

### Forging Alliances by Steve Mossberg

Universal Crossword edited by David Steinberg

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Girl from Edinburgh
  - 5 "Humble" home
  - 10 Genre for Anderson .Paak
  - 13 Palindromic flour used in naan
  - 14 Party giveaway
  - 15 Chaplin of "Anchor and Hope"
  - 16 Partner of median and mode
  - 17 Emergency light
  - 18 D.C. sluggers
  - 19 Sort of mention, sort of snub?
  - 22 Low-hanging clouds
  - 23 Art under sleeves?
  - 24 Start to fray in a noticeable way?
  - 30 Attire at a sauna
  - 33 "The Heartbeat of Harlem," per Langston Hughes
  - 34 A single time
  - 35 "So that's your game!"
  - 36 Be an obedient or annoying dog
  - 37 Hindu title of respect
  - 38 Coconut product
  - 40 Font flourish
  - 42 Quinceanera celebrant, age-wise
  - 43 Make apps with friends?
  - 46 "Swan Lake" woodwind
  - 47 Muse of astronomy
  - 51 Get even closer with a sister city?
  - 56 Not too much
  - 57 Spirit in a bottle
  - 58 Number two
  - 59 "Oh, come on!"
  - 60 God of the underworld
  - 61 Clutch
  - 62 Org. that extended its April deadline in 2020
  - 63 Romantic rendezvous
  - 64 Spot in a theater
- DOWN**
- 1 Reading lights
  - 2 Bothered incessantly
  - 3 "The Hate U Give" protagonist
  - 4 State capital with Pueblo-style architecture
  - 5 Word with "international" or "internal"
  - 6 "Cinderella" dance
  - 7 Typical track shape
  - 8 Flat-bottomed boat
  - 9 With a straight back
  - 10 Skill fostered in driver's ed
  - 11 Not in favor of
  - 12 Gone by
  - 15 Jab followed by a cross, in boxing
  - 20 Midori on ice
  - 21 Fish with a manta variety
  - 25 Kristen's "Gravity Falls" role
  - 26 Big name in label making
  - 27 "If a = b, then b = a" field
  - 28 Land measure
  - 29 Carriage driver's strap
  - 30 Woolly dads
  - 31 Where the Cleveland Rockers played
  - 32 Apartment platforms
  - 39 Interrupt a card game with advice
  - 40 Card trick dexterity
  - 41 Maximally polluted
  - 42 Stack by a kettle rep.
  - 44 Green New Deal
  - 45 Like the Sahara
  - 48 Bete
  - 49 Chess's country of origin
  - 50 Highly capable
  - 51 Wise trio in the Bible
  - 52 \_\_\_ Eats
  - 53 Fruit that may be poached in wine
  - 54 TV producer Cohen
  - 55 "That's all false!"

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2020 *Neptune's New Directness*



Thoughts in these early stages of Neptune's direct motion: Familiarity feels safe because it is known, but that doesn't make it so. Just remember that people are adaptable to all sorts of terrible and wonderful circumstances, and you don't know how optimal your particular "familiar" is until you investigate how other people are doing things.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** It will be interesting how you resolve what is requested of you. The vaguer the request, the more creative you get. You'll take all the independence and freedom the situation affords and run with it.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Most people are not where they are. The secret to your charisma and to your special relationships is that you are hyper-present in a world where distraction is the norm.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You are more objective about what happens to you than others in your position would be, and this allows you to learn quickly and make plans based on more than just your emotional response.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** The way you listen to and admire others is rare, and the subjects of your attention may not be used to it, but that won't stop them from being flattered to the point of utter intoxication.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You will sacrifice something you previously attained in order to get this new thing you want. You'll be surprised at the cost of your fresh desire – not by the monetary cost but the nature of what's exchanged.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** It will feel as though you're taking a test. A high level of focus is necessary, and you'll do very well with this, too, rising to the occasion, eyes exclusively on your own paper.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're even more sensitive

than usual to the energy of places. Go where the atmosphere is welcoming. If you're uncomfortable in a place, don't wait to figure out why. Move along to where the vibrations feel good to you.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** Say yes to the location change. You don't know what can be seen from that place until you go there. A change of vantage will lead to more ideas and broaden the scope of a relationship or project.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Hunger can be satisfied by a meal, but desire will increase as it is fed. Each taste intensifies need. Beware of situations in which you are unlikely to be content with moderation.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Emotional responses are our earliest teachers but not always the best ones, since young feelings can be so volatile. You'll question what fear taught you, bringing maturity and reason to bear on the situation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** If you can't figure out how to go faster, consider cutting the amount you're asking yourself to do in half and then taking your sweet time with that. Going slower will be interesting today, and you'll look cool doing it.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** The more comfortable you feel with who you are and what you're doing, the less a favorable response matters to you. You'll use feedback as information, not as emotional sustenance.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 29).** You'll become fascinating to yourself and to the world this year as mild curiosities develop into full-on pursuits, impressive projects and even quests. Various trainings will be involved. You'll present yourself in a different and likely more public forum. Financially, June and July are thrilling. Cancer and Capricorn adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 2, 22, 19, 38 and 5.

### Universal SUDOKU

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### Illusion-ist by Kevin Salat

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- ACROSS**
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  - 4 Huge tubs
  - 8 Friend of Athos and Porthos
  - 14 Unrefined metal
  - 15 Cajun vegetable
  - 16 Generic
  - 17 With 26-Across, anguished mixologist's feeling?
  - 19 Thingamabob
  - 20 GIF, e.g.
  - 21 What dogs may track into the house
  - 23 Turgenev's "Fathers and \_\_\_"
  - 24 Greek letter that symbolizes wavelength
  - 26 See 17-Across
  - 29 Seattle-to-Bozeman dir.
  - 30 Grammy winner Yoko
  - 32 "Gloomy" fellow
  - 33 Spigot
  - 34 Short beings in "The Lord of the Rings"
  - 36 Latvia's capital
  - 37 Length a golf club travels?
  - 40 On the \_\_\_ (recuperating)
  - 41 Ski boots and graduation gowns, often
  - 42 Key next to Q
  - 43 Not even close
  - 44 Drink slowly
  - 45 Like a bodybuilder
  - 48 With 59-Across, "Nabokov, pay attention!"
  - 51 Tightly defined
  - 53 Historic British school
  - 54 Woman who takes a vow of poverty
  - 56 Velvety leather
  - 57 Exact retribution for
  - 59 See 48-Across
  - 61 Favored one side or the other
  - 62 Hollow response?
  - 63 Summer hrs. at Wrigley Field
  - 64 Glue with a bovine logo
  - 65 Antlered animal
  - 66 Boring Bumble opener
- DOWN**
- 1 Easy to handle, like an animal
  - 2 Pleasant smells
  - 3 Transitioned into
  - 4 Nix, more formally
  - 5 Mary Ann Evans, \_\_\_ George Eliot
  - 6 Clip or snip
  - 7 "Cheers!" in Chihuahua
  - 8 Oscar winner Lee
  - 9 Cooks on a spit
  - 10 Flexible
  - 11 Like an attractive personality
  - 12 Apple texting service
  - 13 Filming site
  - 18 USSR spy org.
  - 22 Thinks over
  - 25 Breadth, to the Bard?
  - 27 Suffer, as an injury
  - 28 Place for a milk bath
  - 31 Use Grubhub, say
  - 34 "What \_\_\_ you expect?"
  - 35 Rouge or blanc drink
  - 36 E.R. personnel
  - 37 Rising concern?
  - 38 Fever or Dream
  - 39 Taco option whose name means "shepherd style"
  - 40 "Ex on the Beach" network
  - 43 Lift a \_\_\_ (make the slightest effort)
  - 45 Word before "toast" or "twist"
  - 46 I- salt
  - 47 ATM output conjunction
  - 49 "Death Be Not Proud" poet
  - 50 Was awesome
  - 52 Regret
  - 55 "Well done!"
  - 57 Pub pintful
  - 58 Mag. staffers
  - 60 Pronoun for Lizzo

### HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2020 *Full Moon and Lunar Eclipse*



The full moon in Gemini is about the sharing of our ideas and ourselves and connecting in whatever way we can. The lunar eclipse, subtle and visible to the experienced observer, has outsized mystical implications – the shadow of missed connections that provide a contrast. We'll know when we're getting it wrong or right.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** The time to do the thing you want to do is right now, while you still want it, while it's on your radar and within your reach, while it's ripe with potential. Grab and go.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** You know very well that you don't have to be deeply in love with what you're doing to be successful at it. You'll dig in and make something happen with nothing more than a sense of duty and a handful of private reasons.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** You think you have an accurate view of someone, but until you can build a case by witnessing actual patterns of behavior, you just don't know. Be patient, and collect the data.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** Winning that little contest is a rush, but not as fortifying as the long-term stability you get from showing up your purpose day after day with the intention of doing what needs to be done.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** You can use what you are learning in more ways than you currently are. Think of how you might apply your skill in a different but related field, genre or location. Opportunities crop up once you open your mind in this way.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** You don't like the feeling of being controlled by others, and you will resist subtle nudges that suggest you are being managed instead of fully experienced in the way you should be.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You're on a journey. The timing may get interrupted by setbacks and unexpected

stops that cause delays but in no way change the destination. Stick to this road and you can expect to get there – eventually.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You have a level of attunement into the patterns of others that can only be considered a gift. From the historical evidence, you can make a most potent and accurate prediction. It's right there for you if you want to see it.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** It's a good time to indulge in fantasies about who you are or could be. It should be a stretch; that is the whole point about fantasizing. How boring would it be if even your fantasies had to have strict rules?

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** Boldness comes in many forms, sometimes even in the form of eyes filled with tears. Showing feelings and working through them may represent the very definition of courage.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** You're perfectly equipped to handle the task at hand – until you're not, and at that point, you'll improvise, showing your clever, resourceful side.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** At any given moment of the day, you are somewhere between the reality of who you are and your aspiration for yourself. The way you reach is uncomfortable, beautiful and inspiring.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Nov. 30).** You've a wonderful gift of choosing people: of knowing who is good for you and drawing close those whose lives and values fit well with yours. You're above superficiality that others fall prey to, because your focus on character keeps you refining your own and filling your life with good relationships. Aries and Taurus adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 8, 5, 7, 20 and 18.

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