ Pride ___ (world's largest pride event), 44 Baker's safety item, 45 "___ te llamas?" ("What is your name?"), 46 Unit of ice cream, 49 Reverberate, 51 Words before "few rounds", 54 "Keep me in the ___!", 55 Fantasy setting?, 58 Rice-shaped pasta, 59 Draws attention, 60 React to a gut-wrenching movie, maybe, 61 Tiff, 62 "What are the ___?", DOWN: 1 When doubled, a Hawaiian fish, 2 Polo shirt brand, 3 Fresh, 4 Driver's license and passport, e.g., 5 Pulitzer-winning film critic Roger, 6 Seaweed used in sushi, 7 Things to dabble in?, 8 Pig's home, 9 Second place?, 10 Command after a computer goof, 11 Secure in an overhead bin, 12 Word before "cannoli" or "cow", 13 Drug whose "D" stands for diethylamide, 14 "Preach!", 20 ___ Adams (Boston brewer, informally), 21 Called up, 22 Actress Hathaway, 24 Spots to swim during a vacation, 25 Aerate, as flour, 26 Elicit a chuckle from, 27 Author in "Livin' La Vida Loca"?, 28 ___'s Pieces, 29 Director Kurosawa, 30 Attached a bottom to, as a shoe, 32 Talked to flirtatiously, 34 "Makes sense", 36 49ers or 76ers, 37 Natural hairstyle, 41 Panic! at the Disco genre, 42 Bigwig, briefly, 45 Gregorian ___ (Middle Ages musical tradition), 46 Decelerate, 47 Middle Earth?, 48 Seep, 50 "Superbad" actor Michael, 51 Alum, 52 Pulitzer-winning poet Sharon, 53 Promotional spots, 55 The "I" of FWIW, 56 "Should I recognize that name?", 57 Ref. that added "gaslighter" in 2022

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022 Venus Stresses the Attraction of Opposites



Venus in opposition to Saturn electrifies the attraction of opposites. The union won't be easy, though, which may be the point. When the love planet and the lessons planet struggle, our attractions become teachers. They teach us by showing us who we are when we get what we want and when we don't. Strive for grace in all outcomes.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). What comes up today are the sort of puzzles you really don't have to reason your way through. Give your logical mind a break. Meditate, shower, drive, walk or sleep on it instead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). An expectation is not being met. You've been made to wait too long. Patience is indeed a virtue, but the squeaky wheel has virtues as well. Don't be too quick to accept how things are. Voice your concerns.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Nostalgia describes a feeling for the past, altered from its original form. You can't help but bathe good memories in a flattering light. You'll float to a different time and embellish the scene in your own lovely way, a cherished memory.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You've a magic power tingling in your fingertips. You might use your wizardry to make someone fall in love with you. Check your heart to verify this is what you really want; your charms will be stronger than anticipated.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You are always better off reaching out than not reaching out. Confidence is required, and it sets the plot in motion in good, bad and unpredictable ways. The world belongs to those with the courage to take initiative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Like sticky flowers meant to trap busy bees, there are games that people don't even realize they are playing until they are too deep inside it to turn back. But you are savvy. You may be going fast, but you are also paying attention.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Discern between issues and nonissues and this will be a pleasant day. Happiness will be the natural result of focusing on what needs attention, maintenance or alteration, and leaving the rest alone.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are prone to wanting too narrowly for your own good today. Any number of good things is likely to happen to you. So instead of focusing too intently on achieving one specific outcome, let go and trust the bountiful universe.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). What some would consider stressful is mere child's play to you. In fact, you've been in the situation long enough to get bored. New challenges will not come through the door, but you can create them for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The task at hand offers a certain level of inconvenience. This is a chance to either prove your patience or develop it. Keep in mind, this is nothing new. You are not the first to experience it, and others are in the same boat.

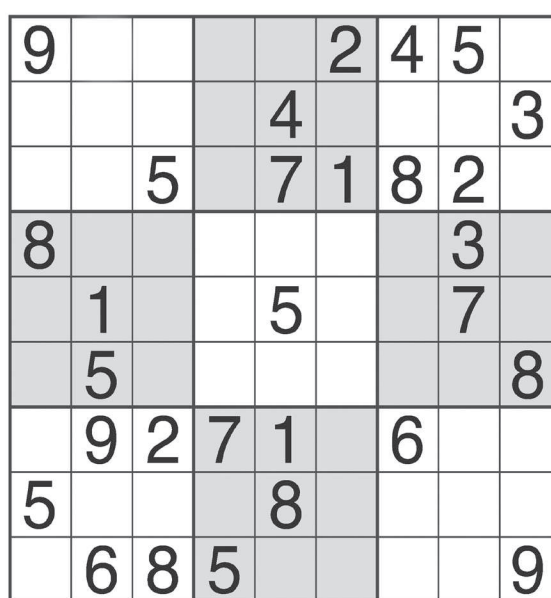
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You were born with love in your heart, and you give it unthinkingly; it's as reflexive an act as breathing. And like breathing, you take notice when something is causing it to be labored. What is getting in the way of love?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Following your curiosity about the interesting world, you'll lose yourself. Unselfconscious bravery (arguably, your most natural state) is powerful. You'll break into a new scene and leave a memorable impression.

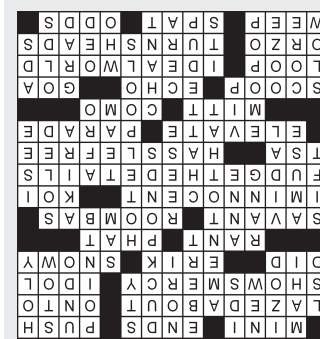
TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 28). Your ideas are strong, and you'll know because you'll test them. A scientific approach to goals will help you expedite your desired results. A special relationship will send you in unexpected directions. You'll be an expert in the realm of music and fun and will set the bar for taste with this and your hosting style. Leo and Scorpio adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 12, 4, 44, 1 and 16.

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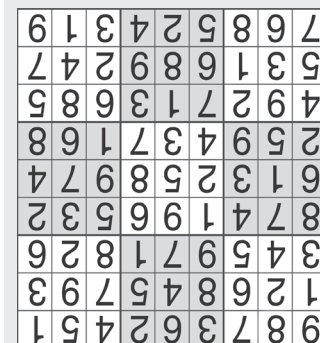
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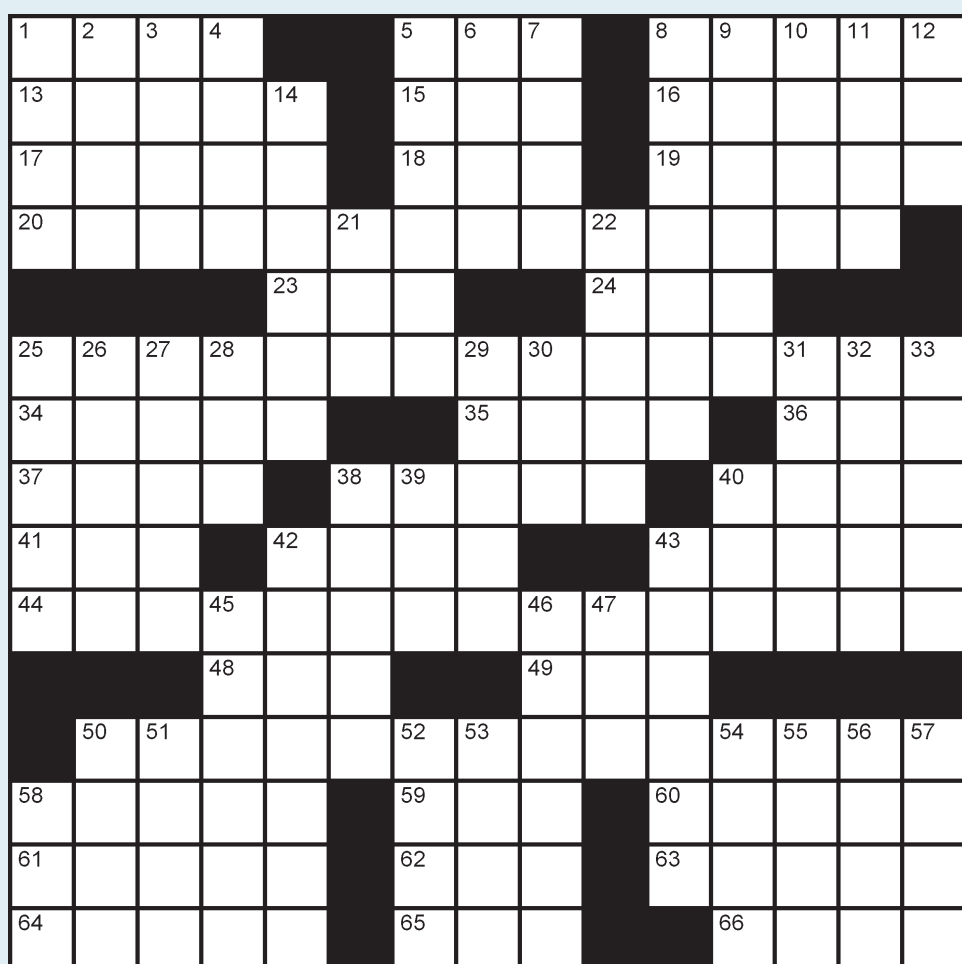


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Relieving the Pain by Kevin Shustack

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg



- ACROSS: 1 "Settle down now!", 5 Cleaning tool with strings, 8 Attack like The Hulk, 13 Insurance company with a duck mascot, 15 Hubbub, 16 Say hi, informally, 17 Move like a spider, 18 Piece of bonfire fuel, 19 Liability's opposite, 20 Words recited as a speech exercise, 23 Suit go-with, 24 Bed-ins for Peace participant Yoko, 25 Early-2010s Mike Posner song with a rhyming title, 34 Licorice-flavored herb, 35 End of a prayer, 36 De Armas of "Blonde", 37 Place to lay eggs, 38 Rose garden pest, 40 Societal woes, 41 Mardi Gras, e.g.: Abbr., 42 Personal hero, 43 "Same", 44 Smile, cutely, 48 Glove compartment reference, 49 Part of ENT, 50 Evening of barhopping, say, 58 "Time's Up" movement, 59 Vehicle such as the Mystery Machine, 60 Justice Sotomayor, 61 One may seat thousands, 62 Org. concerned with acid rain, 63 With passion, 64 "Believe ___" (58-Across slogan), 65 Any member of "The Squad," for short, 66 Ones learning to walk and talk, DOWN: 1 Per person, 2 Hairdo for Diana Ross, 3 Cold side for ribs, 4 Contagious reflex, 5 Wine whose name anagrams to "be calm", 6 This stinks!, 7 Corn dog, to a Canadian, 8 Michael or Molly of Hollywood, 9 Site of Saint Basil's Cathedral, 10 As well, 11 Whole host, 12 Panama ___, 14 Dress (in), 21 Nintendo Switch forerunner, 22 Knocked the socks off, 25 Language group that includes Swahili, 26 Surpass, 27 Mouths (off), 28 Winter hrs. in Wichita, 29 "The Two Fridas" artist, 30 "Who ___ to judge?", 31 One tending to get lost in the crowd?, 32 Expanding minimal energy, as an A/C, 33 Used to be part of, 38 Proficient, 39 Capsule hotel unit, 40 Leb. neighbor of Boise resident, 42 From scratch, 43 "Peace out!", 45 "Lobster dinner" towelette, 46 "Nope", 47 Infamous Roman emperor, 51 It's on the agenda, 52 Word after "blow" or "bowl", 53 Neck area shaved by a barber, 54 Palindromic horn sound, 55 "I'm ___ your tricks!", 56 Go limp, like a lilac, 57 Negative votes, 58 Giant mouth

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, AUGUST 29, 2022 Moon Assists Emotional Communication



Every emotion, even frustration and anger, serves a purpose. Hot emotions are loaded with fuel. It pays to be strategic with that power source. An emotion may be justified, and yet its expression doesn't always fit the setting. The lunar conjunction to Mercury roots for our highest and best emotional expression and processing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Your visual sense is enhanced now. You'll quite literally see what you couldn't yesterday. You'll be inspired and motivated by beauty, and you'll learn quickly by picturing information.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You can't pursue every lead, but the good ones will compel you to move forward somehow, even if you're not sure how. If you don't get the response you were looking for, don't worry -- it's just a twist in the spellbinding plot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). When someone brushes against an emotional wound, it hurts. But it also shows you where you still need to heal. All in all, you're where you need to be and among the perfect people to help you.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You have gracefully fulfilled a responsibility to loved ones. You've said your piece and given all the help you can. Now, the most loving thing you can do is back off, relax and be awed by the healing process.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You could force things into your mold, but not without great effort and adverse consequences. Try adjusting your expectation and requirements instead. Then you'll see what's really going on and plan a smarter response.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Love is the focus. You may spend as much time chasing it as you do running from it. Fortune favors your intuition, so let your next move be a reflexive one. Don't think too much about it; just let instinct show you where to go.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). There was a time you just wanted people to understand you. It's less important to you now. You make efforts to clearly communicate, but there's no pain involved if they still don't get it. Not needing to be understood is liberating.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your stance has changed and will continue to change as new information colors the picture. Better to be open-minded than certain of a falsehood. You still value the same things, though your beliefs can be a work in progress.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An opportunity is time-sensitive. Seize it now or pass, knowing you'll not see quite the same situation arise again. Timeliness also applies to problems, which you'll handle promptly and avoid complication.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Even if you can't completely control your moods, you can steer them somewhat. You'll be particularly susceptible to environmental factors today, so if you go where the wholesome, sunny vibes are, you should be golden.

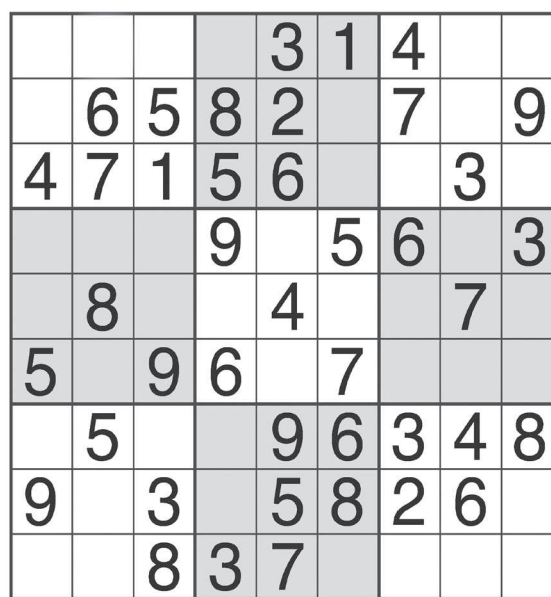
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You won't need a lot of time to warm to new people. Friendly and observant, you'll find common ground, determine how you can help one another and set expectations. You'll adjust quickly to people's quirks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). People are tripping over one another to win at a game. Instead, you'll pull back and make a strategic plan. You'll fixate on a specific target, gather your resources and make a calculated leap.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 29). To a greater extent than was previously possible, you'll create your own life. It will feel wonderful to steer the wheel of destiny instead of reacting to it. You'll get around in style thanks to well-earned upgrades. New people and areas of study will contribute significantly to your happiness and high energy. Aries and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 21, 4, 43 and 16.

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