## **Double Cross by Don Gagliardo**

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### **ACROSS**

- Bypass 5 Ships that were measured in cubits
- 9 Warnings from Fido
- 13 Initial poker contributions
- Emmy-winning comedian Love 16 Stir up
- 17 2-Down +
- 5-Down? Name that anagrams to "Mary
- 20 Pigpen "Here's the deal
- 22 Short-long metrical foot
- 23 Walk heavily
- 24 Fashion imprint 26 Respond to a job
- 29 Thing in the plus column
- 32 Pro shop pegs
- 33 Grassland Actress Thurman
- 39 Eco-friendly org.
- 34-Down + 25-Down?

- 41 Debt letters
- 42 Trojans' sch. 43 Abandon
- 44 Abbr. before a
- recipient's name 45 Musical
- composition 47 tooth (love of
- sugar) 48 Some online product services
- 51 Smoke duct gin
- 55 "Asteroids" consoles
- 57 Babysitter's challenge
- 61 They sound more similar than they look ... and are central to this
- puzzle's theme 63 Austrian
- mountains 64 "It slipped!"
- 65 Greek I's 66 Bottom of a statue
- "What new?"
- 68 Letter format?

### **DOWN**

- French for "without"
  - 2 Tree protuberance
    - \_-bitty 4 Princess's
    - annoyance 5 Audibly
    - 6 Spreadsheet divisions 7 Prepare to pop the question
    - 8 Better half? 9 They clash in
    - battle 16-Across +
- 47-Across? 60 Middle of a planet 11 Unwavering
  - 12 Chunk of bacon 14 In a cunning
  - manner 18 Bloke's bathroom
  - 23 Start of a texter's request, maybe
  - 25 Cry loudly 26 Wolfed down
  - 27 Cola wars side 28 45-Across + 60-Across?
  - 30 Act theatrically
  - 31 Jeer at 33 Cambridge sch.

- 34 Miss the mark 35 Org. that accredits law schools
- 36 Castellaneta who voices Homer
- 37 Like antiques
- 40 Crossing the Caribbean, say 44 Admiration
- "Big" or "blue" 46 follower
- 47 Dish served with wasabi
- 49 Lake partially in Nevada
- 50 Piano accompaniment?
- 51 Cold, pink cocktail
- 52 ChapStick target 53 Worker during a
- strike "Whatever Wants" ("Damn
- Yankees" song)
- 56 Rock concert blasters
- 57 Fanatical about
- 58 Spiteful
- 59 (Over here!) 62 "I didn't see that

wall!

# HOROSCOPES BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2021 New Moon In Libra; Pluto Goes Direct



The end of the Pluto retrograde signals the start of something big. The Libra new moon seconds the motion! Moving mountains is not impossible; it's just hard. Is there a version of what you want that doesn't involve changing the landscape? If you consider all options and the mountain still has to go, it will be doable with the right crew

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The unexpected will happen, and your schedule will seem to laugh in your face, but it's still better to have a plan than not. Keeping track of what's working will help you later.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The abandoned learn self-sufficiency. The neglected develop an inner world. The unsupported get strong. You are grateful for the unpleasantness you've experienced because it's given you your most valuable assets.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Something prevents you from doing what you want, but this doesn't have to stand in your way for long. Think of it as an opportunity to clear obstacles and take back your power.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You'll invest in a person, company or mission. The benefits will not be immediate or direct, but they will come. In time, this move will bring good fortune from unexpected directions.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). When a practice no longer gets results for you, it will be a blessing to move on to trying something else. There are more options than you have time to explore, and you'll soon be hot on the trail of a new discovery.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). An ambitious mood has you overestimating what you can accomplish in a day. So give yourself three. With consistent effort, you will soon hit your marks

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Even though the facts seem to point to the same conclusion, it is at least partially incorrect. Something is amiss. Take this apart again. More information is needed.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The best way to get what you want is to ask for it at the right time with a clear, strong voice. Ask with your eyes and with your whole body and being. And finally, get confirmation that your request was heard. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). When you believe

the best of everyone you meet, you're bound to be wrong sometimes. You'd much rather err on the side of spiritual generosity. Most people will rise to your wonderful expectation.

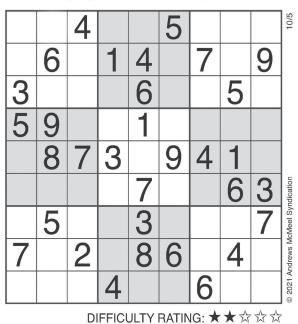
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Boredom causes misbehavior in children, animals and, most notably today, in full-grown adults. You'll make sure to have something interesting to do that you can include others in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Skills worth acquiring involve hours of practice. In matters of trial and error, most of the learning will come from the "error" part. As you rack up the mistakes, you improve.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're supportive of people because you believe in them, but also because your support is a way of showing love. A loved one could really use the vote of confidence today.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 6). Loyalty is a lifestyle. Devotion shapes your days, and you derive so much joy from giving yourself to your loved ones. Relationships will make you healthier in more ways than one. There's a stellar moneymaking opport

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



## **Undercover** by Roger Miller

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### **ACROSS**

- Metal pieces on some belts
- 6 Scheme 10 Drops the ball

Tahoe

- 14 Lock horns 15 City near Lake
- 16 Italy's shape 17 Alex Trebek's closing line on "Jeopardy!" (In this clue's

answer, see

- letters 1 to 4) It's a mess 20
- 21 brat 22 Mortarboard
- attachment Classic Father's
- Day gift Scatter Pool temperature
- tester 26 Method for determining an artifact's age (..
- 32 Earthy pigment
- 33 Dads
- 34 Egg on 38 38, for a 19x2 rectangle

39 Supersized

- cracks?
- 43 Big fuss
- 44 Rude look 45 "I'm doing it no
- 49 "This means
- city, briefly 54 Public relations
- 56 Coin that may feature the Vitruvian Man
- beaver busy
- secret agent protagonist becomes a pigeon, and a
- letters 4 to 7)

- 41 Slip through the
  - Sometimes-green 2 Turkey drinks run)
- matter what!" (... letters 2 to 5)
- 52 Sweet potato 53 Brazilian Carnival
- concerns
- 57 One keeps a
- 60 2019 film whose
- theme hint 63 "If all fails ...'
- 64 Monopoly card 65 Message with a 'To:" line 66 Stink to high
- heaven 67 Almost forever

- **DOWN** 1 Lip
  - (fall 3 Like a tacky
    - sweater 4 Group such as Outkast
    - 5 Washington post 6 Aspiring doctor's track, informally
    - 7 Impose, as a tax 8 Unified 9 Hare's fabled
    - opponent 10 Flows back
    - 11 It's for the birds 12 Drive in Beverly Hills
    - 13 Pizzazz 18 Broad smile 19 Sign of boredom
    - 24 Certain way to go to a party
    - 27 4,840 square yards 28 Perlman of

"Cheers"

68 Leaves for lunch? 29 Lion, tiger or bear

- 26 Jacket
  - 58 China setting 59 Pinochle combo "The Matrix" hero 62 Name within

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Accessible things will seem less interesting to you now because you crave challenge. Like a diver after pearls, you'll plunge the depths to search for what

30 Cook's garment

35 Bring in the

sheaves

37 Duel tool

Larry

loaves

religion

48 "Dear" ones

51 Poker ploy

56 Fall garden?

57 Watch face

"human"

55 Nerd

49 More sensible

50 Easily sufficient

39 Put on hold

36 Start of an idea

40 Levine of Maroon

44 Moe, Curly and

46 Light or dark

47 Members of an

ancient Celtic

31 Zest

necessarily qualified to judge.

# **HOROSCOPES** BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2021 Venus Gets Adventurous 

love is. The fiery energy will embolden the shy, illuminate unforeseen options and magnetize us to new locations and social circles. When Venus transits Sagittarius, nothing seems out of the league when it comes to love because love isn't a sport; it's an adventure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Not all inaction is alike. Doing nothing out of fear, laziness or confusion is very different from doing nothing because the best move is not to move. Today calls for disciplined inaction. TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You offer your compassion to others so easily. Can you offer it more readily to yourself,

too? All work and no play is an unkind approach. Relax and have fun. It's good for you and necessary to your well-being. **GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** No one becomes masterfully skilled overnight. What seems like it's happening in the spur of the moment is actually the culmination of hours of preparation. Be patient with yourself as you work on a new

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Partnerships that are closed off from the rest of the world will not have enough emotional oxygen to thrive. A friendship will be improved by shared experiences and outside influences. Stay open.

is truly rare and beautiful. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You've a specific knowledge and expertise best understood by those in the same area of interest. Your ideas are good. The people around you aren't

Venus in Sagittarius explodes our past understanding of what LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some of your reasons for doing what you do are mysterious even to you. That's normal. The most helpful move in your relationship with yourself will be to exchange all judgment for acceptance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). The old way of thinking

won't work for this new challenge. To see the way forward,

you'll need to move away from the ideas that are so comfortable to you. The next turn must be made in faith. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Some bring out the best in you by way of their support, friendship and love.

Others spur you to new heights from a place of competition

or opposition. Either way, you only get better. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). There are plenty of people around who, with the slightest provocation, will be forthcoming with help, advice and more. But this time, you'll really get more interesting results by trying to figure it out on your own.

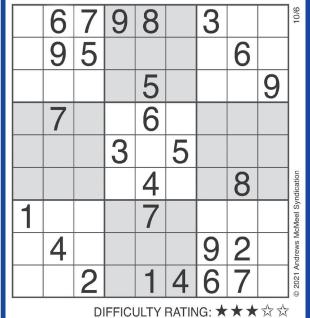
how your mood impacts the moods of others. Since making yourself happy will help everyone, what are you waiting for? Do the thing that will bring smiles all around. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You are seen in different ways by different people. Sometimes, you can shape this, but today, it's a bit out of your control. The best you can do

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You will readily see

out for the best. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 7). Your cosmic birthday present is a perspective shift and an awe-inspiring encounter. The way you choose to see things leads to more of the miraculous. Due to the improvements and projects you take on, you're one person at the start of 2022 and someone different at the close. Aquarius and Leo adore you. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 3, 33, 18 and 5.

is relax and be confident in your choices and it will all work

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