Splittin Hairs by Malaika Handa

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- **ACROSS** Drains
- 5 Cultivate Word after
- 14 Land measure "Live!" co-host

"punch" or

"vaqole

- Kelly 16 Bread at an Indian
- restaurant? Soothing
- succulent 18 Way off
- Covered with flakes, in a way *Denim pants that
- don't zip up (Hint: In each starred clue's answer, note the first two + last two letters) 23 Caramel-filled
- candy Ger.'s continent
- 25 De Armas of "Knives Out" In the manner of
- Emphatic affirmation
- Clic Stic pen maker *Part of the family with one's dada

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- and dadi 36 Plays charades
- 38 Couple's possessive
- Leafy option at Sweetgreen 40 *Tote
- 45 Dream location? 46 Cry from a
- jealous girlfriend, perhaps 47 Knee part: Abbr.
- 48 Surgery sites, briefly
- 49 "So pretty!" 50 Bar in an accessible bathroom
- *2012 event that featured female athletes from Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Brunei
- 59 Some lines in circles (Meg "Teen
- Cabot novel) 61 Purplish berry Chatting on the web
- 63 Seaweed enjoyed as a snack
 - Pulitzer-winning Kendrick Lamar album

- 65 Like an unkempt dog
- Show³
- 67 Laborious task
- **DOWN** 1 Bygone Swedish
- 2 RBG's onetime employer
- 3 It can give you a particular angle
- 4 Handle efficiently 5 Breakfast with oat clusters
- 6 Improvised bit of jazz
- 7 Australian gem 8 Needing
- convincing, say Creator of the Lorax
- 10 Do something dangerous 11 Atop
- 12 MSNBC fodder 13 One may be
- under a doormat "Frozen" snowman
- 22 Taunt 25 Embarrass
- 26 Specialized market

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28 Make amends

- mate (South American tea)
- 30 Devilish 31 Couch potato,
- e.g. 32 Ownership
- papers 35 The "O" of XO 37 Doing some
- cuddling Little Stevie
- Wonder, for one
- Texter's "If you're asking me .. 43 Material for fake
- nails 44 Chic, informally
- 51 Apple tablets
- 52 Dalai 53 Norse god of
- wisdom 54 IX
- 55 Stench
- 56 Chicago mayor Lightfoot
- Print on militaryinspired fashion,
- briefly 58 Participate in a cabaret
- 59 Lip of a glass

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 27, 2021 Jupiter Nudge



support you need

The fifth planet from the Sun is over two and a half times bigger than the rest of the planets combined. It follows that Jupiter is associated with expansion, exponential growth and massive fortunes. The current position of Mercury in vigilant Virgo to lucky Jupiter is a nudge to check on the soundness of our investments.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Because there is always more to learn, you're seldom bored. The exception is the case in which circumstances disallow you to follow your curiosity. A restriction will lift -- hooray!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You'll find yourself in a fascinating position. The next 48 hours are marked by boldness and unpredictability. Because no one, not even you, is sure how this will go, all eves are on you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). If you martyr yourself in the name of friendship, you'll only end up resenting your friend. The best reason to make a sacrifice is for how it defines you to yourself.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). It's hard to see the value of an opportunity on its face. You must proceed down the winding corridor in hopes it actually leads somewhere good. Even if you have to turn around and go back, at least your curiosity will be satisfied.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You've a keen instinct for when to get in and out of things. If you're in it, it's because you want to be. To stick with something because of the sunken costs would be a prideful mistake.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It takes boldness and self-awareness, but if you dare ask for what you want, you'll save yourself from countless hours of struggle and frustration. If they can't do it, you'll know quick. If they can... satisfaction!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). In today's endeavor, you cannot have both perfection and practicality. Pick one. Hint: happiness is choosing options existing within the

realm of possibility. SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There is a purpose behind your communication and behavior, though not everyone will understand it. Spell it out and get the

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Social scientists suggest most untrained people do not read emotional expressions as accurately as they think they can. It's worth it for you to make special efforts to tune yourself into the feelings of others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). When others around you don't acknowledge the reality you are experiencing, question it. Maybe they are afraid. Maybe they are waiting for the leader. Say what's on your mind; speak the truth you see.

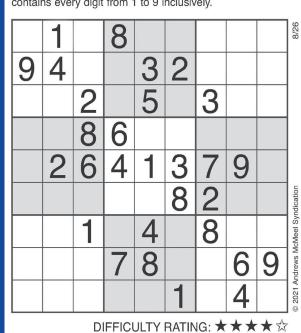
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). In the case of incompatible desires or mutually exclusive agendas, no amount of persuasion will alter the course. You know where you stand. What you encounter is not worth bending for.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Efforts are rewarded, though not always by their reciprocation. An attempt to connect will result in something positive, regardless of whether the connection actually takes place

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 27). Your craving for excitement will be satisfied repeatedly. You won't have to go far to find a new world; there's one behind every door you come to. At the turn of the year, you'll devote yourself to a single purpose. Publicly declare your intentions to gain the focus, motivation and support necessary to make them real. Cancer and Aries adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 7, 5, 22, 18 and 12.

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contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



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Star-Crossed Lovers by Andrew McIntvre

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ACROSS

- 1 Dined
- 4 Bat wood __ (wrinkly 7 Shar dog)
- 10 Kitchen meas. 13 Was a segue for
- 15 Liquor in a pina colada
- Steamy, or dreamy
- 14-Down's lover, in a medieval storv
- 8-Down's lover, in
- a Greek myth Not tricked by
- 21 Hair goo
- 23 Pine (for) 24 Rodeo rope
- 26 Like a 2020 calendar, in two
- ways 27 Loses, as one's coat
- Gin's partner 32 It doesn't stand
- for "any time money
- 34 Sharpens

- 37 Summer mo.
- a bonus if you read the letters
- 40 Tit for : Vegas"
- (2021 TV reboot) 42 Kind of Japanese beef
- 45 "Jeopardy!" legend Jennings 46 Surrounded by
- often leave,
- ironically

- 54 City east of KC 55 Comfort
- Word between "no" and "luck" 36 To and

- with no federal holidays
- where the lovers cross in order by column
- 43 Choose by a vote
- 48 What erasers
- 49 42-Down's lover, in "Hunger Games" books
- 51 47-Down's lover, in a 1920s novel 53 Tilted, to a Brit
- 59 Soldier with a
- sword, say 61 Yosemite Falls' range, informally 63 Latish lunch hour

- 64 Mermaid's home 65 Person playing
- low notes 38 This puzzle's has 66 Takeoff guess at JFK 67 Common ID
 - 68 Football gains: Abbr. 69 "It all makes sense now!"

DOWN

- 1 High male voice 2 Gull's relative 3 Rewrite, perhaps
- 4 Tiny colony member 5 Deer also called bucks

6 Perfectly frank

- 7 Gamer who was once a noob 8 Lover of
- 18-Across 9 Accuse, as an officeholder
- 10 Subsequently 11 One plays in "Toy
- Story 4" 12 Quart divisions, briefly 14 Lover of
- 17-Across 19 It may have a wide brim

25 Animal that brays 27 Rough home

22 Remaining details

- 28 Kitchen pot filler that isn't cooked
- 29 Designed Lock
- (computer key) 33 Applesauce maker
- 38 Ketchup ingredients "The Sopranos"
- network, once 42 Lover of 49-Across

43 Long dash

lengths

- 44 Sections of cakes 47 Lover of 51-Across
- 50 Bodily canal site 52 Trojan War epic 56 Cantata solo
- 57 Pageant garment 58 "Como _ 59 Grief
- 60 Did a marathon 62 Letter with two curves

HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2021 Mercury Gets Existential **♥♥♥♥♥♥♥₽₽₽**♥

The last full day of Mercury in Virgo will be a productive LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Make a plan, and one in which orders are followed, requests fulfilled, goals met, expectations exceeded. At day's end, there will be a brief sense of accomplishment followed by a lengthy bout of assessment as Mercury, in transition, asks, "Now that it's done, what does it mean?"

ARIES (March 21-April 19). If no one else is taking charge, assume the authority. Handle each issue as it comes to you and as quickly as possible. Delaying problems will only result in bigger problems. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). What is commonplace to

you will be a novelty or even a wonder to someone from a

different place. Sharing your culture will open your eyes, ears and taste buds to what's great about it. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). The benefit to keeping communication short and to-the-point is both social and financial. You will be heard, understood and paid. People

respect how you value time. CANCER (June 22-July 22). As good as you may feel about your ability to handle details, there will be simply too many of them to juggle and still feel calm and relaxed. The answer is a checklist or an assistant -- more likely,

completed will need to be deconstructed and rebuilt differently. The willingness to go through the exercise is what sets the pros apart from the amateurs.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). A project you thought was

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You figure out how to get the most out of the least. These limitations do not limit your capacity for glamour and could in fact give birth to the best elements of your style.

move through it quickly, leaving no room for doubt or overthinking. With elegant simplicity, you will hit your marks and move to the next level.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). To open yourself to

criticism makes you vulnerable while giving you an edge. Not all vulnerability is weakness, and not all criticism is negative. You'll get just what you need to improve. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Are you willing to go one step further? Everyone who completes the course

and beyond the requirements will take home the prize. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). The day plays like a coin toss. You surrender your problem to the whims of fate, and when you catch back up with it, it's either just how you left it or the opposite of that.

will receive a certificate, though only those who go above

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Loosen your grip on the rules. Trying to make a thing flawless will prevent it from getting finished in time. You cannot go to the next step until you ship the thing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your water sign

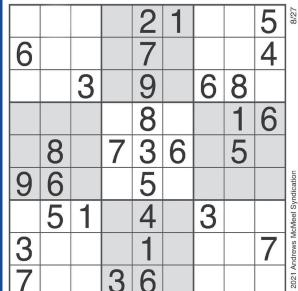
energy can steam, boil, flow or freeze, according to the

emotional climate around you. Let the hand that guides the thermostat be your own. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 28). You've the heart of a teacher. When you share knowledge and skills, you'll be paid in money and other ways more meaningful. Adventures launch in the spur of the moment, and events are oddly enhanced by the lack of planning. You'll have fun with your image and make lifestyle upgrades to add

ease to your day-to-day. Libra and Scorpio adore you.

Your lucky numbers are: 10, 4, 44, 12 and 15.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★

