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#### **ACROSS**

- Butterfly pose,
- e.g.
- 6 Tie holder "So cute!" 13 Meals tossed

while they're still

- fresh 15 Bean type discovered in
- Peru 16 Chinese "path"
- What won't come undone on the job? 20 Word said with a
- shrug Rorschach test
- component Packs (down)
- 23 Removal of pencil marks
- 26 That stallion's 27 Met the benchmark for second-grade math?
- 33 Halves of a diameter
- 36 \_ de plume 37 One may be
- jagged had it!"
- "In allhonesty ..." 43 Tax org.

Nail polish brand Summons, as a

44 Drink such as

doctor

Pepsi

- Training for King Arthur's men? Regret
- Beat in a staring contest, maybe
- 58 What goes "wee woo wee woo wee woo" 61 Oven for a
- 71-Across 63 "I'd rather not" Physically
- demanded a fresh diaper from? 68 For what worth
- Sow's sound said than done
- Orchid holder 72 School fundraiser grps. 73 Not those
- **DOWN**
- "Ooh, I know the
- More rational
- welcome
- answer!'
- Hawaiian
- Turner who led an 1831 revolt

- 5 Video interruptions
- 6 Multilingual Egyptian queen,
- for short 7 Raise, like a dumbbell
- "I think," in
- textspeak
- 9 Post-intermission segment
- 10 Tiny particle 11 Wood distortion
- 12 Stir-fry vessels 14 Buffalo hockey player
- 18 Piloted 19 Landfill contents
- 24 Word before "run" or "jump'
- 25 Subgroup of troops 26 Connecting cable

letters

- 28 Shenanigan 29 Homer Simpson's cry
- 30 "Got it," '60s-style
- 31 Shrek or Fiona 32 Sad ending?
- 33 Morty's grandpa
- 34 Stratford-

#### 40 Repetitive learning

- 41 Increases, as the ante
- 42 Fitting name for a Dalmatian
- 45 Match grammatically
- 48 Entirely 50 Without a doubt,
- slangily 51 Greeting in
- Guernica 52 Fluid \_ (liquid
- measure) 55 Murphy of
- "Schitt's Creek" 56 Wise people
- 57 Half a comforting
- comment 58 Uno card with a
- slashed circle Infatuated with
- 60 Musical pause
- 61 Big Island coffee
- district 62 Bugs
- 65 In good shape 66 Coverup for a bad
- 35 Where to buy lox 67 Volcanic powder

haircut

# HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021 Rainbow Filters of the Neptune Retrograde



And now Neptune, on a retrograde rampage, changes the filter on our fantasy world so the sparkles, hearts, sunsets and rainbows are readily available at the tap of our imagination. The seductive distraction of an inner world so perfectly matched to our preferences can be a hard thing to turn away from, but our reality depends on just that

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Everyone is entitled to their preferences. Your preference will be to tend exclusively to your own business, purposely ignoring those who try to impose their personal opinions on the

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The whole story has yet to be revealed. Ask too many or the wrong kinds of questions and you may never know. But wait and watch. Then watch and wait. Suddenly, you'll find yourself in GEMINI (May 21-June 21). In this building phase,

it is only natural to prefer each move improve upon the last. But you will get stuck if you expect constant improvement. The ups, downs, hits and misses are all essential to ultimate success. CANCER (June 22-July 22). You love a particular

activity so much that it wouldn't matter if you were to fail at it or even if you would be embarrassed by that failure. Nor would success matter too much. The payoff is the

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Trust that everything you've learned is worth learning. What felt like a detour (and a costly one at that) still has plenty of applications, though you'll strain yourself if you force it. Resolve to have no regrets and move forward in faith.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Today's conversations have the potential to get chaotic. Your deft steering away from the minefields will help matters. When in doubt, stick to the main roads and rely on tone to trump content LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What can you eliminate? This is what will make your life better today, and it will beat any reorganization or new rule you institute. The best part is how quick and elegant the move can be. Sell

it, give it, toss it, drop it -- it's done. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're clicking together, the world and you. The world is listening. The world gets you. All you have to do is open your eyes wide, and the

world will take this as a cue to educate you.

signs don't mean you're on the wrong path. Consider that the answer is out there; you just haven't tried enough things to find it yet. Widen the search. Turn over more rocks. Ask more people. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Though you really prefer change to have a ramp-up and adaptation period,

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Maybe all these

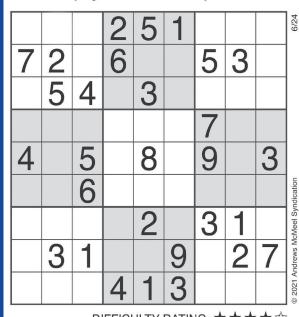
life doesn't often accommodate such a preference. The good thing about an unexpected shock is that it forces you to seek out something better. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). What are you

looking forward to? What are you dreading? To do more of the former and avoid the latter would be a mistake. Nothing disempowers dread like diving right in and doing the thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Question why you need things to be a certain way. Sometimes particularness comes out of a desire to be treated as important or special, and other times the details must be correct to serve the greater good. Which is it?

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 25). You have so much social intelligence at your disposal that you don't even realize the advantage in it. Your solar year brings numerous opportunities to play these cards, parlaying yourself into a higher position or a sweeter one, scooping up the resources to help your loved ones and the ideas to rock your world. Scorpio and Aquarius adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 30, 38, 1, 16 and 54.

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆



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### **ACROSS**

- "60 Minutes" network
- 4 Peas' place 7 Supporter
- 10 Golfer's standard Like Los Angeles in July
- 14 Hockey legend Bobby Sense that might
- be inflated DuVernay who
- directed "13th"
- 17 Musical aptitude 18 Moroccan mint
- 19 Consume
- 20 Fruity jarful Greek territory?
- Read a text to Siri, say
- 25 days are over' 26
- Lacking compassion
- "Einstein on the
- Beach," e.g. 29 Skedaddled
- Gold ingot Back-to-school month for some

- 34 RBI, e.g.

- 37 Way of scanning this grid that elucidates the starred answers' missing words?
- Like the candies Warheads and Toxic Waste 44 Commuter train
- stop, perhaps 45 UV protection rating
- 48 High throw 50 Line dance 51 Afraid
- 54 Ridiculous 56 How 20-Across is spread
- Target of formal gratitude Target of religious
- gratitude Seydoux of "No
- Time to Die" 62 Drive (outdoor theaters) 63 Artist Yoko
- 64 Dog's warning Meatball
- 66 Teachers' grp. 67 Tar Heels' sch.

short

- sandwich
- "Woo-hoo!" Short albums, for

70 Suffix for "class" or "cynic" 71 Scolding sound

## **DOWN**

- 1 \*Popular cooking show
- 2 Wild pig 3 War-themed board game
- 4 Slow-cooked meat dishes 5 Cookies with
- a Lady Gaga variety 6 \*Where pens or
- socks might be kept 7 Connect with, as
- a waterway 8 One more time \*First-rate
- 10 Type of pants for bedtime 11 2009 sci-fi movie set on Pandora
- 12 \*Brand of instant noodles 22 Boat engine
- sound 24 Spot for a soak 27 Bumbling person 28 Water filtration

player close to call

30 Houston MLB

- 35 Core muscles Froot Loops 36 mascot Lottery tickets
- strips Govt.-issued
- investment Ignores End of Wikipedia's URL
- often Madam, in Mexico

42 Exec's degree,

- 47 To and \*Location of a 49 the sea
- Department's neighborhood \*Deceptive panel 53 Exhaust, as a
- prices Places to stop for

- with perforated Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box
- 46 Gently towel off 9 4 pineapple under \*State
- resource 55 Digits in many
- a night \*The lowest one can go

# **HOROSCOPES** BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 Venus the Catwoman **♥♥♥♥♥♥♥₽₽₽**♥

Venus slips on a catsuit and walks as cats do, which is LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What people expect of to say up on the toes in the "digitigrade posture," which allows for quick, quiet agility and a pouncing advantage in play and over prey. In the weeks to come, love goes wild. It will show up soft and irresistible like a kitten and fearsome as a lion, with a passionate heartbeat always

at the core. ARIES (March 21-April 19). It is often the case when an artist creates a masterpiece that the inertia takes over and subsequently carries the action for a long stretch. A beautiful rut is still a rut. You are the artist. Stay active in

the design of your life. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Here come the unexpected stimuli and restraints. You roll with this sort of thing, having learned lessons in control long ago. Managing every little thing is a waste of time. Let it inspire you instead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). There's almost nothing you can successfully accomplish using just your mind today. Unless your body and spirit are involved, the thing will fall flat and prove unworthy of further attention. CANCER (June 22-July 22). Collaborate with everybody. Outsiders, insiders, customers, critics -they all help to illuminate the task at hand. Brilliance is

an emergent quality of diverse groups. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The thing that looks easy may have taken a person hours or years to create. This is something to keep in mind before you start the

discussion, compliment, criticize or follow in kind. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). "The future is here," said science-fiction writer William Gibson. "It's just not widely distributed yet." You'll aid in that distribution today with your forward-thinking contribution.

you could have the effect of cheering you on. However, you probably feel more like those expectations are looming over you, nagging and negging you. This is a sure sign that you need a break

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Those moments, like a

zephyr of mental chaos through your brain, can serve to

energize you if you relax and let it blow through. It leaves little behind, but what does remain will be treasure -- a gift from the ether. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Why waste your time being disappointed at people who will never

change when there's a whole world of go-getters out

there waiting to help you with your next idea? CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). What's happening in an interaction is nuanced. The terms of the agreement aren't the real exchange; that goes unstated, involving a subconscious tender too raw for one or more parties to recognize or admit to.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Gaming sharpens

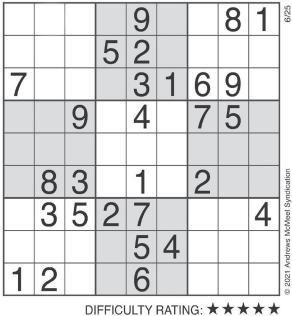
skills that will have real-world consequences. The game

you thought was pointless is actually the entire point,

only in metaphoric form and much plays out just as the PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've so many options that it would be easy to spread yourself too thin. To avoid that shortcut to burnout, decide what you need upfront and make sure those requirements are a top

priority before you say yes to anything else. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (June 26). Your cosmic boon will be a rain of disruptive creativity that spills into relationships and projects, imbuing them with an epic quest-like feeling. Your tremendous powers of originality can be applied in so many ways, and, notably, you'll arrange your schedule and environment to honor your most interesting pursuits. Aquarius and Virgo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 1, 4, 44, 38 and 41.

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